



# *Waupaca County July 2017*

## *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.**

### **July Meeting**

#### **July 13, 2017**

"Out In The Gardens" at Barb Nollenberg's Big Blue home & garden

6:00 pm Social

6:30 pm Meeting

No program

### **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: Susan Young**

**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.  
greg.blonde@ces.uwex.edu

### **July Meeting - July 13, 2017**

"Out In The Gardens" at Barb Nollenberg's Big Blue home & garden. Barb's directions - I don't really have an address for our cottage since it's on an Island! Follow your navigation system to Gills Landing, Cty. F, Weyauwega. Go to the boat ramp launch way to the right where there is an easy access ramp to our boat. We will be there by 5:45 to begin shuttling. Any question call Barb 715 281 6655

6:00 pm Social

6:30 pm Meeting

No program

### **August 10, 2017**

"Out In The Gardens" at Bridget Kurths home & garden, 1909 Mayflower Ct., New London, WI 54961 - Bridget will give directions

6:00 pm Social

6:30 pm Meeting

No program

### **September 14, 2017**

Waupaca County Courthouse

6:00 pm Social

6:30 pm Meeting

7:00 pm Business Meeting

7:30 pm & Amy Starr, Cross Cut Solutions, "Cut Fall Flower & More"

### **Garden Walk/Art Stroll, 2017**

We celebrated having beautiful weather to compliment our diverse and welcoming gardens for this year's event. Sadly, the garden of Craig and Cathy Smith was unable to be shown, due to storm damage. Everyone was very understanding of the circumstances.

The remaining five gardeners outdid themselves with hours of work which resulted in many positive comments. Our final receipts indicated we sold 169

tickets.

Thank you to all who helped with the many hours that are put forth for us to offer this event for our community and the surrounding area.

I would especially like to thank Sally for her endless support.

Special thanks also to Bill, Deana, Patty, Kathleen, Glenda, Pat and also all those who served as volunteers. This event would not happen without the support of fellow Master Gardeners.

Thanks again for all the contributions, especially of time, that came together for the success of the 2017 Garden Walk/Art Stroll. Ila

### ***Meeting Minutes***

June 8, 2017

#### Call to order:

Rebecca Weber-Schmoll called to order the regular meeting of the UW-Extension Waupaca County Master Gardener Association at 6:13pm on June 8, 2017 at the Weyauwega home of member Deana Hirte and her husband, Mike. seventeen members and 6 guests were in attendance. Also joining the potluck meeting were scholarship recipient, Violet Thielke and her boyfriend Eddie.

#### Approval of Minutes

One correction was noted by Pat: Patty's first name was omitted in the minutes and just her last name was printed. Sally motioned for approval of corrected minutes and Pat seconded.

#### Secretary Report-Deana

Executive Board meeting minutes. The minutes of the executive board meeting from May 15, 2017 were read and summarized by Deana.

#### Treasurer's Report:

Bridget gave report.

#### Committee Reports:

##### Plant Sale:

Sally thanked everyone who helped with special thanks to Deb for tables and Patty for co-chairing. The sale was a success with \$3000 gross taken in.

#### Garden Walk/Art Stroll:

Ila reported all planning and organizing meetings have been held. The newspaper article and pictures submission is complete. She has posters available to promote the sale and poster hangers are needed for area communities. Ila accepted volunteers to hang posters. Bill spoke about the volunteer meeting recently held.

Membership: nothing to report

Program/Publicity: nothing to report

Scholarship: Ila introduced our scholarship recipient, Violet Thielke. Violet thanked the group for the scholarship and shared she is going to be attending UW Stevens Point for forestry.

#### State Representative Report:

Pat spoke about \$50 donation. She announced Chris Bando had accumulated 250 hours of volunteer time. Pat also discussed the opportunity to earn hours at the upcoming county fair. She sent a sign up around to work at the fair. All questions should be directed her way.

#### Old Business:

Mission of Hope: Jean spoke about the Mission of Hope project. The location is 520 N. Shawano St. in New London. There had been one planting day already and another is scheduled for Thursday, June 15, if anyone wanted to help.

Executive Board meeting: The next executive board meeting will be held the third Monday in October.

Children's' Gardens: Mark reported they had 16 kids + siblings that planted yesterday. Good turnout! The New London Children's Garden has been planted as well as the Head Start Garden.

#### New Business:

Sue spoke about the fact that Leadership Waupaca County welcomes Master Gardener Volunteers to the upcoming Waupaca County Leadership Class to be held August 22, 2017 through May 10, 2018. Applications are now being accepted. Early bird registration by July 15<sup>th</sup> saves you \$25.00. Our Master

Gardener Organization offers a scholarship for this class. Leadership Waupaca County, a UW-Extension program, is dedicated to developing civic-minded leaders and public officials committed to the future of Waupaca County Communities. Past graduate, Deana, spoke about the class, her team's project, and shared her 'diploma' and state capital trip picture. Jessica Beckendorf at the UW Extension office is the contact-715 258 6230. Application can be found on the UWEX Waupaca website.

<http://fyi.uwex.edu/leadershipwaupacaco/apply-now>

Other Business: The Rotary Club has asked us to furnish educational sheets on plants.

Adjournment:

Rebecca Weber-Schmoll asked for a motion to adjourn. Mark motioned, all in favor, meeting adjourned to partake in potluck and tour of Hirte home and gardens at 6:44pm

Rebecca added a correction note to the meeting agenda which discussed her homemade potting soil and patronizing area greenhouses.

Minutes submitted by: Deana Hirte

Waupaca County Fair:

Master Gardener Volunteers are welcome to participate in Open Class at Waupaca County Fair

If you have a hobby in plants and/or flowers, or your hobby is baking, canning, or animals, or any other of the departments shown here, please consider making an entry or more in your County Fair. The fair runs from August 23 through August 27. To reach the fair website, go to [www.waupacacountyfair.org](http://www.waupacacountyfair.org). The deadline for fair entries is July 26, 2017. The entry fee for 1st 25 items is \$30 (includes a season pass). See Open Class rules for more information.

Departments: Dairy, Beef, Swine, Sheep, Goats, Poultry, Rabbits, Plants and Soil, Flowers and House Plants, Natural Sciences, Cultural Arts, Photography, Woodworking, Food and Nutrition, Clothing, Knitting and Crocheting, and Home Furnishings. Exhibits should be taken to the proper department between 12:00 noon and 6:00 p.m. on

Wednesday of Fair Week. (For flowers, see Dept. 15.) Premiums are paid on all placing entries.

Have fun sharing your talents!

### July 2017 M.G. President Letter

July already. Summer slips by so very fast. Soon the back-to-school advertisements will be appearing.

Our June meeting was our summer potluck meal. We had a great turnout for our meeting, plus lots of delicious food for indulging. I do believe there were even two kinds of brownies.

I want to thank Deana and her husband for their hospitality in hosting our June meeting. Touring Deana's city garden was a treat. Deana showed me a small climbing vine that was named a "chocolate vine." Now that is a plant right after my heart. It was also neat to see all the interesting creations and garden art that Deana's husband crafts. Plus an added bonus was the tour of the house. If you missed the house tour, be sure to ask Deana about the super deluxe toilet! Our Garden Walk and Art Stroll is now history. The weather cooperated with cooler temperatures and fairly dry conditions. The gardens were all beautiful in their individual way. I loved seeing all the different ways people decorated their gardens and put an individual stamp on their surroundings. I must say that I do come home from a garden tour always feeling a bit discouraged. All the works these gardeners have accomplished in their gardens is truly amazing and overwhelming. Gee, I still have not been able to fully weed my asparagus bed. I have been pulling the weeds and quack grass out of that bed for three years now.

At this time, both our New London and Waupaca Children's Gardens are in full swing. Radishes being harvested yet by the children? Hopefully we will get an update on these two projects.

Our next project and volunteer opportunity will be the Waupaca County Fair. Pat will be asking for help with taking in the 4-H entries. Plus we traditionally have an informative display about our M.G. activities. Please sign up to

help at the fair. Remember this is another chance to earn volunteer hours. Barb N. will host our July meeting at Big Blue and gardens. I believe there is a water feature somehow involved in this garden location. Check the newsletter for details and location of our July meeting. Until we have all seen at least one fireworks display.....*Rebecca*

### July Birthdays:

7/5 Mark Saunders

7/11 Connie Jess Zolkoske



### Thank You from Violet Thielke

Dear Waupaca County Master Gardeners, Thank you for selecting me as your scholarship recipient for 2017. When I received your letter of congratulations I was absolutely ecstatic. When I came inside my house to tell my mom the news that day I couldn't speak because I was only going to choke up. I never imagined that a group of people would believe in my determination to attend and graduate college so much that they would gift me \$1,000. I didn't know much about the Master Gardeners and the volunteer work you all take part in until I came to the meeting at Deana Hirte's beautiful home. My boyfriend, Eddie, and I had a really great time listening in on your business meeting and visiting with a few of you. With the scholarship the committee was generous enough to gift me I will be even that much closer to my dream career. I will graduate from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point as a certified forester with a degree in Forestry Management. I feel truly honored to be attending college with the support of so many kind people that I had the pleasure to meet at your meeting. Thank you again for all your generosity and kindness! Violet

