

# Winnebago County Master Gardener August 2013

## Volunteer Newsletter

### Mission Statement

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

### Presidents' Letter

I have seen many examples and learned much about how the climate and soils effect our gardening this past month. From the plants and trees in Victoria (that look like they are on steroids) to the many microclimates created by the Paine to the wonderful soil that Vicky Vandenberg has in her garden to the effect of Lake Michigan on the gardens of Dale and Joan Jeanquart in Sturgeon Bay. It has been a wonderful month of garden tours for me and a great learning experience!

We have many people to thank this month including Roy Anne Moulton for planning a trip of a lifetime to Butchart Gardens in Victoria and Vancouver. (She is looking forward to giving a presentation later this year to the Winnebago Master Gardeners). A thank you to Vicky Vandenberg for letting us tour her garden last week and a thank you to all you gardeners who are volunteering your time and talents to educate our local citizens whether it is through the plant health advisory line, farmers market, Parkview, the Paine, or other projects.

Training for new Master Gardeners begins Tuesday, Sept. 10 and continues for 12 weeks, through Nov. 26. Classes are from 6-9 p.m. An informational meeting is being held on Tuesday, Aug. 13 at 6:00 p.m. at the Coughlin Center. Please encourage any individuals that you know that would be interested in becoming Master Gardeners to attend the informational meeting.

We have scheduled one garden walk for the month of August and Greg Putzer has invited us to tour his garden at 4792 Bayview Lane, Oshkosh on Wednesday, July 31 at 10:00 a.m. Greg has about 250 hostas; and he said his flocks are about ready to bloom. You will get instructions for Greg's house in an email. Our August garden walk is at Mary Sanders on Wednesday, August 14 at 8348 Pine Cone Circle in Winchester. Our next business meeting is September 10.

Enjoy the rest of summer.

*Mary and Linda*



The next Master  
Gardener Business  
meeting will be  
September 10

## From the Advisor...

### Winnebago County Master Gardener Volunteer Training to Begin

The mission of the Winnebago County Master Gardener Association is to provide horticulture education, community service and environmental stewardship for our community in affiliation with the University of Wisconsin Extension. An introduction to the Master Gardener Volunteer program will be held at the J.P. Coughlin Center, 625 E. County Rd Y, Oshkosh at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 13. If you are interested in learning more about becoming a Master Gardener, please consider attending this event.

Basic Training will be hosted in Winnebago County from September 10 through November 26 at the J.P. Coughlin Center, 625 E. County Rd Y, Oshkosh. Basic Training will cost \$90 per person. Course fee includes 1 year membership, 36 hours of lecture, and training manual. (Supplementary handbook is available for an additional cost). Classes will be presented on Tuesday evenings from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Topics included will be plant propagation, soils, woody ornamentals, herbaceous ornamentals, entomology, plant pathology, weeds, lawn care, vegetables, fruits, native and invasive plants, and backyard wildlife.

The registration deadline for the 2013 Basic Master Gardener Volunteer training is August 16<sup>th</sup>. In order to fulfill registration requirements, the Volunteer Agreement, Consent to Background Check, and \$90 payment must be received by Treasurer Sue Egner, 931 Park Ridge Ave., Oshkosh, WI 54901. Make check payable to WCMGA. The required forms can be obtained online at <http://winnebago.uwex.edu/horticulture/> or by calling the Winnebago County UW-Extension office at 920-232-1971.

*Thanks,  
Kimberly*

# Master Gardener Myths Busted

By Lawanda Jungwirth

*Please note that this article was written for the Oshkosh Northwestern*

Myth #1: Master Gardeners know everything about gardening. False. Nobody knows everything about gardening. Like all gardeners, Master Gardeners have special areas of interest. Perhaps they are rose-growing experts, or maybe their focus is in the vegetable garden. Some might be more knowledgeable about native plants, while others know a lot about trees but very little about tulips. Some can rattle off chemical pesticide names while others may be organic gardeners who use less toxic methods of pest control.

Here's the thing, though. Master Gardeners have direct access to the best university horticulture experts. Perhaps between all those experts they know almost everything there is to know about gardening. Your pipeline to those experts is through the Winnebago County Master Gardener Association's Plant Health Advisor Hotline. Call 920-232-1986 with any garden, insect, plant, tree, or landscape question or problem. Leave a message to be called back; the answering machine is checked often. Other resources you can contact directly are listed in the sidebar.

Myth #2: Master Gardeners all have beautifully landscaped yards and gardens with no weeds. False. Like everyone else, Master Gardeners have family and work obligations, health issues, and other interests that fill the time they wish could be spent in the garden.

Myth #3: A Master Gardener should be able come up with a design for your landscape off the top of his or her head in a matter of minutes. False. Some people have a talent for immediately envisioning a beautiful and complete landscape and some do not. Just because a Master Gardener has learned all the technical aspects of landscape design doesn't mean he or she has an aptitude for it.

Myth #4: Once you become a Master Gardener, you are a Master Gardener for life. False. After taking 36-40 hours of initial training to become a Master Gardener, a person must pass a written exam and perform a minimum of 24 hours of horticulture-related community service. They are then certified as a Master Gardener for just one year. To retain certification, a Master Gardener must get at least ten hours of continuing horticulture education every year and perform at least 24 hours of community service annually.

Myth #5: Master Gardeners have dirt under their fingernails eight months of the year. This one may have some basis in fact.

More Resources you can contact directly:

- Plant Disease Diagnostic Clinic. For help in identifying plant diseases and information about their control. 608-262-2863, [www.pddc.wisc.edu](http://www.pddc.wisc.edu)
- Insect Diagnostic Lab. For help in identifying insect pests and information about their control. 608-262-6510, [www.entomology.wisc.edu/diaglab](http://www.entomology.wisc.edu/diaglab)
- Soil and Plant Analysis Lab. For help in nutrient analysis of soil and ornamental and agricultural plants. 608-262-4364, [www.uwlab.soils.wisc.edu](http://www.uwlab.soils.wisc.edu)
- Turfgrass Diagnostic Lab. For help in identifying turf diseases, insect pests and weeds. 608-845-2535, [www.tdl.wisc.edu](http://www.tdl.wisc.edu)

## What Am I?

By Jane Kuhn

I am an herbaceous perennial with 2-3 inch daisy-like flowers with yellow-orange rays and brown center disks atop stiff stems. I have rough, serrate, medium green leaves up to 5 inches long. I grow from 3 to 6 feet tall and prefer full sun and average, dry to medium, well-drained soil. I tolerate drought and some light shade, but if grown in too much shade I may become floppy. If this becomes a problem my plants can be staked or cut back hard in late spring to encourage a more compact, bushy plant. I bloom in summer to early fall and removing spent flowers will extend my blooming season.

Propagation can be done using seeds, dividing plants in spring or autumn, or root basal cuttings in spring. I should be divided every 2 to 3 years to maintain vigor. I provide long-lasting blooms for the perennial border or cutting garden and am effective in a native plant or prairie area. I attract butterflies. I am prone to powdery mildew and rust.

Master Gardeners:

It's almost Winnebago County fair time! The fair runs **August 6-11** and presents an excellent opportunity to provide outreach about our MG association and information about current horticulture issues. **Whether you need hours to meet certification requirements or if you want to highlight your MG project or event, you can do so by tending the MG booth during the fair.**

Time spent volunteering at the fair counts towards the **5 hours of 'teaching others' time you're required to complete annually** for recertification. While it's more fun to work in pairs, you can work alone. **\*\*If you are not yet certified, you will have to be paired with a certified MG.\*\***

We typically schedule MGs to work the booth from 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, any time on Saturday, and from noon to 3 on Sunday. If you'd like to volunteer for any of those times, please let me know **by Thursday, August 1st**. I'll put together a list of volunteers and preferred schedule based on responses. If you can't make the schedule hours described above, let me know and we'll try to work something out.

If you volunteer, you should bring your favorite research-based hort references with you. MG course materials are great for this. Don't worry about not knowing the answers to all of the hort questions you might be asked. You just need to refer them to the Plant Health Advisor team.

Questions? Please ask!

Thanks,  
Sue Bohn



## Flower Arranging

2013 dates are:

*Newsletter Contributions*  
To contribute an article or more to the  
Newsletter contact Diana Dougherty at  
233-7137 or email to  
[dldoug5@charter.net](mailto:dldoug5@charter.net)

August 12  
September 23  
October 7  
November 18  
December 2

## Diagnosing Tree & Shrub Diseases & Pests Workshop

This one-day workshop will provide basic instruction and training on insect and disease identification, treatment techniques and other management strategies in woody ornamentals. There will be an outdoor instruction on diagnostic approaches and offer identification tips of common landscape insects and diseases. Presenters will be Brian Hudelson: Director, UW-Madison/Extension Plant Disease Diagnostics Clinic and Phil Pellitteri: Distinguished Faculty Associate, UW Madison Insect Diagnostic Lab

### Learn How To:

- ◆ Identify insect, diseases and environmental problems that damages woody plants.
- ◆ Care and manage the tree health issues related to insect and diseases.
- ◆ Apply treatment products and its application timing.

### Who Should Attend:

Community forestry, parks and public works employees and managers; tree board members; tree service, nursery and landscape employees; restorationists; community horticulture instructors; and other professionals in the areas of urban forestry and horticulture.

Questions regarding registration should be directed to UW-Extension Winnebago County, 920-232-1971. <http://winnebago.uwex.edu/>

### Answer to: What Am I ?

**I am a heliopsis. Order: Asterales. Family: Asteraceae – Aster family. Genus: Heliopsis. Other names: false sunflower, woodland sunflower, oxeye daisy, oxeye. Heliopsis is Green in origin and means “sun eye.” Heliopsis are care-free and reliable for their very long season of bloom.**



References: USDA Plants Database and associated links.

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## August 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 Farmers Market
4	5	6 MG Brd Mtg 6:00	7	8	9	10 Farmers Market
11	12 Flower Arranging 1:30	13	14 Garden Walk	15	16	17 Farmers Market
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 Farmers Market
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 Farmers Market

## September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Labor Day	3 MG Board Mtg 6:00	4	5	6	7 Farmers Market
8	9	10 MG Business Mtg 6:00	11	12	13	14 Farmers Market
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 Farmers Market
22	23 Flower Arranging 1:30	24	25	26	27	28 Farmers Market
29	30					