

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 11, 2009 6:00 social
6:30 p.m. Business meeting
7:30 view Deb Calmes' gardens

2009 Executive Board Members

President, Nancy Johnson
Vice-President, Suzanne Wozniak
Treasurer, Rebecca Weber Schmol
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.

June Meeting Information

The June meeting will be held at the home of Deb Calmes. You may have read the complimentary article about her gardening expertise in one of the recent Waupaca County Newspapers. She has an extensive garden, and will share her space with us that evening. Her address is N698 Winchester Road, Fremont. Please bring your own lawn chairs...thanks!

Directions: If coming from Waupaca or the west on new Highway 10, take the 110 exit (second Fremont exit) north to 96 (old highway 10). Go east on 96 through Readfield and two miles past the highway 45/96 intersection to Winchester Road. Deb is 1/2 mile south on Winchester Road, #N698.

From New London take highway 45 south to 96. Go east on highway 96 two miles. Deb is 1/2 mile south on Winchester Road, #N698.

Winchester Road is between highway 45 and Dale so if you get to Dale you have gone too far east on 96.

Information about upcoming meetings:

Our July 9 meeting will be at the Crystal River Inn. On 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.

Plant Sale Reminder!!!
Plant drop off and set up is on
Saturday, June 6 between 9
a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Waupaca Children's Garden

Starts Wed. June 10-Ends Wed. Aug 26
At Swan Park from 9am. To 10:30 am

Weekly topics~

6/10 Getting to Know Your Gardens
6/17 Our Friends the Worms
6/24 Getting the Most with Compost
7/1 Leap Frog
7/8 Breakfast For Beaks
7/15 Tea Party in the Garden
7/22 Stepping Into the Garden
7/29 Butterflies
8/5 Container Gardening
8/12 Who wants to be a Billionaire
8/19 Hats Off to Flowers
8/26 Harvest Day

All are welcome...ages 5-12. Cost \$25.00. There is scholarship money available. If you know of a child that would like to come, have them contact Terry Kramer or Pam Nitke!!

DONATION TO NEW LONDON FRIDAY GARDEN GROUP

Thanks to Lee Shaw, MGV and member of the Fox Valley Two Cylinder Club, the Waupaca County Master Gardener Volunteers received a check for \$120. The money from the Fox Valley Two Cylinder Club is designated for the Friday Gardening Group at New London's Children's Garden.



June President's note

Last month I had the privilege of attending the presentation and graduation ceremony for the Leadership Waupaca County 2009 class. Congratulations to Faye Wilson for all of her hard work and commitment to this program.

The plant sale is almost here! Hopefully all of your transplanting is complete. I must admit, I still have labels to print, but hope to get those taken care of this weekend. The spring sale is not only traditionally our biggest fund raiser of the year, but an opportunity for all of us to work together on project. I am looking forward to seeing you there!

Nancy

P.S. Remember, this year the spring sale will be in the Education building (the one with the concrete floor), not the exhibition building

Waupaca County Master Gardener Meeting
Waupaca County Courthouse
May 14, 2009
6:30 p.m.

I. Vice-President Suzanne Wozniak called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The graduating class was welcomed.

Members present: Julie Bosquez, Leigh Braatz, Alice Brown, Dort DeWild, Christann Dittman, Diane Fuhrmann, Gloria Gruer, Bill Johnson, Peggy Kramer, Terry Kramer, Barb Lamb, Patti Leiskau, Sharon Lemmers, Hope MacIntyre, Agnes Marchel, Sally Marchel-Handrich, Pam Nitke, Barb Nollenberg, Penny Pritzlaff, Tom Sanders, Kate Saunders, Joan Schmitt, Dorothy Shaver, Judy Shaw, Tom Shaw, Carol Spiegelberg, Susan Thomas, Jeff Weasner, Nancy Weasner, Rebecca Weber Schmoll, Kathy Weiner, Carol West-Dahl, Suzanne Wozniak and Connie Zolkoske. In attendance from the new Master Gardener graduating class were Lynne Finch, Heidi Jacobson, Eric Loberg, Jean Medway, Sue Morack, Kent Pegorsch, Gerry Schneekloth and Jean Skewes. Congratulations and welcome to our terrific group!

II. Since the April meeting minutes were not included in the newsletter, a hand vote was taken to approve the minutes at the June meeting rather than have them read aloud.

III. The May 2009 Treasurer's Report was given by Rebecca Weber Schmoll.

There was discussion about investing at least \$10,000 in some interest bearing account. Gloria Gruer made a motion that the WCMG invest at least \$10,000 in some sort of interest bearing account. Leigh Braatz seconded the motion. Motion carried. Kate Saunders will get the information needed.

V. The State Representative Report was given.

CITIZEN SCIENCE PROGRAM June 19, Irvine Park, Chippewa Falls. Sponsored by the Chippewa County UW-Extension and Chippewa Valley Master Gardener Association.

The purpose of the program is to provide citizen scientists with the knowledge and skills they need to monitor invasive species and to conduct scientific research independently. A website, www.citsci.org, has been created to facilitate with this effort. NISS is partnering with the University of Wisconsin-Madison Arboretum, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, and the Rivers Alliance of Wisconsin to provide trainings that include an introduction to invasive species, invasive species monitoring protocols, global positioning systems (GPS), and use of the website for your data management needs.

If interested in Therapeutic Horticulture, contact Mike Maddox at mike.maddox@ces.uwex.edu

V. A **book review** was given by Hope MacIntyre on Coop-A Year of Poultry, Pigs and Parenting. In over his head with two pigs, a dozen chickens, and a baby due any minute, the acclaimed author Michael Perry gives a humorous, heartfelt memoir of a new life in the country.

VI. Old Business

a. Connie Zolkoske, as a representative of the Membership Committee, handed out the revised WCMG roster. Corrections were made on the roster.

b. The By-Laws committee will present the changes at the June meeting since there was one member of the committee present at the meeting.

VII. **New Business:** Rebecca Weber Schmoll brought up the fact that the WCMG own some tables and a tent. The tables are stored at Jay-Mar. A motion was made by Barb Lamb and seconded by Joan Schmitt to sell the tables at the plant sale. Motion carried. Jeff Weasner asked that the motion and vote be amended to only include the wooden tables be sold at the plant sale. The two plastic ones are lightweight and easily stored for a future use. Motion carried. Connie volunteered to follow up on the location of the canopy.

VIII. **Other:** Gloria Gruer has a Hibiscus that she wants to sell at the plant sale. She needs help getting it to the sale. Volunteers should call Gloria. Gloria has Lilies of the Valley and seeds to give away.

Carol Spiegelberg needs help on June 1 with some county Food Pantry deliveries. Please call Carol if you can assist her with this task. Clintonville pantry is open from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm, Manawa is open from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm and Weyauwega is open from 9:00 am - 11:00 am. Joan Schmitt announced that the Tri-Valley Garden Club and Lamer's are sponsoring a trip "Colorful Kiel". The date is set for June 23 and the cost is \$39.00-all inclusive.

Contact Jeff Weasner if you would like to use the Mantis tiller.

Please sign up to provide refreshments for the June, July, August and September meetings. See Joan Schmitt if you have any questions. The Waupaca Children's Garden has nine vacant spaces. It will run from June 10 until August 26. The garden has scholarship money available Encourage people to sign up!

Dorothy Shaver announced that she has taken over the Lola Children's Garden. It will start on Saturday June 12, and then continue on Thursday mornings.

IX. Dort DeWild made a motion for the meeting to be adjourned and Kate Saunders seconded. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:18pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Peggy Kramer

**Waupaca County Master Gardener
Meeting
Waupaca County Courthouse
April 9, 2009
6:30 p.m.**

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Suzanne Wozniak at 6:35 p.m. Suzanne welcomed all members and guests present. The guests were asked to introduce themselves.

Members present: Julie Bosquez, Leigh Braatz, Alice Brown, Dort DeWild, Gloria Gruer, Cynthia Holly, Bill Johnson, Peggy Kramer, Terry Kramer, Patti Leiskau, Hope MacIntyre, Agnes Marchel, Sally Marchel-Handrich, Lyle Mork, Barb Nollenberg, Glenda Rhodes, Kate Saunders, Joan Schmitt, Carol Spiegelberg, Jeff Weasner, Nancy Weasner, Rebecca Weber Schmoll, Faye Wilson, Suzanne Wozniak, Susan Young, Connie Zolkoske and Greg Blonde-WCMG advisor. Guests were Gerry Schneekloth and Heidi Jacobson.

Connie Zolkoske motioned to approve the March 2009 meeting minutes and Joan Schmitt made a second. Motion carried. The Treasurer's Report was given by Rebecca Weber Schmoll.

The State Representative Report was not given. Please refer to the May newsletter for any information submitted by Pat Ritchie.

Book Review-none

A thank you letter was read from the Clintonville Public Library for the WCMG donation of \$55.50, which was used to purchase *Fine Gardening* and *Organic Gardening* magazines.

Old Business:

Membership Committee Report - given by Connie Zolkoske. The committee reminded members that the Plant Sale is the WCMG

major source of fundraising. It is every member's responsibility to participate in some way. There are many different ways to participate. People can help others dig, pot and label plants. The Publicity committee needs help, people need to plant seedlings and members can work at the sale in a number of capacities. Most importantly, this is a time we can get to know each other well and have some FUN! Call Sally or Nancy if you can volunteer in some way.

Sally Marchel-Handrich gave a report on the upcoming Spring Plant Sale. The plant sale committee has planted over 300 perennials ordered from Walter's Nursery in Michigan. A special thank you goes out to Dorrie Hipschmann and Nancy Johnson for their help in this project. Flyers and posters will be available at the May WCMG meeting. Members are asked to take some and post them around their community. The news releases are ready to be sent to the papers. Dorrie Hipschman will be interviewed on WDUX and will answer any questions for the public. Jeff Weasner is in charge of the signage. Marilyn Hermann from UWEX will be at the plant sale all day to answer consumer questions.

Two workshops will be presented during the sale. One will be a Power Point on the Waupaca Community Garden and another will be on wreath making. A list of invasive plants not allowed at the plant sale will be given at the May meeting. Please start vegetable seeds for the sale now! Bring clean pots and blind slats to the May meeting.

The May program will focus on potting plants for the plant sale.

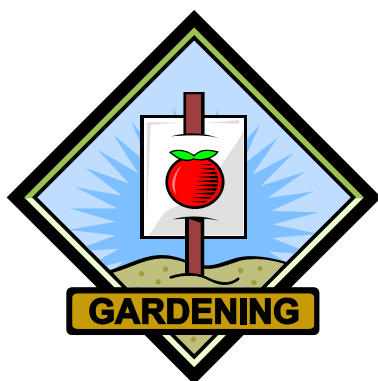
New Business:

Joan Schmitt shared a product that she won. It is called Better Than Rocks and is used in place of rocks in container gardening. It is made of recycled plastics, can be used year after year and is light. It is available online at betterthanrocks.com. MG's get a 25% discount when ordering.

Terry Kramer gave a report on the Community Garden. A new garden has been staked out for squash and watermelon. Twenty-two fruit trees will be planted. Joe Pegorsch will build four raised beds that will be handicapped accessible. He is doing this for his Eagle Scout project. At the May MG meeting, Terry will bring forms for the "Adopt a Week" program to offer to MGs.

Dort DeWild made a motion for the meeting to be adjourned and Terry Kramer seconded. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Peggy Kramer



UPCOMING GARDEN WALKS..

WAUPACA GARDEN WALK & ART STROLL -
Saturday, June 27, 2009 --9-5 \$10

Money from the Walk will be donated to the
Waupaca Food Pantry

Tickets available at the Waupaca Chamber of
Commerce or at the gardens

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

JUNE BIRTHDAYS



6/5 Diane Fuhrmann



6/7 Barb Lamb



6/16 Cynthia Holly



6/17 Sue Morack



6/21 Lorry Brace



6/22 Pat Ritchie



6/22 Jeff Weasner



6/29 Nancy Johnson

In the June Garden

- ☼ Cover beans, cucumbers and melons with floating row covers as you plant
- ☼ Weed your asparagus bed carefully after harvest is complete to avoid injuring roots
- ☼ Begin feeding roses every two weeks to encourage full growth and flowering
- ☼ After petal fall, spray summer oil to control aphids, scale and some caterpillar pests on fruit trees.
- ☼ Prune lilacs, forsythias, and other shrubs that bloom on old wood after they finish flowering.
- ☼ Sit back and smell the flowers

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