



^{UW} **Extension** Waupaca County

Master Gardener Newsletter

July 2007

**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 12 - 6:00 Tour, meeting to follow - Please join us for a tour of a 26-acre prairie garden at the home of Susan and Ronald Smith at 6:00 p.m. on July 12. Starting at 6:30, hosted by Susan and Lisa Smith, we'll explore the prairie and other garden areas before gathering for refreshments and the business meeting at the Smith's gazebo at 7:30.

Parking is available on the grounds of their property, which is at N269 State Road 49. The location is 1.3 miles south of the exit from highway 10 to Hwy 49 (to Berlin) and Hwy 110 (to Fremont). The exit is about 4 miles east of Weyauwega, and 13 miles east of Waupaca.

As you go south on 49, you will pass Desert Road on the right. The house is white, and is hard to see when coming from the north, but their driveway is the first turn to the left south of Hwy. 10. Immediately opposite, on the right, there is an unmarked road (Arndt Road) and their mailbox. If you miss the driveway, you will know you have gone too far if you reach Please Rd., on the right, and especially if you get to Tri-County Rd., which is the Waupaca/Waushara County line.

Please bring a lawn chair for seating for the meeting.

Rebecca Weber Schmoll and Kate Saunders have signed up to bring refreshments to the July meeting. Joan Schmitt of the Refreshment Committee encourages more members to bring refreshments.



July 25 - Articles due for the August newsletter.



July in the Garden

One More Snip

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

For the Birds & Butterflies

- With tasty insects all around, birdseed is much less of an attraction for the birds. Water is still the big draw.
- Make a mud puddle for butterflies in an open area of the yard. It contains minerals as well as moisture.
- Drape plastic netting over blueberry bushes and cherry trees to make sure the birds don't get the fruit.

Container Plants

- Plants in pots and containers lose water more rapidly than those in the ground. If plants are wilting daily, move them to a more shaded location.

Iris Divisions

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

Root Rot

- Over watering soil and leaves can lead to root rot and leaf spot problems. Thin out mulch around herbaceous perennials like irises and peonies. Prune out plants with dense foliage where moisture is slow to evaporate. Wet leaves are more susceptible to fungal leaf spot and powdery mildew.

Herbs

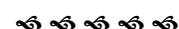
- Snuggle parsley plants wherever there's empty space in your garden. Freeze harvested leaves in zip-top bags for sprinkling into soups and over pasta.
- Harvest herbs on clear days after the morning sun has dried the dew. Freeze or dry for later use.

Outdoor Faucet

- Screw a Y-connector to your faucet so you can keep the hose connected and still have an outlet free for filling buckets or giving the dog a drink.

Seed & Petal Drying

- Clean pizza boxes make great seed-drying trays. Snip seed heads of poppies, lupine, and other spent garden flowers, and spread in a shallow layer in the box to dry. Sticking them in cat litter works too!



**Note From Our President,
Pam Nitke**



I hope all of you are keeping up with watering your gardens better than I am. Eeven though all my plants are heavily mulched, everything is sooooo dry.

If you were able to attend the last MG's meeting at Lyn Swanson's home, you would have been in awe over the many varieties of peppers and tomatoes and the very impressive Canterbury bells and delphiniums his wife Donna had in her gardens. They were such wonderful gardens of both vegetables and flowers.

Reminders:

Every organization relies on their members to help make everything run smoothly. I am asking all members who have not yet been on the board to really consider running for a position. This group of volunteers work so well together that if you are unfamiliar with anything, there is always someone to help you. Please think it over, if you have any questions please don't hesitate to call a current board member, Jeff Weasner, or Susan Finkel, any one of us would be happy to help you.

All projects needing money and hours approved from September 1, 2007-August 31, 2008 will need to submit a new project form, they will be available at our July meeting, please have them turned in to either Kate Saunders or myself by the August meeting.

The Mantis tiller is all assembled (thank you Terry). If anyone would like to use it please contact Kate Saunders.

Lost and Found:

A tan umbrella was left at the Spring plant sale. If you know who it might belong to, please give me a call at 715-258-3641.

Keep Cool. Pam Nitke



New London Children's Garden

Submitted by Sue King.

The New London Children's garden is in full swing with 22 little gardeners, from ages 5 to 11.



There are 6 to 8 WCMG volunteers providing hands on help with our group. Each garden has a variety of vegetables and flowers and lots of different seeds popping through the soil.

The week of June 18, Pat Ritchie, our own MG did a program on the different types of soil and showed our young gardeners what it looks like and how the different soils feel.

The week of June 11 we made our very own stepping stones that we will put in our gardens.

We are so thankful for the rain we got recently. Dick Johnson from the local TV channel was out visiting and taped our class for our local channel.

Frog Day is just around the corner and Master Frogman, Tom, is already looking for the right frogs. Thanks to all those MG who make this program such a success and FUN!



Friday Garden Group

Submitted by Susan Finkel

The Friday Garden Group in New London is off to a GROWING start! We have twelve gardeners this summer who planted the following theme gardens: Dinosaur, Crazy, Mystery, Grandma's Flower, Creepy, Fairy Tale, and Rainbow.

We met for the first time on Saturday, June 2 to plant the gardens and our themes for the rest of the summer.

These gardeners are amazing! (Some of them have been participating in our children's gardens programs since the very beginning!)

In June we learned how spiders are beneficial insects in the garden and decorated wooden frames that we hope will inspire spiders to build webs in our gardens. We also decorated T-shirts and made garden art.

Our themes for the month of July include:

- July 6 Celebrate a Late Earth Day,
- July 13 Our Terrific Trees,
- July 20 Share a Game Day,
- July 27 Natural Dyes.

Mark your calendars now for our second annual Potato Festival on August 17...costumes required!!!! We invite you to join us any and every Friday from 10:30-12:00 at Pfeiffer Park in New London!



*Happy Birthday to
the July Birthday
People!*



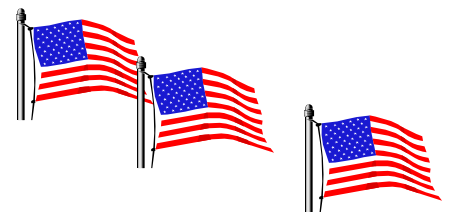
- 7/1.....Jan Mead
- 7/2.....Carol West-Dahl
- 7/11.....Connie Jess Zolkoske
- 7/12..... Melanie De Roche



Waupaca County Fair

Submitted by Pat Ritchie

I will have a sign up sheet at the July meeting. If there is a special time or place that you would like to volunteer for at the fair in the open class houseplant and flower class or the junior fair crops, vegetables, houseplants and flowers you can sign up at the July meeting or contact me before the meeting.



June Meeting Notes

Submitted by Rebecca
Weber Schmoll, Secretary

Attendance: Brown, Alice; DeWild, Dorethy; Diley, Joleen; Erickson, Kathy; Johnson, Bill; King, Suzanne; Kramer, Peggy; Kramer, Terry; Krogwold, Debbie; Lamb, Barb; Leiskau, Patti; MacIntyre, Hope; Marcel Handrich, Sally; McCoy, Colleen; Nitke, Pam; Nollenberg, Barb; Pamperin, Patricia; Ritchie, Pat; Sanders, Ila; Sanders, Tom; Schmitt, Joan; Spiegelberg, Carol; Weasner, Nancy; Weasner, Jeff; Weber Schmoll, Rebecca; Wilson, Faye; Zahn, Karen; Zolkoske, Connie; Bosquez, Julie; Maas, Amy Krolow; Young, Susan.



Welcome: President Pam Nitke called the meeting to order. Members and three guests were welcomed to the business meeting.

Approval of minutes: The May meeting minutes were approved with no corrections, moved by Dorethy DeWild and seconded by Patti Leiskau.

Treasure's Report: Treasurer Terry Kramer reported a checking account balance.

State Representative Report: Pat alerted the membership to an error in the Waupaca County Fair book. There will be an open class; it was inadvertently omitted. A supplemental booklet is being printed. Urban Forestry has a number of grants. See Pat for the details. Pat also can direct members to a web site that is offering free seeds for children's gardens. If you wish to receive the state newsletter by email, contact Susan Mahr by email. Mini fact sheets can be found on the state Master Gardener web site. These can be printed out and do contain excellent information. The July newsletter will have information and the registration form for the October W.I.M.G.A. conference at Eau Claire. It was questioned if we want to sell raffle tickets to help raise money, and if we also want to

do a display at the conference. The next conference will be mid-summer 2008 in Milwaukee and will be part of the regional conference. The planned trip to New Zealand is in danger of being cancelled, due to lack of interest. Pat does have the details about this trip.

Old Business:

Scholarship Vote: It was proposed at the May meeting to offer a second scholarship in the amount of \$250. It was moved by Colleen McCoy and seconded by Pat Ritchie to offer this second scholarship. Membership voted and passed this proposal. This scholarship will be awarded to Jessie Blum from the Marian School District. A thank you note was received from the first place \$500 scholarship recipient. Our organization has been offering scholarships for seven years now.

Book Share: The book, Month-By-Month Gardening in Wisconsin by Melinda Myers was shared, and this book was highly recommended by Patti Leiskau.

Children's Garden Update:

Iola: Gardens are planted, forty-two children are involved, and the group meets on Friday mornings.

Waupaca: The gardens were planted on Wednesday, June 13. Twenty-two children are involved, of which eight are new gardeners. Children range in age from five to eleven years old. Tomato plants were trench planted.

New London: Gardens were planted on Saturday, June 9. Twenty-two children are gardening, and they range in age from five to eleven years old.

New London Friday's Garden Group: This is for older children and the gardens are planted. The children themselves are taking ownership in this garden and doing much of the planning.

Community Garden: A butterfly garden was put in, and a watering

system was put in. One hundred fifty tomato plants were donated by Turner's Market. Two acres for the gardens is all fenced in. All harvest will be donated to local food pantries. Lots of students have helped with this community garden.

Mosquito Hill Garden: Planting on this garden is on hold right now, in case Outagamie County takes over this project.

Newsletter: Amy Krolow has volunteered to take over the newsletter. She attended the spring training in Clintonville. Amy will bring much experience, organization, and enthusiasm to the position, as she has experience doing high school yearbooks.

Spring Plant Sale: Chairman Deb Krogwold reported that \$3,223.04 was made on the spring plant sale. Twenty-five Master Gardeners contributed plants to the sale, and twenty-seven Master Gardeners volunteered to work at the plant sale. One thousand and ten plants were sold at the sale. This year all plants were checked in before being priced, and this really worked out well. A policy needs to be established for Master Gardeners to purchase plants at the sale. Nancy Weasner will be the Fall Plant Sale chairman. A coat and an umbrella were "lost and found" at the plant sale.

New Business:

Garden Project Updates:

Fair Garden: Gardens have been weeded and planted.

Butwit/Bukarama Garden: Garden has been planted, but animals have been "rearranging" the plants.

Holly and Hutchinson Gardens: The Waupaca High School Agriculture Department has helped and worked on these gardens. All deer-eaten bushes have been removed. A split rail fence has been put up.

Waupaca County Court House Garden: The planter has been planted with coleus.

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June Meeting Notes *(Continued)*

Food Pantry: Garden start-up baskets were given to the local food pantries. These thirty baskets contained plants, seeds, potatoes, compost, fertilizer, and a survey to be completed. \$250 state MG grant money was used for these baskets.

Nominating Committee: Kate Saunders will move up to be the next president. Nominees will be needed for the positions of vice-president, treasurer, secretary, and one board member. The slate of officers will be presented at the July meeting and then voted on at the August meeting. These officers will take their position in September.

Project Forms: New project forms for all projects will need to be filled out and submitted by September 1. These project forms need to be done so that the new budget can be formulated.

Other:

- September 8 is the date of the Fall plant sale.
- Joleen Diley has the Master Gardener cook books for sale.
- Ila Sanders with the program committee suggested a bus trip. One idea presented was the Herb Fair at the Green Bay Botanical Gardens.
- Barb Lamb was participating in the New London Relay for Life and asked for donations.
- Deb Krogwold asked for plant donations for the Waupaca Humane Society rummage sale on June 20 and 21.
- Faye Wilson showed us a "blooming onion," a hollowed out onion with a flower sprig stuck in the top and then planted in a clay flower pot.
- At the July meeting Pat Ritchie will have sign-up sheets for working at the Waupaca County Fair.
- Both Pat Ritchie and Dorrie Hipschman offered their thank you's for the MG grant money for the Waupaca County Leadership Program. This was

an excellent growing experience.

- Colleen McCoy was the lucky "winner" of Jan Mead's collection of Garden Gate magazines.
- June 23 is the Waupaca Area Garden Walk and Art Stroll, and volunteers are needed.
- A thank you and round of applause was extended to the June meeting hosts, Donna and Lyn Swanson of Peppers from Around the World.
- Executive Meeting: This is scheduled for Thursday, June 21 at Sugar Bush at 6:30 p.m., 6:00 for dinner.

Adjournment: Moved by Dorethy DeWild and seconded by Connie Zolkoske..



Volunteer Hours and Dues

Submitted by Pat Ritchie

The end of the year is coming up fast. Remember to record your volunteer hours and continuing education hours. Importantly, these must be approved projects and education opportunities. We have been a little lack in past years but will be looking more closely at these this year.

The hour sheets are due to me by the September meeting. Check your MG member manual for the list of approved radio and TV programs that you can use for continuing education hours and the list of committees for the approved projects.

If you have any questions call me at 920-867-3074 or e-mail me at peritchie@core.com, or see me at the meeting. Anything that you have done for master gardeners since last September 1, 2006 can be counted on this year's time sheet. Even if you are not listed on a committee but have volunteer at that project those hours can count for your volunteer time. For example I am not listed on the New London Children's garden committee but have volunteered

time at the garden so those hours can count toward my youth volunteer hours.

Dues for the coming year will be collected at the September meeting. This is a change from previous years because our calendar year for the Waupaca County MGVs has changed starting this year. We are running the calendar year from September 1 through August 31.



Spring Plant Sale a Success!

Submitted by Debbie Krogwold

Thanks to all of the hardworking and generous Master Gardener Volunteers. This year's Spring Plant Sale once again outdid itself, netting over \$3,200! Over 30 MG volunteers, including a few NEW members from the recent class, assisted in setup, pricing and working the sales floor. Almost half of our membership donated plants and other garden-related items!

A new check-in procedure for plants was set up at the main entrance that worked well and was well received. All plants were checked for proper labeling, diseases, invasiveness, and then trimmed of dead and/or yellow leaves before being put out on the sale tables. The procedure proved to be a time saver and is strongly recommended by the Spring Plant Sale Committee to be incorporated as part of future sales.

As Chair of this year's sale, I sincerely thank all of the volunteers for making this sale such a success, especially Nancy Weasner, for being such a GREAT co-chair! We had fun and laughed a lot!

The Fall Plant Sale will be coming up before you know it! Nancy will be chairing that sale. Start evaluating your gardens NOW for possible donations:

Your fellow MG Volunteer,
Debbie Krogwold



Gardeners Calendar

July 9-11, 2007

Art in the Garden -- The Garden in Art, Marshfield

Take one, two or more classes during this three day hands-on program at Foxfire Gardens. Some of the classes scheduled include: wreath topiaries, large perennial sale, edible flower luncheon, waterfall construction and more. For more information or to be placed on the mailing list, contact The Office of Continuing Education at UW-Marshfield at (715) 389-6520.

July 13-14, 2007

Garden Parade, Stevens Point

The Portage Co. MGA along with Children's Service Society of WI will showcase 7 gardens in the Portage Co. area in their 10th annual Garden Parade from 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Friday and 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday. Entertainment, demonstrations and a Quilt Raffle, (donated by the Piecemaker's Living Room Group). For more information contact Joanne West.

July 13-14, 2007

6th Annual Garden Walk, Wausau

The North Central Wisconsin MGA will have 5 beautiful gardens in Wausau (2), Marathon (1) and Athens (2) on their 6th annual Garden Walk from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Friday and 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday. \$8 advance, \$10 day of event. For a complete listing of gardens and advance ticket sales locations visit the Marathon Co. UWEX's webpage on the Garden Walk. For more information contact Mary Slagoski at (715) 261-1231.

July 14, 2007

Manitowoc County Garden Walk, Northern Manitowoc Co.,

The Manitowoc County UW-Extension MGs present this bi-annual event featuring six gardens, showcasing Northern Manitowoc County, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Adults and children over 12 are welcome. \$5 tickets will be sold at the gardens, with proceeds going toward educational programs. For more information contact Judy Vogel at (920) 732-3864.

July 14, 2007

Garden Walk, Wisconsin Rapids

This walk, organized by the Wood Co. MGA, is from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For more information contact Denise Larson at (715) 887-3706 or Linda Baer at (715) 384-3024.

July 26, 7:30 PM/central and July 29, 2:30 PM/central - NEW! "Focus on Foliage"

Host Shelley Ryan explores the colorful world of coleus at Klein's Floral and Greenhouses in Madison. Now there are varieties for both shade and sun making this a versatile foliage plant. Plant pathologist Brian Hudelson takes us on a tour of "fungus among us" and shows us which plant diseases we need to worry about and which ones are just cosmetic. Also on the program, we'll start getting ready for fall by planting cover crops. Known as green manure, cover crops can control weeds, enrich the soil and slow erosion. Speaking of green, there are some new and unusual evergreens available to the home gardener. Roy Klehm of Song Sparrow Farm and Nursery in Avalon shares his favorites. The program will also feature an interesting look at insects through the eyes of Wisconsin artist Jennifer Angus.

July 28, 2007

Prairie Fest, Fond du Lac

Family events, presentations, entertainment, run/walk, prairie tours, arts & crafts, plant sale and more rain or shine from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at UW-Fond du Lac. For more information contact Erika Jensen at erikajen@sbcglobal.net or visit http://www.fdl.uwc.edu/arboretum/prairie_fest.html

Aug 2-12, 2007

Wisconsin State Fair, West Allis

Cows, cream puffs, amusement park rides, and many horticultural exhibits and programs, including SEW MGA displays. See the State Fair Website <http://www.wsfp.state.wi.us/home/wsfp/> for details.



2007 Farm Technology Days

Source, Bob Tomesh

Master Gardener Volunteers Needed

The 2007 Wisconsin Farm Technology Days (formerly called Farm Progress Days) are

scheduled in Green County for September 18, 19, and 20. Farm Technology Days are being hosted at the Plain View Family Farm, located east of Albany, along Highway 59, in southern Wisconsin. The host farm is about 30 miles south of Madison.

Because of past interest and success of having Master Gardeners provide demonstrations and respond to questions at the Master Gardener Booth in the Progress Pavilion, volunteer participation again has been requested. Master Gardener groups will be scheduled to cover a four-hour block of time with about four persons in a group. Be prepared to answer a wide range of questions while tending the booth. Free passes will be provided volunteers.

If you are interested in providing volunteer assistance, please respond by August 15 indicating a first and second date and time choice, and also include your name, address, phone number. If you have any questions, please contact Bob Tomesh by phone, 608-265-4536, email at rjtomesh@wisc.edu or by mail, Robert Tomesh, 471 Horticulture Bldg., 1575 Linden Dr. Madison, WI 53706.

Dates and times are:

Tuesday, September 18; 8:00 am – 12:00 pm; 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Wednesday, September 19; 8:00 am – 12:00 pm, 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Thursday, September 20; 8:00 am – 12:00 pm.



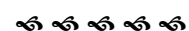
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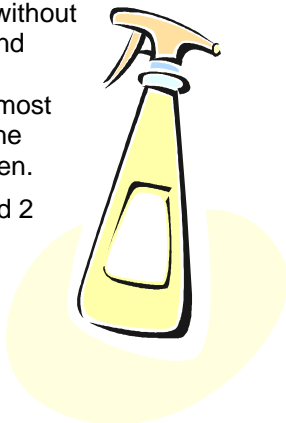


Insecticidal Soap

To control insects on your plants without using harsh chemicals, an easy and inexpensive way to create an insecticidal soap will help control most plant pests. And you can find all the ingredients right in your own kitchen.

To make the insecticidal soap, add 2 tablespoons of your favorite dishwashing detergent to 1 gallon of water. Once you've mixed the ingredients, use a plastic spray bottle to apply the soap lightly to both the top and bottom of your plant's leaves. Be sure to coat the underside of the leaves as this is where pests often lay their eggs.

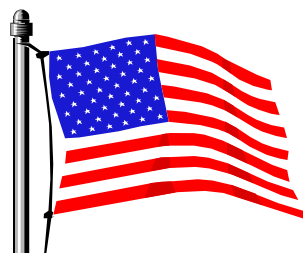
If your plants have an aphid problem, this will work. It's especially effective against aphids. When moving an outdoor plant indoors, apply the soap as directed, and then isolate the plant for a few weeks. The insecticidal soap will take care of any bugs that might be planning to attack the plant and will also keep the critters from infecting the other plants already living in your home.



Firecracker Punch

- 8 cups cranberry juice
- 3 cups pineapple juice
- 2 quarts ginger ale
- 3 cups sugar
- 2 Tbsp almond extract

Combine cranberry juice, pineapple juice, sugar and almond extract. Stir until sugar is dissolved. Chill. Add ginger ale just before serving. Serves 50.



Have a Safe 4th of July!

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