



## <sup>UW</sup>Extension Waupaca County

# Master Gardener Newsletter

September 2006

**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. If you have any question about whether or not a meeting will be held, please contact Susan Finkel at 715-752-4494 or [finkel@uwosh.edu](mailto:finkel@uwosh.edu)*



*Unless otherwise stated, meetings and programs will be held in the lower level of the Waupaca County Courthouse.*



**September 9 – Fall Plant Sale,  
Fairgrounds, Weyauwega**

(see more information on back page)



**September 14 –6:00 p.m. - Back to the Courthouse,  
Waupaca - Potluck and Meeting**

Our guest and speaker will be Susan Mahr.

These are guidelines to follow for food agenda.

Members with last name **A-F: Appetizers (fresh  
veggies, cheese, chips, bread, rolls)**

Members with last name **G-K: Salads**

Members with last name **L-R: Casseroles/Main Dish**

Members with last name **S-Z: Dessert**



**September 14 – Volunteer Hour Sheets are Due!**



### September in the Garden

For gardeners, September and May are a lot alike. They both usually provide some of the best growing conditions of the year. They are also the busiest months for yard and garden projects.

Fall is time for planting fall mums and spring flowering bulbs like tulips and daffodils, trees, shrubs, grass seed in bare spots or an entire lawn. For planting divisions of perennial plants that need moving or thinning out elsewhere in your yard. Fall is also harvest time in the vegetable garden. This is when gardens are most bountiful. Share your bounty by donating excess produce to those in need.

### Home

- Store leftover garden seed in a cool, dry place. A sealable jar with a layer of silica gel or powdered milk in the bottom works well.
- Take houseplants back indoors before night temperatures dip into the 50's. Wash foliage well with water to knock off insect hitchhikers. Wash pots thoroughly, especially underneath, to remove slugs, earwigs and bugs that have been hiding there.

### Yard

- Harvest apples, pears, grapes, everbearing strawberries, and raspberries. For most fruits flavor is the best indicator of ripeness.
- Clean-up fallen twigs, fruits, and leaves around fruit trees to reduce disease and insect carryover.
- To promote your lawn's recovery from summer stress, apply nitrogen fertilizer.
- Early fall is a good time to apply broadleaf weed killers.

### Garden

- Dig onions and garlic after tops have fallen over.
- Mature green tomatoes can be ripened indoors. Individually wrap fruits in newspaper and store in a cool location 55-60 degrees.
- Harvest winter squash when mature (skin will not dent from a fingernail).
- Plant spring-flowering bulbs beginning in September.
- Dig tender perennials, such as cannas, caladiums, & dahlias and store in a cool, dry, dark place.



**President's Letter**

*Submitted by Susan Finkel*

Welcome to September.



This is a rich and bountiful time in the garden. Everywhere I turn I have tomatoes ripening, more yellow beans than I can count and weeds, weeds and more weeds. I'm not proud to admit this, but I grew an amazing collection of weeds in my garden this year. How could the weeds grow so tall when it was so hot and dry?

September is also a season of new beginnings...back to school, back to work and back to the courthouse for our meetings. It is exciting to have Susan Mahr come to our first courthouse meeting of the fall season!

We have a big project facing us in September and October. Our by-laws are the rules that govern our group. It's a good thing to revise them every few years, and now is the time. Faye and her committee have been hard at work over the summer discussing potential changes (many of which are based on discussions we have had over the past few years). They've worked at crafting words and sentences that hopefully will make sense. Those changes are included in this month's newsletter. Please read them carefully. We'll go over the changes at our September meeting and answer questions and try to clarify any cloudiness. Then, in October, we'll ask you to vote to approve those changes. It's a big project, and one we all need to be responsible for.

One last thing... want some free money for a garden project? Well, then write a grant! The state MG association has money available for new and innovative garden projects. Pat Ritchie has the applications. I'll help you write! The deadline for these grants is OCTOBER 1!!!

Have a great month!  
*Susan*



Happy Birthday to the  
September Birthday  
People!



*Submitted by Connie Jess Zolkoske*

- 9/1 Gloria Gruer
- 9/12 Susan Thomas
- 9/17 Judy Shaw
- 9/20 Steve Hart
- 9/22 Deb Krogwold
- 9/24 Lee Shaw



**Volunteer Hour Sheets are Due**

Don't forget to submit your MG volunteer and continuing education hours for the year 2006 by the September meeting. If you have any questions regarding your hours, contact Pat Ritchie at 920-867-3074.



**Please Update Your Roster**

Ila and Tom Sander's new email:  
[tomilasanders@tds.net](mailto:tomilasanders@tds.net)

Barb Lamb's email:  
[warrennewlondon@aol.com](mailto:warrennewlondon@aol.com)

Nancy Johnson's new email:  
[plantsrfun@gmail.com](mailto:plantsrfun@gmail.com)



**New London Children's Garden**

*Submitted by Barb Lamb*

Another great year was completed on August 25 with "stone soup". We are getting great P.R. coverage from the cable channel, Post Crescent West, and the Press Star.



**Friday Garden Group**

*Submitted by Susan Finkel*

On August 18 the Friday Garden Group celebrated the first annual Potato Festival. Children came wearing costumes of French fries, baked potatoes and even mashed

potatoes. We had potato sack races, made fried potatoes and sang potato songs. It was a hoot!

Our last gathering of the summer was August 25. We celebrated the summer with a garden lunch. The children made the lunch using vegetables from the garden and invited parents and friends to share in the bounty. It was a wonderful time, and many plans were made for returning next summer!



**Scrapbook**

*Submitted by Barb Lamb*

Thank you to Carol Johnson and Chris Dittman for getting the historian scrapbook up to date and ready to show Susan Mahr at our September meeting.



**Tips From Our Members**

Peggy Kramer sent in two post-garden tips that have worked for her for years now!

1. Wash cucumbers for pickling in your washing machine. Do so on a gentle cycle with cold water. This process works wonderfully and it cuts down on the amount of preparation time.
2. Before the advent of the salad spinner, I dried all of my lettuce in the washing machine. Now I do so when I am making a large salad. Tie lettuce in a pillow case, put in a washing machine on a delicate spin cycle. This really works!

*Peggy Kramer*



**Pumpkin Rot**

Are you experiencing pumpkins rotting on the vine? Some of the reasons might be:

Planting them too early. Ground temp needs to be 60° or more.

Fertilizer should contain potassium (13-0-44)

Try rotating the pumpkins on the stem and placing a board under each to keep from rotting.



## August Meeting Notes

Submitted by Rebecca Weber Schmoll,  
Secretary



Attendance: Greg Blonde, Leigh Braatz, Lorry Brace, Joleen Diley, Kathy Erickson, Susan Finkel, Gloria Gruer, Dorrie Hipschman, Cynthia Holly, Bill Johnson, Carol Johnson, Nancy Johnson, Sue King, Barbara Koehnke, Peggy Kramer, Terry Kramer, Deb Krogwold, Barb Lamb, Patti Leiskau, Sally Marchel Handrich, Colleen McCoy, Jan Mead, Lyle Mork, Pam Nitke, Barb Nollenberg, Glenda Rhodes, Pat Ritchie, Ila Sanders, Tom Sanders, Joan Schmitt, Lee Shaw, Jeff Weasner, Nancy Weasner, Rebecca Weber Schmoll, Carol West-Dahl, Faye Wilson, Suzanne Wozniak, Connie Zolkoske.  
Guests: Ruth Johnson and Hope MacIntyre.

President Susan Finkel welcomed members to the August meeting. Four guests were introduced and welcomed to the meeting. Susan mentioned the “parking lot” concept for “parking for later discussion” any difficult issues that might arise.

**Secretary Report:** The July minutes were approved with a motion by Gloria Gruer and seconded by Pat Ritchie. The minutes from the July executive meeting were read by the secretary.

**Treasurer Report:** Colleen McCoy gave the treasurer’s report.

**State Representative Report:** Pat Ritchie gave the state representative report. The September meeting will have Master Gardener Program Coordinator Dr. Susan Mahr as our guest speaker. She has the expertise to speak on a variety of subjects. Members expressed an interest on learning more about insects, both pest and beneficial. September’s meeting will also be a potluck meal, so our guest speaker may join us.

Pat reminded us that hour sheets are due at the September meeting. New members need a minimum of twenty-four hours. Pat briefly explained the differences between support, educational, and volunteer hours. The monthly business meeting is support hours. Mileage time to the meeting can also be counted. Education hours are when you learn something. Volunteer hours are when you do something.

Grants are from the state organization, and these grants are free money. All grants are due October 1, and these are sent to the state office. Susan Finkel can help you to fill out the grant applications, if you need such help. Grant money stays with that project and does not go into the general budget. Grant money is \$100, \$250, or \$400. Anyone completing a grant application should let Susan Finkel know of your grant interest so two grants don’t cancel each other out.

**Book Reports:** Faye Wilson reported on the book, *Midwest Cottage Gardening* by Frances Manos. This book is written by a Chicago author who goes into detail about plants. Jan Mead reported on the book, *The Truth about Garden Remedies*. This is a very interesting book written by a Minnesota author.

### Committee Reports:

**County Fair Committee:** Pat Ritchie has sign-up sheets for more volunteer workers at the fair, especially in the youth building in the open class. We will also have a display booth at the exhibition hall at the fair. Cookbooks will be sold at the fair. Working at the fair is an excellent way to get volunteer hours.

**By-Laws Committee:** The committee is meeting to fine tune the changes. Absentee ballot is still being discussed. These changes will be published in the September newsletter. Discussion will take place at the September meeting.

Voting on the by-law revisions will take place in October.

**Nominating Committee:** This committee is developing a nominating slate of officers to be voted on in November. Open positions are vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and one board member.

### Old Business:

**Member Survey:** Suggestions generated by this survey will be published in the October newsletter.

**Executive Meeting Schedule:** All members are invited to attend this meeting. The August executive meeting was held August 17 at the Coffee Klatch in Weyauwega. The September meeting will be Monday, September 18 in Sugar Bush at 6:30 p.m..

**Leadership Waupaca County:** Three Master Gardeners have expressed an interest in this training. We do have scholarship money available.

**Shirts:** Patti Leiskau is handling the printed MG logo t-shirts. Price will depend on how many shirts are ordered. Mail your money and order to Colleen McCoy, and orders are due by August 25. Checks should be made out to Waupaca Master Gardeners. Tom Sanders is handling orders for embroidered MG logo denim shirts. The MG logo embroidered on your shirt costs \$7.50. You can also purchase a shirt in one of two colors for a price of \$25 to \$32.

**Fall Plant Sale:** There is a sign-up sheet for workers. Flyers should be passed out for the publicity. Publicity of the plant sale is going great. Plants are to be dropped off at the fair ground Friday night 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., September 8. Cookbooks, plant markers, marking pens, and plant dictionaries will also be sold at the plant sale.

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## Meeting Notes (Continued)

### New Business:

**Spring Plant Sale:** A chairman is needed for the spring plant sale. The spring chairman is then the co-chairman for the fall plant sale. Please let Susan Finkel if you are interested in being the chairman.

**New Member Class:** Technology is set up for classes at both Waupaca and Clintonville. Ten people are needed at each site. Maximum of twenty people at each class, with classes starting January 23, 2007. Master gardeners will be needed to mentor each class. Cost of the class is \$125.

### National Garden Policy

**Conference:** President Susan Finkel has information on this. There will be twenty-five speakers at this conference.

**Miscellaneous:** There are flyers on the Hancock Open House on August 14. Barb Lamb needs help with the scrap book. The New London Children's Garden needs old nylons. Birds of prey will be the topic of the New London Children's Garden on August 11. Lyle Mork reminded people of the dedication and potluck meal at the lola Community Gardens on August 26.

The meeting was adjourned by a motion by Lee Shaw and a second by Faye Wilson.

*Respectfully, Rebecca Weber Schmoll*



### UW Plant Disease Diagnostics:

[www.plantpath.wisc.edu/pddc/](http://www.plantpath.wisc.edu/pddc/)

**InfoSource:** <http://infosource.uwex.edu>

### UW Publications Web Site:

<http://www1.uwex.edu/ces/pubs/>

### MG Web Site:

<http://www.hort.wisc.edu/mastergardener>

### UW Garden Facts:

[www.wihort.uwex.edu/](http://www.wihort.uwex.edu/)



## WCMG Newsletter on Website

*Submitted by Barbara Koehnke*

Anyone wishing to receive their newsletter copy via the internet rather than receiving a paper copy in the mail should let me know.

I will be submitting the monthly newsletter to be posted on our web site about the same time you ordinarily would be receiving your copy in the mail. Each month I will email you when it is available.

Access the website at:  
<http://www.hort.wisc.edu/mastergardener/>. Click on Local Association, Waupaca County.

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[blupine@centurytel.net](mailto:blupine@centurytel.net)



## Gardeners Calendar

### Sept 3, 2:00 p.m. WI Gardener TV Hot Plants - NEW!

Horticulturist Jim Nienhuis shares his favorite peppers and pepper roasting secrets; learn what's new and hot in the world of perennials and more; learn how to make and use vinegars including chili peppers and balsamic vinegar; and take a look at mushroom gardening.

**Sept 9, 2006**  
**Waupaca Co. MG Plant Sale,**  
**Weyauwega, 8:00 - 2:00 p.m.**

**Sept 9-17, 2006**  
**Rotary Gardens' Fall Plant Sale,**  
**Rotary Gardens, Janesville**  
Enormous selection of high quality perennials, trees and shrubs, plus mushroom compost. Fall asters and huge mums highlight the sale. For more information visit the Rotary Gardens webpage.

**Sept 14, 2006**  
**Shrub Identification and Selection, Menomonie**  
Melinda Meyers will be teaching this one-day, basic-level DNR-sponsored workshop. More information will be posted on the

DNR Urban & Community Forestry website's News & Events page.

### Sept 16, 2006

**First Annual Fall Fest, Green Bay**  
NEW Master Gardener's plant and craft sale. Call Deb Nitka at 920-465-8512 for more information.

### Sept 16, 2006

**Ornamental Grasses, Boerner Botanical Gardens, Hales Corner**  
Ornamental grasses offer a great diversity of textures, forms, and sizes. Explore the ornamental grasses in Boerner Botanical Gardens during their peak. This lecture will teach you the many different varieties as well as the best choices for Wisconsin. \$12 (\$10 members). For more information or to register contact Friends of Boerner Botanical Gardens, 9400 Boerner Drive, Suite 1, Hales Corners, WI 53130 at (414) 525-5676.

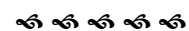
### Sept 17, 2006

**Rotary Gardens' Food Faire, Janesville**  
Rotary Gardens celebrates harvest with food-related activities throughout the gardens including the harvest of an heirloom tomato display, food demonstrations, making salsa, pesto and other garden-based products, children's activities and more. For more information visit the Rotary Gardens webpage.

### Sept 24, 2:30 WI Gardener TV Pot It

Learn more about container gardening with host Shelley Ryan.

**Sept 29, 2006, 12:00 Noon**  
**Brown Bag Program - Mulches and Benefits to Plants and Soil**  
There are many things to consider when selecting mulch. Join Bob Tomesh and Paul Hartman as they discuss a variety of issues related to mulching, including when to apply, depth, dealing with nitrogen deficiency, organic versus non-organic, fungal problems, moisture management, fertilizing, and improving soil structure.



## **By-Laws Revisions**

*Submitted by Faye Wilson*

Listed below are the suggested revisions to the by-laws. The revisions are noted in italics. These revisions will be presented and discussed at the September meeting. Final revisions will be voted for acceptance at the October meeting.

The By-laws Committee includes Jeff Weasner, Nancy Weasner, and Pat Ritchie.

*Respectively submitted, Faye Wilson, By-laws Committee Chairperson*

### **Article II. Purpose**

The purpose of this association is exclusively for horticultural education to supplement the effort of the University of Wisconsin-Extension program and thereby provide education and information on horticulture and environmental stewardship to the residents of Waupaca County without the inclusion of any purpose or intention of carrying on any business, trade, advocacy, or profession for profit. *It is also the policy of the Waupaca County Master Gardener's Association that no eligible student, client or participant shall be denied admission to or participation in any of the benefits, programs or courses offered or sponsored by the Waupaca County Master Gardener's Association, nor be denied admission to any facility owned or operated by the Waupaca County Master Gardener's Association or any of its divisions or units because of that person's race, color, creed, religion, sex, national origin, disability, ancestry, age, sexual orientation, pregnancy, marital or parental status.*

### **Article V. Officers**

Section 2. Nominations for officers shall be presented to the membership by the Nominating Committee at the regular ~~October~~ **June** business meeting. Additional candidates may be proposed from the floor at that time. All nominees must agree to serve if elected.

*Absentee ballots for elections shall be available upon written request to the Secretary a minimum of 14 days prior to the election date.*

*The Secretary shall mail the ballot to the requesting member. The member will complete the ballot and enclose it in a separate unmarked envelope. The member shall forward the completed ballot in another envelope addressed to the Secretary no later than 7 days prior to the election to be placed in the ballot box by the Secretary.*

Section 3. Officers of the association shall be elected for a one-year term **not to exceed 2 consecutive terms** by a majority of the voting members present at the regular ~~November~~ **July** business meeting and shall take office at the end of the ~~December~~ **August** business meeting.

### **Article VI. Duties of Officers**

Section 3. The Secretary shall keep and report the minutes of association meetings and of the Board meetings, shall take charge of any correspondence as needed and shall keep a record of membership certification and status. The Secretary shall serve as a member of the Board. ***In general, the Secretary shall perform all duties incident to the office of the Secretary and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned by the President or the Board of Directors.***

Section 4. The Treasurer shall be custodian of the funds of the association and shall maintain a bank account for the purposes of the association. The Treasurer shall pay only such bills as are approved by the Board or a majority of the membership. The Treasurer shall collect the membership dues, give receipts, notify delinquent members, keep a balanced account of all collections and disbursements and file receipts for same. The Treasurer shall make a report at each regular meeting and present a yearly report at the ~~January~~ **September** meeting. The Treasurers books must be audited by the Auditing Committee before the ~~January~~ **September** meeting. The Treasurer shall serve as a member of the Board.

Section 5. All association records and materials shall be transferred by outgoing officers to their successors at the end of the ~~December~~ August business meeting.

### **Article VII. Board Members**

Section 3. Two members-at-large of the Board shall be elected for a two-year term ***not to exceed 2 consecutive terms***, one in alternate years by a majority vote of the membership at the regular ~~November~~ **July** business meeting. The Nominating Committee, consisting of at least three voting association members, shall present a slate of candidates for members-at-large of the Board at the ~~October~~ **June** business meeting. Additional candidates may be nominated from the floor at that time. Election shall be by majority vote of the members present at the regular ~~November~~ **July** business meeting.

Section 6. A vacancy on the Board and the corresponding position of an officer of the association shall be filled by a majority vote of the Board members at any meeting of the Board ***of the voting members present at a regularly scheduled meeting of the association within 2 regularly scheduled meetings*** provided that any such appointment shall be to fill the unexpired term of the predecessor until the next annual election.

### **Article VIII. Duties of the Board Members**

Section 1. The Board shall hold a minimum of ~~two~~ **four** meetings a year.

### **Article IX. Committees**

Section 3. Duties of the Standing Committees are:

- A. A Nominating Committee of three active members shall be required to prepare a slate of nominations for officers and members-at-large and present it at the regular ~~October~~ **June** business meeting.
- B. An Auditing Committee shall be required to audit the Treasurer's books prior to the regular ~~January~~ **September** business meeting or at the request of the Board. A report shall be made to the membership at the ~~January~~ **September** meeting.
- C. A Program Committee shall make all necessary arrangements for the meetings and programs of the association and shall plan a schedule of programs for the upcoming year.
- D. By-Law Revision Committee shall update and tailor our by-laws to better fit with our development and to coincide with all changes made by the State association.

Section 4. Funding for Standing Committees shall be ~~from the General fund~~ ***a part of the annual budget.***

Section 5. ~~The Board shall form special committees as needed.~~ When each new Board convenes, it will identify other committees/***projects*** necessary to successful club operations. Such committees/***projects*** will be comprised of whatever members are required. The President will appoint committee/***project*** chairs.

Section 6. ~~Funding for Special Committees shall be by contribution. Shortfalls may be covered by the General fund.~~ ***Funding for the additional committees/projects identified in Section 5 will be a part of the annual budget.***

***Section 7. The Board may form special committees as needed. Funding for special committees shall be by contribution. Shortfalls may be covered by the General Fund.***

## **Article X. Finances**

**Section 1.** The annual dues of each category of membership shall be determined by the Board. Dues are payable when application for membership is accepted and thereafter on ~~January~~ September 1 of each year.

**Section 2.** The fiscal year of the association shall commence ~~January~~ September 1 and terminate ~~December~~ **August 31.**

**Section 3.** In ~~December~~ August of each year a Budget Committee will be formed comprised of the Board members of the current year and the Board members for the upcoming year. The incoming president will chair this committee. The Budget Committee shall consider written requests for funding, allocate available funds to these requests, and designate an unallocated amount for requests that may occur during the year. The Budget Committee will present a budget at the ~~January~~ **September** Meeting consisting of the various allocated amounts and an unallocated amount. The membership will vote to approve or disapprove the budget in total with a majority vote determining approval or disapproval. If the membership votes not to approve the budget, the Committee will revise the budget based on the membership's guidance and resubmit it for approval at the ~~February~~ October general meeting. This will be repeated each month until a budget is approved. Until the budget is approved, all funds will be considered unallocated.

The Treasurer, upon receipt of proper documentation, shall pay allocated items up to the amount included in the budget for that item. ~~Amounts in excess of the allocated amount shall come from the unallocated funds.~~ **No amounts will be approved for payment or paid by the Treasurer in excess of the allocated and unallocated amounts in the budget.**

All payments included in the current year's budget shall be disbursed by ~~December~~ August 31 and any allocated but unpaid amounts as of that date shall be cancelled and be requested as part of the following year's budget.

**Section 4.** The chairpersons of committees shall approach the Budget Committee with a written request for funds for the upcoming year by ~~December~~ **August 31.** The Budget Committee shall allocate funds only to items that are not in conflict with the stated purpose of the association.

~~**Section 7.** No amounts will be approved for payment or paid by the Treasurer in excess of the allocated and unallocated amounts in the budget.~~

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Notes:

## Fall Plant Sale - Set-up on September 8

Submitted by Barb Lamb, Chairperson

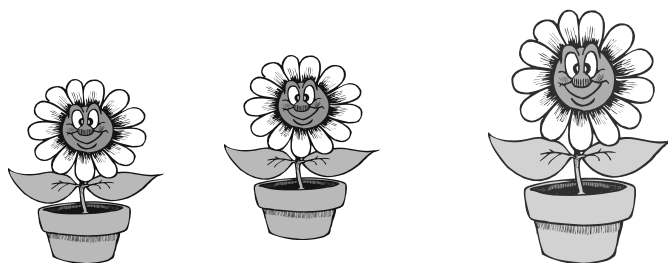
**Thank you, Thank you!** Everyone has been so helpful. It is going to be a great fun day.

We still need people at the reference table, anytime.

The recent rain should be great to help get plants divided and ready. Please call me if you need help. Barb Lamb 920-982-5762. Presently, you can also reach me at [warrennewlondon@aol.com](mailto:warrennewlondon@aol.com).

To expand the drop-off time, plants and items for the sale can be dropped off on Thursday, September 7 and the morning of Friday; September 8. The following people will accept your items and they will be kept safe until set-up on Friday.

- Becky Hinz, N3074 Alfreds Road, Weyauwega (check your roster for phone number)
- Faye Wilson, N6296 Cty F, Weyauwega (check your roster for phone number)



## UWEX Waupaca County Master Gardeners Fall Plant Sale!

**Saturday, September 9, 2006  
8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

Held in the Educational Building at the Waupaca County Fairgrounds in Weyauwega, South Street entrance.

Featuring: perennials, house plants, native plants, garden accents, bulbs, crafts and gifts... plus a reference table.



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