



Door County Master Gardeners Association, Inc.

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Mike's Message

Recently, I heard the suggestion that members might be more willing to work together in The Garden Door as a team with others rather than take on the obligation of an area supervisor position. This got me thinking about how we get things done in our organization.

If we look at The Garden Door, we have plenty of examples of how "teams" have been able to successfully work together to manage various areas of the garden; Barb & Doug Henderson in the Spiral and Sundial Gardens, Nancy Anschutz & Shirley Romsos in the West Perennial Bed, the team that renovated the Herb Garden, and the Turf Team that maintains the lawns. Do we want to shift our focus from recruiting "area supervisors" to recruiting "area teams"?

Should we make this distinction within the rest of the organization? Is there a difference between a team and a committee? Both are a group of people working together, but when I think about a *team* I envision action. When I think about a *committee* I envision meetings. Which sounds more appealing? Would members feel more empowered and more willing to participate if we had teams rather than committees? Currently our committees work more like teams. Is it time we start calling them teams?

Mike VanEss

DCMGA Board of Directors and Officers:

President..... Mike VanEss
Vice President Chris Gritzmacher
Treasurer.....Wendy Woldt
Secretary.....Holly Green

Board Members: Jim Baxter, Jim Friedrichs,
Jim McFarlin, Alan Romsos
State Board Representative.....Gstry Kemp
UW-Extension Agent.....Annie Deutsch

MISSION STATEMENT: The Door County Master Gardeners Association, Inc., in partnership with UW-Extension, shall strive to make a positive impact on horticulture in our community through education, community outreach, and stewardship of our environment.

DCMGA Board Meeting Minutes 7-20-16

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Pres. Mike VanEss.

Board members present: Christine Gritzmacher, Wendy Woldt, Holly Green, Jim Baxter, Jim Friedrichs.

Also present: Barbara and Doug Henderson, Chriss Daubner, JoAnn Tarczewski, Carol Berglund, Karen Kidd, Sandie Ott, John G. Kierstyn, Dale and Jeanne Vogel, Kathy Green, Kerry Vavra, Richard and Barb Allmann.

Guest: Paul Stoneman from Stoneman-Schopf Agency, Inc. answered questions regarding insurance and the proposed Directors and Officers coverage. Discussion covered extent and cost of current coverage.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the previous meeting were approved (motion Jim F/seconded Chris G.)

Correspondence: A thank-you card was received from the Senior Center for our donation of plants after the plant sale. These plants are being used for produce for their salad bar.

Treasurer's Report: Wendy provided a current budget report; she noted more changes to her figures due to changes in reporting Plant Sale expenses vs. TGD expenses. Report approved (motion Jim F/seconded Holly).

New Board Member: Linda Zolnosky approved to fill position expiring in 2017. (motion Holly/seconded Jim B.)

Old Business

Risk Management Plan:

Toxic Plants: Jim B. brought up concerns expressed at The Garden Door Committee meeting regarding the toxic plant provisions in the Risk Management Plan. After a lengthy discussion, a motion was made to remove last three sentences of Risk Management Plan, Part D, pages 2-3, "Plants may present...clearly labeled as toxic." (motion Jim F/seconded Holly). Motion to place sign re: respect the TGD, do not touch or eat plants (motion Chris G./Jim F.) Barb Allmann suggested a large sign with "Rules of the Garden" to cover all issues.

Implementation: Mike V. presented a list of tasks called for in the Risk Management Plan and reviewed progress toward completing the tasks.

Helen Bacon to provide guidelines for food handling – in progress.

Incident Report Form – sample form presented – in progress.

First Aid Kit purchase – to do.

PA system purchase – done.

Child supervision sign – done, must be picked up from maker.

Activity plan form - sample form presented – in progress.

Schedule insurance agent for Board Meeting – done.

Chairperson check list – to do.

Insurance Coverage: Master Gardener/UW-Extension/County Coordinator Update volunteer liability update presented. UW-Extension discovered that it does not have liability coverage for the Master Gardener Program. It is working on reinstating this coverage. Motion to fill out insurance application to get quote for further insurance for informational purposes only (motion Jim F/seconded Jim B.)

Motion to table further Risk Management Plan implementation discussion until more information is received from UW Extension office and insurance company (motion Wendy/seconded Chris G.)

New Website Update: Mike V. working on new website through Weebly. He is having trouble transferring the domain name.

DCMGA Board Meeting Minutes, cont...

New Business:

2017 Fall Event: Will discuss at later meeting. All publicity contacts notified re: cancellation of 2016 event.

2017 Budget: Chairpersons should look at their budget needs for next year.

Committee Reports:

Open House: JoAnn T. reports attendance of approximately 185 people. Event had profit of \$339 in donations and Fairy Garden sales. Thank You to Everybody!

The Garden Door: Jim B. noted the recent survey showed a lack of interest in helping in garden areas, members are too busy, but they like to work in groups/teams rather than with one supervisor. Three areas need new supervisors – label making, east perennial beds, and the pond. There is good support for more labeling of plants and short lectures and demos like the “Tuesdays in The Garden Door” programs. New roof needed on the gazebo, electrical problems at the pond, rewiring needed around TGD.

Education: Tuesdays in TGD programs coming up, tour of Door Landscaping and Nursery is August 10, 5 p.m., Egg Harbor.

Plant Sale: Karen Kidd provided a detailed report. Suggested changes are adding a place on tally sheets for donations, and a tax form for plant donations. A new greenhouse coordinator is needed.

Youth: No report.

Merchandise Sales: Doing ok.

Training: No report.

Newsletter: Jeanne White may suggest making the newsletter a quarterly publication.

Outreach: Lee Somerville has moved to California; her position is open.

Publicity: No coordinator, Mike V. is coordinating press releases, adverts, etc.

Social: MG Picnic is August 7th. Student tours were a success.

Sunshine: Al Romsos will be sent a sympathy card for his brother’s death.

State Report: October 1st is the deadline for education grants. As we have already received a \$400 grant, we can only apply for the \$100 or \$250 grants.

The regional conference will be at the Wisconsin Dells in mid September. Registration is open. Barb and Doug Henderson are donating a glass artwork for the silent auction.

Announcements: Our next Board Meeting will be **SEPTEMBER 21, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.** in the PARS classroom.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m. (motion Jim F./seconded Holly).

Respectfully submitted by Holly Green, Secretary.





Garden Door Notes by Vicki Dirst

Garden Door Committee Meeting, July 11, 2016

Present: Alan Romsos, Chris Gritzmacher, Vicki Dirst, Chriss Daubner, Jo Ann Tarczewski, Jim Friedrichs, Nancy Anschutz, Barb Henkelmann, Jim Baxter, Sandie Ott, Barbara Henderson, Doug Henderson, Carol Berglund, Barb Allmann, Dick Allmann, Kathy Green, Dorry Wilner

Call to Order: Jim B. called the meeting to order at 5:32. He thought the Open House went very well. Sandie said there were around 185 visitors. Chriss D. asked if we should do anything to notify the public that the fall event has been cancelled. Jim B. will bring it up at the board meeting. The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Treasurers Report: Nancy said we have spent about \$6,000 and have about \$3,000 left. A few anticipated expenditures were noted. Barbara asked about submitting budget requests, which must be sent to Nancy no later than August 5th. Chriss D. talked about how changes in the butterfly garden could affect the budget.

Open Positions: Dorry asked how to get plant labels. Sandie and others explained. Sandie will do labels for the rest of this year, and then someone else will be needed to do the job. Jim B. said we have to get a new person for the pond or take out the pond, since it won't function without regular maintenance. The east perennial bed also needs a supervisor or team.

Gazebo Roof: Alan said the roof needs to be replaced. A contractor gave him an estimate of \$4,500. Doug suggested contacting Greg Urban, who originally did the roof. The job needs to be done in the upcoming fiscal year (October or later).

Roundup and Weed Killer: Alan asked for guidance on using Roundup on the paths and weed killer on the lawn. Potential damage to nearby plants in the garden was a concern. No consensus was reached. Vicki commented on her willingness to weed paths. Alan will get more stone for the paths and will schedule a work event to improve them.

Irrigation: Alan said the problem with the timing of the irrigation system has been fixed with Meissner's help. Now it turns on at 1 a.m. and off at 7 a.m. There are eight zones. Each zone gets watered for 45 minutes, four times a week. If someone finds that the irrigation is on at other times, they should let Alan know.

Garden Door Committee Meeting, cont...

Bark Mulch: Alan said he ordered 75 yards of mulch and there is a lot left. We may not need any more next year.

Entrance Counter: Alan installed the counter May 16. Through the end of May there were 1,048 entrances, with 643 of them during the Memorial Day weekend. For June the number was 1,204. For the July 4th weekend the count was 203. We can't tell how many people were visitors as opposed to members. Barb A. suggested communicating the numbers to the visitors bureau and the UW- Extension office. Currently Alan gives the count to Mike Van Ess at the end of the year and Mike gives it to Matt Stasiak. Alan will ask Matt how he wants the information.

TGD Survey: Jim B. talked about board mandates in the strategic plan approved last year. TGD survey was intended to get an idea who would be willing to take on jobs. The results of that were disappointing. There was no interest in apprenticeships or starting new gardens. There was a lot of interest in increasing education in the garden and working with other members in a social context. There were 38 responses to the survey (about a third of members). Respondents talked favorably about the weed and feeds. There was support for the idea of periodic presentations in the garden. The education committee approved a trial program on July 26th with three speakers. If there is good response we could have a series of programs at 7 p.m. on Tuesdays.

Plant Identification: Jim B. said the strategic plan calls for all plants in the garden to be identified by June 1st. Mike VE has asked to have plant lists by July 15th. If supervisors need assistance identifying plants, Barbara Henderson, Holly Green, Laurie Buskie, and Carol Berglund have offered to help.

Toxic Plants: Jim B. said the risk management plan approved in May calls for removing or labeling toxic plants in the garden. We have discretion on how to do this. If casual contact could cause harm we should probably do something about it. Otherwise we may want to keep this as an educational tool if we really want to keep a certain plant in the garden. He thinks we will end up eliminating very few plants, choosing to label them instead. He called for area supervisors to research the toxicity of their plants and notify him so he can bring the subject to TGD committee for discussion. Jo Anne asked if any of us have been to a garden where toxic plants are labeled. No one had. Barbara H. and Chriss D. talked about how all this extra work takes the joy out of the garden, at the same time we have trouble finding new area supervisors. Plus, Chriss argued that in deciding which plants are sufficiently toxic to tell people about (and which ones we consider less toxic) this can increase our liability. Barb A. made a motion to take this back to the board knowing that TGD committee is not comfortable with this. Jo Anne seconded. Jim asked for clarification. The rationale was: (1) Our development of a poisonous plant list increases our liability; (2) per Chriss D. "you don't go to a garden to learn about toxicity of plants;" (3) this creates a greatly increased workload for supervisors. The motion carried.

Invasive Plants: Jim B. said the strategic plan also calls for removing invasive plants from the garden. Doug said there are several different lists of invasive plants and they change from year to year. Which are we to use? He proposed consulting our local DNR office and the Door County Invasive Species Team. Jim will ask Agriculture Agent Annie Deutsch what list we should use.

Other Discussion: Carol said two weeks ago she led a bus tour group of 54 people on a tour of the garden. One woman handed her a check for \$200. Carol sent her a nice thank you note. Two more bus tours are scheduled.

The meeting adjourned at 7:16. The next meeting will be September 12th at 5:30 at PARS.

Open House at The Garden Door

July 9th, 2016



What a beautiful day!

185 guests enjoyed a wonderful afternoon at The Garden Door.

Flowers, Food, Friendship, & a lovely venue to savor all.





Student & Master Gardener Garden Tours

July 17th, 2016

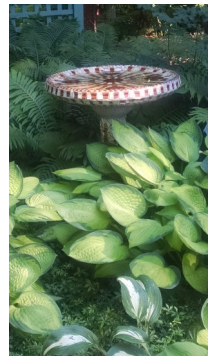


*Exceptional
adj.
Uncommon;
extraordinary.*

*Inspire
v.
To arouse the
mind or
emotions of.*

*Students and
Master Gardeners
could not help
but be inspired
by two
exceptional
gardens hosted
by Dale & Joan
Jeanquart and
Doug & Barbara-
Henderson.*

*A feast for the
eyes and senses!*



Deer and rabbits present problems in many student gardens. Young plants can be wiped out in an instant by hungry animals. Several gardeners have created structures to keep these unwanted visitors away from plants and vegetables.



Some students have only recently moved to their homes. Gardens have to be created or renovated. Areas have been prioritized and scheduled for work in future years. Master Gardeners gave advice and encouragement.



The following students graciously welcomed DCMGA Members to their gardens:

Gretchen Schmelzer

Gretchen and her husband Steve have a beautiful property located in a very secluded area of Sturgeon Bay (you would never know it's there). They have prairie (18 species), flower and vegetable gardens, an apiary, a fire pit and a trail. Projects include removing invasive buckthorn and honeysuckle and replacing those with native plants. They describe this secret spot as "their special quiet place in town".

Dorry Wilner

Dorry and her husband Gary are renting a home on Cty U and have been given free rein with regard to the garden. The property stood empty for almost 4 years and the once beautiful gardens are now overgrown. Dorry is clearing some areas, while waiting to see what shows up in others. Once she knows what's there, she can create a garden renovation plan.

Rhonda Schomburg

Rhonda and her husband Jerry moved into their home in August of 2012. They have been busy removing landscape fabric and bark that was installed by the previous owner. New installations include lawn, an area for ferns, and a wildflower garden. Rhonda has also been dividing and moving perennials and bushes.

Nancy Goldberg

Nancy and her husband (the designated waterer), enjoy their flower gardens and watching them change through the seasons. Their previous home was in a very sunny location in central Wisconsin. They now live in a very shady spot so Nancy is learning all about the needs of shade loving plants. They have also designed and installed a "garden room" with high wire fencing to keep out the plant munching critters.

Nick Doane

Nick said that they bought their home in June of 2014. They have approximately 3 acres of garden space, comprised of lawn, pond and meadow. Many of the lovely features that were installed by the previous owner have become overgrown and need to be rehabbed. Nick spent most of the spring developing a large vegetable garden. He is currently working on the flower beds and plans to renovate the pond in 2017.

Marsha & Steve Krzyzanowski

Marsha and Steve have a new (2014) home on 5 acres of land previously used as an orchard. They have owned the land for 22 years and during that time had the forethought to plant many pine trees and native wildflowers. Since living on the property they have had to come to grips with a whole new list of gardening challenges. The most difficult of these is the task of attempting to out-smart the wildlife. They designed a very nice enclosure for their vegetable garden and are currently working on attracting birds, bees and butterflies as opposed to deer and rabbits!

Cliff White

Cliff has had a general interest in gardening most of his life, but when he and Jeanne purchased their 20 acre property in 2011, it became apparent that gardening would play a major role in his life on their little farm. At first Cliff spent the majority of his time on tree line clean-up, honeysuckle eradication, and stacking the rock wall. The property was home to a couple of thousand 2' tall pine trees, but the area surrounding the house was a virtual "blank slate". Initially, Jeanne designed and installed the gardens, but now Cliff has been "bitten by the gardening bug" and is placing his own signature gardens at various locations on the property.

*End of day at
Carrie & Peter
Sherrill's
beautiful farm
for a delicious
pot luck dinner
and great
conversation*



DCMGA COMMITTEES



COMMITTEE	Chairman/Coordinator
Awards	Kerry Vavra
Banquet	Christine Gritzmacher
Education	Chris Holicek
Garden Door	Grounds Alan Romsos
	Plants Jim Baxter
	Financial Nancy Anschutz
Newsletter	Jeanne White
Open House	Jo Ann Tarczewski
Outreach	Open
Plant Sale	Karen Kidd
Publicity	Mike VanEss
Risk Management	Jim Baxter
Shed - Area Supervisor	Kathie Vavra
Social	Coggin Heeringa
Sunshine	Donna Hake
Taste of the Garden Door	Linda Zolnosky
	Jeanne Vogel
	Linda Lambert
Training	Gary Kemp
WIMGA	Gary Kemp
Youth Program	Vickie Daoust

MANY THANKS TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS!

Please consider volunteering for one of the open positions.

DOOR LANDSCAPE AND NURSERY TOUR

Wednesday, August 10th at 5pm

Tour will last approximately one hour. Park in the nursery parking lot on the left as you come in the driveway. On the tour you will see demonstration gardens, propagation, growing areas, and a display on raising monarchs. Plants will also be available for purchase. 21 people have signed up so far. Please email Chris at chrisholicek@yahoo.com if you would like to attend



MASTER GARDENER

Opportunities and Information

New Website!

Web address is the same, dcmga.org, but we have a new web provider, Weebly, and a new look. Parts of the site are “under construction” and there is still much to do. If you would like to have something posted, please send it to the new email address: webmaster.dcmga.org and Mike will take care of posting it to the new site.

Also, each member will need to create his/her own login to the Members Only section. Registration is easy. To register, make sure the work “Register” is black. You will see three lines that you will need to complete: name, email address and password. Enter the email address that is included on our membership roster (the email address we use to send emails to you from the Buzz). Create your own password and you will be able to log in to the Members Only section. To log out, click on the My Account tab and click on Log Out at the bottom of the pop-up box.

Opportunities in The Garden Door

- Plant label making
- East perennial bed
- Pond

Please contact Jim Baxter: jhbax@yahoo.com if you are interested in one of these positions. It's a great way to meet other Master Gardeners!

Ever dream about owning your own Greenhouse??? Not so sure how it's done??? How about taking advantage of an opportunity to learn all about it from Master Gardeners with years of experience.

We are looking for a special person to oversee the greenhouse for 2017. Join the team now and grow with the plants. Plans are already being made for the 2017 season. If you would like to find out more about this position and what it entails, please contact Karen Kidd.



DCMGA PICNIC
SUNDAY, AUGUST 7TH, 1PM
 at
THE GARDEN DOOR

Appetizers at 1pm
 "Graduation" for the Class of 2016 at
 approximately 1:30pm

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2 Ed Comm Meeting 1pm PARS	3	4	5	6
7 PICNIC 1pm TGD	8	9 Boys & Girls Club Tour 1-3 TGD	10 Door Landscape & Nursery Tour 5pm	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Event Locations: PARS=Research Station Classroom, CRBC=Crossroads at Big Creek,

SEPTEMBER 2016

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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11	12 TGD Comm Mtg 5:30pm PARS	13	14 Upper Midwest Regional Conf WI Dells	15 Upper Midwest Regional Conf	16 Upper Midwest Regional Conf	17 Upper Midwest Regional Conf
18	19	20	21 Board Meeting 5:30pm PARS	22	23	24
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