



Winnebago County Master Gardener

February 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 hope everyone got the e-mail cancelling the January Business Meeting and was able to stay inside. Cancellation was based on the Weather Warning for blowing and drifting snow. (This month has certainly followed the trend set by November and December!!)

I really enjoyed Lawanda's Northwestern column talking about her vegetable garden plans for the spring. First because I enjoy all her columns, second because I appreciated the affirmation that spring always comes, and third because I learned about a new vegetable! I had never heard about corn salad, so I had to rush off to check it out on the internet. Sounds interesting—I will have to try it.

One of the ongoing questions that we get from members is how to get continuing ed hours, and February offers some great opportunities to do just that. Winter Escape, Summer Dreams will be held on February 1 with several hours of great talks. The following weekend. Sat. 2/8, is the WCMGA bus trip to the Madison Garden Expo. In addition, several organizations in the area are offering seminars.

Members books will be available at the February business meeting, or you can pick one up at the Extension office. As always, please keep us informed if there are any changes in your info.

We were advised that there have been delivery problems with WIMGA e-mails going to members who use Road Runner. If you have not already done so, please go to the In Box Screen and click on Settings in the tool bar. Select Allow and Block Message Options. Scroll down to Allowed Senders and domains and type the following into the box: semahr@wisc.edu. Let me know if you have any problems.

Stay well and warm until we meet in February.

Mary and Linda



Winter Escapes

Summer Dreams

Saturday, February 1, 2014

8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

at Reeve Memorial Union

*University of Wisconsin
Oshkosh campus*

.....more information in newsletter

Winnebago County Master Gardeners Association
Saturday, February 8, 2014
7:00 am– 6:30 pm

The Winnebago County Master Gardeners will be having a bus trip to the annual Madison Garden Expo, on Saturday February 8, 2014 at the Madison Alliant Center. Garden Expo is presented by Wisconsin Public Television and the UW-Extension. “Garden Expo offers you a space to Think Green and to begin planning for sunnier days. The event—now in its 21st year—celebrates the latest trends in gardening and landscaping and attracts more than 20,000 people from throughout the Midwest. Join gardening enthusiasts to share ideas, gain inspiration and create something new.” Starting at 9:00 am until 4:00 pm, you can choose to sit in on 8-9 seminars or demonstrations on topics ranging from Winter Hardy Perennials to Tips for a Productive Vegetable Garden. Go to www.wigardenexpo.com for more information. Usually you must preregister for the ‘make and take seminars’. Spend some time strolling along the hundreds of vendors offering everything from seeds to garden art to tools and even outdoor living spaces! Food is available at vendors or bring your own lunch along. Enjoy an exciting day of learning and getting ready for a brand new year of gardening at Garden Expo!

Departure Sites and leaving time:

Oshkosh at the Coughlin Center, Cty Rd Y. at 7:00 am

Oshkosh at the Park-n-Ride on Washburn just off Hwy 44 at 7:15 am

Fond du Lac at the old Home Depot, Johnson St. at 7:30 am (across Hwy 23 from Forest Mall)

Meet back at the bus at 5:00 and depart Madison Expo at 5:15 arriving back in Oshkosh at about 6:30 pm

Cost is \$35.00 which includes bus transportation and ticket for Garden. Bring your own lunch, drinks and snacks or purchase your own food from vendors.

Please direct any questions to Marge Menacher at marmen4105@sbcglobal.net or call 920-233-3467.

Send your checks payable to WCMGA c/o Marge Menacher 4105 Westview Lane Oshkosh, WI 54904.

2014 Madison Garden Expo Trip Registration Form

(copy as needed)

Name: _____ Email _____

Address: _____ Phone _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

- ☐ Pick Up Location:
- ☐ Coughlin Center leaving at 7:00 am
- ☐ Washburn Park-n-Ride
- ☐ Fond du Lac (Old Home Depot)

Hummingbird Cake

3 c. flour	2 c. sugar
1 tsp. cinnamon	1 tsp. baking soda
½ tsp. salt	1 8oz. crushed pineapple with juice
1 c. cooking oil	3 large eggs, well beaten
2 c. chopped bananas (about 3)	
½ c. finely chopped walnuts or pecans	1 ½ tsp. vanilla

Glaze

1T. melted butter	1 c. sifted powdered sugar
1-2 T pineapple juice	



Preheat oven to 325 . Generously grease a 10" tube or fluted pan.
In a large mixing bowl, stir together flour, sugar, cinnamon, baking soda and salt.
Remove 2 T. of pineapple juice. Set aside for glaze.
Add the pineapple, oil, eggs, banana, nuts and vanilla to the flour mixture.
Stir until just blended. ...Do not beat.
Pour the batter into the prepared pan.
Bake 1 hour and 10 minutes or until a wooden toothpick inserted near the center comes out clean.
Cool in pan for 15 minutes.
Invert the cake onto wire rack and remove the cake from pan.
Cool completely.
In small mixing bowl, combine the melted butter and sugar.
Add enough of the reserved pineapple juice to make a glaze of drizzling consistency.
Drizzle the glaze over the cooled cake.
For a glaze with a whole new dimension, substitute rum for juice.

Enjoy
Linda Loker



What's New in My Vegetable Garden This Year?

By Lawanda Jungwirth

After gardening for many years, I'm – fortunately – past the stage where I feel the need to grow every single thing out there. Still, every year I try a few new things in the vegetable garden and flower beds. Here's a quick look at what is new for me this year in the vegetable garden.

I've been leery of growing broccoli for no good reason, but this year I'll try Asparabroc Baby Broccoli. It's described as tender with a sweet broccoli taste with a hint of asparagus. It matures in only 50 days and seeds can be started indoors or sowed directly into the soil. After the main stem is cut, side shoots can be harvested for another month.

The two new tomatoes I'll be growing this year are both a bit unusual. The first is 'Indigo Blue Beauty,' one of the Indigo Series. The tomatoes in this series contain the same powerful antioxidants called anthocyanins that make blueberries so good for you. 'Indigo Blue Beauty' boasts of meaty, juicy, 4-8 oz. beefsteak fruits that hold well on the vine for extended periods, resisting sunburn and cracking. The strange thing about the Indigo Series is that the tomatoes are so dark in color as to look rotten when they are ripe. Determining when to harvest will be a challenge.

The second "new" tomato I'll grow this year is an heirloom tomato that's been around for over 100 years. It is also unusual in color, appearing brown when ripe. Dense, juicy fruits are round and average 8-12 oz. Cherokee is popular both for its unusual color and its wonderful tomato taste.

Last year I grew bok choy, also called pak choi, for the first time, with great success. This year I'll be trying 'Toy Choi' an early, miniature version. The 5-inch plants have white stems with dark green leaves and since they are so small, can be closely spaced. They can be eaten raw in salads or entire heads can be roasted and drizzled with olive oil and served as a side dish.

I'll also be growing corn salad, a fast growing green that develops small rosettes of glossy, oval leaves with a buttery texture and sweet, nutty flavor. I'll plant corn salad in early spring and then again in fall, since it's not a plant for hot weather.

The final new item in my garden this year will be 'Annihilator' bush beans. Although my garden has been a prolific producer of several different pole beans, bush beans have never been very successful. I'm certain I would have had a huge harvest last year, though, if a baby bunny hadn't breeched the fence and taken up permanent residence inside the garden. A new fence is on the spring chore list. Anyway, 'Annihilator' promises incredible yields of beautiful, dark green, glossy, 6-inch, tender, tasty pods set high on the plant for easy picking. How can they fail?

WINNEBAGO COUNTY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION

Plants, Pollinators and Pests Topics of Master Gardener Conference

Once the hustle and bustle of the holidays are over, there is still a long stretch of winter ahead in Northeast Wisconsin. The Winnebago County Master Gardener Association offers a great opportunity for gardeners to escape the winter cold for a day and prepare for the coming spring at its annual *Winter Escape~Summer Dreams* conference on Saturday, February 1, 2014. The event will be held from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Reeve Memorial Union, Oshkosh.

Neil Diboll, owner of Prairie Nursery, Westfield, Wisconsin, an international expert in ecological and natural landscape design, will be the keynote speaker. His lead presentation will be "Prairie Plants for Pollinator Gardens" in which he will offer advice on the best plants to attract the pollinators that are so important to the health of gardens and the planet. His second topic is "Strategies for Controlling Invasive Plants." Neil's tips will be helpful to any gardener who has ever gone "mano-a-mano" with fast-spreading invasives that can overrun a garden or the landscape.

The second speaker of the day is Kimberly Miller, Horticulture Educator for UW-Extension, Winnebago County, and an Urban Forestry Assistant for the Wisconsin DNR. Her topic will be "It's Here: The Emerald Ash Borer in Wisconsin." This pest is now threatening the survival of our ash trees. She will discuss what can be done to slow the spread or perhaps save a special tree.

The *Winter Escape~Summer Dreams* conference is open to the public. The registration fee is \$40 through January 20, 2014 and \$45 thereafter. It includes free parking, a continental breakfast, time with vendors, a Q&A session with the speakers and lunch. For more information or to register, go to www.winnebagomastergardeners.org or contact Audrey Ruedinger at (920) 231-5745.



Fond du Lac County Master Gardener Association

Presents

“Day in the Garden”

March 1, 2014

8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Join us for a day of education and information.

Gardening experts will speak on a variety of topics.

Birdscaping

Ornamental Grasses

Floral Arranging by Haentzes

Olbrich Botanical Gardens

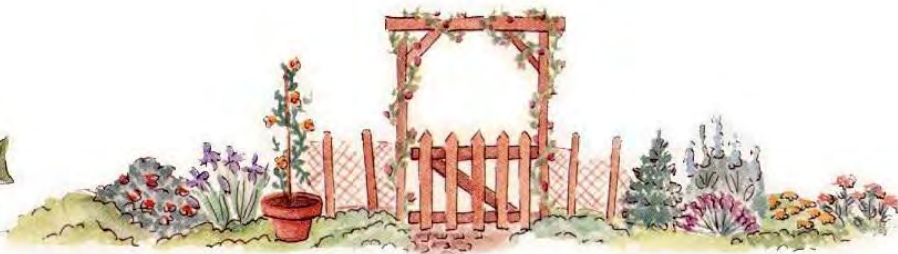
Meet other Gardening enthusiasts.

Share your gardening trials and triumphs.

Vendors, Raffle, Silent Auction

For more information and Registration Forms

Call 920-929-3172 UW-Extension



A Day in the Garden

Please join us for our annual "A Day in the Garden" seminar (aka DIG). This year, A Day in the Garden will be held on Saturday March 1, at UW Fond du Lac. Registration begins at 8:00am, and the day will conclude at 3:30pm.

If you need a registration form, please contact the UW Extension office (929-3172).

I would also like to encourage you to copy the DIG flyer and sharing it with friends.

This year we will feature three diverse speakers and a floral demonstration. Our morning will begin with Steve Petznick from Mosquito Hill Nature Center, speaking on "Birdscaping - Landscaping for Birds". He will be followed by David Wright from Northeast WI Tech College, speaking on "Ornamental Grasses". Then a Floral Arrangement Demonstration by Haentze's of Fond du Lac. Our final speaker is Samantha Peckham from Olbrich Botanical Gardens. She will discuss "Garden Design for Plantaholics". This is the presentation for those who find it impossible to drive by a nursery then buy a plant or two, or **ten!**

For Master Gardeners attending "A Day in the Garden", you can enjoy the speakers and earn **5** Continuing Education hours. As always, we will have a delicious buffet lunch, wonderful silent auction, interesting vendors, . Bring a friend or two and share the day or network with other gardeners. As always, it should be a great day!

Beth Howman-Combs - Chairman

Newsletter Contributions

To contribute an article or more to the Newsletter contact Diana Dougherty at 233-7137 or email to dldoug5@charter.net



Project Leads Meeting
Tuesday, February 25, 2014
5:00 eating.....5:30 meeting

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