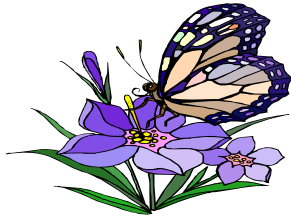


WHAT'S COMING UP?

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PCMG August 17, 2009 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Fritz.

Everyone thanked Paula for holding the meeting at her house.

Jim reported that we have \$1,138.79 in our account.

Much discussion on the Fair, Thursday and Friday were slow days but busy on the weekend. Orders were taken for ten Mason Bee nests. Maggie has the names of those who placed the orders. We have to come up with a better way to handle the sale. We can't take money at the Fair unless we have a license from the State and a Federal Tax ID number. Nan will contact Maggie about the getting the Mason Bee Nests to those who placed the orders.

Fritz mentioned that there were several education opportunities coming up including the Spooner Extension event on Wednesday the 26th. Sally is going and those interested should contact her to car pool to Spooner.

Our Annual report is due to the state by November 2. This report highlights what we as an organization did during 2009. If anyone is interested in doing this report contact Fritz.

The Spring calendar is being put together and we need to get any events we plan for next year to Laura Franta.

Garden Journals are available for \$13 orders have to be in by September 15. If you want a Garden Journal e-mail Jim West at knjwest@centurytel.net with your order. Journals will be picked up at the WIMGA Conference.

WIMGA conference is coming up Sally has set aside five room with three already being taken. Cost for the room is \$62 per night. The deadline for early bird registration for the annual conference is a week away. Save \$10 off the \$80 fee by registering by September 1! Registration info is available at www.hort.wisc.edu/mastergardener

We will get a table to display at the conference.

Two volunteer opportunities were discussed, one was the watering of the flower pots along Main Street in Amery, it was decided that watering plants is not really what we should be doing for volunteer hours. The other opportunity is a Community Garden at East Emmanuel Lutheran Church south of Amery. Ryan said that the extension office has a VISTA volunteer who is heading this program up and that they should contact Ryan. Fritz will contact both people. Sally will check and see if Bergman's will be putting on its seminars again this fall and we may incorporate one into our September meeting.

There being no further business the group went to the Fair Grounds to see what we can do to improve our Garden. There will be a volunteer work detail at the Fair Garden on Saturday September 12th starting at 7AM. Hopefully with a good turnout we can make short work of what we need to do.



EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Wisconsin Master Gardeners Convention-October 2 & 3, 2009 at HOCHUNK Convention Center, Wisconsin Dells.

Sally is going to run her van to the conference. She has blocked several rooms. Call Sally to see if there is still room.



THERE IS STILL PLENTY OF ROOM FOR ADDITIONAL HELP ON COMMITTEES. THIS GROUP IS ONLY AS GOOD AS ITS VOLUNTEERS. WE WILL BE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH CLASS IF THERE IS ENOUGH INTEREST.

Club Volunteer Opportunities.

If you are looking for volunteer opportunities think about hitting one of the project gardens we have done and do a little weeding. If you don't know where they are, send a quick email and we will let you know. A couple to remember: Golden Age Manor in Amery, the Polk County Fair Grounds, the Polk County Government Center and Garfield Park on Lake Wapo and Good Samaritan Nursing Home in St. Croix.

VOLUNTEER AND EDUCATIONAL HOURS ARE DUE.

Volunteer and Educational hours are due to Ryan by the September meeting. To stay current you must turn in both volunteer hours and educational hours.

Attached are forms for submitting.

e-mail them to him at Ryan Sterry

E-mail Address(es):

ryan.sterry@ces.uwex.edu

**INDIVIDUAL WI MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEER
SERVICE HOURS & CONTINUING EDUCATION
YEARLY RECORD SHEET**

Use the other side of this form to record your Master Gardener volunteer activities and C.E. hours. *Keep a copy for your files*, then turn in hours quarterly to the recordkeeper listed.

- Intern MGVs** – record volunteer hours for initial certification. Additional Continuing Education hours are **NOT** required the first year (but you can record them anyway) . A minimum of 24 hours of volunteer service are required.
- MGVs recertifying** – record both volunteer and continuing education hours. A minimum of 24 hours of volunteer service and 10 hours of continuing education are required annually.
- Certified MGVs taking additional training courses** – record both volunteer and continuing education hours. To determine the number of volunteer hours required, check with the Extension Agent sponsoring your class. These same hours can be used to complete the annual recertification requirement of 24 volunteer and 10 CE hours.
- MGVs inactive for 5 or more years** – record volunteer and continuing education hours. A minimum of 24 hours of volunteer service and 20 hours CE are required. Recertification for the next year returns to 10 hours CE.
- Out-of-State MG seeking WI certification** – contact your local Extension agent or the MG Program Office for guidelines.

All volunteer projects and C.E. should be for UW-Extension sponsored programs or projects or community or civic group projects or programs, and should be approved by the local sponsoring UW-Extension Agent. **Travel time** based on the time a MGV leaves home until returning home, minus personal errands, and **preparation and research time** on projects or programs can be included in volunteer service hours. (Travel time to CE programs **cannot be counted**.)

Record volunteer hours by the following categories:

Youth Education (Youth Ed) – volunteer hours dedicated to youth education

i.e. 4-H projects & activities, county fair, youth clubs & organizations, school classroom presentations, etc.

Community Education (Comm. Ed) – volunteer hours dedicated to adult/community education

i.e. recycling, water quality & environmental displays & presentations, Farmer’s Market, Gardenline, trips or tours for the public, group presentations, writing articles for newspapers, newsletters or websites, etc.

Support Services – volunteer hours dedicated to service projects

i.e. community beautification, water quality and environmental projects, community committees, and research projects. Also coordinating MG activities, newsletters, or UW-Ext. office projects, meetings by officers, committees and board members of local MG associations and the WIMGA and local MG meetings, but only for portions of meetings dedicated to planning or working on Extension approved programs or projects.

Continuing Education (CE) – education hours from attending programs offered by:

- UW-Extension.....

Brown Bag MG Monthly programs	Satellite programs	Research Station Field days
Weekly summer Hort Update programs	Materials from UW-Media Collection	International MG Conference
Advanced Hort programs	WIMGA Annual Conference	Other Ext. programs
Public Radio Show hosting Ext. Specialists	Regional MG Conference	Other states’ Ext. programs

- Groups or businesses that focus on horticulture topics or leadership skill development, such as

Master Gardeners	Tech Schools	Guided Garden Tours
Garden Centers	Universities or Colleges	WI Gardener on Public TV
Botanical Gardens	Trade Shows	WI DNR or other state agencies

NOTE: While gardening books, unapproved television programs, the Internet and self guided garden tours are encouraged, they **DO NOT QUALIFY** for Continuing Education recertification hours. The quality of this information is variable and difficult to evaluate. The WI Gardener and other selected TV programs approved by the local sponsoring UW-Extension Agent **DO** qualify.