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President's Message	1	The danger of frost has passed, although in Wisconsin you can never be 100% sure that is true, and gardening season is in full swing. We keep the CVMGA meeting schedule light in the summer months so that we MGs can focus on our projects and enjoy our own gardens.
Calendar of Events	2	In June we will have an open board meeting at Bridgewater Restaurant to plan programming for the rest of the year. We welcome all members to join us for a casual business meeting, conversation, and perhaps something to eat or drink from the Bridgewater menu.
Chippewa County CVMGA Information	2	July is devoted to our Butterfly Buddies project at the Northern Wisconsin State Fair. See information from Mary Jo in this newsletter about how and when you can volunteer to help at our pollinator education booth in the Science and Technology building. There is no regular CVMGA meeting in July.
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## Calendar of Events 2016

**June**

**13      Open Board Meeting** - Bridgewater Restaurant, 1009 W. Park Avenue, Chippewa Falls

**July**

**13-17 Northern Wisconsin State Fair**, Fairground, Chippewa Falls



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Gardeners Association**

### CHIPPEWA COUNTY MASTER GARDENER INFORMATION

#### **2016 BOARD of DIRECTORS**

Co-Presidents: *Sharon Bergstad (2016)*  
*Laura Kasdorf (2017)*

Secretary: *Sandy Kenner (2016)*

Treasurer: *Shirley Blizek (2017)*

Membership Director: *Mary Jo Fleming (2017)*

Directors at Large: *Sue Crisp (2016)*  
*Steve Hesselberg (2016)*  
*Joy Lancour (2016)*  
*Sue Larson (2016)*  
*Elaine Olsen (2016)*

*Elections are held each November.*

#### **CVMGA Committees**

Pollinator Garden: *Mary Jo Fleming*  
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Think Spring Seminar: *Laura Kasdorf*  
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Programming: *Laura Kasdorf*

Bluebird Trail: *Mary Jo Fleming*

#### **Newsletter Deadline**

Information for the Master Gardener Newsletter is due by the 15th of the month, for the next month's newsletter.

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## Meeting Minutes

**Chippewa County Master Gardeners Association  
Meeting Minutes  
May 9, 2016  
Courthouse, Room 16  
6:30 p.m.**

The May meeting of the C.V.M.G. was held at the Chippewa County Courthouse. Seven members attended the meeting: Sharon Bergstad, Shirley Blizek, Stacy Bucheger-Mazur, Sue Crisp, Mary Jo Fleming, Sandy Kenner and Sue Larson.

The meeting began with a power point presentation by Mary Jo Fleming about the pollination garden at the Northern State Fairgrounds. She reminded members that new plantings will take place Friday and Saturday, May 20 & 21 from 9-12.

Sharon Bergstad called the meeting to order.

Secretary, Sandy Kenner, read the minutes of the April 11, 2016 meeting.

**Old Business:** Follow-up to opportunities to serve:

Participation in the bare root tree sorting was good and our group was well represented. Stacy Bucheger-Mazur will be helping with the Wellness Lunch at the Courthouse.

Sandy Kenner moved that our group pay for five new blue bird houses for the blue bird trail. Sharon Bergstad seconded the motion. Carried.

Sue Crisp, Mary Jo Fleming, Elaine Olsen, and Linda Stockinger worked at the Outdoor Ed Venture in Cornell. The event was a great success.

**Correspondence:** The CVMG received a thank you note from Heather Lubs for the gift we gave her for Administrative Assistants Day.

**New Business:**

**June Meeting:** Monday, June 13, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at Bridgewater Restaurant. Open board Meeting.

**July Meeting:** Cancelled due to members helping at the fair.

**August Meeting:** August 8, 2016. Tour of Joy Lancour's garden.

**September Meeting:** September 12, 2016. Jerry Clark's bring and brag...oops! Show and tell about hops.

**October Meeting:** October 10, 2016. No program yet, but Sharon Bergstad suggested Mary Jo Fleming do a power point program about her European trip.

Laura Franta contacted Mary Jo and informed her that WIMGA is planning to hold the Fall 2018 meeting in our district. Time and place will be announced at a later date.

Sue Crisp moved and Sue Larson seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted by Sandy Kenner



## CVMGA Committees

Master Gardeners Association has a variety of committees our volunteers can participate in. Please see the descriptions below and contact the committee lead if you are interested in helping.

**Pollinator Garden Committee:** Help plant, label, and manage the native plant pollinator garden at Northern Wisconsin State Fairgrounds.

**Think Spring Committee 2017:** Help organize venue, speakers, and vendors for 2017.

**Exhibits/Activities Committees:** Keep our master gardener exhibits up to date and work on activities that we can use at venues such as fairs and other events where we are invited to display what we do.

**Program Committee:** Work with the board to set up programs and activities for CVMGA members.

**Bluebird Committee:** Organize a schedule for the nesting season and plan work parties to clean and repair boxes on the Old Abe Bluebird Trail.

## Volunteer Opportunities

### Articles for the Herald Telegram and the MG newsletter

If interested in writing articles for the Chippewa Herald Green Space column, please let me know. Articles are to be 600-700 words and written with a conversational tone. A photo or graphic can be included as well. Articles will be due on Friday of each week. If interested, please let me know and I will put a schedule together.

Use your creative writing skills to share your knowledge of gardening with the Chippewa Falls community and the Master Gardeners. Contact Jerry Clark at 715-726-7955 or by email at [jerome.clark@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:jerome.clark@ces.uwex.edu)



### Raising Chester & Volunteering at the Fair

Over the past several years Chippewa Valley Master Gardener volunteer Linda Stockinger has raised and released monarch butterflies in pollinator-friendly native plant gardens near her home. At this year's Northern Wisconsin State Fair, CVMGA is offering Linda's family-friendly 45 minute program about stages of monarchs, how to identify them in a garden, and her experiences raising the butterflies from eggs. Along with a PowerPoint and hands-on presentation, children will also have a craft project that includes decorating visors with butterfly stages. The program is being scheduled between Wed. and Friday of fair week. The fair will be held from Wednesday, July 13, through Sunday, July 17. We are requesting volunteers to man the booth, share information about pollinator and pollinator-friendly plants, and help kids with crafts and the corn hole game. Contact Mary Jo Fleming if you are interested in volunteer hours.

## Upcoming Events

### LAKE WISSOTA GARDEN CLUB SALE OF PERENNIAL PLANTS

Saturday, June 4, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. downtown Chippewa Falls Chamber of Commerce parking lot, located at 1 N. Bridge Street.

Our plant sale will feature over 2,000 potted plants all dug from local gardens. Most are priced at \$2 - \$6. We will be selling hostas, many types of flowering perennials, berry bushes, sapling trees & shrubs.

Proceeds from our plant sale fund our community projects. Present and past projects include the native wild-flower garden at Irvine Park, the historic garden at the Cook Rutledge Mansion, Habitat for Humanity house landscaping, junior garden club, Arbor Day tree plantings, and floral designs at the Heyde Center for the Arts. This year marks the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Lake Wissota Garden Club. The plant sale is part of our long tradition of promoting the love of gardening in the Chippewa Falls area.

If you are downsizing your garden or have perennials that need to be divided and want to donate these plants to our sale, we will come to your garden and dig them for you. We will give you a receipt for tax purposes.

Call Virginia at 715-720-9092 for further information.

### June Plant Sale

The Eau Claire Master Gardeners and the Northern Wisconsin Hosta Society are partnering to provide hostas, perennials, annuals and herbs for sale. The sale will be on Sunday, June 12, 2016, from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. in the Phoenix Park Pavilion. Come visit and get some new items for your gardening/landscaping

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Chippewa Valley Master Gardeners  
Attn: Sue Crisp

May 17, 2016

Dear CV Master Gardeners,

Thank you for participating in the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Outdoor “Ed-Venture” event on Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at Cornell’s Mill Yard Park. It’s always a wonderful thing to watch you share your love of growing with kids who attend the event!

Your participation in this event is what makes it so successful and we greatly appreciate your involvement. Not only does this event provide a healthy family-friendly outing, but it offers an abundance of information on activities families and individuals can enjoy in our great outdoors. In this day of technology overload, it’s nice to be able to remind people that there are many options in our outdoors that are healthy alternatives to enjoy. Guests went home with wonderful information and many took home some great door prizes, too. Over 400 people attended this free three hour event this year and most stayed for the entire time.

We greatly appreciate your contribution to the success of this event and look forward to partnering with you again on future endeavors, including Outdoor Ed-Venture. THANK YOU!

Sincerely,

*Andrea Smith*

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