



Winnebago County Master Gardener

August 2014

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'm sure everyone is having a busy summer taking care of their own gardens and working on Master Gardener projects. It is a great time of summer when we can finally get fresh produce from our gardens and at the Farmer's Market. I had my first taste of fresh corn on the cob and am looking forward to many more until the season ends.

I have many of our members to thank in this newsletter. A big thank-you to Linda Christensen and her neighbor Betty Humphrey for inviting us to do a garden walk at their homes on July 1st. It is always fun to see what other gardeners are up to! Linda Loker and Alice Graf planned a wonderful day on the bus trip to Allen Centennial Gardens, Olbrich Botanical Gardens, private garden of the Kleinheinz's and a stop at Schonheit nursery on Saturday, July 19. The weather was beautiful and a good time was had by all! Audrey Ruedinger has arranged for us to do a garden tour on August 6 from 5-7 p.m. at Sharon Slover's home. (see information attached).

It's that time of year again when our hours and membership dues need to be handed in by September 1st. All forms can be found on the website at www.winnebagoastergardeners.org. Membership forms along with your check for \$30.00 for single or \$50.00 for a couple are due to Linda Baeten by September 1st. Hours are due to Patty Schmitz by September 1st also.

BOTH OF THESE FORMS ARE IN THE NEWSLETTER AND AVAILABLE ONLINE IN THE MEMBER AREA OF THE WEBSITE.

If you have questions you can contact Linda Petek or Mary Shepard.

And don't forget ALL MGVS ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE MANDATED CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING. NO EXCEPTIONS. The training can be counted as 1.0 hours of continuing education. Take the training online at wcwpds.wisc.edu/mandatedreporter/ and receive your certificate of completion which needs to be printed off and given to Kimberly Miller by September 1st. You will not be certified unless you complete this training!

ENJOY THE REST OF SUMMER!

Mary and Linda



What is due by Sept 1st ??

- * Membership form and dues -
<http://winnebagoastergardeners.org/Documents/Forms/MembershipRenewal.pdf>
- * Hours form -
<http://winnebagoastergardeners.org/Documents/Forms/2013TimeSheet.pdf>
- * Mandatory Child Abuse training -
<http://wcwpds.wisc.edu/mandatedreporter/>

...from our Advisor

MGV Basic Level Training

I hope everyone's summer is going well and that you have had time to enjoy the weather, gardening, family, and friends. As we move into August, my attention is being turned to preparation for the MGV Basic Level Training. This year we are switching things up and going to a flipped classroom approach. What does that mean? Students will watch video lectures at home, and class will be a time for students to inquire about the lecture content, test their skills in applying knowledge, and interact with one another in hands-on activities. Classes will be every Tuesday, 6pm to 8pm, Sept. 2 - Nov. 25 (no class Oct. 21).

As I prepare for the class I want to ask you all two things. One, is any member interested in helping with activities during the classes? Involvement can be anything from helping to prep beforehand for class, helping with activities in class, to leading discussions. You can count the hours towards your community education requirements. If you are interested in a certain date or topic please let me know. Two, I would like to invite all project leads to come give a 5-10 minute presentation to the new students about your project. I would like to space the presentations over the 12 week period, so please pick a date a let me know when you can come. Thank you in advance for all your help.

Mandated Reporter Online Training

I would like to remind everyone of the mandatory training for the reporting of child abuse and neglect. To date 65% of the membership has completed the training. There still are 41 people who need to complete the training. If you are unsure if you have completed it, please contact me.

The training is computer based and you will need to set aside approximately 45 minutes to an hour of time. The training can be counted as 1.0 hour of continuing education. At the completion of the training you will have an option to print a certificate of completion. Please do so and turn it in to the Winnebago County UW- Extension office to keep on file.

For those who do not have access to a computer, you can come into the office and use the MGV-Plant Health Advisor computer. Please call first to make sure no else is using it. For those that would like to conduct the training from home, it can be found at <http://wcwpds.wisc.edu/mandatedreporter/>

The training SHALL BE completed by the time hours are submitted on Sept. 1, 2014. It is expected that you will complete this training if you wish to continue with the Master Gardener Program into 2015. If you are one that has not completed the training, please take some time in the next month and do so.

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Edges of Another Color

By Lawanda Jungwirth

I've never been a fan of variegated foliage plants – those whose leaves sport streaks or speckles of white, yellow, purple, red or light green. I also don't care for unnatural looking streaks of color on flower petals. But when the first fall nursery catalog arrived in the mail in mid-June, I fell in love with a whole bunch of flowers whose edges looked like they'd been dipped in paint or dye.

First I noticed a tulip named 'Shirley.' Petals are bright white with thin lines of purple edging each one. The catalog says the purple edge broadens as the flower matures. Similar in color is a lily-flowered tulip called 'Aria Card.' It is described as a "frosty confection of creamy-white edged with a delicate lilac-purple fringe." Then there was a peony tulip, 'Belicia,' whose big double flowers open creamy-yellow with red edges, maturing to white-edged red. 'Belicia' is a late-blooming tulip that grows 16 inches tall. Each stem bears multiple blooms.

Next were hardy Asiatic Hybrid Lilies. A new offering, 'Lollypop,' has vanilla-white petals that appear to be dipped in rich, raspberry red. 'Lollypop' grows 24-36 inches tall. 'Orange Art' has wine-purple petals whose tips seem to have been immersed in bright orange. 'Orange Art' reaches 36-44 inches tall. The Asiatic hybrid lilies bloom mid to late June and continue into July. They need full sun and good drainage.

Another sun lover, 'Star Cluster' Coreopsis has white flowers with yellow button centers. It produces flowers all summer. When temperatures cool, the petals develop purple on the petal edges and radiating out from the center

My favorite gaillardia, also known as blanket flower, is 'Arizona Sun'. It's brick red, 3-4 inch flowers have bright yellow edges. These bushy, mounded plants thrive in dry areas in full sun and grow 10-12 inches high and wide.

Continuing through the catalog, I came to the most beautiful hellebores! They bloom earlier in spring than any other flower, even while snow is still on the ground. The first one that caught my eye in the Winter Jewels series was 'Amber Gem.' It is described as "yellow infused, blushed and outlined in red like a ripe apricot." In the Winter Thrillers series, 'Ice Follies' has burgundy flowers edged with creamy white.

Winter Jewels series plants have blooms up to 3 inches across and grow in clumps 18 inches tall and 24 inches wide. The Winter Thrillers produce 3-4 inch blooms held on 18-inch stems well above the foliage.

Near the back of the catalog I found bearded irises. 'Bride's Halo' has frilled and laced satin-white blooms trimmed with a precise yellow-gold margin. It blooms early to mid-season and grows about 36 inches tall.

It's never too early to place my fall catalog order!

Master Gardeners Pat Behm and Sandra Golliher work on a soils project with summer school students at E Cook school.



Residents at Parkview enjoy the flower and vegetable gardens planted by Master Gardeners. Here two residents view the flowers on the prickly pear cactus which is a native cactus to Wisconsin

New Publications at the Learning Store:

Common Crops posters (A3905-09) - Based on *Common Crops for Community Gardens* (A3905-05), this set of ten, legal-size posters show how to plant and harvest five cool-season crops and five warm-season crops, including beets, broccoli, carrots, lettuce, cucumbers, melons, green beans, peppers, greens, and tomatoes. The posters also address common problems and key tips on growing these crops.

Raised Beds and Containers for Community Gardens (A3905-04) - Above-ground gardening offers access and ease for community gardeners of all ages and abilities. This publication highlights key considerations and offers tips for gardening in raised beds and containers. Topics covered include raised bed construction, container selection, donated materials, soil, planting, and irrigation (8 pages; 2014).

Cucurbit Downy Mildew: Identification and Management (A3978) - Cucurbit downy mildew is a destructive disease of all plants in the gourd family, including cucumber, watermelon, cantaloupe, pumpkin, and squash. This fact sheet covers the disease's life cycle and symptoms and offers effective means of control (4 pages; 2014).

New Publications at the Wisconsin Horticulture Website:

Daylily Leaf Streak (XHT1235)

Raspberry Anthracnose (XHT1232)

New Videos on the Extension Video Channel (EVC):

The EVC (<http://uwexvideochannel.org/>) has 20 new videos about:

- late blight in tomatoes
- site considerations for community gardens
- women who have attended Heart of the Farm: Women in Ag. conference
- various aspects of soybeans, corn, alfalfa, and wheat
- Wisconsin state parks

CHERRY SCONES

½ C SHORTENING
½ C BUTTER
1 C SUGAR
3 EGGS
½ C SOUR CREAM
3 C FLOUR
1 TSP BAKING POWD
½ TSP BAKING SODA
½ TSP SALT 1 C DRIED D.C. CHERRIES
1 C COCONUT
1 TSP GRATED ORANGE RIND
1 ½ TSP ALMOND EXT



MIX SHORTENING, BUTTER, SUGAR AND EGGS THOROUGHLY. STIR IN SOUR CREAM. MIX DRY INGREDIENTS AND ADD TO CREAMED MIXTURE. FOLD IN CHERRIES, COCONUT, RIND AND FLAVORING. DROP ONTO UNGREASED COOKIE SHEETS.

BAKE 400 DEGREES FOR 10 – 12 MINUTES.

NOTE: MAY PAT DOUGH ONTO A BAKING SHEET AND SCORE COMPLETELY THROUGH THE DOUGH IN PIECE FASHION, THEN BAKE – MAY TAKE A FEW MINUTES LONGER.

Linda Loker

Garden Walk

Sharon Slover has graciously offered us another visit to her beautifully landscaped rural property on Wednesday August 6th from 5-7pm. Sharon is a very gifted landscape designer who has incorporated old farm foundations and buildings including an antique tractor and farm tools of the past into your many gardens. Lunch will be served in her garden patio shaded by a 100 year old oak tree on the east side of the restored 1870's home. Note: She has added several new gardens including some grazing sheep....a must see.

Directions: Southwest of Oshkosh. Take Hwy 44 toward Ripon...Turn on 91 and travel about 6 miles to Elo Rd. Turn left and go 2 miles to Bradley Ave. Turn right on Bradley Ave. Sharon is the second house on the right side of road. A large two story house with a wrap-around porch.

Address is 6282 Bradley Ave., Pickett



2014

Flower Arranging schedule at Parkview Health center

Master gardeners meet on Mondays at 1:30

August 4 flower arranging for the FAIR !!

August 25th flowers from our gardens

Sept 22nd flowers from our gardens

October 20th flowers from Garden Gate

November 17th flowers from Garden Gate

December 15th flowers from Garden Gate

Newsletter Contributions

To contribute an article or more to the Newsletter contact Diana

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Wild Ones Celebrates 35 Years with Conference

Fox Valley residents are invited to join Wild Ones in celebrating our 35th anniversary with our annual conference August 15-17 at the WILD Center. Besides speakers, workshops and tours, there will be great food, a silent auction and a movie. Register by August 10, 2014. \$35 per person. <http://www.wildones.org/2014-wild-ones-annual-conference/>

Starting with the Friday evening buffet and speaker, the event continues on into Saturday with tours, workshops and speakers and concludes with an evening cook-out and the movie "Jens Jensen The Living Green." Dan Parker's iron sculptures will also be for sale. Folksinger Steve Hazell will entertain on Saturday evening. Sunday events

include tours, workshops and a final speaker, Dr Chip Taylor Founder of Monarch Watch at 11AM, who will kick off Moving for Monarchs activities in the afternoon.

Following the conference on Sunday, August 17, stay for the filming of Moving for Monarchs second segment "Dance for Life" during the afternoon Monarch Moves Dance n' Plant Festival hosted by the Wild Ones Fox Valley Area Chapter. Suitable for young and old, the festival features all things monarchs and includes an in-prairie performance by

professional ballet dancer Gwynedd Vetter-Drusch as she introduces community dancers to monarch butterfly and pollinator conservation through the use of dance. Plan to join us in dancing for monarchs.

<http://www.wildones.org/learn/wild-for-monarchs/moving-monarchs/>

Donna VanBuecken, Executive Director

SALAD TOMATOES

2 CUPS CHERRY OR GRAPE TOMATOES

$\frac{1}{4}$ C WINE VINEGAR

$\frac{1}{4}$ C OLIVE OIL

$\frac{1}{4}$ C SUGAR

1/2 TSP DRIED BASIL

1 TSP DRIED PARSLEY

$\frac{1}{2}$ TSP DRIED OREGANO

$\frac{1}{2}$ TSP GARLIC PWD

S & P TO TASTE

**SLICE TOMATOES IN HALF.
PLACE IN SALAD BOWL.**

**MIX REST OF INGREDIENTS TOGETHER AND
BLEND WELL.**

**POUR OVER TOMATOES.
LET STAND SEVERAL MINUTES.
SERVE AT ROOM TEMPERATURE.**

NOTE: MAY USE REGULAR TOMATOES,

CUT UP IN CHUNKS

This article was in the July OAHS newsletter.....



Visit the beautiful Memorial Garden at Oshkosh Area Humane Society

Serene, restful, meditative. These are just a few words that could be used to describe the Oshkosh Area Humane Society (OAHS) Reflections garden. In 2009, with the help of the Winnebago Master Gardeners Association and various volunteers, the green space just north of the humane society began the transformation into a beautiful tribute to both people and animals. The Reflections garden is composed of several "rooms" each with its own groups of plantings and rock gardens along with memorial and tribute structures such as benches, arbors, bricks and statues, that honor beloved animals and people. It's a great place to visit with your furry friends and maybe snap a few pictures!

"After a stressful day, I can go sit in our garden for a few minutes and I just feel better," said OAHS Executive Director Joni Geiger. "So much work has gone into this space to really make it a place the community can enjoy."

Thank you to the Winnebago Master Gardeners for continuing to help with the upkeep of the garden.

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August 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Farmer's Market
3	4 Parkview Flower Arranging-130 for Fair	5 Parkview /Noon Winchester/ 9-12	6 Garden Walk 5-7 pm	7	8	9 Farmer's Market
10	11	12 Parkview /Noon Winchester/ 9-12	13	14	15	16 Farmer's Market
17	18	19 Parkview /Noon Winchester/ 9-12	20	21	22	23 Farmer's Market
24 31	25 Parkview Flower Arranging-130	26 Parkview/Noon Winchester/ 9-12	27	28	29	30 Farmer's Market

September 2014

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