

**EAU CLAIRE MASTER GARDENERS
MEETING – EXTENSION OFFICE
THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 2013**

Meeting called to order: Andy called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM

Members present: Daria Hutchinson, Mikel Reise, Andy Heren, Gary Mathis, Roslyn Siudak, Diane Hunter. Lee Pelham and Lorie Kempen were also present.

Members absent: Kate Hartsel, Karen Olson, Jeanne Mueller

Secretary's Report: Secretary's July report was read and a motion to approve was made by Gary M and seconded by Roslyn S.

Treasurer's Report: Roslyn provided update on balance

WIMGA: Lee provided updates for WIMGA as follows:

- Educational grants are posted on the websites and deadline to apply is October 1. MG Website has information – [wisconsinmastergardeners.net/?Q=educational grants](http://wisconsinmastergardeners.net/?Q=educational%20grants)
- New course on permaculture is being offered at Cornell U and can be found in the event section of the website.
- Six projects will be featured in the September newsletters
- Lee is asking for assistance with information on MG projects, etc. for the WIMGA report which is due no later than 11/1/13 as she will be out of town for a month. Mention was made of the Farmer's Market, the Winter Seminar, what the association is about, Beaver Creek, Plant Sale in conjunction with the Sustainability Project, monthly educational seminars, garden tours, etc. Erin will provide statistical information. Pictures are welcome.

Horticulture Educator Update – Erin – there is a lot of interest in an upcoming class. Do we want to provide scholarships for MG training. Will need to check with Erin for next training dates.

Education Program Committee – Lorie provide updates on the following:

1. Gayle Kleppe will do a presentation on food preservation on August 20th at the Extension Office.
2. A pot luck dinner is being planned for September 17 followed by a question and answer session and end of season/garden talk. It will be open to the public. Photos are welcome
3. Twenty three people attended a garden tour on Rudolph Road on July 10.
4. Faye from Fryzski's Gardens did a presentation on invasive plants and is willing to do it for the Winter Seminar.

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Project committee Reports:

- a. Ask a Master Gardener Booth – will not be at the Farmer’s Market Saturday and will end the end of August.
- b. Won’t participate in the Sustainability Fair

Old Business

- a. T- Shirts – on hold. No selection of mottos done.
- b. Scholarship –Roslyn is still working on it and will have it done within the next couple of weeks.
- c. Karen Olson’s request for a donation for the Enabling Gardens. The MG board likes the concept of the Enabling Gardens. However, after a board discussion, it was decided that a business plan is necessary.
 - 1. What is the status of the gardens?
 - 2. Who will do the construction?
 - 3. Who will participate and who will be in charge.
 - 4. Who will schedule projects and tasks.
 - 5. Is there a liability issue?
 - 6. How are the Enabling Gardens going to be sustained.

Other business: - discussed the Plant Sale 2PM-7PM potting on Friday and sale on Saturday the sale scheduled 9AM-2PM. Also discussed how to maintain MG membership and how can we recruit new members.

Next meeting on Thursday, September 12, at the Extension office, 6:30 PM.

Meeting adjourned

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