



October 2016

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## President's Message

Wow, are you as surprised as I am that it's Fall already? Summer just got away from me, but what a summer we've had. I hope you've been following our Facebook page where I've been sharing pictures of our projects. You can connect to it here:

<https://www.facebook.com/Northeastern-Wisconsin-Master-Gardener-Association-999712030061716/>

I am so proud of our Master Gardeners. We have 11 project gardens plus the orchards, perennials gardens and the UWEX grounds that we are actively managing. We also built a greenhouse and planted trees obtained through the Urban Forestry Grant. We participated in Healthy Kids Day, Breakfast on the Farm and hosted Wild Ones at the Wildlife Pier project. We've raised funds and taught classes. From what you can see we've been busy and I haven't named everything we've done. So let's celebrate our accomplishments. Our Annual Banquet is scheduled for October 12<sup>th</sup> starting at 5:30.

But we're not finished. We still have a lot of work to do. Gardens need to be harvested then put to bed for the winter and the UWEX grounds will need to be tucked in. I know everyone will be working to that end. Keep up the good work.

See you all at the banquet on October 12<sup>th</sup>. Shirley will be there collecting membership dues which are \$10.00.

*Becky*

Becky Brundidge, NEWMG President



## **2016 NEWMG Board of Directors**

### Officers

Becky Brundidge, President  
Debbie Rodriguez, Vice President  
Shirley Triest-Robertson, Treasurer  
Doug Hartman, Secretary

### Board Members

Carri Benzow  
Julie Cole  
Barbara Brown  
Robert Dreher  
Tim Freeman  
Kyle Gigot  
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Becka Mertens  
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Karla Parmentier  
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Sue Roulette  
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WIMGA Rep  
Vijai Pandian,  
Advisor

## **NEWMG Board Meeting Minutes: Sept. 14, 2016**

Present: Birdie Schantz, TJ Freeman, Julie Cole, Lee Richardson, Mary Sprangers, Barbara Brown, Bill Stein, Debbie Rodriguez, Vijai Pandian, Shirley Triest-Robertson, Becky Brundidge, JoAnn Holloway, Ross Dreher, Sue Rouleth, Karla Parmentier, Carri Benzow.

There was no July meeting as the Board lacked a quorum.

Doug Hartman was absent so there was no Secretary's Report.

Treasurer's Report: Unity Hospice project is over by 23 dollars. All other projects are on budget. The greenhouse is over budget and several approvals are still needed, but that is a County/UW-Ext issue.

2017 budgets will be forwarded to each Chairperson and are due on October 15th, 2016. Budgets will be approved at the November Board meeting. The Board reviewed the Requisition Form and agreed that the Project Chairs should be the go-to persons for the form, and to submit it to the Treasurer. Kathy has copies of the forms in the office.

A proposal was made to have a \$500 "contingency fund" for possible new projects in 2017. The motion was approved.

Advisor's Report: The Board was updated on current State of WI plan for the UW-Ext reorganization. Administrative changes may delay any reorganization for the time being.

The Volunteer Coordinator position will be posted in December. The plan is to interview and hire in January and have the position filled February 2017.

The greenhouse project is complete and the building is operational. Vijai is hoping to have sodium lighting installed for seed starting this Winter/Spring. The committee still needs to develop policies for managing the greenhouse (heat, space allocations).

WIMGA Report: looking at increasing contribution from \$50 to \$75.

Endowment Report: Carla reported that 2 persons applied for the scholarship and 1 person was selected. Because the individual was a Senior, they did not need the full amount. The recipient will be invited to attend the October banquet. Discussed the possibility of opening the scholarship to UWGB Environmental Sciences students.

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## ***NEWMG Board Meeting Minutes continued...***

Project Committee Report: Becky requested updates from all Chairs, as well as progressive photos of the garden progress throughout the season.

### Old Business:

Urban Forestry Grant: Half of the trees are planted, and a nursery in Chilton and the City of Green Bay provided additional trees. The GB City Forester will take down the Hawthorn trees. 100 species of trees will be given away next year, possibly to attendees of educational tree seminars.

Greenhouse Bench Money: \$60 was approved by the Executive Committee for 2 more tables. The total for the table construction is \$378.97 and approved by the Board.

Packer Grant Status: Recipients will be notified in November.

### New Business:

The Banquet is set for October 12, 2016 at 5:30 pm. Please bring dues (\$10) if you haven't already paid. New MG volunteers are exempt.

Nomination Committee: Bill, Karla, and Birdie volunteered to find 2 more Board members for 2017. The new members will be presented at the October banquet. Kathy has a list of members, as well as a list of who's term is expiring.

Garden Recognition Committee: May be too late in the year to develop, also may need more clarification of the purpose so as not to be viewed as "competitive." Instead, Becky will recognize EACH garden at the banquet.

Banquet Speaker Committee: JoAnne will work with Claudia to line up a speaker for the banquet.

Storage Area Cleanup: Set for November 9th. The time and additional information will be put in the newsletter.

### Other:

The Board took a tour of the new greenhouse.

Newsletter articles are due by September 24th.

Remember to get your dues and budgets in.

Minutes submitted by Carri Benzow

***The next board meeting will be held Wednesday, November 9, at 6 PM at the Ag & Extension Service Center.***

## ***Committee Reports***

### **YMCA Children’s Garden 2016 Year End Report—Submitted by Jo Ann Holloway**

Overall the garden’s production was better than last year and most plantings were successful. Collectively 285 pounds was weighed and distributed to the Y or to food pantries. Considering the early hot spell the greens and cold crops did okay except for the arugula which was decimated by bugs. The carrots were non-existent again this year. This may be due to the baby bunnies living in the garden. The egg plant, pole beans and gourds were affected by Japanese beetles but perked up after the beetles moved on. One perennial garden survived winter and the other did not. It was replanted and looks great as does the Honeysuckle vine.



The egg plant, green beans, parsley, swiss chard, peppers and tomatoes all did very well and are still producing as of the end of September. The garden will be cleaned up with the YMCA’s help October 5th or 6th even though the cooler temperatures have prompted new blossoms and leafing out.

A season-end meeting with the YMCA was held the third week of September. Denise Mancheski, children’s program coordinator, Patty from Y staff, Vijai and I attended. They will be appointing an internal garden coordinator and staff to take on more responsibility for the garden’s upkeep. They will assist with fall and spring cleanup, watering, weeding and picking produce. The “After school Program” children will now be assisting with the planting and harvesting which means the garden will be planted sooner and taken care of later by the Y staff and garden club members. The Y will set up a market indoors during peak production periods and sell produce to get income for general garden improvements, upkeep and seeds. In addition they would like to have the children consume what they grow. For 2017 our master gardener involvement will be mainly teaching at the Y, Healthy Kids Day in May and garden planning/layout with seeds being starting ahead in our new green house. We are asking that the new garden coordinator provide input from their staff so we can coordinate our classes with their needs, such as schedule changes on teaching days, and any ideas they might have to improve classes given there.

#### 2016 Production Results in Pounds

Large Tomatoes	50	Medium Tomatoes	17	Cherry Tomatoes	18
Peppers (all)	52	Green Beans (bush)	20	Egg Plant	25
Watermelon	34	Romaine Lettuce	9	Kale	8
Collard Greens	7	Swiss Chard	10	Arugula	1
Spinach	2	Radishes	1	Kohlrabi	3
Beets	10	Carrots	1	Leaf Lettuces	5
Parsley	1	Pole Beans (fresh)	1	Pole Beans (seeds)	½

### **ADRC Garden Project 2016—Submitted by Lee Richardson & Roberta Schantz**

The Brown County Aging and Disability Resource Center Garden Project is located on Adams Street in downtown Green Bay. The purpose of the Garden is to provide fresh vegetables for the recipients of hot meals served at the

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## Committee Reports (continued)

facility. Three raised beds totaling less than 100 sq. ft. provided enough space for a variety of fresh food for the seniors and disabled who attended the meals provided at the Adams St. site.

Thanks to the ADRC volunteers who planted, maintained and harvested the vegetables, a notable variety and good quantity of fresh from the garden supplemented the prepared meals. Lettuce, spinach, radishes, green onions, peas, green beans, cucumbers, tomatoes and green peppers were harvested throughout the season. Additionally, fresh herbs were grown and used in the meals.

The volunteers all had gardening experience and did an excellent job of maintenance. Initially sessions on planning, seed selection and soil improvement were held by MGV's.

We anticipate the ADRC Garden will continue indefinitely based on this years success. A critique of the project will be discussed at the final meeting with Sandy Groeschel, Nutritional Director for the ADRC, volunteers and MGV's at the end of September.



### **Brown County Library Cellcom Children's Edible Garden Report—Submitted by John Hermanson**

Brown County Library Cellcom Children's Edible Garden is still growing. This summer garden programs have been very creative and well received by the community and the good news is there is several left if you are interested in going.

The programs left include: on Sunday, September 18th, 1-3 p.m., Pumpkin Land- a life-sized Pumpkin Land game inspired by the classic Candy Land game and developed by Proto, Library Staff and MGV.

Salsa Making & Salsa Dancing is scheduled Tuesday, September 20, from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

MGV battled heat, drought and varmints including rabbits and a bold woodchuck. Two rabbits were relocated and the woodchuck eventually left on its own power.

Four new beds were added this season. We grew a giant pumpkin, blue corn, birdhouse gourds, lots of sweet potatoes and colorful peppers and tomatoes.

This year there was an attempt to be more involved in the programing and planning. While I feel we have been successful in our attempts the Library Staff carried most of the programing and activities and the MGV did most of the garden planning and work. I am looking forward to a wrap-up meeting this year in early October to get everyone's feedback.



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My personal experiences in the garden were very rewarding by having interaction with Library patrons. Food and gardening is a really great icebreaker for social interaction and conversation.

Two instances stand out for me:

1. The first was a young couple and their daughter wandered into the garden and commented one of the reasons they had decided to live in Green Bay, outside of the reasonable cost of living and good craft beer, was that they saw the Library had a garden and believed it was an indicator of how “cool” the Green Bay area is.
2. In another instance three men, probably in their early twenties, were invited to come into the garden and pick some veggies. They responded to the offer and wandered the garden for half an hour sampling raw vegetables. They ended up helping us remove Moonflowers that had overtaken part of the garden. One of the young men kept declaring how great this experience was and that he was trying to widen his social interactions in the community and that this was exactly what he was hoping for.

The Library offers tremendous potential for MGV to fulfill their mission to share garden knowledge and enthusiasm with the community.

### St. Philips Garden Report—Submitted by Sue Roulette

We had 12 pickings of produce so far that went to St. Bernard’s pantry, which amounted to about 300 lbs. This amount was from both St. Philip gardens. The garden was in the New Leaf garden walk in August; about 25 people walked through. Participants sampled salsa and vegetables. Four Master Gardeners were available for questions. We had salsa recipes and Master Gardner pamphlets available.



### Grounds Report—Submitted by Dave Bonham

We installed a gate to the orchard (Thanks to Ken Bahr) and purchased a backpack sprayer for Ann. Mark continues to work on cottonwood stool bed.



### Blueberry and Novelty Fruit Garden Report—Submitted by TJ Freeman

No major news, though the blueberry netting structures have worked well. I have included harvest totals through August (next page).



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## Composting 101

Learn how to effectively manage yard trimmings, food wastes, and other organic materials generated at home. Cost to attend is \$5 payable to the Brown County Treasurer. Pre-register by sending your contact information and payment to: Hort Dept., Brown County UW-Extension, 1150 Bellevue St., Green Bay, WI 54302.

## A Special Visitor

Long-time MGV Bob Mongin recently visited UW-Extension staff and was able to spend some time enjoying his perennial garden. Thank you to MGV Dave Bonham for transporting Bob. If you would like to visit Bob, he is residing at Angel's Touch Assisted Living, 394 Angels Touch Court, De Pere.



**REMINDER: Bring your \$10 membership dues to the banquet on October 12!**



## NEW Master Gardener Annual Meeting & Banquet

**Wednesday, October 12, 5:30-8 PM**

**Ag & Extension Service Center**

**Social Time: 5:30 PM Potluck Dinner: 6 PM**

**Guest Speaker:  
(Name, title, & topic)**



Please join your fellow Master Gardener volunteers and celebrate the year's accomplishments. We will also welcome our new volunteers who will receive their certificates at the banquet. Meat, drinks, and tableware will be provided. Please feel free to bring a guest, as well as your favorite side dish to share. Hope to see you there!

RSVP no later than October 7 to: [kathy.dechamps@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:kathy.dechamps@ces.uwex.edu) or 920-391-4653

# Calendar of Events & Opportunities

For more information, visit [www.NEWMasterGardeners.org](http://www.NEWMasterGardeners.org) or the "Urban Horticulture & Natural Resources" page at [www.BrownCountyExtension.org](http://www.BrownCountyExtension.org)

Date	Event / Opportunity
October 3	<b>Making Applesauce</b> —6-7:30 PM (taught by Judy Knudsen at the Ag & Extension Service Center)
October 5	<b>Composting 101</b> —6-7:30 PM, Ag & Extension Service Center
October 10	<b>Sausage Making</b> —6-7:30 PM, \$25/person (taught by Judy Knudsen at the Ag & Extension Service Center)
October 12	<b>NEWMG Annual Meeting &amp; Banquet</b> — <i>See notice inside this issue!</i>

Contact Kathy at 391-4653 or [kathy.dechamps@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:kathy.dechamps@ces.uwex.edu) for more information on the above events.



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