

WINNEBAGO COUNTY MASTER GARDENER FEBRUARY 2011 - NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENTS' LETTER

February is a good month, as it brings us closer to spring!! Also the days continue to get longer and warmer.

We want to congratulate Dara Sitter for her work at the Oshkosh Area Humane Society Memorial Garden. She has been recognized by the Southwest Rotary for all the landscaping she has done there. Thank you to her father, David Bultman who has spent numerous hours by her side working there.

Don't forget to check out our new website and the upcoming events. We have a bus trip to Wisconsin Public Television Garden Expo, Depart Coughlin Center, Oshkosh, 6:45 am, Saturday, February 12 and Saturday, February 26 – Winter Escape ~ Summer Dreams, Speakers: Jeff Epping, Director of Horticulture, Olbrich Botanical Gardens Kathy and Michael Rock, Gardening and Landscaping to Attract Hummingbirds. The registration form is available on the website. Hope to see you there!!! Are you receiving seed catalogs in the mail like I am? Spring seems so far away when the wind chill is -25!!

Have a good month,
Kathy & Mary

WHERE IS IT?

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Nick's Notes:

Dear Master Gardener Volunteers,

The Winnebago County Extension office is already starting to receive requests for 2011 community service and education projects. We are going to try a different system this year communicating to you about these requests. When interested parties contact my office, I explain that Master Gardeners provide education and service for local non-profits, community organizations and government groups such as schools and the Park View Health Care Center. I then explain that there are sanctioned group projects and individual projects and it is up to the membership to choose which projects they want to develop. If the interested party meets the non-profit requirement and they want to move forward with establishing a new project, then requests are shared with the Vice-Presidents, Ivan Placko and Jane Kuhn, and then will be posted through email and the monthly in the newsletter. It is not likely all requests will be filled; yet with such a large membership, someone could be looking for just the right project that fits their interest. Overall, projects are most successful when one or two people champion the cause. If you find a project listed is of interest to you, please contact the Vice-Presidents and me so we know someone is going to pursue the project further. In case two or more members show interest in the project, we will connect you for working together.

You will find our first potential project written up in this newsletter in the new section called Potential Projects Corner. Projects will be presented there for you to read and think about in each newsletter and our website as they come into us. Please read and contact the VP's with your interest or comments.

Thanks,
Nick Schneider



HAPPY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



Susah Bohn, Al Harms
Dorothy Gayhart-Kunz, Synda
Jones, Bob Potter, John
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A Year of Good News

We think that we hear too much bad news all of the time. It seems that bad news carries fast leaving our lives surrounded in darkness. Let's let some light into our lives by focusing on the good news. We invite any and all of you with good news to send it into the newsletter so we can share all of our Good News with the rest of the group. Let us know about that new grandbaby of yours as well as weddings in your family. Let us know when that military person comes back home from being deployed overseas. Let us know also about the health battle won to give courage to those of us facing one. Let's begin to focus on the Positive. We want this year to be a year of **GOOD NEWS**. Let's hear yours.

Project pictures needed



We need updated pictures of projects or trips for our display boards. Please bring them to the January and February meetings. We will use them for our February Seminar and the Home and Garden Show in March. We want to display all of our current activities. Please contact: Cindy Meszaros or Joni Pagel.

NEW COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Congratulations to the following new Committee Chairs: Patty Schmitz, Hours; Sue Bohn, State Representative; Ivan Placko & Alice Graf, SOP & Bylaws; and Diana Dougherty, Sunshine. We thank you for offering your time and talents to serve our group.

We also thank the past Chairs who have stepped down from these positions for their service. They are: Bruce Abraham, Hours; Bob Kosanke, State

Representative, Stan Meyer, SOP & Bylaws; and Liz Ginke, Sunshine. We truly appreciate everything they have contributed to WCMGA over the years.

Save the Dates!

The Education and Trip Committee have lots of fun and educational opportunities planned for 2011. Please mark your calendars:

February 12 – Bus trip to Garden Expo in Madison

February 26 – Winter Escape ~ Summer Dreams

March 5 – Bus trip to Chicago Flower and Garden Show at Navy Pier

March 12 – Hands-on pruning workshop

Flower Arranging Dates: (All are Mondays, 1:30@ PV)

March 28---Spring artificial bouquets

April 11---Floral flowers from Garden Gate

May 23---Floral flowers from Garden Gate

June 20---Flowers from our gardens, cutting garden

July 18---Live flowers

August 1---Live flowers

August 15---Live flowers

Sept. 12---Live flowers

Sept. 26---Live flowers

Oct. 10---Floral flowers from Garden Gate

Nov. 21---Floral flowers from Garden Gate

Dec. 5---Christmas gift bag arrangements



Landscape Design by Anne Ross

This program will be presented at the February 8th Master Gardener meeting. It will begin promptly at 6:15

Designing a landscape is the first step in creating your dream outdoor living space. This half hour – 45 minute power point presentation answers several basic planning questions which you need to know first. It doesn't have to be overwhelming. If you have a design plan using workhorse plants, it is more enjoyable. In the presentation I have pictured examples and 12 basic principles to follow. And yet more pictures with ideas! Relax! Don't make it just a task or chore, make it fun! Make it in stages! Make it your dream outdoor living space!

Anne Ross

Plants Need Their Sleep Too

By Lawanda Jungwirth

A couple years ago I won an oxalis plant as a door prize at a Master Gardener meeting. I removed it from the plastic pot it came in, put it in a pretty ceramic pot and placed it in my dining room near the window.

For those not familiar with the plant, oxalis is sometimes called shamrock plant because of the shape of its leaves. The leaves can be either green or purple and the delicate flowers are white or pink.

I've noticed something strange about the oxalis. When I go into the dining room at night, the leaves are all folded into themselves and drooping, not like the plant is sick, but almost like it's sleeping. The next morning it's normal again. This happens every night. When I have to go into the dining room at night, I almost want to say, "Oops, excuse me, sorry to bother you!" I get what I need, turn out the light, and get out of the room as fast as I can.

It turns out that there's a word for the process that makes the oxalis leaves droop. Nyctinastic. It means night-induced movements.

If you grow a vegetable garden, you may notice that the leaves on your bean plants begin to droop near dusk. Same thing. They don't need water, they just need sleep. Wood sorrel is another plant that is nyctinastic. You might find it growing as a weed in your flower beds. The leaves look like miniature shamrocks and it has tiny yellow flowers.

Most plants in the legume family are nyctinastic to some degree. These include alfalfa, clover, peas, beans, lupines and soy.

We don't know why some plants are nyctinastic and others are not, but scientists have been studying how it happens since the 4th century BC. Nyctinastic movement is regulated by chemical compounds that differ depending on the plant. The plants all have leaf-closing substances and leaf-opening substances in competition. When it starts to get dark, the leaf-closing substance is stronger and wins out. When morning comes, it is out-competed by the leaf-opening substance.

Scientists have also discovered that when nyctinastic plants are subjected to sleep deprivation, they wither and die. The plants need eight hours or more of sleep each night, just as we do. This is a good incentive for unplugging

electronics that light up your rooms at night and turning off outdoor lights.

The "nastic" part of the word means "a non-directional movement in response to a stimulus." Non-directional means that the plant is making a movement but not necessarily toward or away from the stimulus.

There are other "nastic" movements that plants make such as photonasty (response to light), chemonasty (chemicals), hydronasty (water), thermonasty (temperature), geonasty (gravity) and thigmonasty (touch).

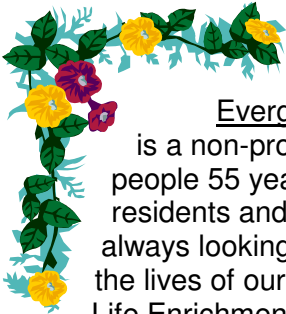
You may not find any practical use for this knowledge, but you will impress your friends with your new vocabulary words! Nyctinastic is pronounced "nick-tin-as-tick."

What Am I by Jane Kuhn

Although my plants are woody in summer and function as sub-shrubs in the landscape, since my stems do die back to the ground in winter I am technically an herbaceous perennial. I am a great companion plant for spring-blooming bulbs since I tend to be late-appearing in spring, sometimes as late as the end of May or early June when the soil temperature approaches 70 degrees. I typically bloom in late July or early August so I am valuable in gardening plans that strive for spring-to-fall color since fewer flowering shrubs bloom at this time than at other times during the growing season. I am gaining in popularity due to the tropical feel I offer to northern gardens and to my blooms which measure up to the size of dinner plates. In the center of each impressive flower is a prominent pistil and stamen structure that adds to my beauty. My large and colorful flowers are highly attractive to hummingbirds and butterflies.

I need a minimum of 6 hours of sun each day and tolerate a wide range of soils with a preference for soil high in organic matter and slightly acidic. I require a lot of water until I am established and after a year or two will tolerate both dry and moist conditions. Better branching will result from light pinching early in the season and old stems can be pruned after new shoots have emerged in the new season. Prolonging the bloom season is a matter of plenty of fertilizer and the judicious deadheading of fading flowers. Propagation is by sown seed, by crown divisions during winter dormancy or by hardwood stem cuttings.

POTENTIAL PROJECT CORNER



Evergreen Retirement Community is a non-profit organization which serves people 55 years and older. With nearly 300 residents and eight living options, we are always looking for ways to serve and enrich the lives of our residents. A member of the Life Enrichment Team has (what we think) is a great idea: to create raised garden beds for the residents to plant, grow, maintain and harvest fresh vegetables and cut flowers. We need your expertise in planning this as well as your hands-on assistance to make this project a reality. Evergreen will pay for all materials. If interested, please contact Phyllis Thompson, Volunteer Coordinator, at 237-2126 pthompson@evergreenoshosh.com for more details.

Organic Gardening Tip of the Month

From Lawanda Jungwirth

Do you have the nagging feeling that you should be an organic gardener, but you're afraid of what might happen to your garden if you give up the security of your synthetic sprays, pesticides and fertilizers? Don't be frightened – if you're not the type to make a compost bin or use homemade potions, there are many organic sprays and fertilizers on the market today, both in the stores and online. You can fill your shelves with these handy products if it makes you feel more comfortable. (Please dispose of your old, unused chemicals properly by taking them to a hazardous waste collection site.)



Dara Sitter Honored by Rotary

We want congratulate our very own, Dara Sitter, along with the Southwest Rotary for her work on Humane Society Gardens.

Dara with the assistance of her father created an area of beauty to be enjoyed by all who visit the Humane Society. We give you our collective thumbs up for you work.



PLANT HEALTH ADVISOR PROJECT CHAIR NEEDED

Barbara Kuhn has resigned as Chair of the Plant Health Advisors Project. We thank her for her time and service in that position.

Plant Health Advisors are WCMGA members who volunteer their time and knowledge to assist people from the community who call UW-Extension with questions about their plants or landscape. This can be done by working in the UW-Extension office or from home.

We are in need of a certified master gardener member to fill the vacated Project Chair. If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Nick, Mary or Kathy.

Upcoming Gardening Event

The second annual Winter Escape~Summer Dreams seminar, sponsored by the Winnebago County Master Gardener Volunteer Association (WCMGA), is set for Saturday, February 26, 2011 at Bridgewood Resort Hotel, Neenah. Jeff Epping and Michael and Kathi Rock will be the featured speakers at this day-long event which is open to the public.

Epping is the director of horticulture at Olbrich Botanical Gardens, Madison. He will lead participants on a virtual tour of some of the finest public gardens in the United States including the New York Botanical Garden and the Lurie Garden in Chicago as well as French and English Gardens. His second presentation will be on small trees with big impact for Midwestern gardens.

The Rocks have been studying hummingbirds for over 10 years, maintain over 20 feeders and have tailored their Madison garden to the needs of hummingbirds. They will discuss the habits of hummingbirds and what it takes to attract them to your garden.

Winter Escape~Summer Dreams begins at 7:30 a.m. with a continental breakfast, includes lunch, and ends promptly at 3 p.m. An expanded vendor area has been added this year. The cost is \$35 through January 31, 2011 or \$40 after that date. For a registration brochure, go to www.winnebagomastergardeners.org or contact Audrey Ruedinger at 231-5745 or aruedinger2@new.rr.com.

Master Gardener Board Meeting January 4, 2011

The Meeting was called to order by Mary Wiedenmeier, 5:30 pm

Present: Mary Wiedenmeier, Kathy Daniels, Ivan Placko, Alice Graf, Linda Baeten, Bob Potter, Ken Hawk, Roy Anne Moulton, Marge Menacher, Audrey Ruedinger, Carole Dorsch, Jane Kuhn and Nick Schneider. *Welcome Carole and Jane!*

Treasurer's Report – Alice Graf

A handout was provided which included November and December income and expenses. Total of all accounts as of 12/31/10 is \$14,580.75. Also included in the report was a breakout of the projects, trips and seminars for 2010, and a budget comparison from 2006 through 2010.

Pick n Save "We Care" is discontinuing, but Alice will check into a similar savings program at Festival Foods.

Discussion took place on whether to open another CD account, or move our treasury to a different bank. Currently we are at Associated Bank. There may be a possibility of moving the account to the Winnebago Community Credit Union to gain a better interest rate.

Secretary's Report – Linda Baeten

The last Board meeting was held in November, and the minutes are posted on the website. No corrections were made.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Review last year's planning meeting - Nick – handout provided.

1. Enhance membership:
 - We do not have a membership committee established.
 - Communication committee is established, but no leader.
 - Last class was large, so must be getting the word out.
 - Unsuccessful at getting Lawanda's articles published in the Post Crescent/Neenah News Record. *Try Berlin Journal / Omro Herald & Winneconne News.* May have to have someone, (or Lawanda) do a separate article than what is posted in the Northwestern.

- Nick's office could send the new brochures to PHA questioners. Will need about 50 for the year. Also could have an electronic copy to send. *Roy Anne will check into getting an electronic copy to Nick.*
 - Diane Iott has worked with Julie Grundy to set up a comprehensive contact list.
 - Progress has been made expanding projects to other areas in the County.
 - Adjusting the class schedule to Tuesdays worked out. Good to have class members able to attend meetings. Meeting room is booked for next Fall.
2. Overcome leadership succession:
 - Website done!
 - Update of SOPs is nearly done.
 3. Community education opportunities
 - Winter escape went extremely well.
 - School projects went well.
 - Still need to meet with officers and members of other counties.
 - *Need to establish a breakout session at a State MG Convention for this. Nick will work on this.*
 - Could also meet with the Northeast group to share ideas.
 4. Funding threat?
 - Not a problem presently
 - If a day comes that the state looks at funding cuts, we could address at that time.
 - Internal audit? Could have members go over the books. *Mary will contact Stan Meyer to see if he is willing to look over our books.*

Goals for 2011:

Nick also provided a handout detailing responses from the Master Gardener Survey conducted earlier this year. The survey was sent to 140 past MGs. 35 responded. The purpose was to determine how to maintain and encourage membership. He provided a summary:

1. Simplify process for individual projects: Individual projects were limited in the past to get help on our core projects. We could simplify the individual project process and still maintain accountability. *Do this now as we revamp the SOPs.*
 - a. Could simplify an approval process and eliminate copious paperwork. If

asking for money, would need Board approval/sanction.

2. We believe we have become more embracing...
 - a. Leads should contact those who sign up and welcome them.
 - b. Could set up a Project Lead meeting and provide guidelines. This would be a special meeting between Board meetings. Ivan and Jane will contact the leads.
 - c. Possibly make up a membership binder with information for members as we had in the past.
3. Board term limits...Mary, Kathy, and Alice will not do another term. Mary provided a handout of current Board Members – 6 members will be leaving at the end of 2011.
 - a. Survey the membership as to whether they would be willing to serve.
 - b. Provide job descriptions. Mary will copy what we have for job descriptions and distribute.
 - c. Put an article in the Newsletter encouraging members to consider a Board position.
 - d. Form a nomination committee with experienced MGs. Roy Anne, Alice and Audrey volunteered.
 - e. Put “Board positions” on the agenda for the next Business Meeting.

Select State Representative:

Mary had four candidates who had shown interest in the position: Linda Loker, Debbie Quandt, Sue Bohn and Linda Tobey. It is the Board’s responsibility to choose the State Representative. Ken moved to select Sue Bohn, second Ivan. Motion carried unanimously. Mary will notify the candidates.

Select A Timekeeper

- The hours form will be updated/simplified by Mary and Kathy and will be an Excel document.
- The Timekeeper is not a subjective/judgmental role. Many MG organizations have UWEX staff tally hours, however this task would provide an opportunity for a member to gain volunteer hours.
- The report isn’t due to the State until October.
- Three candidates were willing: Patty Schmitz, Bill Wallingford (not certified) and Kathy Daniels. Roy Anne moved to select

Patty Schmitz, have the hours form redone, and a job description of Timekeeper developed. Second Ken Hawk. Motion carried unanimously.

- Mary & Kathy will notify the candidates.

Education Committee – Roy Anne

February event:

- 300 “Save the Date” postcards were mailed today. Up to 500 brochures go out next week. Lawanda’s article will be in the paper this week. News releases went out.
- 15 letters were sent to vendors, and working on getting more.
- Registration forms are on the website, as are brochures.
- Many thanks to Synda Jones for graphic arts skills.

SOPs – handouts – Ivan & Alice

A draft was provided. We picked up where we left off at the last SOP session. Alice was able to make revisions to the draft as we followed through.

X. Education/Trip Committee

- Plugged in language based on what Roy Anne had submitted. Revisions were made.
- Roy Anne will include refund policy language on registration forms.
- A question came up as to whether the Chair of the Ed Committee should remain on the Board for as long as she/he chairs that committee. By consensus, the Board agreed the Chair should remain.

XIII. Sunshine Committee

- Need a chair...will announce at next Business meeting.

XVII. Annual Calendar

- Changes were made to reflect what we currently do.

Meeting adjourned 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Baeten, Secretary

MG Business Meeting

January 11, 2011

Coughlin Center

6:15 pm

Guest speaker: Janet McCormick-Church.

Topic: Organic Food / Formation of a new Coop in the Oshkosh area. Janet provided an informational handout about the Natural Food Co-op and Mercantile, which included a sign up form.

Co-President, Mary Wiedenmeier call the meeting to order 7:15

Treasurer's Report: - Alice Graf

A financial report was available. Total of all accounts as of 12/31/2010 is \$14,580.75

Secretary's report – Linda Baeten

Minutes from the last Business meeting held in November should be posted on the Website. No changes were brought forward. No meetings were held in December. Board Minutes from January are posted in the Newsletter.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

New Positions filled for 2011

- State Representative – The Board appointed Sue Bohn as the new State Representative. Bob Kosanke is passing the torch. Bob says thanks. Thanks Bob!
- Time Keeper – The Board appointed Patty Schmitz as the new Time Keeper. Welcome Patty!
- Nomination Committee: The Board formed a Nomination Committee to seek out candidates for Officer and Board positions. There will be 6 vacancies in 2012. Audrey Ruedinger, Alice Graf, Roy Anne Moulton volunteered. Anyone interested in serving should contact them.
- New Board Members: Welcome new Board Member at Large, Carole Dorsch and Co-Vice President Jane Kuhn.
- Co-Facebook Administrator: Patty Schmitz volunteered to work with Lawanda Jungwirth.

Committee Leads needed for 2011

- Communications Committee – Roy Anne – people on the committee have been doing the work...Linda Werner, Synda Jones, Linda Tobey, Jean Reed, but we still need someone to oversee and coordinate.

Anyone interested should contact Roy Anne.

- Sunshine Committee – Mary Wiedenmeier – a person is needed to head up the Sunshine Committee to spread cheer if we have a member is in the hospital, or have a loved one pass away by sending a card or flowers. Diana Dougherty volunteered. Thank you!
- Also looking for an Audit Committee to go over our books. This has not been done in a long time. Anyone interested should contact an Officer or Board Member.

SOPs – Alice – Our work with the SOPs is almost done. A final draft will be presented at the next Board meeting. A copy will be e-mailed to members, and a vote to adopt will be on the agenda for the next Business meeting.

Volunteer Opportunities – Nick Schneider reports a lot of requests come in to his office for Master Gardener help. He would like to be able to consult the Co-Vice Presidents, post the opportunity in the Newsletter and also send an e-mail to the membership for these requests if appropriate. Only Non-profit organizations are eligible for MG help. Also if members receive any requests for projects, they should send a description to determine if it meets our requirements. Example: teaching container gardening or other topic. Let Nick or the Board know of any such projects.

Ed Committee Report – Roy Anne

Upcoming events include:

- February 12 – Bus Trip to the Madison Garden Expo
- February 26 – Winter Escape / Summer Dreams
 - Brochures for Winter Escape were available
 - Registration forms are in the brochure and on the website
 - Linda Werner has posters available for members to distribute to doctor offices, grocery stores, workplaces, etc. You may also print off a poster from the website. Please let Linda know where you post them.
- March 5 – Bus Trip to the Chicago Flower and Garden Show
- March 12 – Pruning Workshop – Meet at the Coughlin Center for a presentation, then on to Dorothy Bonin's property in Neenah for a hands-on workshop. Cost \$5.00.

Park View Floral Arranging - Pat Behm

- The Park View Floral Arranging committee helped residents to make gift bag bouquets and swags for the Holidays. In the future they plan to make wine bottle arrangements.
- Garden Gate had donated real flowers for the months of October and November and plans to do so again in March and May. In summer, Committee members bring their own flowers and use those from the Park View Cutting Garden.
- This is good time spent with the residents. Pat encouraged others to join. Dates will be posted in the newsletter.
- Secretary Linda Baeten will send a letter of thanks to Tony Panske from the Garden Gate for his donations.

OTHER BUSINESS

Welcome New Members - Mary Wiedenmeier

Mary thanked new members for coming to tonight's meeting. We have 43 people in attendance tonight on a snowy evening!

Wild Ones 15th annual Toward Harmony with Nature Conference, January 29. Reservations are due by January 21. Brochures are available.

Proven Winners event features Melinda Myers and other speakers at an all day program in Milwaukee on April 8. Learn about new plant varieties. Cost \$80.00 Let Roy Anne know if you are interested.

NEXT MEETINGS:

Board Meeting - February 1 at 6:00, Coughlin Center. All members are welcome to attend.

Business Meeting: February 8 at 6:15, Coughlin Center. Guest speaker Ann Ross will present a program on Garden Design.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:50 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Baeten, Secretary
Winnebago County Master Gardener

Answer: What Am I?

I am hardy hibiscus. Family: Malvaceae. Genus: Hibiscus. Species: H. moscheutos. Other common names are Fleming hybrid hibiscus, rose mallows, swamp mallows. Most hibiscus shrubs are tropical's and won't survive a cold winter. Thanks to a family of plant breeders, three brothers named Fleming, advances were made to create the hardy hibiscus. Many varieties are available today.



Resources: USDA Plants Database and associated links.

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	
Rushford Town hall	
Audrey Ruedinger	231-5745
Carol Dorsch	589-5936
Shared Harvest	
Ken Friedman	235-6766
Habitat for Humanity Partnership	
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 (CO-VP)	721-9394
Jane Kuhn (CO-VP)	231-3993
Linda Baeten (SEC)	232-1224
Alice Graf (TRES)	203-8252

BOARD MEMBERS

Susan Bohn	685-0427
Marge Menacher	233-3467
Carole Dorsch	589-5936
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	
Sue Bohn	685-0427
SOP & Bylaw Committee	
Ivan Placko	721-9394
Alice Graf	203-8252
Sunshine	
Diana Dougherty	233-7137
Hours	
Patty Schmitz	236-8887
Home & Garden Shows	
Joni Pagel	233-6619
Cindy Meszaros	233-3550
Website, Computer and Projector	
Jean Reed	729-9012

BOARD MEETING – February 1
BUSINESS MEETING – February 8

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.





Winnebago County Master Gardener Association

Horticulture Education • Environmental Stewardship • Community Service • Fun!



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Welcome to the Winnebago County Master Gardener Association

We are an organization made up of individuals who are passionate about horticulture AND want to give back to their community. We don't know everything about gardening but are eager for opportunities to learn more and to help others in the community better understand horticulture and their environment.

Our mission is to provide research based horticulture education, community service and environmental stewardship to our community in affiliation with the University of Wisconsin-Cooperative Extension which provides the 36 hours of initial general horticultural training required for certification as a Master Gardener. Twenty-four (24) hours of community service is also required annually.

The Winnebago County Master Gardener Association meets monthly September through May on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:15 p.m. at the Coughlin Center, 625 E. County Road Y, Oshkosh. There is also an annual picnic in June and garden walks at member's homes in the summer months.



Webster Stanley School Garden

Upcoming Trips/Training—Public Welcome!

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March 5, 2011 - Bus trip to Chicago Flower & Garden Show, Navy Pier

March 12, 2011 - Why, When and How to Prune Ornamental Shrubs, Coughlin Center, Oshkosh



Find Winnebago County Master Gardeners on Facebook.

Contacts

Kathy Daniels, Co-President, (920) 233-0410 • Mary Wiedenmeier, Co-President, (920) 426-0991 • Nick Schneider, WCMGA Advisor, (920) 232-1971

Stop in and visit our newly redesigned website.

<http://www.winnebagomastergardeners.com>

Spring 2011



Community Education Opportunities

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Winnebago County Master
Gardener Volunteer Association

Bus trip to WPT Garden Expo, Madison. Saturday, February 12, 6 a.m., Oshkosh (Coughlin Center); 6:30 a.m., Fond du Lac (JC Penny parking lot). Leave Alliant Energy Center at 5:15 p.m. \$39 includes WPT Expo ticket.

Bus Trip to the Chicago Flower and Garden Show. Saturday, March 5, 6:30 a.m., Oshkosh (Coughlin Center); 7 a.m., Fond du Lac (JC Penny parking lot). Leave Navy Pier at 5 p.m. \$55 includes show ticket.

How to Prune Your Ornamental Trees & Shrubs. A half-day, hands-on workshop on Saturday, March 12. Presented by Roy Anne Moulton and Audrey Ruedinger. Start time and location TBD. \$5

Registration Form (copy as needed)

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Please check the trips/workshop you wish to attend & enter the fee:

- WPT Garden Expo \$39 _____
- Chicago Flower Show \$55 _____
- Pruning Workshop \$ 5 _____
- Total \$ _____

**Make checks payable to:
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**Mail to: Linda Baeten
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Oshkosh, WI 54901**

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You will receive an email or postcard to confirm your reservation.



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John James Audubon

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
		1 BOARD MEETING	2  Groundhog's Day	3	4	5
6	7	8 BUSINESS MEETING	9	10	11	12 Bus Trip
13	14 	15	16 Project Lead Meeting 6:00 @ Coughlin	17	18	19
20	21  President's Day	22	23	24	25	26 Winter Escape
27	28					