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Help Needed:

Garlic Mustard Pull
Maribel Caves
May 19 and 26
9am and 1pm

Japanese Hedge Parsley
Maribel Caves
June 23 and 30
9am and 1pm

Zoo Cleanup
Date has not been determined due to the weather -- keep watch in your email
Beekeeping Seminar

As gardeners, you may or may not know that honeybees are perhaps the most important pollinator operating in the agricultural industry. Pollination is, quite simply, transferring grains of pollen from one plant to another, to fertilize the ovaries of flowers. While some plants rely on wind to provide pollination, and others are self-pollinating, most flowering plants need the services of natural pollinators, such as honeybees, to do the work.

Because of the interest and the impact honey bees have on all of our gardens, the Sheboygan County Master Gardener Volunteers will be offering a Beekeeping and Honey tasting information session. This session will be held:

** Tuesday evening, May 22 at 6:00 pm
** At Christopher Farm & Gardens - W580 Garton Road, Sheboygan 53083
** Cost $5.00/per master Gardener Volunteer
** For current dues paying Sheboygan County Master Gardeners Only.
** Reservations due to Tammy Zorn at the Master Gardener Office by Friday, May 18. Payment upon registration or it will be collected at the session.
** Tours are not a part of this education meeting.

Please call or e-mail Tammy Zorn at the UW Master Gardener office to reserve a spot for this special evening.

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Food Preservation Series

Sponsored by: Brown County
UW-Extension Office

Classes held 6:30 pm till 8:00 pm
Location: UW-Extension Brown County,
1150 Bellevue St
$7 is the cost and includes materials and tasting
Pre-register to: Knudsen_JA@co.brown.wi.us
or 920.391.4610

June 19 Jams and Jellies, The Basics
June 20 Jams and Jellies, Advanced
July 18 Canning Fruit
July 31 Freezing Foods Raised In The Garden

Congratulations to Chelle on the honor she recently received as the State of Wisconsin Volunteer of the Year!
May 18-19, 2012  Plant Sale   Green Bay, WI  
Hosted by the NEW MGA offering plants including wildflowers, herbs, succulents, tomato plants, perennials and vegetables. Tool sharpening demos on the hour and MGVs available to answer questions. From 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Friday and 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. on Saturday at the Ag & Extension Service Center, 1150 Bellvue Ave, Green Bay.

May 26, 2012  Annual Plant Sale   Sturgeon Bay, WI  
The Door Co. MGA will have annuals, perennials, vegetables and flowers, hypertufas and picture frames for planting at their annual sale from 9:00 am. to noon at the Peninsular Research Station, 4312 Hwy 42, Sturgeon Bay, WI. Free plant for visiting The Garden Door.

June 16, 2012  Garden Discoveries - An Educational Garden Tour   Appleton, WI  
Sponsored by the Outagamie Co. MGA from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., this tour includes 5 private gardens in the Appleton area and the Community Garden at the Covenant Church in Kimberly. $5 + 2 non-perishable food items (money collected will go to The Community Garden Partnership, and the food to local food pantries).

July 14, 2012  Garden Walk   Port Washington, WI  
The Port Washington Garden Club will feature five gardens on this annual walk from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Each garden focuses on a unique gardening perspective including hardscapes, containers, hillside gardening and a beautifully landscaped countryside. The tour includes a container garden at the Judge Eghart House downtown, which will replicate an actual garden from the Victorian era. $5 at any of the five gardens, or at the Pebble House, 126 E. Grand Ave., in downtown Port Washington.

Helpful Garden Websites:

The Wisconsin Master Gardener Program:  
http://wimastergardener.org/

Wisconsin Gardener Series with Shelly Ryan:  
http://wpt.org/gardener/index.cfm

Past Larry Mieller Garden Talk Shows:  
http://wpr.org/gardentalk/

Wisconsin Horticulture  
http://www.hort.uwex.edu/

With the numerous volunteer opportunities approaching remember to keep track of every hour you help out!
Date: March 26, 2012
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Place: Manitowoc County Office Complex
Attendance: 27
Education: Herbs – Marilyn Starzewski – 30 min.

Following Marilyn’s presentation, the March meeting was called to order by President Pat Hollen. The February minutes were approved as published in the recent newsletter. The report from the treasurer was approved as read.

Committee Reports & Old Business
Master Gardener Scholarship – Bernie Zimmer
Bernie stated that Green Bay Botanical Gardens suggested that we could give a donation that would be divided among the interns or to the intern program rather than a scholarship to an individual at this time. Doris made a motion to fund the intern program with a one-time donation of $500.00 for the summer of 2012. A letter will be sent along with the check with copies to Doris and Pat. Annette seconded it and the motion carried.

Renegade Gardener – Chelle Blaszczyk
Chelle stated that there are a few posters still available. John Jagemann will be doing the sound system. Toni will be providing the beverages and Chelle will be getting the rolls, etc. from Natural Ovens. Pat asked that all MG members wear their name badges.

Annual Dinner – Pat Wiegert
Reservations need to be given to Pat by April 20th.

Library Book Donation – Celeste Rogers
Celeste followed up on our donation with David of the Manitowoc Public Library. He stated that the library must choose the book we wish to donate in order for it to be put into circulation. We had budgeted for a $50 donation.

Nominating Committee – Chelle
The nominating committee has been looking to nominate two or more people who wish to serve on the board of directors. These board members will serve three-year terms. The committee still needs to contact eight more MG members. A vote for these two positions will take place at the Annual Dinner Meeting on April 27th.

Facebook Page
Chelle informed us that our Facebook page is up and running and she gave us a brief demonstration. Use “Manitowoc County Master Gardeners” to access the page.

New Business
We wish to do something in memory of Dorothy Bugs. Gladwyn made a motion, with a second from Chelle, to set up a memorial for Dorothy. Sandy Stock, with a second from Judy Yanda, made a motion to do this at Woodland Dunes. Both motions carried. Pat Hollen and Judy Tisler will contact Jim Knicklebine to see what we can do. Individual MG members may also contribute to this memorial. Phyllis made a motion, with a second from Bernie, to table it for now until the discussion at Woodland Dunes. The motion carried.

The report on the WIMGA meeting from Judy Lango was unavailable.

It was decided not to donate to the Camp Tapawingo fundraising banquet.

Doris informed us that Silver Lake College will be hosting Earth Day 2012 on April 21st. She also told us that Kari Alice gave a garden presentation to 40 members at her church.

Carol and Judy Lango will be doing the annual review of the treasurer’s books.

Ann Unertl is looking for suggestions for homes in the city of Manitowoc for the 2013 Garden Walk. Sue Elliot would like information on gardening modifications for the handicapped. Sandy stated that there will be a pruning seminar in Green Bay, and Rosie advised us of a Garden Study course in Sheboygan. Rosie is also looking for stories on trees for a project she is involved with. Gladwyn reminded us of the upcoming garlic mustard pull.

The Renegade Gardener program will be on April 21st and the next meeting will be our Annual Dinner meeting on April 27th. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Judy Tisler, Secretary
Following the dinner, President Pat Hollen called the meeting to order at 6:50. The minutes are available in the newsletter and the report from the treasurer was approved as read.

Old Business
Co-chairmen Pat and Chelle reported that the Renegade Gardener seminar was a great success. There were 132 people in attendance which included 30 Master Gardeners. Comments on the 100+ surveys returned indicated that the program was educational and very well received.

Carol Lallensack and Judy Lango met with Doris to review the treasurer’s books and found everything to be in order.

Pat read a thank you letter from the Green Bay Botanical Gardens for our $500 donation to them to help fund their intern program. A note of thanks was also received from Woodland Dunes for our recent membership contribution.

Doris, Sandy, and Judy Lango will be at Woodland Dunes on May 3rd at 10:00 for a volunteer meeting.

New Business
Chelle took over the meeting at this point as she handed out the ballots for the election of two people to the board of directors. The four people on the ballot are Gladwyn Doughman, Pat Hollen, Renee Lemberger, and Doris Magyar. As the votes were being tallied, Pat resumed the regular meeting.

Rosie made a motion, with a second from Eugene, that Judy Lango will be the representative to WIMGA at this time.

Celeste informed us that with our donation, the Manitowoc Public Library has purchased two books. Designing with Grasses and Creating a Forest Garden are now available for checkout.

The cleanup date for the zoo gardens will be announced at a later date.

Chelle announced that Doris and Pat are the newly elected board members. Pat will set a date for a meeting of the Board of Directors.

Rosie stated that the zoo is again planning a butterfly garden and is looking for volunteers.

The Urban Green Gang will be planting the pots on Saturday, June 2nd at 9:00 a.m. behind the Mainly Manitowoc building. Any help would be appreciated.

Pat congratulated Chelle on the honor she recently received as the State of Wisconsin Volunteer of the Year.

There will be a garden study course in Sheboygan. Farm Progress Days will be held in Outagamie County on July 17th, 18th, and 19th. There will also be a free workshop in Green Bay on June 8th from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for Plant Clinic volunteers and others who wish to attend.

Pat thanked Pat Wiegert for setting up the location for the Annual Dinner Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Tisler, Secretary
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"Gardening is cheaper than therapy and you get tomatoes."

-- Author Unknown