

Master Gardener Volunteers' Newsletter

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

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

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

January Meeting Information

January 8, 6:00 p.m. Social

6:30 pm Business meeting

7:30 pm The second program in the series on Green Living by Stacia Fields and January co-presenter Marilyn Herman. Be sure to complete and bring your **Bioregional Quiz** from the November program!

2009 Executive Board Members

President, Nancy Johnson

Vice-President, Suzanne Wozniak

Treasurer, Rebecca Weber Schmoll

Secretary, Peggy Kramer

Board Member, Bill Johnson

Board Member, Sally Marchal Handrich

From Greg Blonde: MGV members please contact my secretary or me at 715-258-6230 extension 12 with any changes regarding contact information. For example send a change in name, email or mailing address, or phone number.

MGV CLASS - Mentors welcome!

The new MGV class will be held on twelve consecutive Tuesdays from 6- 9 p.m. at the Weyauwega HS fiber optic video conference room (just down the hall from the main office). Classes start Feb. 3, 2009. **Reminder:** Sign up to mentor the new MGV class participants. This is a great opportunity to take a few minutes to explain your project and enlist the help of these people as associate member participants.

MINUTES

Waupaca County Master Gardener Meeting

December 11, 2008

6:40 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by President Kate Saunders at 6:40 p.m. Kate welcomed all members present and Ruth Johnson as a guest.

Members present: Julie Bosquez, Leigh Braatz, Alice Brown, Gloria Gruer, Bill Johnson, Sue King, Peggy Kramer, Terry Kramer, Patti Leiskau, Sharon Lemmers, Hope MacIntyre, Pam Nitke, Barb Nollenberg, Penny Pritzlaff, Pat Ritchie, Joan Schmitt, Carol Spiegelberg, Jeff Weasner, Nancy Weasner, Rebecca Weber Schmoll, Connie Zolkoske and Greg Blonde-WCMG advisor

Connie Zolkoske motioned to approve the November meeting minutes and Joan Schmitt made a second. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Terry Kramer reported the following:
Checking Account Balance as of 12/11/08 is \$17,344.50

Dedicated funds:	
Scholarship	520.00
Food Pantries	69.00
Budwit Gardens	589.64
Waupaca Children's Garden	389.16
Verna Radtke Memorial	<u>59.50</u>
TOTAL	\$1,627.30

Available Funds \$15,717.20

Terry informed the members that all bills must be submitted to him for payment before December 31, 2008.

Greg Blonde thanked Terry for his two years of service as the WCMG Treasurer. Greg also thanked the Board of Directors for their efforts for this past fiscal year.

State Representative Report was given by Pat Ritchie. Pat announced that the Annual Accomplishment Report is now published. It is available on the Wisconsin Master Gardener website. The Extension office has a hard copy of the report.

Pat has tallied all of the volunteer and educational hours for the WCMG for this year. Waupaca County MG totaled 6,111 volunteer and 1,234 continuing education hours for this year.

Pat informed the group of the following events:

*Portage County "Garden Visions" Photo Contest-contact Pat

*Master Composter training will be available this year-contact Pat

*Winnebago County Master Gardener's have several events planned
(Please see their website for information)

Greg Blonde reported that 56 members of WCMG reported hours this year. There are 12 trainees signed up for the class to begin in February 2009.

Hope MacIntyre gave two book reviews; both books are available at the Waupaca Public Library. The Veggie Gardener's Answer Book by Barbara W. Ellis published in 2008. Hope suggested this might be a good book to have at the plant sales at the

reference table. The book is divided into two main sections, Digging In and Crop by Crop. The glossary is informative and there is a section on how much should be planted per number of people. The second book was a children's book titled Two Old Potatoes and Me, by John Coy and illustrated by Carolyn Fisher, published 2003. The story unfolds over the course of the growing season and the artwork is "deliciously eccentric".

Old Business:

Membership committee report was given by Pat Ritchie. The membership committee will give out awards to the membership at the next meeting. She did hand out the volunteer hours cards and stickers for the nametags.

New Business: Jeff Weasner has approximately 20 cookbooks remaining. He had some at the meeting for sale.

Consent for background checks were collected.

Dorothy Shaver reported that \$497.00 was collected at the Silent Auction.

Greg Blonde requested that members consider mentoring new trainees. The meetings will be held in Weyauwega every Tuesday night (6:00 p.m.) from February 3rd to April 21st. A sign up sheet will be available at the next meeting.

Waupaca Community Garden Report was given by Terry Kramer.

*Terry and Pat Phair will be giving a Power Point presentation at the Spring plant sale.

* Terry gave a listing of the pounds of produce donated by the Community Garden. The total was about 2.5 tons of food.

Bread Basket	447.5	pounds
Waupaca Food Pantry-3, High School	1,186	pounds
Senior Nutrition Center	254	pounds
Veterans' Center	13	pounds
	867.5	pounds

Terry thanked the Master Gardeners for their support and help with the Waupaca Community Garden.

*Terry Kramer reported that The Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region will match up to \$10,000 in donations to a single charitable organization made on Thursday, December 18th. The funds are available only for this one-day event with gifts from individuals to 501 (c)(3) charities that serve people in Waupaca and surrounding counties. Checks must be made out to the **Waupaca Area Community Foundation** and the name of the charity must be written on the memo line. Money may be dropped off at Neuville Motors between 7:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. To ensure that the donation will be matched, donations should be made early in the day.

*Terry reported that the Waupaca Community Garden has written for a grant for \$30,000.

Carol Spiegelberg stated that the Waupaca Food Pantries are putting together Christmas baskets for their clients. Donations are being accepted.

Kate Saunders read a thank-you note from the Scandinavia Public Library for the WCMG donation.

A motion was made by Gloria Gruer and seconded by Pat Ritchie to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. The motion carried.

The next Executive Board meeting will be at Kate Saunders' home at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday December 16th.
Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Kramer



Garden catalogues will be filling our mailboxes soon! How about trying a new variety of flowers or vegetables? We could share our successes or failures with our fellow Waupaca County Gardeners? Perhaps an idea for a late summer program?

A JANUARY EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY

GARDEN VISIONS 2009
January 30-February 1 at the Plaza Hotel and Suites in Wausau, WI. Registration must be postmarked by Friday, January 16, 2009. Workshops and Master Classes available.

Email: GardenVisions@gmail.com
Website www.gardenvisions.org
Questions - Portage County UW-EX
715-346-1316

All members are encouraged to submit newsletter information! February articles are due by January 24th. Thanks in advance for your timely submissions. Send to Kate Saunders at k Saunders0327@charter.net

BACKGROUND CHECK UPDATE; Susan Mahr has informed me that as long as we fill out the form with our full legal name and correct birth date she does **NOT** need our Social Security number in the form. At last count 16 MGV's have not yet submitted their form. Please turn them in to Nancy Johnson at the January meeting. Any other questions give me a ring at 258-0850.
Thanks, Kate

A Quote for reflection

Man has been endowed with reason, with the power to create, so that he can add to what he's been given. But up to now he hasn't been a creator, only a destroyer. Forests keep disappearing, rivers dry up, wild life's become extinct, the climate's ruined and the land grows poorer and uglier every day. ~Anton Chekhov, *Uncle Vanya*, 1897 (note the date!! Have we made progress or not?)



In the January Garden

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.
- ❖ Remove heavy snow from branches by shaking gently.

Houseplants –

- ❖ Poinsettia and holiday cactus plants need bright light, cooler temperatures, with reduced watering.
- ❖ Fertilize sparingly and wait until vigorous growth begins (around spring) to transplant pot-bound plants.
- ❖ Give houseplants a shower to wash leaves of dust that has settled and clogs pores. A deep utility sink or bathtub with a hand-held spray works well for this task.

January Birthdays

Submitted by Connie Jess Zolkoske



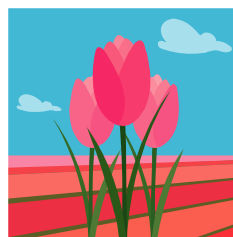
1/10 Dorothy Shaver



1/13 Terry Kramer



1/31 Sally Marchel Handrich



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early spring into
your life!*

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