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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

First, I want to congratulate this year's class of new members for completing the training. They are a wonderful group that will undoubtedly make great contributions to our organization. Their contributions have already started by helping in the greenhouse.

Speaking of the greenhouse, work has begun on growing plants for this year's Plant Sale. This is the opening round for our busy time of year. With it comes the time when every member needs to step up and do what they can to contribute to the success of our organization. It's also the best time for members to earn their volunteer hours. In the next six months, there will be plenty of opportunities:

- *You can help in the greenhouse – Saturday mornings planting, thinning and transplanting or during the week watering the seedlings. You can get more information on how you can help from Karen Kidd;
- *You can help by digging and potting plants from your garden for the Plant Sale;
- *You can help with cleanup and maintaining The Garden Door. The scheduled cleanup and Weed & Feed dates are available in the website calendar. There will also be a clipboard in the shed that will list jobs that need to be done in the garden;
- *You can help at the Plant Sale (setting up the day before and/or helping on the day of the event.) Sign up will be available soon;
- *You can help by becoming a Plant Health Advisor. Watch for details regarding training for this new and valuable role we've taken on for the Door County community;
- *You can help at The Garden Door Open House this July. More information will come out about this in the future;
- *And, as always, the committees that plan all that we do can use your help by participating in and offering your help at meetings. Meeting dates are in the website calendar and agendas are distributed via email.

Over the past 22 years, we have developed a reputation in our county and beyond, of being an organization that offers quality activities and that provides a source of horticulture information that anyone can access. With your continued help, we can continue to maintain our place in the Door County community.

Mike Van Ess

DCMGA Board Meeting Minutes 3-15-17

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

Board members present: Chris Gritzmacher, Wendy Woldt, Alan Romsos, Jim Friederichs, Linda Zolnosky, Holly Green, Dorry Wilner (new). Marsha Krzyzanowski excused.

Also present: Helen Bacon.

Secretary's Minutes: Minutes approved (motion Chris G., seconded Linda Z.)

Correspondence: Sturgeon Bay High School seeking donations to finance greenhouse for students. Mike to email DCMGA membership advising of request.

Treasurer's Report: Wendy passed out copies of current reports. Reports approved (motion Linda Z, sec. Holly G.)

Appointment of new Board member: Dorry Wilner to replace Jim Baxter. Appointment approved (motion Jim F., sec. Alan R.)

Old Business: Vicki Dirst has ordered the teak bench as a memorial for Tom Kile. A plaque is to be made. Purchase was approved previously. Plaques also needed for Rod Bohn chairs.

New Business: Appointment of Chris Gritzmacher and Helen Bacon as Open House Co-Chairmen approved (motion by Jim F., sec. Dorry W.)

Goal Setting: Bill Freyman, Mike VanEss, Holly Green, Jan Zieman, Annie Deutsch, and Mike Zolnosky reviewed current goals and revised them for 2017. Updated Goals report on website.
Copy attached. DCMGA Procedures will be reviewed at the May meeting.

PARS Meeting: Discussed and accepted was the annual agreement with PARS (motion Linda Z., sec. Jim F.) Also discussed was the Community Garden Rules and Guidelines for The Garden Next Door. Timing of produce/plant removal was questioned. Motion made to approve guidelines (motion Holly G., sec. Wendy W.) PARS has requested a donation of \$2500 to defray operating costs. Motion made and passed to make the requested donation in 2017 and to include same amount in DCMGA budget for 2018 (motion Jim F., sec. Dorry W.)

Fall Fundraiser: Mike suggested restarting the fall bulb sale that the DC tourism board ended several years ago. Sales would be preorders only. Also discussed were tours of the Garden Door that would produce donations.



DCMGA Board Meeting Minutes, cont...**Committee Reports:**

Plant Sale: Plant lists are out and orders from MGs must be submitted by April. Greenhouse meeting and first planting March 18 at 9 a.m.

Education: Two programs for April: mushrooms, and pollinators. Monthly programs on WDOR radio have been scheduled starting in April. The lavender garden tour on Washington Island is being planned.

Training: Class is going well.

Garden Door: Discussion of management groups for garden areas, attraction of new members, schedule of work events, Monday morning coffee work group, barriers to being an area supervisor, Tuesday talks in the garden – four scheduled for the summer. Possible inclusion in annual House and Garden Walk – Matt to be consulted about traffic. Path committee is getting bids (for information only), possible funding (grants) available for pollinator plantings.

Open House: Helen B. presented many ideas for the Open House, scheduled for July 8, including having a Garden Fair theme. Personnel from the DC Extension office expressed interest in participating.

Publicity: Mike V. and Jan Gigstead have been sharing tasks, with Jan taking photos of events. DCMGA will have a display at the Sturgeon Bay Library in May and August to promote events. Mike requests photos from MGs for the display.

Education: A display will be in the library in January, promoting the evening talks at Crossroads.

Merchandise Sales: Sale of logo clothing is coming up.

Youth: DCMGA will continue working with the Boys and Girls Club this year.

Outreach: An application to volunteer at Potawatomi State Park for work in the flower beds was received and approved (motion Linda Z., sec. Jim F.)

Sunshine: A sympathy card will be sent to Jean Emke re: the passing of her husband.

State Report: UW-Extension still having problems with background check process. No information on how budget cuts will affect staffing at PARS or the Extension Office.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m. (motion Jim F., sec. Alan R.)

The next Board meeting for DCMGA will be Wednesday, May 17, at 5:30 p.m. at PARS.





Garden Door Notes by Vicki Dirst

**Garden Door Committee Meeting
March 13, 2017**

Present: Alan Romsos, Vicki Dirst, Jo Ann Tarczewski, Jim Friedrichs, Jim Baxter, Doug Henderson, Wendy Woldt, Deborah Javurek, Carrie Sherrill, Nancy Anschutz, Chris Gritzmacher, Chriss Daubner, Kaylynn Litersky, Mike Van Ess, Vickie Daoust, Carol Berglund, Helen Bacon

Call to Order: Jim B. called the meeting to order at 5:30.

Treasurers Report: Nancy said we have spent nothing since the last meeting.

Open Positions: Jim B. said we still need people to take over the pond garden and rose garden. Carrie indicated some in the new class might be interested in taking over an area. Mike talked about his work on QR codes to enable visitors to quickly access our website. Vickie asked if anyone has used a computer program for mapping. No one has.

Garden Plant Lists: Jim B. said we are still lacking some plant lists and annual reports. He added that last year he made a map of the grass garden, and he urged others to map their areas.

Phase II Paver Project: At the last meeting Mike recommended that we take no action on upgrading the paths until at least 2018. Doug reiterated the motion he made at the November meeting that the paver committee proceed to get bids for additional paving. The motion was approved in November and again in this meeting.

Tom Kile Donation: Jim B. said Lucy favors a bench. Vicki will order a hardwood bench from Hayneedle. Mike will obtain an engraved plaque for the bench. Doug asked where the bench will go. Alan said the location need not be determined right now.

Grounds Coordinator: Alan said we need to find a new grounds coordinator, since he will be done in November. He offered to train his successor.

Garden Bed Boundaries: Alan has asked some supervisors to identify the boundaries of their gardens. Knowing the boundaries can make it easier to turn over the gardens to new people. Vickie asked Alan about a pipe she discovered in her garden. She also asked about whether there is a need to get approval to cut down any trees. Alan said it should be brought to the committee for discussion.

Rack Cards: Mike reported we are almost out of rack cards. He asked if any changes should be made before he gets them reprinted. The peony garden and conifer garden were noted. There was some discussion regarding the selection of peonies for extended bloom time.

Garden Door Committee Meeting Minutes cont...

Library Display Case: Mike has asked Jan Gigstead to reserve our use of the library display case for May. He talked about the types of content that might be included, and asked how we would like to feature TGD. Contact him if you have ideas. Jim B. suggested the existing slide show, providing electrical service is available.

Training Class Presentation: Several people gave a presentation to the class in January. Carrie said some in the class have asked how to connect with people managing the different gardens. She asked supervisors to reach out to the class members on the list they were given. The spring cleanup is May 18th.

Supervisor Duties/Expectations: Jim B. wants to make the garden more attractive to volunteers. He said we need to diminish the psychological barriers: fear of not knowing enough, fear of being criticized, fear of getting stuck with one area in perpetuity, and not knowing what you are getting into. He welcomes ideas on how to accomplish this.

Pollinator Plantings: The "Bayer Feed a Bee" program provides grants to organizations or individuals for plantings to support pollinators. Chriss D. and Wendy expressed interest.

Annual Meeting with Matt Staziak: Jim B. reported on the annual meeting. Matt was unhappy with the level of maintenance in the Garden Next Door. Matt also said we were not welcome to access the compost pile without further discussing the matter with him. Chris G. said we should get some compost if we can, but we would have to keep our pile weeded. Deborah offered to weed a compost pile. Mike said the agreement with PARS was reviewed and not changed. Minor changes were made to the Garden Next Door agreement regarding the date for completion of fall cleanup and the control of insects and disease. Parking during weekdays was also discussed. Matt asked that we give PARS a donation of \$2,500. This will be discussed at the board meeting. Doug advised that if you want to have input, come to the board meeting.

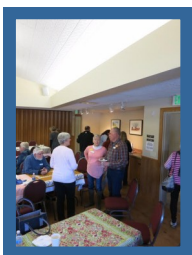
Open House: Helen talked about the Open House on July 8th 1-4:00. She and Chris G. have talked about presenting this as a garden fair. The idea is to feature more information on vegetable gardening, more involvement of the UW-Extension, a tent displaying flower arranging in different styles and a tent informing people on how to prepare entries for the Door County Fair. In addition, Helen suggested information on sun safety (provided by someone from public health) plus a sun hat contest to win a prize. Other thoughts include a children's activity tent (involving 4-H and the Boys and Girls Club), plant health advisors, composting, raised bed gardening, trellises, growing onions, growing garlic and growing potatoes in a sack.

Other Discussion: Helen asked if we want to participate in the House and Garden Walk on Tuesday, July 25th. First we would need to get permission from Matt. Then we would need approval from the House and Garden Walk organizers. On the day of the event we would need tour guides and parking assistance.

The meeting adjourned at 7:06.

The next meeting will be May 8th at 5:30 at PARS.

DCMGA Meet & Greet Sunday, February 12th Sevastapol Town Hall



On a brisk February afternoon DCMGA members and the Class of 2017 enjoyed an afternoon of food, fun and conversation at the Sevastapol Town Hall.

Each member and student was given the opportunity to speak about how he/she became involved in the DCMGA and what role he/she has taken within the organization. Many MGs related stories regarding their lack of horticultural knowledge at the onset, but were also quick to point out that the classes and the guidance provided by other MGs erased all their apprehension and put them on the proper garden path. There were many funny stories from the husband/wife teams. (Seems like it's just a matter of time before the one pushing the wheelbarrow and digging the holes decides to take the class and join in the camaraderie!)

Lunch was accompanied by a slide presentation of The Garden Door. The food was great. Thank you everyone for providing delicious sides and desserts. A raffle of many donated items took place following the introductions.

Compliments to the organizational committee for a superb job.

It's certainly safe to say that everyone had a wonderful afternoon.



DCMGA Meet & Greet cont...



DCMGA MEMBER ACTIVITIES at THE GARDEN DOOR

SPRING CLEANUP - Thursday, 5/18 9am - 12N

Scheduled Weed and Feeds - lunch provided

#1 - Monday, 6/26, 4pm - 6pm (Rain Day - Thursday, 6/29)

#2 - Tuesday, 7/25, 9am - 11am (Rain Day - Thursday, 7/27)

#3 - Monday, 9/18, 9am - 11am (Rain Day - Thursday, 9/21)

FALL CLEANUP - Thursday, 10/12 9am - 12N



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





**An amazing group of volunteers
planted 35 flats in 1.5 hours!**





Education Committee

Spring Programs

4/4/17 - 7pm	<i>Mushrooms of Door County</i>	Charlotte Lukes
4/11/17 - 7pm	<i>Get the Buzz on Bees</i>	Chriss Daubner

Field Trips

5/10/17 - 10:30am \$25 per person Car pool from Sturgeon Bay	<i>Green Bay Botanical Garden - Behind the Scenes with Mark Konlock</i>	Chris Holicek Coordinator
TBD	<i>Fragrant Isle - Lavender</i>	Mary Moster/ Dorry Wilner Co-coordinators

Tuesdays in the Garden Door

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

Special Events at UW Peninsular Research Station

5/27/17 DCMGA - Plant Sale - 9am-12N

7/8/17 Garden Door Open House - 1pm-4pm

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

Volunteer Opportunity

Boys and Girls Club of Door County

Please consider volunteering this spring and summer.

1st Session - 4/26-5/31 4:30pm-5:30pm - every Wednesday

This session will begin with seed planting and shelving under grow lights. This will be followed by planting outside during May.

2nd Session - 11 weeks over the summer on Wednesday mornings - more to come!

Vicki says you can volunteer for a session or even just a day. Any level of commitment is welcome. Kids are grades 1 - 6.

The Boys and Girls Club is located at 55 S. 3rd Ave, Sturgeon Bay
The garden is located behind the building and across the alley

Vicki Daoust: vadaoust@yahoo.com 920-495-9133



The Buzz about Native Bees

Chriss Daubner, Master Gardener



DCMGA will hold the final free public program in its 2017 education series on Tuesday, April 11th at 7pm in the Collins Learning Center at Crossroads at Big Creek.

Chriss will give the "buzz" about native bees, including types of bees, their importance in gardens, as well as their health and survival issues. She will also discuss ways to support native bees, including the plants they need.

A Door County native, Chriss is a frequent and popular speaker at Master Gardener events. Over the years she has presented talks on her various gardening passions including prairie gardening, butterfly gardening, native plants and our environment, and miniature gardening.

Come and learn how you can support our environment, as well as help your garden "bee" more productive!

Opportunities in The Garden Door

- Rose Garden
- Pond

Contact any board member for information regarding these opportunities.

**The Garden Next Door**

Ronda Schomberg has accepted the position of Supervisor for this area.
Thank you Ronda! 20X20 beds are available
Contact Ronda at rondaas@gmail.com or at 920-818-0685

DCMGA**Open House**

July 8th from 1-4pm

**Thank you Helen Bacon & Christine Gritzmacher
for volunteering to take on this activity.**

Watch for more details!

Student Garden Tours - Sunday, July 23rd!!!!

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MAY 2017

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