

Master Gardener Volunteer's Newsletter

Master Gardener Meetings are held
the 2nd Thursday of the month.

6:00- 6:30 p.m. Social
6:30-7:30 p.m. Meeting - 7:30-8:30 p.m. Program

*In the event that a meeting or event is cancelled due to weather,
please listen to WJMQ 92.3 and WDUZ 92.7 for cancellation
information. We will also attempt to notify members via email.*



*Unless otherwise stated, meetings and programs will be held in the
lower level of the Waupaca County Courthouse.*



January Meeting Information

**January 10th - 6:00 p.m. Social; 6:30-7:30 p.m.,
Meeting; 7:30-8:30 p.m., Program, Waupaca**

The meeting will be held at the Courthouse, social from
6 to 6:30, meeting from 6:30 to 7:30, and program from
7:30 to 8:30.

The January program will be Gardening Health,
presented by Dr. Stu Boelte.



New Email Addresses

Submitted by Greg Blonde

MGV members please contact my secretary or me at
715-258-6230x12 with any changes regarding contact
information. For example, send a change in name,
email or mailing address, or phone number.



January in the Garden

Reuse Christmas Trees

- *Cut off limbs and use them to cover perennial plants.
- *Place trees near an existing bird feeder or suet feeder to give birds winter protection.

House Plants

- *Poinsettia and holiday cactus plants need bright light, cooler temperatures, with reduced watering.
- *Give houseplants a shower to wash the leaves from dust that has settled and clogs the pores. Check for indication of insect invasion (webs, crusty bumps, or crawlies). Water that runs through the soil helps leach out minerals and salts.
- *Fertilize sparingly and wait until vigorous growth begins (around spring) to transplant pot-bound plants.

Shrubs and Small Trees

- *Check shrubs and trees for rodent, rabbit and deer feeding. It's not too late to install hardware cloth, chicken wire or trunk guard wraps.
- *Tree wrap on trunks of newly planted trees and those with thin bark like mountain ash and maple, prevents frost cracking of the sun-warmed bark (mainly on the southwest side of the tree) when it freezes again after the sun sets. Wrap



A Note From Our President, Kate Saunders

I hope that each of you had a wonderful Holiday season. Thank you for your generous donations for the family in need. Waupaca MGV's are blessed with generous hearts!

I plan to nurture my annual Christmas poinsettia so that I can enjoy it long into the winter months. Perhaps I'll even be able to make it bloom again this year!

I'm guessing that many of you are looking forward to some quiet time to enjoy paging through the multitude of garden catalogues that will be arriving in our mailboxes soon. Each year I choose at least one completely new variety of perennial to plant in the spring and I am always looking for new varieties of hosta and coral bells to add to my shade gardens. I enjoy spending a quiet January evening leafing through beautifully illustrated catalogues as I plot out my new garden themes for the year.

As MGV's we know that planning is one of the most important parts to making our garden projects flourish. It is during these winter months that we can check over our supplies and make sure that we have everything ready to go for our Master Gardener projects.

Happy planning!

Kate



It's never too early to start planning for spring!

If you're looking for some new and exciting plants for your garden this year, join Ken Harr, Goldsmith Seeds, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m, at the **Green Bay Botanical Garden** as he shares the new releases for 2008. Register at (920) 490-9457 or by fax at (920) 490-9461.

The True Spirit of Christmas

Submitted by Colleen McCoy

I would like to thank each and every one of you that helped make another very special Christmas for our special family. Your generosity is so over whelming; it is unbelievable. A very special thank you to Scandinavia Garden Club (\$210), HCE Variety Pack, from the Town of the Lind, (\$150 in gift cards to Wal-Mart), our anonymous donors, and Hansen's in Waupaca (free delivery and set up.) And, If we don't raise enough money for the washer and dryer, we will donate the remaining balance. Without your help this program would never be able to get off the ground. I hope that you have taken a step back, a deep breath and realized how such a small jester can change someone's outlook for the future. I am so lucky to have so many angels. I count my blessings every day.



You Can Never Have Too Many Friends

Source:

<http://www.drweil.com/drw/u/TIP02668/Celebrating-Friends-and-Family.html>

Joining a community of like-minded people can open the doors to making new friends, enjoying new experiences and finding support. When it comes down to it, friends, family, loved ones and acquaintances who make you feel more alive, happy and optimistic are some of the most important treasures in life. All the money and power you can imagine are not likely to be as satisfying as good conversation, trust, dependability and laughter. Today, take a moment to think about the special people in your life, and ways you can keep those relationships strong. Make it a priority to spend some time each week (or month) with at least one of them - whether by phone, e-mail, in person, or through a letter. Human connectedness is a powerful healer, one we should all embrace.



May the Waupaca Master Gardener's



Organization have a great 2008!

December Meeting Notes

Submitted by Peggy Kramer

President Kate Saunders called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

Members Present: Julie Bosquez, Leigh Braatz, Alice Brown, Debra Calmes, Joleen Diley, Gloria Gruer, Dorrie Hipschman, Cynthia Holly, Bill Johnson, Nancy Johnson, Suzanne King, Peggy Kramer Terry Kramer, Barb Lamb, Patti Leiskau, Sharon Lemmers, Hope MacIntyre, Agnes Marchel, Sally Marchel-Handrich, Colleen McCoy, Lyle Mork, Pam Nitke, Barb Nollenberg, Glenda Rhodes, Pat Ritchie, Joan Schmitt, Dorothy Shaver, Carol Spiegelberg, Jeff Weasner, Nancy Weasner, Suzanne Wozniak and Connie Zolkoske. Guests included Ruth Burke and Ruth Johnson.

Kate Saunders announced that the Waupaca Food Pantry thanked the WCMGV for cash and food donated to them.

A special invitation: On Saturday, January 26, 2008 8 a.m.–3:30 p.m. Creske Community Center Mosinee, WI "North Central Wisconsin and Portage County Master Gardeners invite you to attend GARDEN VISIONS 2008. Learn the science and art of gardening in northern climates at this multi-faceted educational conference. Begin the day with Don Engebretson, a Minnesota Master Gardener and nationally known author and authority on landscaping and garden design. He will be followed by breakout sessions to satisfy all levels of a gardener's interest and curiosity. David Cavagnaro, well known horticultural photographer and heirloom flower and vegetable expert, will close the day. There will be numerous exhibits, door prizes, catalogs and more. Speakers' books will be available for purchase. Send in your registrations early and get ready to be energized for the next gardening season! There is something for all gardening enthusiasts, from the novice to the advanced gardener." Copied from the Garden Visions electronic e-mail. Forms are available at the UWEX office.

Penny Mann from the Land and Water Conservation Committee explained about rain barrels available. The rain barrels may be ordered for \$80.00 each. Contact the Land and Water Conservation Department if you wish to order one.

Terry Kramer read the treasurers' report.

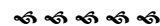
Membership lists were available. Members who took one at the meeting were to sign a list so other copies may be mailed to members not present at the December meeting.

A report on the WCMGV annual accomplishments was reviewed. Greg Blonde thanked the WCMGV group for the number of hours given in volunteer time. When looking at hours, the WCMGV is one of the top Master Gardener Volunteer organizations in the state of Wisconsin. Waupaca County MGV's had a total of 4,554 hours as of November 20, 2007.

Connie Zolkoske gave a report from the membership committee. This year they will focus on current membership. The members of the committee are Bill Johnson, Sally Marchel-Handrich, Patti Leiskau and Connie. Other WCMGV's are invited to join the committee.

Colleen McCoy announced that the WCMGV's have raised \$825.00 for the "True Spirit of Christmas". Hansen TV and Appliance will deliver and set up a washer and dryer for a family. Colleen will purchase three \$50.00 gift certificates from the Piggly Wiggly to help three families have a Christmas dinner.

There was a motion to adjourn by Dorothy Shaver and seconded by Joan Schmitt. Kate Saunders adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m. A Christmas Potluck and party followed the meeting.



All members are encouraged to submit newsletter information!
February articles are due by Jan. 25th.

the Invasive Plants Project, but who is interested in participation, should attend.

Invasive Plants Project Receives Grant for Field Demonstration Plots

Submitted by Bill Johnson, Project Chair

The Invasive Plants Project has been awarded a grant of \$350 to help establish demonstration plots along the River Ridge Trail in Swan Park, City of Waupaca. The grant came through the Waupaca County Land and Water Conservation Department, Water Quality Program.

The project will define specific areas along the walking trails where there are infestations of Common and Glossy Buckthorn and Japanese Barberry, three invasive plant species of major concern in Waupaca County, that are widespread in Swan Park. Demonstration plots will be established where there will be no treatment, adjacent to plots that will receive chemical control treatment. Treatments will be made during the winter months of 2007-2008. There will be follow-up treatments in the future as needed.

The intent of the project is to provide educational opportunities to both Master Gardener Volunteers and others, working on the project, and to observers visiting the trails. Primary opportunities for visitors will be the identification of some of the more troublesome invasive plant species in Waupaca County and learning, in the future, which herbicides and methods are effective in controlling these species. For project personnel, there will be the additional experience of winter identification of invasive plant species and of hands-on applications of the herbicide and becoming knowledgeable about control methods and materials. There will be appropriate signage and other informational materials placed at the site.

A preliminary planning meeting of the Invasive Plants Project will be held in January 2008. Any MGV not currently on

Did you know?

The most popular month to marry is January.

With that said, *why do melons have fancy weddings?*

Because they cantaloupe. ;-)

Happy Birthday to You!

January Birthdays

Submitted by Connie Jess Zolkoske

01/10 Dorothy Shaver

01/13 Terry Kramer

01/17 Gerald Oestreich

01/27 Donna Bedord

01/31 Sally Marchel Handrich

Best Wishes to All of You!



Helpful Gardening Websites

These and many other resources are listed at the Wisconsin Master Gardener Program website. Check them out and the state site at www.hort.wisc.edu/mastergardener/.

Composting: www.mastercomposter.com

Berries: www.wiberries.org/

General Information: www.wiberries.org/

Perennials: www.perennialweb.com/

**Community Education Opportunities
Sponsored by
Winnebago County Master
Gardener Association**

Submitted by Pat Richie

1. Saturday, January 12, 2008
8 a.m. – Noon, Coughlin Center, 625 E.
County Road Y, Oshkosh

**“Watersheds, Foodsheds, and Natives:
Regional Considerations Beyond USDA
Zones.”**

Dr. Michael Lizotte, UW-O professor of biology and ecology will discuss how our interactions with the natural environment impact land and water in the Lake Winnebago region.

Fee: \$15

2. Saturday, February 23, 2008
8 a.m. – Noon, Coughlin Center,

“Jewels in Your Garden” Anita Carpenter will present on the ecology and life history of Wisconsin butterflies and how to attract them to the home garden.

“Green Building Basics” Annette Weissbach of the DNR will talk about the factors that went into the design of the LEED-Gold Certified DNR headquarters building in Green Bay.

Fee: \$15

3. Saturday, March 15, 2008
8 a.m. – Noon, Coughlin Center

“Environmentally Friendly Lawn Care”

Dean Schiller, Greenville Public Works Supervisor will discuss the town’s new ordinance banning fertilizers containing phosphorous.

Dan & Kim Dieck, owners of By Organics Healthy Lawns for Healthy Living, Greenville, will explain how to have a

healthy, attractive lawn without environmentally harmful chemicals.

Fee: \$15

4. Saturday, April 12, 2008
9 –11:30 a.m., Oshkosh Correctional
Institution, 1730 W. Snell Road

“Vermiculture” A presentation and tour on vermiculture, a type of composting that uses earthworms to create a natural soil fertilizer known as worm castings. The Institution has had a successful program for many years.

(Name & birth date required in advance)

Fee \$15

5. Tuesday, February 12, 2008
6-7 p.m., Coughlin Center

**“The Benefits of Buying Locally
Produced Food”**

Joy Perry, a lecturer in biology, botany and ecology at the University of Wisconsin-Fox Valley campus, is the guest speaker.

Free

6. Saturday, February 9, 2008

**Bus trip to the annual WPT Garden Expo
in Madison**

Leaves 6:30 a.m. , Outagamie County
Extension Office, 3365 W. Brewster,
Appleton

Leaves 7:00 a.m. , Coughlin Center,
Returns 6:30 p.m. (approximately)

A full day of informative workshops &
seminars. For more information, go to:

www.wpt.org/gardenexpo

Fee \$36, includes ticket to expo.

For more information contact:

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 Oshkosh, WI 54902

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Baked Beans

2 lbs. dry beans
 1 med. onion, diced
 1 c. ketchup
 1 c. brown sugar
 2 t. mustard
 ½ c. molasses
 1 T. salt
 1 qt. water or tomato juice
 1 ½ lbs. ham, diced

Soak beans overnight. Cook for one hour.
 Combine rest of ingredients. Put all in a
 roaster. Bake at 300 degrees for about six
 hours.

All the best in 2008!

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