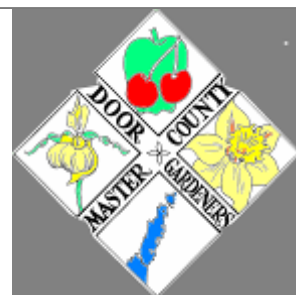




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A Volunteer Organization of the UW-Cooperative Extension Service



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Mike's Message

One thing I learned early in my professional career is to set priorities, not only for my work life but also my personal life. I also realized early on to not allow the priorities of one to supersede those of the other. If not, the demands of one or the other begin to consume one's life. At its extreme, burnout is the usual outcome. Some of you might be wondering why I'm bringing this up in a Master Gardener newsletter article. I mention it because burnout can, and does find a home in volunteer organizations as easily as in the professional world. We too, as volunteers can find ourselves consumed with serving the organization's priorities at the expense of our personal priorities outside of the organization. It concerns me when I hear Master Gardener Volunteers saying that they neglect their own gardens so that they have time to volunteer for Master Gardener activities. I get concerned when Master Gardeners state that they're feeling overwhelmed by the responsibilities they've taken on. This devotion to the organization is commendable, but when it begins to overwhelm the member, the ultimate outcome is often a burned out member who often walks away from the organization incapable or unwilling to give any more of their time.

So what am I saying? Am I advocating that members do less for the organization? I don't think that's the message. The reality of any volunteer organization is that a certain percentage of its members do a disproportionate amount of the work for the organization. Those are often the ones most vulnerable to burnout. If we want to keep these valuable members, all members need to consider doing a little more so that those who feel they need to take on more than they should can lessen their load and do less. A task that might take one member six hours to complete, would, if five others came to help, take only an hour to complete. If a few more members volunteered to participate in a committee, the tasks assigned to that committee could be spread out taking less time per committee member to complete.

If we truly care about this organization, then each of us needs to step up and do their share to make it successful. If we want to continue to be successful, we need to spread the work around to more members. We need some of you to step up and take responsibility for committees or tasks. We need everyone to do what they can to do their part. If we all do this, the path to our continuing success will be easier for everyone.

Mike Van Ess

DCMGA Board of Directors and Officers:

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Board Members: Bill Freyman, Jim McFarlin, Tim
Kazmierczak, Jim Baxter, Jim Friedrichs
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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.***

Door County Master Gardeners . . . "taking care of business!"



Door County Master Gardeners Board Meeting Minutes - July 15, 2015

by Holly Green, Secretary

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

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

Other Members Present: Rod Bohn, Karen Kidd, Carrie Sherrill, Carol Berglund, Jeanne Vogel, Jeanne White.

Absent Board Members: Jim McFarlin.

Guest: Linda Nicholzen, Tallahassee Master Gardener.

Members present introduced themselves in turn, around the meeting room.

Secretary's Report: Previous minutes approved, moved by Jim F., seconded by Chris G.
Correspondence: none.

Treasurer's Report: Current reports reviewed. An approximation of net profit from the Plant Sale was reported.
Motion to approve reports moved by Kathie V., seconded by Tim K.

Old Business:

Goals: Copies of the DCMGA Organizational Goals sheet provided. Goals 1 and 2 had been discussed at the last Board meeting; it was noted that committees should present a report at every meeting, sending an email if not in person, or advising of "no report". There are committee report forms available.

Goal 3, regarding emergency response plans: PARS follows the UW plan along with their own plan for personnel. Possible signage for information during emergencies, such as location if calling 911, where to go in case of weather emergency, etc. The AED training class is the start and part of our plan. Other signage needed for unsupervised children, etc.

Insurance Coverage: Should we consult a lawyer regarding risk management? Other insurance issues are being researched by Jim B. We do have general commercial liability insurance. Additional insurance coverage for volunteers possible in next year's budget. Bill F. to check on our coverage under UW, PARS, state of Wisconsin, etc. More discussion to be had after further research.

Goal 4, DCMGA web presence: Web needs new webmaster after problems with current company, new provider to be sought.

Goal 5, Goals to be reviewed in November, with the new Board.

Tents: Jeanne Vogel requested the purchase of two tents for the Taste of the Garden be added to the Agenda. Serving food in the gazebo causes traffic problems; need tent for food, tent to replace a borrowed tent. Motion to purchase two 10'x10' tents for \$500 or less moved by Tim K., seconded by Jim B.

New Business:

New Chairpersons appointed: Karen Kidd will now be Chairperson for the Plant Sale, and LuAnn Desotelle and Chris Holicek will take over the Education Committee, with Mary Moster as their new Education Secretary.

Motion made by Bill Freyman, seconded by Kathie V.

Noted that Vicki Dirst and Allen Miller will not chair the Open House next year. New Chair(s) will be sought.

Board Meeting Minutes (*continued*)

New member training class size: With new training program, should class size be limited? Applications due the third Thursday of November. Classes to be publicized, noting that "class size is limited", thus creating a sense of urgency for applicants.

Timeline for 2016 fiscal year budget: Via email, requests should be submitted by mid-August. Committees and Chairs should anticipate expenses for replacement of equipment, etc. and have realistic expectations.

A larger contingency fund may be needed in the budget for emergencies.

Committee Responsibility Policy and Procedures: Committees are to be reminded that they are to report to the Board at every meeting, in person or by email. All area supervisors are to submit forms for the next budget in a timely manner. Each committee should also compile a manual, composed of the yearly reports and information regarding duties and responsibilities, along with practical how-to information for the area concerned, to be passed on to the next chairperson or supervisor.

Committee Reports:

Garden Door: Open House attendance was 210 (2015) and 286 (2014). New Chairpersons needed for Open House. The blue dragonfly will be relocated. 2015 cumulative contributions from the donation box were reported. The water will be ON Monday-Friday only. Someone is needed to build new signs. Ants are gone from the pavers; pavers need sealing. Cedar/arborvitae replacement/removal still being discussed. Drone photos being planned. Vicki Daoust is the new front garden supervisor. Results of the September meeting will be brought to the Board.

The Birch Creek Jazz Ambassadors will appear Friday night in the Garden Door.

Plant Sale: Karen Kidd is the new Chairman.

Open House: Discussion of whether an Open House is necessary.

Taste of the Garden Door: Four or five sponsors have been lined up. A new logo is planned, and a new graphics person is needed. Two tents to be purchased, as approved previously. More barricades needed for traffic workers at events. City and county to be approached for possible lending of barricades.

Education: No programs locked in, but several in development, along with field trips. Dates given for coming events: July 24 – Christopher Farms, July 16 – Kathie and Kerry Vavra on WDOR.

Training: July 26 - Trolley tour of gardens, August 2 – picnic with new student graduates. Please bring chairs and beverages.

Youth: Help was received for weeding the Youth garden. Sunnypoint Gardens donated 10 flats of veggies and gave discounts on purchases to class. A grant was received for 2016 through the Wisconsin Master Gardeners.

Newsletter: New laptop purchased; the old one will be used at PARS classroom for viewing videos in class.

Outreach: The new garden was finished at the YMCA.

Publicity: No report.

Sunshine: No report.

Social: Picnic (above).

State Report: Grant requests due in September. Should master gardener groups send their local news to state newsletter? How do local MG group activities impact the public? Info is due in August. Statistics are requested by the state regarding how much surplus produce is donated by MG groups.

Announcements:

AED training will be held on Thursday, July 23, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. Fourteen people maximum in the class.

The next Board Meeting will be held on September 16, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. at PARS classroom.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m. Motion made by Chris G., seconded by Kathie V.



The Garden Door

Garden Door Notes By Vicki Dirst

The Garden Door Committee Meeting

July 13, 2015

Present: Tim Kazmierczak, Vicki Dirst, Allen Miller, Jo Ann Tarczewski, Wendy Woldt, Jim Friedrichs, Chris Gritzmacher, Mike Van Ess, Alan Romsos, Chriss Daubner, Doug Henderson, Nancy Anschutz, Tom and Jane Luebker, DD Knutson, Kathy Green, Kaylynn Litersky

Call to Order: Tim called the meeting to order at 5:34.

Weed and Feed: Doug said at least 45 people helped clean up the garden and around 33 stayed to eat pizza. He thanked Vicki for weeding $\frac{3}{4}$ of the gravel paths. One area where we need a volunteer is around the shed. The next Weed and Feed is scheduled for August 11th. Sue May is helping the Hendersons with these events and she will handle the one in September.

Open House: Vicki said the Open House went well, though attendance was down from last year (210 vs. 286). She noted that Wendy's program, the research station tours, and the program on raising monarch butterflies were very well received. After three years of service, the first two with Jim McFarlin, Vicki and Allen resigned as the Open House coordinators. Doug thanked all three. Wendy gave figures for the amount of income from the donation jars and from the sale of fairy garden items. In further discussion people talked about avoiding the date conflict with Jazz on Jefferson, the limited visibility of the donation box, and the pedestrian counter. Alan R. said during the four days around the 4th of July the counter tallied around 200 people.

Blue Dragonfly: Tim asked where we should put the blue dragonfly sculpture. Allen said last year's class had suggested putting it on the wence. Kaylynn suggested the pond area, but noted that the dragonfly's large size is problematic. People agreed that the committee shouldn't impose it on someone's area. Tim will send an email to area supervisors asking if anyone wants it.

Water Availability: Tim said there is a leak in the water line coming out of the pump house. PARS is trying to get repair estimates. We don't know when it will be fixed. Until then, water will only be available in the garden from Monday a.m. to Friday p.m.

Directional Signage: Tim announced that one directional sign for The Garden Door has been put up, and he needs help putting up the remaining signs. He will send an email when he is ready

Ants: Tim said he sprayed anthills a week and a half ago, and this seems to have helped with the ant problem on the paved paths. A product called Hotshot is in a spray bottle in the shed.

The Garden Door Committee Meeting *(continued)*

Paver Sealing: Tim asked the status of this activity. Here's what was said about this in May:

Allen M. said the recommended Techniseal product would cost \$1500 to seal the pavers. Tim thought sealing should be done every two years. The purpose, Tim said, is to avoid exposing the aggregate over time, leaving the surface pocked. Tim also commented on the need to get the surface re-sanded in certain areas because of ants. There is currently no money in the budget for sealer. Vicki and Tom recommended not doing any sealing, at least this year. Tom will contact staff at NWTC to ask about sealing pavers and then update us.

Tom had no further information to offer. Allen said there remains a concern about the cost of the sealer and the need to re-apply it every two years. Tim said he will talk to Jim McFarlin about the product and cost.

Aerial Photographs: Tim contacted a man from Bay Flyers and is waiting to hear back from him about this.

Arborvitae Replacement Committee: The proposal to remove some of the arborvitae remains a contentious issue. The area supervisors who wish to have arborvitae removed are Jim McFarlin (pond area), Chriss Daubner (butterfly garden), Barb Ottum (rock garden), and Kaylynn Litersky (shade garden). To date no plan has been articulated regarding plants to replace the removed trees or the cost to do so. Tom argued that if the arborvitae are removed we will no longer have a garden because of the wind. He added that these trees are now mature and shouldn't grow much more. Plus, they are useful for aesthetics, blocking views of buildings and providing a sense of enclosure. In his view the area of least concern regarding wind and aesthetics is the shade garden. Mike said we need to resolve the pros and cons and reach consensus. Tim asked that an arborvitae replacement committee comprised of Jim M., Chriss D., Barb O. and Kaylynn L. come up with a proposal and budget prior to the September meeting of the Garden Door Committee. Chriss agreed to contact the others regarding this matter.

Long Range Planning Committee: Tim said they are still evaluating the results from the meeting held three weeks ago. Mike indicated that action steps on goals should be ready for discussion at the September meeting of the Garden Door Committee.

Dwarf Conifer Garden: Tom said the Allmanns did a very good job on this addition to the garden. Most of the new conifers are very hardy (at least the expensive ones). He added that the Allmanns really shopped around for the best plants at the best prices, and they were able to stay within the budget for this project.

New Area Supervisors: Vickie Daoust has volunteered to be the area supervisor for the West Entrance Garden. We still need an area supervisor for the East Perennial Bed, and Jim M. needs someone to take over the pond. DD said she is looking for someone to take over the Raised Beds and she has someone in mind.

Other Discussion: Tim asked if people feel the garden is safe. Several people said yes. Jo Ann said the steps on the gazebo could be a problem. On a separate issue, people discussed the ongoing lack of maintenance of certain areas of the garden, except during Weed and Feed events. Tim asked for suggestions on how to address this. Mike announced that there are two upcoming bus tours of TGD. The Green Bay Botanical Garden bus tour will be this Sunday around 2:00. Mayflower Greenhouse will tour the garden on Aug. 13.

The meeting adjourned at 6:58. The next meeting will be Sept. 14th.

Education Committee News

Opportunities!

A Car Trip to the Greenbay Botanical Garden - August 26, 2015

An informal trip to this garden is planned for Wednesday, August 26th. We plan to leave Sturgeon Bay at 8am and arrive at the garden when they open at 9am. Entry to the gardens is free to garden members or \$7.00 to \$9.00 for non-members depending upon age. We will walk the grounds and then join their Cookout in the Garden at 11am. This event is sponsored by the NEW Master Gardeners Association with proceeds benefiting children and family programs. Cost of the lunch is \$5.00 for garden members or \$9.00 for non-members. Bill Freyman is organizing this event. **Watch for further information in early August.** www.gbbg.org

A Bus Trip to the Chicago Botanic Garden – September 2015

Are you interested in taking a bus trip to one of the finest botanic gardens in the country? We're trying to arrange an all day bus trip and tour of the Chicago Botanic Garden www.chicagobotanic.org. If you would like to attend, please email Bill Freyman at wcfreyman@gmail.com. We surveyed earlier this year and had roughly 20 folks interested. We'd need a few more than that to be able to afford the bus. So what do you think? It's a terrific garden. **If you have been on the fence, it's time hop on over! Please email Bill as soon as possible.**

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

Here is a chance to visit the Aldo Leopold Center www.aldoleopold.org and to walk through the landscapes that inspired Aldo Leopold and the land restoration movement. It has been several years since the DCMGA has made the trip west, so this year we are teaming up with Door County Wild Ones, hiring Babler Bus Service, and making the trip. Carl Scholz is coordinating this event. More information regarding the cost of the trip will be out shortly, but set the date aside so that you're free to attend. Right now, we plan to leave Sturgeon Bay at 8am and eat a box lunch when we arrive, followed by a guided tour of the center. On the way home, we're stopping at Schreiners Restaurant in Fond Du Lac for dinner. Our tired but happy group will return to Door County at roughly 9pm. The \$40 fee will include the bus ride, entry to the Center, and lunch. Dinner is extra with everyone ordering from the menu individually. Watch for further details

The Education Committee is happy to announce that Christine Holicek and LuAnn Desotelle have volunteered as Co-Chairs of our committee and Mary Moster has volunteered to be our Secretary.

PLANT SALE 2015 - Revisited

Plant Sale 2015 is another success story for the Door County Master Gardeners. Shoppers braved the damp conditions to purchase the plants that filled their dreams all winter long. Late winter and early spring is also the time when the Plant Sale Committee begins the process of selecting and growing the plants for the sale, placing orders from growers, and organizing the many volunteers necessary to make this fundraiser a success. It's an overwhelming task, but with the help of our members and the current trainees, it all comes together on the last Saturday in May. If you haven't had the opportunity to volunteer in the past, please consider making a commitment for 2016.



Pot Cleaning Day, August 6th, 9:00am, at PARS - help get ready for next year's sales - bring rags and gloves. This is a perfect opportunity to get involved in Plant Sale 2016.



Garden Door Weed-n-Feed Huge Success

The Weed-n-Feed prior to The Garden Door Open House was well attended by DCMGA volunteers (almost 50 members) and accomplished the goal of making The Garden “look its best” for the visitors who attended the Open House. Members not only had the opportunity to get to know each other better, but they also were able to get their “hands dirty” in different areas of The Garden. Following the digging and weeding, 35 of the work crew stayed for pizza and conversation.

The next Weed-n-Feed is scheduled for Tuesday, August 11th beginning at 4:30 – with a rain date on August 13th. This is a great time to get to know other Master Gardeners and to see how The Garden Door operates – we hope many will join the group!



OPEN HOUSE AT THE GARDEN DOOR

On July 11th the Master Gardeners welcomed about 200 visitors to The Garden Door for an open house that included viewing the gardens in their summer beauty along with educational programs. Over 50 MG volunteers helped with the event in many ways, including directing traffic and welcoming visitors, answering questions about the individual gardens and how to grow using raised beds or straw bales. Visitors also could learn about growing many different types of potatoes and could taste many culinary herbs grown in the herb garden.

Below are examples of lovely potato flowers.





Featured programs during the open house included demonstrations on raising monarch butterflies, planting a rock garden, growing grafted tomatoes, and planting a container garden “on a shoestring” by using any of a variety of containers and plants. Children were particularly fascinated by the fairy garden and seeing the stages of monarch butterfly development. Visitors could also go on wagon tours of the Peninsular Agricultural Research Station described by Tim Kazmierczak. MG volunteers also had a tent in which visitors could purchase refreshments.



“We would like to thank all of the members who helped make this year’s Garden Door Open House a big success. Phil Block did a great job handling publicity. During the Weed ‘n Feed, and at other times, over 50 people worked to get the garden in beautiful shape. The parking crew, set-up crew, greeters, program presenters, food servers, area supervisors and take down crew all played important roles. Wendy’s program on containers was a big hit; and the research station tours were tremendously popular. Whatever your contribution, we want you to know that we appreciate your efforts. Thank you!”

Vicki Dirst and Allen Miller



2015 DCMGA Student Garden Tours

On July 26th, the DCMGA trainees for 2015 welcomed us to tour their home gardens. The tour spanned the diversity of the peninsula, starting in Sturgeon Bay, continuing to the Lake Michigan side on Glidden Drive, then north to Fish Creek, and then heading south to Carlsville and Brussels. This year, many of the visitors traveled to the gardens via the Door County Trolley.

The students also provided a written program for the tour in which each of them described features of the individual gardens. The gardens were each unique and beautiful, and the student hosts made us feel very welcomed.





We thank LuAnn Desotelle, Ginny Zdenahlik, Karen Kidd, Chris Holicek, Penny Beerntsen, Carrie Sherrill, Sean Beck and Jennifer Bender who hosted the garden tours. These students will officially be welcomed as Master Gardeners at the annual picnic in August, but have already made their mark in our organization. We also thank Mary and Jim McFarlin for hosting a post-tour gathering at their home where everyone could relax and replenish.



"The student garden tour was fantastic! Everyone loved the trolley! An enormous thank-you to Vickie Doust for flying with the idea brought up in class. Her first chairmanship-great job! Kerry supplied the directions and the students shared their beautiful gardens. The heat was intense so we were drinking a lot of water ... the bathrooms were greatly appreciated. Our potluck at Jim and Mary's - perfect." Kathie Vavra

Volunteer Opportunities in 2015

Garden Door Area Supervisors Needed

Interested in displaying your gardening talents? Seeking to learn more about horticulture? Wanting to get more out of the DCMGA? We are looking for volunteers to take charge of a display area in Wisconsin's only landscape display garden put on by Master Gardeners. Please contact

New Chairperson for the Open House

Here is an opportunity to provide leadership for a very special event. Please contact Vicki Dirst or Allen Miller for details.

Carpenter(s) Needed

We have purchased two signs to direct people to the entrance of The Garden Door. The signs need to be mounted in wooden frames so that they can be attached to wooden support posts. All of the materials for making the frames and posts have been purchased but we need someone with woodworking skills and tools to construct them. After the frames and posts have been made, we have volunteers who will paint them, but we need a carpenter or two to make them. The two new signs are similar to The Garden Door sign that is hanging on the classroom building. Please contact Tim Kazmierczak for details

August 6th Pot Clean Up Day

Pots and flats used for our annual Plant Sale need to be cleaned and made ready for the 2016 planting season. At 9 am on Thursday, August 6, we will meet near the barn to clean and organize these items before storing them in the barn for next year. On a warm summer day, it could be a refreshing way to stay cool with the water tubs and hoses. Wear your cleaning clothes and bring cleaning brushes, whisk brooms, rags, and gloves if you want to wear them. With plenty of volunteers to help, this job could be done quickly, so please plan to be there.

THANKS FOR VOLUNTEERING!

Check 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 website for information on volunteer opportunities.





Picnic with the New Graduates

Sunday, August 2, 2015
4pm at the Garden Door

Taste of the Garden Door & Pesto Festo

Saturday, September 12, 2015
1pm at the Garden Door
Good Food & Fun for Everyone!

Watch for emails about the ways in which you can participate in this annual
Master Gardener event.

Please remember: speed limit at PARS is 5mph!

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

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