



Waupaca County February 2016 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.

**February 11, 2016
Waupaca County Courthouse
6:00 pm Social
6:30 pm Business meeting
7:30 pm Program**



2015 Executive Board Members

- President: Rebecca Weber-Schmoll**
- Vice-President: Sally Marchel/Handrich**
- Secretary: Diane Montgomery**
- Treasurer: Bridget Kurth**
- Member at Large: Patty Tomczak-Virinig**
- 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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**February 11, 2016
Waupaca County Courthouse**

6:00 pm Social
6:30 pm Business meeting
7:30 pm Program "Gardening On The Road" with Rob Zimmer. Rob will take you on a tour of more of Wisconsin's amazing gardening destinations. Take a tour of some of Wisconsin's finest public gardens, nurseries and green houses. If you missed Rob's first "Gardening On The Road" tour don't worry. He'll do a fun recap of destinations highlighted previously. He will show you where to find some of the most unique and unusual plants, as well as the most spectacular garden displays found in our area. He will also be selling & signing copies of his books, "Voices of the Wind", "Reflecting" and "Wild Seasons". You can find him at www.robzimmeroutdoors.com and on FB www.facebook.com/RobZimmerOutdoors. This program is free to the public.

**March 10, 2016
Waupaca County Courthouse**

6:00 pm Social
6:30 pm Business meeting
7:30 pm Program
Bob Freckmann will be joining us for our March 10, 2016, meeting. He is highly experienced in the area of wild flowers. As we approach spring, he will give a very timely "wild flowers" presentation. He will also share his experiences in growing them.

Spring Plant Sale

The date for this year's Spring Plant Sale is tentatively set for Saturday May 21st. Final approval of the date will be at the February monthly meeting.

**Waupaca County MGV Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2016**

Members Present: Greg Blonde - Advisor, Kathleen Daley, Peggy Kramer, Bridget Kurth, Vance Linden, Sally, Marchel Handrich, Jean Medway, Diane Montgomery, Sue Morack, Virginia Morgan, Barb Nollenberg, Glenda Rhodes, Pat Ritchie, Ila Sanders, Tom Sanders, Kate Saunders, Mark Saunders, Joan Schmitt, Jean Skewes, Walter Thompson, Patty

Tomczak-Virnig, Rebecca Weber Schmoll and Connie Zolkoske.

The meeting was called to order by President Rebecca Weber Schmoll at 6:30 PM. There were no guests present.

The minutes from the December meeting were approved as written. Motion by Jean Medway, seconded by Kate Saunders.

Bridget Kurth presented the Treasurer's report. It will be filed for audit. Bridget presented the 2016 Budget. Vance expressed concerns that the budget exceeded the proposed income for 2016. There were questions raised about the Fairgrounds Office which Connie Zolkoske responded to, and Diane Montgomery responded to the questions raised about the New London Children's Garden. Motion to accept the 2016 Budget by Pat Ritchie seconded by Ila Sanders, motion carried.

Membership Committee: Sally provided 2016 membership roster, committee/project lists, Executive Board Members and Approved Educational Programs for 2016. Pat Ritchie presented State Hour award winners to the following members:

250 Hours Walter Thompson
750 Hours Debbie Krogwold
2500 Hours Terry Kramer

Getting To Know Your Master Gardener:
Pat Ritchie is someone who has been with Master Gardeners since its beginning. She explained how Thursday was chosen to be the meeting night. Several members at the time worked for the newspaper. Since the paper was on a deadline, they would not be able to attend meetings until after deadline; which would be Thursday.

Sue Morack became interested in gardening when her children were in 4H. Her daughter went on to obtain a degree in Horticulture. In 2007 she moved to Waupaca. The landscaping at her new home was limited to around the house. She felt it needed more. She started to plan, then she joined Master Gardeners. Since then her home has been on the Garden Walk twice and she now enters flowers at the Fair.

Program Committee: Unfortunately Mary Steward is ill so tonight's program has been cancelled. Sally informed us that in February, Rob Zimmer will be here to present New Road Trip Ideas. Ila informed us

that in March, Bob Frickman will be here to present a program on Spring Wildflowers.

Garden Walk: Ila said that the Garden Walk is set for Saturday, June 25th. The gardens of New London will be the focus this year.

State Rep: Pat explained that there will be changes in the WIMGA website.

Historian: Dorothy Shaver has given Sue Morack the completed MG scrapbooks. Sue will keep them temporarily. We do however need someone to volunteer to be the Historian of the group. It would be ideal for someone who is limited physically.

New Business:

Home Show: The Executive Board allotted money in the proposed budget to participate in the WDUX Home Show, March 19 & 20. The cost is \$325. Initially, there was little interest in participating. Diane thought it would be a good opportunity to be out in the public. Others thought it was too much to spend and what would we see in return, more members? Who would be willing to man the booth? Six people volunteered and Sue Morack offered to chair the group.

SOP needs update. Kate will work on it.

Newsletter: Tom and Ila are going away February and March. Tom can do the newsletter however he needs someone to be responsible to mail out the 6 newsletters to the people who still receive them by mail. Diane offered to handle it.

Plant Sale: Diane spoke to the group about the fact that the Spring Plant Sale and the Garden Walk both are in June. Both events require a lot of volunteers. Could the Plant Sale be moved up into May or the Garden Walk be pushed back until July? We discussed both options at length. It was decided that if the Fairgrounds were available, it would be better to move the Plant Sale. Diane will look into availability of the Fairgrounds the weekends of May 14th & 21st and the possible date change will be voted on at the next meeting.

Motion to adjourn made by Vance seconded by Jean. Meeting adjourned at 8PM.

Submitted by Diane Montgomery, Secretary

From your president:

I wish to thank all the members present at the January meeting. I know many of you were disappointed when our speaker and her program on orchids was cancelled due to her illness. But I was so happy to have all of you present to help pass our budget. (If you were not able to attend the meeting, I do have extra copies of the budget. Just ask me for one.) Remember this is the budget that is operating under two principles: think big with our fundraisers and spend frugally with our funds.

Remember that our only two big fundraisers are the spring plant sale and the Garden Walk/Art Stroll. At this time, we have a committee exploring the idea of attending the WDUX Home Show (March 18 to 20) to promote our organization and our fundraisers. Please let me know if you wish to become involved in this effort.

If you were not at the January meeting, please ask Sally Marchel Handrich for all the updated sheets for your membership folder.

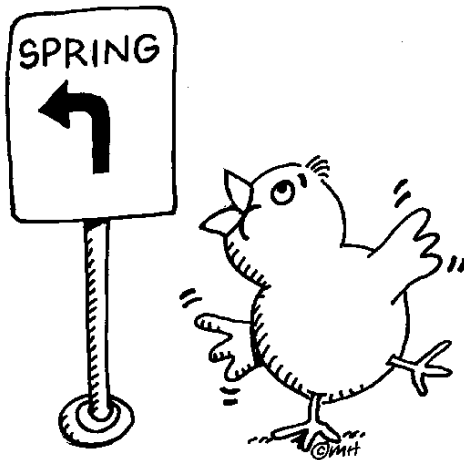
Past member Dorothy Shaver worked very hard on all our scrapbooks. Sue Morack is keeping these treasures, for the time being. We need someone to take on the position of historian and keeping our scrapbooks updated. This would be an excellent project for someone who needs to earn hours but cannot do lots of strenuous garden work.

As president, I will be scheduling four executive board meetings. Remember that these meetings are open to the entire membership to attend, especially if you have a concern that needs to be addressed. The meetings will be the Monday right before our regularly scheduled M.G. meeting in the months of February, May, October, and December. Time, location, and agenda will be announced.

One issue that I have been asked to address is the time of our meetings. Since many of our members are now retired, would daytime meetings be a possibility? This is an idea that the executive board will discuss. Again, feel free to contact me if you have any thoughts on this.

February is well known for being the month of romance and lovers. I guess this is just the perfect month for us all. We all love to garden. I really do love the straight rows in my vegetable garden. I really do love weeding my garden. I hope we as Master Gardeners can pass our love of plants and gardening on to many in our communities.

Until the roses bloom, Rebecca.



No February Birthdays