

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.

SEPTEMBER Meeting Information
6:00 p.m. Social
6:30 p.m. Business meeting
7:30 p.m. Program -Master Gardeners' International Conference

2009 Executive Board Members

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

October Program Information:

Our own Dorothy Shaver, Barb Lamb, and Joan Schmidt will be sharing an update from the International Conference for Master Gardener's held in Las Vegas this past March. Photos, seminar information, and their experiences from the related tours of the area will be a part of their presentation

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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 (email address: [flowerpower@tds.net](mailto:flowerpower@tds.net))

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### **October UW -Extension Education Programs.....**

#### **HARVEST OF FALL FAVORITES**

Pre-Register with Waupaca County UW-Extension-- 715-258-6225. Attend FRIDAY morning (9-11 AM) or afternoon (1-3 PM) workshops at the Waupaca County Courthouse Room 1037\*

COST: \$5.00 per session for supplies, payable at the door. Space for 15 per worksop.

**October 9** - Gifts from the Garden



HAPPY HALLOWEEN!!!

President's Note:

It seems our summer came in September this year. Personally, I could have used some of the 80 degree days in June/July! Barring any frost events, our family will be eating tomatoes in October.

I'd like to extend a big THANK YOU to the fall plant sale committee! Special thanks to our chair and co-chair - Nancy Weasner and Heidi Jacobson - for taking on this task. The weather was cooperative for the sale and the plants and bulbs looked great. It was nice to see some new faces at the sale as well. Congratulations to all!

The fall tends to be a busy administrative time for our group and here are a few items to keep in mind:

- Please remember to turn in your volunteer hour sheets to Pat Ritchie if you haven't already done so.
- Elections will be here before you know it, so consider running for office!
- Now is the time to start reviewing your project(s) this past year and determining what you would like to be able to accomplish next year. This will aid in filling out the Project Approval/Request forms due later this fall.

Enjoy the beautiful fall weather

Nancy

**Articles and information** for the **November Newsletter** are due to Kate Saunders by **Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup>**. 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

**Waupaca County Master Gardener  
Association Meeting  
September 10, 2009  
Waupaca County Courthouse**

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Suzanne Wozniak at 6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Greg Blonde, Leigh Braatz, Lorry Brace, Alice Brown, Gloria Gruer, Dorrie Hipschman, Heidi Jacobson, Bill Johnson, Carol Johnson, Suzanne King, Peggy Kramer, Terry Kramer, Patti Leiskau, Sharon Lemmers, Hope MacIntyre, Agnes Marchel, Sally Marchel-Handrich, Vance Linden, Jean Medway, Susan Morack, Pam Nitke, Barb Nollenberg, Kent Pegorsch, Penny Pritzlaff, Pat Ritchie, Jill Ruesch, Ila Sanders, Tom Sanders, Kate Saunders, Joan Schmitt, Dorothy Shaver, Judy Shaw, Lee Shaw, Jean Skewes, Jeff Weasner, Nancy Weasner, Rebecca Weber Schmolli, and Suzanne Wozniak.

Lee Shaw made a motion to approve the August minutes and Gloria Gruer seconded that the minutes from the August 13, 2009 meeting be approved as written. Motion carried.

The September Treasurer's report was given by Rebecca Weber Schmolli.

Book Reviews were given by Hope MacIntyre; all books are available at the Waupaca Public Library.

Butterflies and Moths by Nic Bishop is a beautiful book with magnified pictures of butterflies and moths.

American Mixed Border by Ann Lovejoy takes you step by step into the world of coordinating trees, shrubs and perennials in the garden border.

Tall Perennials by Roger Turner who is a landscape architect writes about perennials that are five feet or taller. He gives the reader the characteristics of tall plants and how they can be combined with other plants.

The 400 Best Garden Plants by Elvin McDonald is a practical encyclopedia of annuals, perennials, bulbs, trees and shrubs.

The State Representative report was given by Pat Ritchie. New time sheets were

passed out. This time sheet is to be used from September 1, 2009 until August 31, 2010. If it is more convenient, people may e-mail Pat their time sheet next fall by the September meeting.

There is still time to register for the state MG convention. Go to the state MG website for further information. Pat had raffle tickets from the MG convention for sale. Garden Journals are available for \$13.00 each-see Pat.

Lee Somerville, a Master Gardener from Door County, is writing a book about Wisconsin garden history for the Wisconsin Historical Society. If you garden at a historic site or include heirloom plants in your own garden, please contact her at [leesom@sbcglobal.net](mailto:leesom@sbcglobal.net).

A training program called "Got Dirt" is being offered by the Gardens of the Fox Cities in Appleton on November 11 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The training is centered on children's gardens from preschool through the lower elementary ages. See Pat if you are interested in attending.

The membership committee report was given by Sally Marchel-Handrich. The committee encourages all members to take part in the Fall Plant Sale. Pass the sale information along to friends, family and co-workers.

Nancy Weasner gave the final information on the plant sale. Set up and plant drop off is on September 18<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 – 3:00. If unable to drop plants off at this time see Nancy or Jeff Weasner for other arrangements. The sale is on September 19<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 – 2:00 in the Education Building at the Weyauwega Fairgrounds. Bulbs and rhizomes may be put in open paper bags and labeled.

Waupaca County Fair report: Pat Ritchie and Lee Shaw expressed thanks and gratitude to every member that helped out at the fair. They both appreciated the time and effort given. Some of our MG members won awards for their products. Deb Calmes won Grand Champion for her floral arrangement, Lorrey Brace won Grand Champion for her butterfly quilt, Alice Brown and Lee Shaw each won Blue Ribbons.

Kate Saunders gave the Publicity report. She would like members to send her pictures and articles on WCMGV projects. Please be

specific with labeling pictures. Either e-mail her the pictures in j-peg form, or mail them to her. The Waupaca Library is putting on an exhibit with the theme of Shel Silverstein's book The Giving Tree. The purpose of the exhibit is to share with the community the various groups in the area that give to the community. Please contact Kate if you are willing to help.

An elementary teacher is putting in a butterfly garden at the Waupaca Learning Center. If you have plants suitable for this garden, please contact Kate Saunders or Patti Leiskau.

Dorothy Shaver expressed thanks for all that were at the September meeting, however she was very disappointed at the number of people that came to the August meeting at the Lola Children's Garden. Seventeen people attended the meeting.

New Business: Jeff Weasner and the nominating committee will be putting together a slate of officers. He encourages people to consider running for office. Openings are for a vice-president, secretary and a board member.

Greg Blonde gave a report on Late Blight in Waupaca County. Many growers have lost thousands of dollars to this blight. Check your tomatoes for signs of the blight. They have an oily stain-like marking on the leaf, stem or vine. The green fruit looks leathery. If you suspect that your plants have the blight, cut them off, bag them and send them to the landfill or cut them and till them into the ground. Do not compost these items. The blight will not over-winter.

Gloria Gruer motioned that the meeting be adjourned. Kate Saunders seconded. Motion carried, the meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Additional books presented by our speaker Brent Wiersma:

Rodale's All New Encyclopedia of Organic Gardening

The New Organic Grower by Eliot Coleman

Four Season Harvest by Eliot Coleman

Respectfully submitted,  
Peggy Kramer, Secretary



# OCTOBER



# BIRTHDAYS



*submitted by Connie Jess Zolkoske*

10/16 Dorrie Hipshman  
10/18 Colleen McCoy  
10/27 Heidi Jacobson

10/17 Leigh Braatz  
10/24 Carol Johnson



Thanks to all members who contributed to making the Fall Plant Sale a Success!!!  
These smiling volunteers are just a few of the members who worked to fund our projects!

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