

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.*



June Meeting Information

Submitted by Sally Marchel Handrich

**June 12th - Social 6:00-6:30 p.m.; Meeting 6:30-7:30
p.m.; Program 7:30, Waupaca**

The program and meeting will be held at Sally Marchel
Handrich's home.

Direction: From Waupaca go 5 miles south on County
Trunk E. Go past Spencer Lake Christian Center a
short distance and we are at N1124 County Trunk E.
We have a white picket fence at the entrance of our
drive way. PLEASE park across the road in the
Natures Edge driveway and walk across the road to
our house. Thanks, Sally!



New Email Addresses

Submitted by Terry Kramer & Greg Blonde

Welcome to our newest Associate Members:
Sandy Kamine and Russ Kamine at RKAMINE@WI-NET.COM.

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.



June in the Garden

*Place houseplants outdoors in the
shade and move to more light gradually.

*Put application of fertilizer on perennial
beds.

*Pinch off chrysanthemums when plants
are six inches tall and continue pinching
until July 1.

*Remove faded flowers from spring
flowering bulbs, cut off stalks but leave
leaves until they naturally die down.

*Large-flowered dahlias should be staked
at planting time. Cannas, caladiums,
callas, and gladioli can also be planted
now.

*Prune hedges and spring-flowering
shrubs after flowering such as lilac,
spirea, and forsythia. Apply annual
fertilizer.

*Prune evergreens and lilac seed heads.

*Remove the flower heads from
garlic plants to promote larger
bulbs. The garlic will be ready to
harvest when one-third of the
plant has turned yellow.

*Deadhead roses by cutting back to the
first five-leaflet leaf. Avoid overhead
irrigation when watering, to reduce the
incidence of black spot.



A Note From Our President, Kate Saunders

(No message from Kate this month.)



Controlling Grubs in Your Lawn

Submitted & Authored by Greg Blonde

Last year, white grub damage to home lawns and turf grass was wide-spread in central and northeast Wisconsin. This could be related to the natural extended life cycle of the common June Bug/Beetle (large brown beetles abundant in mid-June). According to Dr. Williamson, Extension Turf Grass Entomologist at UW-Madison, June Bug larvae (white grubs) can feed on grass roots for three years before they become adults. The first year, grubs grow up to 1/2 inch long and produce little damage. The second year, they range from 1/2 to 3/4 inch long, and damage becomes more apparent. If conditions are right and the June Beetle larvae survive into the third year, the grubs will become more than one inch long and root feeding damage can become very noticeable, especially later in the summer.

Another culprit is the Japanese Beetle (shiny metallic green adult beetle), which lays its eggs each year in early summer, also resulting in a white grub larvae that feeds on grass roots throughout the summer and fall. Although the Japanese Beetle was first identified in the United States less than 20 years ago, the white grub larvae it produces is now the most damaging turf grass pest in the country.

The white grub larvae of both the June Bug and Japanese Beetle are often found in sandy or sand-loam type soils with large grassy areas available for egg laying. The first evidence from grub feeding injury often shows up as smaller patches of pale, dying grass similar to drought stress. As

grubs develop further and feeding increases, damaged areas rapidly enlarge eventually joining together. In severe cases, the turf is not well-anchored and can be rolled back like carpet. Control is recommended if an average of at least four or five grubs per square foot are found at several locations in your yard.

If control is warranted, several options are available. Biological controls like parasitic nematodes or fungal pathogens may now be available at some exclusive garden centers, but the performance of these products has been inconsistent. More traditional control involves short-residual granular insecticides like Sevin or Dylox applied after eggs hatch and before grubs cause visible damage. The optimal timing for this "curative" approach is early to mid-August, but will likely only provide 50-75 percent control. The preferred approach today includes newer insecticides with longer, more residual control as a "preventative" application prior to egg laying sometime in mid- to late-June.

These new "preventive" type products can provide up to 90 percent control and are found in most local lawn and garden centers under trade names like Merit, Grub-Ex, Grub-B-Gon or Bayer Season-long Grub Control (no endorsement of these products is intended; always be sure to read and follow label instructions when ever using a pesticide, especially insecticides).



**All members are encouraged to
submit newsletter information!**

July articles are due by June 25th.

Happy Summer Solstice!

Happy Birthday to You! June Birthdays

Submitted by Connie Jess Zolkoske

06/05 Diane Fuhrmann
06/07 Barb Lamb
06/16 Cynthia Holly
06/21 Lorry Brace
06/22 Pat Ritchie
06/22 Jeff Weasner
06/29 Nancy Johnson

Best Wishes to All of You!



April Meeting Notes

Submitted by Peggy Kramer

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Nancy Johnson at 7:25 p.m.

Members Present: Kathleen Akey, Greg Blonde, Julie Bosquez, Leigh Braatz, Dort DeWild, Joleen Diley, Diane Fuhrman, Dorrie Hipschman, Cynthia Holly, Bill Johnson, Nancy Johnson, Peggy Kramer, Terry Kramer, Deb Krogwold, Barb Lamb, Patti Leiskau, Sharon Lemmers, Hope MacIntyre, Colleen McCoy, Barb Nollenberg, Glenda Rhodes, Pat Ritchie, Tom Sanders, Joan Schmitt, Dorothy Shaver, Jeff Weasner, Nancy Weasner, Rebecca Weber Schmolli, Carol West-Dahl, Faye Wilson, Susan Young, and Connie Zolkoske. Two new associates members were present: Russ Kamini and Sandy Kamini.

(An addition to the April minutes: Joleen Diley was present at the meeting.)

With a motion by Pat Ritchie and second by Barb Lamb, the minutes from the April meeting were approved as written. The motion carried.

Pat Ritchie gave the State Representative's Report. Pat has raffle tickets available for the summer conference. Tickets are 6 for \$5.00. All prizes are monetary. Please contact Pat if you would like to buy some raffle tickets. The early registration date for the summer conference has been extended to May 10, 2008. To find the online registration, go to the state

Master Gardener website.

Any submissions for the next state newsletter must be received by May 31, 2008.

Hope MacIntyre gave two book reviews on children's books. The books were Flower Garden by Eva Bunting and The Very Quiet Cricket by Eric Carle.

Connie Zolkoske gave the Membership Committee report. Susan Young was presented her name badge. Every person wearing a name badge was entered into a drawing. The winner was Joleen Diley who won a \$15.00 gift certificate from Rice's greenhouse in New London.

Dorrie Hipschman and Nancy Johnson gave the Plant Sale report.

*Sign up for working the plant sale. Sign up sheets are available. *One hundred posters were donated by Metro Printing. Please take posters and ask businesses to post them for the public to see. *Plant pots now! *Presentation of the plants is most important. Make sure your plants are in clean pots, are weed free and well groomed. *Use the proper labels. *Media releases start May 12th. Two new banners have been purchased. *Dorrie and Gregg will be on WDUX the Thursday before the sale. *Invite your friends, e-mail your co-workers *The rules for the sale are posted in April's newsletter. These rules apply whether you are working the sale, or not.

New Business: Suzanne Wozniak is asking for help for the Head Start garden. They need some Master Gardener Volunteers to help them plan and plant.

Colleen McCoy read a thank-you note from the family that received \$500.00 from the WCMGV's.

Dorothy Shaver announced that the Tri-Valley Garden Tour will be held on June 24th. People are to meet at the IGA at 8:00 a.m. The cost is \$45.00. Return time is 5:30 p. m. Please contact Dorothy if you have questions.

Pat Ritchie moved that the meeting be adjourned. Dort DeWild seconded and the motion carried. Nancy Johnson adjourned the meeting at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Kramer



Happy Father's Day!

A Thank You!

Submitted by Suzanne Wozniak

Thank you all very much for sponsoring me in the Leadership Waupaca County class of 2008. I feel privileged to have been able to attend the monthly sessions which were held in several different places around the county, and one over-night visiting the state capitol in Madison. Our speakers addressed many of the societal, business and natural resource issues that face us as residents of the county, the state and the country. Each student was required to take part in developing a presentation that addressed one of four major issues, which were energy savings, economic development, comprehensive planning, and youth. In this important election year, I think that the class was a very effective way to broaden my perspective on leadership and the challenges we all face. Thank you all again, and thank you for the lovely card that was signed during the May meeting.



Project Idea

Submitted by Kathey Akey

If any master gardeners are looking for a project, the Pregnancy Information Center in downtown Waupaca needs help with their front "yard." Call the director, Megan Malueg at 715.754.5636 or cell at 920.819.0521.

Reminder that all projects have to be submitted and approved by the executive board before master gardeners can earn hours!



Waupaca Community Garden Site

Submitted by Terry Kramer

Please see WaupacaEvents.com for a link to the community garden. It should be up and working by June 1st!

Happy Gardening All!

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