

DOOR COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS ASSOCIATION, INC. NEWSLETTER

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DCMGA

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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

You stop a person randomly on the street and ask them what they know about the Door County Master Gardeners. If they know about our organization (there are likely a few people who don't), it is likely they would reply, "Are they the organization that has educational programs at Crossroads?", or "They have a plant sale every May.", or "Aren't they the ones who have that garden north of Sturgeon Bay?"

Undoubtedly, these three DCMGA activities represent the public face of our organization. They are, in a sense, a large part of our identity. This doesn't mean that the other things we do are any less important. We are, in fact, a well-rounded organization that provides a variety of horticulture related activities and support to the community.

The reality, however, is that what we do with the winter/spring educational series, the plant sale and The Garden Door has a significant impact on what the public thinks about us. Through the years, we have done an excellent job with all three of these key activities. But we cannot rest on our laurels. A plant sale with inadequate inventory; a sparse lineup of educational programs; or, a neglected Garden Door, could lead to a seriously damaged public perception that could negatively impact all we do. We cannot allow ourselves to become complacent. We cannot assume that this organization will continue to function at the level to which we've become accustomed. How do we assure our continued success?

The answer is obvious. Every member needs to do their part in all three to assure that these key activities continue to succeed. You can help with the educational programming by joining the Education Committee, or by preparing treats for the programs, or by just spreading the word and bringing your friends to the programs. You can help the plant sale by participating in the plant propagation in the greenhouse, or by digging and potting perennials from your garden and donating them to the sale, or by helping with the set up the day before and helping on the day of the sale. You can help in The Garden Door by participating in the spring and fall cleanups, or by taking part in the Weed & Feeds, or by becoming a part of a team that maintains an area of the garden, or by helping plan and put on the events offered in The Garden Door each summer.

Twenty-plus years of success have contributed to a positive public image in our community. But, maintaining this will require our continued attention to assuring that all we do is done well. We can be proud of what we've accomplished in the past. But if we want to share in that sense of pride in the future, all of us need to do our part with all we do.

Mike Van Ess

DCMGA
Board
Meeting
Minutes
9-21-16

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

Board members present: Chris Gritzmacher, Wendy Woldt, Jim Baxter, Alan Romsos, Jim Friedrichs, Linda Zolnosky, Holly Green

Also present: Doug Henderson, JoAnn Tarczewski, Jeanne Vogel

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the previous meeting were approved (motion Jim F., seconded Alan R.).

Correspondence: A thank-you card was received from Patti Hedeem, Board Trustee of the Birch Creek Music Center, for money donated to the Play It Forward Scholarship Fund by participants at the Jazz in the Garden event.

Treasurer's Report: Wendy presented recent account summaries. Report discussed and approved (motion Chris G., sec. Holly).

Old Business

Fall Event: Discussion as to whether a Fall event should be held in future. Jeanne V. and Linda Z. were chairs of 2016 cancelled event and provided input. Main problems would be finding person(s) to take charge of event, and coming up with new ideas for attractions/programs during the event. Discussion was tabled; MG members may be polled. Note: Dec.1 is deadline for reserving spots for banner signage in Sturgeon Bay for all MG events.

New Business

2017 Fiscal Year Budget: Next year's budget was presented by Wendy and Mike V. Categories and line items discussed. Payment to PARS put on hold. Mike V. suggested putting any year-end surplus monies into an "infrastructure account" for expenses such as repairs, etc. to The Garden Door; Board decided to put any surplus into current account. Alan R. presented quote for repairs to electrical system/pond area. Change made to TGD budget to cover these costs. Budget approved with change (motion Al R./sec. Jim B.). Note: PARS may be acquiring new auto-watering tables for greenhouse in area used by DCMGA plant sale.

Annual Meeting and Banquet: Plans set for event at The Log Den on October 5. Invites have been sent out via email, Annie Deutsch, extension agent, will be speaker

Nomination Committee: Four Board positions up for election. Three current Board members have agreed to run again. An additional MG will be recruited to run for the fourth seat on the Board. Suggestions welcome.

Email Changes: Mike V. suggested individual email accounts for members who originate emails currently distributed by the Buzz. This could make distribution and access easier. He will do further research.

Christmas Party: Coggin to be consulted regarding plans with Social Committee.



DCMGA Board Meeting Minutes, cont...

Committee Reports

Garden Door: The sprinkler system has been turned off, the water will be shut off October 1. TGD clean-up is scheduled for October 15. A team of members have been recruited to maintain the pond, Weed & Feed, maintenance ok. A new sign has been installed.

Education: The Symposium will be Nov. 5, with Jeff Epping from Olbrich Botanic Garden, will be held at the Egg Harbor Village Hall; \$30 per person, includes box lunch.

Training: Currently fewer committee members, but smaller number may work better with smaller MG classes.

Plant Sale: Meeting with Karen is coming up. Pot cleaning was this morning; five people worked.

Open House: JoAnn T. stepping down from chairing this event. A new chair needed.

Youth: Work with Boys and Girls Club finished for this year.

Merchandise Sales: No report.

Newsletter: No report.

Outreach: No report.

Publicity: No report.

Social: See above.

Sunshine: No report.

Hotline: Holly reports that fewer calls/email questions coming in as season ends.

Six MGs worked phones and internet since Spring.

State Report: "Thank You" to Barb and Doug Henderson for the donated fused glass flowers for the silent auction at the recent regional conference in Wisconsin Dells. This year's Annual Report theme is the "Value of Gardening." Mike V. will be seeking information to complete our submission for this report.

Our next Business meeting will be November 16, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. at PARS.

****Officers will be elected****Note: 2017 will be last year to serve for Pres. Mike V. and Vice-Pres. Chris G.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m. (Motion Jim B./ sec. Al R.)





Garden Door Notes by Vicki Dirst

Garden Door Committee Meeting, September 12, 2016

Present: Alan Romsos, Chris Gritzmacher, Vicki Dirst, Allen Miller, Mike Van Ess, Jo Ann Tarczewski, Jim Friedrichs, Barb Henkelmann, Jim Baxter, Barbara Henderson, Doug Henderson, Carol Berglund, Kathy Green, Wendy Woldt, Kaylynn Litersky, Deborah Javurek

Call to Order: Alan called the meeting to order at 5:30. The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Treasurers Report: Alan reported that as of 8/30 The Garden Door budget had \$1,723.93 remaining. Any bills need to be submitted by the end of this month. The report was approved.

Open Positions: Jim B. said Cliff White, Steve Krysanowski and Rod Schlise are willing to serve as the new pond team. Jim McFarlin will be training them. Other people are welcome to join the team as adjunct members, since there is much to do. The pond and the pond garden are now separate jobs. Alan said a couple of women have expressed interest in the east perennial bed. Mike supported the team approach. Alan said the plant labeling job would be good for someone who would like to get service hours working from home. It's not a big job. Kerry has given up leadership of the Garden Next Door. Mike suggested that those who have plots next year be the team for that area. Chris G. raised the question of whether there will even be a GND next year. She noted that it has looked terrible this year. The weeds have taken over. Mike said that is something he will discuss with Matt Stasiak. Chris said a new person is still needed for the rose garden. Mike suggested changing from a training class project to having each class member work with an area in the garden. Barb H. asked if we have too many outreach projects. Wendy said she is no longer able to keep up the tunnel garden the way she would like. She is also a person who needs help, especially with digging out overgrown plants, but also with general maintenance. Allen suggested having a special occasion to help out a certain area of the garden, besides the weed and feeds. Jim B. predicted that if we have more such events it would be a matter of diminishing returns. Alan will send an email trying to line up help for the tunnel garden.

Garden Door Committee Meeting, cont...

Gazebo Roof: Alan said replacement of the roof is on hold for now. It can last another year.

Gravel Paths: Only about eight people came to help at the "path party," including one member's spouse.

Electrical Problem: Alan said there is a short affecting the electrical service to the pond. He had Stauber Electric look at it. We need to hire a contractor to replace the power line and bring it up to code. He hopes to have an estimate by Sept. 21st. Deborah suggested getting another estimate from a different contractor.

Fall Clean-up: Alan and Jim B. suggested having the clean-up Oct. 15th 9:00 – noon. If area supervisors choose, they can do their areas before then.

Pedestrian Counter: Alan reported that the counter showed 1,780 people in July, 1,365 in August and 174 on Labor Day weekend.

Work Days Next Year: Jim B. budgeted for 3 weed and feeds next year and 3 other work days.

No Touch/Taste Sign: Alan said there is a new sign. He will install it this week.

Education Ideas: Mike has been thinking about additional educational signs we could have for the garden, similar to ones at the Green Bay Botanical Garden. He suggested having one 2 x 3 foot sign with a different topic each year. The cost would be around \$76, plus the cost of the posts. To pay for it he proposed going for a \$250 WIMGA grant. He said he has plant lists for seven gardens so far. He will be putting the information on the website. He also wants to have some QR codes in the garden.

Kiosk for Educational Materials: Jim B. said we have been talking about having a kiosk for some time. He likes the one at Lily Bay and suggests that we have one like it, placing it by the existing Garden Door sign. Among the various types of information to include, he recommended a sign on toxic plants. Others disagreed. Wendy asked Jim if he had an estimate for a kiosk. He did not.

Educational Project on Toxic Plants: There was no interest. People felt the issue was covered by Nancy Santoriello in her program at Crossroads earlier this year.

Tuesday in TGD: The program will be on Sept. 13 at 6:00.

The meeting adjourned at 6:36. The next meeting will be November 14th at 5:30 at PARS

Picnic and Graduation at The Garden Door

Sunday, August 7th, 2016



A Very Special Day at The Garden Door

On a beautiful Sunday afternoon in early August, Master Gardeners celebrated the Graduating Class of 2016 with a picnic and name tag presentation.

Gary Kemp, Master of Ceremonies, announced the graduates and each, in turn, told onlookers a little bit about his/her desire to become a Master Gardener.

The class presented a bottle of wine to each member of the Education Committee as a thank-you for his/her efforts.



Door
Landscape &
Nursery
Tour
August 10, 2016



Master Gardeners enjoyed a tour of Door Landscape & Nursery located on Hwy 42 in Egg Harbor. Members learned about Door's low impact practices; so important for our environment. Also, that they are a full service establishment, providing natural landscaping, design, consult, installation, and care. Their specialty: low maintenance through the use of native plants!



***Early Registration opportunity for all DCMGA Members!
The 2016 Fall Garden Seminar***



Jeff Epping

Director of Horticulture, Olbrich Botanical Gardens, Madison, Wisconsin

***Sustainable Gardens: Designs and Plants for "Greener" Gardens
and
Inspirations from Olbrich Gardens and Beyond***

Saturday, November 5, 2016

**Paul J. Bertschinger Center, Egg Harbor
9:00AM to 2:00 PM, Open to the Public**

Pre-registration and Fee Payment Required

The DCMGA proudly announces its Fall Garden Seminar, with Jeff Epping, Director of Horticulture at the Olbrich Botanical Gardens in Madison, Wisconsin. Come join us for a fun and informative program on Saturday, November 5, 2016. Our day will begin with registration and coffee at 9:00am and end by 2pm, and we'll break in the middle with a refreshing box lunch. The seminar will take place in beautiful Egg Harbor, at the village's Paul J. Bertschinger Community Center located at 7860 Highway 42, just north of Nicolet Bank.

Jeff will present two programs. The first is Sustainable Gardens: Designs and Plants for "Greener" Gardens. Green or sustainable gardens make sense for many reasons – they're good for the environment and they're good for us. When resources are tight, people still want beautiful gardens, but also gardens that require less time, water and chemical inputs to grow. Green horticulture depends upon designing sustainable gardens up-front -- carefully analyzing site conditions and utilizing plants well adapted to the conditions in which we plant them. Jeff will present greener garden ideas that he and his staff have created at Olbrich, as well as from gardens across the country.

His second program is Inspirations from Olbrich Gardens and Beyond; Winter's a great time of year to re-charge your gardening batteries. After another growing season and facing a long cold Door County winter, we're all ready to glean a little inspiration from books, journals, the internet and of course, gardening symposia. To get us inspired, Jeff will explore some of the finest public gardens in the U.S., from the Highline and Battery Park in New York City to the Lurie Garden in Chicago's Millennium Park. Gorgeous gardens in the Netherlands, France and England are also on the docket. Jeff will illustrate how innovative designers and gardeners have showcased great plants and garden elements in public gardens across the globe, as well as some great examples from Wisconsin's own Olbrich Botanical Gardens.

The DCMGA Fall Seminar will be full of information, great networking, and good company, so plan to join us on November 5th.

Early Registration Information for DCMGA Members

The cost of the day for **Door County Master Gardeners** is only \$30.00, which includes the lunch. The early registration period for DCMGA members begins today. Members of the public will be invited to attend after the first week in October. The cost of the program for the public will be \$36.00 and also includes the box lunch. Anyone wishing to attend must contact Bill and Sarah Freyman at 868-1749 or via email at wcfreyman@gmail.com to register.

Here are the details: We need to know who's coming and what you want for lunch. We're offering three choices. Choose a turkey, ham or veggie wrap. It comes with pasta salad and a cookie. We're providing apple cider, cranberry juice, water, and coffee.

Important!

There are no reduced registration fees for those who do not take lunch or attend only half day, nor do we offer refunds as our expenses are set.

Registration fees are due Friday, October 28th, so please contact the Freymans early if you have questions. Get your check (payable to DCMGA) in the mail right away.

Your registration is not complete and your lunch will not be ordered until we receive your check. We will not accept fees or registrations at the door.

To make things easy, Bill and Sarah will take registration fees for members at the annual meeting on October 5th at the Log Den Restaurant.

Remember, to assure your spot before the public is invited, register ASAP!

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BY HORTICULTURE MAGAZINE
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**DCMGA
PLANT
SALE
2017****Update
from
Karen Kidd**

Fall is a good time to assess what plants you want to donate to the sale next year. A good tip from Linda Monahan is to mark them now with painted tongue depressors and have a list ready of botanical names and flower color to make next year's Spring dig easy to locate and sign.

Barbara Henderson is already anticipating wild flower donations for her favorite part of the plant sale. If you want to join her with researching and digging for some of Door County's beauties contact her at barbdoug@doorpi.net She promises you'll have fun!

Lucy Kile, Carrie Potier and Pat Storm will be digging for the sale again this year and need your help! Keep your ears open for gardens that want to donate next year and think about offering to help with the digging! This is big profit for the plant sale!

The 2017 annual list is in process now and should be complete by January 1 as the last of the catalogues arrive. This meeting will cover vegetables and flowers. 1 afternoon meeting and some preliminary research will be required. If you want to join the **Annual Seed Selection Committee**, contact Karen Kidd at karengardens@yahoo.com

There will be a **Perennial Selection Committee** again this year and we will continue using the master list started last year with more plants added. The first meeting will be in January with plans to complete the order list by March. This will require approximately 3 afternoon meetings and some knowledge for research on various plants. We had 6 people on this committee last year and can add 2 more. Contact Karen Kidd at karengardens@yahoo.com if you are interested in joining this committee.

A REMINDER FOR EVERYONE:

Save your black-gallon pots. Also, the barn has been cleaned and organized and any other pots besides tomato quart liners or black gallon containers cannot be used so please do not drop them off.



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	Donna Hake
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.

Don't Forget!!!

DCMGA Annual Meeting & Banquet

Wednesday, October 5th, 5:45pm

The Log Den Restaurant, 6626 Hwy 42, Egg Harbor

Support for Fellow Master Gardeners and Their Families

At this time we have a number of Master Gardeners that are experiencing health or personal issues. Support is a wonderful gift that can be given in many ways.

Please keep these friends in your hearts and thoughts.

MASTER GARDENER

Opportunities and Information

New Website!

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

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

Opportunities in The Garden Door

- Plant label making (do this in the comfort of your home!)
- East Perennial Bed
- Rose Garden
- Tunnel Garden Assistant
- Pond Garden (planting area surrounding pond)
- Pond Maintenance
- Greenhouse Supervisor
- Garden Next Door (thoughts? May be eliminated in 2017)

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!

Pond & Pond Garden

Pond Maintenance and Pond Garden are now separate areas!

A BIG THANK-YOU to new Pond Maintenance Team volunteers: Cliff White, Steve Krzysanowski, and Rod Schlise.

We could use another volunteer or two for this team.

If you are interested in working as a part of the Pond Maintenance Team, please contact Jim McFarlin, jimcfarlin@gmail.com.

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

NOVEMBER 2016

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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