

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.*



July Meeting Information

Submitted by Dorrie Hipschman

**July 10th - Social 6:00-6:30 p.m.; Meeting 6:30-7:30
p.m.; Program 7:30**

The program and meeting will be held at Dorrie
Hipschman's home.

Meet at Dorrie's house and enjoy a tour of a small
specialty cut flower farm business. Then, Bill Johnson
has agreed to do a walking tour of the 20-acre property
to identify and talk about invasive species. There'll be a
"scavenge hunt" for invasive plants with a prize for the
winner.

Submitted by Nancy Johnson

The Fall Plant Sale Committee Meeting will be at 5:30 at
Dorrie's home prior to the meeting.

Submitted by Colleen McCoy

At 6 pm at the July meeting, if the program community
would gather for a short meeting, it would be greatly
appreciated.



Happy July 4th!

July in the Garden

*Harvest herbs on clear days after the
morning sun has dried the dew. Freeze
or dry for later use.

*Snip seed heads of poppies, lupine, and
other spent garden flowers, and spread in
a shallow layer in a cardboard box to dry.

*Press flowers, petals, and pretty leaves
and tendrils in an old phone book
weighted down with bricks, for future
craft projects.

*Give mums and asters their last pinch
for fall bloom. Flower buds will form on
new growth and be ready for fall display.

*Divide iris plantings every 3-5 years to
renovate plantings and clean out borer
infested plants.

*With excessive rains, saturated soil and
wet leaves lead to root rot and leafspot
problems. Thin out mulch around
herbaceous perennials like irises and
peonies. Prune light to thin out plants
with dense foliage where moisture is slow
to evaporate. Wet leaves are more
susceptible to fungal leafspot.

*Drape plastic netting over blueberry
bushes and cherry trees to make sure the
birds don't get the fruit before you do!

*If potted plants are wilting daily, move
them to a more shaded location.

August Meeting Information

Submitted by Colleen McCoy, Joan Schmidt, and Kate Saunders Aug

August 14th - Social 6:00-6:30 p.m.; Meeting 6:30-7:30 p.m.; Program 7:30, Waupaca

The Waupaca Community Garden Project Committee will host the August MGV Meeting. Since it is also the month we traditionally have our annual summer potluck, Terry Kramer has rented the shelter at Brainerd's Bridge Park (located on Brainerd's Road in Waupaca). Plan to meet at Brainerd's Bridge Park in Waupaca at 6 p.m. and carpool to the Community Garden (there are soccer games and the parking lot near the garden is packed on Thursday nights!) We will return to the park to have a short meeting, socialize, eat and enjoy the view of the Waupaca River!

If you are bringing a hot dish to the potluck, please bring an extension cord to plug it in.



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.



Upcoming Events

July 16-19, Midwest Regional Master Gardener Conference, Milwaukee, Wyndham Milwaukee Airport Conference Center; <http://sewmq.encampus.com/>

July 25, 2008 (12:00 noon) Youth Horticulture Web Site Brown Bag Program (contact your local UW County Extension Office for access.) Join Mike Maddox to learn more about a new website that will be a clearinghouse of information for those offering horticulture education to children.

Aug 5, 2008 Fruit, Vegetable and Flower Twilight Tour; Hancock Ag Research Station, Hancock, WI. Hosted in the Albert Horticultural Garden from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. Tour the station and research plots, and see more than 600 varieties of plants. Call (715) 249-5961.

August in the Garden

*Take cuttings from plants such as impatiens, coleus, geraniums, and wax begonias to overwinter indoors.

*Order spring-flowering bulbs for fall planting.

*Seed new lawns or bare spots in established lawns in late August or September.

*Complete fall planting by direct seeding carrots, beets, kohlrabi, and kale early this month. Lettuce, spinach, radishes and green onions can be planted later.

*Harvest onions and garlic after the tops yellow and fall over, then cure them in a warm dry, ventilated area. The necks should be free of moisture when fully cured, in about a week's time.

*Continue to deadhead spent flowers so that energies otherwise spent on seed production will go toward making more blooms.

*Check out the gardening centers or discount stores for sales. Most places will be closing out their product lines and marking everything down to clear out for the season.

*After the last raspberry harvest for the year, prepare for next year while also avoiding diseases by pruning out old flowering canes only 3-4 canes per foot of row. Wait until spring to prune shoot tips.

*Quality of vegetable harvests will be best if harvested in the morning. Share the bounty of your harvest with others, too!



A Note From Our President, Kate Saunders

If you are like me this has been a busy spring! I am behind in tending to my gardens, not only due to family circumstances, but also because the spring weather slowed me down! I have been enjoying the beautiful first days of summer catching up on my weeding, deadheading and even a bit of late planting. I have even taken the time to smell the flowers.

I want to thank all who contributed to the success of the Spring Plant sale, especially Dorrie Hipschman for chairing it and all the members of her planning committee! Raising over \$5,500 toward funding our projects for next season was awesome. It will allow Nancy Johnson, our incoming president, and the Executive Board to continue to fund most projects. Of course that does not mean we don't need to be dividing and transplanting our perennials for the fall plant sale to keep our ongoing balance strong for scholarships and potential new projects. Although our fund balance looks good at the moment, existing projects consumed over \$9,000 last year and I expect that the numbers will be similar for next year. So, do pot up your plants as you divide them this summer. I know some of my Siberian Iris needs division, so expect a few pots of them at the fall sale.

Kate



**September articles are due by
August 22nd!**

Happy Birthday to You!

July Birthdays

Submitted by Connie Jess Zolkoske

07/02 Carol West-Dahl
07/11 Connie Jess Zolkoske
07/12 Melanie DeRoche



August Birthdays

08/01 Sue King
08/04 Suzanne Wozniak
08/07 Joleen Diley
08/07 Sue Finkel
08/11 Greg Blonde
08/12 Dort DeWild
08/13 Hope MacIntyre
08/24 Glenda Rhodes
08/27 Karen Zahn



Best Wishes to All of You!

Hour Forms

Submitted by Pat Richie

A reminder that hours are due at the September meeting. Connie Jess Zolkoske or Pat Richie will be happy to meet with anyone to talk about hours and help with filling out the hour form. (Note: Children's Gardens may be listed as Youth Education on the form.)

Fall Plant Sale

Submitted by Nancy Johnson

Can you believe it? It is time to be thinking about our next plant sale and potting up perennials. The fall plant sale is scheduled for Saturday, September 6th at the fairgrounds and will be held in conjunction with Weyauwega's Horse and Buggy Days celebration.

For the fall sale, we will be offering two complimentary workshops at 10 am and 12pm respectively. The tentative topics are 'rain gardens' and 'decorative seasonal plantings/arrangements'. Additionally, Bill Johnson will bring materials and computer slide presentation relating to invasive species. Bill has graciously volunteered to allow the public to bring in a specimen of a plant they suspect may be an invasive species for identification. We would also like to have our own Master Gardener Volunteers tri-fold on display with the 'How to Become a Master Gardener Volunteer' pamphlet available for distribution. As discussed at the last meeting, the Fall Plant Sale Committee will be purchasing bulbs and some perennials to sell. Without having the annuals as we did for the spring sale, we are relying on our members more than ever to dig up plants from their yards to ensure we have enough stock to sell to our customers.

At the July meeting, we will be distributing a sign-up sheet for the fall sale. In order for the sale to be a success, we need everyone's help! Some ways that you can contribute are by:

- Acting as a host/hostess for the speakers (assist with set-up, take-down and introductions)
- Assisting Bill Johnson with the invasive species display and identification
- Working the day before and/or the day of the sale

Last, but not least, if you have any ideas to increase our attendance or to promote the

sale, please contact a member of the committee. Our next meeting will be held at 5:30 at Dorrie's house. The fall plant sale committee members are:

Nancy Johnson (chair)
Sally Marchel Handrich (co-chair)
Bill Johnson
Nancy Weasner
Jeffrey Weasner
Sue King
Joan Schmitt
Kay Durrant
Carol West Dahl
Barb Nollenberg
Gloria Gruer
Carol Spiegelberg
Agnes Marchel



June Meeting Notes

Submitted by Peggy Kramer

The meeting was called to order by President Kate Saunders at 6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Leigh Braatz, Gloria Gruer, Dorrie Hipschman, Bill Johnson, Nancy Johnson, Peggy Kramer, Terry Kramer, Patti Leiskau, Sharon Lemmers, Hope MacIntyre, Agnes Marchel, Sally Marchel-Handrich, Pam Nitke, Barb Nollenberg, Glenda Rhodes, Ila Sanders, Tom Sanders, Kate Saunders, Judy Shaw, Lee Shaw, Jeff Weasner, Nancy Weasner, Faye Wilson, Suzanne Wozniak and Connie Zolkoske. Don Handrich, host and guest, was present.

Gloria Gruer made a motion and Suzanne Wozniak seconded that the May 2008 minutes were approved as written. The motion carried.

Terry Kramer gave the Treasurer's report. (Note: This information has not been posted to the internet copy of the newsletter; however, it may be read in the official hard copy version and Amy is adding this note to maintain the column length!)

Barb Lamb gave a donation of \$20.00 to the Scholarship Fund in memory of Kate Saunders' mother, Geneva Knuppel.

Pat Ritchie was unable to attend the meeting. Please read her State Representative's report in the next newsletter.

Hope McIntyre gave two book reviews. How Groundhog's Garden Grew written and illustrated by Lynne Cherry. The book is the story of an entire year of gardening. It tells of gathering the seeds in the fall for winter storage, the spring planting, summer watering and weeding and then the bountiful Thanksgiving harvest. The end papers in the book illustrate the seed, seedling, plant and vegetables. The book is beautifully illustrated. The second book was entitled Shade: Ideas and Inspiration for Shady Gardens, written by Keith Wiley. Very British, uses many botanical names and few common ones. The book provides ideas and fabulous photographs for the shade garden.

Connie Zolkoske gave the Membership Committee report. The committee thanked everyone for the work done for the spectacular Spring Plant Sale. Connie also relayed a note from Pat Ritchie that hours are due at the September meeting. Connie or Pat will be happy to meet with anyone to talk about hours and help with filling out the hour form. (Note: Children's Gardens may be listed as Youth Education on the form.)

Plant Sale Report by Dorrie Hipschman and Nancy Johnson. The Spring Plant Sale netted about \$5,400.00. Dorrie thanked all members for their effort, hard work and support. Forty members donated plants, 35 members worked at the sale-this is up 50% from last year. (A roaring round of applause was given to Dorrie and Nancy!)

Sally Marchel-Handrich brought up a thank you gift for the two speakers at the sale. A motion by Connie Zoloske was made to give each speaker a \$25.00 gift certificate from the Chamber of Commerce. Seconded by Jeff Weasner, the motion carried. The gift certificates will be purchased out of the profits from the sale.

Nancy Johnson will chair the Fall Plant Sale. Sally Marchel-Handrich will be the co-chair. Faye Wilson motioned that the membership give \$499.00 immediately for ordering specialty bulbs and plants. Jeff Weasner seconded and the motion carried. The members are asked to transplant and pot perennials for the sale during the summer. A list of invasive and aggressive plants that are not to be brought to the sale will be handed out at the August meeting. Suzanne Wozniak gave a report on the Head Start garden. If people are interested in volunteering at the garden, please contact

Suzanne. The hours have been approved by the Executive Committee.

Kate Saunders relayed a message from Carol Speigelberg about the Food Pantry. Not as many people wanted "starter kits" this year.

Terry Kramer gave a report on the Waupaca Community Garden. Radishes and spinach have been delivered to the Food Pantry. On Tuesday, June 17, a group of Extension agents from Wisconsin will tour the garden.

Pam Nitke gave a report on the Waupaca Children's Garden. The first day was Wednesday, June 11. Planting was completed. Jack, a volunteer from the Wisconsin Veteran's Home in King was present. Jack is a hard worker and would like to volunteer for other projects, as an associate member.

Lee Shaw gave a report on the New London, Friday Morning Group. On June 13, the 13 children will plant petunias to spell out NL at the Shawano Street bridge. This will be a Community Service Project. Flowers were provided by the city of New London.

The next Executive Meeting will be on June 17 at Kate Saunders' home. The meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. Members are invited to bring a dish to pass for supper.

Lost and Found? Connie Zolkoske is looking for a zip lock bag of photos that she had at the reference table at the Plant Sale. Leigh Braatz is looking for a blue, leather Wells Lamont glove (right hand) that she lost at the Plant Sale. Please contact these individuals if you have either of these items.

Lee Shaw motioned that the WCMGV meeting be adjourned, Bill Johnson seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Thank you to Sally and Don for extending their home for the meeting. Their yard is spectacular-even in the pouring rain!

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Kramer



Mozzarella Tomatoes

Source: Best of Country Casseroles

4 medium tomatoes, sliced
 8 cups soft bread cubes
 3 cups shredded mozzarella cheese, divided
 4 bacon strips, cooked and crumbled
 ½ c. butter, melted
 ½ c. chopped celery
 ½ c. chopped onion
 2 eggs, beaten
 ½ t. garlic salt
 ½ t. dried oregano

Place a single layer of tomatoes in a greased 13-in x 9-in x 2-in baking dish; set aside. In a large bowl, combine bread cubes, 2 cups of cheese, bacon, butter, celery, onion, eggs, garlic salt and oregano; mix well.

Spoon over the tomatoes. Top with remaining tomatoes; sprinkle with remaining cheese. Bake, uncovered, at 350 degrees for 30 minutes or until heated through.

Yields: 6-8 servings.

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