

Outagamie County Master Gardener Association

Member Meeting – July 21st, 2011

Location: Home of Holly Boettcher

This month's meeting began at 6:00 pm with approximately 40 members taking an informal tour of Holly Boettcher's flower and vegetable gardens. Everywhere one looked, wee frogs and lizards peeked out of the foliage. The ornamental pool is the crowning jewel in Holly and Tom's little slice of paradise, and much envied on this hot summer day.

Tom kindly gave a short talk on his wine growing experiences and we were able to sample some of his fine efforts. Holly surprised us with a cooking demo and we all enjoyed tasting some red potatoes roasted with rosemary.

The evening finished with drawings for three bottles of wine.

A short business meeting followed.

Education committee – In view of changes at the state level, it has been decided that this is the optimum time to revamp our own program. No basic Level 1 classes will be held in Spring of 2012. Instead the focus will be on Levels 2 & 3 – advanced classes. More information will be made available as the program develops.

Treasury Report – is available upon request

Communications Committee – submission for the next newsletter needs to be in by August 15th. Members are encouraged to share personal gardening experiences.

Fund Raising – Preparations for our first Fall Bulb sale are under way and details will be presented at our August monthly meeting. More mini-tours are planned following the success at Kathy McCarthy's garden. Watch emails for details. September's meeting is the annual Thank you party.

State – Reminder that convention is weekend of August 3rd in Madison and much more affordable than previous. Excellent keynote speaker. See website for details.

Projects/ Hort. agent - no new reports.

Special - Jim Beard thanked us for the donation to FVTC horticultural program. It has also been decided to offer small scholarships for three of his students this year; Jim will administer them.

Meeting adjourned approximately 8.00 pm

Education – 1 ½ hours

Support ½ hour plus travel time.

Next meeting : August 18th, 2011