

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.

May Meeting Information

June 9, 2009 6:00 Social
6:30 p.m. Business meeting
7:30 p.m. Tour of the Crystal Inn Gardens

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
Past President, Kate Saunders

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.

JULY MEETING

The July meeting will be held at the **Crystal River Inn Bed & Breakfast**. It's located in Rural on the Crystal River. Take Hwy 22 south of Waupaca. You'll see signs for Rural Road and the town of Rural and the Inn. Turn left off Hwy 22. The Inn is the first house on the right. Deb and Robert Binata will be our hosts. They are restoring a native prairie and have also built a labyrinth for contemplation - their knowledge and devotion to restoring and supporting plant and animal and bird habitat is exceptional. Please bring your own lawn chair.

August 13, we will be meeting at the Iola Children's Garden.

Weather permitting; we will be at meeting on September 10 at Brent Wiersma's garden in rural Scandinavia.

**A Big Thank You to all
Master Gardener Volunteers
who contributed to the
Spring Plant Sale. It was
another big success.**

Thank you.

**Sally Marchel Handrich,
Chair Spring Plant Sale
Nancy Weasner, Co-Chair
Spring Plant Sale**

**Waupaca County Master Gardener
Association Meeting
June 11, 2009
Debra Calmes' Property**

The meeting was called to order by President Nancy Johnson at 6:45 p.m. Nancy welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Deb Calmes for allowing the Master Gardeners to visit her spectacular property.

Members Present: Kathleen Akey, Leigh Braatz, Debra Calmes, Dort DeWild, Joleen Diley, Christann Dittman, Lynne Finch, Diane Fuhrmann, Gloria Gruer, Heidi Jacobson, Bill Johnson, Carol Johnson, Nancy Johnson, Suzanne King, Peggy Kramer, Barb Lamb, Patti Leiskau, Sharon Lemmers, Hope MacIntyre, Colleen McCoy, Susan Morack, Pam Nitke, Barb Nollenberg, Penny Pritzlaff, Pat Ritchie, Ila Sanders, Tom Sanders, Kate Saunders, Joan Schmitt, Dorothy Shaver, Judy Shaw, Lee Shaw, Jean Skewes, Carol Spiegelberg, Jeff Weasner, Nancy Weasner, Rebecca Weber Schmoll, Faye Wilson, Suzanne Wozniak and Connie Zolkoske.

A motion for the May minutes to be approved as read was made by Gloria Gruer. A second was made by Leigh Braatz. The motion was carried and the minutes were approved. The Treasurer's Report was given by Rebecca Weber Schmoll.

Plant Sale Deposit	\$5,210.50
Expenses	<u>-\$1,201.64</u>
Profit	\$4008.86

Pat Ritchie gave the State Representatives Report. The state convention will be October 2nd and 3rd this year. Details will be in the July state newsletter. In addition to the weekend dates, there will be tours offered all day on Friday. The convention will be in Wisconsin Dells. Pat has raffle tickets for sale at \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

Pat gave a website to help gardeners and food pantries. The AmpleHarvest.org campaign diminishes hunger in America by enabling backyard gardeners to share their excess garden produce with neighborhood food pantries. Find a food pantry near you, get all the information you need to arrange for your donations at www.ampleharvest.org.

A book review on What Can You Do with an Old Red Shoe? was given by Hope MacIntyre. This children's book is full of ideas for reusing

old materials: make a stamp out of a flip-flop shoe, a planter pot out of an old red shoe, a small pillow out of an old t-shirt or use an old beloved blanket to make a handkerchief. Colorful pictures illustrate simple instructions for these easy projects, although some recommend the assistance of an adult. The author encourages her readers to "share in the responsibility of taking care of our world" and suggests other ways that children and their families can reuse and recycle around their homes.

Hope presented an article from the Argus on Gardening tips and Highlights, published weekly and written by Master Gardeners.

Nancy Weasner thanked everyone for their wholehearted support for the Spring Plant Sale.

Membership committee member Connie Zolkoske thanked Sally Marchel-Handrich and her committee for their marvelous work on the plant sale. She reminded the membership that the Fall Plant Sale is coming up and to start thinking about the role people will play at this sale. Connie also reminded people to keep track of their volunteer hours.

Bill Johnson and Faye Wilson of the By-laws Committee passed out the revision of some By-Laws. These By-Laws were rewritten with suggestions from the membership. After reviewing the revisions, members were given a ballot to vote. The vote was as follows:

Emeritus Status: 37 yes

Executive Board administration 36 yes 1 no

Liquidation of the MG chapter 36 yes 1 no

Please see the revised By-Laws for specific wording.

Carol Speigelberg spoke about her success with giving out seeds, tools, fertilizers, old garden magazines and hoes to 87 families. She had families waiting for these items at each pantry she and Nancy Weasner visited. This year she gave notice of the opportunity to receive these items and was happy with the turn out.

Jeff Weasner has items to sell from the plant sale. He has mesh organizers and totes, plant stakes and markers.

Nancy Johnson congratulated Faye Wilson on graduating from the Waupaca Leadership class.

Sue Morack announced that Oberstadt's Nursery has 2,000 gallon pots to donate. Members will discuss how they will get the pots.

Pam Nitke reported that the Waupaca Children's Garden began on June 10, 2009. Dorothy Shaver said that the Lola Children's Garden will begin on next Saturday with 26 members. This year they are charging a \$10.00 fee. The New London Friday morning Garden Group has also begun.

Dorothy Shaver said that there are more seats on the bus tour on June 23rd. The fee is \$39.00. See Dorothy for information.

Bill Johnson asked members of the Garden Walk committee to meet after the meeting. The Garden Walk and Art Stroll is Saturday, June 27th. The cost is \$10.00.

Faye Wilson motioned that the meeting be adjourned, Kate Saunders seconded. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Kramer, secretary

The court house planters are filled with impatiens that were (anonymously) donated by the Cindy Hardy of the Lind Center Greenhouse. How nice of that greenhouse! Also a big THANK YOU to Steve Hart for planting and caring for the planters for these many years!



HELP!!! Does your garden have as many crows as mine does this year???

Maybe this scarecrow will help!

2009 WIMGA Conference

Oct 2-3, 2009 at the Ho Chunk Conference Center, Baraboo, WI

Keynote speakers include:

Neil Diboll, Prairie Nursery,
*Playing Your Wild Card—
Gardening with Native Plants*
Dr. Jim Neinhuis, UW-Madison
Horticulture Dept., *The Art of
Vegetables*
Dr. William Gartner, UW-Madison
Geography Dept., *Restoration of
Ancient Ho-Chunk Gardens*

Check the WI MG web site for more information!

GARDEN WALK

Garden Parade 2009 -Portage County Master Gardeners – Gardens in the Stevens Point & Plover area. Tickets \$10 in advance - \$12 day of parade
Friday, July 17 2pm -8 pm
Saturday, July 8 10am – 4 pm

JULY BIRTHDAYS

7/2 Carol West Dahl

7/11 Connie Jess Zolkoske



Recipe from Kate Saunders

Strawberry Rhubarb Torte

Combine 1/3 cup powdered sugar, 1/2 c melted butter, and 1 c flour. Pat in square 9/9 pan bake 15 min @ 350°

After the crust is cooked put in 2 cup diced rhubarb and 1 cup sliced strawberries

Beat 2 eggs with 1 cup sugar 3/4 tsp baking powder and 1/3 cup flour. Pour mixture over the rhubarb & strawberries. Bake 35 minutes @ 350°

Reflection.

Submitted by Hope Mac Intyre

*It was the best of times,
It was the worst of times.
It was the age of wisdom,
It was the age of foolishness.
It was the epoch of belief,
It was the epoch of incredulity.
It was the season of light,
It was the season of darkness.
It was the Spring of hope,
it was the Winter of despair.*

from A Tale of Two Cities-

--by Charles Dickens

Carved in stone at the University of Michigan... "In darkness dwells the people that knows its history not"

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