

MANITOWOC MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEERS
MONTHLY MEETING

Date: February 27, 2012
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Place: Manitowoc County Office Complex
Attendance: 23
Education: Paula Radl – Thrifty Gardening Decorating Ideas – 30 min.

The February meeting was called to order by President Pat Hollen. The November minutes were approved as published in the last newsletter. The treasurer's report was given and accepted as read.

Committee Reports

Facebook -- Chelle Blaszyk

Chelle updated us on the Manitowoc Master Gardener Facebook page. She and Paula have been working on the information page and want to add pictures from projects such as the garlic mustard pull and Garden Walk before publishing.

Master Gardener Scholarship – Bernie Zimmer

Bernie has gathered information from other groups who offer scholarships to high school and college students. She wanted feedback from the group as to whom we should offer the scholarship and what our requirements would be for the perspective recipient. A discussion followed and it was decided not to offer the scholarship for the fall semester but possibly sponsor an internship at the Green Bay Botanical Garden. Doris made a motion, with a second from Karen, to wait on the scholarship at this time but sponsor an intern instead. The motion carried. Bernie will contact GBBG to get more information.

Renegade Gardener – Pat Hollen, Chelle Blaszyk

Pat explained the choice of topics for Don's presentation. Each will be 45 minutes to 1 hour in length. Judy Lango is in charge of securing hotel reservations for the speaker. Toni is checking on purchasing beverages through the Two Rivers Public School system. Chelle showed us the posters and press releases that she has prepared and which will be distributed using a list similar to what we used for Mad Dog & Merrill. The committee will meet again on March 26th.

Annual Dinner – Pat Wiegert

Pat shared the information she received from Pat Wiegert. The Annual Dinner will be at Knox's Silver Valley Banquet Hall on Alverno Road at 6 p.m. on Friday, April 27th. The cost for the family style meal will be \$17, which includes the tax and tip. Checks should be made payable to Pat Wiegert and can be mailed to her at 1117 – 29th Street, Two Rivers, Wisconsin 54241.

Library Books – Celeste Rogers

The library has not yet made a choice for our book donation. Celeste will inquire further.

Old Business

After consulting with Ruth and Scott, Pat has reserved our meeting room for the next three years.

New Business

Doris stated that our \$100 annual membership at Woodland Dunes is due. Rosie made a motion, with a second from Marilyn, to send a check for our membership to Woodland Dunes. The motion carried.

Gladwyn informed us that the onion order will be shipped to him on April 16 and he will have a few extras of the Copra onions. He also stated that there would be garlic mustard pulls on May 19th and 26th and again on June 23rd and 30th.

Pat showed us the new plant hardiness map. Much of Manitowoc County is now in Zone 5b with the western part of the county in Zone 5a. She also has learned that the Madison Master Gardeners will suspend publication of the Garden Journal in 2013.

There will be a change in the October program, which will now be Judy Lango on her Costa Rica trip.

Board of Director members, Doris Magyar and Pat Hollen, had drawn 1-year terms for the board, and an election for two board members will take place at the Annual Dinner meeting in April. A nominating committee will consist of Chelle Blaszyk, Marilyn Starzewski, and Sandy Stock.

The Plant Clinic is in need of additional help, and there will be a class in Green Bay, Milwaukee, or Eau Claire for those interested. Also, Woodland Dunes will be offering some classes. The Orchid Society is having a show on March 3rd and 4th in Neenah.

The meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Tisler, Secretary