



# **Waupaca County October 2016**

## **Master Gardener Volunteers' Newsletter**

**Master Gardener Meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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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#### **Waupaca County Courthouse**

6:00 pm Social  
6:30 pm Business Meeting  
7:30 pm Program with Rob Zimmer  
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### **2016 Executive Board Members**

**President: Rebecca Weber-Schmoll**  
**Vice-President: Sally Marchel/Handrich**  
**Secretary: Deana Hirte**  
**Treasurer: Bridget Kurth**  
**Member at Large: Patty Tomczak-Virnig**  
**Member at Large: Kathleen Daley**  
**Past President: Susan Morack**  
**State Board Rep: Pat Ritchie**  
**UWEX Advisor: Greg Blonde**

**From Greg Blonde:** MGV members please contact my secretary or me at 715-258-6230 extension 2 with any changes regarding contact information. For example send a change in name, email, mailing address, or phone number.  
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### **Program Committee:**

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#### **November 10, 2016**

##### **Waupaca County Courthouse**

6:00 Social  
6:30-7:30 Program: "Invasive Plants in your Backyard"  
7:30 Business meeting

Steve Petznick will be with us to share his expertise on invasive plants. Steve has a degree in forestry and an extensive background in field experience in working with invasive species. He will help us to recognize potential plant problems, and will share ideas on proper control techniques.

The Program Committee is looking for members to volunteer their gardens/home for the June, July, August MGV meetings. Please contact Sally or Ila if you are interested. Any program ideas, please let us know.

### **Secretaries Report:**

#### ***Meeting Minutes***

##### **September 8, 2016**

##### **Call to order**

Rebecca Weber-Schmoll called to order the regular meeting of the UW-Extension Waupaca County Master Gardener Association at 6:27pm on September 8, 2016 in the lower level meeting room of the Waupaca County Courthouse. 17 members were in attendance.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Jean motioned and Joan 2nd the approval of the August 2016 meeting minutes as written in newsletter.

### **Treasurer's Report: Bridget**

Bridget Kurth gave treasurer's report. She noted that \$900 in donations were given to area libraries (9). Kathy motioned and Sue 2<sup>nd</sup> to accept the treasurer's report.

### **Committee Reports:**

Sally and Connie

Membership: A \$50.00 gift certificate drawing was held for all those in attendance to be used toward gardening education workshops. The drawing is held to promote attendance at meetings and encourage continued education. Congratulations to Chris Bando for winning this month's drawing.

Ila reported that Walt Thompson has to terminate his membership due to health reasons. He has requested membership take over the Riverside Reflections Garden care. Membership discussed if this is really a master gardener project. IT will be added to executive meeting agenda..

Program/Publicity: A sign-up sheet was passed around for members to sign up for committees and projects for the upcoming year. Also, forms for project approvals, budget requests and capital budget requests were given out. Sally and Connie noted that if a member is unable to fully chair a committee, the position can be shared between two members. Annual dues and volunteer hours were collected. Upcoming meeting topics were discussed. Program suggestions and ideas were requested from the membership. Let Sally or Connie know your ideas.

Nominations for officers' slate: A request for volunteers for officers was given. The slate will be discussed at the October meeting and elections will be held at the November meeting.

### **State Representative Report:**

Pat shared she requested updates from the state reps but hasn't heard from them yet. She stated there are some problems with the state master gardener website. The next meeting will be held in October.

Pat thanked all those that volunteered and helped with the fair.

### **Old Business:**

S.O.P.: reported will be completed by the end of the year

By-laws: will be presented at the October meeting

Executive Board Meetings held first Monday in October and December at Royalton Church at 6:30 pm.

Goats: "Rent a Goat" project reported on.

The cost is \$150 a house. Goat owner supplies the goats, herd dog, feeds, waters and transports goats and fences area to be 'mowed' by goats. It was reported the entire neighborhood benefitted from the goat project and the buckthorn was controlled.

### **New Business:**

Christmas Party: Patty asked for helpers and ideas for the party. Barb volunteered. If interested, let Patty know.

Seed donation: A large seed donation was received from Walmart. Anyone can take what they want. Storage was discussed. Deb has cacti to give away from a past project.

Mark reported that the fairgrounds display has interested 4 people in joining master gardeners. Sally knows others that are interested and has sent Greg a list of prospective members.

Connie brought up idea of a scholarship for the class for prospective members. This idea is to be put on agenda for executive meeting.

Deana spoke about Leadership Waupaca after attending the first session. She thanked the membership for the scholarship and the opportunity to take the course.

Pat talked about the article on Ila in the Our Wisconsin magazine.

### **Adjournment:**

Rebecca Weber-Schmoll adjourned the business meeting at 7:08pm.

Food, fellowship and "It's A Good Thing" followed. Thank you to Jean, Ila, Rebecca, Barb, Connie and Pat for sharing their good things.

Minutes submitted by: Deana Hirte

## Master Gardener Volunteers October President Letter

A big thank you to all members who attended our September meeting. It was great seeing all of you who attended and signed up for various committees and projects. Both Pat and Bridget were kept busy with dues being paid and hour sheets turned in. I also had a great time participating in our informal Martha Stewart sharing.

My "first year at the new place" garden is winding down. It was a very successful and productive garden. I was worried that the local deer herd was going to decimate the garden. The deer did leave their hoof prints in the garden, but did not seem to be dining there. Now the chipmunks were another story. The chipmunks pulled up a whole row of beets, and then those beets just wilted on the ground. The tomato harvest was bountiful, and much canning was done. Jars of spaghetti sauce, stewed tomatoes, tomato juice, and tomato vegetable juice now stock the root cellar. Winter squash, pumpkins, gourds, and harvest corn still wait harvesting. One end of the garden is now a fall garden with lettuce, spinach, and radishes planted. We also have a small apple and pear orchard that will soon need picking.

At the end of the growing season, it is a good idea to reflect on the successes and failures we all experienced in our gardening endeavors. Journaling is a good idea to help us learn from our mistakes and not repeat those mistakes. True, the weather is a huge factor in our gardening success, and this we cannot control. This 2016 growing season has been the fourth wettest summer on record. I did appreciate not having to drag hoses and sprinklers around much this summer.

I still hope to plant some more spring bulbs at the edge of the front lawn where lawn meets woods. Hopefully I will get some wonderful ideas and inspiration from our October program speaker, Rob Zimmer. Our October program is titled "Designing with Unusual Bulbs- Beyond Tulips and Daffodils." When I came home from our September meeting, I was carrying a large bag filled with beautiful packets of flower and

vegetable seeds. As I stored the seeds away until spring arrives again, I did think that maybe I will have to expand my gardening space to accommodate all those seeds. Who can resist beautiful FREE seeds?! Until that first killing frost arrives to end our growing season – Rebecca



### Correspondence received:

Waupaca Master Gardener Volunteers,  
I want to let you all know that am leaving the Master Gardener organization to pursue other interests. My 10 years with the Waupaca County Master Gardener Association has been a wonderful experience. You are an amazing, dedicated group of people. I enjoyed working on the many committees and projects throughout the years. I value each of you. I trust that our paths will continue to cross. Thanks for all you do. Kate Saunders

### October Birthdays!

No October Birthdays!!