

Winnebago County Master Gardeners

Newsletter

July 2019

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.

*“Minds are like **flowers**.
They open only when the
time is **right**.”*



The irises are doing well, despite the cold and moldy spring [that we didn't have :-)].

Picture submitted by Valerie Stabenow

What am I?

By Jane Kuhn

I am an herbaceous perennial which grows in zones 3 to 9 with a height and spread of 1- 1 ½ feet and is known for its showy, fragrant blooms. My large clump of long, grass-like, green foliage is highlighted by bright, lemony yellow, 3 inch flowers on tall stems. I bloom profusely in early summer and rebloom sporadically until frost. I am a low maintenance plant which grows best in full sun to part shade, with low to average water needs, and am very heat tolerant.

Propagation is by division in fall or spring. I am useful in borders, coastal exposure, containers, cutting gardens, mass plantings, rock gardens and very wet areas. I attract butterflies, hummingbirds and bees but am rabbit resistant. I can survive many harsh conditions including polluted city environments, slopes, poor and dry soils, and under black walnut trees.

WCMGA Contacts

Check your membership guide for contact information.

Co-Presidents: Linda Loker & Kathy Schultz

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We would love your help! If you are interested in contributing in a future newsletter by writing an article or submitting a photo, please let me know by the 15th of each month by emailing pakster0605@yahoo.com. Thank you!

Master Gardener, Melissa Weyland, selected as one of the 2019 Fox Cities "Future 15" Young Professionals

[Pulse Young Professionals Network](#), a program of the [Fox Cities Chamber](#), is thrilled to announce the 2019 Fox Cities Future 15 young professionals award recipients. Each year they honor 15 outstanding young professionals from all over the Fox Cities who serve in a variety of professional and philanthropic roles throughout the community. Future 15 recipients are chosen based on their professional dedication, strong sense of vision for the future of the Fox Cities and personal commitment to philanthropy in the community they call home and beyond. Congratulations Melissa!

"I'm honored for this opportunity to share my career story and represent the organizations that make me, me. This very much includes the Winnebago County Master Gardener family!"

Letter from your Presidents: Linda Loker & Kathy Schultz

"No bought potpourri is so pleasant as that made from one's own garden, for the petals of the flowers one has gathered at home hold the sunshine and memories of summer, and of past summers only the sunny days should be remembered."

- Eleanor Sinclair-Rhode

Happy Birthday America!!!

June was a busy month for us! Our annual MG picnic was well attended this year - so much fellowship and good food...a fun game and wonderful door prizes rounded out the excellent evening! Thanks again to **Diana Dougherty** and her team for doing such a nice job!

The nature walk through UW-O campus was very informative. The weather was a little windy, but a nice sunny day. We learned about campuses across the system changing their landscape to a more natural (and native) setting. Lisa Mick, Grounds & Auto Shop Supervisor, Facilities Management, at UW-O, and Anita Carpenter, volunteer gardener on the grounds, shared a plethora of information about trees, prairies, butterflies and birds. We saw a poison ivy vine climbing a cottonwood tree. We were told that this is a rarity. Look through the newsletter and find the picture of it! We even think we secured Lisa for a talk at our October business meeting!

Late June brought us to The Paine with Sheila Glaske, the Kosankes' garden and the prison tour of the worm casting operation. We thank Sheila for offering this tour to our MGs, we thank **Bob** and **Arlene** for hosting a garden walk, and we thank the Education Committee for setting up the worm casting tour.

We hope that many of you have signed up for the bus trip to Madison to tour the UW-Madison Allen Centennial Garden, Olbrich Botanical Garden and the Epic campus - a large software company in Verona. Jeff Epping from Olbrich designed this garden and will give us a guided tour.

Projects are in full swing again, despite the slow progression of summer weather! We hope all MGs have found their place in a project, doing and learning! Books and lectures are fantastic, but there is nothing better than working side by side with other MGs, finding out new garden tips along the way.

Over the summer, with all of our time in our gardens (working and enjoying), try to take some time to register into online hours reporting. We, along with Kimberly, will also be on hand to help anyone who needs assistance in entering hours.

There will be no board or business meeting in July, and no business meeting in August (sorry, board members, we still have to meet in August!).

Take time to enjoy this lovely time of the year.

Kathy and Linda

Bus Trip to Madison Area Gardens - Saturday, July 13, 2019

Join the Winnebago County Master Gardeners for a one day motorcoach trip to Allen Centennial Gardens, Olbrich Botanical Gardens and the Epic Systems Center in Verona. Cost is \$50 which includes motorcoach travel, admissions, tour costs and tips. Cost is non-refundable, but if you cannot attend you can find someone else to take your place.

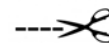
At Allen Centennial Gardens we will take an hour long tour with interns that work in the gardens. Allen Centennial Garden is the artful living laboratory and public botanical garden of the Horticulture Department at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. The Garden serves as an outdoor classroom for UW-Madison students and the surrounding communities, providing meaningful learning opportunities for visitors of all ages.

Next we will travel to Olbrich Botanical Gardens to spend some time on your own touring these beautiful gardens. Olbrich Botanical Gardens features 16 acres of outdoor display gardens showcasing the beauty of Midwest hardy plants in a setting of prairie style architecture. Olbrich's Thai Pavilion and Garden, the only one in the continental United States, features an innovative tropical garden in the Midwest. In June, 2005 a new Rose Garden opened to the public with mixed borders of Midwest hardy shrub roses and perennials. The Bolz Conservatory, a sunny 50-foot-high glass pyramid, houses a diverse collection of tropical plants, a rushing waterfall, free-flying birds, and blooming orchids year-round. The Botanical Center is complete with a gift shop, horticultural library, and meeting rooms. Educational classes, programs, and events for adults and children are offered year round. We will eat lunch at picnic tables outside Olbrich and then board the bus to travel to Epic Center. Refill your water bottle before getting on the bus as we won't have access at Epic.

Jeff Epping, Director of Olbrich, will be giving us a tour of the gardens on the Epic Campus. The Epic Campus is truly unique with areas designed to resemble Hogwarts from Harry Potter, Willy Wonka, The Farm, Treehouses and so many other unusual and varied themes. You may want to check some of the websites on the Epic Campus – Verona to see some of the creativity of this business campus. Unfortunately we can't go inside any of the buildings as this tour will only be of the outside gardens. Also unfortunately we won't have use of any bathrooms at Epic, but we can use the bus bathroom.

Because we are trying to get to see as much as possible in one day, I'm asking you to bring your own lunch and snacks as well as a refillable bottle of water. Also because we will be doing a lot of walking please wear comfortable shoes. We will **leave the Coughlin Center at 6:45, Oshkosh Penny's parking lot at 7:00** and the old **Home Depot in Fond du Lac at 7:20**. We will return at approximately 6:00. Please indicate where you want to be picked up. Also please try to register early as I expect this trip to fill fast! Any questions please call Marge at 920-420-8472. Send to **Marge Menacher at 4105 Westview Lane, Oshkosh, WI 54904. Make the check to WCMA for \$50.00.**

Name _____ Cellphone _____



Address _____ Email _____

Pick Up: _____ Coughlin Center; _____ Oshkosh Penny's Parking lot; _____ Home Depot lot in FDL



Master Gardeners involved with the Carter Memorial Library in Omro: Jean Sprague, librarian, Pat Behm, Grace Oliver, Linda Petek.

Become a citizen scientist with Wisconsin First Detector Network

By Lawanda Jungwirth

Invasive species are considered the number two threat to biodiversity, second only to habitat loss. The effects of invasive species are increasingly evident on Wisconsin's landscape. Despite efforts by federal and state agencies, non-native plants, insects, and diseases continue to establish and spread throughout our state, impacting our economy and environment. While some of these pests are here to stay, many others have not yet been found in Wisconsin, or are found at low enough levels that eradication may still be possible. Efforts to prevent new introductions and to identify new infestations before they become well established are the best way to ensure the survival of many of Wisconsin's iconic plants, animals, and ecosystems. That's where you can help as a citizen scientist.

Wisconsin First Detector Network (WIFDN) empowers people to take action against invasive species through invasive species monitoring, management and outreach. They provide training and resources through webinars, instructional videos, fact sheets, and hands-on workshops, and provide interesting and fun volunteer opportunities to citizen scientists.

You can learn about invasive species and WIFDN's many opportunities for citizen scientists here: <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wifdn/>.

WIFDN is desperate to know and document when new invasive species arrive in Wisconsin before they gain a foothold and can't be eradicated. Examples of way-too-late-for-eradication species are buckthorn, garlic mustard and purple loosestrife. Many people are battling these invasives and are sometimes successful in isolated areas, but there is zero chance of completely eradicating them from our state. That's why we need to be on top of newcomer invasives while there is still a chance to wipe them out.

WIFDN's goal this year is to get 10 reports on invasive plants from each of Wisconsin's 72 counties. Their website helps you identify invasive terrestrial and aquatic plants, plant diseases and animals. Believe me, you already know some of these so you don't have to do a lot of studying to make a report. Unless you want to do a lot of studying, which would be great!

There are three ways to report an invasive species. One is right from your smartphone with the GLEDN app that you can get here: <https://apps.bugwood.org/apps/gledn/>.

Second, you can report from your home computer here:

<https://www.eddmaps.org/midwest/>. Both places have helpful video tutorials.

If you aren't comfortable using those resources, you can record the location of the invasive using a GPS unit or by marking it on a detailed map. Then, contact your local park staff, WIFDN (WIFDNcoordinator@gmail.com), or Wisconsin DNR (<https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Invasives/contacts.html>) to ensure that the information is

incorporated into the system. Include the location and approximate size of the infestation (# of individuals, area covered, etc.), photos if possible to help staff confirm identification of the species, and your contact information.

There are very few invasive species reports from Winnebago County. Looking at WIFDN's map, you'd think Winnebago County is pristine without a buckthorn or garlic mustard plant in sight. These priority species need reporting in our county: Canada thistle, common buckthorn, autumn olive, leafy spurge, spotted knapweed, oriental bittersweet, honeysuckle, garlic mustard, purple loosestrife, teasel, crown vetch, Japanese barberry, phragmites and wild parsnip.

From the Plant Health Desk.....

Ash Leaf Drop *by Kathy Schultz*

If you have been taking walks around the neighborhood in late May or early June, you may have noticed some trees are dropping their leaves or leaflets, and not from a wind storm.

What's up? It's spring, not fall, right?

The likely reason for leaf drop is anthracnose. Green ash trees are especially susceptible to the fungal disease anthracnose, especially during a cool, wet period, such as this spring has been. The affected leaves may have tan, purple or black lesions and the leaflets may appear distorted.

Will anthracnose cause serious harm to the tree? If the tree is established and otherwise healthy, it should be able to recover. The tree will continue to leaf out, and leaves that develop later in spring are usually not affected.

What is the best way to treat the tree that is infected? Cleaning up around the tree and removing any fallen leaves helps to remove the fungi, which tends to survive in leaf litter. This can be disposed of by burying, burning (where allowed) or composting. If composting, make sure your compost pile reaches 140 degrees to ensure the fungi is destroyed. There is really no need to apply a fungicide to the tree, as hot, dry weather usually shuts down the problem.

As always, it is good to confirm what is causing the distress of your tree before you decide to do anything about it. If you are really concerned and want to know for sure it is anthracnose, a proper sample submitted for analysis would be appropriate.

Master Gardener Project: Ascend Initiative

By Jane Kuhn

The WCMGA project with The Ascend Initiative is in its second season at its location in Neenah. This Initiative is a semi-independent living program for young adults living with mental health challenges. The Master Gardener involvement uses a horticultural therapy approach – using horticultural activities to achieve treatment goals of the residents involved.

Last year we involved the young adults in container gardening for vegetables and herbs. Over the winter a visioning session was held and their ideas were collected as we moved toward raised bed gardening. This was followed by a process in which they responded to all the ideas relating to what they want to grow and various garden features they would like.

Over the winter a grant was written jointly by Master Gardeners, Ascend and Foodwise staff. The Initiative was awarded the grant and gardening tools, soil, fertilizer, hoses and other equipment were then purchased. Raised beds were donated. At spring work sessions, the raised beds were assembled and filled, followed by the planting of seeds and plants, staking and marking plants, watering, etc. In the beds you will find tomato, pepper, summer squash and cucumber plants as well as seeded beets, carrots, radish and lettuces. At a resident's suggestion, the herbs were planted in pots left from last year and were placed on their new cement patio adjacent to the raised beds.

Two additional formal lessons will be held for residents including garden maintenance and harvesting. As part of the grant responsibility, all produce from the garden must be weighed and recorded. Master Gardeners are monitoring the gardens on a weekly basis with feedback given to the Ascend staff who then work with residents regarding the garden upkeep. Foodwise is planning lessons involving residents on the use of the vegetables in cooking.



This vine was spotted on the UW Oshkosh campus nature walk. The identity is revealed in the president's letter at the beginning of the newsletter. *Picture submitted by Kathy Schultz.*



Member Business Meeting Minutes - No June Meeting



Jerry and Allen are taking a well-deserved break after installing a bench at the Morgan House project. *Picture submitted by Kathy Schultz.*

Upcoming Events - See Calendar for July Events

August 6, 13, 20, 27: Butterfly Garden 9:00 AM & Park View Cutting/Veg. Gardens 12:30 PM

Aug. 20: Education Committee, Benvenuto's 5:30 PM

Sept. 3, 10, 17, 24: Butterfly Garden 9:00 AM & Park View Cutting/Veg. Gardens 12:30 PM

Sept. 17: Education Committee, Benvenuto's 5:30 PM

Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29: Butterfly Garden 9:00 AM & Park View Cutting/Veg. Gardens 12:30 PM

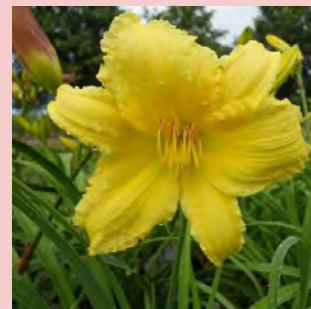
Answer to What am I?

By Jane Kuhn

I am happy returns daylily. Order: Liliales. Family: Liliaceae – Lily family. Genus: *Hemerocallis* L. daylily. Cultivar: Happy Returns. This is an outstanding selection bred by Dr. Darrel Apps, one of a small number of truly everblooming daylilies available to gardeners in northern regions.

Daylilies get their name from their flowering habit of a single flower lasting one day, opening in the morning and withering at night. However the plants produce huge quantities of buds and so spent flowers are quickly replaced the following day. The flowers of Happy Returns

daylily are edible. Since this plant grows well in very wet soil, it is a very good choice for raingardens. It can be seen in the raingarden at the entrance to the Coughlin Center.



References: USDA Plants Database and associated links.

Parkview and Butterfly Garden Monarch Update *by Jane Kuhn*



We have seen many monarch caterpillars on a patch of common milkweed at the Park View Cutting Garden in the second week of June. The following week numerous caterpillars were seen on the swamp milkweed at the Butterfly Garden. This is earlier than we've usually seen caterpillars at these locations. It's a good start.
Pictures submitted by Jane Kuhn.

WCMGA Projects

Check your Member Guide for contact information.

Project	Project Lead(s)
Algoma Town Hall	Petey Clark
Butterfly Garden Miravida Living Oshkosh	Jane Kuhn
Carter Memorial Library, Omro	Pat Behm/Linda Petek
Octagon House, Neenah	Jerry Robak
Invasive Species	Sue Egner/Valerie Stabenow/Audrey Ruedinger
Morgan House	Kathy Schultz
Neenah Public Library	Tamara Erickson
Oshkosh Area Humane Society	Julie Miller/Matt Miller
Paine Gardens & Arboretum	Virginia Slattery
Park View Cutting Garden	Bill Weber
Park View Prairie Garden	Eric Kropp
Park View Flower Arranging	Lil Hansche
Park View Vegetable Garden	Tom Weber
Farmer's Market	Dorothy Gayhart-Kunz/Janet Priebe/ Synda Jones/Patty Schmitz
Plant Health Advisors	Patty Schmitz/Mary Shepard
Shattuck Park, Neenah	Diane Iott
Sullivan's Woods	Linda Loker

Project Leads: If you'd like your meetings listed on the calendar, please email information to Anne Murphy pakster0605@yahoo.com.

July 2019

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
	1	2 Park View - Butterfly Garden 9AM & Cutting/Veg. Gardens 12:30 PM	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 Park View - Butterfly Garden 9AM & Cutting/Veg. Gardens 12:30 PM	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 Park View - Butterfly Garden 9AM & Cutting/Veg. Gardens 12:30 PM	17	18	19	20
21	22	23 Park View - Butterfly Garden 9AM & Cutting/Veg. Gardens 12:30 PM	24	25	26	27
28	29	30 Park View - Butterfly Garden 9AM & Cutting/Veg. Gardens 12:30 PM				

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