



WINNEBAGO COUNTY MASTER GARDENER MAY 2009 - NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Welcome May!!

Our group of Master Gardeners has a busy month ahead of us. There is the bus buying trip, clean-up at Park View cutting garden, pulling garlic mustard on the Wiowash Trail May 2 & May 9th and two Saturdays of re-potting plants for Park View residents to name a few. All of these projects take volunteer hours of the members. Please help as much as you can.

Our next business meeting on May 12 will be the last for the summer. June 9th is our picnic and in July and August we will have garden walks. Please read your newsletter to keep abreast of the summer events.

Remember to keep track of your volunteer hours. They need to be handed in to Linda Tobey by September 1 along with your dues. The form will be in the newsletter again several times before September.

Thank you for the all the work you have done and continue to do to keep our projects alive.

Happy gardening,
Kathy & Mary



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Nick's Notes

Just a reminder, the Shared Harvest vegetable seed is in the Extension office. Enough seed has been purchased of snap beans, cucumbers, kohlrabi, acorn squash, sweet peppers, bell peppers, zucchini, muskmelon, onion, sweet corn, and tomatoes for 20 gardens. Some of the sweet peppers, bell peppers, and tomatoes have been started and will be available to pick up already potted. You do not have to be a Master Gardener Volunteer to use this seed. If you have a friend that is passionate about vegetable gardening and is willing to donate the produce to the food pantries, then please recommend this program to them.

Plant Health Advisor calls are coming at a rapid pace already. In the past, we have tried to clear up the questions on Tuesday from 10:00 am to noon and again by Friday. This is always a very interesting project and is extremely important to the mission of Extension. Without the help of the Plant Health Advisors, I would be overrun with calls making it difficult to carry out both agriculture and horticulture education programming. Statewide, the Plant Health Advisors have access to additional training beyond the general training. On June 3rd Oshkosh will be the host location for a statewide Plant Health Advisors training. Another available education source is the new online self-paced Plant Health Advisor Training available to all Master Gardeners for \$25 through the Kenosha County office. Please contact Barbara Kuhn if you would like to volunteer to be a Plant Health Advisor.
Emerald Ash Borer Update:

Yes, EAB has been found in another county: Vernon. A class is coming up on May 5th. EAB has brought us the opportunity to emphasize research based recommendations. The when, how, and where of EAB treatments have been well researched and we need to be prepared to respond to people that Winnebago County is not close enough to a quarantine area to justify treatments yet.

Send any items you would like to contribute to the Newsletter to linda@americanpresstech.com or mail to 1800 Midway Rd. Menasha, WI 54952

WHAT AM I?

BY: Bruce Abraham

Family **Liliaceae** (Lily Family); Genus **Erythronium**

L. I am found in the following habitats – all forests: beech, northern upland, and southern upland and lowland. Typically, I prefer soils that consist of moist, rich loam with abundant leaf mould along with dappled sunlight in the spring. I grow upwards of 4" – 8" tall. I am one of the earlier blooming woodland wildflowers in the spring with a short, 2-week blooming period. Typically, over time, I develop colonies of plants where my immature plants, which are non-blooming, always outnumber the mature, blooming plants. I have one (immature plants) or two (mature plants) 6" long by 2" wide basal leaves that are green or a mottled mix of pale green and grayish green – the mottled foliage said to resemble a brook trout. My leaves die back in the summer once the forest canopy is fully leafed out. The mature plants also produce an 8" light green to reddish-brown single stalk with a nodding flower. The flower is white and approximately 1-1/2" long and wide with 6 stamens with long yellow anthers – a hermaphrodite flower containing both male and female organs. My flower develops into a 3/4" long, three-chambered seed capsule. My nectar and pollen is favored by numerous species of bees. I am threatened in wooded areas where Garlic Mustard is spreading. There is conflicting information on the safe edible or medicinal uses of my plant parts as I am considered strongly emetic – causing nausea or vomiting. However, American Iroquois women are believed to have eaten my leaves to prevent conception. What Am I?

Master Gardeners should live long and happy lives!

By Lawanda Jungwirth

In the past month, I coincidentally came across the items below in three separate magazines. As Master Gardeners, with our combination of gardening and community service, we should be around for a long time!

- 1. Studies show that gardeners feel calmer, more relaxed and more in control of their environments than non-gardeners. They also have more self-esteem, feel a greater sense of personal stability and are more satisfied with the quality of their lives.*
- 2. Researchers have discovered that people who volunteer have an advantage over*

those who don't do good works. People of all ages who did community service were happier and experienced better physical health and less depression.

- 3. People who volunteer at two or more organizations have a 44% lower death rate than those who don't do any charitable work. That's comparable to exercising four times a week. Like working out, helping others seems to boost antibodies.*

Plant Help Line - NEEDS HELP !

We are in need of more people to assist with answering the Plant Help Line. The calls can be returned to our customers from the Extension office or from your home.

Barbara Kuhn or Kurt Reese can train you so you are comfortable with the phone answering system and resources that are used to answer the questions. And Nick Schneider is always available as a resource as well.

Doing the research is fascinating and we have wonderful web sites available to help answer questions. Our customers are always grateful for the help and information so you'll get a thank you every time!

Please consider joining us in extending this valuable public service to our area's residents.

Call Barbara Kuhn, 920-426-2920, with questions or to sign up to help.

Park View Flower Arranging Needs You

We will be starting to arrange flowers with the residents at Park View on June 22. We will begin promptly at 1:30 with the residents. We always arrange every other Monday at 1:30 starting June 22.

You can come an hour earlier to the Park View Cutting Garden to pick some flowers and greens, bring some from your home, or just come to help us. Oh, it's good to bring pruners or scissors to cut the stems. I can hardly wait for those flowers to bloom!!

Our dates are:

June 22 - July 6, July 20

August 3 (We need as many people as possible arranging for the Fair) - August 17, August 31

September 14, September 28

Please call 410-3290 or email tbehm1@new.rr.com to let me know what dates you can join us!

Thank you! See you soon.
Pat Behm

More Volunteer opportunities at PARK VIEW

Thank you for your time and for volunteering as a Master Gardener. Park View residents really enjoy the time we spend with them. It means so much to them. Some of them don't have family or friends visiting and the time we give to them is priceless.

1. Park View Volunteer Lunch will be Wednesday, May 13, anytime between 11am & 1pm in the Great Room. This is for any Master Gardener who volunteers with the Prairie garden, vegetable & cutting gardens and flower arranging. Please RSVP by April 23rd to Paul Behnke 237-6931.
2. We had a meeting today with the Activities Director Paul Behnke and others from Park View to set up the summer events. Starting Tuesday, June 9, 1:30-3:30pm the residents will come out to view the cutting gardens. Bill & Tom Weber plus other MG's will be out there to talk to the residents about the flowers in the gardens. If you can help, let Bill or Tom know.
3. Flower arranging at Park View will start Monday, June 22 and continue until September 28. If you can help, call Pat Behm.
4. Tim who is an Aide at Park View is looking for our help re-potting plants that some of residents have in their rooms and are very root bound. We are looking for 6 people on Saturday, May 2nd and May 9th, from 1 – 4pm. They will provide the pots and soil, we just have to have the manpower. I know this is a Saturday afternoon but Tim felt it would work out best for the residents and for those Master Gardeners who work during the week. If you are interested in helping, please let me know. This does count towards your volunteer hours!!!

Please let us know if you can help with these projects.

Thanks again,
Kathy & Mary

Webster Stanley update

By Marge Menacher

Hope that you had a wonderful Easter! I have lots of exciting news to share about the Webster Elementary Garden group.

First we have had a fantastic start with our first 2 classes. We have taught about 50+ students about plant biology basics in our 1st class. They had the opportunity to eat roots (carrots), stems (celery), leaves (leaf lettuce), flowers (cauliflower), and seeds (sunflower seeds). We also planted a number of different vegetables in peat pots that will be transplanted into our 2 our great cold frames that were built by the Oshkosh West High School students in woodworking technology. Thanks for their help!

In our 2nd class we studied soils and composting and how it is important to add natural nutrients to the soil so it can help plants grow. To help the children remember the soil components we made edible soil layers. We had half an Oreo cookie for the solid rock layers that our soils develop from, crumbled cookies for the broken rock layers, butterscotch pudding for the clay and sand layers, with a gummy worm that represented all of the live animals in the soils, chocolate pudding for the loam and humus soils and green sprinkles for the plants growing above the soils. The students ate the samples and eagerly told us what each layer was useful for. I think we have a great set of gardeners coming out of this group.

Thanks also to Bob and Arlene Kosanke for arranging to have 4 large tractor tires delivered to Webster with the help of Terry Behm (Pat Behm's husband). They will replace the 4 kiddie swimming pool's that are currently being used for raised beds.

We could really use more help with the Webster project! We will be doing a rock transporting job Monday, April 20 to bring in rocks for the outside of our rock gardens, we also will need lots of help in moving soil from the pools to the tires along with the plants that need to be moved. We also need more help with teaching the last 3 classes, we have no one to teach the 5th graders and most of the rest of the classes will be spent working half of the time outdoors in the gardens weather permitting. Please let me know soon if you can help! Call Marge at 233-3467 or email at marmen4105@sbcglobal.net. Thanks for your help thus far!

MG of the Month-May

Stan Meyer

Stan is a life-long resident of Neenah where as a boy, he helped out in his parents and grandmother's vegetable and flower gardens until he was given his very own plot. Gardening, on his own, was difficult at first. He couldn't figure out why nothing wanted to grow on the patch of ground his parents had given him. His parents explained it wasn't bad ground it was just in his endeavor to maintain a weed free garden he plucked out anything green that appeared fearing it was a weed. Stan has come a long way since those days but still wanting to be weed free.

Stan got interested in the Master Gardener Program while attending a 3-night gardening class at UW Fox Valley given by Rosemary Eiden in 1993. Rosemary told the group about the MG training she gave in Oshkosh. A new MG was born in 1994 when Stan took the Basics Course and has now been a Winnebago County Master Gardener for 15 years. Stan has served a term as Vice President and has been a Board Member since the Board was created.

Stan starts most of his plant from seed including perennials. He likes to start from seed because he can get varieties that aren't readily available in the stores. Stan has built his own seed propagation unit, cold frame and compost bins. Stan's handy man skills were not used only for himself. He has spent the last few years helping his daughter and her husband remodel their 1905 farmhouse.

Stan's garden is 5' X 40' and raised 4" above ground level. He grows mostly vegetables, but has a few flowers in his veggies and a few veggies in his flowers. He also has trellises on the side of garage where his cukes like to climb.

Beside his job at Quality / Truck Care Center he has many interests other than gardening; Some of which are canning his gardens produce with his wife, raising tropical fish, and stamp collecting. He is extremely proud of the 34 years he has spent as a leader in the Boys and Girls Brigade.

In his spare time Stan likes to run. Stan runs about 3 times a week for a total of 800 miles a year. He has run 5-K's, 10-K's and half marathon races over the past 18 years. Recently he placed in his age division coming in 3rd. last year in the Fox Cities Half Marathon.

I have to say tongue in cheek at-a-boy Stan - Run Stan Run.

TREE OF THE MONTH - MAY FROM MORTON ARBORETUM BLACK CHERRY

Black Cherry

(*Prunus serotina*)

The black cherry may be best known for its beautiful wood and tasty fruits, but the pendulous white flowers of May's Tree of the Month steal the scene in late spring.



Black cherry is an attractive tree in all four seasons. Its small, white flowers are borne in *racemes* (thin flower stalks). The fragrant blossoms appear in early May. Oval leaves narrow to a pointed tip. The lustrous, deep green leaves are 2" to 5" long and have serrated edges.

In October, they become a showy orange-yellow color. The single-stemmed tree matures into an oval habit but may be conical or pyramidal when young. The fruits are purplish and mature to black in August or September. The single seed fruits are up to 1/2" in diameter.



Black cherry flower

When young, black cherry's reddish-brown to black bark is thin and smooth. As the tree ages, the bark remains dark and thin but becomes scaly. Woodworkers prize black cherry wood. The wood is light, strong, shock resistant, and straight-grained. The lumber is beautiful, easy to work, and requires only a light stain. It is a popular choice for furniture and cabinet making. Black cherry wood is usually advertised as simply cherry wood. The wood often starts out as a yellowish pink but darkens to a rich, red-brown.

The ripe fruits can be eaten raw or cooked into wine, jelly, or pie. The drupes are bitter until they mature. Avoid eating the seeds or leaves of the tree though because they contain high quantities of the poison amygdalin which forms cyanide when the plant parts are eaten. The sweet fruits are perfectly safe to eat.

Mature height: 50' to 60' but can top 100' occasionally. Rate of growth: fast, especially when young

BIRTHDAYS OF MAY

- none -



WHEN'S YOUR BIRTHDAY?

To let us know so you can be listed with your fellow birthday celebrators please send an email to linda@americanpresstech.com or write to Linda Tobey – info in the member's booklet.

Our First Scholarship Winner

Our first Fox Valley Tech. scholarship has been selected. Her name is Colleen Kutchin. Colleen was selected by 3 representatives of Fox Valley Tech who gave her outstanding marks and was one of Jim Beards best students ever! She also is a seasonal employee of Stuart's Landscaping and Garden Center. Below is her note to Marge Menacher concerning the award.

Dear Master Gardeners:

I received a letter last Saturday that caught me by surprise and gave me great delight. It was from Fox Valley Technical College Foundation, Inc. Informing me I had been selected as the recipient of the Winnebago County Master Gardeners Scholarship!

Being named the recipient is truly an honor and I am appreciative of the \$1,000 award. The scholarship will allow me to complete my last semester in the Horticulture Technician Program at FVTC and fulfill a goal I set for myself to earn a degree before I turn 50 (which will happen in 2010). Being a non-traditional student, I am especially pleased to be eligible and awarded this tremendous support. I look forward to meeting you Marge on May 7th and to be able to express my sincere appreciation in person.

Gratefully, Colleen Kutchin.

Meet a MG's Special Friend Julie (Ostertag) Grundy

Julie is our very special friend. She works at the Extension office and is the person that takes care of all of our needs such as copy making, printing and sending out the newsletter. For all of you who have asked who should I talk to at the Extension about having something done, or who is Julie? Here is your answer right from Julie.

Julie is the second oldest in a family of eight. She grew up in Oshkosh and married Mike Grundy also from Oshkosh in 1973. She has lived in Santa Fe, New Mexico for 10 years in the eighties, where husband worked for a Solar/Green House company.

They have two sons in the army, the oldest son, Nathan, had two tours in Iraq and presently is a Special Agent in Washington, DC guarding "The Joint Chief's of Staff".

Younger son, Tyler, was based at Fort Myer, in Arlington, VA and was a soldier in the elite "Old Guard" ("Tomb of the Unknown") as part of the "Fire Team" also known as the 21 gun salute for funerals. He is presently attending FVTC for Criminal Justice to become a City of Oshkosh Police Officer.

Julie and Mike became Grandparents last September to Logan James Grundy, son of Nathan and Nadine (Nadine is from Munich, Germany) at Ft. Belvoir in Washington, DC. They are hoping their son and family can come home to Oshkosh this year for a visit. Nathan hasn't been home for Christmas in over 6 years!

When Julie and Mike go on vacation, they usually follow their son's from one Fort to another. They have presently been to seven Forts, some of them twice, including Wurzburg, Germany.

Julie enjoys gardening in the Spring between visiting Forts.

Julie we MG's thank you for all you do for us and join you in the cheer

GO ARMY! HOOAH!



**MASTER GARDENER BUSINESS MEETING
APRIL 14, 2009
PARK VIEW GREAT ROOM, 6:15 PM**

Members Present:

Linda Baeten, Kay Bartell, Pat Behm, Sue Bohn, Dorothy Bonnin, Kathy Daniels, Diana Dougherty, Dorothy Gayhart-Kunz, Alice Graf, Lil Hansche, Al Harms, Judy Harms, Ken Hawk, Diane Iott, Lawanda Jungwirth, Dawn Kent, Bob Kosanke, Barb Kuhn, Jane Kuhn, Linda Loker, Marge Menacher, Cindy Meszaros, Stanley Meyer, Anne Murphy, Joni Pagel, Ivan Placko, Bob Potter, Debbie Quandt, Mary Redman, Audrey Ruedinger, Jerry Robak, Marty Sacksteder, Steve Schueler, Bill Weber, Tom Weber, Mary Wiedenmeier, Linda Werner.

A tour of the Park View Cutting Gardens took place, followed by a presentation on Ornamental and Native Grasses by guest speaker, Ann Ross.

The Meeting was called to order at 7:10 by Co-President Mary Wiedenmeier.

Treasurer's Report – Alice Graf

The balance as of 03/31/09 is:

Cash On Hand	\$ 100.00
Checking	\$ 6,140.85
CD Renewal 7/22/09)	\$ 5,000.00
CD (Renewal 4/10/09)	\$ 5,201.40
Total all Accounts	\$16,442.25

A handout was available with the details. The CD that matured on April 10, 2009 was cashed in for anticipated expenses as decided at the Board Meeting.

Secretary's Report:

It was moved and seconded Audrey Ruedinger/Bill Weber to approve the Minutes from the March 10, 2009 Business Meeting as printed in the April Newsletter. No additions or corrections were made. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business to discuss

NEW BUSINESS

New Plant Health Advisor

Barb Kuhn was introduced as the new Plant Health Advisor. There will be a kick-off meeting on April 16th at the Coughlin Building at 6:00 pm. A sign-up sheet was passed around. We are already receiving calls from the public. Calls will be taken off the answering system, researched, and a return call will be made. We may refer to the UW

websites for answers. The U of Minnesota and Iowa websites are also helpful. Office hours are only from 10am to noon on Tuesdays. Other calls are taken by the answering system which is always available, and returned whenever possible by volunteers. All calls from the week need to be returned before the weekend.

Garlic Mustard Pull

Lawanda reminded us of the Garlic Mustard Pulls on May 2 and 9 from 8am to noon. Those interested should meet at the WIOUWASH trail by Brooks Road, rain or shine. It is a good idea to bring a kneeling pad, dandelion digger, gloves and a 5 gallon bucket. The area of the pull is from 1/10 mile South of Brooks Road to 1 mile North. This project has been holding the Mustard Garlic at bay for 6 years.

Donation to the State Convention

Bob Kosanke reported the State Convention will be October 2nd and 3rd at the Ho Chuck Convention Center in Wisconsin Dells. At our Board meeting last week it was decided to give a \$100.00 donation rather than participate in the State's silent auction. The State also wanted to know if we would be interested in selling raffle tickets. The prizes include a handmade quilt and glass items. The tickets sell 6 for \$5.00. It was decided to not participate in the raffle.

Education Committee Report:

- The Buying Trip on May 2nd has 25 people signed up. We could use a few more people to break even. The bus leaves the Coughlin Center at 6:30am. Stops will be at Koepke's, the Flower Factory, and Schoenheit's. Joni Pagel has sent the information to the Fond du Lac MGs.

Annual Picnic

Invitations were given out at tonight's meeting. Those not present will receive one in the mail. Members may participate in a plant swap again this year. If you bring a plant, you may swap a plant. Please label them.

Other New Business

- Bob Potter reported the Paine will be having a spring clean-up on Saturday, April 25 from 9 to noon. No sign-up is needed. Bring a favorite tool and a kneeler.
- Nick reported a second finding of the Emerald Ash Borer in Vernon County. He reminded us that it is too early in the season to treat for the

insect and beware of landscapers who offer to do this now.

- Nick also has seeds from the seed trials to be used in the Shared Harvest Project. There are enough for non-members as well.
- Thank you to Bill Weber for the tour of the Park View Gardens today. He will be letting volunteers know of upcoming work days.
- The Park View Vegetable, Cutting and Prairie gardens committees will be meeting at Park View on Thursday, April 16th at 1:00pm.
- Project leads looking for soil enhancement for their projects are welcome to use the worm castings that have been purchased. A supply will be kept for selling at the Paine Festival of Spring and the Farmer's Market. More will be purchased if needed. A procedure will be developed. Members may purchase worm castings for their private use at \$1.00 a pound. Ken Hawk reported we presently have 38 bags, 13 of which are at the Coughlin Building. The rest is for the Paine and Farmer's Market. Some had been sold at the Home and Garden Show. We could purchase more and do another bagging operation. It was suggested to put this on the agenda for the next Board Meeting.
- Steve reported all project proposals that have been received have been approved.
- Audrey reported on the Town of Rushford project meeting. \$500.00 was approved for foundation plantings and there were donations as well. Up to \$10,000 worth of native plants and excavating were donated.

Meeting adjourned: 7:45 pm

NEXT BOARD MEETING – May 5, 2009

NEXT BUSINESS MEETING – May 12, 2009

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Baeten

TOMATO SPICE CAKE & FROSTING

(Served at April 14 Business Meeting by Linda Loker)

2 C Flour
1 1/3 C Packed Brown Sugar
4 Tsp Baking Pwd
1 Tsp Baking Soda
1 Tsp Grd Allspice
1 Tsp Cinnamon
1 Tsp Nutmeg
1 Can Condensed Tomato Soup
1/2 C Butter
2 Eggs
1 C Raisins



Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Grease and flour jelly roll pan.

Measure dry ingredients into large bowl. Add soup and butter.

Beat at low speed for 2 min, scraping bowl frequently.

Add eggs. Beat. Fold in raisins. Pour into pan.

Bake 30 - 35 min for jelly roll; 35 - 40 min for 13x9.

Cool and frost.

MAPLE CREAM FROSTING

1 8 Oz Pkg Cream Cheese, Softened
1/2 C Marshmallow Cream
3 Tbsp Maple Syrup

Beat cream cheese in bowl until smooth. Gradually blend in marshmallow cream and syrup. Beat until smooth and creamy.

Spread on bars/cake.

Linda Loker

Answer what am I:

I am an erect, perennial forb/herb- Taxon:

Erythronium albidum Nutt.; common name: white trout lily, white dog-tooth violet, small white fawn lily, white adder's tongue

References: <http://www.botany.wisc.edu/wisflora/> and associated links



Emerald Ash Borer Presentation

Delivered from Madison.

Date: scheduled
for Tuesday evening
from 7- 9 PM,
May 5, 2009.



Program Schedule

7:00 - 7:10 PM, Introduction to the Emerald Ash Borer Program by Robert Tomesh

7:10 - 7:50 Power point "Emerald Ash Borer: Status, Biology and Management" by Chris Williamson

7:50 - 8:00 - Q/A

8:00 – Break

8:20 - Power point

"Emerald Ash Borer Quarantine Update" and Q/A by JoAnn Cruse

If we know the enemy we can defeat him

Rushford Town Hall Rain Garden Project Marches On

We have had some publicity for our project as Ellen Newman, a local resident interested in being on the committee, wrote a nice letter to the Northwestern and the Omro Herald which was published April 1 and April 2 respectively.

At the annual Rushford town hall meeting in April the board approved \$500 for our committee to spend on foundation plantings for the town hall. I (Carole) had given the town chairman a quote from Stuart's Landscaping for about \$470 for the plant material that we had decided on in our last meeting, so this was a nice surprise to be totally covered financially. Patsy Pomplun (a town resident who has joined our committee) said that she would donate a large Calamagrostis '*Karl Foerster*' for the corner and she also has much of the Sedum '*Autumn Joy*' that we need. Then I showed the plant list to Tom Traxler of Marshland Transplant Aquatic Nursery and he said that he had the Baptisia in several sizes, not just plugs. So he will be donating the 4 large Baptisia that we wanted. We didn't want plugs because they would take so long to grow to size. Audrey and I went to Marty's Blue Sky Gardens in Eureka, not wanting to bypass any local business wanting to be involved, and they had the 3 Ninebark '*Summer Wine*' and the 12 #1 Calamagrostis '*Karl Foerster's*' that were on our list. Without us even approaching the question, they freely said that they would donate those plants.

WOW. So at this point we only have the 3 Yucca '*Golden Sword*', 2 Clematis '*Jackmanii*', 1 Cypress '*Golden Mops*' (and a partridge in a pear tree) to purchase. Maybe a couple of Sedum '*Autumn Joy*' will need to be purchased too if Patsy doesn't have enough. Audrey also gave Tom Traxler a list of the native plants for the side of the building which he said that he would be donating.

In all, Marshland Transplant Aquatic Nursery is donating \$10,000 in plants and labor. Zillges is donating 1.5 days of equipment and labor to build a necessary berm before the retention pond project can begin and there was a man by the name of Gehrke mentioned at the meeting who is also interested in helping by donating labor and equipment.

Marshland Transplant Aquatic Nursery has been in the business of restoring wetlands for many years and is going to show us the proper way to excavate and install a rain garden. They also are going to plant a retention pond with the appropriate plants for each moisture level. This is an absolutely great opportunity to learn the correct way to do these installations so that we can teach others in the future. If you are interested and would like to be on our committee to receive all the emails pertaining to this project and dates of meetings and plantings please email or call Audrey or me and we will put you on the list. We are looking forward to the day that we all get back together and "dig in"!

Co-chairs

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FESTIVAL OF SPRING

Saturday, May 16, 2009

9:00 am – 4:00 pm

(8:00 am early admittance for Master Gardeners & Paine Members)

Join us on Saturday, May 16, 2009 from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm for Festival of Spring, a free outdoor festival featuring the Paine's annual Spring Plant Sale and more than 200 vendors of original art, fine crafts, plants and garden supplies.

Visit the Corner Flea Market located at the corner of Elmwood and Congress, and also enjoy great food and entertainment throughout the day. Tour the Paine's spring garden showcase featuring thousands of blooming spring wildflowers, tulips, daffodils, and flowering trees. www.thepaine.org

Plant Health Advisor Online Advanced Training for Master Gardener Volunteers

(and UWEX staff answering horticulture questions)

Learn the basics of diagnosing plant problems so you can help answer homeowner's garden questions. This Plant Health Advisor Advanced Training program is completely online via UW-Extension Desire 2 Learn website so you can access it any day of the week and any time of the day. It is designed to be interactive as well as informative.

Plant Health Advisor Advanced Online Training covers fundamental steps of plant diagnosis and essential information on plant identification, plant pathology and entomology needed by Master Gardener Plant Health Advisors. A number of resources and references, which can be printed at home, are part of the course content. Online discussion groups and other subject matter support will be given by UW-Extension horticulture educators. Participants must take an online exam at the completion of the course. Master Gardener Volunteers scoring a minimum of 70% on the exam will become a Plant Health Advisor and receive a certificate.

The training is only available to active certified Master Gardener Volunteers, current Master Gardener Interns, and UW-Extension staff. The course fee is \$25. Fees are used to cover the cost of technical support. Participants are expected to complete the course within two months, but individual participants will have access for one year so materials can be reviewed as needed.

Master Gardener Volunteers and Interns are encouraged to work with their county program coordinator to find ways to answer homeowner gardening questions as part of their volunteer time.

To register complete registration form and sent it with \$25 check, payable to Kenosha County UW-Extension, to Kenosha UW-Extension, 19600 75th Street, P.O. Box 550, Bristol, WI 53104. Sorry, we cannot take online registration or credit card payment. For questions or concerns contact Barb Larson, Horticulture Educator, at (262) 857-1933 or



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"Trees outstrip most people in the extent and depth of their work for the public good." ~Sara Ebenreck, American Forests

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Plant Health Advisor Online Advanced Training for Master Gardener

Volunteers Form

Name: _____
Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Daytime Phone #: _____
E-mail Address: _____
County where training is performed: _____

I wish to take the on-line advanced Master Gardener Volunteer Plant Health Advisor training. Enclosed is my check for the \$25 fee. I am a:

- Certified Master Gardener
- Master Gardener Intern
- UW-Extension Staff

(Sorry, we cannot accept credit cards or purchase requisitions.)

Signed: _____
Date: _____

Return this form with your \$25 check, payable to Kenosha County UW-Extension to
Kenosha UW-Extension,
19600 75th Street, P.O. Box 550,
Bristol, WI 53104

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
Lincoln School	
Janet Priebe	233-1898
Karen Wedde	231-9696
Octagon House	
Jerry Robak	722-3311
Paine Gardens	
Bob Potter	233-3349
Park View Cutting Garden	
Bill Weber	231-2936
Park View Vegetable Garden	
	NO LEAD
Park View Prairie Garden	
Ken Hawk	426-1691
Park View Flower Arranging	
Pat Behm	410-3290
Plant Health Advisors @ UWEX	
Barbara Kuhn	426-2920
Rushford Town hall	
Audrey Ruedinger	231-5745
Carol Dorsch	589-5936
Shared Harvest	
Ken Friedman	235-6766
Fox Cities Habitat for Humanity	
David Leonard	379-5860

MAY 5 - Board Meeting – 6:00M

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	
Linda Tobey	734-2264
Newsletter	
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Jean Reed	729-9012
Lawanda Jungwirth	836-2878
Bruce Abraham	231-3747
Refreshment Committee	
Linda Loker	426-1435
State Rep	
Bob Kosanke	231-1873
SOP & Bylaw Committee	
Stan Meyer	725-6486
Sunshine	
Liz Ginke	722-8140
Hours & Time Keeper	
Linda Tobey	734-2264
Home & Garden Shows	
Joni Pagel	233-6619
Cindy Meszaros	233-3550
Website, Computer and Projector	
Jean Reed	729-9012

**MAY 12 - Business Meeting – 6:15
Coughlin Center**

OFFICERS / BOARD MEMBERS

Mary Wiedenmeier (PRES)	426-0991
Kathy Daniels (PRES)	233-0410
Steve Schueler (VP)	426-1363
Linda Baeten (SEC)	232-1224
Alice Graf (TRES)	203-8252

BOARD MEMBERS

Susan Bohn	685-0427
Linda Werner	725-8168
Stanley Meyer	725-6486
Ken Hawk	426-1691
Audrey Ruedinger	231-5745
Roy Anne Moulton	886-1283
Bob Potter	233-3349

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.



PROJECTS 2009 (As presented at the March 10th, Business Meeting)

Rushford Town Hall Landscaping Project: Carol Dorsch and Audrey Ruedinger are the leads for this long term project. Carol explained the progress already made on the project, and future expectations. Community members and 4H groups are also involved. A landscaping plan has been developed which includes rain gardens. The next meeting is Monday, 7:00 pm at the Town Hall. MGVs are welcome. A sign-up sheet was passed around.

Invasive Species Project: Lawanda Jungwirth and Audrey Ruedinger are the co-leads for this project. Lawanda has two dates set up for pulling Garlic Mustard along the Wiouwash Trail, May 2 and May 9th. Audrey invited members to help eliminate buckthorn and reed canary grass at the Waukau Nature Preserve. There will be a session in summer and in the fall.

UW-FOX Community Gardens: Ruth Freye is the lead. She is planning three gardens this year, 1) a purple and white fragrance garden, 2) an "Animal Kingdom" theme, and 3) a "Holy Botany" garden. She also has plans for a children's play area which includes a sunflower fort and a teepee out of netting with climbing beans. There are plans to hold a Master Gardener Business meeting at the Community Gardens in August.

Habitat House: Ruth also is looking for help for two handicapped women in a Habitat House that has a large shady lot.

Public Health Advisors: Barb Kuhn has taken the lead on this project. Curt Reese will still be involved. Forty to fifty percent of the time spent as a PHA is used for research. It involves answering voice mail messages, some walk-ins, and many e-mails. Nick helps. There will be a kick-off meeting on April 16th at 6:00 pm. Training is provided by Madison MGV staff on June 3rd. Discussion took place as to whether PHA training could count for education hours. Everyone thanked Curt for his efforts in developing the PHA project.

Second Harvest: Ken Friedman is the lead. This new project is aimed at providing produce for area food pantries. Ken needs help for administration of the project. MGVs can grow extra produce to donate from their own gardens. Produce from a youth garden at the Christine Anne Center as well as produce from seed trials will also be contributed. **Seed Trials:** Nick will be ordering seeds. Anyone wishing to participate in the seed trials should contact him. A produce drop off space next to the MGV booth will be available this summer at the Farmer's Market.

Octagon Historical House: Jerry Robak is the lead. A landscaping design was developed last year. This year they plan to begin on the heirloom garden, kitchen garden and part of the perennial garden. They will also be planting two maples and building an arbor with willow wood. They may be looking for plant donations.

Park View Cutting Gardens: Tom Weber and John Procknow co-chairs. This project is in its 16th year! Every Tuesday, the residents from Park View come out to visit the gardens. They are looking for volunteers. The first meeting will be at Park View on April 16th at 1:00. A sign up sheet was passed.

Park View Vegetable Garden: Vegetables are grown in raised containers. **NO LEAD YET THIS YEAR!**

Park View Prairie Garden: Headed by Ken Hawk. Work involves maintenance, invasive control and plant identification. There was a suggestion to hold the April MGV Business meeting in the Great Room at Park View and do a tour of the gardens.

Flower Arranging at Park View: Pat Behm is the lead on this project. Work involves cutting flowers from the Park View Gardens, and bringing flowers from home to do arrangements with the Park View Residents every other Monday. Entries are made to the County Fair. 18 prizes were awarded last year!

Farmer's Market: Dorothy Gayhart-Kunz and Janet Priebe are leads. We provide an informational booth at the market. Two MGVs are needed every Saturday to answer questions, hand out pamphlets, sell worm castings and cookbooks. Saturdays 7:30-12:30.

Lincoln School: Janet Priebe and Karen Wedde, co-chairs for this perennial garden project. First meeting will be in May. It's Lincoln's 200 birthday this year.

Habitat for Humanity: Dave Leonard is the lead. There are 4 houses in Neenah, and 1 in Menasha. All that is provided is a grass-seeded yard. MGVs would do landscaping in the last phase helping home owners plan and plant. There will be an organizational meeting in April. Call Dave if interested.

Paine Gardens: Bob Potter explained some of the projects MGVs are involved in at the Paine including the formal gardens and tulip beds, perennials and container gardens, and the Festival of Spring on May 16th. MGVs have a booth and sell worm castings and cookbooks at the Festival. Some after work hours may also be available.

Community Education Scholarship Fund: Marge Menacher has been successful in setting up a scholarship fund for horticulture students attending Fox Valley Tech. Students need to complete an essay and have a GPA of 3.25. \$1,000 is available for tuition and books.

Webster Stanley School Project: Marge Menacher is the lead. A tour of the courtyard will be on March 23rd at 3:30. Plant donations for rock gardens will be accepted. They start working with the children on March 30th.

All are welcome to sign up for projects. New members will be paired with Certified MGVs.



Outagamie County

Master Gardener Volunteers

invite you to their

10th Annual Plant Sale!

New Variety Perennials, Annuals, Shade Plants, Vegetables, Herbs, Grasses, Houseplants, Garden Compost and much more!

Saturday, May 30, 2009 - 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

University of Wisconsin-Cooperative Extension

3365 West Brewster Street in Appleton

At the corner of Wisc. Avenue (96) and Bluemound (AA).

Severe Weather Date: Sunday, May 31

Educational Opportunities:

*Diagnostic Plant Clinic – 9 a.m. - Noon

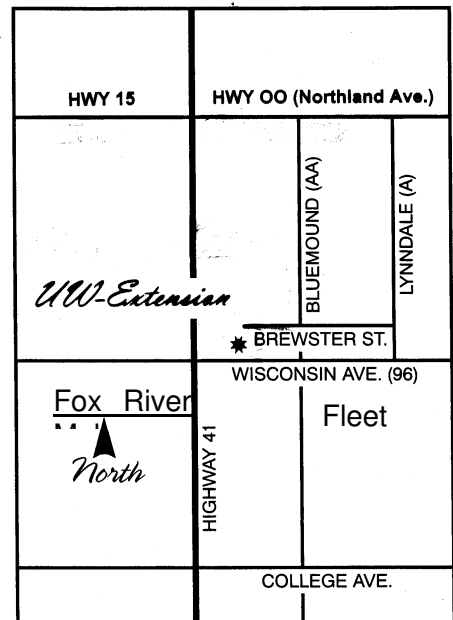
David Bayer, **UW-Extension Summer Horticulturist** will answer questions and offer solutions regarding diseased plants.

* **“Shhh ... Don’t Disturb the Soil” Seminars:** 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Kevin Jarek - Outagamie County Crops, Soils and Horticulture Agent discusses the benefits of no-till gardening.

Plus:

* **Master Gardener Personal Shoppers**



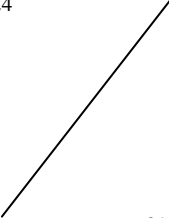






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A GARDEN IS A LINK TO THE PASSING SEASONS.

Sheryl London

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
					1	2 PULL MUSTARD Repotting @ PV From 1-4
3	4	5 BOARD MEETING 6:00 pm	6	7	8	9 PULL MUSTARD Repotting @ PV from 1-4
10 Mother's Day 	11	12 BUSINESS MEETING 6:15 pm @ Coughlin	13 Park View Lunch 11-1	14	15	16 Armed Forces Day Paine Festival 
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 	25  Memorial Day	26	27	28	29	30 OCMGV SALE 
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USE THIS CALENDAR TO KEEP TRACK OF YOUR HOURS