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Greetings,

On November 14 we will have our Annual Meeting. At this meeting we will vote to amend our bylaws to change our officer structure from a Co-President system to a format that will have an annual election of a President-Elect who will then move up to President in the following year, and then on to be Ex-Officio Past President in an advisory capacity to the Board of Directors. At the Annual Meeting we will also have election of officers. This year we will elect a President Elect and Secretary as well as Directors-at-Large. The President Elect and Secretary terms are two years each. The Directors-at-Large are elected for one year. Let Sandy Kenner or Sharon Bergstad know if you would be willing to serve in one of those positions. Attending meetings and serving on the Board count toward Master Gardener hours and are fun ways to accrue them. Pizza and beverage will be provided at this meeting. Please help us with a head count by emailing wolterkasdorf@sbcglobal.net if you will be attending.

As we prepare an annual report to send to the state MG office we are impressed with all that we have accomplished as a group and as individual MGVs in the past year. The list of places MGVs are present and the projects we have worked on include:

- The 2016 Think Spring Garden Seminar
- Bare-root tree sorting for the Chippewa County Land and Conservation Department
- Bluebird Trail monitoring
- Creation of a Pollinator Garden at the NWSF
- Cornell Outdoor Ed-venture Activity
- NWSF MG booth and Butterfly Buddies activities
- Bloomer Library Summer Reading Program
- Community Gardens at Marshall Park and Mayo Health System
- Chippewa County Wellness Committee planting workshop and plant swap

And we know there are many other things Chippewa County MGVs are involved in to accrue the many valuable volunteer hours you are turning in each year.

Hours reported in 2015 totaled 1,136 at an estimated value of \$25,276. Since our start in 1999 we have collectively volunteered 25,451 hours at an estimated value of over \$463,436. What an amazing impact CVMGA has had on our community!

Keep up the good work!

Laura Kasdorf
CVMGA Co-President



Calendar of Events 2016

November

14 CVMGA Annual Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Courthouse Room 16

December

12 Holiday Social Event, email will be sent including details

January

9 CVMGA Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Courthouse Room 16



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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*
wolterkasdorf@sbcglobal.net
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 Exhibits/Activities: *Mary Jo Fleming*
Linda Stockinger
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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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**Chippewa County Master Gardeners
Association
Meeting Minutes
October 10, 2016
Courthouse, Room 16
6:30 p.m.**

The October meeting of the C.V.M.G. was held at the County Courthouse. Eight members attended the meeting: Sharon Bergstad, Shirley Blizek, Sue Crisp, Gail Fox, Laura Kasdorf, Sandra Kenner, Elaine Olsen, Dora Wood. Advisor Jerry Clark also attended the meeting.

President Laura Kasdorf called the meeting to order.

Secretary Sandra Kenner read the minutes of the September meeting. They were approved as published and read. Gail Fox made the motion and Sue Crisp seconded the motion to approve. Motion carried.

Treasurer Shirley Blizek reported a current balance of \$16,892.35 with no activity since August 19.

Officer and Committee Report:
Think Spring planning followed the regular meeting.

The Annual Meeting will be held November 14, 2016. Items on the agenda will be to pass by-law revisions, elect officers, approve the budget, and enjoy pizza and pop. RSVP so we can plan accordingly.

December meeting: discussion about a social event at regular meeting time.

The group discussed ideas for 2017 programs with numerous suggestions from "favorite gardening tools" in January to "stumpery" in February.

Annual Report will be prepared by Jerry Clark and Laura Kasdorf.

Unfinished Business:

The new by-law recommendations were presented at the meeting and will be voted on at the annual meeting.

Sharon Bergstad reported on the nominating committee. She urged members to volunteer to fill the two open positions, President-elect and Secretary, and to contact Sandra or Sharon if willing to serve.

Sue Crisp reported work at the Lake Wissota State Park is progressing, but the proposed site will not be accessible until Spring. She will meet with Dave and will present a plan to our club when one is developed.

New Business:

Audit Committee: Sue Crisp, Dora Wood and Jerry Clark will conduct a routine audit of our club before the annual meeting.

President Laura Kasdorf reminded members to turn in their hours by October 17th.

Next meeting: Monday, November 14, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at the Chippewa County Courthouse.

*Respectfully Submitted:
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

The Think Spring Seminar will be here before you know it! This annual event is scheduled for Saturday, February 18, 2017. The planning is starting and we could use your help. If you would like to volunteer some of your time helping with this event, please feel free to contact one of the following:

Speakers - Mary Jo Fleming

Vendors - Dora Wood

Registration - Shirley Blizek

Venue - Sandy Kenner/Laura Kasdorf

Door Prizes/Catalogs - Gail Fox

Publicity and Welcome Bags - Dora Wood

Brochure Content/Design - Joy Lancour and Steve Hesselberg

Volunteer Coordination and Registration Table Staffing - Sue Crisp



If anyone has anything to contribute to the monthly newsletter, please send your submission to Laura Kasdorf at wolterkasdorf@sbcglobal.net or Heather Lubs at heather.lubs@ces.uwex.edu.

Weather it be an interesting article, recipe, tips and tricks or a garden related craft we would like to make this monthly newsletter great and interesting for all.