Northeastern Wisconsin Master Gardener Association



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President's Message

Hello – One thing I didn't think I would be saying in my tenure as president was "Good Bye" to Vijai. As you all know, Vijai is leaving in mid-April to take a new position in Southeast Wisconsin (Horticulture Educator for Milwaukee, Racine and Kenosha Counties). He is going to be very much missed by the public and the NEW Master Gardeners. For the last 14 years or so, Vijai has provided the citizens of Brown County and the NEW Master Gardeners with his exceptional horticultural knowledge and teaching ability. He is highly respected and very much loved. Vijai - we are saddened that you are leaving us but happy for you in your new job opportunity, best wishes from your NEWMG Friends. We had a going away party for Vijai on Thursday April 4th at the Neville Museum, held jointly with the Brown County Extension staff. I wish we could have done more of a sendoff for Vijai, but time was something we didn't have. Hopefully, we will see him at some future training sessions or listen to him on Garden Talk. Maybe we can convince him to come back for a proper sendoff (annual meeting?). I have talked with Judith Knudsen (Area Extension Director) about Vijai's replacement. The paperwork is already in the mill to begin the process. Perhaps the word "replacement" isn't fitting here as Vijai will be difficult to replace. So, hopefully the position will be filled by mid-summer.

It is beginning to look and feel more like spring, but I am guessing we shouldn't write off the possibility of some wintery mix just yet. I hear we are again expecting an April "snowfall" of 6 - 12 inches!

I always get pumped when it starts to warm and the bare ground is again visible. I also do a reality check and begin to rethink the "big" plans I had for my yard – the ones that I schemed about during the long winter in front of my fireplace with my dog Sam. Reality checks are a good thing – especially for the back and knees.

Thanks again to the Project Kickoff Committee for the great job they did with our rescheduled event. It was well attended, food was good, speaker interesting and the location worked very well. Thanks to Mindy Ward, Crystal Brown, Barbara Brumm, Steve Herro, Joanne Holloway, Jim Radey and Birdie Schantz.

The third and final session of the 2019 Robert Mongin Garden Series took place on April 6th at the Neville Museum. For this session the speaker was Dr. Daniel Mahr who gave a great presentation on "*Success with Cacti &*

Other Succulents as House Plants". Thanks to Barb Brown and her committee for their work to make these educational sessions possible and successful.

Upcoming educational classes to checkout are: Vegetable Gardening for Beginners on April 24th, Advanced Vegetable Gardening on May 13th and Pollinators on May 21st.

On April 27th, as part of the **2019 Untitledtown Book and Author Festival**, Author Nancy Lawson will be presenting a talk on "*How to Really Save the Bees*". This event will be held at 12 PM on the third floor (Rise & Grind), of the Brown County Central Library on Pine Street. The NEWMG along with the Green Bay WildOnes and Green Bay Botanical Garden are hosting this speaker. Admission is free.

Thank you to Linda Gustke and Eileen Rueden for co-chairing the NEWMG plant sales tent at the Green Bay Botanical Garden's 2019 Garden Fair to be held on May 31st and June 1st. Master Gardeners' help in providing plants, setting up, running, and taking down for this event and they will be greatly appreciated. This project is replacing our annual plant sale. Please see more about this event on Page 4 in this month's newsletter. I hope you will join us there!

Al Nass

2019 NEWMG Board of Directors

<u>Officers</u> Al Nass, President Trisha Linssen, Vice President Nancy Fictum, Treasurer Julie Cole, Secretary <u>Board Members</u> Steve Beernsten Crystal Brown Barbara Brumm Dr. Tim Freeman Kyle Gigot

Linda Gutske Steve Herro Joanne Kondro Eileen Rueden Melissa Schmitz Mary Sprangers Mindy Ward Doris Magyar, WIMGA Rep Vijai Pandian, Advisor

NEWMG Board Meeting Minutes: 3/13/2019

Present: Al Nass, Trisha Linssen, Julie Cole, Barb Brumm, Tim Freeman, Kyle Gigot, Nancy Fictum, Steve Herro, Joanne Kondro, Steve Beerntsen, Melinda Ward, Mary Sprangers, Melissa Schmitz and Linda Gustke. Others Present: Jim Radey.

Absent: Birdie Schantz, Crystal Brown, and Eileen Rueden.

President's Welcome -Al Nass Meeting was called to order at 6:05pm.

Secretary's Report – Julie Cole The minutes from the January 9, 2019, meeting had been sent electronically for review by board members. Minutes were corrected to include Crystal Brown on the Criteria for Sponsoring Outside Groups committee. *A motion was made by Tim Freeman and seconded by Linda Gustke to approve the minutes. Motion carried.*

Treasurer's Report – Nancy Fictum Current Budget report was handed out. The Board suggested that a projected income column be included on the report.

Advisor's Report – None given.

Volunteer Coordinator Report – Jim Radey

- Provided some information to Trisha Linssen to include in the February MG newsletter and sent the finished newsletter to Master Gardener Volunteers.
- Assisted Projects Kickoff Event Committee as needed.
- Sent list of sign up Master Gardener project volunteers to Project Leaders. Made sure all MG Trainees are signed up for projects.

NEWMG Board Meeting Minutes (continued)

- Continued to take registrations for the Mongin Garden Series and assisted where needed for the February 2nd and March 2nd presentations.
- Kept track of registrations for the Level 2 Plant Diagnostic Training and provided assistance with sending out emails and other set up for classes.
- Scheduled presenters for late spring/early summer horticulture classes to be held at the Green Bay Botanical Garden.

WIMGA Report- Doris A. Magyar, WIMGA Rep. A Wisline conference call Board of Directors meeting was held on Thursday, Feb. 28, 2019, at 4:30 pm. Roll call was taken. Approval of 11/26/18 Board minutes and treasurer's report were accepted. The program office report by Mike and Amy covered the online reporting system with around 800 completed and 3400 more to go. Mike stressed that all MGV get this first phase completed. The office will begin uploading projects next month. The annual accomplishment report will not be a printed paper copy as had been done in previous years. Each county can print out their own paper copy if they desire one at https://wimastergardener.org./wisconsin-mgannual-report/. The official state logo has not been finalized at this time. Old Business: The voting for the Board-at-large position will close on March 22, 2019. The recent March WIMGA newsletter carried all the information on voting for this. The new password is wimga19. WIMGA membership classification in the Bylaws came under review. After a lengthy discussion on this, it was referred to the committee for additional review and brought back to the board at the next meeting. When finalized it is felt that all local associations must use the Bylaws as established by WIMGA as their Bylaws. The Leadership Conference at this time will cover presentation skills, communication skills, and technology training and other interests as they arise. **New Business:** It was brought up when the WIMGA annual meeting will be held. Leadership committee working on this. Consistency of terms for Board Officer positions are discussed and left as stated in the Bylaws. At this time a local association has stepped up to host the 2020 annual conference. More details to come on this at a later date. A face-to-face meeting with Board and Local WIMGA Representatives tentatively is set for later in the spring, but no definite date yet. Adjourned at 6:15 pm.

Endowment Report – Kyle Gigot Balance has gone up due to market fluctuation. Kyle gave the balance of the Unrestricted Fund and Scholarship Fund. Scholarship applications can be submitted now through the Greater Green Bay Community Foundation. We will be informing the public on our website, Facebook and newsletter.

Project Committee Report – **Project Kick-off 2019** – Mindy Ward reported that the Project Kick-off was a success, even after the postponement due to weather and relocating it. **Robert Mongin Garden Series 2019** – Jim Radey reported that numbers were down a little. It may have been due to the weather. Last session is April 6, "Success with Cacti & Other Succulents as House Plants" by Dr. Daniel Mahr. Members are encouraged to promote this last session.

Old Business:

- Establish criteria for sponsoring outside groups Nancy Fictum. Committee will be using the Untitledtown Book Festival as a source of information for establishing criteria.
- Emeritus status of membership. Mindy Ward. Committee hasn't met yet.
- **Mongin Garden** Steve Beerntsen There are mostly shade plants. Will determine what plants will work in full sun at new location. Will be selling some plants at the plant sale.
- Untitledtown Book Festival April 27th, Brown County Library, Rise and Grind Coffee Shop. Nancy Lawson, author, "The Humane Gardener", will speak at 12:00pm. Claudia Schultz and committee of Steve Herro, Nancy Fictum, Al Nass and Crystal Brown will be providing information on NEW Master Gardeners.

NEWMG Board Meeting Minutes (continued)

New Business:

- Adopt-a-Plant Tabled for next meeting.
- **Plant Sale Chairman** Linda Gustke & Eileen Rueden May 31st and June 1st at Green Bay Botanical Garden. Will have 2 booths for \$150. Will not be buying plants for the sale. MGs' will provide perennials and vegetable plants for sale.
- **Heritage Hill Project** -Kyle Gigot will contact last year's volunteers to see if any are interested in taking the lead on this project.
- Fund Raiser T-Shirt Trisha Linssen will put together a proposal for monogram shirts available to Master Gardener Volunteers.
- March for Science, May 4th, 2019 Steve Herro. The walk will end at the Brown County Public Library. The BC Library Children's Edible Garden project volunteers will be present at the garden to answer questions.

Announcements: American Hosta Society Convention is being held in Green Bay, June 12-15, 2019.

<u>Newsletter</u> – any additional articles for the newsletter should be sent to Trisha Linssen, <u>bluewaters2626@protonmail.com</u> by March 30, 2019. She is looking for articles of interest to Master Gardeners.

<u>Next Board Meeting</u> – May 8, 2019 . A motion was made at 7:25 PM by Tim Freeman and seconded by Julie Cole to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Julie Cole, Secretary

NEWMG 2019 Plant Sale

Our **20th Annual Plant Sale** will be held on Friday, May 31 (12-7 pm) and Saturday, June 1 (8-2 pm) in conjunction with Green Bay Botanical Garden's long standing event, Garden Fair. New this year, admission to the Garden Fair is free and it's going back to its roots of being a local, community plant and garden sale.

We need your help to once again make this sale a success. GOT PLANTS? Plants at the sale this year will only be donated by NEW Master Gardener members. Desirable plants include: vegetables (all varieties), perennials, bulbs, ornamental



grasses, house plants, cacti/succulents, berries, etc. Watch your email for donation directions in April. Please be cautious to avoid donating invasive plants or plants from areas affected by jumping worms.

HELP WANTED: Volunteers will be needed to help in a variety of ways. We will send out an online sign-up link in May. Opportunities include:

- Assistance for members who are unable to dig or divide plants from their yards to be donated to the sale (please let us know if you need assistance dividing or are able to help other members);
- Sale setup the afternoon of Thursday, May 30th and morning of Friday, May 31.
- During the sale, assisting guests with picking out or purchasing their plants on May 31 and June 1, including clean up at the end of the sale.

If you have any questions about the plant sale, please contact Linda Gustke: <u>lgustke@gbbg.org</u>, 906-424-0995, or Eileen Rueden: <u>erueden@tds.net</u>, 920-470-5562.

NEWMG at the 2019 UntitledTown Book & Author Festival



On Saturday April 27th at 12 PM on the 3rd floor (Rise & Grind) of the Brown County Central Library on Pine Street, Author Nancy Lawson will be talking about "How to Really Save the Bees, It's Not About Hives-It's About Habitat!". Nancy is the author of The Humane Gardener, Nurturing a Backyard Habitat for Wildlife. The NEWMG, Green Bay WildOnes, and the Green Bay Botanical Gardens are the sponsors for this speaker. Admission is free. This is the third year for the UntitledTown Book Festival which

provides attendees with access to authors, a long list of readings, discussions, panels, workshops, and other events of interest to writers and to readers. More information about the festival is at: https://2019.untitledtown.org/

2019 American Hosta Society National Convention

This year's American Hosta Society National Convention will be held on June 12-15, 2019 in at the Radisson Hotel and Convention Center in Green Bay. The Green and Gold Hosta Society of Northeastern Wisconsin will act as host.

Registered convention guests will be treated to locally and nationally known speakers, tours of private gardens, educational seminars, meals, and a chance to meet with hosta lovers from across the country. For those not able to participate in the full convention, many of the activities are free and open to the public. If you'd like to see what the perfect

hosta should look like, there will be a judged show of hosta leaves. Are you a budding plant breeder? Be sure to check out the seedling show where you will see prized specimens grown from seed crosses, with the plant parents chosen by gardeners as well as those hybridized by bees. Do you have empty space in your garden? The convention will feature sales by growers with national reputations.

If you're interested in attending or want to know more, check out the website: <u>www.ahs2019event.org</u> or follow us on Facebook at AHS Hosta Convention 2019. For information on our local society, we're on Facebook at Green & Gold Hosta Society.

Kyle Gigot President Green and Gold Hosta Society





2019 Master Gardener Volunteer Opportunities

If you have not already signed up for the Master Gardener projects or committees you want to work with this year (remember you will need to achieve 24 hours of volunteer service to maintain your Master Gardener status!) please fill out and return the form below to make sure you claim your spot! You will also find information on some of the ways you can complete your 10 hours of continuing education.

Name of Project	Team Coordinator	Contact Info		
Garden Series	Barb Brown	920-336-6098, utschigbrown@gmail.com		
NEWMG Plant Sale	Eileen Rueden & Linda Gustke	Eileen: 920-470-5562, <u>erueden@tds.net</u> Linda Gustke: 906-424-0995, <u>lgustke@gbbg.org</u>		
Garden Clippings newsletter,	Trisha Linssen	920-819-7370, bluewaters2626@protonmail.com		
Facebook	Crystal Brown	715-292-0380, inspirednorth@gmail.com		
NEW Master Gardener website	Trisha Linssen	920-819-7370, bluewaters2626@protonmail.com		
Small Space Garden at GBBG	Shirley Maenner & Jim Radey	Shirley: 920-434-0291, <u>smaenner@gmail.com</u> Jim: 920-360-3891, <u>james.radey@co.brown.wi.us</u>		
Square Foot Garden at St. Mark Church	Mary Sprangers	920-680-2546, sprangers3@gmail.com		
Square Foot Garden at YMCA (West)	Jo Ann Holloway	920-336-7988, joannholloway@att.net		
Native Garden at Locktender's House	Claudia Schultz	920-336-0030, <u>csch5677@gmail.com</u>		
Native Garden at Neville Museum	Claudia Schultz	920-336-0030, <u>csch5677@gmail.com</u>		
UWEX Trial Garden	Donna Trousil	920-336-3896, donnatrousil@att.net		
UWEX Mongin Perennial Garden	Steve Beerntsen	920-435-0549, stevebeerntsen@sbcglobal.net		
Plant Diagnostic Help	Doug Hartman	920-445-9530, hartman.doug@gmail.com		
UWEX Rose Trial Garden	Anita Mueller	920-845-2647, muellanit@gmail.com		
Annual Banquet assistance	Eileen Rueden	920-470-5562, erueden@tds.net		
BC Central Library Children's Garden	Steve Herro	920-217-8213, steve.herro@snc.edu		
Heritage Hill Tank Garden	Kyle Gigot	920-680-1625, kpgigot@gmail.com		
ADRC Raised Bed Gardens	Lee Richardson	920- 336-5331, <u>benrich1789@sbcglobal.net</u>		
WI Master Gardener & UWEX (State)				
WI Farm Tech Days – MG Booth	WIMGA	http://wimastergardener.org/		
WI Garden Expo – MG Booth	WIMGA	http://wimastergardener.org/		
I would like to serve on the following project(s):				
Jame: Phone:				
Email:				

2019 Calendar of Events & Opportunities

Classes, Workshops, Seminars	Organization	Date		
Vegetable Gardening for Beginners	GBBG, UWEX & MG	April 24, 2019		
Advanced Vegetable Gardening	GBBG, UWEX & MG	May 11, 2019		
Native Prairie Plants to Attract Pollinators	GBBG, UWEX & MG	May 21, 2019		
WildOnes Annual Conference	WildOnes	http://wildonesgreenbay.blogspot.com/		
Baird Creek's classes	Friends of Baird Creek	http://bairdcreek.org/		
Larry Meiller's Garden Talk	WPR – Radio Show	www.wpr.org/programs/larry-meiller-show		
State UWEX & WI Master Gardener Opportunities				
WI Hort Update – Teleconference	UWEX – Vijai Pandian	http://fyi.uwex.edu/wihortupdate/		
WI MGA – Annual & Regional Conferences	WI MGA	www.wimastergardener.org/		
WI Garden Expo	WI PBS	www.wigardenexpo.com/		
Wisconsin Public Television Programs				
The Wisconsin Gardener	http://wpt.org/Wisconsin-Gardener			
P. Allen Smith's Garden	http://wptschedule.org/series/553/P-Allen-Smiths-Garden-Home/			
The Victory Garden	www.pbs.org/wgbh/victorygarden/			

Watch for more information at <u>www.browncountyextension.org</u> or at <u>www.NEWMasterGardeners.org</u>!

2019 Horticulture Classes



Brown County UW-Extension & NEW Master Gardeners

2019 Horticulture Classes



Vegetable Gardening for Beginners – Wednesday, April 24; 6-7:30 PM, at the Green Bay Botanical Garden: This class will cover the basics of vegetable gardening including planning your garden, prepping your garden soil, selecting vegetables, and growing requirements. Cost is \$7 payable to NEW Master Gardeners (\$10 at the door). Preregister by sending your contact information (name, email, phone #) and payment to: NEW Master Gardeners, Brown County UW-Extension, 210 Museum Place, Green Bay, WI 54303.

Advanced Vegetable Gardening – Monday May 13; 6-7:30 PM, at the Green Bay Botanical Garden: Join Lynn Clark and Jim Fameree, Master Gardener Volunteers, along with Vijai Pandian, Horticulture Educator, during this class designed for the experienced vegetable gardener. Learn the next steps in successful vegetable gardening! Cost is \$7 payable at NEW Master Gardeners for preregistration (\$10 at the door). Pre-register by sending your contact information and payment to: Hort Dept., Brown County UW-Extension, 210 Museum Place, Green Bay, WI 54303.

Native Prairie Plants to Attract Pollinators – Tuesday, May 21; 6-7:30 PM, at the Green Bay Botanical Garden: Join Master Gardener Volunteers Claudia Schultz, Alan Nass, and Annette Weissbach as they introduce you to using native plants to attract pollinators in your landscape. Cost to attend is \$7 payable to NEW Master Gardeners for preregistration (\$10 at the door). Pre-register by sending your contact information and payment to: Hort Dept., Brown County UW-Extension, 210 Museum Place, Green Bay, WI 54303.

To pay your class fees online, go to <u>www.browncountyextension.org</u> and click on "Pay Your Class Fees Online." Choose "Horticulture" as the Program Area. *For more information, contact:* Brown County UW-Extension Horticulture Department at 920-391-4650



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2019 Horticulture Classes

2019 Responding to Horticulture Inquiries

Tuesday, May 7, 2019 – Brown County Neville Public Museum 210 Museum Place Green Bay, WI 54303

Program Schedule

8:30 - 8:40 am	<i>Welcome</i> - Vijai Pandian (Brown County Horticulture Educator) and Jay Dampier (Horticulture Outreach Program Manager)
8:40 - 9:40 am	Strategies for Effectively Answering Horticulture Questions in a County UW-Extension Office - Vijai Pandian and Jay Dampier
9:40 - 11:00 am	2019 Plant Insect Update - PJ Liesch (UW-Extension Insect Diagnostics Lab)
11:00 - 11:15 am	Break
11:15 am - 12:30 pm	Diagnosing Turf Disorders - Vijai Pandian (Brown County Horticulture Educator)
12:30 - 1:15 pm	Lunch
1:15 - 2:15 pm	2019 Weed Update - Mark Renz (UW-Extension Weed Scientist)
2:15 - 2:30 pm	Break
2:30 - 4:00 pm	2019 Plant Disease Update Brian Hudelson (UW-Extension Plant Disease Diagnostics Clinic)
4:00 - 4:30 pm	UW-Madison/Extension Diagnostic Services Brian Hudelson (UW-Plant Disease Diagnostics Clinic)

Deadline to register for the RHI program in Brown County is April 30, 2019. You can register and pay online at www.browncountyextension.org

Questions regarding registration should be directed to 920-391-4654.

Name			Cost: \$20.00 Per Person (lunch included)
Address			Amount enclosed: \$
City Phone (day)	State	Zip	Return this form with check payable to: Brown County Treasurer
Email	MGV	Other	Extension Brown County Attn: Horticulture RHI Program 210 Museum Place Green Bay, WI 54303

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NEWMG Bob Mongin Garden Series

On March 2, 85 people attended the second event of the NEWMG's Bob Mongin Garden Series presentations. Brent Health, from Brent & Becky's Bulbs, gave a slide show presentation and provided information on using a variety of bulbs in our gardens. You can learn more about Brent & Becky's Bulbs mail order company in Glouchester, Virginia by going to <u>www.brentandbeckysbulbs.com</u>.





2019 - Our 40th Anniversary!

2019 marks the 40th Anniversary of the Northeast Wisconsin Master Gardeners! We will have more to come on this so stay tuned!







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