



# Winnebago County Master Gardener

July 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

The gardening season is off to a good—if wet—start! In my yard things continue to run about 2 weeks behind typical dates, but the gap is closing. As with all seasons, there are some winners and some losers in the flower world—my lupines are spectacular, but the hybrid coneflowers are struggling. The orioles and hummingbirds rolled in on time, followed by a good number of butterflies. The weeds, of course, are prospering.

The two work days at the Omro library made an enormous difference to the appearance of that facility. The team has further plans for helping the library with its landscaping—stay tuned.

The picnic was very well attended—and well stocked with delicious food. Interesting that so many good gardeners are also good cooks!! It was great to see so many of you at Parkview. Thanks to Donna Kudlas, Kathy Daniels, Anne Murphy—and to everyone who helped make it a success. It is also great that many had time to visit the cutting/vegetable gardens there. Tuesday, June 17, was the first afternoon with the residents visiting the gardens as a group and they seemed very excited about what the MG team had accomplished. The Allenville nursery donated some beautiful plants to help with the cutting gardens, as did the high schools. The Marsh Hay bale gardens and the plant in a bag garden attract a lot of attention.

Linda Baeten did a great job working with 2 Habitat for Humanity Oshkosh homes, helping the homeowners select appropriate trees and shrubs for their new yards and helping with the installation. We will check with the homeowners later in the season to see how things are going and to provide information on how to continue to care for their new landscaping. It is very rewarding work—but also emphasizes the need for lots and lots of gardening education!!!

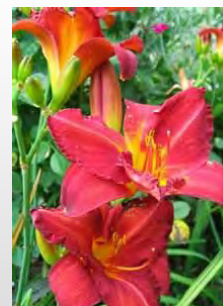
The second Saturday in June was Children's Day at the Oshkosh Farmers Market. About 220 children visited the MG booth to plant a flower or to do a scratch off art butterfly. There were some talented young gardeners and artists—and a tired booth crew!!

Everyone who was able to visit Valerie Stabenow's yard was very impressed by the gorgeous irises, and the beautiful property. The next garden tour will be at the homes of Linda Christensen and her neighbor Betty Humphrey on July 1. Another July event will be the bus trip to the gardens in the Madison area on July 19.

There are many other great projects underway—we will cover them in later newsletters. For now, we wish all of you safe and happy gardening.

The Monarchs have now spread throughout Wisconsin. Low numbers have been sighted in our area.

Mary and Linda



### Garden Walk

6:00 July 1

Betty Humphrey

2950 Manor Drive and

Linda Christensen

2943 Manor Drive

*...from our 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. Level I Training will be hosted in Winnebago County from September 2 through November 25 (no class Oct. 21) at the J.P. Coughlin Center, 625 E. County Rd Y, Oshkosh. Level I Training will cost \$90 per person. Course fee includes 1 year membership, 36 hours of training, and training manual. Classes will be on Tuesday evenings from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

This year a flipped classroom approach will be used. Students will watch video lectures at home before class. Classes 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. Topics included will be botany, soils, woody ornamentals, herbaceous ornamentals, entomology, plant pathology, weeds, lawn care, vegetables, fruits, and backyard wildlife. For students who do not have access to a computer, accommodations to watch the videos can be made in the UWEX office during normal business hours.

If you are interested in attending the training, a short required introduction to the Master Gardener Volunteer program will be held at the J.P. Coughlin Center, 625 E. County Rd Y, Oshkosh at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 12. Required registration material (Volunteer Agreement, Consent to Background Check, and \$90 payment) can be submitted that evening or to Treasurer Sue Egner, 931 Park Ridge Ave., Oshkosh, WI 54901 by Aug. 15. 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.

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## Remove Invasive Plants From Your Yard

By Lawanda Jungwirth

It's quite likely that you have invasive plants on your property. I'm not talking about dandelions or creeping Charlie, but something much more insidious.

Wisconsin's Department of Natural Resources defines an invasive species as "non-native plants, animals and pathogens whose introduction causes or is likely to cause economic or environmental harm or harm to human health."

There are many non-native plants that are invasive in forests, grasslands, wetlands, lakes and rivers. They displace native species and disrupt wildlife habitat. Invasive species threaten Wisconsin's traditions, environment and economy.

If you've ventured into any state park, natural area, woods or wetland in the last few years, you've seen the havoc that invasive plants can wreak. You may not even have been aware of what you were seeing, but what is more important is what you weren't seeing. And that is our native spring wildflowers, bog plants, woodland plants, and prairie plants and the wildlife that depend on them for sustenance.

In 2009, DNR Rule NR40 went into effect. It listed 46 restricted plants and 39 prohibited plants. Restricted plants are already established in our state, and have already caused great economic and environmental harm. They may not be transported, transferred, or introduced. Control is strongly encouraged. Prohibited plants are not yet widely established in Wisconsin, but pose a great threat. They may not be transported, transferred, possessed or introduced. Control of prohibited plants is required.

This year, the DNR is considering adding more than 80 new species to the lists. You may be surprised at some of the plants already on the list and to be added. Some proposed restricted plants you might find on your property include Amur maple, bishop's goutweed, Japanese barberry, winged euonymous (burning bush), yellow flag iris, moneywort, white mulberry, woodland forget-me-not, white poplar, black locust and garden heliotrope. Already restricted are tansy, common buckthorn, tree-of-heaven, autumn olive, Eurasian bush honeysuckle, oriental bittersweet, common and cut-leaved teasel, dame's rocket, and creeping bellflower.

To see the entire list of current and proposed restricted and prohibited plants, see [dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov), keyword NR 40.

If these plants on your property, please replace them with something more benign, preferable a native Wisconsin plant. When a plant is advertised as "Fast Growing! Trouble Free! No Pests! Easy Care!" one more interjection should be added: "Beware!" These are just the plants that go on to invade our natural areas when they escape our yards.

Don't think that because your property is some distance from any natural area or park that you need not be concerned about what you plant. Invasive plants have many ways of spreading. Birds eat seeds and fly away to "deposit" them elsewhere. Rabbits, squirrels, chipmunks and mice carry seeds on their fur or in their gullets. Humans and pets carry seeds on clothing or shoes. Wind and water carry seeds for miles.

*Invasive plants do not respect geographic boundaries, so if you are harboring them, you are putting at risk the special Wisconsin places we all love.*

# GARDEN TOURS



Winnebago County Master Gardeners Association  
Saturday, July 19, 2014  
7:00 am– 6:30 pm

**Departure Site/Time:** Aviator's Plaza in Oshkosh ( very south end of the parking lot) at 7:00am prompt! The bus will begin loading at 6:45am.

## **Schedule:**

**Allen Centennial Gardens (tour with Ed Lyon) approximately 9:00-10:30am**

**Lunch (at your own cost) at various locations (UW union) 10:45-11:45am**

**Olbrich Botanical Gardens (tour with Jeff Epping & gift shop as well) 12:00-2:00pm**

**Kleinheinz Shade Gardens (private gardens) 2:00-3:00pm**

**Jungs Nursery 3:30-4:30pm**

**Arrive Home no later than 6:30pm**

**Cost is \$38.00 (includes cost of bus plus admission to all sites). Bring your own lunch (or purchase at one of the sites offered), drinks and snacks. Bring your Master Gardener's card if you have one as we *may* get a discount. 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!**

**Please direct any questions to Linda Loker at [lloker@att.net](mailto:lloker@att.net) or call 920-420-2978 or Alice Graf at [agrafj@gmail.com](mailto:agrafj@gmail.com) or call 920-203-8252.**

**Send your checks payable to WCMGA c/o Alice Graf, 2530D Havenwood Dr, Oshkosh, WI 54904**

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## **Garden Tours Registration Form**

(copy as needed)

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

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

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

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

**\$38.00 made to WCMGA**

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## Garlic Mustard on the Wiouwash Trail

*By Lawanda Jungwirth*

There is good news and bad news regarding the garlic mustard population on the Wiouwash Trail. The good news is that because of diligent efforts on the mile north of Brooks Road, there were few second year plants this year. Intense efforts by dedicated pullers over the last several years finally paid off. It seemed that control, even possibly eradication, over at least one mile of the trail, was at hand.

The bad news, however, negates the good news entirely. The County Parks Dept. failed to pick up the bags of garlic mustard from 2013, leaving them alongside the trail throughout the summer and over the winter. I found them when I went to survey the population for pulling this spring. The bags split open and many of the plants continued to develop and set seed. These seeds spread along the trail and germinated this spring. There were so many seedlings that it was impossible to even begin to pull them before the mosquitoes arrived and the underbrush along the trail grew too thick to continue pulling this spring. Years of hard work were wiped out by negligence on the part of the County.

South of Brooks Road has always been a heavily infested area and we continue to hold the garlic mustard population steady on the short 1/10 of a mile where it has been a problem.

The following Master Gardeners helped in garlic mustard control efforts along the Wiouwash Trail this spring: Jeanne Callen, Bette Hoytink, Lawanda Jungwirth, Eric Kropp, Marty Sacksteder, Mary Rebman, Jerry Schaefer, Jan Wetterau-Houge and Mary Williadsen, Other helpers included Eli Burant, Ron Jungwirth, John Selk and David Williadsen. Thank you to all!





### <<<< Parkview Vegetable Garden

Pictured are Tom Weber and Gerald Schaefer constructing the pole bean supports at the Parkview Vegetable Garden. Raising the plantings above the ground allows the residents to better view them.

### Parkview Cutting Gardens

The gardens look beautiful thanks to everyone's hard work and creativity. The residents started coming out as a group on Tuesday 17 June. They are scheduled to start coming at 1:30 but some are at the gardens around 1:00. We thought for the summer we would come to the gardens around 11:00 on Tuesdays and even later if there is not much to do. It would be nice to get rid of some of the weeds every week. Also the gardens look more beautiful with dead heading. Hoping to see you at this project often this summer.

You can work at the gardens any day and time you wish to. It is that Tuesdays are special for the residents.

Bill Weber

### Newsletter Contributions

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



**2014**

### Flower Arranging schedule at Parkview Health center

#### Master gardeners meet on Mondays at 1:30

August 4	<i>flower arranging for the FAIR !!</i>
August 25 <sup>th</sup>	flowers from our gardens
Sept 22 <sup>nd</sup>	flowers from our gardens
October 20 <sup>th</sup>	flowers from Garden Gate
November 17 <sup>th</sup>	flowers from Garden Gate
December 15 <sup>th</sup>	flowers from Garden Gate

PICNIC THANK YOU



CHEERS to all of you attending the annual MG picnic! Great turn out and delicious food! Pat yourselves on the back for a fun time and leaving with our tummies full. The plant exchange went well. To all who helped set up, take down and keeping things running smoothly: THANK YOU!!

Donna Kudlas

\*\*\* July 1<sup>st</sup> Garden Walk \*\*\*

**Garden 1:** The Garden of Betty Humphrey 2950 Manor Drive

It's just amazing and beautiful. Lots of large Hostas, unique shrubs, and a pond. Betty's garden has been on many garden walks and will be again for the Midwest Hosta Conference on June 29th. Betty has gardened for many years and is very creative and artistic.

**Garden 2:** The garden of Linda Christensen across the street from Betty Humphrey at 2943 Manor Dr.

This garden has a collection of about 260 different Hostas, weeping shrubs, and several types of hydrangeas. Linda's husband, Ron, cares for the fish in the pond and the several water features in the yard.

You may walk through the gardens at your leisure and end at Linda's for coffee/tea and cookies.

The garden tour begins at 6:00



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*July 2014*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Garden Walk 6:00  Parkview noon /Winchester 9-12	2	3	4 	5 Farmer's Market
6	7	8 Same	9	10	11	12 Farmer's Market
13	14	15 Same	16	17	18	19 Farmer's Market  Bus Trip to Madison Gardens
20	21	22 Same	23	24	25	26 Farmer's Market
27	28 Parkview Flower Arranging 1:30	29 Same	30	31		

*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	7	8	9 Farmer's Market
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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