



Door County Master Gardeners Association, Inc.

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Mike's Message

Here I am again, President of the Door County Master Gardener Association. Back in 1995, I took on the challenge of becoming the first President of our newly formed organization. Back then, there were 15 members. (Needless to say, it was not difficult for me to know every member.) Then, there was no Garden Door, or plant sale. At the end of that first year, our bank account contained a few hundred dollars. We spent much of our time trying to figure out what we wanted the organization to become and how we were going to make it happen.

Now, we're a 100+ member association with a \$20,000+ budget, a thriving education program, a public garden that attracts 8000+ visitors a year, a plant sale that raises \$10,000 annually, two events in The Garden Door that attract nearly 1000 visitors combined each summer, and an ongoing training program that has allowed us to continually bring in new members who are eager to contribute to the success of our organization. It doesn't take a genius to see that the task I've taken on this time will be far more complex than the challenge I took on 20 years ago.

What hasn't change in that time is the role an organization's members play in its success. So, my first request to our members is that you ask yourself is there something more you can do to contribute to our future success. Many of you already contribute a considerable amount of your time. To you, I offer my thanks and my hope that you can continue to do what you can for DCMGA. For those who can do more, please look to the variety of committees and activities we offer where you can get involved. We can always use more help.

I want to thank outgoing President Kathie Vavra for the wonderful leadership she has provided over the past three years. Under her guidance, we have continued to grow and mature as an organization. Also, thanks to outgoing Treasurer Martha Burris and Secretary Bonnie Rankin for their hard work.

Finally, unlike 20 years ago, I must admit that I do not know all of our current members. For many of you, I know you as a name on a roster or a face I've seen at various Master Gardener events. So, I ask your patience as I try to put names to faces. I look forward to beginning that process at our upcoming Christmas Party. See you there.

Mike Van Ess

DCMGA Board of Directors and Officers:

President Mike Van Ess
Vice President..... Chris Gritzmacher
Treasurer Wendy Woldt
Secretary Holly Green
Immediate Past Pres.....Kathie Vavra
Board Members: Bill Freyman, Jim McFarlin, Tim Kazmierczak, Jim Baxter, Jim Fredrichs
State Board Representative Rod Bohn
Advisor.....Dean Volenberg

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.

Door County Master Gardeners "taking care of business!"



DCMGA Board Meeting Minutes—November 19, 2014 by Holly Green

The meeting was brought to order at 5:35 p.m. by President Kathie Vavra.

Present members: Kathie Vavra, Mike Van Ess, Wendy Woldt, Tim Kazmierczak, Al Romsos, Rod Bohn, Kerry Vavra, Jim Baxter, Jim Friedrichs, Linda Lambert, Jeanne Vogel, Martha Burris, and Holly Green.

Absent members: Christine Gritzmacher, Jim McFarlin, and Bill Freyman.

Secretary's Report: Previous report was approved (moved by Holly; seconded by Tim). A "thank you" note was received from Bonnie Rankin for the Gift Certificate from DCMGA.

Treasurer's Report: The new budget was read and approved (moved by Mike V.; seconded by Holly). The current treasurer's report was read and approved (moved by Holly; seconded by Jeanne). A round of applause was given for Martha for her past service as treasurer.

Old Business:

Election of Officers: A new slate of Officers was presented for President – Mike Van Ess, Vice-President – Chris Gritzmacher, Treasurer – Wendy Woldt, and Secretary – Holly Green. The slate was approved (moved by Jim B.; seconded by Jeanne). New President Mike Van Ess conducted the remainder of the meeting.

DCMGA Categories: The "friends" and "inactive" member categories were discussed with suggested name changes and better definitions. For example, should "inactive" be changed to "local" or "social"? Martha suggested sending letters to inactives. Categories are determined by the state, which also dictates the mandatory training related to child abuse. Martha will not cash membership renewal checks from MGs who are not taking the mandatory training class. Motion was passed to add to the DCMGA policy that Inactive MGs must complete mandatory training (moved by Kathie; seconded by Linda).

Email policy: Mike V. presented written Policies and Procedures for emails as suggested by Jim B. Questions discussed were related to: quorum requirements, timing for dcbuzz emails, proxy voting and the quorum. The policy presented for emails and proxy voting was approved (moved by Wendy; seconded by Kathie).

DCMGA History: No report.

PARS: The projector is working now, with wireless USB adapter. Kathie purchased 2 adapters; Tim requested a third for the classroom.

New MG Training Class: 1 person has signed up, but we need a minimum of 5. The deadline is Nov. 25. The Class has been advertised in the Pulse, but we received no response from the Advocate. Discussed whether to contact the DC Daily News.

Defibrillator for PARS: Kathie contacted Sandie Vandertie at DC Hospital, but received no reply yet. We will need training and communication capabilities if a defibrillator is acquired.

Board Meeting Minutes (*continued*)

New Business:

Special Events: Jeanne Vogel and Linda Lambert presented a report on the Taste of The Garden Door and Pesto Festo. They will chair the Pesto Festo only. Points in report: budget request of \$1500 for 2015, discontinue sponsorships, recycling containers needed, have an information booth for plant questions, trained emergency personnel on site needed for all events, and a request for two more 10' x10' tents. One 10' x 20' tent used at the event was damaged and there was discussion about whether it can be repaired. Could we get gift certificates from sponsors to encourage more pesto entries? A Special Events Committee Chairman is needed.

The Christmas Party will be Friday, December 12, 2014, at 5:30 p.m. (dinner at 6:00), at Sevastopol Town Hall in Institute.

State Association Report: New manuals, materials, and a new video program are now available. More grants are available than have been applied for. Scholarships for college/technical training are also available. The Midwest regional conference was held in Lacrosse on July 30-Aug.1. A survey to improve extension service and MG programs is in progress by the Wisconsin MG office. The 2016 Wisconsin MG meeting will be held in the Dells. Noted: There are no certified master gardeners listed for Michigan!

Committee Reports:

Annual Reports: Martha noted that only 2 reports have been received from committees.

Banquet: There were 69 reservations and 64 or 65 attendees. Susan Garot of the Green Bay Botanical Garden (GBBG) was the speaker. A donation to the GBBG was sent in Susan's name as a thank you.

Education: No report, but the classes are ready to go.

The Garden Door: Changes will be made to the perennials area, the Long Range Planning Committee will be retained, the budget looks good, signs are on hold, and the dwarf conifers will be installed. Promotions for the Garden Door could include DC Trolley tours, but due to traffic flow/capacity, it would only happen on weekends. The Hendersons are working on a recognition board. Gary Kemp requested more tents.

Tim and Kathie asked to use our accumulated credit card points to purchase power tools (e.g., leaf blower, etc.) A motion to do so was passed (moved by Jim F.; seconded by Kathie).

Newsletter: As Chris G. is now Vice-President, a new editor is needed. Jeanne White is interested in the editor's position.

Open House: No report.

Outreach: MGs are volunteering in 20 locations in Door County. Lee Somerville has collected information about those locations, which will be posted on the website.

Plant Sale: A meeting will be held on Monday to select annuals and veggies for next year's sale. Someone is needed to shadow Chriss Daubner for chairmanship of the sale. Wendy Woldt is assisting.

Publicity: No report.

Social: Card sent to Jim McFarlin related to his recent surgery.

Training: Mike Maddox has completed a new video training program for the next class.

Next meeting: The Board meeting will be JANUARY 21, 2015, at 5:30 p.m. at PARS. The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m. (Moved by Mike V.; seconded by Kathie)



The Garden Door

Garden Door Notes

By Vicki Dirst

The Garden Door Committee Meeting November 10, 2014

Present: Tim Kazmierczak, Jim McFarlin, Vicki Dirst, Allen Miller, Jo Ann Tarczewski, Kerry and Kathie Vavra, Wendy Woldt, Chriss Daubner, Jim Friedrichs, Barb and Dick Allmann, Christine Gritzmacher, DD Knutson, Holly Green, Jim Baxter, Martha Burris, Deborah Javurek

Call to Order: Tim called the meeting to order at 5:34.

West Perennial Bed: Vicki said this bed is overcrowded with plants and in need of major renovation. She resigned as the area supervisor, stating that the amount of work that this bed requires now exceeds the effort that she can devote to it. She recommended a two person team take over this bed, and said she is willing to serve as a mentor. Discussion then turned to the idea of creating a medieval garden. Deborah, Martha and Holly would like to create such a bed, containing older plants used for medicinal purposes. Wendy suggested that a medieval garden could be sited where the four raised beds are located. Deborah said another possibility is to put it in the Garden Next Door. Vicki said it would be sad to lose so many nice plants by turning the West Perennial Bed into a medieval bed.

Long Range Planning Committee: Vicki asked what this committee is doing. Since there were 13 people present at the LRP meeting just prior to TGD meeting, it seemed clear that there is an ongoing need for this to be a standing committee separate from The Garden Door Committee. Tim said they have discussed bringing in a third party to help us develop a multiyear plan. They have a facilitator in mind. Other topics under discussion are: (1) the creation of job descriptions for area supervisors, (2) the creation of a job description for the chairperson of TGD, (3) the preparation of a list of people who help us through their donations, (4) fundraising via engraved bricks, and (5) whether the emphasis of TGD should be education.

Budget for The Garden Door: Martha distributed copies of the budget for 2015. The total for TGD is \$8,930. This does not include the raised beds, sprinkler and dwarf conifer projects. Each of those is a separate line item in the budget.

Committee Report Forms: Martha said that the purpose of the form is to pass information from one committee chairperson to the next. If you have a budget you need to submit a report. This includes area supervisors. The form is to be submitted annually.

American Public Gardens Association: Jo Ann thought the TGD committee didn't want to pursue membership in this organization. Jim F. said that APGA wants money and the amount of money determines how much recognition you get. Jo Ann said it would give more out of state people exposure to our garden. Discussion then turned to other types of publicity including social media. Tim will ask Phil Block if he is willing to get our events listed in Wisconsin Gardening magazine. Holly said there are other magazines like Midwest Living that could be contacted as well. DD will send photos of the grasses to Tim that Phil might send to the Peninsula Pulse and the Door County Advocate.

The Garden Door Committee Meeting (*continued*)

Signs: Chris G. said the signs committee is still waiting for Matt Staziak to respond to their proposal.

Dwarf Conifer Garden: This project was approved at the September Board meeting and is included in the new budget. Dick showed the design and said Richard Briggs has brought in some rock.

Pedestrian Counter: Kathie reported that the counter tallied 8,108 people entering the garden from July into October. Strangely it indicated that only somewhat over 6,000 people left. Tim asked how we might determine how many of these people represent our guests. Allen recommended tracking the numbers over a couple of years before making any changes.

Tripadvisor: Kathie changed the phone number provided on Tripadvisor so she is no longer receiving frequent calls about the garden.

Raised Beds: Jo Ann suggested moving the raised beds to another location. DD agreed that might be a good idea. Jo Ann gave a brief history of the Garden Next Door and said that could be a good place. It would need to be addressed through the Long Range Planning committee, particularly since there is a question as to whether we want the garden to get bigger. DD said that in the short term we might take out the trellis or remove one or two of the four planters. Kerry said that building new raised beds in the Garden Next Door would need to be cleared with Matt S., since he might not want a permanent wood structure there. Chris reminded the group that we are required to meet with Matt once a year and recommended this be addressed at that time. Jim M. and Kerry both took part in the last such meeting and are willing to do so again, along with the new president. Kathie asked about the apple press. Tim said it has been fixed. Adjustment to the pavers may be needed upon removal of the raised beds.

Arborvitae Hedge Replacement: Tim said this is another subject that we need to talk to Matt about. Area supervisors who want certain arborvitae removed, or don't want them removed, should contact Tim.

Table and Bench Refinishing: Jim M. did the refinishing and stored the furniture in the barn.

Tents: Doug Henderson has proposed purchasing four more 10 x 10 foot tents. Tim will contact Gary Kemp and find out what the price would be.

Recognition Board for Outside Benefactors: Doug and Barbara Henderson, together with Jo Ann, are looking for an appropriate way to formally recognize companies (and others?) that have made a meaningful contribution to TGD. Contact Doug if you wish to serve on this committee.

Promoting TGD: Tim asked if we want to increase visitation to TGD by encouraging bus tours on weekends (not during PARS working hours). This might involve contacting the Door County Trolley. This is another thing that Matt S. would need to be asked.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55. The next meeting will be January 12th.

What's Hardy? A Perennial Question DCMGA Fall Seminar, November 8, 2014

Nancy Nedveck, of The Flower Factory, presented the DCMGA Fall Seminar at Crossroads at Big Creek on November 8th, which was attended by MG's and members of the public. The Seminar opened with a reception with breakfast treats provided by MG's. The morning session included talks on "Vertical Gardening" and "Hardy Grasses for Any Site." All participants were provided a box lunch. In the afternoon session, Nancy described "The New Reliables – Best Perennials for Zone 5" and included a brief reprise of "Vertical Gardening" to show additional pictures to supplement those seen in the morning session. Participants also were provided with a copy of The Flower Factory's booklet on perennials for the 2014 season. This informative booklet includes descriptions of about 3000 varieties of hardy perennials listed by common names and Latin names with detailed information on each variety (color, bloom period, height) and its uses (e.g., butterfly attractor, cut flowers, deer resistant, native plant, etc.). It also includes lists of public gardens, horticulture-related organizations, and perennial plant reference books and websites.

Nancy's presentation on "Vertical Gardening – No Place to Grow But Up" described and showed many examples of plantings that grow in a variety of ways and locations beyond the typical garden plot. These included hanging baskets, archways and canopies, topiary and espalier plantings, plants on roofs (to catch rain water), in wall niches, in boxes mounted on walls or fences, and "living wall" structures. These vertical gardens can provide additional space to avid gardeners with limited or no garden space, or be used to soften or hide architectural features. Some of Nancy's examples can be seen at The Flower Factory nursery and gardens, but she included examples from around the world. She also described how some of these structures shown in the presentation can be built by using readily available materials (e.g., natural or synthetic wood, wire mesh screens or panels, and landscape fabric).

The "Hardy Grasses for Any Site" session covered many ornamental grasses to provide texture, movement, and fall or winter interest in the landscape. Nancy described many native and introduced varieties that can be used in particular habitats (e.g., native prairie, moist soil to wetlands, sunny or shady locations). She highlighted varieties with interesting features, such as colorful leaves, stems or seed heads, and shapes such as bamboo-like clumps of stems and leaves.

Nancy's final session on "The New Reliables – Best Perennials for Zone 5" was a brief survey of perennials that will be available in 2015 at The Flower Factory, which typically offers about 200 to 300 new varieties each year among its 3000 perennials. New varieties are selected because they offer better foliage or blooms (color, size or shape) than earlier varieties or have additional features, such as earlier blooms or disease resistance. Nancy gave us a taste of the many new perennials available!

The Flower Factory is a perennial nursery and retail business that includes gardens to see how these plants can be used in landscaping. It was founded in 1984 by Nancy and her husband David Nedveck and is about 1.5 miles from Oregon, WI (south of Madison). It now offers the largest selection of perennials in the Midwest with varieties of perennials, hostas, daylilies, ornamental grasses, prairie plants and wildflowers. For more information, check their website at www.theflowerfactorynursery.com.



Speaker Nancy Nedveck (far left) is shown with MG Lucy Kile, who was a coordinator for the Fall Seminar. Nancy also received expert technical support from MG's Bill Freyman and Coggin Heeringa (above left). Crossroads at Big Creek hosted a sell-out crowd for the Fall Seminar (above right). Participants enjoyed a box lunch (right) between the morning and afternoon sessions.



REPORT FROM THE COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE**By Lee Somerville**

Community Outreach encourages members to fulfill their volunteer hours by working with community non-profit organizations. Approved organizations are listed below. I'm working on getting photographs, descriptions, and contact information on to the dcmga.org web site.

If you are interested in working with an organization that has not yet been approved by the Board, please contact me (Lee Somerville at leesomerville29@gmail.com) for further information. You will need to complete a form that describes the organization, contacts, and volunteer needs. Requests are forwarded to the DCMGA Board of Directors which has final approval. The form is under "Community Outreach" in the "Members Only" section of the DCMGA web site.

***Organizations Currently Approved for Reporting Volunteer Hours Performed
in Community Outreach Programs***

Astronomy Center, Crossroads at Big Creek

Brussels Town Park Gardens

Calvary Church planting

Door County Land Trust

Ellison Bay Grand View Land Trust and Town Park, and truck display planting.

Heritage Garden at Crossroads at Big Creek

Hope Church Children's Garden

John Miles Park planting

Hainesville Lutheran Church

Noble House, Fish Creek

Peninsula State Park invasives program

Sawyer School invasives program

Sister Bay Community Gardens

Stella Maris Parish plantings

Senior Center Planting

Southern Door High School Community Garden

Sturgeon Bay Community Garden

Sturgeon Bay Courthouse Annex

Sustainability Fair

Door County Master Gardeners Association Annual Meeting November 5, 2014, at Sturgeon Bay Yacht Club

Members Present: Lee Somerville, John and Karen Kierstyn, Christine Gritzmacher, Jan Gigstead, Mary Moster, Peggy Turk, Shirley Ziman, Donna Hake, Jim McFarlin, John and Pat Storms, Barbara Henkelmann, Kathie and Kerry Vavra, Jean Ehmke, Martha and Larry Burris, Susan May, Rod Bohn, Barbara and Doug Henderson, Bill and Sarah Freyman, Carol Berglund, Allen Miller, Vicki Dirst, Michael and Tricia Hanson, Sherry Mutchler, Lucy and Tom Kile, Carl Scholz, Bart Sheard, Tim Kazmierczak, Linda Lambert, Tom and Jane Luebker, Earlene Lutzke, Debra Olsonoski, Jan Ziemann, Jim Baxter, Mike Van Ess, Jerold and Margaret Needleman, Sandie Ott, Coggin Heeringa, Jeanne and Dale Vogel, Holly Green, Wendy Woldt, Dick and Barb Allmann, Kathy Green, Jo Ann Tarczewski, Deb Javurek

Also Present: 14 guests

President Kathie Vavra called the meeting to order at 5:48 pm. The minutes from last year's annual meeting were approved. The treasurer's report noted that we ended the fiscal year on Sept. 30th with a balance of \$16,458. People were urged to pay their \$12 annual dues and turn in committee report forms.

Mike Van Ess spoke regarding proposed revisions to the bylaws. Membership categories were changed to be consistent with the state organization. The number of people on the board was increased to a maximum of eleven. Also, a provision was made to allow the Board to conduct business by email on matters of significant urgency. After further discussion of email decisions, all proposed revisions to the bylaws were approved.

The nominating committee recommended adding Holly Green and Jim Friedrichs to the Board of Directors to fill two vacancies. Bonnie Rankin and Martha Burris were given gift certificates and thanked for their service on the DCMGA Board. Wendy Woldt, Jim McFarlin, and Kathie Vavra were eligible to continue serving on the Board. There were no nominations from the floor. By voice vote all five individuals were elected.

In 2014 our organization had a total of 9,437 volunteer hours. Kathie read a list of members who have reached service hour milestones. Awards for cumulative volunteer service hours were:

150 hours: Jim Baxter, Deborah Javurek, Tim Kazmierczak, and Barb Ottum

250 hours: Jim Baxter, Gary Farber, and Jason Feldman

500 hours: Bill Freyman and Rod Schlise

750 hours: Sarah Freyman, Christine Gritzmacher, Joan Jeanquart, Diane Knutson, Allen Miller, Kerry Vavra, Wendy Woldt, and Jan Ziemann

1000 hours: Gary and Michelle Kemp

Kathie called attention to "The Buzz," which several members are using to submit emails to the membership. It is a way of improving internal communication. This recently was very effective in letting people know about a special hike at Crossroads. The Committee Chair Reports and Outreach Forms were also explained. Flow Charts have been established to ease the load for each chairman. The Plant Sale Flow Chart helps explain Chriss's responsibilities so that the person wanting to shadow her will know the responsibilities involved. The Training Committee and Board have also created flow charts.

Next year's training class will be utilizing a new online curriculum developed by Mike Maddox. Also on the future agenda are Phase 2 of the pavers, new raised beds, and a defibrillator for the PARS.

Because of the "mandatory reporting" training our organization has lost 20 members. Of our remaining members, about 70% are considered active in terms of volunteer hours.

Annual Meeting Minutes (continued)

The meeting paused for dinner.

When it resumed Kathie noted vacancies that need to be filled: (1) Pond supervisor, (2) the Garden Next Door supervisor, and (3) the West Perennial Bed supervisor. She also commented on the outreach program that involves 20 localities. People involved in outreach should let Lee Somerville know where they are working.

The awards portion of the program began with Bill Freyman identifying those who have reached milestones in education hours. Bill Freyman, Sarah Freyman, DD Knutson, Char Rowe, and Kathie Vavra reached the 250 hour level, while Doug Henderson reached the 750 hour level. Then Deborah Javurek, Jim Baxter and Kerry Vavra were recognized for their contributions to The Garden Door. The Outstanding Service award went to Tom Luebker and to Gary and Michelle Kemp. The Above and Beyond award went to Bill and Sarah Freyman in recognition of their education program leadership.

The meeting adjourned at 7:36 and was followed by the evening's program presented by Susan Garot, the executive director of the Green Bay Botanical Garden.



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About 65 people attended the Annual Meeting and Banquet at the Sturgeon Bay Yacht Club (1). President Kathie Vavra (2), Vice-President Mike Van Ess (3) and Treasurer Martha Burris (4) spoke at the meeting. Members of the Class of 2014 who were present were greeted (5). MG volunteers who had achieved milestones of service hours were recognized (6 and 7). Special recognitions were given to Tom Luebker (8) for Outstanding Service and to Kerry Vavra, Jim Baxter and Deb Javurek (9) for their contributions to The Garden Door. Bill and Sarah Freyman received the Above and Beyond award for their leadership of the DCMGA educational program. After the meeting and awards, Susan Garot (11) spoke about the Green Bay Botanical Garden, of which she is the executive director.



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DCMGA Guided Hike of Ida Bay Forest on October 25, 2014

Are we a lucky group to have talented people like Coggin Heeringa in our organization! On a beautiful fall morning, Coggin lead a hike of Crossroad's newly acquired Ida Bay property, which was just wonderful. On the trails, we saw old growth forests, open areas, a rock ledge formation and "human features" such as the foundation of a now-defunct cabin or house. Coggin answered lots of questions along the way, so we got a refresher course on botany and wildlife. We also saw a few prime examples of some invasive species that will need to be removed as the property is brought back to its native state in the future. Keep this in mind for MG volunteer opportunities in 2015.

Thank you, Coggin, for sharing your expertise with our group. And thank you, Barb and Doug Henderson, for arranging this hike for us that provided 1.5 hours of educational credits for those who attended.



Coggin Heeringa (above, left in center) lead about 40 Master Gardeners and their guests on a guided hike through the Ida Bay Forest area owned by Crossroads. A sampling of some of the habitats and features seen were old growth forest (below, left), open areas with shrubs and grasses (above, right) and a rock ledge (below right).



**DOOR COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS 2014
HOLIDAY PARTY**

Friday, December 12th at 5:30 pm with dinner at 6:00 pm
at Sevastopol Town Hall
4528 Highway 57

RSVP by December 10th to Chris Gritzmacher
By telephone or email

**MEMBERS AND THEIR GUESTS ARE INVITED TO
CELEBRATE WITH GOOD FOOD, GREAT FRIENDS
AND HOLIDAY CHEER!**

Pot Luck: The main dish will be provided. We ask you to bring a dish to pass and your own beverage. We will provide paper products, utensils, coffee, tea, ice and water.

Directions to Sevastopol Town Hall: Located on Hwy 57 in Institute, just south of Sevastopol School. Coming from the south, at the intersection of Hwy. 42 and 57, take Hwy 57 north about 2.9 miles. Coming from the north, take Hwy 57 south to Institute. The Town Hall is about 0.3 miles south of the intersection of County P (Dunn Road) and Highway 57.

Help Us Learn from Your Experience

If you have been a committee chairperson (or head of a subcommittee) in 2014, please fill out a Committee Report form that briefly summarizes your area of responsibility, experience, time commitment, etc. As our organization grows, so does the need to pass along information in a timely and consistent manner between committee chairpersons. We ask you please to take the time to fill out the form this year, even if you plan to continue in your role again for 2015.

The Committee Report Form is a writeable document on the dcmga.org web site under "Members Only" tab in the left column, and named "Committee Chair Forms". Please send a copy of your filled-in form to Martha Burris (and to your chairperson if you are a subcommittee head). Time spent on filling out the form counts for your volunteer hours.

Volunteer Opportunities in 2015

This is the time of year for transitions, to look back at what you have done and plan ahead for next year. The Door County Master Gardeners are also experiencing transitions and are looking for MG's to step into new roles in 2015. Please consider accepting an active role in our organization by serving in any one of these positions. Although positions listed below often use "Supervisor" in the name, a position often could be shared by two or more people. Sharing a position with another MG can be more fun because you can share time and ideas with someone who is interested in the same things that attracted you to the position. MG's who have served in the position previously generally will be available to help you learn what you need to successfully transition into your new role. *If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact the person listed below for more information on the position.*

Position to Fill	Description	Contact Person
<i>Pond Supervisor</i>	Maintain the pond & surrounding plants at The Garden Door	Jim McFarlin
<i>Garden Next Door Supervisor</i>	Oversee use of the Garden Next Door plots and paths, consistent with PARS' needs	Kerry Vavra
<i>West Perennial Bed Supervisor</i>	Oversee planting & maintenance of the perennials garden near the shed at The Garden Door	Vicki Dirst
<i>Special Events Supervisor</i>	Coordinate activities in common (e.g., tents, parking, supplies, work schedules, signs & advertising) for all special events (Plant Sale, Open House, Taste/Pesto Festo)	Barb & Doug Henderson
<i>Shadow the Plant Sale Supervisor</i>	Learn how to oversee the plant sale in 2015, from seed selection & greenhouse planting to the annual Plant Sale to become the supervisor for 2016	Chris Daubner
<i>Web site contributors</i>	Take responsibility for regularly maintaining information in one or more sections of the Web site by uploading information, pictures, etc.	Kathie Vavra

THANKS FOR VOLUNTEERING!

Check dcmga.org Website for Volunteer Opportunities

Thanks to all DCMG's who participate in events throughout the year, from spring clean up, seed planting, greenhouse work and Plant Sale, the Open House, and Taste of the Garden Door events, all of our educational events to inspire and educate gardeners, and for contributing to our social culture. All MG volunteers help make our organization and community better. Please check the dcmga.org website for information on volunteer opportunities.





Deadline for DCMGA Training Class Applications Extended to December 9, 2014

The due date for the Class of 2015 applications has been extended to Tuesday, Dec 9th. As of November 25th, only two applications had been received and we must have at least five people to have a new training class. Please talk it up or advertise the DCMGA training class where you think it will get attention!

DCMGA Educational Programs for Winter 2015

DCMGA educational programs are offered to inspire, inform and entertain during the winter. Our programs are open to the public and will take place at 7 PM at Crossroads at Big Creek. Watch for emails from our hard-working Education Committee for specifics on our 2015 educational series as more programs are being developed. Also, MG's can help fulfill their MG volunteer hours by making and donating the always-appreciated treats served at the program intermissions.

January 13: Kori Zawojski of Sunnypoint Gardens will inspire us for the growing season by telling us about "What's New for 2015" in horticulture.

January 20: Rachel Mallinger of the Gratton Lab at UW Madison (<http://gratton.entomology.wisc.edu/>) will talk about Wisconsin's native pollinators.

January 27: Carolyn Rock, the naturalist at Whitefish Dunes State Park, will describe work done at the park to deal with trees infected with beech bark disease, which has ravaged beech tree forests throughout the eastern US and is spreading across Door County.

February 24: Ron Amos of Evergreen Nursery will speak about the significant role that Evergreen plays in Wisconsin's cranberry production. Wisconsin produces about 60% of the annual US crop of these tart berries.

March 3: Kari Hagenow of the Door County Invasive Species Team will speak about the new list of invasive species established for Wisconsin, which includes some popular and often-sold plants.

March 31: Mark Draney will talk about "Natural Enemies of Garden Pests."

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Ed. Comm. Mtg. 5:30 pm, PARS	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 <i>New Deadline for Training Class of 2015 Applications</i>	10	11	12 Holiday Party 5:30 pm, Sevastopol Town Hall	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Event Locations: **PARS** = Peninsular Agricultural Research Station Classroom, and **CRBC** = Crossroads at Big Creek

January 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 TGD Comm Mtg 5:30 pm, PARS	13 Ed Program 7 pm, CRBC	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 Ed Program 7 pm, CRBC	21 Board Mtg 5:30 pm, PARS	22	23	24
25	26	27 Ed Program 7 pm, CRBC	28	29	30	31