

DOOR COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS ASSOCIATION, INC. NEWSLETTER

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DCMGA

Board of Directors & Officers

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

Board Members

Jim Friedrichs
Marsha Krzyzanowski
Alan Romsos
Dorry Wilner
Linda Zolnosky

State Board Representative

Gary 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.



Mike's Message

For the past three years, I have served as President of the Door County Master Gardeners. Since our bylaws, prohibit a President serving more than three consecutive one-year terms, I am unable to do another term. Thus, as of our November Board of Directors meeting, I will be stepping down and handing leadership to another member of our organization.

I have been honored to serve as your President. During the past three years, we have faced a number of challenges; all of which have contributed to furthering our development as an organization. Through all of this, I've learned that we are an organization of dedicated members who are committed to our success. You've helped to hold me accountable for the wellbeing of our organization. I hope that I've lived up to those expectations.

As of this writing, my successor as President has not been determined. No matter who takes on this responsibility, I hope that our members will provide the support that I've received. Serving as President can be a difficult task. But I found that the rewards far outweighed any difficulties I encountered.

Thank you for the privilege of serving as your President.

Mike Van Ess

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

Board members present: Chris Gritzmacher, Wendy Woldt, Jim Friedrichs, Alan Romsos, Dorry Wilner, Marsha Krzyzanowski
Also present: Annie Deutsch

Secretary's Report: Minutes approved (motion by Dorry W., seconded by Jim F.)

Correspondence: Thank you notes to be sent to Don & Coggin Heeringa and the Door County Community Foundation for a \$150 gift to be used for general purposes. Chris Gritzmacher to thank her neighbor Tom Jordan for his fine article about The Garden Door on Door County Daily News

Treasurer's Report: Wendy's report was read, approved (motion Holly G., sec. Chris G.)

Old Business

Presidential Succession: Suggestions for candidates will be pursued.

Fund Raiser Update: Only 5 orders currently, more emails to go out. Oct.7 is the order deadline.

Background Checks Update: UW problems with consulting company doing checks. No further info available per Annie Deutsch.

New Business

Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Budget: The WIMGA grant for \$400 was removed from the proposed budget. Mike indicated that he did not anticipate that we would apply for any WIMGA grant this year. The budget was approved as amended (motion Mike V., sec. Jim F.)

Annual Meeting and Banquet: To be held at Mr. G's Logan Creek Grill on Oct.17.\$25.00/person. Outreach programs and projects will be presentation subject.

Nomination Committee: Open positions on board/committees discussed.



WIMGA Grant Request: Coggin Heeringa had suggested submitting a grant proposal for the Heritage Garden, but no follow up response was received from her.

Christmas Party: Social committee will begin planning party, possible potluck.

Committee Reports

TGD: At least one person is now in place to supervise each area. Grounds coordinator job to be split – Alan Romsos is stepping down from this job. Interpretive sign installed; new donation box with a sign discussed; gazebo roof will need replacing; strategic plan to be reexamined. Commemorative signs made for Adirondack chairs (Rod Bohn) and bench (Tom Kile).

Plant Sale: New committees formed, delegation of jobs proceeding, recap meeting to be held Tuesday, Sept. 28.

Training: New class in January.

Outreach: No report.

Youth Programs: N/R

Annual Mtg: See above.

Open House: N/R.

Merch. Sales: N/R

Education: Meeting will be in October, 8-9 programs planned.

Newsletter: Jeanne would like to make it a quarterly. She is looking for articles, info from the Hotline, perhaps “question of the quarter”.

State Report: Conference dates listed on Volunteer Vibe email newsletter.

The next meeting will be held November 15, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. in the PARS classroom.

Motion to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. by Dorry W., sec. Jim F.
Respectfully submitted by Holly Green, Secretary.





Garden Door Notes by Vicki Dirst

**Garden Door Committee Meeting
September 11, 2017**

Present: Alan Romsos, Nancy Anschutz, Jim Baxter, Vicki Dirst, Barb Henkelmann, Deborah Javurek, Mike Van Ess, Jeanne Vogel, Linda Zolnosky, Allen Miller, Dick Allmann, Wendy Woldt

Jim called the meeting to order at 5:30. Jim recommended a minor correction to the minutes. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Mike said the budget for TGD has a slight surplus. Wendy gave the treasurer's report.

Jim's Remarks: Jim said we had a good coffee in the garden today. The weed and feed scheduled for next week will be cancelled and combined with the fall cleanup. He asked Annie Deutsch about the crabapple tree near the tunnel, which had a bad case of scab due to the rain this year. She said it was not worth while to treat it this year. Matt Stasiak will spray it in the spring if Jeanne reminds him. Jim said Dorry Wilner recommended a roofer for re-roofing the gazebo. The bid is much lower than the previous estimate. Jim asked whether we want cedar or asphalt shingles. Linda pointed out that besides the roof there is rot at the base of the gazebo. The final session for Tuesday in the garden is tomorrow at 6:00. The Hendersons sent a written comment noting an indefinite delay in a proposal for additional path paving due to uncertainty about the future of the garden. Matt has noticed the mulch washing onto the driveway on the south side of the garden and asked Jim if we want a rock wall. Jim said it would increase our weeding work. Allen recommended against a rock wall at this time. Alan reported pedestrian counter numbers for Labor Day weekend. He said the portable toilet will be picked up at the end of this month. The water will be shut down in early October by Meissner. There was no news on a volunteer for the grounds coordinator. Jim talked about the heavy burden for one person. He read of list of duties that could be assigned to two separate individuals. Nancy recommended having the two individuals work as a team trained in the job at large so they can fill in for each other. The idea would be to have a total of four coordinators rather than the current three. Mike said committee chairs need to be appointed by the board. Jim summarized and said we need to split the grounds coordinator into two positions with the specific duties to be worked out between them. Deborah made the motion. Jeanne asked for a specific job description. Vicki asked if all of the duties are mandatory. Jim and Alan said yes.

Garden Door Committee Meeting Minutes cont...

We need people who can delegate individual tasks to others (path maintenance, port-a-potty, mowing). There was discussion of the layout of the water lines. The main line is under the brick pathway. Allen recommended replacing the water lines. The consensus was that we don't need to do this at this time. The motion about the coordinators was approved.

Pond and Pond Garden: Cliff White has assumed both responsibilities.

How to Get More Help in TGD: Jim thinks the coffee in the garden has been very successful. The two weed and feeds have not worked. The sheet in the shed has not helped. A couple of people from the new class have been working in the garden. We now have a coordinator for each area of the garden. Mike said someone suggested pay for labor in TGD. Several people spoke against the idea. Linda spoke in support of the coffee in the garden events. Wendy said TGD used to be very weedy and she thinks it now looks as good as it has ever looked. Mike said the Tripadvisor comments have been very good. Jeanne said she continues to get good comments from the house and garden walk. Wendy reiterated that we are doing a good job.

Supervisor Duties: Jim worked on a draft this spring and discussed it with Alan and Nancy. No agreement was reached. He will circulate proposals. Jim said it is intended for recruitment rather than enforcement. Supervisors need to do an annual report. Jim recommends including a map. These reports go to Jim by the end of the calendar year. Supervisors also need to update plant lists. Barb said the website should include annuals in her case, since she doesn't have perennials. Mike will send supervisors their current plant lists for updating.

Invasives Education: Jim said if we intend to get rid of invasive species in the garden we should do it. Mike will put a link to the Natural Resources code on our website. Mike said in 2019 we can replace the sign on pollinators with a sign on invasive species.

Revamping the Strategic Plan: Jim thinks we should do this in the future. Vicki asked why. Mike read the three main goals and he thinks we have been working on at least two of the goals. That plan was done three years ago. Barb said we have had a big educational program in the organization at large, and asked why we need to have a strategic plan for TGD per se. The subject was contentious and no action was taken.

More Aggressive Solicitation of Donations: Jim thinks we need to do more. Mike talked about his search for new designs for donation boxes.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10. The next meeting will be November 13th.



**DCMGA Annual Meeting & Banquet
Tuesday, October 17, 2017
Mr. G's Supper Club**



Mike VanEss welcomed DCMGA members to the Annual Meeting & Banquet and Dorry Wilner gave the blessing.

Creator Spirit, I ask your blessing upon the people gathered here, who create and tend a garden, that in turn, tends to our spirits with the renewal of each season. We ask your blessing upon each little plot of land, may it grow and flourish.

We are a sacred part of the earth.

We are nurtured by warm summer sun and refreshed by gentle rain and breezes.

We see love reflected in the color of every blossom and each dew drop.

Our spirits are enlivened by autumn's brilliant display.

We find rest in winter's snowy blanket.

We are thankful to be here together and mindful of those who are with us in spirit this evening. Thank you for the bounty we are about to enjoy that has been provided by many hands.

Amen





The Annual Business Meeting followed a wonderful family-style dinner of salad, chicken, beef tips, mashed potatoes, bread stuffing, green beans and dinner rolls.

The agenda included a report from the Secretary and Treasurer.

Jeanne Vogel and Cliff White, were elected as new members to the Board of Directors replacing Christine Gritzmacher and Alan Ramsos. Dorry Wilner, Linda Zolnoski and Mike VanEss were reelected to the Board. Mike has completed the maximum terms allowed as President.

Recognition was given for Leadership, Education Hours and Volunteer Hours.

The Garden Door Service Award was presented to Susan Morgan, Dale Vogel & Jeanne Vogel.

Nancy Anschutz also presented awards for "Outstanding" service to Marsha & Steve Krzyzanowski, Jim Baxter, Jan Gigstead, & Cliff White, and service "Above & Beyond" to Karen Kidd & Carrie Sherrill.

Mike VanEss made closing comments and a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the business meeting.

Immediately following the meeting, Carrie Sherrill began the presentation of the 24 DCMGA Outreach Projects.



**Presentation
DCMGA
Outreach
Projects**

**Thank you
Carrie Sherrill**

**Carrie and her team
presented photos and
information about the
DCMGA's involvement in 24
separate outreach projects.**

BRAVO DCMGA VOLUNTEERS!





The following members received recognition for **Education Hours**:

150 Hours

Jeanne Vogel

250 Hours

**Helen Bacon, Jan Gigstead,
Sharon McConnell**

750 Hours

Chriss Daubner

The following members received recognition for **Volunteer Hours**:

150 Hours

**Vickie Daoust, Helen Berch-Kenny,
Steve Krzyzanowski, Dora Leonardson,
Mary Moster, Jerold Needleman,
Margaret Needleman, Jerry Saballus,
Vikki Saballus, Jeanne White,
Virginia Zdenahlik, Mike Zolnosky**

250 Hours

**Nancy Goldberg, Marsha Krzyzanowski,
Pauline Leist, Jeanne Vogel,
Linda Zolnosky**

500 Hours

**Donna Asher, Penny Beerntsen,
Lynn Polacek, Carrie Sherrill**

750 Hours

Linda Monahan, Carl Scholz

1000 Hours

Jim Baxter, Karen Kidd

2017/18 - PUBLIC PROGRAMS, FIELD TRIPS, & EVENTS



Education Opportunities

Wild Ones Presentation Prairie and Savanna Plants for Pollinator Gardens

featuring
Neil Diboll

Thursday, November 16th
7pm at Crossroads at Big Creek
Free and Open to the Public!

Coming Events

A decorative border of green Christmas trees surrounding a central text box. The border consists of two rows of trees, with the top row having 9 trees and the bottom row having 10 trees. The central text box is yellow and contains the following text:

Save the Date
DCMGA Christmas Party
Friday, Nov. 15th
Watch the Buzz for more information



DCMGA COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE	Chairman/Coordinator
Awards	Nancy Anschutz
Banquet	Carrie Sherrill
Education	Chris Holicek
Garden Door	Grounds Alan Romsos
	Plants Jim Baxter
	Financial Nancy Anschutz
Newsletter	Jeanne White
Open House	Helen Bacon
Outreach	Open
Plant Sale	Karen Kidd
Publicity	Mike VanEss
Risk Management	Jim Baxter
Social	Coggin Heeringa
Sunshine	Holly Green
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.



Memorial Service
Crossroads
at
Big Creek
Saturday, Nov. 11
2pm

*Kathie Vavra
In Memory of a Friend,
Teacher & Mentor*

Every memory of friendship shared, even for a short time, is like treasure, like sunshine and warmth in our lives, like a cool breeze on a humid day, like a shower of rain refreshing the earth.

A life that touches others goes on forever.

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12	13 Garden Door Mtg 5:30pm PARS	14	15 Board Meeting 5:30pm PARS	16 Wild Ones Pollinator Gardens 7pm CRBC	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

Event: PARS=Research Station Classroom, CRBC=Crossroads at Big Creek, TGD = The Garden Door

DEC 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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