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President's Message

The end of the year has rolled around and the end of my term as president of the NEW Master Gardener's Association as well. It has been an honor to serve these last 2 years and I want to thank all of you for your hard work and support.

When I became president of the association our project list had 7 projects on it. Today our list has grown to 14. We've been working on our WEB page, added a Facebook page, we have an Urban Forestry Tree Planting Grant and will be adding a greenhouse to the UWEX campus (if it continues to remain in the Brown County budget). As you can see we've been very busy and certainly could not have done this without your volunteer hours. Keep up the good work.

As we head into 2016 our workload has increased but our mission has stayed the same. We will continue to provide horticultural support and leadership to individuals, local organizations and community programs through volunteerism, education and environmental stewardship and continue to assist the local UWEX horticultural program.

Thank you again for your support.

Dan Mitchell, President
NEWMG Board of Directors



2015 NEWMG Board of Directors

Officers

Dan Mitchell, President
 Tim Sewall, Vice President
 Shirley Triest-Robertson, Treasurer
 Doug Hartman, Secretary

Board Members

Ken Bahr
 Barbara Brown
 Becky Brundidge
 Rosie Bugs
 Robert Dreher
 Tim Freeman
 Kyle Gigot

John Hermanson
 JoAnn Holloway
 Karla Parmentier
 Sarah Pettus
 Debbie Rodriguez
 Sue Roulette

Doris Magyar,
 WIMGA Rep
 Vijai Pandian,
 Advisor

NEWMG Board Meeting Minutes: Nov. 11, 2015

Submitted by Doug Hartman

Present: Dan Mitchell, Shirley Triest-Robertson, Becky Brundidge, John Hermanson, Doug Hartman, Sue Roulette, Robert Dreher, Debbie Rodriguez, Jo Ann Holloway, Ken Bahr, Barbara Brown, Tim Freeman, Kyle Gigot, Karla Parmentier, Mary Sprangers

Welcome: Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM by Dan Mitchell.

Secretary's Report: Doug Hartman noted that the Annual Banquet meeting minutes will be included with the next newsletter as well as those taken at tonight's meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Shirley Triest-Robertson presented report. The only topic was the proposed 2016 budget document that was handed out to the board members. Shirley explained the line items and mentioned that if a project leader did not submit a budget, then the executive committee submitted an expense and/or revenue for the budget. A motion was made by Jo Ann Holloway to accept the budget as presented, seconded by Tim Freeman and approved unanimously.

Advisor's Report: Vijai Pandian was on vacation and not present at the meeting. Dan Mitchell reported the following:

Greenhouse – The Brown County Board of Supervisors recently approved the 2016 budget which included \$25,000 for the greenhouse project. The NEWMGA has obtained \$5,500 in grants (\$3,500 from Staples, \$500 from KI and \$1,500 from Cellcom) . It has not been determined at this point who will be spearheading the Project, although Brown County Public Works Department may take on that responsibility. The Public Works Department will apply for any necessary permits. Bill Stevens will be forming a committee to represent the MGA and if anyone is interested in helping out, contact Bill directly.

Committee Reports:

Committee reports were recently presented at the Annual Banquet.

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Old Business:

Urban Forestry Grant – Doug Hartman reported that the grant was submitted for around \$10,000 and explained that the grant would focus on creating awareness of other trees that can be planted besides ash and maple and increasing the urban tree canopy by presenting a workshop on tree planting that will give trees to participants to be planted in their yards. The grant has not been approved at this time. If approved, the Grounds Committee of the MGA will assist in the procurement and planting of demonstration trees on the UW-EX grounds that will show the general public alternatives to ash and maple. Barbara Brown was also asked if she would assist with the procurement of educational signage that will be part of the grant project.

Tree Labels – We still need around 180 plant labels around the extension grounds as well as some plant stakes.

New Business:

Mission and Goals Statement – Shirley Triest-Robertson noted an e-mail was sent out to board members that contained the proposed mission and goals for 2016 for their review. The document was discussed. Questions brought up were: does the MGA demonstrate the use of row covers at any of their project locations? Are we advertising that we have them for sale? Are we promoting the seedless cottonwood project at all?

A motion was made by Shirley Triest-Robertson and seconded to amend the 2016 budget to include \$50 for expenses to promote floating row covers and seedless cottonwoods. Motion was approved.

A motion was made by Rob Dreher and seconded by Karla Parmentier to approve the 2016 Mission and Goals Statement. Motion approved unanimously.

Volunteer Coordinator Position*

Dan explained that this is a new effort. We will have to monitor and figure out roles and hours as the position evolves. Currently, about 100 hours is estimated. Pay scale could be \$10-12/hour but will need to include the fringe rate as determined by Brown County. Primary Duties would be as follows:

1. Work with chairpersons to coordinate the team meetings
2. Help in recruiting volunteers for team projects and activities
3. Assist in coordinating the plant sale (organizing volunteers, meeting arrangements)
4. Edit, publish MG annual report, education and volunteer activities in press releases, social media, WIMGA newsletter

*This is an employment opportunity. If you are interested we will be posting the position on the Brown County Employment site. We will be sending out a notification when the position is posted on the site.

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5. Attend MG board and report activities
6. Other activities
7. Submit time card "To Be Determined". Can be paid through Brown County.
8. Position interviews by two Executive Board members.
9. Report to Executive Committee/Horticulture Educator.

The person who is hired for this position will need to be friendly and comfortable using Microsoft Office software.

A motion was made by Shirley Triest-Robertson and seconded by Kyle Gigot to hire someone for this position for 100 hours per year at a rate of \$12.00 per hour with an estimated \$4.00 per hour fringe rate and to evaluate the position as needed. Motion was approved unanimously.

Newsletter—Any articles for the newsletter should be given to Becky Brundidge by November 29th.

Election of Officers

Kyle Gigot and Ken Bahr were thanked by the President for their efforts as the nominating committee. The nominations submitted were as follows:

President: Becky Brundidge

Vice President: Debbie Rodriguez

Treasurer: Shirley Triest-Robertson

Secretary: Doug Hartman

Kyle asked if there were any other nominations for officers. Hearing none, a motion was made by Kyle Gigot and seconded by Ken Bahr to accept the slate of officers as presented. Motion was approved unanimously. Congratulations to those elected!

Dues—Shirley Triest-Robertson reported that all dues are \$10.00 for members, whether active or Emeritus.

Letterhead—Shirley reported that stationery, note paper and thank you cards with MGV logo will be printed and available for use by the MGA

A motion was made at 7:00 PM to adjourn the meeting.

***The next board meeting will be held Wednesday, January 13,
at 6 PM at the Ag & Extension Service Center.***

NEWMG Committee Reports

All gardens have been put to bed for the winter months. Planning for each project will begin in the early months of the new year, watch for email notifications from your project leader.

WIMGA Report

Submitted by Doris Magyar, NEWMGA WIMGA Rep

The 2015 Annual Conference final report is nearing completion. There is a tentative profit of \$4,000 with 75% going to WIMGA.

The 2016 Midwest Regional Conference committee has been working on speakers & tours. It will be held Sept. 14-17, 2016 at the Chula Vista in Wisconsin Dells.

The finance committee presented the proposed budget for 2016. All grants have been increased an additional \$50.00. There are 21 grants available to apply for.

There was no action on developing a new WIMGA website which will be required in the very near future.

An election on officers was held with all incumbents being re-elected for 2016.

The Newsletter Committee has developed a procedure for getting more submissions about MG projects for the WIMGA newsletter. Watch for additional details on how to submit an article.

Holiday Gift Ideas

Looking for Gift ideas for a gardener? You can find some ideas at these websites:

<http://www.uncommongoods.com/fun/by-interest/gardening-gifts>

<http://www.gardeners.com/buy/gifts-for-gardeners/gardeners-gift-ideas/>

<http://www.plowhearth.com/gifts-for-gardeners.htm>

<http://www.windandweather.com/gifts-for-gardeners/gifts-for-gardeners.htm>

<http://www.countryliving.com/shopping/gifts/g1055/gardening-gift-ideas/>



Member's Corner

Submitted by Becky Brundidge

This summer I conducted a sweet potato experiment. My experiment included sweet potato slips and a sweet potato that sprouted on my kitchen counter.

In my garden I planted two hills with two slips each. In my potato sacks I planted one with slips and the other two with the sweet potato sprouts cut into four pieces, two pieces per bag. Neither location had optimal sun exposure for ideal growing conditions. (Sweet potatoes grow best in full sun and very dark soil. They like to be very warm.)

These are my results; I harvested about two and a half more from the bags than from the hills in the garden.



2016 Garden Calendars Available!



Brown County UW-Extension's 2016 Landscape & Garden Calendars are now available! This calendar is full of useful information including gardening tips, problems and solutions, pest identification, horticulture classes and events, and much, much more. The calendar makes a perfect Christmas gift for your favorite gardener.

Stop in at Brown County UW-Extension, 1150 Bellevue Street, Green Bay, and get one before they're gone! The calendars sell for only \$10!

NEWMG Board of Directors Election Results

Congratulations to our newly-elected officers: Becky Brundidge, President; Debbie Rodriguez, Vice President; Shirley Triest-Robertson, Treasurer; and Doug Hartman, Secretary. The next board meeting is Wednesday, January 13, at 6 PM at the Ag & Extension Service Center.

2016 Garden Series

**To learn, experience, & enjoy all season gardening
February 6, March 5, & April 2**

Ag & Extension Service Center, 1150 Bellevue Street, Green Bay, WI

“Insect Pollinators Beyond the Honey Bee” and “Photographic Techniques for Insect & Plant”

Saturday, February 6, from 10 AM to 12:30 PM

Guest speaker: Bill Johnson, Nature Stock Photography, Inc.



“Beautiful & Easy Landscapes”

Saturday, March 5, from 10 AM to 12:30 PM

Guest speaker: Benjamin Futa, Director, Allen Centennial Garden



“Smart Edible Gardening”

Saturday, April 2, from 10 AM to 12:30 PM

Guest speaker: Sharon Morisey, Consumer Horticulture Educator, Milwaukee County UW-Extension

Choose the session(s) you will attend:

Full series registration:

____ February 6, March 5, & April 2 — EARLY BIRD – before December 11: \$30

Register after December 11: \$40

OR Individual sessions: \$15 each

____ February 6 session

____ March 5 session

____ April 2 session



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Calendar of Events & Opportunities

For more information, visit www.NEWMasterGardeners.org or the "Urban Horticulture & Natural Resources" page at www.BrownCountyExtension.org

Date	Event / Opportunity
January 5, 12, 19, & 26	Landscaping & Grounds Maintenance Short Course —1-4:30 PM, Ag & Extension Service Center
Feb 2, March 5, & April 2	Garden Series — <i>See details inside this issue!</i>
February 8	Beginning Beekeeping —6-8 PM, Ag & Extension Service Center
March 23	Seed Starting 101 —6-7:30 PM, Ag & Extension Service Center
April 14	Pruning Trees & Shrubs —6-9 PM, Ag & Extension Service Center



Contact Kathy at 391-4653 or kathy.dechamps@ces.uwex.edu for more information on the above events.



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