



Door County Master Gardeners Association, Inc.

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Mike's Message

I want to start by thanking everyone for another successful Plant Sale. Plant Sale Chair, Karen Kidd and her area coordinators did an excellent job of preparing for and putting on this event. The Plant Sale, without a doubt, is the most complex and multifaceted activity we take on. It takes a dedicated crew of members to pull off this event. Its popularity with the public is a testament to how important our sale has become for the community.

I would especially like to single out Karen. She did an excellent job of providing leadership to the Plant Sale – maintaining what has made this a successful event in the past, while putting her own stamp on the sale. Taking over an established and popular event can be a daunting experience. Karen took on this challenge without missing a step. Thanks Karen for a great job done!

Our annual Plant Sale represents the beginning of our 'busy season'. It's also the time of year when I often hear the question, "Are we involved in too many things?" Some question whether we should be doing outreach projects when some of our own events struggle to get enough volunteers? Are we stretched too thin?

To answer these questions, we need to start with our Mission Statement. It appears below, as it does on the first page of every newsletter. Key to our mission is that we "shall strive to make a positive impact on horticulture in our community through education, community outreach, and stewardship of our environment." All that we do needs to fit within at least one of these three areas. None of these three core principles of our mission are more important than the others.

It's no doubt that we have our hands in a number of activities – some organization-based, some in cooperation with other organizations. Are we doing too much? That's a difficult question to answer. With nearly 120 members, it would seem that we can reasonably host three major events each spring/summer. Although it takes a lot of work to recruit members to volunteer for these events, we are always able, as our recently completed Plant Sale demonstrated, to muster enough numbers to successfully put on each of these events. Our membership numbers would also suggest that taking on a large project like The Garden Door would be manageable. When we ask for help in the garden, we usually get it, albeit often from the same people. We do however need to do a better job of getting new faces to show up to work in the garden. Are we involved in too many outreach projects? Since these cooperative arrangements with other organizations are generally member-driven (most often initiated by a MG member), these activities seem to draw those who have some vested interest in helping the particular organization. They might draw away some who might otherwise put more time into Master Gardener activities, but I would suggest this is minimal.

As I see it, we need to examine whether an activity, organization-based or community-based, addresses at least one – preferably all three – of the core principles of our mission. If it does not, then it either needs to change its focus to assure that it includes these principles, or it should not be a Master Gardener activity. Second, for organization-based activities, we need to assure that there is adequate member interest in either continuing the activity or beginning a new activity. In the end, we need to assure that what we do has a positive impact for our community and for our members. We can do this by assuring that we strive to meet the core principles of our mission.

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.

**Door County Master Gardeners Association
Board Meeting Minutes May 18, 2016**

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

Board members present: Chris Gritzmacher, Wendy Woldt, Al Romsos, Jim Friedrichs, Holly Green.

Also present: Tom and Lucy Kile, Helen Bacon, Carol Berglund, Jo Ann Tarczewski.

Secretary's Report: Minutes from previous meeting approved (motion Jim F., seconded Al R.).

Correspondence: No report.

Treasurer's Report: Account balance summary and budget figures approved (motion Holly G., sec. Jim F.).

Old Business

Risk Management Policy: Many favorable comments regarding Chris G.'s revision of document.

Changes made to document:

Section D – last sentence, page 2 will read "...responsible for garden planting and maintenance should **consider removing** plants that are **known** to cause death or..."

Section D – first sentence, page 3 will read "...serious illness **or injury** to humans."

Section H – fourth sentence, page 5 will read "...activity. Directors and Officers Liability Insurance **may also be considered.**"

Food safety information will be made available to all involved in treats/refreshments for events.

Chris will add it to the website and have a folder available.

Motion made to approve Risk Mgmt. document with changes, passed (motion Wendy, sec. Jim F.)

New Business

Fall in the Garden Door: Report received from the committee with several ideas, including tractor tours of PARS, cookies at Nibble Nook, serving raw veggies, and a presentation on grasses. Ideas from Board are a presentation regarding grape cultivation and winemaking, and Annie Deutsch and the new MG hotline. Several other ideas in report were non-starters.

New Website: Mike V. presented ideas for new website, showed what a sample would look like, and gave his recommendation for the use of WEEBLY, along with costs per year. Motion made and accepted to contract with WEEBLY for website hosting (motion Jim F., sec. Holly G.).

Agri-tourism Liability Immunity: Mike V. provided copies of the 2013 Wisconsin Act 269 regarding agricultural tourism, defining activities and liabilities that may apply to Master Gardener events at The Garden Door and PARS. Motion made and accepted to purchase a sign from Fast Signs stating the statute(s) (motion Chris G., sec. Al R.). Also related to risk management was the decision to purchase a bullhorn and waistband amplifier for use at events (motion Jim F., sec. Al R.).

OutreachProject at Peninsula State Park: An application was received requesting volunteers for garden planting help in Peninsula State Park. Motion made to approve application (motion Jim F., sec. Chris G.).

DCMGA Board Meeting Minutes cont...

New Committee Chairmen: A motion was approved to appoint the following members in three positions: Vicki Daoust/Youth Programs, Jim Baxter/The Garden Door Co-coordinator, Nancy Anschutz/TGD Financial Co-coordinator. Motion to approve, Chris G., sec. Holly G.)

Open Board Positions: Volunteers are needed to fill two Board positions.

Nomination Committee: Volunteers are needed to form a nominating committee. This committee reports to the Vice-President (Chris Gritzmacher) and will recruit candidates for the Board election at the annual meeting in October.

Plant Sale: Karen Kidd sent a comprehensive report on the current activities of the plant sale committee, covering marketing, greenhouse status, purchased plants, donated plants, and miscellaneous general information.

The Garden Door: New arborvitae have been planted, Nancy A. will be budget co-coordinator, Al R. can handle tractor driving, three garden tours have been scheduled. Surveys have been emailed regarding operation, events, improvements, likes/dislikes, etc. at TGD.

Open House: Jo Ann T. confirms that herbs are the theme for 2016, speakers include Helen Bacon and Jane Cole, ChrissDaubner will show fairy gardens, Wendy W. will handle containers. Fairy garden items will be available for purchase. Karen Newburg (sp.?) may handle the Butterfly Garden.

Matt Stasiak can do one tractor tour of PARS, so another driver is needed. Publicity is a concern, and an artist is needed for advertising posters. Lee Somerville will be signing books.

Fall in the Garden Door: See report above.

Education: Logan Creek tour coming up. Possible events include the Green Bay Botanical Gardens: Behind the Scenes, Door Landscape Co. tour, Mickelson Daylily Garden.

Youth: New committee chair approved (see above).

Outreach: Peninsula State Park (see above).

Merchandise Sales: Chriss D. advises the tool sale is finished, logo embroidery clothing orders are ready, mini garden merchandise is in. Plant picture frames are needed for sale.

Newsletter: No report.

Training: No report.

Publicity: No report.

Social: No report.

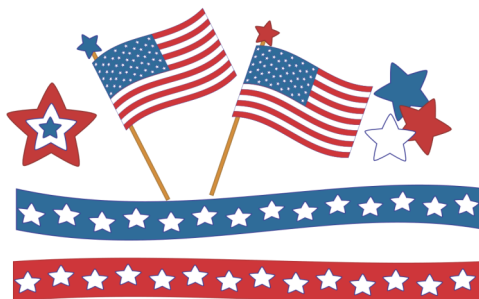
Sunshine: No report.

State: Registration beginning for state conference in mid-September, cost is \$190.

Announcements: **Our next business meeting will be July 20, 2016 at 5:30 p.m., PARS classroom.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. (Motion Jim F., sec. Al R.).

Minutes respectfully submitted by Holly Green, Secretary.





Garden Door Notes by Vicki Dirst

Garden Door Committee Meeting May 9, 2016

Present: Mike Van Ess, Alan Romsos, Chris Gritzmacher, Vicki Dirst, Chriss Daubner, Jo Ann Tarczewski, Jim Friedrichs, Wendy Woldt, Nancy Anschutz, Barb Henkelmann, Kaylynn Litersky, Helen Bacon

Call to Order: Alan called the meeting to order at 5:32. The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Treasurers Report: Wendy handed out the report. Some details were discussed. The report was approved. Nancy will be the financial co-chair for TGD. People should send her receipts and expense forms.

Garden Cleanup: Chris G. said there were fewer people at the cleanup than usual, but a lot of work got done. Vicki counted 17 members.

Arborvitae Replacement: Alan reported that the new trees have been planted. Due to their large size a backhoe was needed.

Raised Bed & Copper Structure: Barb said the raised beds have been completed. She will be planting purple vegetables this year. The copper trays will be planted with succulents on Friday.

Little Lake: Barb said planting is expected in early to mid-June. People can get volunteer hours for the planting, which should take one or two days.

Adirondack Chairs: Kaylynn reported that painting is in progress. Chriss D. will handle getting plaques made in memory of Rod Bohn.

The Garden Door Co-Chairpersons: The co-chairs are Jim Baxter (plants - including weeding and recruitment of area supervisors), Nancy Anschutz (finance - including tracking expenditures, forwarding bills to Wendy and preparing the annual budget), and Alan Romsos (grounds - including turf management and structures). Alan will be our liaison with PARS. He has ordered portable toilets, plus a wash sink for certain events. The new area supervisor for the shed is Kathie Vavra.

Garden Door Committee Meeting Minutes continued...

Garden Area Signs: Alan said we need to place signs designating the various portions of the garden. Someone indicated the signs might be up in the barn. Alan will talk to Doug Henderson about the cost of replacing any signs that are too faded to use.

TGD Survey: Jim Baxter developed a proposed survey of members regarding TGD. It was distributed by email. Mike asked for comments on the proposed survey. No changes were suggested. Mike proposes sending it to the membership via Google Forms.

Rack Card Distribution: Mike had a box of rack cards and asked for volunteers to distribute the cards to locations named on his list. Chris G. will do Ephraim. Helen will do Northport and Sister Bay. Jo Ann will do Baileys Harbor and Jacksonport. Chriss D. will do southern Door. Alan will do Egg Harbor and Fish Creek. Mike will do Sturgeon Bay.

Label Maker: Alan reported that Sandie Ott no longer wants the job of making labels for the plants at TGD. Alan will ask Sandie what the job entails and will then send an email asking for a volunteer.

Open House: Jo Ann is the chairperson for the Open House, which will be held July 9th from 1 till 4. She asked what we are going to do without a publicity person. Mike said they have approached several people and all said no to taking over this role. Hence he has been asking people to do smaller portions of the job such as newspaper ads, press releases and banners. People needing publicity should contact him and he will find someone to do what's needed. Jo Ann said the Open House will be all about herbs. Jane Cole will be a speaker and will have a booth. Helen will give a presentation on interesting facts about herbs. Chriss D. will do a presentation on fairy gardens. She and Kaylynn will have a table. Wendy will do a container program using herbs. Jo Ann hopes to repeat the Karen Newbern program on monarch butterflies. Alan will ask Matt Staziak if we can have research station tours. Jo Ann would also like to offer herbal treats, but that is not settled yet. She has asked area supervisors to include an herb in each bed, with an appropriate label.

TGD Strategic Plan: Mike said we need to get back to talking about this. He would like to get plant lists on our website and QR codes displayed in each garden area so people can access the lists while they are in the garden. The lists should include all trees, shrubs, perennials and bulbs, but not annuals. We would need to update the database yearly. Mike is currently maintaining the website. He wants to change the website provider which will change the look and make the website easier to manage.

Other Discussion: Alan said we still need an area supervisor for the east perennial bed and someone to take over the pond. Chris G. announced that she will not be doing the rose garden after this year. Kaylynn suggested turning on the water so the new trees can get watered. Alan will see to it. Mike brought up the subject of liability, and indicated that a state statute appears to absolve agro-tourism of liability as long as a sign with specified verbiage is posted. He has asked a couple of sign companies for bids. The sign would be specifically for TGD.

The meeting adjourned at 6:44 . The next meeting will be July 11th 5:30 at PARS.

New Raised Beds for The Garden Door

Submitted by Barb Henkelmann
 Photos by Christine Gritzmacher



Last fall the four raised beds and arbors were demolished to make way for new ideas and structures in the Raised Bed area of The Garden Door. Barb Henkelmann, new chair of the Raised Bed area, asked Jim McFarlin, a fellow MG and woodworker extraordinaire, to construct a 3 tiered, 5 bin series of cedar frame beds to be placed in the East side area. He agreed to the project which featured slot and peg construction and went to work.

On a bright sunny Thursday in mid-April (after having to postpone the scheduled day due to typical spring weather of a rain/snow mix) Jim, his wife, Mary, and 10 additional hearty Master Gardeners answered the call for help in the laying out, construction and filling of Jim's masterpiece. All the boards were laid out on the grass nearby and eventually, like a giant jigsaw puzzle, the five bins took shape. Jim, Mary, Tom Luebker, Kerry Vavra, Dale Jeanquart and Mark Honold put the boards in the right order and manned the hammers and drills, positioning the wooden pegs and screws to keep them securely fastened. Immediately thereafter, the shovels and wheelbarrows were employed by Larry Burris, Carrie Sherrill, John Kierstyn, Christine Gritzmacher, Mary and Barb, filling the bins with soil. Tim Kazmierczak made this task much easier by using the Bobcat to stockpile the soil in the West raised bed area, right across the walkway from the new raised bed. Now this eye-catching structure will soon be ready for the vegetables and herbs that are being planned for this year's growing season. On your next trip to The Garden Door, make sure you stop by and admire Jim's work of art.

**It takes a team!
 Congratulations on a
 job well done.**



Spring Hike at Logan Creek

Sponsored by DCMGA Education Committee
 Wednesday, May 11th

Members enjoyed strolling through a 170 acre parcel at Logan Creek. This beautiful property provides a display of upland Hardwood and lowland cedar-hemlock forest including Beech, Hemlock, and Sugar Maple trees. Spring wildflowers Hepatica, Spring Beauty, Trillium and Trout Lily abound at this location. As an added bonus, Logan Creek accommodates many breeding birds. It was a great day to WELCOME SPRING!



DCMGA Plant Sale - 2016

Reminiscence of a plant sale chair rookie:

On Saturday, May 28, 2016, the DCMGA annual plant sale and fund raiser began and ended with sunshine and smiles.

The day began at 7:00 AM as the weariness of the previous long hours of planning, pricing, sorting and setting up quickly gave way to oohs and ahhs when volunteers walked into the PARS classroom and beheld the wonderful spread of fresh baked scones, homemade lemon curd, muffins, fruit and coffee generously provided by Carrie Sherrill and Coggin Heeringa.



Jim McFarland directed the layout and table placement. MG's pitched in to set up tents, mark off areas and position tables. Everyone maneuvered and set things in motion.



Announcements were made, photos taken courtesy of Jan Gigstead. Lynn Polacek oriented the talliers. Pay stations were set up and Martha Burris and her cashiers had their money and positions. Ginny Zdenahik had the box of Osmocote samples and hardening-off instructions ready to pass out. Joanne Tarcezewski had flats of Green Envy Zinnia and Snap Dragons in The Garden Door for the plant give-away.



Mary McDaniel and Lucy Kile greeted the line of early comers and anticipation was in the air.

Thanks to all the amazing organizing of Lucy Kile, Carrie Potier, Char Rowe and our Friday setup team we were ready to open by 8:20 AM, and so we did!



People immediately descended on the annuals and the garage. Others ran for the perennials. By 9:00 AM many plants were sold out and by 10 AM there were no more tomatoes!

Shoppers with sleds filled with plants descended on the talliers and, despite some initial cramped quarters and congestion, the talliers efficiently itemized purchases and moved people to the cashiers with Dorry Wilner expediting the process.



The electric energy of the day was fueled by the perfect weather and by the dynamics of the salesmanship of MG volunteers. Barb Henderson and her Shady Lane crew sold all of the fabulous donated wildflowers and most of the purchased plants. Should we even mention the force of Vickie Dirst and her Dahlias? Or should I say Dahlia Dirst? We raised the price of her Dahlias this year to \$8 and she sold all 58 of her beauties!



Everyone was on it!! Overheard comments went from "At the Whistling Swan they have a recipe using roasted Amaranthus seeds..." to "when you visit Thomas Jefferson's garden you'll see..." (Rhonda Schomburg, you are a true plant romantic) to Marsha Krzysanowski's "how can I help you, what are you looking for?"



The pickup crew manned their posts and smiled and laughed as happy and satisfied customers thanked them for a great experience and for being so organized! Kudos!



As the efficient, neon-vested parking crew waved through the final flow of cars, Kerry Vavra clicked the counter totaling 452 vehicles. Joann Tarcezewski added up 350 free plant coupons and noted many garden newcomers.

We said goodbye to the 2016 sale this year at 12:30 PM and told the few browsing people that the sale had been closed down. Tired but determined, volunteers assisted with the final clean-up of the day and left the grounds and garage clean and organized. George thanked me later.



By 1:30PM, Tom Luebker transported a couple of us on the flatbed to Chico to drop off plants and then to pick up the last of the day's details, the large yellow sandwich sign – one of the 4 plant sale announcements John and Karen Kierstyn set up.

After the final pre-sale totals were calculated and invoices adjusted, the sale ended with netting out over \$16,300. A banner year!

Thank you, Master Gardeners, for a great day! Thank you, Class of 2016 Volunteers, for all your valuable assistance!

Now, this first-time plant sale rookie can exhale with a sigh of happy gratification, new friendships and fond memories.

Karen Kidd



A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL OUR WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS!

Education Committee News



GARDEN ROOMS AND STRUCTURES

Presentation by



Tom Luebker

Our own Master Gardener, Tom Luebker, played to a packed Crossroads at Big Creek house on the evening of Tuesday, April 12th. DCMGA members and guests were educated and entertained by Tom's narrative on the history of garden rooms and structures.

A photographic history of his own garden development included tips for creating individual rooms within a larger palette as well as smaller rooms and structures for yards with limited space.

Tom encouraged gardeners to adopt his low-maintenance approach to hardscape and structures as a means to avoid costly repairs and replacement down-the-road.



Save the Date!

Door Landscape and Nursery Tour - Wednesday, August 10th at 5pm

Fall Seminar - Saturday, November 5th, Jeffrey Epping, Director of Horticulture, Olbrich Botanical Gardens

Please watch your emails for details regarding these special events.



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	Lee Somerville
Plant Sale	Karen Kidd
Publicity	Open
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.

COMING EVENTS

The Garden Door

Open House

Saturday

July 9th

1pm-4pm



The theme for this event will be:

All About Herbs



MASTER GARDENER

Opportunities and Information

Greenhouse - 2017 we need someone to oversee the greenhouse. Please take advantage of this wonderful opportunity.

Little Lake Update

Barb Henkelmann reports that the earthwork planned by Greg Meissner has been delayed due to high water. The area will need to be seeded before planting can begin. The anticipated date for planting is mid-June. Watch for an email regarding this project.

Reminder: Please save your 1-gallon pots for the 2017 Plant Sale. We do not need any other sizes. Also, don't dump pots in the barn; do stack them on the shelves.

ADOPT A GARDEN!

Need a creative outlet? You'd love to have a free hand at redesigning a lovely sunny garden with wonderfully deep soil? Dying to experiment with some new perennials on someone else's nickel? Your own garden is too shady? Too rocky? Not dug yet? The budget's a little tight? Not enough experience? Want to learn all about ponds before you build your own? Want to get to know some really good gardeners who are friendly, appreciative of what you're doing, and very willing to share their expertise and experience if asked? Take a walk on the wild side. Adopt the **East Perennial Bed or the Pond Garden in the Garden Door** as your very own garden. Run with it.

If interested, get in touch with Jim Baxter, jhbax@yahoo.com.

FALL IN THE GARDEN DOOR

(fall open house)

Saturday, September 10th

Help is needed in the following areas:

- A volunteer to demonstrate fall flower arranging, dried arrangements, or fall wreath decorating
- An area supervisor or other expert at each garden area to answer questions
- A certified person to oversee the preparation of vegetables at NWTc

Please contact Linda Lambert, Linda Zolnosky or Jeanne Vogel for more details.

PICTURE FRAME BOXES

Chriss Daubner could use help making picture frame boxes for planting for The Garden Door Open House on July 9th.

If you can help out, please email Chriss at dandaubner@centurytel.net

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JUNE 2016

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26	27	28	29 Little Lake Planting 1pm Weed & Feed 4:30pm TGD	30		

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

JULY 2016

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