



August 2017



# Garden Clippings

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## ***President's Message***

***"The earth laughs in flowers." Ralph Waldo Emerson***

My family is vacationing in Clam Lake, WI, this week, and I am in awe of the beauty around me. Then there's the produce we stocked up on from the Saturday morning farmers market, including the first sweet corn of the season. August is one of my favorite months!

If you were not able to make our summer board meeting/program at Voyageur Park, you missed a great time. The MG Volunteers involved with the Native Garden near the Locktender's House did a wonderful job sharing their knowledge of these majestic plants. If you can, its worth a trip to check it out.

The nominating committee is hoping to find members to fill several positions on the board, and we are also looking for new board members to replace those whose terms are expiring. If this is something that would interest you, please let Jim Radey know and he will forward your name to the committee. His email is [James.Radey@co.brown.wi.us](mailto:James.Radey@co.brown.wi.us).

Plant more gardens!

Birdie Schantz, President



## **2017 NEWMG Board of Directors**

### Officers

Birdie Schantz, President  
Debbie Rodriguez, Vice President  
Karla Parmentier, Treasurer  
Doug Hartman, Secretary

### Board Members

Carri Benzow  
Julie Cole  
Barbara Brown  
Becky Brundidge  
Robert Dreher  
Nancy Fictum

Tim Freeman  
Kyle Gigot  
Jo Ann Holloway  
Becka Mertens  
Al Nass  
Lee Richardson

Sue Roulette  
Mary Sprangers  
Bill Stevens  
Doris Magyar,  
WIMGA Rep  
Vijai Pandian,  
Advisor

## **NEWMG Board Meeting Minutes: 07/12/2017**

Present: Doug Hartman, Birdie Schantz, Julie Cole, Lee Richardson, Rob Dreher, Nancy Fictum, Carri Benzow, Bill Stevens, Al Nass, Barbara Brown

Others Present: Jim Radey

Absent: Tim Freeman, Rebecca Mertens, Sue Roulette, Karla Parmentier, Debbie Rodriguez, Kyle Gigot, Mary Sprangers

**President's Welcome** – Meeting called to order at 5:07 PM by Birdie Schantz.

**Secretary's Report** – The minutes from the May 2017 meeting had been sent electronically for review by board members. No additions or corrections were noted.

A motion was made by Al Nass and seconded by Julie Cole to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report** – Karla Parmentier was not present so Birdie Schultz stated the following report:

Plant sale was successful and brought in \$4,920.00 to the checking account. Checking account balance is \$23,195.58

Project expenses are starting to come in and are noted on budget sheet. New monetary activity since last meeting is in bold.

Salaries for the Grounds Supervisor and Grounds Intern for 2016 were reimbursed to Brown County from the Endowment Fund in the amount of \$9,433.00. This leaves an endowment balance of \$206,142.92.

A motion was made by Al Nass and seconded by Bill Stevens to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion passed unanimously.

**Advisor's Report** – Vijai Pandian had another commitment so was not present. No report was given.

**Volunteer Coordinator Report** – Jim Radey was not present at this time so Doug Hartman read his prepared report. The report will be included with the newsletter at the end of the month.

**WIMGA Report** – Doris Magyar submitted a report that will be included in the newsletter.

**Endowment Report** – Kyle Gigot was not present so no report was given.

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

**Project Committee Reports** – Birdie noted a few reports have come in and will be included in the next newsletter.

**Old Business:** None noted.

**New Business:**

Possible Donation to the WIMGA Annual Banquet – A motion was made by Doug Hartman and seconded by Rob Dreher to donate \$75.00 to the WIMGA Annual Conference. Motion approved unanimously.

Annual Banquet Update – Birdie Schantz reported that a request was filed with the Green Bay Packer Organization to have one of their Groundskeepers present a talk on Lambeau Field Turf at the October Annual Banquet. If this falls through, several other topics have been identified. Doug Hartman reported on the room rates at the Green Bay Botanical Garden for the banquet. General consensus was that the Garden would be a great venue for the meeting.

Appoint Nominating Committee – Birdie Schantz and Doug Hartman indicated that there are 8 Board position terms that expire at the end of this year. Also, there are 17 current board members and our by-laws permit up to 21 Board members so there are 4 open positions. A committee needs to be formed to solicit names for nomination at the October Annual Banquet. Nancy Fictum said that she would be willing to serve on that committee. No other volunteers were noted, so an e-mail to the general membership asking for several other committee members will be sent out.

Replace Resigned Board of Director's Member: Birdie Schantz reported that Kathi Hegrans resigned from the Board effective immediately. Birdie reported that Jo Ann Holloway would be willing to complete this year as a replacement.

A motion was made by Al Nass and seconded by Lee Richardson to replace the resigned Board Member with Jo Ann Holloway for the remainder of 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

**Other New Business:**

Lee Richardson reported that they were in need of more volunteers to help maintain the Mongin Perennial Garden at the old Extension site. They have established times for people to help out, so please come and help if possible. The times are Saturday mornings from 9 AM to 11 AM and Thursday evenings from 4 PM until 6 PM.

Bill Stevens would like an agenda discussion item for the next meeting asking that the Board approve creating a YouTube Video of our Projects

Newsletter – Any additional articles for the newsletter should be sent to Becky Brundidge by July 31.

Next Board Meeting – September 13, 2017. Location TBD.

A motion was made at 5:55 PM by Bill Stevens and seconded by Nancy Fictum to adjourn the meeting. Motion approved unanimously.

***The next board meeting will be held Wednesday, September 13, at 6 PM  
(Location to be determined)***

## Project Reports

### Locktender's House Native Garden Named Monarch Waystation Habitat

The Locktender's House Native Garden recently received certification as a Monarch Waystation Habitat by Monarch Watch ( <http://www.monarchwatch.org> ). Monarch Waystations are places that provide resources necessary for monarchs to produce successive generations and sustain their migration. Without milkweeds throughout their spring and summer breeding areas in North America, monarchs would not be able to produce the successive generations that culminate in the migration each fall. Similarly, without nectar from flowers these fall migratory monarch butterflies would be unable to make their long journey to overwintering grounds in Mexico. The need for host plants for larvae and energy sources for adults applies to all monarch and butterfly populations around the world. By creating and maintaining a Monarch



Waystation the Locktender's House Native Garden project team is contributing to monarch conservation, an effort that will help assure the preservation of the species and the continuation of the spectacular monarch migration phenomenon.



More information is available at <http://foxlocks.org/2017/08/02/locktender-prairie-garden-named-monarch-waystation/>

### St. Mark's

*Submitted by Mary Sprangers*

The St. Mark's Project is an organically grown vegetable garden providing for their food pantry. This year we are focusing on minimizing the pest and disease occurrences we encountered last year. We are utilizing thinning/pruning practices for the tomatoes as well as organic insecticides and fungicides for the cucurbit plants.

This year we have created plant labels containing information about the planting, harvesting of each type of vegetable in the garden. At this stage of the planting season, the garden looks healthy and flourishing! We are hopeful of having a high yield for the pantry as well as educating its patrons on the vegetables grown.



### Jim Radey, NEW Master Gardener Volunteer Coordinator

On July 13, the NEW Master Gardeners had an opportunity to visit the Locktender's House Native Garden Project in De Pere. This project's volunteer team, led by Claudia Schultz, was there to share the history of how this project started and give us information on the diverse plants used in this project. It was a great opportunity to learn more about one of the Master Gardener projects we have going on. It is also made me want to learn more about the other projects.

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## Project Reports

Although we probably won't be having any more formal get-togethers at any of the projects this season, I recommend that you take the opportunity to see what some of your fellow Master Gardeners are doing. Here are the locations of the projects we have:

- Locktender's House Native Garden – Located on the River Walk on the east shore of the Fox River in De Pere. You can find the garden by entering Voyager Park by William Street which will lead directly into the parking lot. There is signage by the parking lot that will guide you to the River Walk.
- Unity Hospice Native Garden – 2366 Oak Ridge Circle, De Pere
- St. Philip the Apostle Church Garden – 312 Victoria Street, Green Bay
- St Mark Lutheran Church Square Foot Garden - 2066 Lawrence Drive, De Pere, WI 54115
- Brown County Library Children's Garden – 515 Pine Street, Green Bay
- YMCA Square Foot Garden - 601 Cardinal Lane, Green Bay
- Green Bay Botanical Garden Small Space Garden – Located at the Green Bay Botanical Garden, 2600 Larsen Road, Green Bay. There is an admission charge to the Botanical Garden, but you can enter for free on Wednesdays through August 30 from 4:00 to 8:00 pm.
- Heritage Hill Tank Garden – Located at Heritage Hill State Park, 2640 S Webster Ave, Green Bay. There is an admission charge to Heritage Hill.
- ADRC Raised Bed Gardens – Located at the Aging and Disability Resource Center Home Delivered Meal building, 331 South Adams Street, Green Bay
- Rose Garden – Located at the former UW Extension building, 1150 Bellevue Street, Green Bay
- Square Foot Garden - Located at the former UW Extension building, 1150 Bellevue Street, Green Bay
- Perennial Garden - Located at the former UW Extension building, 1150 Bellevue Street, Green Bay
- The newest Master Gardener project is the Native Plant Gardens in the boulevards of the Neville Museum parking lot, 210 Museum Place, Green Bay.

### Booth at Broadway Farmers Market

Since June, several of the NEW Master Gardeners have been staffing an information booth at the Broadway Farmers Market on the last Wednesday of each month. This new initiative was started to help make the public aware of the UW-Extension's move to the Neville Museum this spring and also continue bringing the horticulture diagnostic services to the community. Many Farmers Market attendees are taking advantage of the booth to ask questions about their home gardening problems and concerns. The picture shows Doug Hartman, Sue Roulette and Nancy Fictum available to answer gardeners' questions at the July 26 booth.



## ***Volunteer Coordinator Report—July 2017***

***Submitted by Jim Radey, MG Volunteer Coordinator***

- Set up monthly online registration for Diagnostic Help Desk and print out the schedule
- Arranged for volunteers to be at the Horticulture Help Booth at the Broadway Farmers Market for this summer. Sent out reminders to the volunteers before each of the monthly times.
- Helped get volunteer coverage at the Master Gardener booth for Breakfast on the Farm.
- Arranged for volunteers to take part in the taping for a Wisconsin Master Gardeners promotional video.
- Worked with Claudia Schultz to set up a tour of the Lock Tender's House Native Garden Project and social time for Master Gardeners following the July Board of Directors meeting.
- Worked with Vijai to set up fall horticulture classes at the GBBG and Ashwaubenon Community Center by arranging for presenters for the classes. Will soon be working on getting presenters for winter and early spring classes. Since Vijai would like to offer the classes at several locations in the community (GBBG, Ashwaubenon Community Center, and possibly Allouez or Bellevue), I will be recruiting more Master Gardeners to be presenters for these classes.
- Continue to work with Kathy DeChamps to keep NEW Master Gardener list up-to-date. Updated group email list to include this year's new Master Gardeners.
- Continue to share information with Master Gardeners through email messages or phone calls whenever needed.

## ***WIMGA News***

***Submitted by Doris Magyar, WIMGA Rep.***

1. A face-to-face meeting in Hancock scheduled for July 29 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
2. Jim Culbertson has resigned as an at-large director. Recommendations for possible replacement should be sent to Byron Hacker at [plantdr47@gmail.com](mailto:plantdr47@gmail.com) Include name of person and contact information.
3. Strategic Planning process has accomplished the following:
  - a. What is WIMGA marketing tool on the website.
  - b. Mentor program information posted on website.
  - c. Development of searchable database for locating initiatives and projects.
  - d. New criteria for educational grants being reviewed.
  - e. Speaker bureau committee working on that project.
  - f. Website a work in progress.
4. Strategic Planning updating development of activities for years two and three.
5. Washington County MG's hosting October 13 & 14 WIMGA Conference in West Bend. Go to website <http://wimastergardener.org/events/master-at-the-prairie-wisconsin-master-gardener-association-state-conference/> for all the information.
6. WIMGA Board will have a face to face meeting on Friday, October 13, beginning at 10 a.m.
7. The annual WIMGA meeting of Board & members will be held on Friday, October 13, at 5 p.m. at the conference site.
8. 2018 WIMGA Conference will be held in Eau Claire on September 21 & 22, 2018.
9. Applications are open for any group to host the 2019 conference.

