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President's Viewpoint

The old year has hobbled away and a bright new year has bounced forth. That infant New Year had better have boots on or he will get frostbite. We can now begin to plan what great things we want to do this year as Master Gardeners. We had some new projects started last year that were very successful. Our talented crew can shine forth and be very involved with our gardening public. There will be new changes instituted by Penn State for us to get used to, but we are all able to adapt and change. Change allows us to grow and spread our wings.

Valerie Walton, President

Master Gardener Meeting

Date: Thursday
January 16, 2014

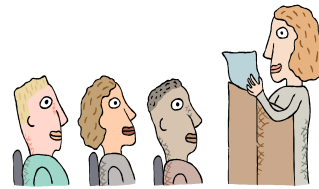
Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Crawford County Extension Office
Dunham Road, Suite A, Meadville

Program: "How to Use our Facebook Page"
Sherri Sullivan

"The New VMS System"
Linda Ruggiero

Committee Signups for 2014



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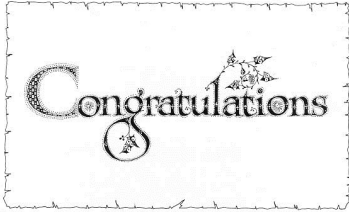


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Coordinator's Notes—Linda Ruggiero

Well here we are again starting a New Year. I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

I would like to say thank you to all of the Master Gardeners for their hard work that they all did this year. We could not be the group we are without all of us doing our share. The following people earned their hours for this year:

50 hours	100 hours	1000 hours	2000 hours
Jan Baker	Autumn Beers	Valerie Walton	Gloria Kelly
Larry Bradish	Jean Groce	Janice Quinn	
Jan Brydon	Susan Kunkle	Fran Stonedale	
Julianne Doss	Mary Mulligan-Haines		
Elizabeth Fassinger-Grabel	Mary Ann Thompson		
Dawn Gross			
Darlene Hamilton	500 hours	1500 hours	
Jason Kartesz	Kate Preston	Linda Ruggiero	
Deborah Pifer			
Sherri Sullivan			

Retirement Certificates were handed out to Janet Morton and Kay Conner. Special honorary certificates were also given to Mike Kelly, Pat Calabrese and Jack Preston for all their help during their years as Honorary Master Gardeners.

The Christmas party was fun and enjoyable. The food was delicious. Thank you to all of the people who helped with the setup, decorations and organizing the event.

VMS: Volunteer Management System



The new system is up and running. You all should of received a invitation via email to go into the new system. If you do not have a email address we need to get one for you. Please remember that the invite gets you in to the system 1 time. You must get your password set up before you log out. If you log out before let me know as I will have to re-invite you. Please also remember to sign the policy statement. That does not excuse you from sending the signature page that was mailed to you or that you received at the last meeting. I need both done. If you do not have the policy statement signed on line by Jan 16th you will be marked as INACTIVE. It only takes a few minutes to do. I think you will find the system easier to use and we are still working on some issues with it so give it a chance.

Save the Date:

Penn State Master Gardener Conference, June 20-21, 2014. Nittany Lion Inn, State College PA. More information to follow. We hope to get at least 200 people to attend so keep the date in mind for a fun weekend of Continuing Education and meeting of old friends and new ones.

Now is the time to start thinking of what committees you would like to be on. We will have sign up sheets at this meeting.

Our new list of officers is as follows:

President: Valerie Walton & Ron Menanno

Vice President: Autumn Beers

Secretary: Joyce Parker and Pat Palmiero

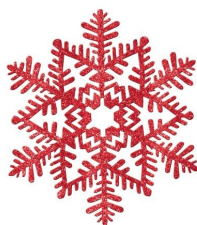
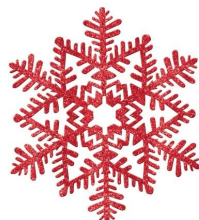
Treasurer: It will be announced at the meeting.

January Meeting: We will go through the VMS system and Sherrie Sullivan will show us how to use Facebook. Sherri has also volunteered to take over as historian.

There are many workshops coming up. Warren County has one January 18th and February 15th and Mercer County has one on January 18th also. Now is the time to start on those 10 hours of Continuing Education.

“Come Grow with Us!” (brochure enclosed)

January 18th in Mercer County. Registration deadline is January 8th. Please call 814-337-7565 (home) or 814-795-7565 (cell) or email Judy Fairlamb if you're interested in car pooling: jfairlamb@windstream.net



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