

Winnebago County Master Gardener June 2013

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

A big thank-you goes out to Nick Schneider for taking time out of his busy schedule to give a presentation to us at our business meeting. Many of our master gardeners don't always get to see Nick that often; so it was great having time to catch up with him.

Also, don't forget "the Dairy Breakfast on the Farm" on Saturday, June 8th from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. What a great way to show our support for our local farmers!

The weather cooperated and the master gardeners had a good turnout at our booth at the Festival of Spring at the Paine! We met many people and offered horticulture information to faire goers. Volunteers also had some time to do some shopping at the many vendor booths and purchase plants from the Paine plant sale. It was a great day to be outside!

Don't forget to sign up for the Master Gardeners Annual Picnic that is being held on Tuesday, June 11 at 6:00 p.m. at Parkview Health Center. You can contact Mary Weidenmeier at 920-426-0991 or mpwied@yahoo.com. It is a great way to meet our new master gardeners and enjoy good food and take a tour of the Parkview Gardens. Hope to see everyone there.

The Oshkosh Farmers Market opens for business on Saturday, June 1. Stop by and visit your fellow master gardeners at our booth on Church Street. If you need more hours contact Dorothy Kunz for further information.

I am in the process of locking down some dates for garden walks this Summer - as soon as the dates are confirmed they will be sent out in an email.

Mary and Linda



Annual MG Picnic

6:00

Tuesday, June 11

Parkview

From the Advisor.....

First, I would like to welcome Michelle Peplow to Winnebago County UW-Extension! Michelle is our new support staff who will be working with agriculture, horticulture, Master Gardener, and 4-H related items. Please welcome Michelle and introduce yourself as you have the opportunity. Any items that you have been sending to Sarah can now be sent to Michelle. In addition, please be patient with us as we transfer responsibilities between staff and Michelle gets acquainted to her new role. You can contact her at 920-232-1971 or Mpeplow@co.winnebago.wi.us.

Last month I talked a little about using growing degree days (GDD) and indicator plants to predict insect activity. In particular, I mentioned how Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) adult emergence starts at 450-500 degree days (base 50), which is the same time that Black Locust trees bloom. And before we know it, that time will be upon us.

Currently, EAB has NOT been found in Winnebago or even Outagamie County. However, it could pop up at any time. As a MG, all of you are very involved in our communities. Therefore, I am asking if you could help keep an eye out for this invasive pest and help residents to understand the scope of the problem and the choices they have in protecting their trees. In this column, I will briefly go through some of the facts about EAB. The scope of the information is too broad and continually evolving for me to cover all of it in detail, so feel free ask questions.

- EAB to date has killed tens of millions of trees in 19 states since 2002. It was detected in Wisconsin in 2008.
- EAB attacks stressed and healthy ash trees.
- EAB kills only true ashes, genus *Fraxinus*. Mountain Ash are not affected.
- The closest locations EAB has been found to Winnebago County are Green Bay and West Bend.
- EAB can only move ½ to 2 miles on its own. The main culprit for moving EAB is PEOPLE. It is readily moved in infested firewood. So please do not move firewood long distances. In addition, it is illegal to move any hardwood firewood (ash, oak, maple, etc.) out of a quarantined county.
- Initial infestations are very hard to detect. EAB has usually been in an area for several years before it is confirmed. For example, one EAB was found in a purple trap in Green Bay in 2008. The infested trees were not found until 2012 even with numerous sampling and detection efforts. In addition, EAB attacks the top of the canopy first making it hard to detect.
- Symptoms of EAB can be very similar to other issues affecting ash trees. So, it can be difficult to identify.
- EAB is ½” dark green metallic, bullet shaped insect. It is smaller than the diameter of a penny. There are many look-a-like insects that are commonly mistaken for EAB.
- There is no known way to eradicate EAB. Trees not treated with insecticides will be killed by EAB when it reaches the area. Treated trees will have to be treated indefinitely to protect them.
- Decisions to treat trees should be considered very carefully! Not all trees should be treated. In addition, there are many chemical and methods that can be used. UWEX recommends treating only if you are located in a quarantined county or within 15 miles of a known infestation. More information on this subject can be found at: hort.uwex.edu. Search EAB.
- More information on all the above information can be found at www.emeraldashborer.wi.gov

Kimberly

Garlic Mustard Battle Continues Annually

By Lawanda Jungwirth

Every year for the last several years, I've spent an afternoon during the last week of April doing the exact same thing: walking along the Wiouwash Trail searching for garlic mustard and tying fluorescent tape on a tree or shrub branch near each patch I've spotted.

This is in preparation for the first Saturday morning each May when Master Gardeners and other volunteers converge upon the trail with dandelion diggers in hand to uproot the invasive plant. We've been doing this for ten years and I've been rather proud of the fact that we've cleared the trailside of garlic mustard each year by mid to late May.

Yet there is still garlic mustard growing along the Wiouwash Trail. What's up with that? Well, like many sneaky invasive plants, garlic mustard seeds lay in the ground for years, still viable. So if we pull every single plant in a given year, there could still be seeds lurking in the soil from years past, just waiting for perfect conditions to germinate.

Also, just one missed plant can produce hundreds of seeds. While we are diligent in checking and re-checking the trail for missed garlic mustard plants, by the end of May the trailsides are quite grown up, making it hard to spot a lone garlic mustard survivor.

Garlic mustard is a biennial plant. The first year it forms a rosette of leaves close to the ground. The second year it sends up a flower stalk with small, white four-petaled flowers. I can always tell the following spring when a single plant has been missed, because I find a tight mass of second-year garlic mustard rosettes in a rough circular area. Left un-pulled, these rosettes will soon produce flower stalks. It's easy to miss the first year seedlings too, especially since they like to hide under fallen branches and in tangled brush.

So, why am I not completely discouraged when I go back to the trail each spring to find garlic mustard in an area I was positive was clear the year before? Because I've seen other trails where no effort at all has been made to control garlic mustard and it is so much worse. Garlic mustard is the only green that can be seen alongside those trails, sometimes for miles.

And why do I care? Because not only does garlic mustard physically crowd out spring ephemerals like trillium, bloodroot, trout lily, spring beauty and hepatica, it also changes the soil chemically, making it so that those lovely plants as well as the tree seedlings needed to regenerate the forest cannot germinate. It makes the soil inhospitable to the many forms of life including insects, birds and mammals that depend upon it for survival.





Menomonee River Chapter
North Chapter &
Southwest/Wehr Chapter

5th Annual

Native Plant Sale

SATURDAY, JUNE 8 • 9am to 5pm

It's time for the 5th Annual Native Plant sale to benefit local Wild Ones® Chapters. Hundreds of different Wisconsin native trees, shrubs, conifers, vines and perennials are available with special pricing for one day only! As always, the sale is held at Johnson's Nursery in Menomonee Falls.

Guided tours by Johnson's Nursery native experts throughout the day.

Concessions available for purchase through the Wild Ones®, plus extra incentives for Wild Ones® members. Not a member? No problem! Become a member or find out more information during the sale!

Tour Schedule:

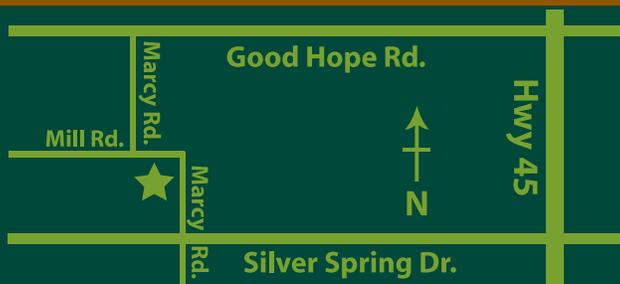
10am: *Incorporating Natives into the Landscape*
with Jillian Zetting

11am: *Native Plants for Wildlife*
with Carrie Hennessy

1pm: *Native Plant Production* with Mike Yann

Questions?

Call Johnson's Nursery at 262-252-4988, Carolyn Larkin from Wild Ones® at 414-881-4017 or go to www.johnsonsnursery.com or www.for-wild.org



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Winnebago County Master Gardeners Association

Saturday, July 27, 2013 * 6:45 am- 5:00 pm

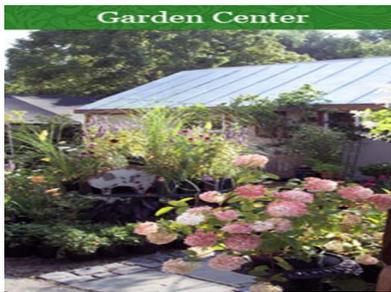
The Winnebago County Master Gardeners will be having a bus trip to Solaris Farms, West of the Lake, Restoration Gardens and Pondsides Gardens, on Saturday July 27, 2013.



West of the Lake - This former street car right of way was purchased by John and Ruth West in early 1934. Subsequently, Mrs. West and her gardener hand spaded all 6 acres, removing weeds and establishing lawn and gardens. July will offer a variety of annuals, perennials, and roses along with a beautiful view of the lake.



Solaris Farms sells wide variety Liliium plants at the farm during summer bloom season. This group of plants has some of the showiest flowers of any plant genera and should be included in every northern garden.



Welcome to Restoration Gardens, located on 7 beautiful acres of an old farmstead, our Gift Shop & Garden Center take a unique and natural approach to business. Beautiful flowers can be found everywhere on our grounds. We offer a wide variety of perennials and shrubs along with heirloom vegetables & annual flowers. Stylish giftware, garden art, statuary and pottery can be found in our gift shop year round. Dining is available at The Blind Horse Cafe or at picnic areas on the grounds.



Pondsides Gardens offers a large variety of hostas – mini to giant in a cozy hillside woodland. The owners, Dennis and Diane Lenz have also created a wonderful “pondside” area to view.

Departure Site and leaving time: Oshkosh at the Coughlin Center, Cty Rd Y. Load at 6:45 am Leave at 7:00 am. Arrive back in Oshkosh at about 5:00 pm. Cost is \$30.00. Bring your own lunch, drinks and snacks or purchase your lunch at The Blind Horse Cafe. Please direct any questions to Linda Loker at lloker@att.net or call 426-1435 or 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.

2013 West of the Lake Trip Registration Form

(copy as needed)

Name: _____ Email _____

Address: _____ Phone _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

What Am I?

I am an herbaceous perennial, one of about 57 genera of flowering plants with more than 500 species. I am the tallest and most architectural of my species with globe-shaped flower heads on 3- to 4-foot stems, blooming from late spring to early summer. My globes of intense purple flower heads (umbels) are 5 to 8 inches in diameter and are followed by attractive seed heads at the top of a leafless stalk. Some of my other species vary in color from burgundy, lilac, pink, blue to yellow and white. I prefer a sunny location with well-drained, even sandy, soil. I produce chemical compounds (mostly cysteine sulfoxide) that give a characteristic onion or garlic taste and odor. Deer, mice, chipmunks and related predators generally avoid me and there are no serious diseases or insect pests that bother me.

My bulbs should be planted more shallowly than comparably sized bulbs, just one or two times the diameter of the bulb depth. I rarely need transplanting or dividing, but if necessary, it can be done when my bulbs are dormant. I can be left untouched in the same area for years.

ANNUAL PICNIC/POTLUCK

Flower Arranging

2013 dates are:

June 17

July 15

July 29 (the county fair bouquets)

August 12

September 23

October 7

November 18

December 2

Mark your calendars and plan to attend our annual indoor picnic on Tuesday, June 11th at 6:00 pm in Parkview Health Center's Great Room. Again this year, Jerry Robak and his band, The Foggy Valley Boyz, have graciously agreed to provide music. Please bring a guest and a dish to pass. Also, plan to stay after the festivities to tour our Parkview Projects - the Prairie, Vegetable and Cutting Gardens.

See the invitation in this Newsletter for further details. Please contact Kathy Daniels or Mary Wiedenmeier if you can come early to help set up.

Newsletter Contributions

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

Answer to "What Am I?"

I am an *Allium giganteum*. Order: Asparagales. Family: Amaryllidaceae. Genus: *Allium*. Species: *A. giganteum*. Cultivar: Globemaster. Other names: ornamental onion, giant onion. The generic name *Allium* is the Latin word for garlic. The genus, including the various edible onions, garlics, chives and leeks, has played a pivotal role in cooking worldwide, as the various parts of the plants, either raw or cooked, produce a large variety of flavors and textures.



Cleaning Fruit - Chemical-free !

Fill sink with water, add 1 cup of vinegar. Stir. Add all fruit and soak for 10 minutes. Water will be dirty and fruit will sparkle with no wax or dirty film. Rinse.

It's great for berries too and keeps them from molding.

Master Gardeners Business Meeting

May 14, 2013

The Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Treasures Report: Sue Egner-Handout supplied for March

PROJECT PRESENTATION

Nick Schneider on Genomic Advancements

A hand out was supplied on the cloning results used with cattle. The spreadsheet summarized all traits such as fat, protein, milk yield, somatic cell score.

This practice is also used with plants

Parkview Prairie Project - Ken Hawk

This prairie is used mainly by the residents of Parkview.

The major clean up is in the fall as they cut down and clean up. They also do invasion control, keep the paths clean, and apply mulch.

A sign up sheet was sent around for volunteers.

Humane Society Reflection Garden- Dara Sitter

This garden started in spring of 2010. Over the years, improvements have been made with plants, shrubs, rain barrels, and relocating the benches.

If you would like to volunteer, email Dara.

County Fair- Sue Bohn

The fair is August 6-11. Volunteers at the booth answer questions.

An email will be sent out two weeks before the fair for volunteers.

Community Gardens- Ruth Fry

The gardens were started in 2006. Expansions over the years include raised beds, compose pile, packing boxes gardens, and various types of gardens. This year will be a sensory garden for kids.

Secretary's Report: Mary Jo Maher

Board minutes are posted on the website. The business meeting minutes are in the newsletter.

Old Business

Winchester Museum is still looking for volunteers.

New Business

2013 budget is being developed.

Other items

Picnic is June 11 at 6:00 at Parkview Health Center

Plant stakes are in

DVD's on gardening with arthritis are available in the office and can be checked out

Education Committee Report:

The trip for the West coast is full with a waiting list

There is still room for the July trip.

UW Extension Updates: Kimberly Miller

Seeds are available in the office for the projects.

Interviews are being held this week for Katie's position.

Please submit the survey that was emailed

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jo Maher, Secretary

Winnebago County Master Gardeners

Winnebago County Master Gardeners Board of Directors

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June Picnic	Kathy Daniels	233-0410
	Mary Wiedenmeier	426-0991
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	Jane Kuhn	231-3993
	Alice Graf	203-8252
Sunshine	Diana Dougherty	233-7137
Hours	Patty Schmitz	420-1676
Home & Garden Shows	Joni Pagel	233-6619
	Cindy Meszaros	233-3550
Website	Jean Reed	729-9012

CORE PROJECTS

Community Education	Marge Menacher	233-3467
Community Gardens	Ruth Freye	734-5978
Education and Control of Invasive Species		
	Lawanda Jungwirth	836-2878
	Audrey Ruedinger	231-5745
	Sue Egner	231-1729
Farmers Market	Dorothy Gayhart Kunz	233-8468
	Janet Priebe	233-1898
Home & Garden Shows	Joni Pagel	233-6619
	Cindy Meszaros	233-3550
Humane Society Reflection Garden	Dara Sitter	582-4405
Lincoln School	Linda Christensen	233-0044
	Mary Haave	231-2542
Octagon House	Jerry Robak	722-3311
Paine Gardens	Betty Kuen	558-9586
Park View Cutting Garden	Bill Weber	231-2936
Park View Vegetable Garden	Tom Weber	233-3729
Park View Prairie Garden	Ken Hawk	426-1691
Park View Flower Arranging	Dorothy Bonnin	836-2868
	Lil Hansche	235-4740
Plant Health Advisors @ UWEX	Ann Gratton	231-3015
Shared Harvest	Ken Friedman	235-6766
Washington & Webster Schools	Marge Menacher	233-3467
The Wild Center	Mary Wiedenmeier	426-0991

June 2013

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

July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 MG Bd Mtg 6:00	3	4 th of July 	5	6 Farmers Market
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 Farmers Market
14	15 Flower Arranging Parkview 1:30	16	17	18	19	20 Farmers Market
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 Farmers Market Bus Trip to West of Lake
28	29	30	31			