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## Garden Clippings

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### *President's Message*

*First a howling blizzard woke us,  
Then the rain came down to soak us,  
And now before the eye can focus,  
Crocus.*

*-Lila Rogers*

Ok, so we didn't have a blizzard this past winter. And as of this writing, we haven't had a rain to soak us. And no, I haven't seen a crocus. But I'm hopeful!

The days are getting longer though, and I have seen a few (very few) trees starting to bud, including a new tree we planted in my front yard last spring. Some of my tulips are starting to sprout also. Very soon the sun will be warm again, and we will hear the music of open windows.

Spring is the time of plans and projects and the 2018 Spring Horticulture Classes will ensure your projects will get off to a good start. Here is just a sampling of those classes: Doug Hartman & Vijai Pandian will present **Pruning Shade Trees** on Thursday, April 12, and Dan Mitchell & Vijai will demonstrate **Pruning Shrubs** on Thursday, April 19. On Thursday, April 26, Shirley Triest-Robinson & Dan Mitchell will teach you everything you need to know during **Composting 101**. For the vegetable gardeners amongst us, an **Advanced Vegetable Gardening** class will be held Tuesday, May 1, demonstrated by Lynn Clark, Jim Fameree, & Vijai. Then on Tuesday, May 8, join Claudia Schultz, Al Nass, & Annette Weissbach as they present **Native Prairie Plants to Attract Pollinators**. For more information on these and other scheduled classes, call the Brown County UW-Extension office at (920) 391-4650. These classes are being held at the Green Bay Botanical Gardens.

Happy learning, and as always,  
Plant more gardens!

Birdie Schantz, President



## **2018 NEWMG Board of Directors**

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## **NEWMG Board Meeting Minutes: 03/14/2018**

Present: Birdie Schantz, Julie Cole, Lee Richardson, Carri Buenzow, Al Nass, Barbara Brown, Tim Freeman, Eileen Rueden, Kyle Gigot, Linda Gustke, Karla Parmentier, Trisha Linssen, Steve Herro, Jill Sobieck, Barb Brumm, JoAnn Holloway. Others Present: Jim Radey

Absent: Nancy Fictum, Bill Stevens, Mary Sprangers, Crystal Malakar

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

**Secretary's Report** - The minutes from the January 10, 2018, 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 Linda Gustke to approve the minutes. Motion carried.*

**Treasurer's Report** - No report was given. Kyle Gigot reported for the Audit Committee. There were some discrepancies. Karla will meet with the bank to see where they were coming from.

**Advisor's Report** - Vijai Pandian was unable to attend.

**Volunteer Coordinator Report** - Jim Radey presented the following report:

- Worked with Extension staff to notify Master Gardener trainees of change in training schedule from spring to fall. Responded to questions from the trainees.
- Coordinated scheduling of Master Gardeners to answer horticulture questions coming into the Extension while Vijai was away.
- Updated the Master Gardener Projects brochure for 2018.
- Worked with Debbie Rodriguez, Birdie Schantz and Eileen Rueden to plan and put on the Project Kickoff Event.
- Worked with Extension staff to take registrations for the Garden Series presentations and Horticulture Classes. Kept Linda Gustke aware of registrations for Horticulture Classes being held at the GBBG.
- Assisted the Garden Series Committee with preparations for the Garden Series presentations and on the days of the presentations.
- Updated the listing of Master Gardeners at each of the 2018 projects and committees using Kathy's records, messages from Master Gardeners, and the Projects Kickoff signup sheets. Sent this information to the project leaders.
- Spent some time with Amy Ray, the new Horticulture/Agriculture Secretary, to acquaint her with registration for the Horticulture Classes and the Garden Series presentations.

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

### **WIMGA Report** – Doris Magyar reported.

- The January 13th Face-to-Face at Hancock was rescheduled as a teleconference call due to weather conditions.
- The new Board members were introduced: Nancy Jahnel-Barnes from Racine-Kenosha; Linda Dahlke of Marquette County; Rosalie O'Donnell from West Salem.
- The 2018 WIMGA Conference on September 21-22 has been finalized with all speakers and registration will be open soon.
- At the state level, Mike Maddox indicated the relationship with UW Extension and WIMGA continues to be defined.
- A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is being created that will cover all volunteer organizations under the umbrella of UW-Madison.
- The receipt of dues from trainees has come under review to handle this in a more efficient manner which provides WIMGA with the amount due as required.
- The website progress is moving along. Several Board members are actively involved in developing this website.
- Strategic initiatives will be focused on a communication campaign covering website, newsletter and social media.
- Also, another priority will be to work with Mike on changes involved with the migration to UW.
- Committee assignments were reviewed and Board members volunteered their preference.
- Our next Face-to-Face is March 6<sup>th</sup> at Hancock from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Also, on April 28<sup>th</sup> a Face-to-Face with Board and local representatives will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- They are looking for associations to host the 2019 WIMGA Conference.

**Endowment Report** – Kyle Gigot reported the endowment fund has decreased slightly due to the market swing.

**Project Committee Reports** – None

### **Old Business:**

- The Project Kickoff was held February 21 at the Neville Museum and was considered a success. Approximately 50 people attended.
- The Garden Series has been successful so far. About 100 people have signed up. The final class will be held April 7, 2018.

### **New Business:**

- **Plant Sale Project:** (Jim Radey and Linda Gustke) The Plant Sale will be held May 25-26 at the Neville Museum. Larry's Bellevue Garden will be starting peppers and tomatoes for us. We have 10 volunteers. Mark Konlock, GBBG, will donate some plants. Our greenhouse will be used. Concern for exposure to jumping worms was expressed.

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***The next board meeting will be held Wednesday, May 9, at 6 PM at the Green Bay Botanical Garden***

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

- **2018 WIMGA Conference Fund Raiser:** Motion made by Barb Brown, seconded by Tim Freeman to contribute \$50 again this year. Motion carried.
- **Representation at Wisconsin School Garden Network Event:** It is being held by the GBBG on April 5, 6-8 pm. It is open to the schools and interested parties of Northeast Wisconsin. Motion made by Al Nass, seconded by Kyle Gigot, to have a table exhibit of resources we have available. Motion carried. Steve Herro volunteered to help with the exhibit.
- **Board Member Resignation:** Bill Stevens has resigned from the Board. We will be looking for a replacement. JoAnn Holloway will let us know if she is available.
- **Brown County Junior Fair N.E.W. Master Gardener Award:** Eileen Rueden. Apparently we have been awarding in the past a \$10 First Place award for 5 categories: Flowers, House Plants, Plant Crafts, Fruits and Vegetables. *Motion was made by Kyle Gigot to budget up to \$75 for these awards and standard size flower pots as needed. Seconded by Linda Gustke. Motion carried.*

Newsletter – any additional articles for the newsletter should be sent to Trisha Linssen, [bluewaters2626@yahoo.com](mailto:bluewaters2626@yahoo.com) by March 30, 2018. She is looking for articles of interest to Master Gardeners.

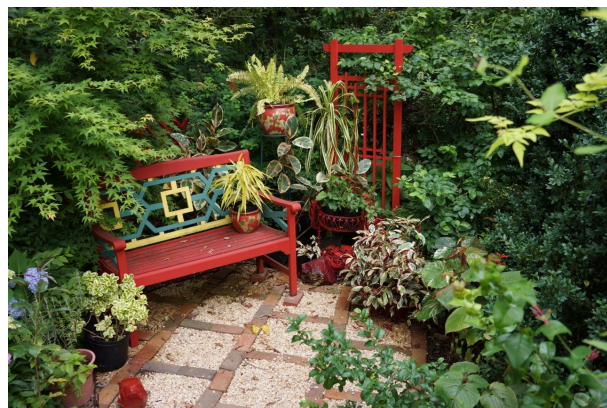
Next Board Meeting - May 9, 2018. *A motion was made at 7:20 PM by Kyle Gigot and seconded by Al Nass to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.*

*Submitted by Julie Cole, Secretary*

## ***Small Spaces Garden Project at GBBG***

***Submitted by Shirley Maenner and Jim Radey***

The Small Spaces Garden Project at the Green Bay Botanical Garden will once again provide demonstrations to the public on using a variety of containers and growing situations for gardeners with limited space. The project will demonstrate how to grow plants in straw bales, raised beds made with a variety of materials, pots, bags of soil, PVC planters, grow bags, and a growing table for people with mobility limitations. This year we will be adding plastic bins as another option for use as planters.



The project committee has already met to determine the layout of the garden and to decide on the plants that will be grown. The plants will include vegetables, flowers and herbs so visitors to the garden can learn about cultivation of a variety of plants.

The Small Spaces Garden Project will be partnering with Botanical Garden by relying on the Garden staff to start some of the plants for our garden and by providing the Garden with some lettuce and tomatoes for their weekly luncheons.



## Project Kickoff 2018

**Submitted by Jim Radey**

The third annual Project Kickoff was held on February 21, 2018 at the Neville Museum. Attendees not only perused all the Master Gardener projects for 2018, but were treated to wine samples from Parallel 44 winery. The speaker for the evening, Steve Johnson, is the owner and winemaker at Parallel 44, and informed members about starting and maintaining his vineyard and producing delicious Wisconsin wines.



Project leaders were able to collect new volunteers to their projects to ensure success this summer. If you were unable to attend but would like to volunteer for a new project this year, contact Jim Radey, Master Gardener Coordinator, at [james.radey@co.brown.wi.us](mailto:james.radey@co.brown.wi.us).



## Master Gardener Plant Sale 2018

**Submitted by Linda Gustke and Jim Radey**

We will hold our 2018 NEW Master Gardeners' Plant Sale on Friday, May 25 from 12:00 to 7:00 pm and Saturday, May 26 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. This year's Plant Sale will be held at the Neville Museum (inside), 210 Museum Place, Green Bay.

Please start thinking about perennials you can donate from your own garden. Even if you don't remember the exact variety of the plants you have, we will gladly accept your plant donations. More information about making plant donations (drop off site for donations, times for taking donations, labeling your donations, and getting pots for donations) will be sent to Master Gardeners by email.

The Plant Sale Committee will also have pepper and tomato plants available this year with an emphasis on heirloom and popular varieties. The Committee is working on getting a limited number of other annual plants to sell too.

## Green Bay Garden Blitz

Inspired by Victory Gardens Initiative in Milwaukee and brought to Green Bay in 2014, the Green Bay Garden Blitz is empowering residents of Green Bay to grow food and be part of a sustainable urban agriculture system.

The Green Bay Garden Blitz empowers Green Bay residents to grow food and be part of a local sustainable agricultural system. We provide a comprehensive approach to urban agriculture by selling and installing 8'x4' raised bed gardens at a low cost and by providing education and mentorship for new gardeners. The garden boxes are installed over the course of one weekend by our team of over 100 volunteers. In addition to their garden boxes, new gardeners have access to a variety of educational opportunities, including our mentor program, which matches veteran gardeners with new growers.



To date (between 2014–2017), there have been over 50 mentorship matches made, empowering novice gardeners with experienced growers to have success in their gardens. This element of the project is so successful that mentees have joined on as mentors and are now confident to empower others!

Subsidized housing sites, Lime Tree Terrace and Parkview Terrace	Encompass Daycare
House of Hope Homeless Shelter	Manna for Life Food Pantry and Soup Kitchen
CASA	Kroc Center – Salvation Army
NeighborWorks Housing	Brown County Central Library Children's Edible Garden
Veterans Manor	Weyers-Hilliard Library
De Pere School District Farm to School Program	And More!

To date (between 2014-2017), The Blitz has sold and installed 476 boxes. Boxes are sold for use at a person's private residence as well as to schools, libraries, parks and social service organizations. 30% of our sales have been at a significantly reduced price to ensure that the project is accessible to all. Examples of social service institutions include:

Our goal for 2018 is to sell 100 beds, of which 10 will be at a reduced rate and we currently have a waiting list for the sale of reduced fee beds. More than 30% of our allotted boxes have already been sold! The Blitz event will take place May 3-6 at the Brown County Fairgrounds. Volunteers work in teams of 4-6 people during 3.5 hour shifts to assist with building the boxes from untreated Douglas fir lumber then transporting and installing the gardens in designated places on the customers' properties. The event attracts repeat volunteers and is reported to be an excellent hands-on opportunity to enjoy meeting new people, work hard getting our hands dirty, and have a needed impact in the community.

### We are currently:

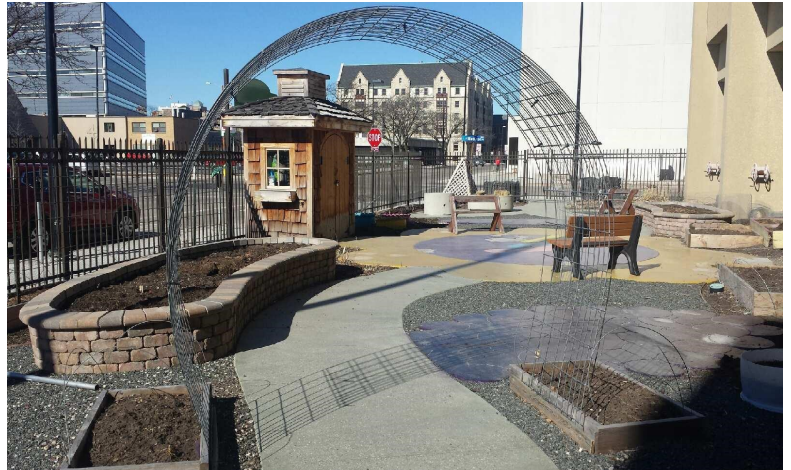
- promoting box sales. Please visit our website at <http://www.newleaffoods.org/garden-blitz.html>
- recruiting volunteers for the event who want to assist with building, installation and driving the transport vehicles to installation sites throughout Green Bay. If you are interested, please sign up at <http://www.newleaffoods.org/volunteergbgb.html>. Please consider getting your family and friends to sign up too! *(If you are interested in volunteering your time for the Garden Blitz, you can only count volunteer hours toward your Master Gardener requirement if you help at a community location like the Brown County Library. Setting up the planting boxes for individuals in private or commercial properties would not count as Master Gardener volunteer hours.)*

We are also looking for sponsors for reduced-fee boxes. Please contact GBGB Resource Development Coordinator - Kim Diaz (920) 600-4413 if you are interested. For more information, email [gbgardenblitz@gmail.com](mailto:gbgardenblitz@gmail.com).

## Children's Edible Garden

**Submitted by Steve Herro**

Helpers for the Children's Edible Garden, located at the Central Branch of Brown County Library include Master Gardener volunteers, Brown County Library volunteers, and Brown County Library staff. Helpers met twice in March to plan the 2018 garden. New twists include dedicating each large cement planter to a different ethnic culture, collaborating with external organizations for service days in the Garden and monthly team meetings in June, July and August to foster greater spirit de corps and communication within the group.



**Children's Edible Garden - Waiting for this year's planting season to begin!**

We look forward to another summer of interaction with children served by the Library's Children's Department and informal conversation with other library patrons who enjoy sitting, eating, or socializing in the Garden. And, if you are downtown during the noon hour on a Friday this summer, consider buying lunch from a local food truck parked outside the Garden while enjoying free seating in the Edible Garden. For more information about the Garden, contact team coordinator Steve Herro (email [steve.herro@snc.edu](mailto:steve.herro@snc.edu)).

## St. Mark's Square Foot Garden

**Submitted by Mary Sprangers**

We have met twice so far this year reviewing last year's garden success and areas of concern or change. Last year we had a problem with rabbits eating on some of the crops. We discussed options to limit this and have decided to place chicken wire fencing around the perimeter of the garden. We have decided to continue using red film mulch on the tomato and pepper plants as this was effective in plant growth. We are going to add some straw bale gardening to the back gardens and are looking into an area for composting. We have drawn out some tentative plans for what we will plant where in the garden, keeping in mind crop rotation, spacing and preferences of the pantry we donate to. This year we will be doing more vertical gardening for more space usage. Within the next month, some seed starting will begin by some of the project volunteers.

We will be meeting again in early April.





## 2018 Master Gardener Volunteer Opportunities

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

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](mailto:james.radey@co.nbrown.wi.us)



# 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)

Classes, Workshops, Seminars	Organization	Date
Garden Series	UWEX & MG	April 7, 2018
Level 2 MG Training	UWEX	<i>Dates to be determined</i>
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	<a href="http://www.gbbg.org">www.gbbg.org</a>
WildOnes Annual Conference	WildOnes	<a href="http://wildonesgreenbay.blogspot.com/">http://wildonesgreenbay.blogspot.com/</a>
Baird Creek's classes	Friends of Baird Creek	<a href="http://bairdcreek.org/">http://bairdcreek.org/</a>
Larry Meiller's Garden Talk	WPR – Radio Show	<a href="http://www.wpr.org/programs/larry-meiller-show">www.wpr.org/programs/larry-meiller-show</a>
<b>State UWEX &amp; WI Master Gardener Opportunities</b>		
WI Hort Update – Teleconference	UWEX – Vijai Pandian	<a href="http://fyi.uwex.edu/wihortupdate/">http://fyi.uwex.edu/wihortupdate/</a>
WI MGA – Annual & Regional Conferences	WI MGA	<a href="http://www.wimastergardener.org/">www.wimastergardener.org/</a>
WI Garden Expo	WI PBS	<a href="http://www.wigardenexpo.com/">www.wigardenexpo.com/</a>
<b>Wisconsin Public Television Programs</b>		
The Wisconsin Gardener		<a href="http://wpt.org/Wisconsin-Gardener">http://wpt.org/Wisconsin-Gardener</a>
P. Allen Smith's Garden		<a href="http://wptschedule.org/series/553/P-Allen-Smiths-Garden-Home/">http://wptschedule.org/series/553/P-Allen-Smiths-Garden-Home/</a>
The Victory Garden		<a href="http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/victorygarden/">www.pbs.org/wgbh/victorygarden/</a>

More information on the above events can be found at

[www.browncountyextension.org](http://www.browncountyextension.org)



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