

# Northeastern Wisconsin Master Gardener Association



October 2019



## Garden Clippings

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### *President's Message*

Summer always seems to slip by too quickly. Our Master Gardener projects have long ago hit their peak and are looking a bit ragged. But don't despair, very soon there will be all of that lovely snow to cover everything up and make it look pretty again.

Congratulations to the UW Extension Staff who have completed the move into their new home at the UWGB STEM Center. This is a beautiful facility, greenhouse, Mongin Memorial Garden and grounds which will serve the UW Extension Staff and the NEWMGs very well for many years to come.

Our annual membership meeting is coming up on Wednesday October 23<sup>rd</sup> at the new STEM Center Building on the UWGB Campus. This year the Northeast Wisconsin Master Gardeners are celebrating their 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Please attend so that you can tour the new facility and celebrate with us.

An early thank you to our Nomination Committee (Linda Gustke and Steve Herro) for their work in recruiting candidates for the board, Vice President and Secretary's positions. If you are interested in a position, please let them know. If they have contacted you, I hope you have accepted their nomination. While we all enjoy the more physical aspect of our volunteering, our organization also needs leaders to help give direction.

There were eleven applicants for Vijai's old position. The preliminary interview process will begin soon.

A planning meeting for our 2020 Plant Sale will be held on Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30, UWGB STEM Center, Room 117. If you are interested, please attend. The project is also in need of a co-chair for 2020.

Project leaders should submit the 2020 budget requests for their projects to Nancy Fictum by October 31<sup>st</sup>. Also, members should submit their reimbursement requests for approved 2019 expenses to Nancy by October 31<sup>st</sup>.

Hope to see you at the annual meeting on October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

*Al Nass*



## **2019 NEWMG Board of Directors**

### Officers

Al Nass, President  
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Steve Beernten  
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Melissa Schmitz

Mary Sprangers  
Mindy Ward  
Doris Magyar,  
WIMGA Rep

## **NEWMG Board Meeting Minutes: Sept 11, 2019**

### **Held at the Green Bay Botanical Garden**

**Present:** Al Nass, Julie Cole, Nancy Fictum, Barbara Brumm, Kyle Gigot, Linda Gustke, Eileen Rueden, Trisha Linssen, Steve Herro, Tim Freeman, MD, Crystal Brown, Mary Sprangers, Steve Beerntsen, Melissa Schmitz, Mindy Ward. Others Present: Jim Radey

**Absent:** Joanne Kondro and Birdie Schantz

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

**Secretary's Report** – The minutes from the July 10, 2019, meeting had been sent electronically for review by board members. No additions or corrections were noted. It was noted that the WIMGA report for July had been put on the website rather than included in the minutes. *A motion was made by Tim Freeman and seconded by Kyle Gigot to approve the minutes. Motion carried.*

**Treasurer's Report** – Nancy Fictum handed out the current budget along with the Income/Expense report.

**Endowment Report** – Kyle Gigot reported the endowment balances were down due to the market fluctuation. Scholarship of \$1500 was paid out to Candra Carter for this semester. The total of the scholarship is \$3000.

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

\*Continued to set up monthly schedules for staffing of the Horticulture Help Desk. Made sure UW-Extension staff also was aware of Help Desk schedule.

\*Provided any requested information and support to the Garden Series and Annual Banquet Planning Committees.

\*Began working with Val Campbell (MG Volunteer) to put together his annual slide show of MG projects for the MG banquet.

\*Disseminated information to MG Volunteers by email when necessary.

\*Working with UW-Extension staff to coordinate moving of the Horticulture/Master Gardener offices over to the new STEM Building on September 19/20.

\*Keeping informed of the State MG Offices monthly phone meetings with county coordinators to follow any updates and changes occurring.

\*State MG office wants hours (education and volunteer) recorded in their online system by October 1, so I will be sending reminders to all our MG Volunteers with offers to help if

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## **NEWMG Board Meeting Minutes (continued)**

needed. State MG office wants more detailed annual reports. These reports from each county are due by November 1. I will be gathering information from projects leaders in the next month based on requirements for this report. State MG office is making some changes in regulations. Starting after October 1, travel time can't be counted as volunteer time. For the future, they are looking at creating a uniform curriculum for Level 1 MG training and testing throughout the state, requiring job descriptions for MG volunteers, and requiring memoranda of understanding with community project partners.

\*Worked with the UW-Extension management and NEWMG Board to update the job description for the NEWMG Volunteer Coordinator position.

**WIMGA Report** – Doris Magyar reported. A teleconference Board Meeting was held on Thursday, August 22, 2019 4:30 – 6 p.m.

Roll call was taken with 12 Board members participating along with Mike Maddox and Amy Freidig from the program office. Minutes of the June 6<sup>th</sup> meeting and treasurer's reports were given and approved. Mike Maddox gave program office report which covered the discontinuing of travel time for volunteers beginning in 2020, due to risk factors. A youth policy to be in place by the end of the year. Main concern is the custodial supervision for youth throughout the event. Replacement name badges will be set at \$15.00 dollars each (shipping and handling covered) and available on a monthly basis. The Super Star training sessions are a concern due to low registration and a decision will be made soon if they are going to be held. The annual meeting on Saturday, October 26, 2019 in Stevens Point will include a Face to Face meeting for all Board members and is open to all WIMGA members. Further details will follow. All WIMGA officers are working on detailed job descriptions so any new officers will be aware of responsibilities. The awards recognition committee setting up a procedure of how this will be implemented. New business covered how the changes in WIMGA By-laws and how it will be handled by local associations when these changes are approved at the October 26, 2019 Annual meeting. Future meeting dates reminders: Saturday, October 26, 2019 Fall Face to Face - Annual Meeting in Stevens Point. Thursday, December 5, 2019 4:30 – 6 p.m. Board Meeting by Teleconference. at 4:30pm.

### **Old Business:**

\*Status of Vijai's replacement – The application process will close September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

\*Emeritus Status By-Law Change – Mindy Ward, Committee Leader, presented their recommendations. Amend by-laws to read "A. Persons who have been certified Master Gardener Volunteers for at least ten **consecutive** years **and have averaged 30 hours of Master Gardener service per year throughout their Master Gardener career.** B. **Exemplary service to the NEW Master Gardener Program.** C. **Have limited ability to remain active.** D. **Do not have yearly service and/or continued education requirements.** E. **Once granted, they must notify the treasurer each year that they wish to maintain their emeritus master gardener status."** After a discussion, it was decided to table this till next year due to WIMGA By-Law changes pending.

\*Criteria for sponsoring outside groups – Nancy Fictum presented recommended policy guidelines for MGA Event Sponsorship. **"The request needs to coincide with the By-Laws and mission of the NEW Master Gardeners Association (MGA). The MGA will have the option of supplying brochures/advertising/printed information at the event to promote Master Gardeners. The request needs to be presented to the MGA Executive Committee at least 21 days before the payment is due. A detailed list of expected expenses and benefits should accompany the request so we know what we are**

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## ***NEWMG Board Meeting Minutes (continued)***

***financing. The New Master MGA is to receive 2 tickets to the event at no charge. All requests need board approval by majority vote.*** Motion made by Steve Herro, seconded by Linda Gustke. Motion passed.

### **New Business:**

**Annual Meeting Banquet – Eileen Rueden** The banquet will be held at the new UWGB STEM Center on October 23, 2019, starting at 5:30. It will include a tour of the new facility and the new Bob Mongin garden, annual meeting and slide show of 2019 projects. The banquet will be potluck.

**Nomination Committee** – Steve Herro and Linda Gustke volunteered to be on the committee for finding a V.P., secretary and up to 3 board members.

**Old Extension Projects** – There was discussion as to whether we will try to continue the three projects at the Head Start school location which are the Rose Garden; Kids' Vegetable Garden and the current Bob Mongin garden. Jim Radey will contact the Green Bay School District to see what our options are. Steve Beersten would like to continue the Bob Mongin garden.

**Potential New Projects** – Al Nass was contacted for taking on a number of new projects. We are committed to the Bob Mongin Memorial Garden at the UWGB STEM center. A motion was made by Tim Freeman, seconded by Kyle Gigot, to ***table all other new projects until a new county agent has been hired as our advisor.*** Motion carried.

**Announcements:** NEW MGA Brown County Junior Fair awards were presented to Candra Carter, Sabrina Schmidt, and Lake Van Pay. They each received a \$10 check.

The Community Harvest Garden Open House is being held October 5<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 to 1:30, at the Brown County Central Library.

**Newsletter** – Any additional articles for the newsletter should be sent to Trisha Linssen, [bluewaters2626@protonmail.com](mailto:bluewaters2626@protonmail.com) by September 30, 2019. She is looking for articles of interest to Master Gardeners and Project reports.

**Next Board Meeting** – November 13, 2019.

*A motion was made at 7:30 PM by Tim Freeman and seconded by Melissa Schmitz to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.*

*Julie Cole, Secretary*



## 2019 Annual WIMGA - October 26, 2019



### 2019 Annual WIMGA (Wisconsin Master Gardeners Association)



### Welcome to Fall Everyone!

The WIMGA Board is looking forward to seeing you at the  
Fall Face-to-Face Local Representatives meeting:

**Saturday, October 26, 2019**  
**10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

**Dreyfuss Center on the UW-Stevens Point campus**  
**1015 Reserve Street, Stevens Point, WI**

Refreshments will be offered when you arrive; however, lunch will be on your own. The cafeteria is just downstairs from the Legacy Room where we are meeting so you are welcome to enjoy lunch there.

In addition to the WIMGA's annual meeting, we have engaged two speakers  
(MG continuing education):

- In the morning, Bernie Williams from the WI-DNR will bring us the latest updates on the jumping worm situation and what Master Gardeners can do to help.
- In the afternoon, Dr. Paul Whitaker, Professor of Biological Sciences at UW-Marathon County will address Climate Change and its impacts on gardening in Wisconsin.

Please RSVP to Becky Gutzman ([buckhill@centurylink.net](mailto:buckhill@centurylink.net)) by Friday, October 18

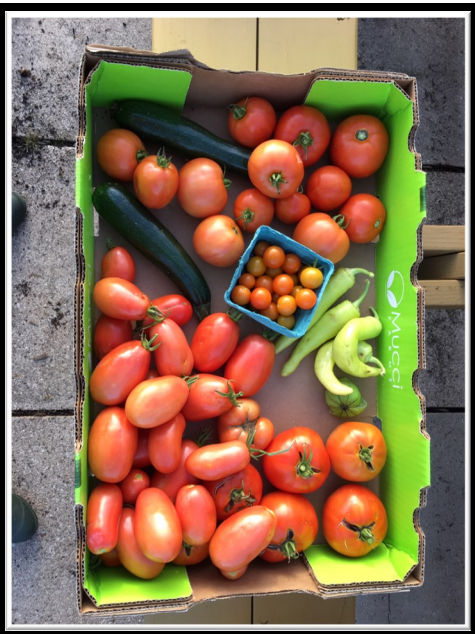


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## St. Mark's Garden

Submitted by **Mary Sprangers**

St Mark's Garden Project has 6 volunteers growing and providing vegetables for that church pantry. Our total food donation is not finalized yet but we feel we will exceed last year's yield of 471 pounds. This year there was involvement of the church preschool in seed starting. The six raised beds utilized gardening practices of cover crops, vertical gardening and crop rotation. The traditional back garden was split with one-half of the area developed as a lasagna garden and the other half amended soil. There was noted a significant improvement of plant condition and growth in the lasagna portion. With this information, we are planning to make the entire back garden in lasagna layering for next year. We have received numerous positive reviews about the garden and food provided to the pantry.



# Locktender's Garden Report

Submitted by **Claudia Schultz**

Our Open House in August was a success. We had a dragonfly craft project with information about the insect. We had 23 MGs teaching about 33 different native plants in our garden. Lots of information about pollinators and native plants. What's a weed? How can I be sure? MG Crystal tagged, then released a monarch butterfly. About 117 people attended this two-hour event.



## Bob Mongin Garden

Submitted by **Steve Beerntsen**

This spring, Master Gardeners dug up 250 plants that were sold at our plant sale. We were able to do this without destroying the beautiful Bob Mongin gardens. Two other nights were used to weed and spread wood chips around to maintain the garden. An average of ten MG's were present each time. Anyone who has not walked through the gardens and sat on the wooden bench should take the time to stop by.





## Neville Museum Garden Report

Submitted by **Claudia Schultz**

This is now a mature garden; everything has bulked out beautifully. What a beauty! Prairie blazing star is a showstopper! We have created a pollinator buffet...many butterflies, birds, and bees enjoyed the benefits of this urban oasis. Later this fall we will cut down the garden for winter. We left this garden standing last winter and had a lot of vole damage. Hopefully cutting it back will eliminate that. We will plant over 200 more alliums here after clean-up. They will join the hundreds we rescued and planted from the Mongin Garden last year.



## Plant Sale Planning Meeting

Each year, the NEW Master Gardener Association hosts a spring Plant Sale in May. If you are interested in learning more about it or joining the planning committee, please join us for a Plant Sale Info meeting at the new Extension Brown County office at UW-GB.

There is parking in front of the STEM Building. Enter the building through the door closest to the parking lot and turn right to get to the Extension Offices.

At this meeting, we will share information about past sales, including a recap of pros/cons about having it as part of the Green Bay Botanical Garden, Garden Fair this year.

Thinking about taking a larger role with the Plant Sale this year? Linda Gustke, current co-chair, is unable to co-chair next year and would love to get someone else on board as well!



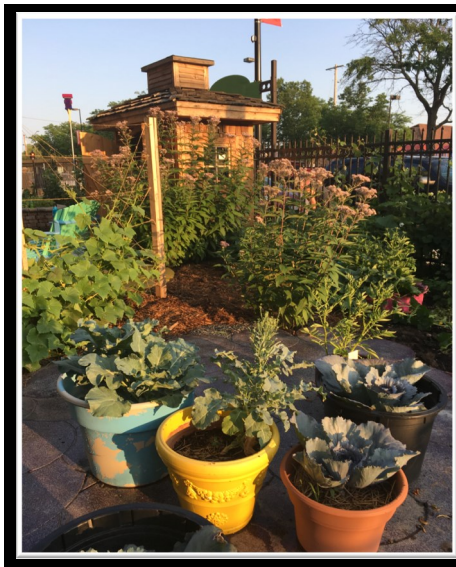
**Thursday, October 17, 2019 - 6:30 p.m. in Room 117  
STEM Innovation Building, 2019 Technology Way, UWGB Campus**

## Children's Edible Garden at the BC Library

Submitted by **Steve Herro**

As we near the end of the 2019 growing season, members of the Cellcom Children's Edible Garden team offer a list of favorite memories from this years' experience:

- Steve Herro: When our volunteer team was nominated for a group volunteer award and attending the Brown County Volunteer breakfast in April with over 300 others in our community who also prioritize community service and the common good.
- Steve Herro: Providing a setting at our September community harvest/open house for a three-year-old and six-year-old and their moms to meet each other for the first time, talk about gardens and childrearing, share our crops with us, and play hide and seek in the Garden. It's all about relationship building!
- Vicki Browne: Standing on top of a GIANT pile of mulch to shovel it into wheelbarrows for my gardening partners to disperse throughout the garden. We did not know that all the mulch was not ours, so we were working valiantly to clear the west gate ...until the library maintenance crew let us know we could stop.
- Jennifer Classon: on a sweltering Tuesday Evening the Garden with Master Gardeners a mother and her four children (infant to 6 yrs) came into the garden cradling a chickadee in their library books. They were afraid the bird would be hit by a car and wanted it to be protected in the garden. Upon safe delivery, they wandered the garden. The two oldest helped to hunt for Japanese beetles and to kill those we found. The oldest asked if I was sure it was okay to kill things that lived in the garden and this gave me an opportunity to share about non-native, invasive species. Mom and her kids tasted basil and peas, discovered other insects, asked and asked questions, shared their own growing experiences. It was a delightful visit. Spending time on a hot summer night with a curious, generous family in CEG is why I wanted to become a Master Gardener!



## Head Start Vegetable Garden

Submitted by **Donna Trousil**

The focus of the vegetable gardens behind the former Brown County Extension office changed this year as the building now is part of the Green Bay School District and houses the Head Start program for 3 and 4-year-old children. It was decided to plant fall-harvest crops so as to involve the children when school started in September. Six master gardeners were involved with this project planting and caring for a variety of vegetables including pumpkins, gourds, popcorn, rainbow carrots and sunflowers.

Although the gardens are surrounded by a high fence, there was an opening under one of the gates through which some unwanted visitors got in during the summer. Several woodchucks made their home for a while in the bean raised bed! They were successfully trapped and relocated. Adding some blocks under the gate prevented reentry.

In the few weeks after school started we also successfully hosted each of the 3 and 4-year-old classes from the school in our garden. They loved seeing (and eating) the grapes which have been part of the site for many years, were amazed seeing potatoes hanging on the plant roots after being dug, loved seeing purple carrots, shelling the dried beans, and especially playing in the dirt! After a brief presentation to match brief attention spans they sampled the colored carrots, cantaloupe and grapes. During those sessions we were able to introduce approximately 180 students with their teachers to our garden. It is our hope that we can interact with the children one more time yet this fall showing them the pumpkins, gourds, broom corn and popcorn that they can enjoy in their classrooms.

The teachers have expressed their excitement at being able to bring the children into the garden and to enjoy some of the food at snack time. They are also excited about how to be involved in the future.



## YMCA Children's Garden

Submitted by **Jo Ann Holloway**

We have now completed the second year in a row in which the YMCA has taken on more responsibility for the garden and, each Wednesday, we Master Gardeners are again working with the after-school program children in the spring and fall and the summer program children in between. Linda Gustke assisted with the After-School Program while Judy Christensen and Brittany Mofatt assisted with the summer program. YMCA staff brings the children into the garden three times a week to pick weeds, turn compost, water, and pick and weigh the produce. The produce is then consumed by the children at the Y and leftovers given to parents. There is still an issue with the water not being turned on until into June and staff is very lean after the third week of August. We will have to meet to see how both these issues can be improved upon for next year.

Another issue that is being addressed yet this fall is replacing the garden gates which have fallen apart. The new gates will be constructed this fall when the garden has finished for the season. The gates will be constructed out of permanent material rather than wood. The supplies have been purchased.

At the beginning of the growing season the beds required two yards of new compost, a large package of compressed peat and vermiculite which we added to all the beds to get them up to an acceptable level with the exception of the rhubarb as it had already grown to the size of the bed. The cable ties that attached the hardware cloth to the fence has been continually breaking due to the cold winter weather and hot sun, so they were replaced with heavy wire. The perennial sedum came back in abundance along with a few other perennial flowers. Some perennial flowers were donated by the master gardeners who thinned out the beds at the Neville museum. These were planted in with the herbs and lavender and did very well.

We have had very good response from the children as far as participating with all the garden jobs. Usually between 12 and 15 children participate, sometimes even more. They especially like rhubarb which is still sending up new shoots as of this writing. They argue over who is getting the bigger piece and eat it right up, without sugar I might add. Composting and weighing the produce are favorites as well. In addition to teaching about the outdoor gardening chores, the children learned what to do with the vegetables once they were brought indoors. They had a training session on cleaning up the 53 pounds of freshly picked harvest, so it is ready to eat.

The garden did not perform as well as other years mainly due to disappearing plants and erratic weather. The plants that were started indoors at the Y did poorly after they were transplanted or mysteriously disappeared indoors. However, over 210 lbs. were picked to date with quite a bit still in the garden to go. We have more broccoli, tomatoes, cucumbers, long beans, carrots, lettuce, chives and rhubarb to harvest.

In mid-June we again participated in the YMCA Summer Block Party. Even though it misted quite a bit early on, it cleared up enough that there was a good turnout and many children and parents toured the garden. This event runs from 4:30 pm to 8:00 pm. The children planted seeds to take home along with some quizzes and games relative to gardening.

To date the garden yield is as follows with more to come:

Beets	22 # 12 oz	Cucumbers	53 # 10 oz	Rhubarb	18 # 4 oz
Chives	10 oz	Radishes	13 #	Leaf Lettuce	12 # 5 oz
Carrots	8 #	Snap Peas	4 oz	Arugula	2 # 8 oz
Spinach	2 #	Kohlrabi	7 # 8 oz	Onions	13 #
Bush Beans	5 # 2 oz	Tomatoes	33 # 10 oz	Celery	9 # 3 oz
Broccoli	6 # 8 oz	Sw. Peppers	2 # 4 oz		

I would estimate that there will be another 30 pounds of vegetables left to pick, mainly cucumbers, tomatoes, carrots and beets.

## 2019 Master Gardener Projects

Name of Project	Team Coordinator	Contact Info
Garden Series	Barb Brown	920-336-6098, <a href="mailto:utschigbrown@gmail.com">utschigbrown@gmail.com</a>
Garden Clippings newsletter	Trisha Linssen	920-819-7370, <a href="mailto:bluewaters2626@protonmail.com">bluewaters2626@protonmail.com</a>
Facebook	Crystal Brown	715-292-0380, <a href="mailto:inspirednorth@gmail.com">inspirednorth@gmail.com</a>
NEW Master Gardener website	Trisha Linssen	920-819-7370, <a href="mailto:bluewaters2626@protonmail.com">bluewaters2626@protonmail.com</a>
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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:joannholloway@att.net">joannholloway@att.net</a>
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Native Garden at Neville Museum	Claudia Schultz	920-336-0030, <a href="mailto:csch5677@gmail.com">csch5677@gmail.com</a>
UWEX Trial Garden	Donna Trousil	920-336-3896, <a href="mailto:donnatrousil@att.net">donnatrousil@att.net</a>
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Heritage Hill Tank Garden	Kyle Gigot	920-680-1625, <a href="mailto:kpgigot@gmail.com">kpgigot@gmail.com</a>
ADRC Raised Bed Gardens	Lee Richardson	920- 336-5331, <a href="mailto:benrich1789@sbcglobal.net">benrich1789@sbcglobal.net</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>

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