

# Glacial Gardeners Grapevine

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## TO DO LIST:

- Get ready for the Seed Starting Class.
- Plan on greeting the new MG Trainees.

## GGMGVA MEETING MINUTES

### Glacial Gardeners' Minutes

February 14, 2017

Eleven members and one advisor met in the Curry Room of the Natural Resources Center in Florence for our annual February **VIDEO/POPCORN NIGHT**. We viewed "Gardening A to Z," with emphasis on the letter L. Thanks to members who brought in popcorn and sweet Valentine treats.

Chairperson Fleurette called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. with the following members in **ATTENDANCE**: Lois Ann, Linda, Katy, Keri, Jan, Brenda, Nancy, Kathy, Deb, Karen, Fleurette and advisor Scott.

Katy moved, Nancy supported, and motion carried to accept Secretary Karen's January **MINUTES** as published in the *GGs' Grapevine*.

Lois Ann moved, Keri supported and motion carried to accept Treasurer Nancy's report of **ACCOUNT BALANCES**.

Those who are due "funny money" for bringing in their up-to-date **VOLUNTEER HOURS** were Lois Ann, Keri, Jan, Nancy, Kathy, Karen and Fleurette.

**UWEX** - Scott reviewed dates of upcoming area Spring Garden Conferences namely the Marinette ConfWhaWerence to be held at the University of WI (Marinette Campus) on April 1 and the Bay de Noc



## Fleurette's Chat

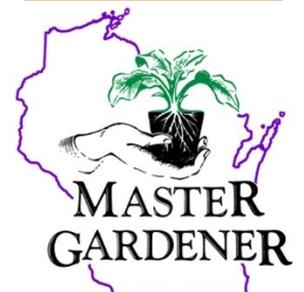
Happy to realize the months are flying by! That is a good thing in the winter, but not so much in the summer. Then we want everything to slow down. In looking out at the yard this morning I see a lot of bare ground under the pines. I also see the *Bergenia*, green as ever, just a little floppy. A herd of deer comes through at least once a day to check out the ground under the bird feeders for errant seed and they have not eaten it, so I think it is safe to say that Heartleaf *Bergenia* is definitely deer proof! If they don't eat it now, they never will.

There are a couple of things I've been thinking about for the coming year that we can discuss at the March meeting. One is the library - I had checked it out when I was taking stock of what was in all our cupboards and cabinets at the resource center. According to the checkout sheet only two books have been taken out in the past 5 years. Maybe our books would be put to better use elsewhere! Come with ideas. Also, in looking at the November calendar with the thought of getting in our reservation for the community center, I see that the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday falls in Thanksgiving week. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday is the 14<sup>th</sup>, maybe a little early, but we'll probably have to go with that rather than Thanksgiving week.

Remember to think about which plants you hope to dig and divide for the plant sale this spring, as well as anything you might be starting from seed so we can get a handle on that. We've got Katy's garden to pull from, whatever plants Sharon and/or Nancy are storing from last year, as well as one donated garden to finish digging, so sounds like we have a good start on perennials. And just in time, today's copy of *The Vibe* arrived with information on invasives and plant sales.

We leave for a week in Tucson tomorrow and I'm looking forward to seeing new plants (what else?) and hope the timing is right for some of the Sonoran desert cactus to be blooming. See you all next month,

**NEXT  
MEETING  
TUESDAY  
March 14  
6:00pm**

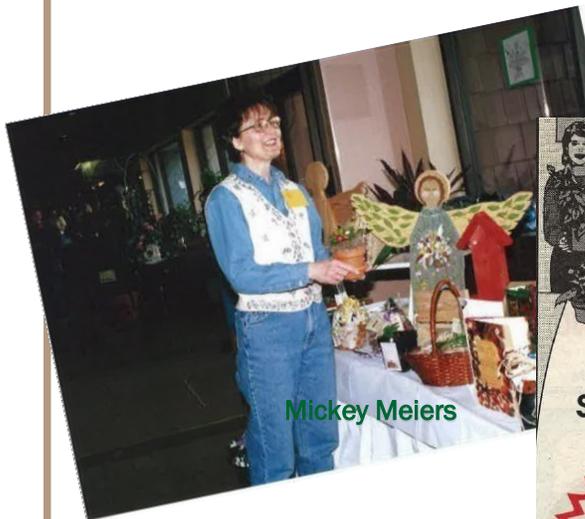


HOURS TO BE COUNTED—FOR SEPTEMBER

- 2 hours Support Services for attending meeting. Plus travel time.
  - 1 hour Continuing Ed
- Don't forget to count your hours if you did something to prepare for this meeting. (like prepare food)

ARCHIVE CORNER

-After I retired I went through my house from top to bottom and pitched stuff I don't use anymore. It started out really well, but at the end I got more lenient (or tired, not sure which). I found some pictures from long ago that I had from random GG activities. So, I thought I would share them here. I am guessing on the dates. Kath



Mickey Meiers

1998-one of our first events

**MIDTOWN MALL**  
Iron Mountain Michigan

**1ST ANNUAL Flower & Garden Show**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 12**  
10:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.

**DOOR PRIZES!**

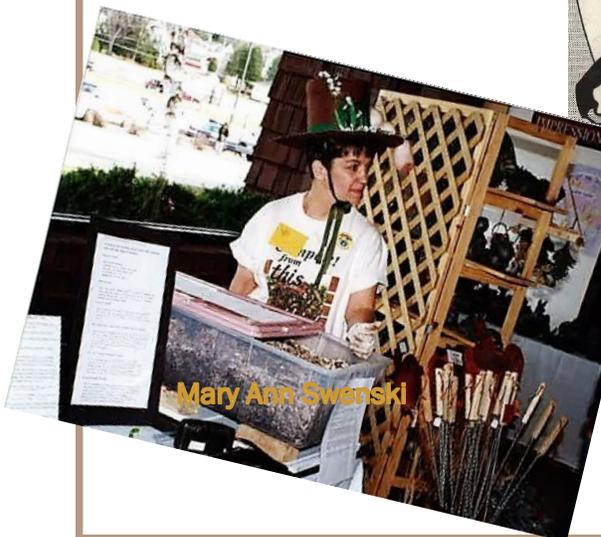
- LANDSCAPING DISPLAYS
- GARDEN TOOLS • YARD ART
- OUTDOOR GIFT ITEMS
- ENGLISH GARDEN ITEMS
- BLOOMING PLANTS
- TRACTORS • MUCH MORE!

**FEATURING**

- Danielson's Greenhouse
- Butch Neuens
- Gardening Angels Garden Club
- Glacial Gardeners Garden Club
- Rocconi's
- All Seasons Rental
- The Garden Place
- The Drug Store
- Garden Crafters



Thalee Burke & Deb



Mary Ann Swanski



Pat Hyland, Thalee, Diane Polaske, Kathy B. & Deb



# MEETING MINUTES - cont'd

Conference to be held at Bay de Noc College, Escanaba, on April 22. We received brochures for the Marinette Conference and brochures for the Bay de Noc Conference will be available soon. Scott informed us to watch for many changes coming to UWEX. Scott invited *MGV's* to be involved by sharing our knowledge in the *MG level 1* 13-week training to be held March-June. We were informed information and registration for Compost and Soils Advanced *MG* training can be found in the January Vibe.

**WIMGA** - Thank you Deb, for volunteering to be our local *WIMGA* rep.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS** - Keri of the **BEAUTIFICATION** Committee has met with the Florence School Fab Lab RE: Community Center garden signage ideas. Fab Lab will make some mock-ups for *GG* approval and signage should be ready by Spring. Keri has also met with Mr. Beck, Florence School Shop teacher, RE: the kiosk, picnic table and arbor to be constructed by Mr. Beck's shop classes. Lois Ann updated us on her meeting with the Florence Utilities Dept. RE: the Community Center garden lights and water. Keri will follow up.

President Fleurette of the **SCHOLARSHIP** Committee reported letters will be going out soon to schools in the four-county area RE: *GG* scholarship applications. Plans are to advertise our scholarships in local newspapers as well.

**OLD BUSINESS:** President Fleurette reported much research has been done RE: proper election procedure. It was noted that according to Roberts Rules of Order, if something doesn't quite add up, a member should question it during the meeting. If officers assume their duties immediately after the meeting is adjourned, it is then too late to question the election.

Deb reported on the awesome **PLANTING TOWERS** at the Niagara School. Several members attended the *GG* check presentation to the Niagara School on January 24 to help fund a third tower. We were very impressed with the towers and how they are being used to encourage children to eat vegetables.

The **COMMITTEE SIGN UP SHEET** was passed around again for those who missed it last month.

**NEW BUSINESS - MEMBERSHIP CARDS** were passed out to everyone who has paid their 2017 *GG* dues.

Members who achieved **MILESTONE CUMULATIVE VOLUNTEER HOURS** were presented certificates and recognized as follows:

Nancy - 150 hours	Jan - 500 hours
Keri - 1,000 hours	Jean - 1,000 hours

**UPCOMING TEACHING OPPORTUNITIES** - —Jessica, Linda, Nancy and Sharon volunteered to do a program at the April 8 Garden and Craft Show at Windsor Center, Iron River. —Volunteers will be needed for the **BEECHWOOD SPRING GARDEN DAY** with the date yet to be announced. —Deb will follow up on a children's program to be held in April at the **FLORENCE LIBRARY**. —Kathy, Jan, Nancy and Katy volunteered to assist Keri with a **SEED STARTING CLASS** at the Spread Eagle Garden Center sometime soon.

**HEADS UP** - It was noted that purple carrots cooked with noodles, turn the noodles purple and they're not pretty!

We look forward to hearing UW Extension Advisor Corrin and Office Manager Sabrina at our **MARCH 14** *GG* meeting. We hope to have a speaker at our **APRIL 11** *GG* meeting.

Keri reported she received a request for financial assistance from the Florence Middle School environmental and science class that is planning to attend a three-day **TREES FOR TOMORROW** camp in March. Twenty-eight students and three chaperones will be going. Kathy moved, Jan supported and motion carried that *GG* donate \$500 for the Trees for Tomorrow trip.



## HOW TO GARDEN BY THE MOON

Gardening by the Moon is a great way to help plan your above and below ground crops. Here's how it works:

- Plant flowers and vegetables that bear crops above ground during the light, or waxing, of the Moon: from the day the Moon is new to the day it is full.
- Plant flowering bulbs and vegetables that bear crops below ground during the dark, or waning, of the Moon: from the day after it is full to the day before it is new again.

The "Planting Dates" column gives the safe periods for planting in areas that receive frost. The "Moon Favorable" column gives the best planting dates based on the year's Moon's phases.

- Aboveground crops marked \*
- (E) means early planting; (L) means late

CROP	PLANTNG DATES	MOON FAVORABLE
* Beans (E)	5/7–6/21	5/7–10, 5/25–6/9
(L)	6/15–7/15	6/23–7/9
Beets (E)	5/1–15	5/11–15
(L)	7/15–8/15	7/15–22, 8/8–15
* Broccoli plants	5/15–31	5/25–31
(L)	6/15–7/7	6/23–7/7
* Brussels sprouts	5/15–31	5/25–31
* Cabbage plants	5/15–31	5/25–31
Carrots (E)	5/15–31	5/15–24
(L)	6/15–7/21	6/15–22, 7/10–21
* Cauliflower plants (E)	5/15–31	5/25–31
(L)	6/15–7/21	6/23–7/9
* Celery plants	5/15–6/30	5/25–6/9, 6/23–30
(L)	7/15–8/15	7/23–8/7
* Collards (E)	5/15–31	5/25–31
(L)	7/1–8/7	7/1–9, 7/23–8/7
* Corn, sweet (E)	5/10–6/15	5/10, 5/25–6/9
(L)	6/15–30	6/23–30
* Cucumbers	5/7–6/20	5/7–10, 5/25–6/9
* Eggplant plants	6/1–30	6/1–9, 6/23–30

CROP	PLANTNG DATES	MOON FAVORABLE
* Endive (E)	5/15–31	5/25–31
(L)	6/7–30	6/7–9, 6/23–30
* Kale (E)	5/15–31	5/25–31
(L)	7/1–8/7	7/1–9, 7/23–8/7
Leek plants	5/15–31	5/15–24
* Lettuce	5/15–6/30	5/25–6/9, 6/23–30
* Muskmelons	5/15–6/30	5/25–6/9, 6/23–30
* Okra	6/15–7/10	6/23–7/9
Onion sets	5/15–6/7	5/15–24
* Parsley	5/15–31	5/25–31
Parsnips	4/1–30	4/12–25
* Peas (E)	4/15–5/7	4/26–5/7
(L)	7/15–31	7/23–31
* Pepper plants	5/15–6/30	5/25–6/9, 6/23–30
Potatoes	5/1–31	5/11–24
* Pumpkins	5/15–31	5/25–31
Radishes (E)	4/15–30	4/15–25
(L)	8/15–31	8/15–20
* Spinach (E)	5/15–31	5/25–31
(L)	7/17–9/7	7/23–8/7, 8/21–9/6
* Squashes	5/15–6/15	5/25–6/9
Sweet potatoes	5/15–6/15	5/15–24, 6/10–15
* Swiss chard	5/1–31	5/1–10, 5/25–31
* Tomato plants	5/15–31	5/25–31
Turnips (E)	4/7–30	4/12–25
(L)	7/1–8/15	7/10–22, 8/8–15
* Watermelons	5/15–6/30	5/25–6/9, 6/23–30



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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### March

- 14 Glacial Gardeners Meeting 6pm
- 16 Seed Starting Workshop 6-8pm  
*Spread Eagle Garden Center*
- 21 2017 Master Gardener Training starts

### April

- 1 Marinette Garden Conference  
*Brochure will be available on the Marinette County website.*  
Bay de Noc Garden Conference