



February 2018



Garden Clippings

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President's Message

Greetings! This year we have added seven new members to our Board of Directors, and we are very excited to work together to accomplish our goals of volunteerism, education and environmental stewardship. **Lofty goals, but this group is up to the task!** Thank you to Trisha Linsen, Linda Gutske, Steve Herro, Crystal Malakar, Eileen Rueden, Barbara Brumm, and Jill Sobiek. Thanks also to Tim Freeman, Rob Dreher, Barb Brown, and Kyle Gigot who graciously accepted another term. I am grateful to Al Nass, our new Vice-President, and Julie Cole, our new Secretary for accepting their leadership roles. To everyone on the board, along with Vijai Pandian our advisor, and Jim Radey our Volunteer Coordinator, your support is greatly appreciated, I can't thank you enough for helping to make my job easier!

The new year brings exciting opportunities to meet new Master Gardeners and make new gardening friends. I encourage you all to branch out and try new things this year! One way to do that is to attend our Project Kickoff on Wednesday, February 21. Our project leaders will be there to answer any questions and sign you up for their projects. This is a great chance to see how your talents can be put to good use this year as you earn your volunteer hours. Special thank you to Debbie Rodriguez for chairing the event again this year.

The Bob Mongin Garden Series kicks off Saturday, February 3. This is an ideal way to earn some continuing education hours. The committee has lined up four fabulous speakers for us this year. Bring a friend! Many thanks to Barb Brown, Deb Freeman, Carrie Benzow, and Jim Radey for their time on this project.

A big thank you to Trisha Linsen for putting together this newsletter for us. If you have anything you would like to include in our next newsletter, Trisha's email is bluwaters2626@yahoo.com.

Cheers to a New Year, and another chance to get it right!

Plant more gardens!

Birdie Schantz



2018 NEWMG Board of Directors

Officers

Birdie Schantz, President
 Al Nass, Vice President
 Karla Parmentier, Treasurer
 Julie Cole, Secretary

Board Members

Carri Benzow
 Barbara Brown
 Barb Brum
 Rob Dreher
 Nancy Fictum
 Dr. Tim Freeman
 Kyle Gigot

Linda Gutske
 Steve Herro
 Jo Ann Holloway
 Trisha Linssen
 Crystal Malakar
 Lee Richardson
 Eileen Rueden

Jill Sobieck
 Mary Sprangers
 Bill Stevens
 Doris Magyar,
 WIMGA Rep
 Vijai Pandian,
 Advisor

NEWMG Board Meeting Minutes: 01/10/2018

Present: Birdie Schantz, Julie Cole, Lee Richardson, Rob Dreher, Nancy Fictum, Carri Benzow, Al Nass, Barbara Brown, Tim Freeman, Mary Sprangers, Eileen Rueden, Kyle Gigot, Linda Gustke, Karla Parmentier, Trisha Linssen, Steve Herro, Jill Sobieck, Barb Brumm.

Others Present: Jim Radey, Vijai Pandian,

Absent: JoAnn Holloway, Bill Stevens

President's Welcome - Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM by Birdie Schantz.

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

A motion was made by Tim Freeman and seconded by Kyle Gigot to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report - Karla Parmentier presented the 2018 budget with the Treasurers report. Out of 125 members, 65 have paid dues. New trainees' dues are included with their enrollment fee. Rob Dreher offered to help contact unpaid members so dues could be sent to State.

Report filed for audit.

Advisor's Report - Vijai Pandian welcomed new Board members, explaining his role with the Master Gardeners. He helps volunteers to achieve their project goals; gatekeeper of new projects; trains new volunteers; offers advance training; a liaison for us, among other things.

There are lower numbers enrolled in the NEW Master Gardeners training session which may be due to the Extension relocation. He's working on setting up one-day Diagnostic training classes.

Greenhouse at the old location is still the property of UW Extension and can be used by Master Gardener projects.

Volunteer Coordinator Report - Jim Radey presented the following report:

- Worked with Becky Brundidge and Kathy DeChamps to get the December newsletter prepared and sent out.
- Met with Kathy DeChamps before she retired to learn about her MG records and processes for handling MG work.
- Worked with Linda Gustke to finalize some more Horticulture Classes and updated listing of

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NEWMG Board Meeting Minutes continued...

the classes so the list can be put in the December newsletter, on the NEWMG website, and on Extension website. Still working on setting up classes at Ashwaubenon Community Center.

- Working with Debbie Rodriguez to set up Project Kick Off event for February 21.
- Provided assistance to Garden Series Committee.
- Contacted project chairs from last year to determine who can continue as chairs and worked on finding new project chairs where needed.

WIMGA Report – Doris Magyar had nothing to report.

Endowment Report – Kyle Gigot reported on the endowment fund. There is a unrestricted portion and restricted portion. The Scholarship fund is under the restricted portion. Scholarship grant request deadline is March 15, 2018.

Project Committee Reports – A meeting was held just prior to the Board of Directors meeting for all Project leaders for 2018 projects.

Old Business:

- Kyle Gigot has agreed to continue as Endowment Committee Chair.

New Business:

- **Plant Sale Project:** Jim Radey and Linda Gustka have agreed to co-chair this project. It is a very important money maker for us. Many volunteers are necessary to make it a success.
- **Update on Project Kickoff:** As previously emailed, it will be February 21 at the Neville Museum. Steve Johnson of Parallel 44 is our speaker. Eileen Rueden offered to do the table decorations.
- **Update on Garden Series;** Barb Brown wants everyone to promote the Series. Crystal Malakar will help put it on the website. Members were encouraged to “share” on Facebook. Goal is 100 attendees.
- **Audit Committee:** Rob Dreher, Kyle Gigot and Nancy Fictum were appointed to the Audit committee and will meet with Treasurer, Karla Parmentier.
- Food Justice Workshop, “From Food Deserts to Urban Gardens” offered by St Norbert College is Wednesday, January 17, 2018 at 6:00 pm. \$15 for the general public.

Newsletter – any additional articles for the newsletter should be sent to Trisha Linssen, bluwaters2626@yahoo.com by January 30, 2018

Next Board Meeting March 14, 2018.

A motion was made at 7:10 PM by Al Nass and seconded by Rob Dreher to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Submitted by Julie Cole

The next board meeting will be held Wednesday, March 14, at 6 PM at the Green Bay Botanical Garden

Project Kickoff!

Submitted by Debbie Rodriguez and Jim Radey

Project Kickoff - Wednesday, February 21, 5:00—7:30 p.m.

Neville Museum—210 Museum Place, Green Bay

You should all have received your invitation to our organization's Kickoff Event for the 2018 gardening season. If you missed your email invitation, the Kickoff will be held on **Wednesday February 21 at the Neville Museum (210 Museum Place, Green Bay 54303) starting at 5 pm.** Attendees will have an opportunity to learn about the 2018 Master Gardener projects and committees, decide how you can complete your 24 hours of volunteer service, enjoy dinner with other Master Gardeners, and listen to an informative speaker. This year we will also be offering a tasting of wines from the speaker's winery.

Following is the evening's schedule:

- 5:00 - 6:00 Project investigation and sign-up - Someone from each project will host displays at tables to educate us and encourage MGs to volunteer on the projects that need assistance. Each leader will be provided with a sign-up sheet which will include current members signed up for 2018 and space for new recruits
- 6:00 - 6:05 Welcome by Birdie Schantz, NEWMG President
- 6:05- 6:30 Attendees go through food lines and begin their dinners
- 6:30 - 7:15 Speaker: Steve Johnson from Parallel 44 Vineyard & Winery will speak and there will be time for follow-up questions from attendees. His presentation will be about backyard applications of growing grapes and the unique potential of viticulture and wine quality in Northeast Wisconsin.
- 7:15 - 7:30 Meeting wrap-up by President Birdie Schantz

RSVP to Jim Radey (james.radey@co.brown.wi.us) or 920-360-3891 by February 16 if you will attend. If you can't attend and have any questions about how you can complete your volunteer hours requirement or continuing education requirement, please feel free to contact Jim Radey.

See Next Page for Projects!

Project Kickoff!

2018 Master Gardener Volunteer Opportunities

Name of Project	Team Coordinator	Contact Info
NEWMG Spring Plant Sale	Linda Gustke & Jim Radey	Linda: 906-424-0995, lgustke@gbbg.org Jim: 920-360-3891, james.radey@co.brown.wi.us
Garden Clippings newsletter, Facebook	Trisha Linssen	920-819-7370, bluewaters2626@yahoo.com
Small Space Garden at GBBG	Shirley Maenner & Jim Radey	Shirley: 920-434-0291, smaenner@gmail.com Jim: 920-360-3891, james.radey@co.brown.wi.us
St. Philip Garden	Barb Brumm & Dave Bonham	Barb: 920-499-2559; barbrumm@new.rr.com Dave: 920-469-5696; dbonham@new.rr.com
Square Foot Garden at St. Mark Church	Mary Sprangers	920-680-2546, sprangers3@gmail.com
Square Foot Garden at YMCA (West)	Jo Ann Holloway	920-336-7988, joannaholloway@att.net
Native Garden at Locktender's House	Claudia Schultz	920-336-0030, csch5677@gmail.com
Native Garden at Neville Museum	Claudia Schultz	920-336-0030, csch5677@gmail.com
Square Foot Garden at UWEX	Carri Benzow	920-863-6375, c.benzow@centurytel.net
Perennial Garden at UWEX	Lee Richardson & Rob Dreher	Lee: 920-336-5331; benrich1789@sbcglobal.net Rob: 920-339-3247, rdreher624@gmail.com
Plant Diagnostic Help	Doug Hartman	920-445-9530, hartman.doug@gmail.com
Rose Trial at UWEX	Anita Mueller	920-845-2647, muellanit@gmail.com
Annual Banquet assistance	Eileen Rueden	920-470-5562, erueden@tds.net
NEW Master Gardener website	Debbie Rodriguez	920-664-2720, cybermex@flash.net
BC Central Library Children's Garden	Steve Herro	920-217-8213, steve.herro@snc.edu
Heritage Hill Tank Garden	Karla Parmentier	920-327-3158, karla.parmentier@gmail.com
ADRC Raised Bed Gardens	Lee Richardson	920- 336-5331, benrich1789@sbcglobal.net
Garden Series	Barb Brown	920-336-6098, utschigbrown@gmail.com
WI Master Gardener & UWEX (State)		
WI Farm Tech Days – MG Booth	WIMGA	http://wimastergardener.org/
WI Garden Expo – MG Booth	WIMGA	http://wimastergardener.org/

I would like to serve on the following project(s): _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

return to: *Brown County UWEX Hort Dept., 210 Museum Place, Green Bay, WI 54303* OR james.radey@co.nbrown.wi.us

2018 Robert Mongin Garden Series

To learn, experience, & enjoy all season gardening

February 3, March 3, & April 7

Neville Public Museum, 210 Museum Place, Green Bay, WI

Saturday, February 3—10 AM to 12:30 PM



“Interesting & Newer Perennials for Your Garden”

Nancy Nedveck, *The Flower Factory, Stoughton,*

Nancy has had an interest in plants since childhood, culminating with a degree in horticulture from UW-Madison. She and her husband, David, started The Flower Factory in 1984 and opened the farm in 1988. Currently, they focus on perennials and have developed the largest selection in the Midwest. Nancy gives talks to anyone who will listen, as long as it is about perennials!

“Secrets Revealed: New Herbaceous Hybrid Peonies”

Nate Bremer, *Solaris Farms, Reedsville*



Nate will take you on a hybridizer’s journey to produce new herbaceous hybrid peonies and take a look at some of the best new cultivars becoming available. While most gardeners are familiar with the common garden peony (*Paeonia lactiflora*), there are many new emerging hybrids that are quite different. These plants have outstanding new colorations, forms, bloom seasons and plant habits. Few are well known by gardeners outside a small group of connoisseurs/hybridizers, but are quickly making their way into collectors’ gardens. The Midwest is a secret hot bed for new hybrids, and you will surely be astounded by these incredible ‘secret’ plants.

Early bird registration ends Friday, December 22!



Saturday, March 3—10 AM to 12:30 PM



“Prairie Plants for Urban & Suburban Gardens”

Neil Diboll, *Prairie Nursery, Westfield*

Many of our native prairie flowers and grasses make excellent garden plants. The showy blooms and ornamental textures of the grasses provide so many opportunities to create low maintenance, ecologically sound landscapes that require little or no fertilizers, pesticides, and watering. The North American Prairie is dominated by perennials that can be included in “pure prairie” gardens, or mixed with other more traditional perennials. Neil will highlight the showiest and best-behaved prairie plants for creating a wide variety of prairie gardens in small areas.

Saturday, April 7—10 AM to 12:30 PM

“From Seed Starting & Plant Selection to Season Extending Crops”

Eben Erhard, *Natural Beauty Growers, Denmark,*



From seed starting and plant selection to season extending crops, using a traditional garden plot or integrating vegetables into an urban landscape, learn how to get the most out of your vegetable garden. Eben has been a vegetable gardener for over 40 years, gardening in five states in elevations ranging from 100-9,000 feet. He has mastered a variety of techniques including raised beds, high hoops (greenhouse production), low hoops (cold frame), straw bales, container gardening, and hydroponics.

For registration information, call 920-391-4610 or visit www.browncountyextension.org.

Calendar of Events & Opportunities

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

Classes, Workshops, Seminars	Organization	Date
Garden Series	UWEX & MG	February 3, March 3, & April 7, 2018
Level 2 MG Training	UWEX	<i>Dates to be determined</i>
Beginning Beekeeping	UWEX & MG	February 6, 2018
Shade Gardening with Hostas	UWEX & MG	March 22, 2018
Seed Starting 101	UWEX & MG	March 27, 2018
Pruning Fruit Trees	UWEX & MG	March 31, 2018
Vegetable Gardening for Beginners	UWEX & MG	April 4, 2018
Pruning Shade Trees	UWEX & MG	April 12, 2018
Pruning Shrubs	UWEX & MG	April 19, 2018
Composting Class	UWEX & MG	April 26, 2018
Advanced Vegetable Gardening	UWEX & MG	May 1, 2018
Native Prairie Plants to Attract Pollinators	UWEX & MG	May 8, 2016
Growing Blueberries in Containers	UWEX & MG	June 5, 2018
GBBG Garden Lectures & other horticulture-related classes	GBBG	www.gbbg.org
WildOnes Annual Conference	WildOnes	http://wildonesgreenbay.blogspot.com/
Baird Creek's classes	Friends of Baird Creek	http://bairdcreek.org/
Larry Meiller's Garden Talk	WPR – Radio Show	www.wpr.org/programs/larry-meiller-show
State UWEX & WI Master Gardener Opportunities		
WI Hort Update – Teleconference	UWEX – Vijai Pandian	http://fyi.uwex.edu/wihortupdate/
WI MGA – Annual & Regional Conferences	WI MGA	www.wimastergardener.org/
WI Garden Expo	WI PBS	www.wigardenexpo.com/
Wisconsin Public Television Programs		
The Wisconsin Gardener		http://wpt.org/Wisconsin-Gardener
P. Allen Smith's Garden		http://wptschedule.org/series/553/P-Allen-Smiths-Garden-Home/
The Victory Garden		www.pbs.org/wgbh/victorygarden/



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