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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

As I write this, January is coming to an end. What a January it was! We had snow and rain, freezing rain and lots of fog. Temperatures ranged from below zero and over 40. On those warm days, I half-expected to see crocus poking through the ground.

January proved to be special for our organization as well. We welcomed 11 new Master Gardener Volunteers to our annual new member training. I've met this group on a couple of occasions and am certain they will become wonderful additions to our organization. We will all have the opportunity to meet this group at our annual Meet & Greet on Sunday, February 12 at 2:00 pm at the Sevastopol Town Hall. Please join us.

January's weather offered some challenges to our Winter Educational Series. Bad weather forced the cancellation of our first two programs. Fortunately, we were able to reschedule both programs. We have a great lineup of programs this year. If you haven't already done so, take in some of the remaining programs.

For me, January and February have been a time for me to take a break from gardening. But soon, we'll all start work on another gardening season, both for our own gardens and for the organization. Until then, I'll enjoy the garden downtime and the crazy weather!

Mike VanEss



Garden Door Notes by Vicki Dirst

Garden Door Committee Meeting
January 9th, 2017

Present: Alan Romsos, Vicki Dirst, Jo Ann Tarczewski, Jim Friedrichs, Barb Henkelmann, Jim Baxter, Doug Henderson, Kathy Green, Wendy Woldt, Deborah Javurek, Carrie Sherrill, Nancy Anschutz, Ronda Schomburg, Allen Miller, Dorry Wilner, Gary and Michelle Kemp, Linda Zolnosky, Chris Gritzmacher, Dick Allmann, Karen Kidd, Jeanne Vogel

Call to Order: Alan R. called the meeting to order at 5:30.

Treasurers Report: Wendy handed out the Treasurer's report. Nancy noted that there was a large expenditure for electrical repairs.

Open Positions: Alan R. said we still need people to take over the pond garden and rose garden.

Garden Plant Lists: Jim B. said we are still lacking some plant lists. The lists are needed for the website and to identify invasives that will need to be removed.

Color Theme: There was a question on the color theme for this year. Doug said the path sub-committee recommended the colors be Pantone "greenery," orange and yellow. A month ago they sent their recommendations to Karen Kidd, for plant sale ordering, and to area supervisors for comment. The scheme mainly applies to annuals, but also can guide the painting of obelisks. Deborah felt it was too much to ask to repaint structures to fit the color theme. Karen said she chose a lot of seeds based on the recommendation. The committee approved the color scheme.

Training Class Involvement in TGD: Jim B. has spoken with the training team about how to involve new class members in TGD. He thinks after the training is over we should have a function to introduce them to the garden. Carrie said we have 11 members in the class. All live north of Sturgeon Bay and some live as far north as Ellison Bay. Hence their degree of involvement may be affected by travel time. She is reviewing people's applications to see who might be matched by interest with the interests of our members. She would like to work match-ups through introductions at the Meet N Greet. We need to make TGD feel appealing to them. Doug thanked Carrie for her work on this. It was suggested that we have a slide show running at the Meet N Greet.

Phase II Paver Project: Doug went over a written report from the path subcommittee. It reads: "Members at the meeting – Kaylynn, Jo Ann, Barbara and Doug (Wendy was unable to attend at the last minute). We discussed the areas that we would like included in the next phase of the path restoration. Three areas were placed on the list – shade garden, tunnel including the "Y" to the paved path and the path between the shed and the pond. At least three landscapers will be asked to make material suggestions and to give DCMGA a bid on the project. Doug was asked to talk to Mike and Matt to find out about the long term situation at PARS. Doug will ask if he can be included in the winter meeting with Matt. No actions (including talking to landscapers) will be taken until after the meeting with Matt." Elaborating on this, Doug said Mike told him he can't be part of that meeting, since discussing the long-term future of PARS is not the intent of that meeting, and Mike recommended that we take no action on upgrading the paths until at least 2018.

Tom Kile Donation: Lucy Kile has donated \$200 for a memorial for Tom Kile. Allen M. suggested a tree. Alan R. said a previous recommendation was a bench for the garden. Karen said Lucy would like to know

Garden Door Committee Meeting, cont...

what we recommend, and perhaps give Lucy an opportunity to choose between two things. There was some support for a bench with a metal plaque. Allen moved we buy a bench and put a metal plaque on it. The motion carried. Gary Kemp said the ones at Peninsula State Park cost about \$400. He also said they have had two plaques removed because of the value of the brass. Allen volunteered to research benches and costs. Karen suggested some of us contribute to the cost. Carrie said we would be setting a precedent for future members passing away. Dorry said we might have the name routed rather than have a plaque.

Supervisor Reports: Jim B. said about half of the supervisor reports have been completed. He reiterated the value of these reports to smooth the transition to new supervisors. Nancy asked who has these reports. Jim said he does. Karen suggested having a filing cabinet on the second floor of the office to house records such as this.

Kiosk: Jim B. said at the last meeting it was estimated that a kiosk would cost us about \$1,800. Since then he has received a bid of \$3,168 for a kiosk. He concluded that due to the cost this is a dead issue.

Announcement: Alan R. announced that he will be stepping down from the grounds coordinator position no later than this November.

East Perennial Garden: Thanks to some area supervisors volunteering a portion of their budgets, this garden has \$350 for the proposed makeover. Linda said they have decided to plant intersectional peonies. They have purchased two so far, at bargain prices. Many existing plants need to be removed. Karen would like to offer a bunch of them for the plant sale. Karen will also check with some wholesalers to see what they have in intersectional peonies. Jeanne said they don't know entirely what is currently in that bed, particularly bulbs.

New Gardens and Makeovers: Jim B. said we are likely to have more makeovers in the future. Doug gave him a document providing guidance on how we should handle these things in terms of the approval process. Dick talked about how the dwarf conifer garden went through approvals (schematic to TGD committee and then to the Board). Doug said the reason the dwarf conifer garden went through a formal approval process was because of major changes and substantial costs. You don't need a formal plan unless it is something big. Just bring it up for discussion at TGD meetings.

How to Make Working in TGD More Attractive: Jim B. said the garden needs to be exciting, and changing. Working in the garden needs to be fun, educational, and stimulating. The survey results suggest to him that some people feel they lack the expertise to be an area supervisor. We need to dispel that feeling. Carrie said the supervisors should feel free to quit after a year. We could have a policy that people be asked on an annual basis if they want to continue. Carrie said we need to do a better job communicating our needs. Let people know that if they have a few hours they can just work in the areas that are open, such as the rose garden. Jim talked about our spring and fall cleanups, the three weed n feeds and the path party. He felt participation at most of these was less than great. Carrie would like to know the schedule for these events ahead of time. Nancy said some have suggested to her that we schedule more of the work events in the morning, rather than late afternoon. Dorry suggested a whiteboard to list jobs that need doing. Ronda recommended having a set time when people can show up and work together. It works successfully at Crossroads.

Other Discussion: Karen asked about growing pumpkins for a fall event. Alan R. said the board has decided there will be no fall event this year. Doug thanked Alan for his work on mowing, paths, electrical, water, etc. People applauded. Alan will be scheduling the meeting with Matt. Allen M. said we are losing too many good people. He felt there are too many mandates and rules. Carrie said we need to express our appreciation more often.

The meeting adjourned at 7:31. The next meeting will be March 13th at 5:30 at PARS.

DCMGA
Board
Meeting
Minutes
1-16-17

The Board Meeting scheduled for 1-16-17 was not held.

The next Board Meeting will take place at 5:30pm on Wed., March 15th at PARS.



DCMGA
CHRISTMAS
PARTY



December 9th
Sevastapol Town Hall



Brian Forest



**January 24th
Continuing
Education
Program at
Crossroads**



Orchid Restoration at The Ridges Sanctuary

Brian Forest, Land Manager for The Ridges Sanctuary, spoke to master gardeners and guests about the Ridges goal to promote the conservation of orchid species by advancing research on propagation methods, reintroduction success, and long term monitoring and management.

The Ridges Sanctuary is home to twenty-six of Wisconsin's forty-nine native orchids.





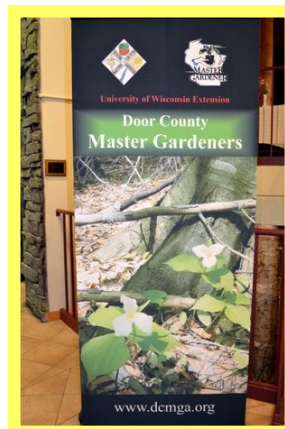
January 31
Continuing Education Program
at
Crossroads

What's New for 2017

The always popular speaker, Kori Zawojcki, owner of Sunnypoint Gardens and Gift Shop in Egg Harbor, shared the trends for containers, annuals and perennials that will make our gardens great in 2017. The continued success of Sunnypoint is due in part, to Kori's devotion to finding what's new, and appropriate for the gardens of Door County. Every year Kori does all the research and we reap the benefits of gardens with new and exciting elements. Thank you Kori for sharing these tips!



SNACKS! Always a hit!!!



Just in case you are wondering, the Pantone color of the year is "greenery"!

The trend for containers will be metallic finishes.

2017 gardens will call for smaller, neater plants for a more orderly and lower maintenance garden. Smaller and neater will also be the trend in the world of annual plants for containers.

Of the numerous and fabulous perennial plants this year, Echinacea cultivars are continuing to saturate the market with a variety of colors and sizes. Newer names like Tomato Soup (bright tomato-red), and Mac 'n' Cheese (bright yellow) are fun additions.

Attendees made audible sounds of delight upon seeing the vibrant blue color of Delphinium "Million Dollar Baby" flash on the screen.

Equally exciting for the crowd was Rogersia, "Chocolate Wings".

Beautiful new Heuchera ranged from darker purples, shorter height and ruffled leaves to the glowing orange of Heucherella, "Pumpkin Spice".

Many newer and returning favorites in the Hosta world won approval such as "Hans", "Forbidden Fruit", and "One last Dance".

New, shorter and earlier blooming Lupines also got some yeas from the audience.





**TIME TO THINK ABOUT SPRING
TIME TO THINK ABOUT PLANTING
TIME TO THINK ABOUT OUR PLANT SALE!**

**Here's what's happening in and around the
Greenhouse...**

PLANTING - Start in the Greenhouse March 18th at 9:00AM. Begin planting Pansies, Violas, Snapdragons and Peppers.



(Photos are not representations of the selected plant seeds)

WATERING - Want to be a greenhouse waterer? You can sign up at my email, karengardens@yahoo.com or in person, at the greenhouse, on March 18th. **Please be advised, there will be a separate meeting for all waterers.** A very important "Refresher Course" is necessary due to repeated (yearly) watering problems. All those signing up to water will be required to attend this meeting/course.

Failure to attend this meeting/course will result in your removal from the list of waterers.

THE DIRT BAG CREW consists of Jim Fredricks and Steve Krzyzanoski. Two more members are needed for this crew. How about a couple of strong, young members??? Look at it as a chance to throw around a little dirt in place of your regular workout routine!

Seed/Tray Distribution - I also need someone to help pass out seeds and trays to volunteers on planting days. For both positions, please respond to me at karengardens@yahoo.com

SEED LISTS are done. Thank you Holly, Shirley, Carrie, Jeanne and Helen. Orders will be placed February 1.

PLANTS FOR THE GARDEN DOOR GARDENS - If you know you will be using several of the plants in your TGD gardens, please let me know ASAP so we can grow enough for you and the sale combined.

PURCHASING FLATS OF ANNUALS - If you intend to purchase flats of annuals, (like the Tidal Wave Petunias), at the Friday Shop, please let me know ASAP so we can grow enough for you and the sale combined.

SPECIALTY ANNUALS will be available for purchase on Friday as well. List will follow. Among the specialty plants will be Rex Begonias and Digiplexis.

THE FRIDAY SHOP will be 4:00 - 6:00PM. **Payment due at time of plant pickup. No exceptions.** Reminders will be sent out in May.

IMPORTANT CHANGES - PLEASE READ!!

Char spent lots of time and effort organizing, sorting, pulling and labeling master gardener's orders only to discover that people switched or took plants from another order, which resulted in others having missing plants.

Consequently, **there will be no Tomato or Basil pre-sale.** MG's will be able to purchase Tomatoes and Basil at the Friday Shop. Quantities will be limited as we have to insure that plants advertised on the public lists will be available on Saturday (Day of Sale to the Public). If you know you will be purchasing several of the listed cultivars please let me know so we can grow enough plants. Please reference the lists for shopping; no promises if there is a crop failure.

PERENNIAL SELECTION begins in February. Suggestions are always welcome. A preliminary pre-sale order request will go out in advance; just like last year.

DONATION PLANTS - Lucy Kile and Carrie Pottier still need to hear from anyone who would like to donate plants to the sale and if digging help is needed. Contact Lucy at lkile1@wildblue.net

Karen Kidd



Education Committee

Winter Programs

2/7/17	<i>Flora of the Niagara Escarpment</i>	Gary Fewless
2/28/17	<i>Unseen World of Insect Communications</i>	Annie Deutsch
3/7/17	<i>Tools, Tricks, Tried & True</i>	Jason Feldman

Spring Programs

3/14/17	<i>Green Initiatives at the Crossroads</i>	Coggin Herringa
4/4/17	<i>Mushrooms of Door County</i>	Charlotte Lukes
4/11/17	<i>Get the Buzz on Bees</i>	Chriss Daubner

Tuesdays in the Garden Door

A series of short early-evening educational presentations at the garden. These informal presentations will be on a wide variety of horticultural topics. Generally scheduled for 7pm on the second Tuesday of the month beginning in June (subject to change due to weather & speaker availability). The September presentation will take place at 6pm. Check the website for further information.

Special Events at UW Peninsular Research Station

5/27/17 DCMGA - Plant Sale

7/8/17 Garden Door Open House

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	Open
Outreach	Open
Plant Sale	Karen Kidd
Publicity	Mike VanEss
Risk Management	Jim Baxter
Shed - Area Supervisor	Kathie Vavra
Social	Coggin Heeringa
Sunshine	Holly Green
Fall at 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.

**Wisconsin Public Television GARDEN EXPO
in partnership with
UW Extension**

February 10th-12th, 2017

**Fri - 2-8pm, Sat - 9am-6pm, Sun - 10am-4pm
Exhibition Hall, Alliant Energy Center, Madison WI**

LEARN FROM THE EXPERTS!

- Gretchen Mead** (Victory Garden Initiative)
- Joe Lamp'I** (PBS *Growing a Greener World*)
- Julie Dawson** (Seed to Kitchen Collaborative)
- Melinda Meyers** (TV/radio host, author & columnist)
- Catherine Zimmerman** (filmmaker - *Home Town Habitat, Stories of Bringing Nature Home*)
- Inga Witscher** (WPT *Around the Farm Table*)
- Larry Meiller** (WPR *Garden Talk*)
- Jerry Apps** (WPT *Never Curse the Rain*)
- Joel Karsten** (author - straw bale gardening expert)

Lots of Exhibitors, Seminars/Demos, and Workshops

Admission

- 1-Day \$8, at door \$10
- 2-Day \$13, at door \$15
- 3-Day \$16, at door \$18
- Children 12 and under are free.

Scheduled Weed and Feeds

- #1 - Monday, 6/26, 4pm to 6pm (Rain Day - Thursday, 6/29)**
- #2 - Tuesday, 7/25, 9am to 11am (Rain Day - Thursday, 7/27)**
- #3 - Monday, 9/18, 9am to 11am (Rain Day - Thursday, 9/21)**
- Light Meal Provided**

Opportunities in The Garden Door

- **Plant label making (do this in the comfort of your home!)**
- **East Perennial Bed (join the team with Jeanne Vogel and Gretchen Schmelzer)**
- **Rose Garden**
- **Tunnel Garden Assistant**
- **Pond Garden (planting area surrounding pond)**
- **Pond Maintenance (need more team members, please volunteer)**
- **Greenhouse Supervisor**
- **Garden Next Door (Rhonda is interested; care to join her?)**

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!



MEET & GREET
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12th
 2pm - 4pm Sevastapol Town Hall
 Please bring a heavy hors d'oeuvre and your own beverage.
 Focus will be on The Garden Door. Fun activities are planned for this gathering!



WELCOME
CLASS OF 2017 STUDENTS
 Eleven students have embarked upon the adventure and personal achievement
 of becoming a Master Gardener.

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FEBRUARY 2017

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MARCH 2017

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