

MASTER GARDENERS OF MANITOWOC COUNTY MONTHLY MEETING

DATE: September 22, 2008
TIME: 6:30 p.m.
PLACE: Manitowoc County Office Complex
ATTENDANCE: 20
EDUCATION: Growing Apples – John Shoop – 30 min.

Following our fall plant exchange and John's presentation, Vice President Pat Hollen called the September meeting to order. The reports from the secretary and treasurer were approved as read followed by introductions of members present.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1) The Fall Seminar has eleven people signed up so far. Information has appeared in the Wisconsin State Farmer, HTR, MG web site and on Melinda Myers's web page.
- 2) Carrie Bratz will be speaking at the October meeting on forcing bulbs.
- 3) Doris confirmed that Kelly of Woodland Dunes will be our speaker in November.
- 4) Rosie distributed the forms required for the background checks. She stated that there will be no specialized vegetable class but there may be a session on fruit. However, this class may not be open to the public.
- 5) Chris updated us on the zoo gardens. There will no longer be a butterfly garden and the emphasis will be on using more perennials and concentration on the more visible beds. Fall cleanup times will be announced at the October meeting.
- 6) Dorothy reported that she received the volunteer and education hours from most members.
- 7) Doris stated that annual dues of \$10 will be due by the end of December.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Pat and Chris will chair the Annual Dinner meeting, which will be held either January 9th or 16th.
- 2) A discussion took place regarding whether the minutes should be on the MG web site. Rosie suggested that the minutes as well as the newsletter be sent by email. The state newsletter is already available on email. Pat will discuss this with Renee.
- 3) Doris and Judy have been updating the by-laws to reflect the word "volunteer." A copy of the by-laws will be included in the next newsletter and this will be voted on at the Annual Dinner meeting.
- 4) Doris suggested that we discontinue having a door prize drawing at our monthly meetings.
- 5) Rosie has received information updating us on the rules for Master Gardeners.
- 6) There will be a bus trip to the annual Garden Expo in early February. Another bus trip is being planned for late spring or early summer to Door County.
- 7) The Christmas potluck will be on December 8th at Pat Hollen's home. It will include an optional \$10 gift exchange.
- 8) Rosie announced that the Green Bay Botanical Gardens are having a symposium on Oct. 11 from 9 to 3. Cost is \$45 for members and \$59 for non-members.
- 9) The Manitowoc Garden Club will be hosting Melinda Myers in May, 2009.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Tisler
Secretary