

# Master Gardener Volunteer's Newsletter

Master Gardener Meetings are held  
the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.*



## March Meeting Information

*Submitted by Colleen McCoy*

**March 13th - Social 6:00-6:30 p.m.; Meeting 6:30-7:30 p.m.; Program 7:30, Waupaca**

Marilyn Herman will be speaking on herbs. I had the pleasure to hear her speak on this subject before and she is awesome on the subject. Please plan on attending this program. I know you will not be disappointed. The program starts at 7:30 p.m.



## Library Committee Meeting

*Submitted by Patti Leiskau*

The library committee will meet at 6pm before the Feb. MGV meeting. Please bring your ideas and any books you want to preview.

## Invasive Plants Project Meeting

*Submitted by Bill Johnson*

The Invasive Plants Project will meet at 5:45pm before the March MGV meeting. The purpose is to start planning for the Control of Invasive Plant Species Demonstration Project that is planned for along the River Ridge Trail adjacent to Swan Park on Waupaca's north side. Bring the list of specific topics that I e-mailed to you last month.

## March in the Garden

### House Plants

- \*Purchase a sterile soilless mix for starting seeds. Always use fresh potting soil when repotting.
- \*Inspect roots and check for soft, rotted or browned dead roots. Prune out and repot.
- \*Snip back stems to encourage new growth. Now is a good time to use cuttings for new plants.
- \*Plants with thick leaves can take lower light levels than those with thin leaves. Let cacti go semi-dormant and water only to avoid shriveling.
- \*Place mesh-screening wire over the drainage holes of pots to keep soil from washing out after watering. If not available, coffee filters work quite well.

### Geraniums

- \*Remove old stems and leaves, trim back new, spindly growth, and water well. Move to a sunny, cool window.

### Stored Vegetables

- \*Inspect stored vegetables and either use immediately or throw out any that show signs of spoilage.
- \*Do a quick check on canned produce assuring the lids are still sealed.



## A Note From Our President, Kate Saunders

Kate has been under the weather and says, "I have no president's note this month."

More next month!!

Kate



## Tips & Tidbits: A New Addition

*Submitted by Amy Krolow Maas*

To add our own personal information to our newsletter, I thought that it would be interesting and helpful to share an idea or a product for other members of our group. I am asking that you email me with your tip or tidbit to be included in future newsletters. For this issue, I will go first!

Recently, I became a subscriber to Organic Gardening. This magazine is printed 6 times a year and is filled with a variety of ideas that will help all types of gardeners. Subscriptions may be placed at 800.666.2206. I am enjoying it!

Secondly, last spring I planted sunflower seeds into my vegetable garden and was pleasantly surprised at their beauty. They became gorgeous cut flowers for our home and the birds enjoyed those that remained in the garden. The variety was "Sunflower Mixture of Species and Forms" and I purchased them from Seed Savers Exchange at 563.382.5990.

There are a few ideas from me, now please share your ideas with us! Enjoy. ☺



## April Meeting Information

*Submitted by Ila Sanders*

The April Master Gardener's meeting will feature the owners of Mayflower Gardens, near Green Bay. The program will begin at 6:30 that evening, with our regular meeting scheduled to begin at 8:00. Guests will be invited. The procedure for this will be discussed at our March meeting.



## A Request from Dorothy

*Submitted by Dorothy Shaver*

I am looking for free clay flower pots from our members. 4 to 6 inches high are perfect. I am planning on covering them with mosaic pieces and donating them for sale at our plant sale. (Perfect weather for this project - I recently made 12 of them and they are beautiful but I can't see buying new pots for this project.)



## Executive Committee Members

**President, Kate Saunders**  
**Vice-President, Nancy Johnson**  
**Treasurer, Terry Kramer**  
**Secretary, Peggy Kramer**  
**Board Member, Bill Johnson**



## Online MGV Newsletter

The executive committee is encouraging all members to access the monthly newsletter from the state's site off of the Internet since approximately 20% of our budget is spent on paper copies. Please send Amy Krolow Maas, at [timmaas@frontiernet.net](mailto:timmaas@frontiernet.net), your email address, if you did not get an email message this month stating that Susan Mahr posted the newsletter. Tom Sanders will then remove your name from the mailing list. Thank you!



## NOTICE TO ACTIVE WCMGVA MEMBERS

*Submitted by Bill Johnson*

Notice is hereby given by the Waupaca County Master Gardener Volunteers (WCMGV) Board of its intentions to alter, amend or repeal existing by-laws and adopt new by-laws for the WCMGV Association.

Proposed changes will be discussed at the regular meeting of the Association on March 13, 2008, and voting to adopt the changes will be conducted at the regular meeting of the Association on April 10, 2008, which will be at least 30 days after the publication of this notice.

The proposed changes include:

- returning the fiscal year to a calendar-year basis
- moving the Membership and Program/Adventure Committees to Standing Committee status
- creating a Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) Committee as a Standing Committee
- replacing reference to "Master Gardeners" with "Master Gardener Volunteers"
- other related changes, updates, additions and corrections as needed

Adoption of proposed changes to the By-Laws requires a two-thirds majority vote of the active members present at the April 10, 2008 meeting of the Association.

/s/ Kate Saunders, President  
February 22, 2008



**All members are encouraged to submit newsletter information! April articles are due by Mar. 24<sup>th</sup>.**

## February Meeting Notes

*Submitted by Peggy Kramer*

Due to poor weather conditions, February's meeting was canceled.



## Happy Birthday to You! March Birthdays

*Submitted by Connie Jess Zolkoske*

03/01 Joan Schmitt  
03/16 Tom Sanders  
03/18 Pam Nitke  
03/19 Barb Nollenberg  
03/22 Rebecca Weber Schmoll  
03/25 Pat Pamperin  
Alice Brown  
03/27 Kate Saunders  
03/31 Kathy Weiner

Best Wishes to All of You!



## 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.



**Happy March Holidays & Happy Spring!**

## Madison's Garden Expo Reports

Joan Schmitt, Sue King and Dorothy Shaver attended the Garden Expo in Madison and are pictured here with Public Television's Gardener, Shelley Ryan.

"The Garden Expo in Madison was wonderful, again", reports Gloria Gruer. Colleen McCoy and a handful of other Waupaca MGVs attended the expo. We hope that more of you can benefit from their informative seminars in the future. Gloria has just one tip to pass along this year. Until now I have always avoided putting branches in my big, round, freestanding compost pile. No more! They are very useful in that they create "air pockets", for oxygen, which is also necessary, along with "brown, green, and water" for good composting. THINK SPRING!!!

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## Upcoming Events

Susan Mahr will be coming to Wausau to do two presentations on Getting Started with Orchids on Monday, April 7 from 2-3:15 and from 6-7:15 pm in Wausau. The cost is \$3. Pre-registration is required due to limited seating. Call 715.261.1231. Contact Greg Blonde for an email brochure (pdf) attachment.

## The Story of Johnny Appleseed

Source:

<http://www.applejuice.org/johnnyappleseed.html>

Johnny Appleseed spent 49 years of his life in the American wilderness planting apple seeds. Johnny Appleseed's real name was John Chapman. He was born September 26, 1774 in Massachusetts. He created apple orchards in Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Pennsylvania and Ohio. After 200 years, some of those trees still bear apples.

Johnny Appleseed's dream was for a land where blossoming apple trees were everywhere and no one was hungry. A gentle and kind man, he slept outdoors and walked barefoot around the country planting apple seeds everywhere he went. It is even told that he made his drinking water from snow by melting it with his feet.

Johnny was a friend to everyone he met. Indians and settlers -- even the animals -- liked Johnny Appleseed. His clothes were made from sacks and his hat was a tin pot. He also used his hat for cooking. His favorite book was the Bible.

There are many tales about Johnny Appleseed. It is said that once Johnny fell asleep and a rattlesnake tried to bite him, but the fangs would not go into his foot because his skin was as tough as an elephant's hide. Another tale describes him playing with a bear family.

Johnny Appleseed died in 1845. It was the only time he had been sick -- in over 70 years!!!



## Aunt Jessie's Candy Apple Pie

### In Honor of Johnny Apple Seed Day - March 11, 2008

6 med. Tart apples, pared, sliced  
 ½ c. brown sugar  
 ½ t. cinnamon  
 1 T. lemon juice  
 1 c. flour  
 1c. brown sugar

(continued)

½ c. ground walnuts  
 ½ c. butter, room temperature  
 ¼ t. salt

Place apples in greased 9" pie pan.  
 Sprinkle with the ½ c. brown sugar,  
 cinnamon and lemon juice. Mix flour, the  
 1 c. brown sugar, walnuts, butter and salt  
 until well blended. Sprinkle over apples,  
 pressing firmly to form a thick topping.  
 Bake in moderate oven (350 degrees) for  
 50 to 60 minutes or until apples are  
 tender and top is browned. Makes 8  
 servings.

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