



Glacial Gardeners Grapevine

Volume 23, Issue 6

JUNE 2018

GGMGVA MEETING MINUTES

Glacial Gardeners' Minutes
May 8, 2018

Fleurette.

Kathy moved, Mary supported and motion carried to accept Treasurer Nancy's report of **APRIL ACCOUNT BALANCES**.

Mary W moved, Lori supported and motion carried for Kathy to swap **POTTING SOIL** for tarps.

UWEX - Sabrina introduced Autumn Lambert, the new Summer Horticulture Assistant. Congratulations to Nancy who received her milestone certificate for 250 cumulative volunteer hours. Congratulations also to Lois Ann and Holly whose milestone certificates will be presented later for 150 cumulative volunteer hours each, and to Mary S for 250 cumulative volunteer hours. Thank you, Sabrina, for making 2018 UW Extension master gardener membership cards for us.

WIMGA - By-laws were tabled.
(continued on page 3)

Eight GG members met at 5:00 p.m. to **SPRING-CLEAN** the upper and lower Natural Resource Center gardens. Both upper and lower gardens are cleaned and ready for another growing season.

President Fleurette called the meeting to order in the Natural Resource Center Curry Room at 6:20 p.m. with the following members in **ATTENDANCE**: Nancy, Sharon, Arlene, Lori, Mary W, Kathy, Karen, and Fleurette. Also present were UWEX Office Manager Sabrina, and Summer Horticulture Assistant Autumn.

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

Those who are due "funny money" for bringing in their up-to-date **VOLUNTEER HOURS** are Nancy, Sharon, Arlene, Mary W, Kathy, Karen and

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:
Hours counted 2
The Battle Against Weeds 2
Summer Recipes 5

- TO DO LIST:**
- Review GG By-laws annual plan for the June meeting
 - Think about the sale, make a list of things people asked for that we didn't have and ideas to improve
 - Meet at the Gazebo Garden on Tuesday at 5:30 to assess the needs.



Fleurette's Chat

NOTE FROM CHAIR June 2018
This is probably the biggest change from one month to the next in looking out my office window. Just about everything that is supposed to be growing out there is up at least a couple of inches. Some a lot more. I do believe the Opuntia - Eastern Prickly Pear Cactus - which I had growing in a big faux hypertufa box, bit the dust. When cactus hangs down over the side of the pot, you know it has a problem. Otherwise, things out there look good. A few shrubs are taking their time in deciding to leaf out, the heathers did
(continued on page 7)

NEXT MEETING
Tuesday,
June 12, 2018
6:00 pm



HOURS TO BE COUNTED—FOR MAY

- 1-1/2 Support hours for attending meeting + driving time
- Working on the Resource Center —however long you were there
- Time for planting seeds or getting ready for the plant sale
- The plant sale—time you were there, Thursday, Friday & Saturday + driving time

The Battle Against Weeds

The battle against weeds is relentless. In every square yard of soil it is estimated that there may be as many as 100,000 weed seeds. Why are they such a bad thing? The simple answer is that they compete. They drink water and absorb nutrients from the soil. They crowd your crops for space, hogging the light and putting them in the shade. And they play host to all kinds of pests and diseases.

**Perennial weeds**

- Bindweed - one of the most difficult of all weeds to eradicate. Dig up and destroy every piece of root, or spray leaves with systemic weedkiller.
- Bramble - vigorous and invasive, with painfully sharp thorns. Roots are deep and must be dug out completely.
- Creeping buttercup - a low, spreading weed that throws out horizontal runners, producing new plants at each node. Uproot the whole lot.
- Dock - dig up the long taproots without letting them snap or they will regenerate.
- Stinging nettle - dig out the roots of stinging nettles in order to eradicate completely. **But be careful, the sting really hurts!**
- Creeping thistle - its root system is so tenacious that a systemic weedkiller may be the only solution to the problem.
- Dandelion - remove dandelion flower heads before they fade and release their tiny, parachute-like seeds -- and dig out the entire tap root.
- Ground elder - dig up carefully -- this determined weed with regrow from any stray bits of root left in the soil.

**Annual and biennial weeds**

- Goosegrass - also known as 'cleavers,' the plants have tiny, hooked hairs that cling to supports. Dig up by the roots.
- Plantain - uproot the whole plant -- including its tap root -- before it flowers and produces seed.
- Annual meadowgrass - hoe regularly to prevent the grass from flowering and spreading across your plot.
- Ragwort - remove and compost before the yellow flowers turn to seed.
- Groundsel - dig up and remove before the fluffy, dandelion-like seed heads form.
- Common chickweed - a low-growing weed that spreads vigorously but has shallow roots which are fairly easy to pull up.
- Shepherd's purse - easy to uproot when still young. Compost only if the heart-shaped seed pods have not yet formed.
- Hairy bittercress - pull up when young, before the long, cylindrical seed pods appear.

Weeding tips

- Hoe regularly so that you catch weeds when they are young and while their roots are still shallow.
- Don't let weeds flower, or they will generate a new crop of seeds.
- Hoe when it's dry so that severed and uprooted weeds die quickly.
- If the soil is damp, collect up and dispose of any remains to ensure that they don't regrow.
- Loosen soil thoroughly so that when you dig up roots you leave nothing behind.
- Don't put perennial weeds on your compost heap; they may live to fight another day.
- Use lightproof membrane mulches to kill established weeds.
- Spread surface mulches to suppress the growth of new weeds.
- Use chemical systemic weedkillers as a last resort.

MEETING MINUTES - cont'd

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Beautification - The Gazebo Garden picnic table is in the process of being made. There was no sprinkler report.

Scholarships - There were three applications for scholarships. Sharon moved, Arlene supported and motion carried to give Spencer Davis and Abigail Reimer, both returning winners, each a \$1,000 scholarship in memory of Inga Fleming. The third applicant did not meet GG criteria, so did not qualify.

Education - Sharon and Nancy reported on their presentation at Lakewood. There were 25 people in attendance and it was a very nice experience.

Fundraising - Plant Sale posters and labels were distributed. Members were reminded to put their initials on the back of each of their plant labels in case there's a question about the plants. Members were encouraged to take road signs to advertise our Plant Sale. A sheet was passed around for members to sign up for Plant Sale positions and times. Members listed what plants they're planning to bring to the Plant Sale. SUBS will be ordered for the Friday night set up crew. Final Plant Sale plans were reviewed.

Sunshine - No report

OLD BUSINESS:

Progress is being made on the **NORTH STARS GARDEN CONFERENCE** matter.

President Fleurette updated us on the **GROWING TOGETHER GRANT**. Assembly of shelving, compost bins, etc. will take place on Wednesday, May 16, beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Resource Center.

The **TREES FOR TOMORROW** trip has been cancelled.

The **WOODLAND PLANT TOWER** matter has been tabled until Fall.

Reminder: Our **JULY 17** garden tour and meeting will be held in Crystal Falls beginning at 5:00 p.m.

No GG members attended the **BAY DE NOC** Spring Garden Conference.

No changes will be made to the **ANNUAL PLAN** at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

BUSINESS CARDS are not needed at this time.

The **CHIT CHAT** sheet was passed around for members to sign up.

OTHER:

President Fleurette updated us on our **INSURANCE**.

Lori moved, Nancy supported and motion carried to **ADJOURN** at 7:45 p.m.

I was trying to find a gardening answer on the internet yesterday and couldn't find what I needed to know and came across this blog for Zone 4 gardens. It has a wealth of information, so I thought I'd share: <https://www.gardeningknowhow.com/garden-how-to/gardening-by-zone/zone-4> Kath



PICTURE CORNER



The new garden beds at the Community Garden



Those hard-working Glacial Gardener Ladies & Gents



The "Big Rush" at the Plant Sale

RECIPES

Bourbon BBQ Baby Back Ribs

Prebaking these ribs gives them a rich browned exterior. The subsequent long, slow stint in the slow cooker produces fall-off-the-bone, fork-tender ribs.

Ingredients

5 pounds pork baby back ribs, racks cut in half 1 cup firmly packed light brown sugar
 1-1/2 teaspoons salt 1/2 cup bourbon
 1 teaspoon pepper 1/4 cup prepared horseradish
 1 cup ketchup 1/2 teaspoon hot sauce

Directions

1. Place ribs, meaty-side up in a large roasting pan. Sprinkle with salt and pepper.
2. Bake at 475 for 30 minutes. Meanwhile, combine ketchup and next 4 ingredients in a small bowl.
3. Arrange ribs in a 6-qt. slow cooker, adding sauce on each layer of ribs. Depending on the shape of your slow cooker—oval or round—you may have to cut each rib rack into thirds instead of in half. Cover and cook ribs on LOW 9 hours. Remove ribs from slow cooker; cover to keep warm.
4. Pour drippings and sauce from slow cooker into a saucepan. (Skim a few ice cubes across the surface of sauce to remove fat, if desired, and discard.) Bring sauce to a boil; reduce heat, and simmer over medium heat 20 minutes or until sauce thickens. (Sauce will reduce by about half.) Brush sauce over ribs before serving.



Old Fashioned Potato Salad

Ingredients

5 potatoes 1/4 teaspoon garlic salt
 3 eggs 1/4 teaspoon celery salt
 1 cup chopped celery 1 tablespoon prepared mustard
 1/2 cup chopped onion ground black pepper to taste
 1/2 cup sweet pickle relish 1/4 cup mayonnaise

Directions

Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Add potatoes and cook until tender but still firm, about 15 minutes. Drain, cool, peel and chop.

Place eggs in a saucepan and cover with cold water. Bring water to a boil; cover, remove from heat, and let eggs stand in hot water for 10 to 12 minutes. Remove from hot water, cool, peel and chop.

In a large bowl, combine the potatoes, eggs, celery, onion, relish, garlic salt, celery salt, mustard, pepper and mayonnaise. Mix together well and refrigerate until chilled.



For the guys in our life that cut the lawn:

Yes, Virginia, You Can Mow Your Lawn Too Often!!

Jun 4

I have a neighbor that loves his yard work. He's out cutting the grass, trimming around the sidewalks, and blowing away the debris at least 3 nights each week. I'm incredibly aware of this because of the noise that continues for about 2 hours. Despite all of this work, I'm sorry to say that his lawn is not the beautiful carpet that he wishes it to be. Like many homeowners, he makes the mistake of cutting his grass too short and too frequently. Coupled with the use of non-organic fertilizer (which creates very short roots in the grass, thereby drying out rapidly in between rains), mowing too often or putting your mower blades too low creates a lawn that struggles to survive when the sun gets hot and the rain clouds fail to appear.

-submitted by Katy Coppock—from Garden Snips (she claims that Rich really liked this post)



My daughter-in-law Chris is trying to encourage bees to her yard. I thought these were really cute ideas. The one on the right is two planters with bees painted on them, with water on top to encourage the bees to visit. Cute ideas.

Kath

There will be a meeting at 5:30 at the Gazebo garden on Tuesday to assess what needs to be done there, if people have the time. We will still have the meeting at the Resource Center at 6.



CHAT - cont'd

not look well. I've had them 7 years, so that is probably something of a record anyway. They've been looking tacky for a couple of years and I was mentally "redecorating" that area! Poor things, they probably knew.

So pleased with the way the plant sale turned out! I know most of us were a little uncertain about the number of plants we would have due to the long, late winter. I am always concerned about how much the publicity reached the people we needed to reach. We were kind of shaky on enough people to man all the different early morning jobs. But it all came together and we did great! And the line started at 8 a.m., a record! Huge thanks to all the members who went the extra mile, brought plants, helped set up, take down, ran around, etc. And kudos to Katy's daughter and grandson, Abby and Aidan who spent Saturday with us. And so many, many thanks as well to Nancy's brother and his wife, Ed and Pat, who worked all three days. Talk about a little help from your friends!

Earlier in the Plant Sale week I also had the opportunity to work with Sabrina, Karly, Jeanne and Tierney (all Extension ladies) on the Growing Together WI grant project at the Crossroads Community Garden. We spent a hot sunny day in the garden assembling eight elevated cedar growing beds, two composters and then getting the start on filling the beds with compost that had been delivered. Deb will continue on with planting tomatoes and peppers we donated, as well as seeds she is purchasing with grant funds. St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry in Florence will be the recipient of the produce later this summer. Take a ride past the garden (on Woodward Avenue) and admire our handiwork!

I do look forward to kind of taking it a little easy from the GG duties for a couple of weeks to get caught up on my own gardens and yard, which are not looking all that great just yet. And thank goodness the Board of Health doesn't inspect private homes, because there would be some kind of official document slapped on my front door condemning the place right now!

See you all on June 12th at 6 p.m. We can talk about the sale, make a list of things people asked for that we didn't have and pat ourselves on the back some more....

Til then,
Fleurette



Glacial Gardeners
Master Gardener
Volunteer Association

University of Wisconsin
Cooperative Extension Office
5628 Forestry Drive
Florence, WI 54121



www.wimastergardener.org/?q=glacial

glacial.gardeners@gmail.com

WHAT'S HAPPENING

JUNE

NATIONAL FRUITS & VEGETABLES MONTH

- 9 Master Gardeners of the North
Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Stevensport Square in Downtown Rhinelander. (Next door from McDonalds) A large selection of vegetables, herbs, and annuals. Perennials.
- 12 Glacial Gardener's MGV meeting 6pm.
Florence Resource Center, lower level.
- 16 Wolf River Master Gardeners Annual Plant Sale
Shawano farmers market from 8am-12pm.
235 S. Washington St., Shawano, WI
There will be hostas (select choice varieties) and plants from the MGV's homes at the sale.

