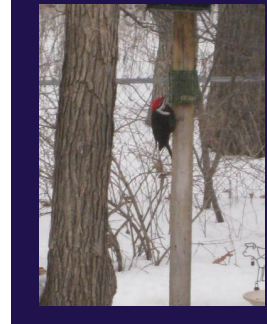




January 2017



PCMGV January 2017



Master Gardener January Meeting January 23, 2017 Courthouse Annex 6pm

Please join us as we learn from Henning and Ruth Hempel. Their focus will be on Orchids and will also be available to answer questions about houseplants in general.

Henning and Ruth Hempel own and operate Forth Floral in Rhinelander. With a background in business and horticulture Ruth became the fourth generation daughter to take ownership of the greenhouse from the hands of her mother. For over 115 years this floral business has been growing and thriving.

Henning Hempel, trained in Germany as a Gartnermeister, or “Master Grower”, is the greenhouse manager and grows all of the bedding plants, perennials, and hanging baskets. Blooming plants are also grown and include Poinsettias, Easter Lilies, Azaleas, Kalanchoes, Cyclamen, Hydrangeas, and spring bulbs along with a selection of orchids, succulents, cactus, citrus and tropical. In addition many fresh cut flowers are cut daily.

In addition to our presenters we will have an awards ceremony for 2016 MGV and a pizza party to celebrate all the wonderful things our association achieved last year. We hope to see you there.



Photos from Forth Floral Homepage

Garden Dreams – A Saturday with the Portage County Master Gardener Volunteers

–Diane Dieterich, Co-Chair, **Garden Dreams Committee**

As mentioned in the last newsletter, we are once again hosting **Garden Dreams** at the Lettie W. Jensen Community Center in Amherst on Saturday, January 21, 2017. Registration will run from 7:30 a.m. until 8:25 a.m. The presentations will begin at 8:25 a.m. and will end around 3:00 p.m. Cost for this event is \$30 and will include all three presentations and a hot catered lunch from Ambrosia Pub and Grill in Amherst.

Three presentations are planned for this day. The first is with Diana Alfuth (returning for a second year) on **Landscape Design, Tying it All Together**. Diana is a UW-Extension Horticulture Educator in Pierce, Polk and St. Croix Counties. She has a Bachelor's and Master's degree in Horticulture from the University of Minnesota and has been with UW-Extension for over 17 years. She also teaches *Sustainable Landscape Design* at UW-River Falls. The presentation will explore how to tie landscape components together through principles of design, focal points, lines and use of plants. Diana will give us the tools we need to look at a gardening project as a whole and create an overall, beautiful harmonious space.

The second presentation is with Buzz Vahradian (yes, that's his name) on **Beekeeping with Buzz**. Buzz has kept bees for over 23 years operating a beekeeping business as a sideline: *V's Bees, LLC*. He is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point with a major in Forest Management and a minor in Soil Science. He and his wife Marcia sell honey and are consulting foresters. Buzz will provide a thorough overview for beginners with an interest in starting a hive and for others who are just fascinated by the lives of these super organisms.

Our afternoon presentation is on **Prairie and Savanna Plants for Pollinator Gardens** with Neil Diboll. A pioneer in the native plant industry and recognized internationally as an expert in native plant community ecology, Neil has guided the growth of Prairie Nursery in Westfield for 30 years. He has dedicated his life to the propagation of native plants and their promotion as uniquely beautiful, ecologically beneficial and sustainable solutions for landscapes and gardens. In 2013 Neil was the recipient of the *Great American Gardeners Award* from the American Horticultural Society. Neil's love, sense of humor, and enthusiasm for native plants and their habitats is highly contagious. Neil will highlight the showiest and best-behaved prairie plants for creating a wide variety of prairie gardens in small areas that will attract our native pollinators.

Doors open at 7:30 a.m. registration with the *Welcome & Opening Remarks* beginning at 8:25 a.m. Coffee and other hot beverages will be available between 7:30 and 8:25, along with light refreshments. Unfortunately, no refreshments are allowed in the auditorium. **Registration deadline is Wednesday, January 18, 2017.** Below is the link for the registration flyer and the QR code to get registration information on your smartphones.

The Lettie W. Jensen Community Center is located at:

487 North Main Street, Amherst, WI

The registration flyer is available for download here.

Or go to <https://goo.gl/PumsnC>



Questions? Call or text (715) 340-8378; or email mhrice@charter.net

There are no refunds on registration although registrations are transferable. We will be taking registration monies at the November PCMGV meeting. **Please make checks payable to: PCMGV**



Photo by Patti Soik Photo

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<u>Educational Programs</u> Lynn Caine Dianne Somers	<u>Plant Sale</u> Chere Schmit Walt Rasmussen	<u>Funds/Grants</u> Cindy Bredlow Open
<u>Farmer's Market</u> Lori Teuchert	<u>Publicity (Facebook)</u> Shelley Binder	<u>Flower Beds</u> Margaret Parsons Deb Kunst
<u>Rosholt Fair</u> Todd Teuchert		

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2017 Educational Programming UWEX Portage Co Master Gardener Volunteers

27-Feb	Todd Teuchert Lynn Caine	Garlic/ wine making Straw Bale
27-Mar		houseplants
24-Apr	4H/Sherry	Flower arrangement
15-May	Mike Maddox/ Caine Home	Healing Gardens
26-Jun	Whitefeather	CSA Farm
24-Jul	Nina Cass and Lisa Cook	gardens
28-Aug	Jill Ziehr	Schmeekle/ Monarch project/ Master Naturalist/
25-Sep	Dr Aleman	Herbal Preparations
23-Oct		Roses
27-Nov	Holiday Party/ Scholarship Presentation	

Special Order of Business

In November our MGV association passed a balanced budget for 2017. Since our revenues were down and other donations were made to various organizations, it was decided that the funds/grants committee would only give out one \$1000 UWSP scholarship instead of two.

At the meeting a request was made to take money from the savings account and reinstate the second \$1000 scholarship. This notice is being published in the January newsletter and a vote will be taken at the January meeting.

For background: We do have money in the savings to cover this amount. In past discussions the association felt scholarships were a worthwhile use of our savings dollars. The budget is decided on a yearly basis and if our revenues do not match our expenditures we can always adjust our donations in future budgets.

Lynn Caine

Please submit changes, pictures, articles and
suggestions to Alicia Razvi (aliciarazvi@gmail.com)
by
February 10, 2017
For the February newsletter.



2017 Events

UWEX Portage County Master Gardener Volunteers

January 21 Garden Dreams - 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m., Jensen Community Center, Amherst.
23 PCMGV meeting – 6 p.m., The Hempel's (Forth Greenhouse, Rhinelander)

February 17-19 Golden Sands Home Show, SentryWorld, PCMGV display
27 PCMGV meeting – 6 p.m., Teuchert(garlic/wine) Caine(straw bale)

March 27 PCMGV meeting – 6 p.m.,

April 25 PCMGV meeting – 6 p.m., 4H (Flower Arrangement)

May 15 PCMGV meeting – 6 p.m., Caine Home (Mike Maddox, Healing Gardens)
20 Plant Sale – 8-11 a.m. Rettler Corp. parking lot, Portage Co Business Park

June 17 Saturdays through Sept. 3, 7 a.m.-noon, St Point Farmers' Market:
Ask a Master Gardener
26 PCMGV meeting – 6 p.m., Tour Whitefeather CSA farm

July 14-15 Garden Parade, 2-7 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday
24 PCMGV meeting – 6 p.m., Tour garden Nina Cass/ Linda Cook

August 28 PCMGV meeting – 6 p.m., Tour Schmeekle, Jill Ziehr (monarch garden)

September 1-3 Rosholt Fair, 4-H judging
25 PCMGV meeting – 6 p.m., Dr Aleman (herbal preparations)

October 23 PCMGV meeting – 6 p.m., Roses

November 27 PCMGV meeting – 6 p.m., Courthouse Annex. Holiday
party, Scholarship winners

For more on these events or Master Gardener Volunteers, visit:

<http://portage.uwex.edu/category/master-gardener-2/> or <https://www.facebook.com/pcmgv/>

Portage County Master Gardener Volunteers Meeting Minutes ----- November 28, 2016

The November 28, 2016, meeting of the Portage County Master Gardener Volunteers began at 6:00 in the multi-purpose room of Lincoln Center. Members and guests attending the Christmas Party (organized by Sylvia Masters) were treated to a “baked potato bar” complete with an assortment of toppings, along with a variety of appetizers and desserts provided by PCMGV members. Door prizes were given out.

One of our scholarship recipients, Joe Grosskopf, gave a presentation to the group. He spoke about his background and his motivation to achieve an advanced degree. Joe shared information about the research project that he is involved with at UW-SP related to growing grapes pest free.

The general business meeting was called to order by Lynn Caine at 6:45 P.M.

Those present were: Margaret Bau, Shelley Binder, Cindy Bredow, Donald Caine, Lynn Caine, Philip Czapinski, Diane Dieterich, Eric Ecklund, Dan Goulet, Kathleen Goulet, Rose Grych, Jen Haas, Jane Kellerman, Ellen Kiedrowski, Charlotte Kolinski, John Kolinski, Jamie Kreuziger, Debbie Kunst, Marily Malcolm, Sylvia Masters, Pat Mrozinski, Sandra Newby, Sandy O’Brien, Sharon Omernick, Chrismary Pacyna, Rose Marie Piekarski, Walt Rasmussen, Rebecca Roberts, Chere Schmit, Don Schmit, Lori Teuchert, Todd Teuchert, Richard Zimmerman.

The **Minutes** from October were approved.

The **Treasurer’s** report was given by Lori Teuchert. She reminded members that all 2016 expense reimbursement vouchers need to be submitted by December 31, 2016.

Old Business:

Badges: Any members who would like a new/replacement badge should contact Chrismary Pacyna. An order will be submitted in December.

Raffle Licenses: The PCMGV Board of Directors will apply for the two raffle licenses needed for 2017. One is for a one-day raffle (Garden Parade container raffle) and the other is for a long term raffle (Garden Parade quilt raffle).

2017 Budget: This was presented to the membership. Discussion occurred and a unanimous approval vote was given. Cindy Bredow asked that \$1000 be taken from the savings account to be used for a scholarship in 2017. This request will be published in the January newsletter and then voted on at the January meeting.

Training Schedule Presentations: A sign-up sheet for this was circulated.

Committee Reports:

- **Education / Programs:** Contacts with potential speakers are being made. A list of the educational component at each 2017 meeting will be distributed after the speakers are confirmed. Please let Lynn Caine know of any ideas for possible speakers.
- **Garden Dreams:** Diane Dieterich had posters / brochures available regarding this January 21 event. Members were asked to distribute these around our community.
- **Garden Parade:** Jen Haas and Dorothy Steuerwald, co-chairpersons, continue to look for gardens to include in the 2017 parade. Please give any suggestions about possible gardens to them. The next planning committee will be on January 11 at 4:00.
- **Membership:** Chrismary Pacyna thanked members for getting their renewal forms turned in on time. Currently there are 64 PCMGV members (56 certified, 3 inactive, 2 honorary members, and 3 associate members). A total of 2,975 volunteer service hours were completed in 2016. Great work!
- **Newsletter:** Please send any articles or photos to Alicia Razvi by January 10 for inclusion in the January newsletter.
- **Plant Sale:** Chere Schmit will e-mail a list of available plants from Heath Farms that may be ordered by members. Contact her with your "order" before January 1.

New Business:

- **Board of Directors:** Debbie Kunst was elected to the PCMGV Board of Directors for 2017. The Board will next meet on Monday, January 9, 2017.
- **Next PCMGV meeting** will be on Monday, January 23 at 6:00 at the Portage County Annex.

WIMGA report: Lynn Caine reported that we received a WIMGA grant of \$400. This will be used for the YMCA Gardens and for the purchase of an additional display board.

UW-Extension Report: Ken thanked members for their volunteer hours. He asked members to encourage friends and family to sign-up for the Master Gardener Level 1 Training scheduled to begin in January.

The business meeting adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

Continuing Education: Joe Grosskopf, PCMGV scholarship winner from UW-SP = 45 minutes (.75 hour)

Submitted by, Chrismary Pacyna, PCMGV Secretary



2017 Garden Parade Committee

Are you looking for more volunteer opportunities? Have you enjoyed the Garden Parade over the years and wished you could work for the event? Do you need more volunteer hours? If so, please contact Jen Haas (715-347-4544). The Garden Parade Committee has some opportunities that just may fit what you are looking for!



Can you Name That Plant??



If you can identify this plant, please tell Margaret Parsons or Alicia Razvi. Do you have a plant needing identification?



2017 Activity & Event Schedule

January 21 ☼ Garden Dreams

Multiple Guest Presenters

Lettie W. Jensen Community Center, Amherst, WI

February 17 - 19 ☼ Golden Sands Home & Garden Show

PCMGV Display

Sentry World Complex, Stevens Point

May 20 ☼ Plant Sale

8-11 am Portage County Business Park

@ Rettler Corporation parking lot

July 14 - 15 ☼ Garden Parade

Friday, 2-7 pm, Saturday, 10 am-4 pm

\$10 in advance

June - September ☼ Stevens Point Farmers' Market

Saturdays, 7 am - Noon

September 1 - 4 ☼ Rosholt Fair

PCMGV Display

Rosholt Fair Grounds

For details or more information call 715-346-1316

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