## Monthly Meeting Dates

The following are the dates, speakers, and times for the 2012 Master Gardener Volunteer Monthly Meetings. All topics or speakers are subject to availability.

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**Membership Dues**

Membership Dues of $10 are due to our Treasurer, Doris, by December 31, 2011. Checks payable to Master Gardeners of Manitowoc Co. You can remit by mail to Doris A. Magyar, 14409 Hwy 42, Two Rivers, WI 54241 or at the November or December monthly meetings. All dues must be paid or you will be DROPPED as a member according to the new rule that has gone into effect.

Submitted by Doris

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**Meeting Dates:**

November 28th 6:30 pm
Manitowoc Co. Office Complex
Speaker: Two Buds Floral

December 5th at 6pm
Christmas Potluck & Meeting
Location: Stan & Pat Hollen Home
Optional $10 gift exchange
Bring your favorite dish to pass

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**Renegade Gardener Presentation**

Don Engebretson, known as the Renegade Gardener, will be speaking on April 21, 2012 at the Manitowoc Co. Office Complex.

Don has authored books like: Stone Landscaping, Annuals for Minnesota and Wisconsin, Perennials for Minnesota and Wisconsin, and Tree and Shrub Gardening for Minnesota and Wisconsin.

Don’s website is:
http://www.renegadegardener.com/

A committee, consisting of Pat, Chelle, Renee, Judy Lango, and Toni, has been formed.

If anyone has any ideas, please pass them on to any of the committee members.

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**Summary of 2011 Hours**

Thirty seven of our members were recertified for the year 2012. In 2011, we volunteered 20 hours in youth education; 403 hours in community education; 1,629 hours in support service; which totals to 4069 hours of volunteer time. Members can pat themselves on their back for jobs well done.

A total of 1250.5 hours were for continuing education.

Awards this year go to Eileen Kummer, Paula Radl, Marilynn Starzewski and Sandra Stock have earned their 150 Hours; Mary Shimon has 250 Hours; Pat Hollen has 500 Hours; and Eugene Piette and Judy Tisler have earned their 750 Hours.

CONGRATULATIONS to them!

Dorothy will have the awards cards and 2012 stickers for the recertified members at the November meeting.

Submitted by Dorothy
Garden Events

Nov 17, 2011  DIY Holiday Landscape: Lighting for the Homeowner
Boerner Botanical Gardens, Hales Corners, WI
With Jon Adams, Twilight Solutions, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. $15 ($10 members). For more information or to register contact Friends of Boerner Botanical Gardens, 9400 Boerner Dr., Hales Corners at (414) 525-5659 or email scheduling@fbbg.org.

Nov 25 - Dec 18, 26-29   15th Annual WPS Garden of Lights
Green Bay Botanical Garden, Green Bay, WI
A holiday favorite featuring over 200,000 lights crafted in flowers, butterflies, and other botanical themes. Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m., plus selected additional days from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Various admission rates. For more information, contact the Green Bay Botanical Garden, 2600 Larsen Road, P.O. Box 12644, Green Bay, WI 54307-2644 at (920) 491-3691 ext 103.

November 28  Manitowoc Co. Master Gardener Volunteer Meeting  6:30pm
   Manitowoc Co. Office Complex
   Speaker: Two Buds Floral

December 5, 2011  Manitowoc Co. Master Gardener Volunteer Christmas Potluck Party
   Location: Stan and Pat Hollen Residence
   Time: 6pm
   Optional $10 gift exchange
   Bring your favorite dish to pass

Dec 14-15, 2011        Invasive Plant Symposium   Milwaukee, WI
The Midwest Invasive Plant Network (MIPN) and the Invasive Plants Association of Wisconsin (IPAW) are co-hosting this symposium at the North Central Weed Science Society conference. The symposium will focus on invasive plants in natural areas and will include a plenary session, as well as concurrent sessions on a broad array of topics, such as managing invasive plants in urban areas, assessing risk of invasive plant species, new resources to aid in early detection, developing successful Cooperative Weed Management Areas, and management of some of the most problematic invasive plants.

Feb 2-23, 2012 Fruit Tree Growing for the Home Orchard   Green Bay, WI
Whether you are thinking of planting your first fruit tree, have existing trees in need of help or are looking to revitalize a long-neglected orchard this class is for you! Join Tony Dembski, co-owner of Maple Valley Orchards and Nursery, Gillett in this 4 part series which will cover everything you will need to successfully start or maintain an orchard in your yard. Topics are:
   Part 1 – Feb 2: Cultivar and site selection along with proper planting techniques.
   Part 2 – Feb 9: Pruning basics, fertilizer and nutritional value, alternate bearing
   Part 3 – Feb 16: Chemical applications including organic vs. non-organic treatments
   Part 4 – Feb 23: Insect and disease control and wrap-up
Four Thursdays from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Ag & Extension Service Center, 1150 Bellvue Ave, Green Bay. $22.50 for four classes, preregistration required. For more information contact Deb Nitka at (920) 465-8512.
President Pat Hollen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The first item on the agenda was a discussion as to whether we should continue with 12 monthly meetings each year or consider eliminating the January and/or February meetings. Comments suggested keeping all 12 meetings; others wished to eliminate both January and February meetings. As a compromise, the group decided to not have the January monthly meeting. This will be presented for discussion and vote at the September meeting.

Programs for the upcoming months were then discussed and selected. Those programs include: February – Paula Radl – Thrifty Gardening; March – Marilyn Starzewski – Herbs; April – Annual Dinner; May – Silver Lake Country Store; June – Judy Lango’s Garden; July – Don Cisler’s Garden; August – Prairie (either Little Manitowoc River or Woodland Dunes); September – Judy Yanda – Kefir and Fermentation Process; October – Fiskars Representative or other tool company; November – Kathy of Caans; December – Christmas Party. We may consider opening up some meetings to other garden groups.

We need to update our web site. We are currently on the Manitowoc County Extension web site and are very difficult to locate. There should be a MG tab in the banner instead locating us under Horticulture. Chelle suggested that we go on Facebook, which would be easy and give us multiple links in the community. She will do a presentation on Facebook at the next meeting, and Pat will discuss our current web site with Faye.

Whether or not we should consider a tax-exempt status was the next item on the agenda. Marilyn will contact one of the MG associations to see why they have chosen to go this direction.

Pat suggested a possible consideration for a presentation next year could be Don Engebretson, known as the Renegade Gardener. He has authored four books and writes for “Better Homes and Gardens.” He charges $850 plus $.52/mile and a hotel room. A date to consider would be April 14th or 21st. This will be discussed further at the September meeting.

The board also recommended presenting a horticultural scholarship. Chelle stated that the Manitowoc Garden Club usually gives out a $500 scholarship. This will be brought up for further discussion.

Pat was informed that the basic class began on September 6th and registration was due in July. She did not hear anything about this from Madison.

Marilyn suggested ideas for a bus trip could be to the Ridges Sanctuary or the Flying Pig. She also suggested that we could consider demonstration gardens at the community gardens to educate the public.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Tisler
Secretary
DATE: September 26, 2011
TIME: 6:00 p.m.
PLACE: Aurora Health Center and Medical Center Gardens
ATTENDANCE: 25 members/ 1 guest
EDUCATION: Tour of the Gardens and Video – 45 min.

President Pat Hollen called the September meeting to order at 6:45. The minutes of the August meeting were approved as published in the newsletter. The treasurer’s report was given and accepted as read.

OLD BUSINESS

Chelle provided a brief recap of the Mad Dog & Merrill event and presented a video of pictures taken by Paula Radl that evening.

NEW BUSINESS

A discussion was held to determine whether we want to continue with 12 meetings a year or consider eliminating the January meeting as suggested by the board of directors. Judy Lango made a motion to remove January from the meeting list in 2012. Ann Unertl seconded the motion and a unanimous vote to approve followed. A consideration to also eliminate the February and November meetings may be discussed next year.

Pat informed us of the programs planned for the 2012 meetings. Regarding this, Linda Gratz stated that she spoke with Chuck Sontag regarding the prairie tour of the Little Manitowoc River in August. Parking would be a concern. Linda will contact Woodland Dunes to tour their prairie instead.

Pat informed the group that a discussion took place at the recent board meeting regarding possibly looking into a tax-exempt status. It was the consensus of the board that this will not be considered.

Chelle gave an overview of what a Facebook page could do for us. We would need an ongoing committee to work with and design it. Members would get to choose their involvement. Sue Elliot thinks this would be a good idea in this era of social media. It would be a free tool on the internet with more people getting involved using the links to education. Sue Elliot made a motion to go ahead with setting up Face book with a need to monitor this on a daily basis. Pat Wiegert seconded the motion. A discussion followed and it was determined that Pat should speak with Faye about this before we go any further. The motion was then withdrawn for the time being.

Chelle stated that she spoke with someone of the Manitowoc Garden Club regarding scholarships they provide in the amount of $500. They send the info to schools in the Manitowoc County area with a one-page application. They usually receive 4 – 5 applications a year, review these, vote upon them, and award the scholarships to students in horticulture, botany, or related fields. A motion was made by Judy Yanda with a second by Ann Unertl to provide scholarships to a suitable candidate with the money going to the school and the amount and the decision to provide a scholarship to be decided on a yearly basis. The motion carried. Bernie Zimmer and Judy Lango will serve as the scholarship committee.

Pat Hollen informed us of a spring project that the board is considering. They have discussed a presentation for April by author, Don Engebretson, known as the Renegade Gardener. He will be speaking in Wisconsin Rapids on October 29th for a half-day, humorous and informative presentation. His fee is $850 plus $.52/mile and hotel room. Different places will be considered as a site for this. April 21st will be our first choice with April 28th as the second choice date. A motion was made by Judy Lango, with a second by Pat Wiegert to pursue having the Renegade Gardener as a spring project. The motion carried.

Doris is taking orders for Dorothy for the 2012 calendar. Your hours need to be turned in to Dorothy by October 1st.

The zoo cleanup is scheduled for October 19th at 9:00 with a rain date of possibly the 29th.

Pat has received a request from Charles Clark, the dean of the UW Center to speak at one of our meetings. She will contact him for October.

The September meeting then adjourned followed by a plant exchange in the parking lot for those who brought plants.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Tisler, Secretary
President Pat Hollen called the October meeting to order at 6:30.

Pat introduced Dean Charles Clark and Bruce Peters of the UW Center-Manitowoc. They are asking the Master Gardeners for their assistance in improving the landscaping at the Manitowoc Campus. Studies indicate that students decide in the first five minutes of a campus tour if they will go there and they want to make a good first impression. They would like it to be simple, easy to take care of and user friendly. There is the possibility of using their greenhouse and some school clubs for maintenance. Members suggested trees and shrubs for low maintenance and also that they visit the West of the Lake Gardens to view the new low maintenance gardens recently planted there. There was a concern for who will maintain the landscaping, cost of materials, and soil preparation.

Sue Elliott and Linda Gratz will talk to Dean Clark further on this project.

September minutes were read and a correction was made that Don Engebretson will be speaking in Wisconsin Rapids on October 29th. Minutes were approved. The Treasurer’s report was given and accepted as read. A check was received for the $100 deposit from Expo for M & M. Dues can be paid for 2012.

Old Business
Pat & Renee talked to Faye about a face book page. She recommended Pam Mills who will be in the office every Monday. They discussed changes to the web page to include minutes, favorite links for gardening questions, and a link to face book.

Pat suggested Renee keep in touch with Pam to update the site and as co-administrator of the face book page along with Pam. Chelle will demonstrate face book at the November meeting.

Bernie Zimmer is working on the scholarship and discussed whether it should be available to county students only or to include Green Bay and local colleges. She will get more information.

Don Engebretson, known as the Renegade Gardener, will be sending an informal agreement to speak on April 21 as our spring project. The committee formed for this project include Renee, Toni, Judy Lango, Chelle Blaszczyk, and Pat.

Pat mentioned that the Manitowoc Garden Club is looking for a speaker. There were no volunteers at this time.

Dorothy brought back the preordered calendar books from Madison for $13 each.

Zoo cleanup was rained out but planned again for Oct. 26. Doris had already dug up the calla lilies.

Program changes for our 2012 Program: Don Cisler will be the July meeting and Woodland Dunes Prairie will be in August.

GBBG renewal was discussed. Our membership is up for renewal and they have changed their classifications. Motion was made by Dorothy to donate $60, as in the past, and seconded by Rosie. Vote was taken and all approved.

New Business
Chelle is looking for planter cleanup help on Friday, October 28, at 9 a.m. Meet at Mainly Manitowoc, 8th and Quay, to work with a Girl Scout Troop to clean out the planters. Will be winterizing the planters on Saturday, November 5th and help is needed. They would appreciate donated dogwood, pine boughs, or other twiggy materials for the 50 planters.

Annual Dinner in April was discussed and will be decided on at the November meeting. Volunteers will be needed to be on the committee.

Tim Tetzlaff contacted Pat about a water usage survey conducted by OFA (Ohio Florist Association). They are looking for email addresses of Master Gardeners to participate in the survey. Gardening prizes will be given. Send in your email address if interested.

Rosie suggested that a copy of our newsletter be available at the County Office.

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Dorothy reported on a WIMGA meeting attended by Rosie, Doris, and herself on Oct. 22nd. She gave the treasurer’s report on the annual conference in Madison. In July 2012 the Regional Convention will be held in Minnesota. The International Conference will be in Alaska aboard a cruise ship from Sept. 7 – 13. July’s Farm Progress Days will be in Outagamie County. Other ideas discussed to increase public awareness include notifying Susan of any lessons for the public to put on a web site, wearing your name badges when working on projects, and using portable signs when working.

Work is being done on the new training program. It will begin in September and last 6 weeks. Their idea is to develop volunteers to answer the questions of the public. There will be 3 levels to the program, and a pilot program took place this year.

The 501C3 was discussed and it was decided that there is a lot of red tape and it was suggested that a lawyer would need to be involved.

Election of officers was held at the conference.

The October meeting adjourned at 7:40 followed by an angel and wreath craft project by Sandy and Dorothy.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Lallensack
Substitute Secretary

GIFT ORNAMENTS - RECIPE  (not for human consumption)

3/4 c white or wheat flour
3 c. bird seed mix
1/2 c dried cranberries
1/2 c raw peanuts
1/2 c water (boiling)
1/4 ounce unflavored gelatin
3 Tbs. light corn syrup

Mix dry ingredients together in large bowl. Microwave the water until boiling in glass measuring cup, add gelatin and stir until it dissolves. Stir in the corn syrup, pour the liquids over the dry ingredients and mix thoroughly. Spoon the "dough" into a muffin tin. It should be thick enough that you can't pour it. Recipe will make six ornaments.

While the mixture is still moist, poke a hole (wooden spoon handle is perfect) for hanging. Allow mixture to harden for at least 3 hours before dumping the cakes out of pan. Let them dry thoroughly overnight, add a colorful ribbon for hanging and you're done.
The 10 Tenets of Renegade Gardening

1. Gardening should be challenging, relaxing, and fun.
2. Renegade Gardeners are cautious and wise when perusing the plethora of products and plants sold by the commercial gardening industry.
3. Gardening involves commitment.
4. Renegade Gardeners learn the Latin names of the plants they grow.
5. Gardening is not always easy.
6. Renegade Gardeners come to realize that lawns are essentially a dumb idea.
7. Gardening and rock music do not mix.
8. Renegade Gardeners buy first from local growers.
9. There is nothing wrong with cutting down a tree on your property.
10. Irreverence is essential.

http://www.renegadegardener.com/