



Glacial Gardeners Grapevine

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TO DO LIST:

- Make something for the potluck at January meeting
- January 9th 1:00pm Florence Community Center Curry Room—meeting
- Think about projects for next year—what we want to continue, what we want to discontinue
- Bring your dues



GGMGVA MEETING MINUTES

GLACIAL GARDENERS MINUTES December 12, 2017

Thank you, Lois Ann, for hosting the **DECEMBER CHRISTMAS/PIZZA PARTY** at your home beginning at 5:00 p.m. Attending were Katy, Jan, Nancy, Connie, Kathy, Sharon, Lois Ann, Fleurette, and Karen. We enjoyed Fleurette's salad, 3 pizzas purchased from Antonio's, beverages and a variety of appetizers and sweet treats brought in by members. Thank you to all who brought food to make our Christmas feast memorable.

Chairperson Fleurette called the **MEETING** to order at 6:10 p.m.

Sharon moved, Nancy supported and motion carried to accept Secretary Karen's October **MINUTES** as published in *GG's Grapevine*.

Those who are due **FUNNY MONEY** for bringing in their up-to-date volunteer hours are Nancy, Kathy, Sharon, Lois Ann and Fleurette.

Jan moved, Katy supported and motion carried to accept Nancy's **TREASURER'S** report. **2018 DUES** are now due.

UWEX: Fleurette reported those who have not taken the **MG** training and/or who have not had a background check, cannot serve as **MGVs**. Those who wish to join **GG** without these requirements, can come as guests of **GG**.

Because of Extension reorganization, **SCOTT** will not be in Florence County anymore. A thank you card will be sent to Scott for all his years of service to **GG**.

WIMGA: The **GG** page for the **AAR** was passed around for everyone to see. Thank you, Fleurette, for your work on this page.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Beautification - Gazebo Garden signs were completed and installed. Unfortunately, a strong wind took down one of the signs, causing signifi-

Fleurette's Chat

NOTE FROM CHAIR January 2018

This month as I look out the window I have to move the vertical blinds out of the way first. It's 12 degrees below zero as I write this. The only things to see in the perennial garden outside the window are a number of grasses – the feather reed grasses stand up nice and tall and sway in the breeze. The switchgrasses are still smaller and less sturdy so they get buried by snow more easily. I left the seeds on the baptisia but notice they are gone now. I don't know if they just fall off and get buried or if something has eaten them. The Autumn Joy sedum along the walk didn't get cut and it looks pretty beat up now. The only other plant is a phony hypertufa trough full of Eastern Prickly Pear cactus which just hangs over the sides with a pile of snow on top. It's amazing how that stuff just pops right up come spring. I've learned to pull any weeds that get into the trough with a pair of tongs. The snow is pretty deep in the garden bed but the deer have made trails and the turkeys

NEXT MEETING
POT LUCK & ELECTION OF OFFICERS
January 9 1:00pm
TUESDAY
(ALERT: Notice meeting time)



HOURS TO BE COUNTED—FOR DECEMBER**1 Support hours for attending the meal at Lois Ann's****1-1/2 Support hours for attending meeting + driving time****Support hours for time spent on getting ready for the meeting.****How To Keep Rosemary Plants Fresh And Vibrant Throughout The Winter****How To Keep Rosemary Plants Fresh And Vibrant Throughout The Winter**

Rosemary is a popular aromatic herb that symbolizes friendship, loyalty and remembrance. Often sold during the holiday season in a decorated topiary form, the value of rosemary goes beyond its ornamental use.

Since the Roman era, a variety of fresh and dried *Rosemarinus officinalis* products have been used for culinary, medicinal and cosmetics purposes. Rosemary oil has both antiseptic and astringent properties, and is used in making scented soaps and lotions. Fresh rosemary leaves add flavor to many foods, and the plant's unique pine scent imparts festive spirit inside a home.

Rosemary is not hardy to Wisconsin. It is generally cultivated as a potted plant during the growing season, with clay pots working best. The plant requires moist yet well-drained soil media like potting mix with added perlite. In summer, potted rosemary can be placed in a sunny garden spot, buried in the ground up to its rim. The plant should be watered as needed to keep the soil moist, and water-soluble fertilizer should be applied every few weeks. Before the first frost arrives in autumn, the potted rosemary can be removed from the ground and brought indoors for overwintering.

However, maintaining a rosemary plant indoors can be a little tricky. During the winter, warm and dry air inside homes can wither its leaves and desiccate the twigs. Rosemary needs cool and moist conditions in wintertime, as well as a good amount of sunlight (or artificial light that doesn't emit heat). Moreover, the plant's health can be iffy if it is over- or underwatered.

Rosemary plants that are received as gifts during the holiday season need specific care to ensure their survival. Any foil wrap should be removed to prevent any waterlogging, and the container should be set in a drip tray.

The plant should be placed near a cool, bright spot where the temperature doesn't exceed 65° F. A window facing towards the south and/or west may work well, but the plant should not be near any radiator or other heat source. Alternatively, the plant can be stationed inside a garage as long as the temperature doesn't drop below freezing and it is exposed to a sufficient amount of sunlight.

In winter, heated homes can dry out container soil quickly. Therefore, the moisture of a rosemary plant's soil should be checked once or twice a week by assessing how it feels to the touch at about one inch deep. If the soil seems to be dry, the plant should be watered thoroughly. Once per week, the plant should be misted with a spray bottle, or a humidifier can be used to boost humidity inside the house. Additionally, rosemary should not be fertilized during the winter.

Once spring returns, after the threat of frost has passed, the rosemary plant can be moved outside and is ready for repotting with fresh media, completing the seasonal cycle.

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**Spruce up your regular morning tea with rosemary:**

1 teaspoon loose breakfast tea	1 ¼ cups boiling water
1 sprig fresh rosemary	Honey

Put the tea and rosemary into a heatproof pitcher and add the boiling water. Let the tea steep for 5-5 minutes before straining into a cup. Add honey to taste and serve.

MEETING MINUTES - cont'd

cant damage to a weeping tree. Work will continue on this garden in the Spring.

Scholarship - It was decided to keep the same May 1st deadline.

Sunshine - No report

OLD BUSINESS:

Thirty-five students participated in the November 14 **WREATH WORKSHOP**, and GG made a satisfactory profit. Set-up went very smoothly. Two registration tables were suggested for 2018 as it seems everyone arrives at once. Birch bark, feathers, hydrangeas and tall milkweed went over very well. We could use red dogwood, red berries, and Chinese Lanterns next year. Members brought in a wonderful variety of both sweet and healthy finger foods for the refreshment table which worked out very well in the kitchen. The non-perishable food items brought in were donated to St. Vinnie's in Florence. Fleurette taught wreaths, Deb taught baskets and Arlene D made bows. The workshop went over very well and we passed the final inspection.

Election of officers will be held in JANUARY. Karen will remain as secretary and Nancy will remain as treasurer. Fleurette and Sharon would be glad to turn over their chairperson and co-chair positions to someone else.

NEW BUSINESS:

A sign-up sheet was passed around for members to list what they're planning to bring to the JANUARY 9 POT-LUCK. A sign-up sheet was also passed around for members who turned in their 2017 volunteer hours to sign up for incentive gift location preference.

In FEBRUARY, we'll have our educational video and popcorn meeting and 2018 planning.

The Wausau/Marathon County GARDEN VISIONS Conference will be held in Wausau on January 19 and 20, 2018.

BOOKWORM GARDENS in Sheboygan, WI was highly recommended by those who have had the privilege of visiting there. Katy moved, Connie supported and motion carried to send a \$100 donation to Bookworm Gardens specifically for purchase of two flats of perennials.

Jan suggested we have our Christmas Party as well as the January, February and March, 2018 GG meetings from 1:00-3:00 p.m. instead of in the evenings. Members agreed this is an excellent idea, so If a meeting room is available at these times, our January meeting will be held in the afternoon at the Natural Resources Center. Be sure to watch for an e-mail RE: the JANUARY 9 meeting.

Nancy has purchased ten bags of POTTING SOIL and will also purchase seed starting mix for member's use to start plants for the Spring Plant Sale.

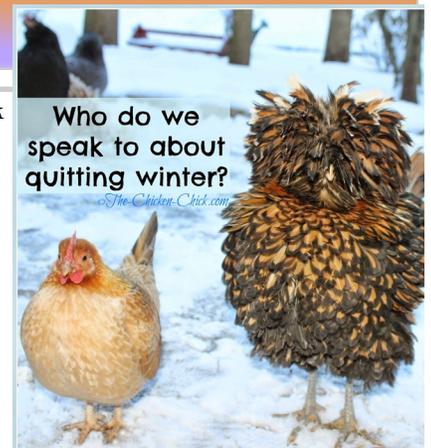
There were no ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Sharon moved, Jan supported and motion carried to ADJOURN at 7:40 p.m. followed by the green/white elephant gift exchange. Afterward, Lois Ann took us to her beautiful lower level where she entertained us with Christmas music on her player piano. We also admired Lois Ann's extensive collection of rocks from her many travels. Many thanks again, Lois Ann, for hosting the 2017 GG Christmas party.

CHAT - cont'd

have mashed everything down and dug around with their big old feet so it doesn't look fresh snow pretty. I'm already looking forward to next fall when I can deadhead all my perennials more easily with my brand-new-from-Santa-Claus lightweight battery-powered string trimmer (with an extra battery for good measure). When the FedEx guy delivered it in a snow storm he commented that we sure were being optimistic!

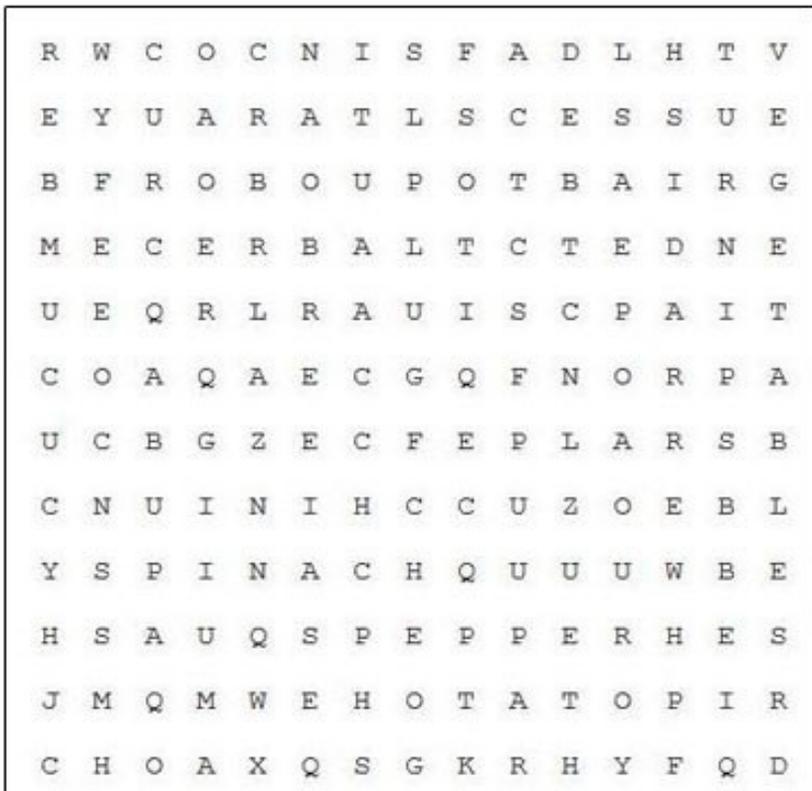
Well, you know, Santa, FedEx guy, all the same at our age. Our December meeting gave us some time to discuss future plans for Glacial Gardeners and we can continue that in January and February. One change we made for the upcoming winter meetings is to hold meetings during the day instead of at night after dark. So for the next three months the meetings will be at 1 p.m. in the Curry Room of the Resource Center. January will still be a potluck, just lunch instead of dinner. Hope to see you all there!



PUZZLES



VEGETABLES WORD SEARCH



ASPARAGUS
CABBAGE
CELERY
LETTUCE
POTATO
SQUASH
ZUCCHINI

BEANS
CARROTS
CORN
PEAS
RADISH
TURNIPS

BROCCOLI
CAULIFLOWER
CUCUMBER
PEPPER
SPINACH
VEGETABLES

OVEN FRIED CHICKEN**RECIPES****Ingredients**

- 1 (2 to 3 pound) whole chicken, cut into pieces
- 1 cup dried bread crumbs
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 teaspoon dried thyme
- 1/2 teaspoon paprika
- 1 cup mayonnaise

**Directions**

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).
2. In a medium bowl or gallon size resealable plastic bag, mix together the bread crumbs, garlic powder, salt, pepper, thyme and paprika.
3. Coat the chicken pieces with mayonnaise. Place chicken pieces in bowl/bag with bread crumb mixture and coat/shake until well coated. Place chicken pieces in a lightly greased 9x13 inch baking dish and bake for 45 minutes or until juices run clear.

STRAWBERRY SALAD WITH POPPY SEED DRESSING

- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1/3 cup slivered almonds
- 1 bunch romaine, torn (about 8 cups)
- 1 small onion, halved and thinly sliced
- 2 cups halved fresh strawberries

DRESSING:

- 1/4 cup mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1 tablespoon sour cream
- 1 tablespoon 2% milk
- 2-1/4 teaspoons cider vinegar
- 1-1/2 teaspoons poppy seeds



Place sugar in a small heavy skillet; cook and stir over medium-low heat until melted and caramel colored, about 10 minutes. Stir in almonds until coated. Spread on foil to cool.

Place romaine, onion and strawberries in a large bowl. Whisk together dressing ingredients; toss with salad. Break candied almonds into pieces; sprinkle over salad. Serve immediately. **Yield:** 10 servings.

PICTURE CORNER



*The red-dressed ladies singing with the player piano.
Christmas Carols at Lois Anns.*

NOTICE

**WIMGA dues are due Jan 15
Nancy needs our complete address, email, cell phone
number and birthdates so she can do the directory?**

YOU DON'T NEED THE YEAR OF OUR BIRTHDATE, DO YA, NANC? DO YA?



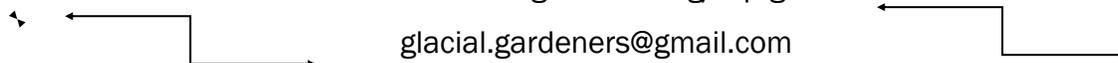
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WHAT'S HAPPENING

January

- 9 Glacial Gardener's MGV meeting 6pm.
Florence Resource Center, lower level.
Election of Officers

- 19-20 GARDEN VISIONS CONFERENCE
Wausau, WI
www.gardenvisions.info

- 27 The 22nd Annual Conference on Native Plants and
Natural Landscaping
Oshkosh Convention Center
Oshkosh, Wisconsin
Presented by Wild Ones Fox Valley Area Chapter
<https://www.towardharmonywithnature.org/>

