

ICMGA Newsletter – Volume 10

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Happy Spring ICMGV'S!!!!

I hope everyone was able to enjoy the wonderfully warm weather we've had of late. I have early spring flowers blooming all over the yard – iris, crocus, daffodils – and it looks like the buds on the trees will pop any second. Are you ready???

ICMGA Meeting Minutes – March 14, 2007

The meeting was called to order by President Pat Borcharding. The Treasurer's Report was read with a balance of \$2277.40. The Secretary's Report was read and accepted.

Four Master Gardener Volunteers were recognized as ten year members – Ruth Olson, Annie Waitzman, Kathy Dalsing, and Pat Borcharding.

The secretary announced she had received twenty- three unanimous ballots for officers for 2007. Mary Mayo moved we accept them, seconded by Carol Rademaker, motion carried.

The meeting was turned over to 2007 President, Janet Huebner. The 2007 budget was discussed. It was decided to add \$200 for program expenses. We received a \$200 grant from Uplands Garden Club for Grandview, and a second grant for \$200 for Bloomfield Garden.

Since we had no bulb sale in 2006, it was decided to have one in 2007. Mary Mayo volunteered to head the bulb sale committee. Since we had budgeted \$300 in the 2006 budget for new tools for Bloomfield Garden, members appointed Jayne Wisler in charge of purchasing them. Carol Rademaker moved we accept the 2007 budget, seconded by Mary Mayo, motion carried.

Description of Liaison was discussed. Members can contact Carol Rademaker for information if needing requirement hours. Denise will forward information about classes to Carol.

The next meeting will be May 9, 2007 at Rink DeVee and Jenny Bonde's organic gardens. The President will have directions in the next newsletter.

Pat Borcharding announced a class, "Introduction to Organic Gardening", which will be offered at UW-Platteville, March 21- April 25 for six weeks.

Since there was no new MG class this year, Denise Marino suggested we assist Donna Peterson with the WIC program children's garden and possible community garden. Deb

Ivy will continue to work with the 4-H groups and Sarah Weier will work with the day care providers. Denise will need MGV's for site preparation for the new garden at Bloomfield. It was announced, by Denise, that a workshop on community gardens will be held in Madison on March 18, 2007.

Janet Huebner asked about liability and Sara Weier will look into it.

Sarah Weier gave a program on children's gardens.

The Salad Garden nursery gave a program on starting seeds and transplant plugs.

Respectfully submitted,
Virginia Mundt

Treasurer's Report

Iowa County Master Gardener Check Register 2007

3/14/2007

Check Number	Date	Description	Payment	Deposit	Balance
	1/14	Beginning Bal			\$1,952.40
1218	2/26	Karen Hoff Feb Speaker	\$75.00		\$1,877.40
		Deposit from Uplands Garden			
**	3/14	Club			\$1,877.40
		Mary Mayo (Grandview Grant)		\$200.00	\$2,077.40
		Mary Mayo (MG Demo Garden)		\$200.00	\$2,277.40
	3/14	Ending Balance			\$2,277.40

Respectfully submitted by,
Mary Massey, Treasurer

Community Garden Update

We are moving forward with developing a community garden at our ICMGA demo garden. Our goal this year is to establish four plots inside the fenced area of the garden. This will require us to move the square foot boxes to another location and prepare the area for planting. Donna Peterson has created an application form and she already has one family signed up. Denise Marino has reported that the day care center in Dodgeville would like to sign up for a plot. I don't think we will have any trouble finding families for the last two plots.

There will be work days at the garden on April 14, 8AM and also April 21st, 8AM. I will get composted manure delivered to the garden prior to the work days and also will have our rototiller available. Please bring tools with you.

I hope everyone can make some time for this project. It will take a

little bit of effort this year to get it launched but the following years should go smoothly. The County Extension is totally supportive of our efforts. Hopefully this will become successful and we can add more plots in the years to come. I think it is a wonderful use of our demonstration garden and a way to educate and assist the public.

Because this is a new project, if you have any ideas please contact me. We are still in the planning stages and open to suggestions.

Thank you,

Jayne Wisler
Demonstration Garden Coordinator

From President Janet Huebner:

Mary Mayo, Mary Massey and I took part in the March Wisline Board Meeting. They talked about some of the features available on the MG website. There are great articles and a long list of lectures, workshops and other events. Be sure to check it out at <http://www.hort.wisc.edu/mastergardener/>

I attended the WMGA Face-to-Face Meeting on March 17 in Hancock, but couldn't stay for the afternoon long range planning session. I received a Reference Guide for 2007 - 2008. This should be available on line. There is one item I noticed that we have to keep in mind. In the future, volunteers working with youth must undergo a criminal background check and take special training. The MG Program Office is in the process of developing policies, procedures and training and will inform agents when this becomes a requirement.

Our next meeting will be at Shooting Star Farm, a 3 acre certified organic mixed vegetable farm located west of Hollandale. They specialize in salad greens, lettuces and unusual tomatoes, but grow a bit of everything. Their produce is available at the Mineral Point Farmers' Market and also makes it to restaurants in Milwaukee and Chicago through the Home Grown Wis. Cooperative. I will send directions and details later.

If you have any ideas for meetings or items for the agenda, please let me know.

Janet Huebner

Upcoming Events for the Uplands Garden Club

April 4 7 P.M. at the Alliant Center, Mineral Point - "Bugs to Love" presented by Dr. Susan E. Rice Mahr, Master Gardener Program Coordinator, UW Department of Horticulture. Come and learn which bugs to encourage rather than squash. Also Denise Tillotson will give us a short update on the progress of her school garden project which an Upland Garden community grant helped to establish.

May 2nd Garden sale update. New Zealand trip Power Point presentation by Jayne and Bill Wisler.

June 6th Smeja Garden in Mineral Point