

DOOR COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS ASSOCIATION, INC. NEWSLETTER

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Mike's Message

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.



As I write this, we are halfway through the summer. What a summer it's been for the Door County Master Gardeners. It started with a great Plant Sale! Once again, our organization's members stepped forward to provide an opportunity for members of the community to enjoy the fruits of our labors. I heard a number of comments, both during the sale and after, about the excellent plants, the great selection offered and the organization of the event. As has always been the case, this event would not have been successful without the hard work of Master Gardener Volunteers, led by Plant Sale Chair, Karen Kidd who provided the exceptional leadership this event needs. Around 75 DCMGA members helped during the sale and/or the days leading up to the sale. This sale always provides a great example of what we can do as an organization when we all come together.

This month, we held our 13th annual Open House in The Garden Door. Once again, MGVs came together on a beautiful day, to offer a fun, educational and inspiring experience. About 30 DCMGA members under the excellent leadership of Chris Gritzmacher and Helen Bacon, came together to put on this event. About 140 visitors enjoyed the gardens, which were in excellent shape, the displays and the presentations. Once again, we can come together to offer a successful event for the public.

But, we are not done for the summer. On July 25, The Garden Door will be featured on this year's Door County House and Garden Walk. This event, organized by the Door County Medical Center Auxiliary, will bring 1000+ individuals to the garden. Jeanne Vogel is coordinating our volunteers for this event. If you would like to help, please contact her at jawvogs@gmail.com.

Volunteer opportunities are not limited to these larger events.

Volunteers are needed to help with our youth program at The Boys and Girls Club. We know that kids who are exposed to gardening are more likely to carry an interest in it into adulthood. This is a great opportunity to help shape the future of gardening. Contact Vickie Daoust vadaoust@yahoo.com for more information.

The Education Committee could use some fresh ideas. It can be a daunting task to come up with new, interesting ideas for educational programs year after year.

New participants on this committee can provide the infusion of new ideas that will benefit this organization and the public who attend our programs. Contact Chris Holicek chrisholicek@yahoo.com for more information.

The Garden Door needs a new Pond Garden Supervisor (pond garden only – others are responsible for the pond itself.) Why not get a couple of your Master Gardener friends and take over this area of The Garden Door. Jim Baxter jhbax@yahoo.com can provide more information.

And, The Garden Door can always use some TLC. This year, you'll find a clipboard in the shed listing tasks that need to be completed. Even if you cannot make it to *Coffee in The Garden* or to the *Weed & Feeds*, you can still find things to do in the garden on your own schedule.

Coming together can happen in both large and small ways. What I've noted above are just a few ideas of how you can contribute to our organization's success. Thanks for helping make our Plant Sale and Open House a success, and thanks for taking on additional tasks that contribute to making us such a great organization.

Mike Van Ess

**DCMGA
Board
Meeting
Minutes
7-19-17**

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

Board members present: Chris Gritzmacher, Dorry Wilner, Linda Zolnosky, Jim Friedrichs, Alan Romsos, Wendy Woldt, and Holly Green.

Members present: Carol Berglund

Not present: Marsha Kryzanowski.

Secretary's Report: Minutes approved (motion Linda Z., sec. Jim F.)

Treasurer's Report: Wendy provided report copies, said final accounting for the plant sale is not complete.

Old Business

Fund Raising: The Flower Power promotion discussed, several questions raised about privacy of email address lists, quality of product. Linda Z. volunteered to research further, motion made to pursue promotion (Wendy W., sec. Dorry). Motion passed.

House and Garden Walk Update: Hours for Walk are 9-5, volunteers in place (combination of HGW organizers and MGs).

Board Leadership: Several positions will need to be filled, including President, Vice-President, etc. Suggestions for candidates requested by Pres. Mike V.

New Business

John Bamberg Email – Discussion: Recent email from USDA rep regarding future of Research Station, Potato Genebank, The Garden Door, and DCMGA relationship discussed. Pres. Mike V. recommended tabling discussion of questions and plans for now.

Interpretive Sign for TGD: Funding needed for "Pollinators in the Garden" signage and stand. Grant from WIMGA for \$250 received for partial funding. Motion made to allocate up to an additional \$200 to purchase said signage/equipment (Motion by Dorry W./sec. Wendy W.) Motion passed.

2017-2019 Budget: The budget runs from Oct. 1 – Sept. 30. A balanced budget will be submitted/reviewed at September Board meeting. Budget requests are to be submitted to Wendy Woldt, with the exception that TGD budget requests go to Nancy Anschutz.

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

Open House: Chris G. has written a report form for this year's Open House. She will ask co-chairperson Helen Bacon to submit a report as well. Attendance was reported at 138. Suggestions included changing the event hours to morning rather than afternoon, and to choose a date not so close to July 4. Chris G. sent out thank you notes to participants.

Garden Door: How to address weed problem in brick walks, Monday Mornings in the Garden and Tuesdays in GD doing well, more participation from new class members, a bus tour showed up during the Weed & Feed event, a new Grounds Coordinator needed, as well as a Pond Garden Area Supervisor.

Plant Sale: Approximately \$28,000 taken in at Plant Sale. Receipts for costs are still coming in. A discussion of how to organize leadership duties is ongoing. Karen Kidd has been able to recruit some individuals willing to take on leadership roles.

Education: Washington Island tour was a success; plans being made for Winter/Spring Educational Series.

Annual Meeting: New person needed to organize annual meeting.

Training: Student garden tours scheduled for July 23, Graduation Picnic for August 20.

Newsletter: Jeanne White has requested to do newsletter on a quarterly basis.

Youth: Few MG volunteers for their programs. Should DCMGA change its relationship with the Boys and Girls Club?

Merchandise Sales: Chriss D. noted good sales at the Plant Sale.

Outreach: No report.

Publicity: DCMGA has the Sturgeon Bay Library display case for August and January. A suggestion was made to post a flyer regarding the Tuesday programs on the shed in TGD.

Social: No report.

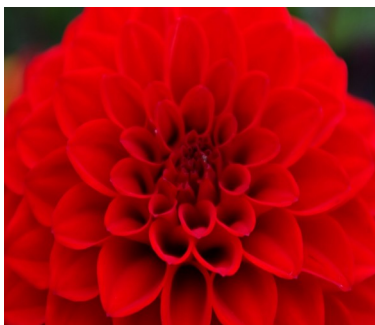
Sunshine: No report.

State Report: Background checks are due October 1.

The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, September 20, 2017 at 5:30 p.m at the PARS classroom.

Motion to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. (Motion Al R./sec. Chris G.)

Respectfully submitted by Holly Green, DCMGA Secretary



Garden Door Notes by Vicki Dirst

Garden Door Committee Meeting July 10, 2017

Members present: Jim Baxter, Mike VanEss, Chriss Daubner, JoAnn Tarczewski, Barb Hinkelman, Barb Henderson, Doug Henderson, John Werblow, Alan Romsos, Chris Gritzmacher

The meeting was called to order by Jim Baxter at 5:30 pm.

The minutes from the May 8 meeting were approved.

Wendy W. reported that The Garden Door expenses for the current fiscal year are \$5,398.86. Jim B. encouraged area supervisors to submit their expenses to Nancy A.

Old Business

Open Garden Areas: Chris G. reported that Nick Doane is taking over the Rose Garden. Someone still needs to fill the Pond Garden position.

Grounds Coordinator Position: At this time, no one has stepped forward to accept this position. Jim B. noted that this is an essential position.

Plant List Updates: Mike V. reported that he has received updates for some garden areas. He encouraged area supervisors to provide updates so that the plant lists on the web remain accurate. He noted that statistics on the website show that people are accessing the plant areas page that contains the links to the plant lists. Currently, this page is getting the third most page views on our website.

New Paved Paths: Doug H. indicated that there is nothing to report.

New Business

Interpretive Sign: Mike V. passed around a copy of the interpretive sign that he has designed. He reminded everyone that the theme for this year's sign is Pollinators in the Garden. It was suggested that the honey bee pictured be replaced with a bumble bee. Mike said that the stand needs to be ordered. Once everything is complete, he will work with Alan to have it installed in the garden.

Grounds Coordinator Report: Alan R. reported that he has had to deal with problems with the water system. One valve malfunctioned and had to be replaced. He noted that he still does not know where all of the valves are located in the garden. If additional valves fail, they will need to be searched out. Alan also reported numbers from the counter. He noted significant differences between the entry and exit numbers. Alan suspects that the counter is malfunctioning. He noted that the counter was designed to work indoors not outdoors.

Invasives: Jim B. reported that we removed the burning bush from his garden area. He expressed his feeling that we should not always remove invasive plants from the Grass garden. Instead we should leave them and label them as invasive as an educational tool. No further discussion occurred on this topic.

Garden Door Committee Meeting Minutes cont...

New Artwork/Signage: Jim thanked the Hendersons for producing replacements for the DCMGA logos on the front entry arbor. Alan is in the process of refinishing the frames that hold these signs. They have also replaced some of the garden area tiles that were faded. They encouraged any area supervisors who feel their tiles should be replaced to let them know.

Paved Path Maintenance: Jim noted that weeds are starting to poke up between pavers. Options for addressing this were discussed, but no decision was made.

Work Assignment Sheet: Jim indicated that he does not feel this is being used. He noted that the success of the Monday Morning Coffee in the Garden might have made it less necessary to use the assignment sheets.

TGD Strategic Plan: Jim noted that this plan has grown out of date. He suggested we look at it at the September TGD Committee meeting.

Monday Morning Coffee: Jim reported that this has been a popular addition, with 10-12 members participating each time. This has helped keep the garden in good shape. We will keep this going each Monday through the end of August.

Tuesday in The Garden Door: The first installment went well last month. We had about 30 people attend the event. The next installment will happen tomorrow (July 11).

Weed 'n Feed: The June Weed 'n Feed did not go well. The original date was rained out, and the rain date was not well attended. Despite this, the garden looks great. The next Weed 'n Feed is scheduled for 7/18 at 9:00 am. This was moved up one week from the original date to accommodate the House & Garden Walk.

No other items were brought up for discussion.

Next Meeting: Monday, September 11, 2017, 5:30 pm at PARS

Meeting was adjourned at 6:10 pm

Submitted by:

Mike VanEss



DCMGA PLANT SALE 2017

Thanks to Mother Nature and dedicated MGV's, the Master Gardener's 2017 Plant Sale was shined on with beautiful weather, delectable treats, and smiling faces eager and ready to work.

Thanks to the amazing organization and efforts of the Thursday and Friday set up crews the Plant Sale was able to open to an anxious waiting line of people twenty minutes early.

A symphony of plant hawking, numbers called, sleds slamming and cash box rattling could be heard throughout the Research Station.

Truck loads of tomatoes, all the nasturtiums, all the Lavender and Genovese Basil were scooped up in the first hour.

Premium perennials, and wild flowers were grabbed by those in the know while more timid gardeners gazed on bewildered by the mayhem.

At one point, the line to be tallied and checked out extended the length of the sale as the talliers tried to mobilize and keep up with the demand. It was a glorious sight.

As the sale crew began closing activities, annuals were discounted. MGV sponsored church and charity organizations took donated annual flowers and vegetables.

The last click on the counter registered 391 cars.

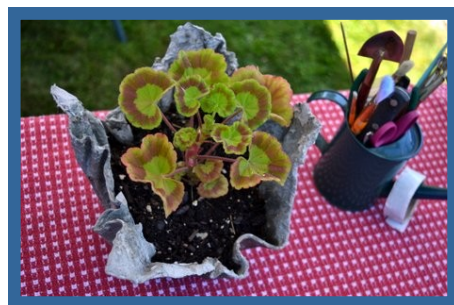
Money was counted and the 2017 Plant Sale team cheered as the numbers revealed another successful fundraiser with an increase over 2016.

Thank you Door County Master Gardeners for all your efforts and contributions for the 2017 Plant Sale.

It was great working with you all!

Karen Kidd

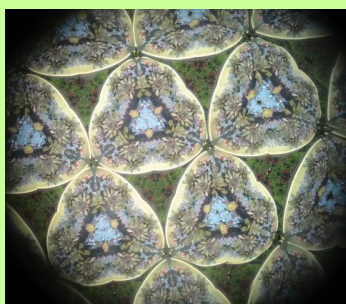




DCMGA OPEN HOUSE
Sunday
July 9th







A BIG THANK YOU to Chris Gritzmacher and Helen Bacon for the great job they did organizing and presenting this year's Open House in The Garden Door.





Education Committee

Tuesday in The Garden Door

Tuesday in The Garden Door is a free series of short programs provided in The Garden Door. Three 20-minute programs will be offered once a month on the second Tuesday of the month, and running through September. The next program will be on September 12th.

Field Trip to Washington Island

On Wednesday, July 12th, Master Gardeners travelled to Washington Island to view three educational properties:

Fragrant Isle Lavender Farm, Sweet Mountain Farm and The Homestead & Gathering Ground.



Fragrant Isle is an incredibly beautiful lavender farm featuring wonderfully fragrant gardens and a gift shop complete with lavender themed gifts and food items.



Sweet Mountain Farm features Russian Honeybees that are mite resistant, hygienic and cold hardy. A colony can produce as much as 100lbs of honey. They distribute their products at a number of retail locations throughout the county, or shoppers can order online at the Sweet Mountain Farm website.



The Homestead & Gathering Ground consists of 35 acres devoted to a vineyard, school garden and woods. The vision of this group is to cultivate and inspire ecologically-minded agriculture and partnership with land and people.

Master Gardeners thoroughly enjoyed their visit to Washington Island and returned with plenty of food for thought!

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.

DCMGA Budget

Time to work on the budget for our next Fiscal Year - 10/01/17-9/30/18

Budget requests must be submitted to Wendy Woldt (wendyw@idlewildfarms.com) by Friday, August 25th.

TGD Area Supervisors should submit requests to Nancy Anschutz (nlanschutz@yahoo.com), NOT TO WENDY. Nancy will need to submit the full TGD budget request to Wendy by August 25th.

Please remember that submissions must be reasonable requests regarding expected revenue and expenditures.

STUDENT GRADUATION PARTY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 1PM

Carrie Sherrill's Farm

8605 County Rd D

Forestville

Rain or Shine

Please RSVP to carrie at csherrill56@gmail.com
by August 16th



Carpool to Chriss Daubner's home (5 minutes from Carrie's home) to view her prairie.

Return to Carrie's for Taco Party Potluck and a graduation event.

Carrie will provide tacos with beef or chicken and all the trimmings.

Water and soda will be available. You are welcome to bring your own beverages along with a dish to pass.

Gary, Michelle and Carrie welcome you to this event!



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Mon Morn in TGD 8am-9:30am	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 Mon Morn in TGD 8am-9:30am	15	16	17	18	19
20 Student Grad Party 1pm at Carrie Sherril's home	21 Mon Morn in TGD 8am-9:30am	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 Mon Morn in TGD 8am-9:30am	29	30	31		

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

SEP 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 TGD Mtg 5:30pm PARS	12 Tuesday in TGD 7pm	13	14	15	16
17	18 Weed & Feed 9am-11am	19	20 Board Mtg 5:30pm PARS	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

Fall Cleanup - October 12th 9am-12N