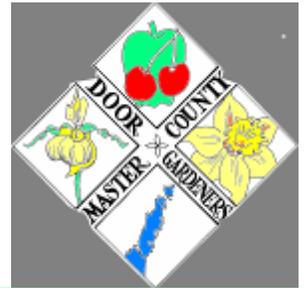




# Door County Master Gardeners Association, Inc.

*A Volunteer Organization of the UW-Cooperative Extension Service*



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## *Mike's Message*

*The power of positive thinking.* I have always tried to approach life from a positive perspective. I've always found that believing anything is possible has helped me overcome the obstacles that stand in the way of success.

So, it should be no surprise that this philosophy has served as the foundation of my leadership of the Door County Master Gardeners Association. For me, statements like, "It isn't possible", or "We tried it before and it didn't work" or "Nobody will want to do it" are just excuses for not trying harder to make something work. I've always believed that there is a path to success even when that path might not be obvious.

Some have called me a blind optimist that refuses to accept reality. They might be right, but that doesn't change my belief that maintaining a positive viewpoint is more likely to lead to a successful outcome. So, don't be surprised if my response is "How can we" when someone says "We can't".



Earlier this month, we lost long-term member Rod Bohn. Rod represented the epitome of quiet leadership, never one to impose his point of view on others. Instead, he would offer bits of advice or a perspective that others might not have seen. Often he influenced an outcome without anyone noticing. Rod was also one to never toot his own horn. He was a modest man who was content with staying in the background while others basked in the glories of a success in which he played an influential role. I suspect we will miss him more than we realize.

*Mike VanEss*

### DCMGA Board of Directors and Officers:

President.....	Mike VanEss
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 Friedrichs  
State Board Representative.....Vacant

**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!"



## Board Meeting Minutes Sept. 16, 2015

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

**Board Members Present:** Jim McFarlin, Jim Friedrichs, Chris Gritzmacher, Jim Baxter, Wendy Woldt, Bill Freyman, Holly Green, Tim Kazmierczak, Kathie Vavra.

**Other Members Present:** Carol Berglund, Linda Lambert, Linda Zolnosky, Helen Bacon, Rod Bohn, Alan Romsos, Jo Ann Tarczewski.

**Secretary's Report:** Previous minutes approved with one correction: Youth Committee grant was applied for but not yet received. Motion by Bill F., seconded by Jim F.

**Correspondence:** Thank you note sent by Susan Garot of the Green Bay Botanical Garden for their tour of TGD. Thank you notes received from Les & Darlene Stump, Boys and Girls Club, and Anonymous for their tours of The Garden Door.

**Treasurer Report:** Motion to approve by Holly G., seconded by Jim F.

### Old Business

**Committee Responsibility Policy and Procedures:** Motion by Bill F., seconded by Jim Baxter to approve this new policy. Motion approved. Mike V. will schedule meeting with committee chairs.

### Goals Update:

**Web Presence:** New provider is needed for website. What else can we do to improve website?

**Risk Management/Insurance:** Jim B. explained criteria we need to meet to be covered by state insurance. 51% of an activity must be educational. We must function under supervision of the Extension Office. As a test exercise, Mike V. and Jim B. worked out an activity plan for the Taste of the GD to make the Extension Office aware of the day's events. The new extension agent starts Oct. 1, will be given a tour of TGD and invited to the annual banquet.

### New Business

**Committee Chair Appointment:** Rod Bohn will step down as Training Chairman. Motion was made to appoint Gary Kemp as his replacement by Kathie V., seconded by Chris G. Motion approved.

**2016 Fiscal Year Budget:** Explanations were given for various listings. Volunteer accident coverage is in budget. There are no extra contingency funds, so any overage must be approved by the board. Motion to approve by Jim M., seconded by Bill F. Motion approved.

**The Garden Door Long Range Plan** discussion was postponed.

**Open House Future:** Is this event necessary? Should we cut back on events as chairmen are difficult to recruit? This may be a GD committee decision and job to find chairmen.

**Annual Banquet:** Chris G. reports that the Yacht Club is reserved, with two optional dates of Oct. 28 or Nov. 4. She is looking for a speaker, possibly the new Extension Agent or someone from the Little Lake Project.

**Board Member Nominating Committee:** This committee will nominate MGs who are willing to run to fill five seats on the Board that are up for election this year. Jim M. will chair this committee.

**Board Meeting Minutes** (*continued*)

**New Committee:** A Merchandise Sales Committee would handle all non-plant items for DCMGA, including clothing, books, etc. Invoices would be needed for all sales/purchases. Use of PayPal was suggested. Chriss Daubner and Kaylynn Litersky have volunteered for this committee. Chriss will chair the committee. Motion made to set up this committee, and appoint Chriss as chair, by Wendy W., seconded by Jim F. Motion approved.

**Outreach Project:** An Outreach Project Application was received from Barb Henkelmann regarding the Little Lake Restoration. No funds were requested, just volunteer hour approval. Motion to approve application made by Kathie V., seconded by Holly G. Motion approved.

**Committee Reports**

**Taste of the Garden Door:** Over 300 people attended, about half last year's number. More information will be shared at the next board meeting.

**The Garden Door:** Various cedars are to be replaced. The raised beds will be demolished this fall, with new ones being constructed in the spring. Fall clean-up is being organized, no date set. A new sign is planned for the GD regarding compost, another will direct visitors to TGND and a third will note that children should not be unattended in the garden. The water is ON and working.

**Education:** The first two programs are scheduled for January, plus two more planned. Oct. 17 is the Aldo Leopold bus tour.

**Youth:** Harvest is planned for the week of 9/28, with 72 kids expected. The committee has had trouble getting volunteers to weed the gardens regularly. One – two people are needed for each plot. This will be discussed at next TGD meeting. The number of plots used may be reduced.

**Training:** New classroom at Crossroads – could DCMGA hold next training sessions there? Class is limited to twelve.

**Plant Sale:** Karen Kidd will be meeting to discuss sale with her committee. The second meeting will be open to all. She is requesting plant donations and ideas on new growers.

**Open House:** See above.

**Newsletter:** New editor Jeannie White has taken over.

**Outreach:** See Little Lake Project, above.

**Publicity:** No report.

**Social Committee:** Reservations will have to be made for the Christmas party. Annual Banquet details listed above.

**Sunshine:** No report.

**State Report:** Oct. 1 is the deadline for grant applications to the State. The Ag Extension website is being revised. Master Gardeners can't access it currently. The Regional Master Gardener Conference will be held in September 2016 in the Wisconsin Dells.

**Announcements**

Final date for the Annual Meeting and Banquet will be announced shortly.

The next Board Meeting will be Wednesday, November 18, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. PARS classroom.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m. Motion by Tim K., seconded by Jim M.

Respectfully submitted by Holly Green, Secretary.



## Garden Door Notes by Vicki Dirst

### Garden Door Committee Meeting Sept. 14, 2015

**Present:** Tim Kazmierczak, Vicki Dirst, Allen Miller, Jo Ann Tarczewski, Jim Friedrichs, Mike Van Ess, Alan Romsos, Chriss Daubner, Tom Luebker, DD Knutson, Kathy Green, Kaylynn Litersky, Jim McFarlin, Carol Berglund, Barb Henkelmann, Barb and Dick Allmann

**Call to Order:** Tim called the meeting to order at 5:30.

**Adirondack Chairs:** Art Lutzke has offered to make chairs for the garden for \$75 each. Allen asked where we would store them over winter. Upstairs in the barn was suggested. Alan doesn't want the chairs placed in the lawn. Some place covered in mulch would be fine. Tim recommended sending an email to area supervisors to see if anyone wants a chair in their area. Nancy Santoriello has offered us some used chairs, but they need maintenance. Tom said we are not interested in those.

**New Area Supervisors:** Barb Henkelmann is taking over the raised beds. Volunteers are still needed to take over the East Perennial Bed and the Pond. Tim will send out an email announcing the vacancies. The Pond requires maintenance twice a week.

**Arborvitae Replacement:** Kaylynn presented her proposal for the Shade Garden. It calls for replacing the existing arborvitae with two different cultivars, replacing the crabapple with a river birch, and replacing the elderberry with a Korean maple. Her estimated cost is \$850. Tom moved that we execute Kaylynn's plan in the Shade Garden. The motion carried. Mike said there is sufficient money remaining in the Garden Door budget to cover the cost if the money is spent prior to the end of this month. The committee approved of Kaylynn ordering the trees now for planting next year, spending up to \$900.

In further discussion Jim M. said next year he would like to replace the arborvitae adjoining the pond. This is estimated to cost about \$1,200. Tom moved that we replace the arborvitae around the pond next year. Mike felt that we should make this a priority. The motion carried.

**Raised Beds:** Barb H. presented a proposal to replace the Raised Beds. The existing beds are scheduled for demolition on Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Mulch will be spread to temporarily cover the area. Over the winter Jim M. will construct a new U-shaped raised bed with three tiers. In the spring it will be installed on the east side of the brick path. On the west side of the path there will be a container garden and a metal sculpture. Excluding the sculpture, the project will cost \$600. As long as the money is spent by the end of this month the cost can come out of the current budget. Jim M. will purchase the lumber. Once there is a plan to purchase a particular sculpture, that expenditure can be considered separately.

**The Garden Door Committee Meeting** *(continued)*

**Fall Cleanup:** Several people voiced concerns that the proposed date for the fall cleanup was too early. Mike recommended that we aim for it to be held on Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Weed and Feeds:** Tim went over comments he received from the Hendersons. They are wondering about having separate Weed and Feeds for the youth garden. They would help coordinate these events but would need additional funds for the food. They would like to designate a specific day each month for next year's Weed and Feeds. If the committee agrees they will make the designation and have the dates put on the organization's calendar. They feel there has been a good turnout for each event. They are looking for a couple more members to join the coordinating group. Regarding scheduling, DD suggested not always have it on the same day of the week.

The subject of Weed and Feeds for the Youth Garden turned into a general discussion of the Youth Garden in terms of the value of it relative to the amount of work. Tim asked if we could cut the number of plots to two, and have one of those be a potato plot. He will speak to Kathie Vavra about it. Chriss said it would be good to cut the number of plots to two and retain the other aspects of the youth program. Tim feels we can cover the cost of the youth program without the need for a grant.

**Weidman:** Tim would like to thank Dick Weidman for doing the tours at the Taste. The committee recommended a gift card from the Madison Avenue Wine Shop.

**Green Bay Botanical Garden:** Mike and Tim hosted a group of GBBG donors at a tour of The Garden Door. The group was very impressed at what we have achieved as a volunteer organization. Mike read aloud a couple of thank you notes.

**Flag:** Tim thanked Carol for the flag for the classroom.

**Signage:** Tim said the directional signs have been installed. He asked for some mulch around them and some landscaping around the one by the Potato Gene Bank. Tom will look into it. Tim ordered signs for the compost pile, no unattended children, and the entrance to the Garden Next Door. In the spring Allen will order new name tags for the shed.

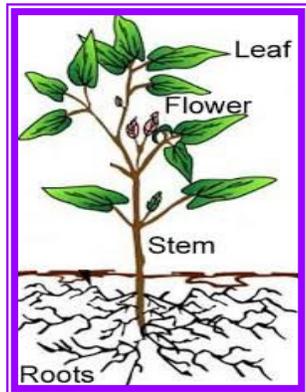
**Drone Video:** This will be postponed until next year.

**Dragonfly:** The location of the dragonfly sculpture is unknown. Barb H. will ask the people who made it, since they may have it. If so, that's fine.

**Long Range Planning Committee:** Their plan comes before the Board this week. Mike sent it to the membership in a recent email. If people have concerns they should contact him right away or come to the Board meeting.

**Water System:** Alan talked to Meissners. They will come out in the fall to shut down the water system. Jim M. needs to know when, so he can set up the aerator in the pond. Tim asked about the control box and why it seems to be acting up. We may have to replace it next year.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00. The next meeting will be Nov. 9th



## Education Committee News

### Bus Trip to the Aldo Leopold Center – October 17, 2015

This trip has been cancelled.

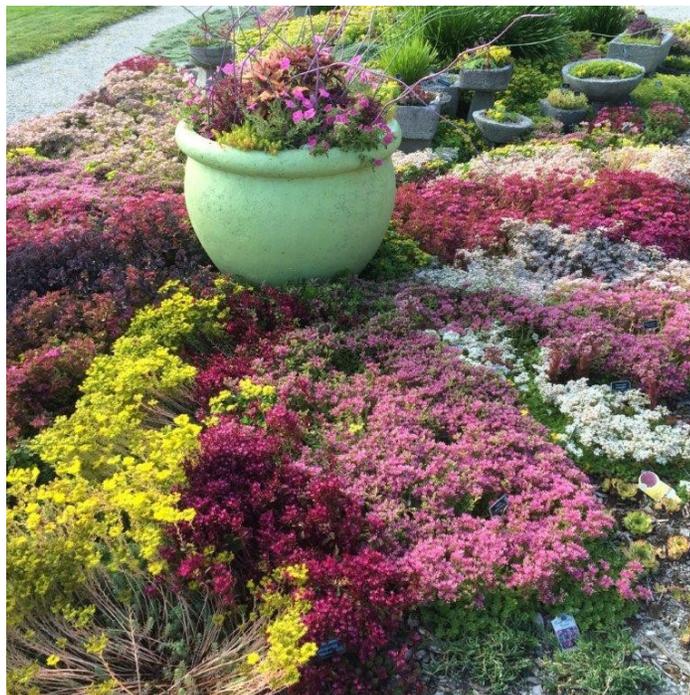
### Education Committee Volunteers

With the official start of fall, our thoughts begin to turn to our education programs. Members interested in helping to plan and implement a series of fun and educational programs are invited to attend the next Education Committee Meeting on Tuesday, October 6th, 5:30pm at the UW Peninsular Agricultural Research Station (PARS).



**Door County Advocate  
&  
Kewaunee County Star-News**

**Garden Photo Contest Winners!  
Barbara & Doug Henderson**



*The Hendersons submitted a photo of their pinwheel garden located at The Garden Door. It is a representation of many hardy sedum plants found in Door County. The large container display was created by Larry Maas.*

Photographers submitted entries in three categories, spring flower garden, summer flower garden, and vegetable garden. Entries were scored on three criteria: overall impact, special features, and innovation, with three winners in each category. Winners received gift cards from a local garden center, first place \$50, second place \$30 and third place \$20.

**Congratulations Barb and Doug!**

# The Taste of The Garden Door



Pesto Festo 2015 took place Saturday, September 12th, on an absolutely gorgeous fall afternoon.

The gardens were beautiful, the DCMGA members were beautiful and the visitors were beautiful!



What a fine day to sample pesto, fresh veggies, salads & sides, and savory cookies.

Many members and visitors took advantage of a narrated tractor/wagon tour of the UW Peninsular Agricultural Research Station grounds.



Participants learned about potatoes, apples, cherries, bees, and test crops.



Pesto Festo 2015



Dear Door County Master Gardeners,  
We want to send a special thank you to all of you who helped make the Taste of the Garden Door and Pesto Festo IX a success. The gardens looked wonderful; the Rabbit Patch, Apple tasting, Pesto tasting, Salad and Sides, and Nibble Nook looked great and were easy for folks to get to and move through efficiently. The water station, Heritage info, "Vanna" demonstration of gadgets, Fairy Garden display, tours of PARS, and welcoming faces at the entrance all enhanced the Taste experience. The parking guys reported friendly people going in and coming out and did a great job moving the traffic safely. From "set up" to "take down" we had a great day thanks to all of you!

Linda Lambert, Jeanne Vogel, Linda Zolnosky

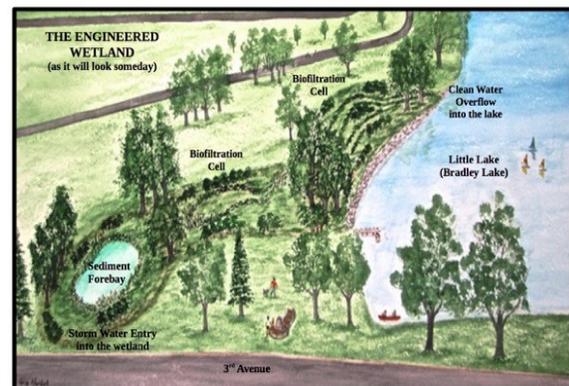
Pesto Festo 2015



## Little Lake Restoration Project

by Barbara Henkelmann

Anyone passing Sunset Park in Sturgeon Bay can see large piles of dirt indicating Phase 1 for the Little Lake Restoration Project has begun. A series of wetland ponds will filter storm runoff before pollutants reach Little Lake and the edges will be planted with wetland grasses, sedges, shrubs and trees. In an email update from Roger Anderson of the Sturgeon Bay Rotary on September 29<sup>th</sup>, he stated that progress of the earthwork is going very slowly. The contractor has pulled his workmen off the job several times to do other work elsewhere. More earthwork still has to be done before the planting of the wetlands can take place. This part of the project will be delayed until next May. Phase 2 of the project involves dredging about 7 feet of sediment from the bottom of Little Lake. Fund-raising and grant writing will take place this fall to raise the \$1 million needed to fund the next phase of the project.



Watercolor rendering by Giz Herbst



**Learn more about this project at the DCMGA Annual Meeting and Banquet on November 4th at the Sturgeon Bay Yacht Club.**

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

A few words from the Plant Sale organizers:

Its Fall but lets think Spring!

Mark your calendars now. The 2016 DCMGA plant sale, will be Saturday, May 28, 2016.

Before you close your garden journals and clean off your trowels one final time, please pause to evaluate your season of toil and consider what you might want to divide and donate for the sale next spring. ( Last year we netted \$810.00 from donated Wildflowers alone! WHOO HOO! ) Marking your plants now and preparing with some extra containers will make the early chilly Spring gardening days easier and the sale team will have a heads up on what to expect from our members' generosity.

We also want to remind you not to recycle your black gallon containers, instead repurpose them to the barn at PARS for use next year for donated plants.

Been to Costco recently? We could also repurpose those low boxes for the sale customers to use to gather their plants in. Those can be dropped off in the loft area of the barn.

A shout out for more plastic sleds to enable ease of plant shopping! They especially assist the elderly, handicapped and serious shoppers! If you are garage sale enthusiasts pick them up and either donate them or submit a reimbursement form.

Now that your hours have been turned in for 2015, get a jump start on your volunteer hours and come to our first volunteer meeting, Wednesday, November 11 at 5:30. Participate in the planning. Join committees for plant and seed selection. Sign up for job distributions and speak up for any suggested improvements. Renew your interest to continue in the same capacity as in the sales of previous years and meet with the new coordinators.

Last but not least, we want to thank Chriss Daubner and Kaylynn Litersky for all their years of time and commitment building this important fund raiser to the success it has become. We wish them the very best as they move on to other volunteer opportunities with DCMGA.

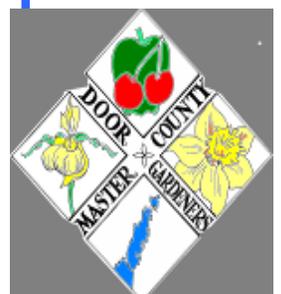
Grow On!

Karen Kidd, Kathie Vavra, Jim McFarlin

### THANKS FOR VOLUNTEERING!

Check [dcmga.org](http://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](http://dcmga.org) website for information on volunteer opportunities.



More opportunities...

**East Perennial Bed & Pond Volunteers Needed**

Volunteers are needed to take over these two areas. Please contact Tim Kazmierczak for more information regarding these two opportunities. [timothy.kazmierczak@ars.usda.gov](mailto:timothy.kazmierczak@ars.usda.gov)

**Awards Committee**

Kerry Vavra is looking for a few members to join the awards committee. He would like at least three people on the committee, which will only meet two or three times, late in the season to discuss and select award recipients. If you would like to join this committee, please call Kerry at [920-743-6255](tel:920-743-6255) or send him an email at: [kkjivavra@gmail.com](mailto:kkjivavra@gmail.com). He is hoping to fill the vacancies within the next two weeks. Decisions need to be made and awards need to be ordered before the banquet on November 4<sup>th</sup>.



**The 2015 DCMGA Annual Meeting and Banquet**

**Wednesday, November 4th at the Sturgeon Bay Yacht Club**

The evening will begin at 5:30 pm with cocktails in the no-host bar, followed by the business meeting, and dinner served family style. Our after dinner presentation will be by three people involved in the restoration of Little Lake, located in Sunset Park in Sturgeon Bay. The speakers are Roger Anderson, who co-chairs the Sturgeon Bay Rotary's Environmental Protection Committee, his co-chair Greg Meissner of Meissner Landscape Inc., and Dr. John Herlache, who has written "History of Little Lake". The current Little Lake restoration project has begun to make a wetland to naturally drain storm water before it enters the lake and many MG's have expressed an interest in participating in the planting of the wetland next spring.

Please mark your calendars for this event. A detailed second announcement of the meeting and banquet will be sent via email during the week of October 19th.

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# OCTOBER 2015

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3 Raised Bed Work Day 9am
4	5	6 Ed Committee Meeting 5:30pm PARS	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 Garden Door Clean-up 9am
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 Garden Door Clean-up 9am Rain Date

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

# NOVEMBER 2015

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4 Annual Mtg & Banquet 5:30pm Yacht Club	5	6	7
8	9 Garden Door Committee Meeting 5:30pm PARS	10	11 2016 Plant Sale Plan Mtg 5:30pm PARS	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 Board Mtg 5:30pm PARS	19	20	21
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