

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.

NOVEMBER 12th Meeting INFO
6:00 p.m. Social
6:30 p.m. Business meeting
7:30 p.m. Program –Celebrating the Holidays –Wreath Making with Sandra Began

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 Marchel 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.

November 12th Program Information:

Our November meeting speaker is Sandra Began of the Wreath Factory in Neenah. Sandra will provide a hands on presentation on “Celebrating the Holidays”. Members are asked to bring greenery with them to the meeting.



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SECRETARY NEEDED!!!!

PLEASE consider volunteering for the position of secretary for our Waupaca MG Association. This position is held for two years. We need someone to volunteer by **November 9th, 2009**, to put their name on the ballot for the election at the November meeting on November 12, 2009. Anyone interested can contact **JEFF WEASNER, CONNIE ZOLKOSKE OR BILL JOHNSON!** Thank you very much!

\$\$\$\$\$ DUES REMINDER \$\$\$\$\$
Please pay your WCMGA dues of \$15.00 at the November or December meeting. Or send to our Treasurer, Rebecca Weber Schmoll.

!!!! PROJECT APPROVAL/ BUDGET REQUEST forms for 2010 need to be turned in to a board member at or before the November meeting!!

Recording your Master Gardener hours....some do's and don'ts

When recording your education and volunteer hours for the upcoming year, **Please note** the following information:

DO NOT total your continuing education hours in with your volunteer hours. These are 2 separate categories. The total **volunteer hours** from youth education, community education, and support services should total 24 hours or more.

Continuing Education must total 10 or more hours.

DO NOT include volunteer work you do for your garden club or the time you spend on the club's board in your Master Gardener hours as those hours only benefit the garden club, not the Master Gardeners. You **may** include education programs you attend at garden clubs that are taught by University trained personnel in your Master Gardener continuing education hour total.

To remain a **member in good standing** you must complete 24 hours of volunteer service, 10 hours of continuing education and join the local and state associations. If you do not accumulate enough hours in either continuing education or volunteer hours within a year and still want to be involved in the Master Gardener program you may opt to become an in-active member. As an in-active member you may participate in all WCMGA activities, but will not be able to lead any of the projects.

MISSING RAINCOAT --Did you find a Gortex raincoat at the Oct. 8 MG meeting??? If you picked it up after that meeting and did not know who it belonged to call Tom Sanders, he is missing his raincoat. He would appreciate it if you would let him know that you found it. (715-445-3478 or sandert@tds.net).

PHOTOS NEEDED

Our Historian Needs Your HELP!

If you have photos in your camera or on your computer - photos that would be a nice addition to our scrapbook, could you please either put them on a disc or email them to me so that I can have them printed. My goal is to have our scrapbook updated by the December meeting, so I need your help NOW! Thanks, Dorothy Shaver
email address: flowerpower@tds.net

December is right around the corner now. Anyone wishing to help plan or even be CHAIRMAN for our annual **Holiday party**, please contact Rebecca Weber Schmoll by email, telephone, or at our November meeting

A NEW INVASIVE SPECIES LAW IN WISCONSIN

For your information, effective September 1, 2009, Wisconsin's new invasive species rule was made law. **NR 40 – Wisconsin's Invasive Species Identification, Classification and Control Rule** is designed to limit the spread of new and existing invasive species. It establishes a science-based classification and regulatory system for invasive plants, algae, animals, and plant disease-causing organisms, and addresses possession, sale, transportation and introduction of listed invasives. The rule categorizes invasives as prohibited or restricted and focuses on education, prevention and cooperative action to contain new problem species when found in the state. Prohibited species are those that are not yet found in the state, or are only known in a few sites where containment may be feasible. Restricted species are considered too widespread to expect eradication, so the intent of the new law is to inform the public about these species, slow their spread and minimize new infestations and establishment. For general questions, contact Bill Johnson, or for details, go to the NR 40 website: <http://dnr.wi.gov/invasives/classification/> .

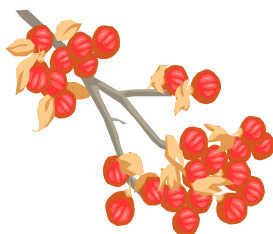
President's Note:

With all of the rainy weather we have had lately, I am behind in my garden chores. I still have many areas that desperately need cleaning up and tilling before the winter weather arrives. Hopefully we will have a stretch of dry, sunny days soon so that I can catch up!

While we are all busy working at putting our gardens to bed for the year, we also need to be thinking about our project requirements for next year. **Please remember that all project/budget request forms for next year are due at the November meeting.** If you are involved in a project that is not one of ours, but you want to have the time you spend working on it count toward your volunteer hours, you will need to fill out a project request. An example of this situation would be the time I spend working on the native plant garden at Mosquito Hill. Every year I fill out the project request form detailing my activities at the Mosquito Hill garden so that my time there counts toward my volunteer hours for the MGVs. Without doing so, my hours would not be approved and therefore could not be counted toward my MGV volunteer hours.

If you have any questions, please contact me at plantsrfun@gmail.com. Thanks, and I hope to see you at the November meeting.

Nancy



Waupaca County Master Gardener Association Meeting October 8, 2009 Waupaca County Courthouse

The meeting was called to order by President Nancy Johnson at 6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Julie Bosquez, Leigh Braatz, Christann Dittman, Dorrie Hipschman, Heidi Jacobson, Bill Johnson, Carol Johnson, Nancy Johnson, Suzanne King, Debbie Krogwold, Barb Lamb, Patti Leiskau, Sharon Lemmers, Hope MacIntyre, Agnes Marchel, Sally Marchel-Handrich, Jean Medway, Sue Morack, Penny Pritzlaff, Pat Ritchie, Ila Sanders, Tom Sanders, Kate Saunders, Dorothy Shaver, Judy Shaw, Lee Shaw, Carol Spiegelberg, Jeff Weasner, Nancy Weasner, Rebecca Weber Schmoll, Kathy Weiner, Faye Wilson, Suzanne Wozniak and Connie Zolkoske.

Kate Saunders moved to approve the September 10, 2009 minutes as written, Motion carried.

The October Treasurer's report was given by Rebecca Weber Schmoll

The State Representative report was given by Pat Ritchie; she reported that she and several others attended this year's State convention the weekend of October 3 & 4, 2009 in Wisconsin Dells. The State MG officers have been reelected. Pat explained her tours to Goose Pond, Wollersheim Winery, and the International Crane Foundation and her workshops on prairies, healing gardens and life-long gardening.

The next annual convention will be held in Sheboygan County on July 23-24, 2010 and two new gardens, Christopher Farms and the Bookworm Garden, will be featured. Looking ahead to 2011, the state convention will be in Madison on August 5 and 6, 2011.

A challenge Grant of \$2000 will be held during the Larry Mueller radio program on Friday, Oct 9 at 11 am. Station 88.1 WPR. The State MGV has offered a matching grant of \$2,000 towards this challenge.

Pat also thanked the group for the flowers she received for use with residents at Crystal House for a flower arranging class in Waupaca recently. She also reported that the Foxfire Gardens in Marshfield are no longer in existence and the plants have been dug.

Volunteer sheets for 2010 are available from Pat Ritchie, Several members still need to turn in their 2009 hour sheets to Pat. She will be contacting them.

A book review as given by Hope MacIntyre: The Imaginary Garden, by Andrew Larsen. When the grandfather moves into an apartment that puts an end to his gardening. He and his granddaughter, Theo, paint an imaginary garden on a canvas on the balcony.

Hope also called our attention to several items of interest at this time of year:

Daylight Savings time ends on Nov. 1: turn back clocks and change smoke alarm batteries.

The treatable, yet potentially fatal disease blastomycosis can be spread by raking and other fall outdoor activities

Due to County furlough days there has been a change in the Friday dates for Marilyn Herman's Harvest of Favorite Fall Foods Workshops at the Courthouse:

NEW DATES:

Gifts from the Garden	Oct. 16
Healthy Halloween	Oct. 30
Under Pressure Meals	Nov. 6
Cook for a Crowd-Safe & Tasty	Nov. 13

The membership committee report was given by Connie Zolkoske, She thanked the members for their participation in the Fall Plant Sale and appreciated the time to talk to fellow members during the sale.

Nominations are being accepted for the "Thanks! Giving Gardener" awards.

Previous recipients and their accomplishments were explained. Contact Bill Johnson Pat Ritchie, Sally Marchel-Handrich, or Connie with your nominations. The committee is also working on the update of the member information binders.

Fall Plant Sale chairman, Nancy Weasner gave a report on this year's sale. Bulbs not

sold at the sale are available tonight at cost. The motto for this year's sale was to offer a bargain and sell out if possible. A peace lily left from the sale was won as a door prize by Ila Sanders.

Nancy also reported that several members worked to remove weeds from the flower gardens at the Hutchinson House the week of September 23.

Pat Ritchie offered a suggestion that posters for a plant sale could include a contact number and the caption: "We Dig Plants". The result for other garden groups has been a greater variety and larger number of plants to sell.

Jeff Weasner reported for the Nomination Committee. At the time of the meeting the following had offered to put their names in for nomination: Faye Wilson for Vice-President, Lee Shaw and Bill Johnson for Board member positions. The secretary position does not yet have a nominee; Members interested in these positions should contact the nomination committee.

Kate Saunders gave the Publicity report. An exhibit featuring volunteer organizations will be put up at the Waupaca Library next week—The Master Gardener organization will be part of this exhibit. She also has a 30-45 minute long PowerPoint presentation available focusing on setting up a Butterfly Garden with elementary students. Kate used this presentation at the Waupaca Learning Center with 4th graders. Contact Kate if you would like this PowerPoint to use with other classes in the county.

Ila Sanders asked if members other than Dorothy Shaver had received a newsletter that had been shredded in the mail. If so, contact either Ila or Tom Sanders.

President Nancy Johnson announced that the speaker for the November meeting is Sandra Began of the Wreath Factory in Neenah. Sandra will provide hands on presentation on "Celebrating the Holidays", Members are asked to bring greenery with them to the meeting.

Nancy thanked Vice President Suzanne Wozniak for conducting the meetings this summer in her absence.

Pat Ritchie moved that the meeting be adjourned, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Morack for Peggy Kramer, Secretary

FREE WINDOWS AVAILABLE

...Thinking about building a green house or cold frame??? Sue Morack is replacing her windows and has 9 double hung thermal pane windows and storm windows. Available the first week of November, free for the pick up!!! Call Sue @ 920-209-7744.



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

submitted by Connie Jess Zolkoske

Geraldine Schneekloth Nov. 17
Christann Dittman Nov. 20

In the November Garden

Roses: *Protect the crown area of roses and other tender woody plants from freezing temperatures by mounding soil around the bases. Surround the plants with a cylindrical wire cage filled with a foot-thick layer of mulch after a hard freeze.*

Seeds: *Check any seeds you've saved from the garden to be sure that they have been dried properly and are free of visible insects and disease. Store them for the winter in a dry and cool location.*

Protect new plantings... *Put cages or metal barriers around 1st year bushes and succulent trees to protect from rabbits, rodents and deer.*

Remove dead, diseased or damaged branches

If you are planning to plant a "live" Christmas tree, prepare the hole before the soil freezes.

Apply winter mulch to strawberries when plants are dormant but before temperatures drop below 20 degrees F.



HARVEST HINT

~~from Rebecca Weber Schmolll~~

To prevent winter squash from spoiling too soon, dip the blossom end in warm melted paraffin wax. Also the stem end, if the stem has broken off.

YOUR ARTICLE, PHOTO OR INFORMATION COULD GO HERE!!!!

Articles and information for the **December Newsletter** are due to Kate Saunders by **Monday, November 23rd** your input is valued; help me keep our newsletter interesting!!!! Email or snail mail –I am happy to type in your mailed information as needed.....Thanks, Kate



RECIPES ~~

Submitted by Ila Sanders

Hot Cranberry Sipper

1/2 c. sugar
 1 cinnamon stick
 3 c. cranberry juice
 1 6 oz. frozen orange juice
 concentrate--undiluted
 3/4 c. water
 1 T. lemon juice

Combine all ingredients and heat on range or in microwave. Serve hot.

Holiday Spice

Peeling of 1/2 orange and 1/2 lemon
 cut in small pieces
 1 cinnamon stick
 1/4 c. whole cloves
 2 bay leaves
 3 c. water

Combine and simmer before guests arrive. A delicious inviting aroma!!

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