

Master Gardener Newsletter

**Master Gardener Meetings are held
the 2nd 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.



September Meeting Information

Submitted by Colleen McCoy

**September 11 - 6:00 p.m. Social; 6:30-7:30 p.m.,
Meeting; 7:30-8:30 p.m., Program, Waupaca**



We're back at the Courthouse, social from 6 to 6:30, meeting from 6:30 to 7:30, and program from 7:30 to 8:30.

Bring the popcorn and beverage and relax to watch "The Silence of the Bees". This is a very good movie that has been shown on PBS. Our business meeting will start at 6:30 p.m. and the movie will be shown after our business meeting.



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.

Dorothy Shaver's new email is: flowerpower@tds.net

September in the Garden

For gardeners, September and May activities are similar as they are the busiest months of the year. Fall is the time for planting divisions of perennial plants that need moving or thinning, for planting the beautiful mums and spring bulbs, and for planting trees and shrubs. Fall is also the time when vegetable gardens are most plentiful.

Outside Inside

- Take cuttings from tender annuals before the first frost hits and use them to over winter for next year's garden.
- Dig up bulbs such as cannas, callas, and dahlias when the foliage has withered.

Lawn

- Grass seed is best sown between August 15 and September 20 in our area. Be sure to keep seeds moist until germination – about two weeks.
- Fertilize the lawn around Labor Day with about one pound of actual nitrogen per one thousand square feet.

Produce

- 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. At this time the skin will not dent from a fingernail.
- Take extra safety steps when preparing fruits and vegetables for preservation.





A Note From Our President, Kate Saunders

What a gorgeous summer we have enjoyed. I loved hearing about all the projects in progress throughout the summer months. As usual you have all been busy educating the public as well as growing your gardens. I spent my first volunteer morning as an MGV at the Waupaca County Fair on Friday, August 22, helping register the Open Class flower entries. I encouraged each of the entrants to stop by the Master Gardeners' beautiful educational display. Hopefully we have recruited some new members for our next Master Gardener class. Thank you to Dort DeWild and her assistants for putting it together!

My garden is producing some gorgeous tomatoes (not a blemish) and my second crop of raspberries looks promising. However, my hosta has succumbed to insects and/or snails and is riddled with holes. Any advice for preventing damage to my hostas next year is welcome!

I will be on vacation until September 10th, so my neighbors will be enjoying the harvest from my garden. Maybe there will be a few raspberries left for us when we return! I hope to bring back some great photos of gardens from Vancouver, B.C., Seattle, WA and Portland, OR.

Remember to get your hours to Pat Ritchie by the September meeting—if you are unable to attend, be sure to get them in the mail to her ASAP. I mailed mine just in case my return flight gets delayed!

I am looking forward to the report from the fall plant sale at the September meeting. I have heard that some of you need more pots for your plants, and I am trusting that this sale will be another successful fundraiser. Wouldn't it be great if we could match our spring sale numbers!

See you at the September meeting.
Kate



A Reminder About Time Sheets

Submitted by Kate Saunders

TIME SHEETS for volunteer and educational hours are due by the SEPTEMBER 11, 2008 MEETING. Hours for the current "year" started Sept 1, 2007 and end on August 31, 2008. Be sure to check your volunteer time and educational requirements to make sure you have met the minimums. If you have not, there is still plenty of time in the next 5 weeks to accumulate both educational and volunteer hours. --THINK PBS, and the Waupaca County Fair!!

If you cannot be at the September meeting be sure to mail your time sheet to PAT RITCHIE, N3752 County O, New London, WI 54961 prior to Sept 11. If you have any questions about your time sheet, email her @ peritchie@core.com or phone her at 920-867-3074. REMEMBER!!!! This is your responsibility! If your time sheet is not in by the due date, you will NOT be certified as an MGV for Waupaca County for 2009.

You have a time sheet form in your binder. If you need additional forms, you can download copies from the Wisconsin Master Gardener Website:
<http://www.hort.wisc.edu/mastergardener/>
Click on STATE PROGRAM, then click on PROVIDING INFORMATION AND RESOURCES to download the form.

**October articles are due by
September 24th. Thanks in advance
for your timely submissions.**

Fall Plant Sale

Saturday September 6th 8am – 2pm
Waupaca County Fairgrounds

Remember to bring all plants on FRIDAY September 5th between 1 and 4 p.m. to be sorted and priced.

Proposed Invasive Species Rules for Wisconsin

Submitted by Bill Johnson

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) and the Wisconsin Council on Invasive Species have been working over the past three years to develop rules relating to the identification, classification and control of invasive species. The purpose of the rules is to prevent the introduction and spread of invasive species in the State. The key components of the rule package include:

- *definition of legal and regulated classification categories of "Prohibited" and "Restricted" species;

- *criteria for classifying species into one of these categories;

- *lists of all the specific species in the Prohibited and Restricted categories;

- *the actions that are prohibited with the regulated species;

- *exemptions for some activities involving invasive species under specific conditions or when authorized by a permit from the WDNR;

- *specific actions that can be taken to enforce the rules; and

- *establishment of regulatory controls on certain pathways of introduction or spread of invasive species (such as firewood brought in from out-of-state, or transport of aquatic species on boats or in water).

Invasive species of concern in Wisconsin have been placed into specific groups as follows:

Terrestrial Plants; woody shrubs, trees and vines; herbaceous; Aquatic Plants and Algae; Vertebrates; Terrestrial Invertebrates & Plant Disease-causing Microorganisms; Fish and Aquatic Invertebrates

For "Prohibited" plants the intent is to contain, and if possible, eradicate them wherever they appear in the State. WDNR staff intends to use education and work

with landowners to help them control any prohibited species on their property. The proposed rule will give WDNR authority to enter lands for the purpose of inspection, sampling and control of "Prohibited" invasive plant species, allow WDNR to order landowners to implement control measures, and allow for state control of "Prohibited" invasive plant species if the landowner is unable or unwilling to comply.

These proposed rules, which will become Chapter NR 40, Invasive Species Identification, Classification and Control, if adopted, are available for review on the WDNR website (dnr.wi.gov/invasives/classification).

For questions, contact Bill Johnson at 715-281-2707 or gbillj5@gmail.com.



SEEDS NEED TO BREATHE!!!

Submitted by Gloria Gruer

This spring as I gathered my small cardboard boxes of Zinnia, Balsam, and Cosmos seeds from last fall, I did NOT find my "Love In a Mist" (Nigella) seeds. Augh! Had I given them all away? Then a good friend found some in her collection and generously gave them to me, BUT, they had been sealed in a zip-lock bag. With little hope of they're germinating, I made a straight and shallow trench, spread them gingerly, watered them, and hoped.

Two weeks later, none had come up. They had suffocated, my friends. So, PLEASE LET YOUR SEEDS BREATHE !!!

Fortunately, a few from last year have peeked through the soil, and I know I shall have enough to collect for next spring. What a relief. Remember, NO AIRTIGHT STORAGE BAGS FOR YOUR FAVORITE SEEDS!!!



A weed is a plant that has mastered every survival skill except for learning how to grow in rows. - Doug Larson

August Meeting Notes

Submitted by Peggy Kramer, Secretary

President Kate Saunders called the meeting to order at 7:55 p.m.

Members Present: Greg Blonde, Julie Bosquez, Lorry Brace, Alice Brown, Dort DeWild, Gloria Gruer, Bill Johnson, Suzanne King, Peggy Kramer, Terry Kramer, Barb Lamb, Patti Leiskau, Sharon Lemmers, Hope MacIntyre, Colleen McCoy, Pam Nitke, Barb Nollenberg, Glenda Rhodes, Pat Ritchie, Ila Sanders, Tom Sanders, Kate Saunders, Joan Schmitt, Judy Shaw, Lee Shaw, Jeff Weasner, Nancy Weasner, Rebecca Weber Schmoll, Carol West-Dahl, Faye Wilson, Suzanne Wozniak and Connie Zolkoske. Guests included Barbara Wiese, Donna Wochinski, Shawn Morth and Jack Crigsau.

A motion was made by Lee Shaw that the July 10, 2008 minutes be approved as written. Colleen McCoy made a second, motion carried.

Terry Kramer gave the Treasurer's report.

(See a hard copy version of this newsletter for the numbers regarding Terry's treasurer's report. It has been practice to not include these details in the online version of the newsletter.)

Pat Ritchie gave the State Representative's Report. Pat has guidelines for grants from the State Master Gardener Board. Grants must be submitted to Pat Ritchie prior to the State Board. Pat encouraged people to submit their Master Gardener project to the International Search for Excellence award. The application is two pages long. Greg Blonde must approve the completed form before submission to the state. These are due by October 1, 2008. The 2009 State Master Gardener Convention will be in Wisconsin Dells on October 2 and 3. Pat will send out an e-mail on a continuing education opportunity about MG Associations around the state will be giving trainings on Vegetables and Fruits. Pat reminded the group that all hour forms are due at the September WCMG meeting!

Connie Zolkoske gave the Membership report. Connie reiterated that all hours forms are due to Pat Ritchie by the September meeting. There will be no exceptions, as decided by the

Executive Committee at their July 23rd meeting. Forms for the Capital Budget Request and Project Approval forms are due by the October meeting. The forms must be specific as to purpose and costs must be estimated for each item. Plants need to be potted within the next few weeks for the Fall Plant Sale. A charter member of the Waupaca Master Gardener Association, Verna Radtke passed away. She named the Waupaca County Master Gardeners as honorary casket bearers.

Pat Ritchie asked that people sign up to work at the County Fair. Lee Shaw and Pat Ritchie bought a cart to be used by the MGs for the County Fair and the Plant Sales. Dort DeWild is designing an educational display board for use at the fair. The board will have brochures from the state on invasive species, information on the WCMG and pictures of recent WCMGA activities. Brochures about invasive species were ordered by Mark Saunders of the WI DNR for distribution at the fair.

Greg Blonde announced that the next training for becoming a Master Gardener will begin in January. Tentatively it will be on Tuesday nights from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. in Waupaca. Interested candidates should call the Extension office.

Kate Saunders spoke for Nancy Johnson about the Fall Plant Sale on Saturday, Sept 6, 2008. Sign up sheets are available for working hours. Bring all plants on FRIDAY September 5th between 1 and 4 p.m. to be sorted and priced. If you cannot bring plants during those hours try to arrange for a fellow MG to drop them off for you or call Nancy Johnson to arrange an alternate drop off time or place. Flyers are available and also may be downloaded. Please put them up at businesses. It is suggested to bring a folding chair. Plants, fruits and vegetables are accepted. Be sure to check the list of invasive and aggressive species that will **not** be accepted for the plant sale

New Business: Patti Leiskau gave a report on the Ash Borer, Gypsy Moth and the Eastern Caterpillar. Patti sited that birds, mammals and insects are natural predators of the Gypsy Moth. Tent caterpillars may be hand picked and put in a container of soapy water or their nests may be disturbed with a spray from the hose.

Barb Lamb asked that people go to www.goodsearch.com and type in Feather Rehabilitation Center. Each search generates a

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penny toward Osprey research and rehabilitation.

Tom and Ila Sanders will be gone during the next printing of the newsletter. Pam Nitke volunteered to have the newsletter printed and mailed.

Lee Shaw shared a picture and an article run in the Press Star on August 8, 2008 about the New London Friday Garden Group's new sign.

Pat Ritchie moved that the Waupaca County Master Gardeners purchase a tree for \$100.00 for the Weyauwega Fairgrounds in Verna Radtke's memory. Gloria Gruer seconded the motion. The motion carried. Barb Lamb donated \$50.00 from the Budwit Gardens to this memorial for Verna. Faye Wilson will take care of the purchase and arrangements.

The next meeting will be at the Waupaca County Courthouse on September 11, 2008.

At 8:25 p.m. Lee Shaw motioned that the meeting be adjourned, Connie Zolkoske seconded the motion. The motioned carried.



Healthy Spices

Source: www.wholeliving.com

Fennel: a well-known digestive aid and a strong antioxidant

Garlic: a heart helper, known as the "poor man's penicillin"

Ginger: high in potassium and helps settle an upset stomach

Cinnamon: helps lower blood sugar and may reduce cholesterol and triglyceride levels

Rosemary: good source of iron, calcium, and potassium

Tumeric: anti-inflammatory and antioxidant agent



"Why do you Garden?"

Thanks to the following gardeners for sharing their thoughts to this month's newsletter question.

Quote by Ann Marie Roam: "Children love to plant a bean and watch the sprout grow and mature. This experience teaches them several lessons, patience while waiting for the bean to sprout, wonder at the life peaking up out of the dirt, and joy when the bean turns into a real plant. Patience, wonder and joy – not a bad yield for one little bean! Ann Marie Roam says it all!

- Sue King

I love gardening because I still get to play in the dirt!

--Patti Leiskau

I like to garden because it is exercise, a time to myself, all the beautiful colors make it very rewarding, and most importantly I get to work with others who share the love of gardening.

-Pam Nitke

I enjoy gardening because it allows me time to let my thoughts wander gaining insight and perspective.

-Dort De Wild

It takes me back to my roots. My mother always had a vegetable garden and flowerbeds. Plus my father was a farmer. I love gardening because it gets me out of the house (no dusting then). I have the perfect location for gardening, a peaceful spot between woods. I get physical activity and a free suntan. I can see the product of my labors. No one talks back to me. I am making my own little spot on earth more beautiful. I see the wild birds, nature all around me, a baby fawn, turkeys, hummingbirds, and butterflies. I just love being outside playing in my football field garden.

-Rebecca Weber Schmoll

I love gardening because it is my time for thought and wonderment. I am continually amazed at the beauty of flowers. I am amazed at how plants are incredibly resilient, as are the insects and weeds! When all else in my life may seem incredibly busy, a walk in the garden calms me. As I work in my garden, it gives me a chance to realize just how beautiful life is!

-Faye A. Wilson



In Memory of Verna Radtke

Love this Earth as if you won't be here tomorrow; show reverence for your Garden as if you will be here forever.

-Scottish proverb



Happy Birthday to You!

September Birthdays

Submitted by Connie Jess Zolkoske

09/01 Gloria Gruer
 09/12 Susan Thomas
 09/13 Amy Krolow Maas
 09/13 Agnes Marchel
 09/17 Judy Shaw
 09/22 Debbie Krogwold
 09/24 Lee Shaw



Tomatoes Stuffed with Grilled Corn Salad

Source: www.marthastewart.com

3 ears corn, with husks
 4 beefsteak tomatoes
 1T. olive oil
 ½ c. chopped scallions
 ½ c. crumbled soft goat cheese
 1 T. white-wine vinegar
 salt and pepper
 3 slices cooked bacon, crumbled

Grill corn and cut kernels off cob.

Cut off and discard top third of tomatoes. Cut around wall of tomato to loosen flesh. Squeeze out seeds, scoop out and chop interiors.

Combine corn kernels and chopped tomatoes; add scallions, all but 2 T. goat cheese, vinegar, and oil. Season with salt and pepper; toss to combine. Spoon filling into hollowed tomatoes; sprinkle with remaining goat cheese and bacon.

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