



# WINNEBAGO COUNTY MASTER GARDENER APRIL 2010 - NEWSLETTER

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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Hello All,

March came in like a lamb, out like a lion. Spring came in on March 20<sup>th</sup> but it felt like winter. It has been a month of many weather changes. We are all hoping for warm weather, but it will be quite a while before that happens.

The end of March brought many gardeners to the Tri-County Home & Garden Show. We had our display manned by the volunteers. Thank you to Cindy Meszaros and Joni Pagel for chairing that event.

April brings us a month to start garden clean-up. The leads will be contacting workers to help with the Prairie Garden, cutting & vegetable garden at Park View and Paine.

Also starting is the education at Webster Stanley and Washington school. This is the after school program chaired by Marge Menacher. Thank you to all the volunteers for helping. This is a great program to teach children how to plant and take care of vegetable and flower plants.

Happy Gardening!!  
Kathy & Mary

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## NICK'S NOTE

To All Winnebago County MGV's,

Plant Health Advisor calls are coming at rapid pace already. This is the same sentence I wrote in the May 2009 newsletter. It seems the word must be getting around about this valuable community education service. In the past, we have tried to clear up the questions on Tuesday and again by Friday. This is always a very interesting project with a range of simple to challenging questions and answering these community questions is extremely important to the mission of UW-Extension. Without the help of the Plant Health Advisors, I would be overrun with calls making it difficult to carry out both agriculture and horticulture education programming. We have a Plant Health Advisors kick-off and planning session scheduled for 6:00 to 8:00 pm on Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at the Coughlin Center. We will review how to access questions over the phone or email, even at your own home. That's right! This is an avenue to contribute volunteer service from home. We will explore the most valuable horticulture web pages and have a hot topics discussion. Here is what has been hot so far in 2010: pruning apple trees and shrubs, frost cracking of trees, vole damage in lawns, odd insects, and attempts to get support in planting plants that really won't grow here.

Please contact Barbara Kuhn if you would like to volunteer to be a Plant Health Advisor in 2010. Please let me know if you plan to attend. We could use a few more helping hands.

Thanks  
Nick



IS HERE - WELCOME

## MG OF THE MONTH - APRIL

### Karen Frittitta/New Member

My Dad has always had a garden, with really great dirt, And a nice big yard. That's where it all started for me. I can remember what seemed like endless hours of picking stones, pulling weeds and raking leaves. The rewards were delicious! Fresh beans, cucumbers, tomatoes, radishes...hickory nuts! I appreciate what I had growing up. Today, I live on a rock (Neenah). Like Dad, I work to improve the soil.

Outside is where I like to be, working in the yard. Spring has me exploring the new growth, making plans. What to plant, where to plant it.

David, my husband, is the very best hole digger ever. THANK YOU DAVID!!!

Summer/Fall brings my favorite, the perennials, with a succession of blooms to tell time by. And then there's the beauty of the red twigged dogwoods, the peeling birches and the green spruces of Winter.

Currently, I am rediscovering the joys of houseplants, and am looking forward to learning more about gardening, and working on projects with you all!

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### **CORRECTION**

*The new member we had printed as Philip Morjes is as follows:*

*Phil Horejs  
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Oshkosh, WI 54901  
[fliphorejs@hotmail.com](mailto:fliphorejs@hotmail.com)*

**SORRY PHIL !**

## ADDITION TO THE MEMBERS BOOKLET

**Janet Priebe is now on the computer. Here is her email address. Please add it to you booklet.**  
[jpriebe5@new.rr.com](mailto:jpriebe5@new.rr.com)

## SAVE THE DATES

**APRIL 10, 2010**

Compost Training Outagamie County MG's

**APRIL 24, 2010**

Amish Buying Trip

**JUNE 15 - 19 2010**

Master Food Preserver Training

**Watch the newsletter each month for more info on these events and more.**

## Garden Plant of the Month: Sweet Pea

The Sweet Pea, *Lathyrus odoratus*, is generally considered to be a vining plant which often reaches a height of ten feet, but there are also varieties which are more bush-like and only grow to a height of 30 inches.



The plants should be grown in rich, moist soil, and require regular watering during the summer months or they will quickly fade away. A heavy mulching will help keep the roots cool, allowing it's cultivation in warmer regions. Remove the old blossoms as they fade to keep the plant flowering until the first frosts of Fall.

Sweet Peas are grown from seed, which germinate and begin to grow rapidly in 2 to 3 weeks. For best and quickest germination, soak the seeds in room temperature water before sowing them into a sunny area of the garden in March. Plant the seeds two inches deep and three inches apart. Thin out the seedlings to six inches apart when they are three to four inches high.

The vining types will need the support of a trellis or fence on which to climb.

An old wives tale says to plant Sweet Peas on Good Friday

## To Fertilizer or not To Fertilize

More is not better! Most plants don't like all of the soluble inorganic fertilizer we want to provide. They can take up only so many nutrients in this form and the rest leaches and causes environmental problems. The best nutrition you can provide trees, shrubs, and herbaceous perennials is the natural nutrients from the breakdown of organic matter. Make your soil rich in organic matter, not inorganic fertilizers. If you don't compost remember our own Wonderful Wormiculite. You are better to under fertilize than to over do it.



## Organic Gardening Tip of the Month

By Lawanda Jungwirth

When plants need some immediate care, perk them up with nutrient-rich water made by soaking a cloth bag full of compost, either homemade or purchased, in a watering can or bucket for a few days. Dilute the resulting solution to a weak-tea color and water your plants. The compost "tea bag" can be reused a few times; then apply the remaining solids to your garden.



## Paine Clean Up

The date will be May 8 from 9 till noon. It consists of a short explanation about the Paine gardens followed by a tour of the gardens and a little clean up. Hope you can make it.

## INVASIVE SPECIES COMMITTEE

### WANTED

#### Wanted: Power-Pointer

The Education and Control of Invasive Species Committee is looking for someone who is knowledgeable in PowerPoint to develop a presentation featuring invasive plants. You do not need to consider yourself well-informed about invasive plants to do this. We will give you all the guidance and help you need. We have a couple older presentations you can work from if desired.

If interested, please contact Lawanda Jungwirth at 836-2878 or [ljungwirth@new.rr.com](mailto:ljungwirth@new.rr.com) or Audrey Ruedinger at 231-5745 or [aruedinger2@new.rr.com](mailto:aruedinger2@new.rr.com). Time spent developing the presentation counts toward volunteer hours.

#### Wanted: Invasive Species Speaker

The Education and Control of Invasive Species Committee is looking for someone who is willing to educate other groups who request a speaker on invasive plants. We hope to have a PowerPoint presentation for you to use or adapt as you see fit. See above.

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#### Wanted: Invasive Species Committee Members

Our Education and Control of Invasive Species Committee has been focusing solely on garlic mustard and buckthorn for the past several years. We would like to expand into other areas. If you have an interest in any or several invasive species, and would like to start a control project, or simply educate people within or outside the Master Gardener organization about your area of interest, we would like you to join our committee.

Perhaps you are interested in control of purple loosestrife, phragmites, dame's rocket, reed canary grass, teasel, spotted knapweed, bird-foot trefoil, honeysuckle, or one of many other invasive plants threatening our natural environment. Or perhaps you are concerned about emerald ash borer or gypsy moth and would like to be our go-to person for information on those pests.

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# MASTER GARDENER BUSINESS MEETING

March 9, 2010

COUGHLIN CENTER, 6:15 PM

## Members Present:

Ruth Freye, Stanley Meyer, Synda Jones, Patty Schmitz, Jerry Robak, Dorothy Bonnin, Sue Egner, Linda Tobey, Ken Hawk, Rosemary Smith, Pat Behm, Janet Priebe, Lil Hansche, Marge Bolding, Lawanda Jungwirth, Diana Dougherty, Bob Potter, Jane Kuhn, Karen Frittitta, Bette Hoytink, Linda Petek, Alice Graf, Mary Wiedenmeier, Cindy Meszaros, Joni Pagel, John Procknow, Dorothy Gayhart-Kunz, Janet Clark, Tom Weber, Ivan Placko, Marge Menacher, Dara Sitter, Linda Baeten, Linda Werner, Audrey Ruedinger, Karen Wedde, Diane Iott, Arlene Kosanke, Bob Kosanke

## Announcements:

Nick's grandmother passed away last week, our sincere condolences go out to him.

Lawanda passed around a cookbook that she purchased from Bob Kosanke at the Winter Escape event. She asked that everyone sign their favorite recipe.

Complementary and buy 1, get 1 free tickets for the Tri County Home & Garden show were available.

Ruth Freye announced there will be an orchid show in Neenah at the Holiday Inn on March 13 from 10 am to 5 pm, and on March 14 from 10 am to 4 pm. Come and enjoy a variety of speakers. Plants are for sale.

## Treasurer's Report – Alice Graf

The balance as of 2/01/2010 is:

Cash On Hand	\$ 100.00
Checking	\$ 9,783.92
CD Renewal 2/22/10	\$ 5,072.34
Total all Accounts 2/28/10	\$ 14,956.26

A handout was available with the details. The CD was renewed and will be due again in 6 months. Costs for Winter Escape are listed under Spring Seminar on the back of the handout. The final numbers are not in.

## Secretary's Report:

There were no corrections to the February Minutes as printed in the March Newsletter.

**Old business** – none

## **New business** –

Facebook page – Lawanda - The Master Gardeners now have a Facebook Page. If you want to see it, you need to join Facebook. Many of our members are already on board. Staci White will be the administrator. This would be a less formal way to communicate with each other and it could provide links to other websites. Staci will give an introduction to Facebook at the April Business meeting.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Education – Roy Anne**

Winter Escape/Summer Dreams - Roy Anne thanked the individuals on the committee and asked them to stand as she introduced them: Marge Menacher, Karen Wedde, Audrey Ruedinger, Diane Iott, Linda Werner, Linda Baeten, Bob and Arlene Kosanke, Ivan Placko, and Linda Loker. Thanks to Roy Anne for her leadership. Diane reported that 242 attended, 127 were new to the mailing list, and 62 were Master Gardeners. Marge also has some of Melinda's books left over for sale...Perennials for Wisconsin.

Coming up is a buying trip to Amish country, a wild flower walk in Waushara County, and a trip to Ball Horticultural Gardens in Illinois.

Amish buying Trip – Marge Menacher – Marge and Pat Behm went on a scouting trip and found 8 Amish greenhouses in the Dalton, Kingston, Markesan area. The trip will visit 4 of them on April 24. Attendees should bring their own lunch and snacks, and a large Rubbermaid-type container with a lid for bringing plants home. There is a limit of 30 people for this trip so we have room for plants. The cost is \$30.00. April 24 may be early, but by Mother's Day they are sold out. Look for more information in the newsletter.

State Representative – Bob Kosanke – The Annual Master Gardener Conference will be in Sheboygan this year on July 23 and 24. The Board decided to donate \$100.00 towards the silent auction, rather than buy something. We will not have a table this year.

Paine Gardens - Bob Potter – the date for clean up at the Paine was set for April 24 the same day as the Amish buying trip. He hopes to get it changed.

SOPs (Standard Operating Procedures) are being worked on by Ivan and Alice. Alice has been accumulating suggestions over the years. They are building an outline and looking at the State SOPs. There is a lot to go through. When they are finished, the SOPs will reflect what we are really doing. When they are finalized by the Board, it will be brought to the membership for approval.

## **AWARDS –**

**Lincoln School** - Lincoln school was recognized by the Southwest Rotary. Karen Wedde received the award on behalf of herself, and Janet Priebe. The plaque was on display. The Oshkosh City Forester nominated Lincoln school. The City may begin to water it this year. Lincoln Garden will continue even though the school will close.

**Park View Gardens** - John Procknow accepted an award for the Park View Gardens from Southwest Rotary. See plaque. John had put in 114 hours as an emeritus member working on the gardens. Congratulations!

## **PROJECTS**

**Home and Garden Show** - Cindy Meszaros – The show is on March 26, 27 and 28. We are sponsoring a speaker on bees. See the schedule on the Home and Garden Show website. She is still looking for workers on Sunday.

**Oshkosh Humane Society Memorial Garden** – the Board approved this new project. Dara Sitter will lead. A Sign-up sheet was passed around.

**Paine Festival Booth** – Ken Hawk – A sign-up sheet was passed around.

**Octagon House** – Jerry Robak gave a power point presentation of the project which has been an undertaking in cooperation with the Neenah Historical Society.

Research was done and progress has been made. They will expand this year with more plantings. A presentation will be given on March 18 at 7:00pm at the Neenah Library to the Historical Society. On March 28, Katherine Davis of the Neenah Historical Society has invited the committee to come to her house at 433 Wisconsin Ave, from 4 to 7 pm for wine & cheese after the Home and Garden show. A Kitchen garden was put in last year, as well as a vegetable garden. Some shrubs and bulbs have been planted and more will go in this year as well as a rose garden. A border has been started around the periphery. This project is in its 3<sup>rd</sup> year.

**Invasive Species** – Lawanda and Audrey – There will be a Garlic Mustard pull on the first two weekends of May on a section of the Wiouwash Trail. A sign-up sheet was passed around. They have concentrated on garlic mustard and buckthorn in the past, but anyone with input regarding a other invasives is welcome to join the committee. Garlic Mustard needs to be pulled at this time of year. Bring a kneeling pad, a dandelion digger and a 5 gallon bucket if you have it. The Parks Department puts out barrels to collect the plants. Garlic Mustard seed is viable for 7 years but progress has

been made. The time frame is 8 am to noon on May 1st and 8th. Come for all or some. They are also looking for someone who is willing to talk to others about invasives, and someone who could do a power point. Audrey is also interested in addressing Dames Rocket, another invasive.

**Farmer's Market** - Dorothy – The Farmer's Market in Oshkosh is held on Saturdays. We set up at 7:30 am and are done by 12:30. We have a free booth at the Farmer's Market, but donate \$50. A budget of \$300 dollars has been submitted. We will not be present the last 3 days the Market is open. Bring your own umbrella. Answer questions, give out pamphlets. There is a Children's Day planting event. About 200 cookbooks and bags of worm castings were sold last year, but mostly we enjoyed working with the public and each other. There is always time to visit the market. A sign-up sheet passed around.

**Flower Arranging at Park View** - Pat Behm – Flower arranging takes place at Park View at 1:30 on Mondays for about 1 to 2 hours. Flowers are taken from the Park View cutting garden, and members bring more from home. The residents love it, and take the arrangements back to their rooms. See the poster on back table. A Sign-up sheet was passed around. They also do bouquets in winter from donations. A very enjoyable time.

**Park View Cutting Gardens** - Bill and Bob Weber with John Procknow - Bob had some slides to show. Last year they used donated plants from Oshkosh North's horticulture class and greenhouse. Allenville also donated plants after Memorial Day. Many beds are planted with annuals, perennials, and vegetables. On Tuesday afternoons starting at 1:30, the residents are brought out to pick and view the gardens. Help is needed for planting and watering - a lot of watering. There are plans to tear down the Pavilion in October and we may need to dig out hostas to save them. 8 years ago this garden received an award for beautification. Audrey was essential in the beginnings of this garden.

**Park View Vegetable Garden** – Al and Judy Harms. A vegetable garden has been established in a raised bed that is wheel chair accessible near the cutting garden.

**Habitat for Humanity** – Dave Leonard, lead. Mary explained this was a new project last year. A shrub or tree was donated for 8 homes. Master Gardeners help plant the trees and provide education on care. This project has some evening hours available.

**Community Gardens** – Ruth Freye. The Community Gardens at UW Fox Valley will be getting a greenhouse this year. There are 5



demonstration gardens. They will be meeting Friday, March 19. They are expanding the gardens to include 4 teaching gardens and a few no-till gardens.

**Paine Gardens** - Bob Potter – Bob explained some of the events at the Paine that Master Gardeners are involved in. Two days in April they celebrate Arbor Day and children come from the schools. We have a booth at the Paine Festival of Spring on May 22. In early May we pull up tulip bulbs and bag them. The Paine sells 20 bulbs for \$8.00. In June they plant the annuals. There is always watering and weeding to be done. Replanting is done all year. In fall they plant 10,000 tulips. All are welcome to help. There are also 4 evenings available for volunteers. This is a good way to get hours in and it's good to work with Sheila Glaske, the Paine Horticulturalist.

Don't forget to visit Rooms of Blooms, the current indoor exhibit, on Fridays and Saturdays in March.

**Newsletter** - Linda Tobey – Members are welcome to submit articles for the newsletter. Send them to Linda. Bruce Abraham has finished the Hours Form and it will be available in the next newsletter or by e-mail.

**Door Prizes were handed out.**

Thanks to Miles Kimball and Synda Jones for door prizes.

**Meeting adjourned 8:00 pm**

**Next Board Meeting:** April 6, 6:00 pm at the Coughlin Center. (All members are welcome to sit in at Board meetings.)

**Next Business Meeting:** April 13, 6:15 pm at the Coughlin Center.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Baeten, Secretary

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY  
PLEASE HELP PULL GARLIC MUSTARD!**

Come help pull garlic mustard along the Wiouwash Trail on Saturdays, May 1 and May 8 from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon.

Meet at Brooks Road parking area.

From Oshkosh, take Hwy. 45 north to the Ryf Road exit. Turn right on Cty. T at the top of the exit ramp. Go just over 1 ½ miles to Brooks Road. Turn left and go about 1 mile to the trail.



Or from Oshkosh, take Hwy. 76 (Jackson St.) north (or go north on Hwy. 41 to Hwy. 76 exit; turn left at bottom of exit) Go under Hwy. 41 and turn left at the second light (the frontage road - Green Valley Road). Turn right on Brooks Rd. just before Stuart's Landscaping. Go 3 miles to the trail.

From the Fox Valley, take Hwy. 41 south to Hwy. 76 exit. Turn right at bottom of ramp and turn left at the first light (the frontage road - Green Valley Road). Turn right on Brooks Rd. just before Stuart's Landscaping. Go 3 miles to the trail.

Or from the Fox Valley, take Cty. II, Larsen Rd, Oakridge Rd., Cty JJ or Breezewood Rd. west to Hwy. 76. Turn left and go south to Green Valley Road (Hwy. 41 frontage road). Turn right on Green Valley and then right again on Brooks Rd. just before Stuart's Landscaping. Go 3 miles to the trail.

*Even if you can come for only an hour or two Your help is welcome!*

*You do not have to get there at 8:00 a.m. Come anytime!*

Bring gloves, kneeling cushion or knee pads and a dandelion digger. A five gallon bucket is handy also. Garlic mustard pulls easily but a dandelion digger makes it even easier and helps ensure that the roots don't break off.

*This is a rather pleasant pastime on a nice spring day. No mosquitoes yet!*

Call Lawanda Jungwirth at 836-2878 or e-mail [ljungwirth@new.rr.com](mailto:ljungwirth@new.rr.com) for more information or JUST SHOW UP!



**This is Garlic Mustard – HELP STOP IT!**

## HOURS FORM EXPLANATION

1. First fill in **ALL** of the heading blanks. You **MUST** have your name, address and phone number clearly written on the top of the sheet. We will not call everyone to see if the sheet without a name is yours. It is up to you to give us your information clearly and correctly.
2. The 2009 - 2010 line also contains the abbreviation for each appropriate month. On our form the MG year begins and ends with August. Because the form must be in by the first of September, you will have to break off sometime by mid August to fill out the hours form and send it to the Time Keeper. This means you will still have some of August left, and probably some projects still needing attention. The minute you stop compiling hours in August for 2009-2010 you will begin compiling them for 2010-2011.
3. You may fill in your report by hand using the form from the Newsletter or you can do your form electronically. The electronic form has 0.00 in all of the amount squares. To fill in your hours replace the 0 in a cell with desired hours number. When you press enter your amount will be in that space and also totaled at the end of that row and in the final totals areas. As you fill in each column your amounts will automatically be added and totaled. There is no math for you to do, just enter numbers.
4. There is a change this year in hour reporting. Hours can only be reported in full hours and  $\frac{1}{2}$  hours. Hours other than full or  $\frac{1}{2}$  will be rounded down. This also means that  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an hour will be rounded down to  $\frac{1}{2}$ . The only acceptable amounts will be hours and  $\frac{1}{2}$  hours. 2 hrs is fine, 2  $\frac{1}{2}$  hrs is good, 2  $\frac{1}{4}$  hrs is bad it will be rounded down to 2, 2  $\frac{3}{4}$  hrs is also not acceptable. It will be rounded down to 2  $\frac{1}{2}$  hrs. You will have to save up your quarters until you have a full hour. This is not our rule it is a new state rule so don't blame us we didn't make the change, but we do have to implement it.
5. If you are entering by hand you do not have to total your columns either. You can if you wish, but The Time Keeper will read and re-add all of them. If there is an error, you will be notified.

6. **DO NOT** write in the gray areas. We only need totals for the month. If you are unsure where to put some of your time worked enter it in the any other services row.
7. If you have any questions about hours, call Bruce Abraham 231-3747 or email [wiscorpio53@yahoo.com](mailto:wiscorpio53@yahoo.com)

If you cannot reach Bruce, call Linda Tobey at (920) 734-2264 or email [linda@americanpresstech.com](mailto:linda@americanpresstech.com). All of your questions will be answered.



### Zilges Materials Oshkosh offering Saturday Seminars

**Retaining Walls, Raised Patios, Seat Walls & Pillars** - Saturday, April 3 at 9:00 a.m. or Thursday, April 8 at 6:30 p.m.

Zilges experts will help seminar participants understand the problems associated with a retaining wall and show the evolution of seat walls, raised patios, and steps with plenty of before and after project photos.

**Your Outdoor Living Space...Wisconsin Style** - Saturday, April 10 at 9:00 a.m. or Thursday, April 15 at 6:30 p.m.

Grilling, dining, fun parties, and evening bonfires with friends and family are part of the Wisconsin outdoor experience. This seminar will offer ideas on how to transform an outdoor space that fits one's personal way of entertaining an relaxing. They'll be loads of ideas for retaining walls, seat walls for added seating, columns, raised patios, steps, fire pits, and outdoor fireplaces to fit within one's budget.

**Perennials Yesterday and Today** - Saturday April 17 at 9:00 a.m. or Thursday, April 22 at 6:30 p.m.

Guest Speaker Jerry Oberstadt of Oberstadt Landscaping will present this seminar for an informative planting course on enhancing a landscape with perennials. Participants will learn how to select the right plant for the right area, best practices, and seasonal plant care.

The cost for each seminar is \$10 for an individual

or \$15 for two persons. The cost for all five seminars is only \$25 an individual or \$35 for two persons. Registration is required at [www.BailiwickWorkshops.com](http://www.BailiwickWorkshops.com), or calling 920-379-3741.



## What Am I?

I am a mainly hardy, mostly spring flowering bulb with, depending on which botanist you talk to, between 40 and 200 different species, subspecies or varieties of species and over 25,000 registered cultivars (named hybrids) divided among thirteen divisions of the official classification system. I can be grown throughout most of the United States. I am quite tolerant of cold, especially with a covering of snow, and am grown in Wisconsin and up to the Canadian border. I can also be grown in the south with the exception of parts of Florida which are frost free. A cold treatment – natural or induced – is needed for flower bud initiation.

I have a central trumpet-, bowl-, or disc-shaped corona surrounded by a ring of six floral leaves called the perianth which is united into a tube at the forward edge of the 3-locular ovary. My seeds are black, round and swollen with a hard coat. The three outer segments are sepals, and the three inner segments are petals. Though traditional folklore and poetry describe me to have a yellow to golden-yellow color all over, both in the wild species and due to breeding, the perianth and corona may be variously colored (white, orange, pink, red, green and all shades and tones of yellow). Breeders have also developed varieties with double, triple or ambiguously multiple rows and layers of segments.

My vigorous, long-lived flower bulbs thrive in sunny, well-drained places and are shunned by hungry deer and voles because my leaves and bulbs contain the alkaloid poison lycorine. I will prosper and multiply with little care. I multiply in two ways: asexual cloning (bulb division) where exact copies of the flower will result, and sexually (from seed) where new, different flowers will result. I have many uses including bedding, cutting, naturalizing, forcing and showing. Look forward to enjoying my beauty from early to late spring.



## Master Gardeners Board Meeting March 2, 2010

Present: Mary Wiedenmeier, Kathy Daniels, Ivan Placko, Alice Graf, Linda Baeten, Stan Meyer, Bob Potter, Ken Hawk, Roy Anne Moulton, Marge Menacher, Audrey Ruedinger, Linda Werner, Nick Schneider, Lawanda Jungwirth, Bob Kosanke, Arlene Kosanke.

Excused: Sue Bohn

### Special Report on Facebook – Lawanda Jungwirth

Lawanda suggested the MGs become Facebook friendly. She provided 3 handouts, one was an example of an existing Master Gardener Facebook Page from Sonoma County California, another was a proposed WCMGA page and a third was how to promote the Facebook page. Some members already belong to Facebook. This would be less formal than e-mail or the newsletter.

- Any member could have it, but it would be optional.
- Leave it open to all.
- Concern: those without a computer would lose out.
- Not to replace the newsletter, but could have a spot in the newsletter.
- Could have Facebook training for the membership and put together a cheat sheet.
- Provide a link on the Website.
- Let it evolve and grow.

This would be for comments, just talking, social networking. For example: “my daffodils are up”, etc. Discussion took place. By consensus, the Board gave the go ahead to Lawanda. We hope to get Stacy Voight and Kim Sharpf to help with the training. Put it on the agenda for the next Business Meeting.

### Treasurer’s Report –

Alice provided handouts. The total as of February 28 is \$14,956.26. This does not include all the receipts from Winter Escape/Summer Dreams. We did well selling wormcastings and cookbooks at the event. Our CD is due soon. It was decided to leave it roll over. Alice hopes to have a 2010 budget proposal for the membership this month.

**Secretary’s Report** –no changes were made. Board minutes are posted on the Website, and Business Meeting minutes are posted in the Newsletter.



## Old business

Worm Casting Brochure – Nick found about 250 copies of the brochure. We will redo the brochure with the new name and logo when these are depleted. There should be enough for the Home and Garden Show.

## New Business

Website – Linda Werner reported Jean Reed was not able to come tonight. They are in the process of redesigning the website. Discussion followed:

- Alice gave Linda a handout of “most frequently asked questions” to include.
- We need the membership form on website.
- Information resources such as Lawanda’s articles.
- Include other links.
- Have a password for member information to protect members.
- Include more pictures.
- Jean is working on a warmer, friendlier design. Linda is working on making it user friendly
- Promote Wormiculite & cookbooks.
- Provide “contact us” feature.
- Do we have a MG email address?
- Promote events.
- Create a detailed calendar. Will get that from the updated SOPs.

Discussion took place as to where the various MG forms are being kept. They were created by Linda Tobey, updated by Sue Bohn. The Secretary could keep the forms in a computer file.

Jean only changes the website when asked. Mary will give her a list of items to keep an eye on that we know will change, such as new officers, membership, etc. Kim & Stacy are willing to help. Let Linda Werner or Jean know your suggestions.

SOP's: Ivan reported

Alice & Ivan have been meeting. A new outline is being developed. They looked at the state SOPs for guidance. A lot of redundant and inconsistent information was evident in our SOPs. They are attempting to make the whole procedure understandable and have been working back & forth via email. They hope to have a draft for the next Board Meeting.

Education Committee – Roy Anne

Winter Escape/Summer Dreams - Roy Anne gave Alice the invoice for Melinda Myers. More expenses will be forthcoming. We may have lost money. The food was expensive, and the speaker cost \$1,750 + travel. The numbers aren't in yet. The Committee will analyze the data. Next year

would be easier due to experience. It was great exposure for the MGs. We will need to decide whether we want to continue WE/SD next year. Royanne figured \$1,000 for anticipated expense in the budget.

Amish trip – Marge went with Pat Behm to explore the Amish greenhouses between Manchester & Dalton. They visited 5 out of 8 and ruled out one. At this point the trip would start at Miller's move on to Otto's, then Salemville, then Grand River greenhouse. The Amish have great prices. There is also a general store by Otto's. Marge has a list of Amish side businesses we may wish to visit. There could also be a stop at Bloch's on the way back. Marge proposed we get a bus from Nationwide and include Appleton. April 24 is early, but they tend to sell out. She proposed a \$30.00 charge for the trip.

We would get a break on the bus because we are a repeat customer. We could use the email list Diane Iott has from WE/SD, send information to the Appleton MGs, Wild Ones, Winneconne, etc. We need 35 people to break even. 55 is max for the bus. It's nice to have extra room to haul plants.

Klem's Song Sparrow – Alice

Alice had interest from those who did this trip last year, but decided to postpone until next year. The only date available would have been May 22, the same date as the Paine's Festival.

Wildflower walk, Scheduled for May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Ball Horticultural Gardens, scheduled for August 6.

CSA trip - Nick needs to work out the details. It will most likely be in summer and may include meat, dairy, as well as produce operations.

Nick also mentioned worm castings – sellers of alternative fertilizers need to be licensed. He will look into it.

Approve 2010 Projects - Ivan

Ivan had a list of projects compiled from last year, which included some new ones for this year. He suggested a need to require a year-end report in the future to be approved the following year. Many year-end reports were missing. Some projects listed were one-time projects and eliminated from the list. Not all projects have turned in an application at this point.

Discussion

- Community Gardens – now divided into 3 projects. The Board will ask for clarification before approving this project.

- County Fair - \$150.00, Sue Bohn, includes 2 - \$25.00 scholarships, per Alice. Approved.
- Invasives – no money involved. Approved, but combined buckthorn & garlic mustard.
- Farmers Market – \$300, Dorothy Gayhart and Janet Priebe. Approved.
- Habitat - \$650, Dave Leonard. \$500 is the cap. Discussion. \$50 per site last year. 4 homes this year. There is also a \$250 grant from the State organization. Mary will invite Dave to explain the situation to the Board before approval.
- Home & Garden Show - \$308, Cindy Meszaros and Joni Pagel. Approved.
- Humane Society Memorial Gardens – New project. \$500, Dara Sitter. Mary and Roy Anne expressed interest in working on this project and there are others who want to work on it. Approved.
- Octagon House - \$450, Jerry Robak. Approved.
- Paine Gardens – no money involved, Bob Potter. Approved.
- Parkview. Deemed separate projects. Flower Arranging \$30.00, Pat Behm. Prairie Garden, \$175, Ken Hawk. Vegetable Garden, \$105, Al and Judy Harms. All approved, however we still need to hear from the Cutting Garden project lead.

#### Approved Projects

- Rushford Town Hall –all donations, Audrey Ruedinger and Carol Dorsch
- Washington School - \$500, Marge Menacher.
- Webster School - \$500, Marge Menacher.
- Mercy Hospital Potted Plants–Diana Dougherty.
- Park View Health Center Entrance – Bill Weber.
- St Mary's, Appleton – Lawanda Jungwirth.

Clarification needed for Community Gardens and Habitat projects. Mary will ask them to come to the next Board meeting.

Discussion on how to handle the money for projects took place. It was moved and seconded Linda Baeten/Bob Potter to not award money in advance for projects. Receipts should be turned in for immediate reimbursement, or a quote provided. Motion carried unanimously. Project leads will be notified.

#### Other New Business- State Convention

Bob Kosanke reported the State Convention will be in Sheboygan on July 24. Last year we gave \$100 dollars toward the convention. Moved and seconded, Alice/Bob Potter to give \$100 to state

conference again this year. The Board decided to not have a table this year.

#### Yearly Scholarship

This should be included in the budget.

Meeting adjourned 8:32pm

## **Washington & Webster Clean Up HELP NEEDED**

The Webster and Washington Schools will each be having a clean up day on Friday, April 9th from 9 am until finished or noon! At Webster we need help cleaning up the raised beds and removing plant debris, also help pulling weeds that grew last fall. We also will add soil to the 4 tractor tires that were added last year. At Washington we will be having a build the raised beds day and add soil to the raised beds. Bring gardening tools that you think will be helpful and if you can bring wheel barrows to help move soil. At Washington, hammers, power drills with power packs, wheel barrows and any other tools that you think would be helpful would be appreciated. Thanks so much in advance for any help that you can provide!!!!  
The School Gardeners!

## **FESTIVAL OF SPRING**

Saturday, May 22, 2010

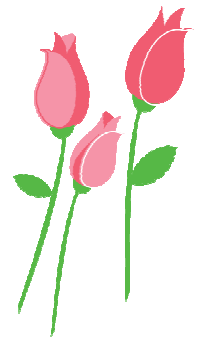
9:00 am – 4:00 pm

(8:00 am early admittance for Members)

Join us for the Paine's annual Festival of Spring on Saturday, May 22, 2010! Festival of Spring is a free outdoor festival featuring the annual Spring Plant Sale and more than 200 vendors of original art, fine crafts, plants and garden supplies. Visit the Corner Flea Market located at the corner of Elmwood Avenue and Congress Street, and also enjoy great food and entertainment throughout the day. Tour the Paine's spring garden showcase featuring more than 10,000 blooming wildflowers, tulips, daffodils and flowering trees.

And, this event is a great way for Master Gardeners to volunteer and share their knowledge with eager community members. For more information or to volunteer please contact the Paine Volunteer Coordinator at (920) 235-6903 ext. 40.

We will also have our own booth at this event. To volunteer in our booth contact Ken Hawk 426-1691  
[kehawk@earthlink.net](mailto:kehawk@earthlink.net)



## We're on Facebook!



Winnebago County Master Gardeners now has a Facebook page! If you are already on Facebook, just search for "Winnebago County Master Gardeners" to become a fan. If you are not on Facebook, go to

[www.Facebook.com](http://www.Facebook.com) and follow the prompts to join.

If you are new to Facebook and would like some guidance, Stacy Voight will give a short presentation at our April business meeting on how to join and will answer any questions or concerns you may have.

Facebook is a friendly, casual way of interacting with other Master Gardeners and any other people interested in gardening. Our page is open to the public.

Some of the things you might share on Facebook, for example, are a new plant you've discovered, your excitement about your blooming daffodils, gardening tips, questions you have about plants, gardening tools or techniques, great websites, plant sales, complaints about the weather, questions or advice about pests or diseases, or a fantastic new gardening book or magazine you've discovered. You can even post photos of your gardening successes or failures.

So far, our page has links to our local Master Gardening Association, the Wisconsin association, and Lawanda Jungwirth's website where you can access all of her past newspaper columns. There is also an announcement about our April 24 trip to the Amish Country greenhouses.

As of this writing, our Facebook page has 13 fans. We hope you'll join the fun soon!

## The Board Minutes

**The Board Meeting minutes appeared in this newsletter because they were requested by a few of our members. They take up a lot of space and we will not be able to have them in the newsletter every month, however.**

**We will have a link for you to our website so you can just click it and have the board minutes at your finger tips instead.**

**We will, in a few months, take a vote to see how the link is working for you all and if you might just prefer to have all of the minutes on the website rather than taking space in the newsletter; making room for other things.**

**This is your newsletter and we need your input.**

## WHAT AM I? - ANSWER



I am a daffodil.  
Order: liliales.  
Genus: narcissus.  
Common name: daffodil. There are two derivations of the name

narcissus. One is that of the youth of Greek mythology called Narcissus, who became so obsessed with his own reflection as he kneeled and gazed into a pool of water that he fell in and drowned. The Narcissus plant first sprang from where he died. The other derivation is that the plant is named after its narcotic properties which mean "to grow numb" in Greek.

References: USDA Plants Database, American Daffodil Society and associated links.

## Speaker for April Business Meeting

Great News! Jason Tetzlaff from Stewart's Landscape and Gardens will be our guest speaker on Tuesday April 13th meeting at 6:30. He will talk about the new and unknown annuals and tropicals for 2010 that are finding their way into Wisconsin gardens. This is for the adventuresome gardener who may want to try something new and exciting this year. Jason was one of the speakers along with Carole Dorsch and Steve Schueler that spoke at our monthly meeting last fall about questions most asked at a garden nursery. He has handouts along with his Power Point presentation. Bring a friend.

I welcome any suggestions for upcoming speakers in the months ahead. Also, looking for willing gardeners who would offer their gardens/yards for a summer/fall tour. Please...remember no garden is expected to be weed free and picture perfect. We learn so much in observing gardens of others. Please consider sharing your garden/yard with others. Phone me at 231-5745 or email [aruedinger2@new.rr.com](mailto:aruedinger2@new.rr.com)

## SANCTIONED CORE PROJECTS

Community Education	
Marge Menacher	223-3467
Community Gardens	
Ruth Freye	734-5978
Education and Control of Invasive Species	
Lawanda Jungwirth	836-2878
Audrey Ruedinger	231-5745
Farmers Market	
Dorothy Gayhart Kunz	233-8468
Janet Priebe	233-1898
Humane Society Memorial Garden	
Dara Sitter	582-4405
Lincoln School	
Karen Wedde	231-9696
Mary Haave	231-2542
Octagon House	
Jerry Robak	722-3311
Paine Gardens	
Bob Potter	233-3349
Park View Cutting Garden	
Bill Weber	231-2936
Park View Vegetable Garden	
Judy & Al Harms	688-5523
Park View Prairie Garden	
Ken Hawk	426-1691
Park View Flower Arranging	
Pat Behm	410-3290
Plant Health Advisors @ UWEX	
Barbara Kuhn	426-2920
Rushford Town hall	
Audrey Ruedinger	231-5745
Carol Dorsch	589-5936
Shared Harvest	
Ken Friedman	235-6766
Fox Cities Habitat for Humanity	
David Leonard	379-5860
Washington & Webster Schools	
Marge Menacher	223-3467

### OFFICERS / BOARD MEMBERS

Mary Wiedenmeier (PRES)	426-0991
Kathy Daniels (PRES)	233-0410
Ivan Placko (VP)	721-9394
Linda Baeten (SEC)	232-1224
Alice Graf (TRES)	203-8252

### BOARD MEMBERS

Susan Bohn	685-0427
Marge Menacher	233-3467
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Ken Hawk	426-1691
Audrey Ruedinger	231-5745
Roy Anne Moulton	886-1283
Bob Potter	233-3349

## COMMITTEES

Education and Trips	
Roy Anne Moulton	886-1283
Education – Meetings	
Audrey Ruedinger	231-5745
Event Planning	
Kathy Daniels	233-0410
Mary Wiedenmeier	426-0991
Historian	
Dawn Kent	410-8866
Membership	
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Newsletter	
Linda Tobey	734-2264
Jean Reed	729-9012
Lawanda Jungwirth	836-2878
Jane Kuhn	231-3993
Refreshment Committee	
Linda Loker	426-1435
State Rep	
Bob Kosanke	231-1873
SOP & Bylaw Committee	
Stan Meyer	725-6486
Sunshine	
Liz Ginke	722-8140
Hours	
Bruce Abraham	231-3747
Linda Tobey	734-2264
Home & Garden Shows	
Joni Pagel	233-6619
Cindy Meszaros	233-3550
Website, Computer and Projector	
Jean Reed	729-9012

**April 6 - Board Meeting – 6:00PM**  
**April 13 – Business Meeting – 6:15PM**

### OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

**Our purpose is to provide horticultural education, community service & environmental stewardship for our Community in affiliation with the University of Wisconsin Extension Program.**





## WCMG 2010 HOURS REPORT

Must be received by September 1, 2010

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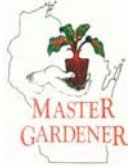
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EMAIL: [wiscorpio53@yahoo.com](mailto:wiscorpio53@yahoo.com)  
 (Please include in e-mail Subject line: "WCMG 2010 Hours Form")

or Mail To: Bruce Abraham  
 1911 Amy Jo Dr  
 Oshkosh, WI 54904-8841

# Dalton/Kingston Area Amish Buying Trip



Winnebago County Master Gardeners Association  
Saturday, April 24, 2010  
7:00 am– 4:30 pm



## Departure Sites and Leaving time:

Appleton Nationwide Terminal, 1103 Lynndale Dr. at 6:30 am  
Oshkosh at Penny's Parking Lot, Koeller Rd. at 7:00 am

Bus arrives at Miller's GreenHaus at 8:00. Shop until 10:00. Travel to Otto's Greenhouse. Arrive at 10:05. Shop until 11:15. Eat your lunch on the bus as we travel to Salemville Greenhouse. Arrive there at 11:30. Shop until 1:30. Shop at the Salemville Cheese Factory until 2:00. Travel to the Grand River Greenhouse at 2:15. Shop until 3:15. Board bus and travel back to Oshkosh, and Appleton.

Plant costs: Most 3 1/2 inch annuals are \$1.75- \$2.00. Most 4 inch perennials are \$2.50. Larger pots cost more. Baskets range from \$7.00 - \$32.00 for large ones in fancy containers. Most plants are Proven Winners.

Cost is \$30.00. Bring your own lunch, drinks and snacks. Please bring along tall (24+ inch) Rubbermaid type containers with lids and your name on them to store plants that you buy--that way we can stack boxes and plants in the under the bus storage area. Another option would be a sturdy large cardboard box with cover. Since we will be doing lots of walking, wear comfortable shoes and layers of clothes—who knows what kind of weather we will have then! Also bring lots of money for super plants and a great attitude so we can all have fun with fellow gardeners! We are going on this trip early in the season because they sell out by Mother's Day and we wanted you to have the pick of the crop of plants!

Please direct any questions to Marge Menacher at [marmen4105@sbcglobal.net](mailto:marmen4105@sbcglobal.net) or call 920-233-3467.

**Send your checks payable to WCMGA c/o Alice Graf, 1270 Locust St., Oshkosh, WI 54902.**

## Amish Buying Trip Registration Form

(copy as needed)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\$30.00 made to WCMGA

## 2010 Responding to Horticulture Inquiries

Members of the UW-Extension Horticulture Team will be hosting the annual professional development “Responding to Horticulture Inquiries” on June 9 at the Marathon County Extension Office and June 10 at the Dane County Extension Office. The program objectives are to:

*Acquaint new agents, summer agents, Extension Office staff and Master Gardener Volunteers who respond to horticulture questions at the County offices, with UW-Extension horticulture diagnostic services, resources for research based information, and members of the Horticulture Support Team.*

**The program information and schedule for both locations are as follows:**

When: Wednesday, June 9, 2010  
Time: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm  
Where: Marathon County Extension Office  
212 River Drive, Suite 1 and 2  
Wausau, WI  
Ph. 715-261-1230  
Reservations (by June 1): 715-261-1231  
[mary.slagoski@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:mary.slagoski@ces.uwex.edu)

**OR**

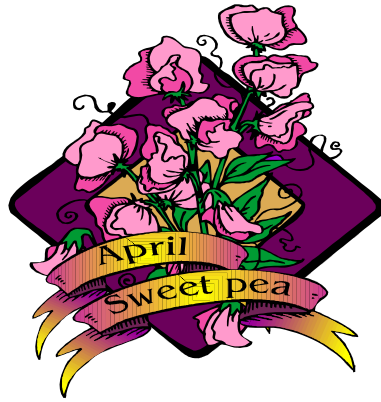
When: Thursday, June 10, 2010  
Time: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm  
Dane County Extension Office  
1 Fen Oak Court  
Madison, WI  
Ph. 608-224-3706  
Reservations (by June 1):  
[robert.tomesh@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:robert.tomesh@ces.uwex.edu)

Contact Robert Tomesh with questions: 608-265-4536 or [robert.tomesh@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:robert.tomesh@ces.uwex.edu)

### Program schedule

10:00	<i>Welcome</i>
10:05 – 10:45	<i>“Responding to Horticulture Inquiries”, Bob Tomesh, UWEX Horticulture Specialist</i>
11:00 – 12:00	<i>“UW Diagnostic Services”, Brian Hudelson, UWEX Plant Disease Diagnostic Clinic: Plant Disease Diagnostic Clinic, Insect Diagnostic Lab Turf Disease Diagnostic Clinic, Soil and Plant Analysis Lab</i>
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch
1:00 – 2:00	<i>“2009 Plant Diseases in Review”, Brian Hudelson, UWEX Plant Disease Diagnostic Clinic</i>
2:00 – 2:10	Break
2:10 – 3:10	<i>“2009 Plant Insects in Review”, Phil Pellitteri, UWEX Insect Diagnostic Lab</i>
3:10 – 4:00	<i>“Pesticides Available to Homeowners in 2010”, Panel Discussion</i>





**2010**

**Flowers are like human beings. They thrive on a little kindness.**

Fred Streeter

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
				1 APRIL FOOLS DAY 	2 <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>	3 Zilges Seminar
4 	5	6 Board Meeting	7	8	9	10 Zilges Seminar Compost Seminar 
11	12	13 Business Meeting	14	15	16	17 Zilges
18	19	20	21	22 <b>EARTH DAY</b>  Zilges Seminar	23	24 Amish Buying Trip 
25	26	27	28	29	30	

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