



Wisconsin Master Gardener Association

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Hello WIMGA Board members and local representatives!

It's feeling like spring for Wisconsin Master Gardeners: we are all busy with local education events and planning plant sales, summer garden events and more. Our "Let's Get Green and Growing" annual seminar here in Columbia County drew over 200 people last Saturday, so I am a little late in getting this president's communication out to you!

I want to recap some of the Strategic Planning work that is underway. Since the March 18 meeting,

- The newsletter committee is continuing to improve file sizes of photos so that all members' email servers can download the newsletter. If you have ideas for articles, please contact Lynn Caine at dljed@charter.net
- Al Krause has used your suggestions to add more details on how to implement the Mentoring program; we expect that to be presented to the Board at the April 22 meeting.



- The Speaker's Bureau committee is working on an "intake" form to gather information from potential speakers.
- The Environmental Initiatives committee is planning to meet with Mike Maddox to discuss how and where this type of searchable database is located.

Much of our work needs a robust website to function well, to showcase our organization, and to be accessible to all members. Byron Hacker is working with MGV Rob CharlierAnglim from Washington County to revise and upgrade the WIMGA website. I apologize that this has taken longer than we expected, and I believe that we will be pleased with the results when the new site is ready. Stay tuned!

I was recently invited to attend a meeting of MG county coordinators. The UW-Extension Ag and Horticulture educators, as well as other staff and volunteers at that meeting, were extremely interested in the work WIMGA has undertaken. The Vision statement was felt to be right on target, and they wanted to know more specifics about our strategic plan. This is very exciting AND leads me to ask "how do YOU report back to your association and Extension staff about WIMGA activities?" Please use the talking points after our meetings to give verbal or written reports at your meetings, and in newsletters. Every member should know what WIMGA is working on and YOU are the link to make that happen.

The next meeting is Board only: Saturday April 22, 10 am – 3 pm, at the Hancock Research Station. Agenda coming soon! Happy spring~~Becky