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Garden Clippings

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President's Message

"All gardeners live in beautiful places,
because they make them so..."

-Joseph Joubert

Maybe no one else would say this of my own little garden, but it makes me happy to sit on my patio and enjoy the view. And my garden just got better, because I just finished planting all the new plants I picked up at our Master Gardener plant sale this past weekend. This is the first MG plant sale I've been to, since we're usually not around for the long weekend. So I decided I would help out so I could be a part of this important fundraiser. And I'm so glad I did! It was quite fun, actually, working alongside some of our best gardeners.

Many thanks to so many volunteers who were there the two days of the sale, from those who "directed traffic" into our room at the museum, to those who made themselves available to answer questions shoppers had about the plants. We had volunteers who helped to pre-count purchases, cashiers, and those who helped with getting the plants to the parking lot and into vehicles. The whole process worked like a well-oiled machine! I wasn't there for any of the pre-sale work, but from what I saw, many more capable hands put in a lot of work growing/digging/potting all those plants. We had volunteers who identified and labeled the plants, and some who solicited donations and supplies. Of course, thanks to all of you who donated from your own gardens. Really, this was an amazing thing to see. Linda Gustke and Jim Radey, you and your committee did a wonderful job coordinating all of this.

The phrase "When gardeners garden, it's not just the plants that grow, but the gardeners themselves" (Ken Druse) applies here. I would strongly encourage everyone to be a small part of next year's plant sale if you can. I thoroughly enjoyed meeting more fellow Master Gardeners and learning from the "best of the best" as they shared their knowledge and experience with all who came to buy from our gardens. I myself was one happy customer. Sign me up for next year!

We're beginning to plan the summer board meeting, which will be held at Rose Hill Gardens on July 11. Hoping to meet and visit with many more of you there. More information to follow.

Happy planting, and as always,

Plant more Gardens!

Birdie Schantz, President



2018 NEWMG Board of Directors

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 Advisor

NEWMG Board Meeting Minutes: 05/09/2018

Present: Birdie Schantz, Julie Cole, Lee Richardson, Al Nass, Barbara Brown, Kyle Gigot, Linda Gustke, Karla Parmentier, Trisha Linssen, Steve Herro, JoAnn Holloway, Crystal Malakar, Mary Sprangers and Rob Dreher. Others Present: Vijai Pandian and Jim Radey

Absent: Nancy Fictum, Jill Sobieck, Tim Freeman, Eileen Rueden, and Barb Brumm

President's Welcome - Meeting called to order at 6:03 PM by Birdie Schantz.

Secretary's Report – The minutes from the March 14, 2018, meeting had been sent electronically for review by board members. No additions or corrections were noted. *A motion was made by Kyle Gigot and seconded by Al Nass to approve the minutes. Motion carried.*

Treasurer's Report – Karla reviewed the treasurer's report with the Board. *Motion was made by Rob Dreher, seconded by Linda Gustke to adjust the 2017 beginning balance as reconciled with the bank. Motion carried.* Karla indicated that we will not start corporate accounts, keeping our current reimbursement policy. Kyle Gigot, Audit Committee, recommended a by-laws change to have the audit done at the beginning of the new Treasurer's term, including prior Treasurer. *Motion made by Mary Sprangers and seconded by Barb Brown to adopt this revision. Motion carried. This will be presented to the general membership for approval.*

Advisor's Report – Vijai Pandian is having the Master Gardeners class this fall, September thru November, 6-9pm, at the Botanical Gardens. We need some activities and/or projects to keep the new students interested until the projects start in spring. He gave an update on the new building and landscaping plans on the UWGB grounds. Projected completion date for the landscaping is this fall.

Volunteer Coordinator Report – Jim Radey presented the following report:

- Helped Extension office staff maintain registrations for horticulture classes and kept Linda Gustke (GBBG) informed of registrations for each class.

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NEWMG Board Meeting Minutes continued...

- Sent out reminders to project leaders for deadline of April newsletter articles.
- Arranged meeting space at Neville Museum for several project meetings.
- Sent out notices of work days for Mongin Perennial Garden Project and Trial Garden Project.
- Assisted Garden Series Committee with logistics for last presentation in April.
- Followed up on request for Master Gardener assistance with developing a facility garden at Angels on Arcadian Senior Housing. Will send out information on this volunteer opportunity.
- Put in request to On Broadway for having UW-Extension/Master Gardener booth at the Broadway Farmers Market.
- Started sign-up and scheduling of Master Gardener volunteers for Horticulture Diagnostic Help Desk at the Extension Office.
- Continuing to work with Amy Ray, Horticulture/Agriculture Secretary, to help acquaint her with Master Gardener records and operation..

WIMGA Report – Doris Magyar reported.

On April 28th a meeting with all local WIMGA representatives and Board members was held at Hancock from 10am to 3pm. The meeting was called to order by President Becky Gutzman. Roll call taken; approval of the 3/6/18 minutes; and approval of the Treasurer's report. Under old business the new www.wimga.org website was explained. The 2018 WIMGA conference in Eau Claire on September 21 & 22 "Autumn on the River" was updated and is now open for registration online or by mail. Under new business the subject of leadership followed. This will be emphasized & promoted for use by all Master Gardener groups. Time sheet recording will be available online, hopefully, for use by 2018 reporting. Project approval was a big discussion. The county agent can make decisions for approval if it is not handled by the local Master Gardener board. To let people know what WIMGA does the following was mentioned: 1) It helps sponsor the state conference; 2) Produces a bi-monthly newsletter written solely by Master Gardeners; 3) Funds various grants each year; 4) Provides website with information; and 5) Sponsors a public radio program with financial support. Preparing the next step of engaging local groups in the conversation to work with UW-Madison, hopefully, to be effective by 7/1/18. The next Board meeting will be a teleconference call on Tuesday, June 12th at 4:30 pm.

Endowment Report – Kyle Gigot reported the endowment funds have increased due to the market swing. Received 2 scholarship grant applications. One \$1000 scholarship grant has been renewed this year. Discussed ways to get more applicants to apply for the scholarship grant. *Motion made by Linda Gustke, seconded by Barb Brown to delete the wording "renewable". Motion carried.*

Project Committee Reports: Garden Series- Barb Brown reported we had 264 attendees and made a profit of \$2,387, a huge success!

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***The next board meeting will be held Wednesday, July 11
(6 PM) at Rose Hill Gardens***

NEWMG Board Meeting Minutes continued...

Old Business:

New Board member, Jo Ann Holloway, will be replacing Bill Stevens for the remainder of his term. Wisconsin School Garden Network Event – Linda Gustke reported that 20 teachers attended. It was a success and hope to do it again with even better attendance.

New Business:

Plant Sale Project: Jim Radey and Linda Gustka Plant Sale will be May 25-26 at the Neville Museum. Larry's Bellevue Garden are starting peppers and tomatoes for us. Need volunteers. Pots will be available by the greenhouse for perennials.

Summer Event: Birdie contacted a number of possible places. She will contact a few more. We would like to have this in July, along with our July Board meeting.

Website Update. The cost of our domain and website service has increased from \$65 to \$130 a year.

Newsletter – any additional articles for the newsletter should be sent to Trisha Linssen, bluewaters2626@protonmail.com by May 30, 2018. She is looking for articles of interest to Master Gardeners.

Next Board Meeting - July 11, 2018.

A motion was made at 7:20 PM by Al Nass and seconded by Jo Ann Holloway to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Submitted by Julie Cole, Secretary

Tank Garden at Heritage Hill

Submitted by Karla Parmentier

The Team at the Tank Garden project in Heritage Hill was busy with the start of Spring. Seeds were planted in flats on a sunny day in April after the Midwest snowstorm and a week of heavy rains. As plants were popping up in the park's greenhouse, the team began the heavy work of renovating the raised garden beds at Tank. After yards of dirt hauled, beds leveled, and weeds dug or pulled from the garden, things were ready for planting day. New raspberry and strawberry beds were developed and heirloom vegetables from the 1850's were planted. Children visiting the park in their final weeks of school had many questions for the Master Gardeners, making the work days that much more enjoyable!



N.E.W. Master Gardeners Nominated for WPS Awards

Submitted by Linda Gustke and Jim Radey

Judy Knudsen, Brown County UW-Extension Department Head/Family Living Specialist, nominated our N.E.W. Master Gardener organization for a Wisconsin Public Service Volunteer Award earlier this year. Wisconsin Public Service along with the Volunteer Center of Brown County annually sponsor volunteer awards in youth, adult, education, volunteer leadership, small group, large group, and lifetime accomplishment categories. Our Master Gardener



group was nominated in the large group category. Birdie Schantz, Bill Stevens, and Vijai Pandian were able to join Judy Knudsen to represent the Master Gardeners at the KI Convention Center on April 19 for the announcement of the award recipients. Although the N.E.W. Master Gardeners were not selected as the recipient of the large group volunteer award, we did receive a certificate recognizing the volunteer work performed by our organization in the community.

Thanks to Judy for taking the time and effort to nominate the Master Gardeners. Following is an excerpt from the nomination form submitted by Judy:

Master Gardeners choose to volunteer for a variety of reasons. For some it offers the chance to give something back to the community or make a difference to the people around them. For others it provides an opportunity to develop new skills or build on existing experience and knowledge. Regardless of the motivation, what unites them all is that they find it both challenging and rewarding. Master Gardener volunteers provide many benefits to nonprofit, faith based, and governmental organizations in Brown County needing assistance with horticulture projects. Master Gardener volunteers:

- *Plant new passion in horticulture and gardening.*
- *Sow the seeds for eating well and enjoying gardens within new generations by volunteering in a school garden.*
- *Mulch (protect) the environment by providing scientifically-based knowledge for sustainability.*
- *Transplant new ideas and new gardens within Brown County.*
- *Cultivate problem-solving abilities.*
- *Dig into the community to make a difference.*
- *Conserve horticulture knowledge in the community by teaching about gardening.*
- *Produce timely gardening information that is valuable to community members.*

Locktender's Native Garden

Submitted by Claudia Schultz

We dug out 120 plants last fall and saved them in plastic bags over winter. Most survived! Last fall the Army Corps of Engineers needed to fix a sinkhole at the lock property and we had to dig out and save all the plants in that area.

We were able to replant all of the saved native plants in the 10'x35' garden area. This was really hard digging in the dry clay even after it was tilled! We did amend the garden area with topsoil. Thirteen Master Gardeners assisted in this garden party. The finished product was all fenced off and protected. We will add another extension to this garden this summer. Another 1500 square feet of garden to plant!



ADRC Raised Bed Garden

Submitted by Lee Richardson

The ADRC Raised Bed Garden located on Adams Street in downtown Green Bay is a combined project of Brown County Master Gardeners and ADRC volunteers. The mission is to provide fresh vegetables and nutrition education for ADRC clients in Green Bay.

Early in April, the volunteers met and discussed plans for the garden. On May 16, the beds were readied and minerals added according to a soil test taken earlier. Plans were drawn to maximize crop rotation and yield. Anticipating the continued warm weather, most of the planting was done and assignments for maintenance and watering formulated. Unfortunately, some cool nights were not anticipated and some replanting was done. This past week, despite the hot, dry spell, the seedlings seem to have done well!

We are looking forward to a successful season of vegetables and added experience for some new gardeners!

BC Library Children's Edible Garden

Submitted by Steve Herro

The Cellcom Children's Edible Garden at the Central Branch of the Brown County Library has received a face lift. Team members painted garden boxes, benches, and one other fixture in the garden an attention-grabbing purple and yellow. Most cool season crops were planted on May 12 with other items planted the following weekends.

The team has had to address a large strip of land outside the garden fence and parallel to Pine Street. Past barberry bushes were removed with the replacement of the water pipes and sidewalk on Pine Street and the garden team hopes to replace them with other perennial edibles. The Lock Tender Garden team was kind enough to share some sedum plants with us and we will look to add additional perennials and annuals.



We were happy to support Brown County Library's debut of "How to Fest," an all day opportunity to learn from practitioners of numerous hobbies and skill sets while also increasing the visibility of Northeast Wisconsin Master Gardeners. Several team members presented on June 2, featuring garden bingo and a short in-service on composting. Following the June 9 kickoff of the Children's Summer Reading program, we look forward to assisting library staff during these programs on Friday mornings, but also the Friday Food Truck events, and the Tuesday in the Garden evenings.

Introducing...Amy Ray!



Hello! I am the new Brown County Extension Secretary for the Agriculture and Horticulture Educators. I will be working part time, 2.5 days per week.

I am originally from Wisconsin, but I have lived in eastern Pennsylvania for the past 20 years, where my family lived on a small farm and operated a licensed goat dairy, making small batch artisanal goat cheeses and goat milk yogurt. I have been a Master Gardener volunteer with Penn State, Berks County since 2011. I enjoy perennials, herb and vegetable gardening. I am an antique collector with an interest in early painted furniture and common New England household items from the 19th century such as redware pottery and early baskets. I enjoy travel and look forward to re-acquainting myself with Wisconsin and the bounty that it offers. Please stop by and say "Hi."

N.E.W. Master Gardeners' Annual Plant Sale

Submitted by Linda Gustke & Jim Radey

The annual N.E.W. Master Gardeners Plant Sale was held on May 25 and 26 at the Neville Museum. This year about 700 plants (84 varieties) were donated by Master Gardener Volunteers. We also sold about 400 tomato and pepper plants. Thanks to all the Master Gardener Volunteers who helped plan and promote the event and to all who helped set up, worked at the event, and did cleanup!



Brown County Breakfast on the Farm

Sunday, June 17, 2018

8 am to 12 noon – Church Service at 7 am

Kid's Zone

Full of fun interactive games and activities for kids of all ages!

- Spotted in WI photo booth
- Dairy Plinko
- Dairy product races
- Mystery bag guessing game
- Dairy product fishing
- "Duties of a farmer" stations
- Milk checkers
- Food group memory game

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Attractions

- Culver's frozen custard – \$1
- Music by Waves Entertainment
- Farm tours
- Free Seeds from Master Gardeners
- View the cows
- Kiddie tractor pull
- Petting zoo
- Pictures with the calves
- Brown County Library Bookmobile
- "Addie" the Milking Cow
- Machinery display

Tickets



Adults: \$7 Children 5-10: \$4 Children (4 & under): FREE
 Tickets are sold at the farm on the day of the event only!! (Sorry...no personal checks!)



New Horizons Dairy, LLC ♦ Van De Hey Families

Parking will be at Wrightstown High School with shuttle service provided to the farm
600 High Street, Wrightstown

Directions to Parking:

From the North & West: Hwy 29 east to Hwy 41; south to Cty U (Exit 154); south to Hwy 96; east to Wrightstown High School

From the South & Southeast: Hwy 10 west to Cty D; north to Hwy 96; east to Wrightstown High School

From the Southwest: Hwy 41 north to Cty U (Exit 154); south to Hwy 96; east to Wrightstown High School



2018 Master Gardeners Project Coordinators Contact List

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	Trisha Linssen	920-819-7370, bluewaters2626@protonmail.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 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/

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
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/	

More information on the above events can be found at

www.browncountyextension.org



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