

# WINNEBAGO COUNTY MASTER GARDENER MARCH 2012 - NEWSLETTER

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## PRESIDENTS' LETTER

The weather this past weekend has been beautiful. As I spent time walking my dogs and getting out of the house, I found myself starting to think about what to do with my gardens this year. I may not keep a journal like a good gardener should, but the warm weather reminded me that its time to start my pruning.

Mary and I would like to extend congratulations on a job well done to the Education Committee for planning and executing the Winter Escape-Summer Dreams Event. Thank you for all the work you put into planning the successful event.

This past month many of us also attended the Wisconsin Public Television Garden Expo in Madison. We spent the day in seminars learning about new bulbs for the seasons, native Wisconsin plants for your garden, and favorite perennials for the shade, just to name a few. Thank you also to Marge Menacher for organizing the bus trip to Madison for this event.

Up this month, the WCMG will also have a booth at the Tri-County Home and Garden Show March 23-25. If anyone would like to volunteer some time to work at our booth and answer questions, please contact Cindy Meszaros or Joni Pagel. We would love to see you all there.

At our March business meeting, Andie Krueger will be putting on a presentation about "beekeeping". This is a great way to earn a continuing education hour to put towards our 10 hours of required continuing education. We will also be having speakers at our meetings in April and May.

Thanks to all the WCMG's for making our organization such a fabulous group. We look forward to all the events we have coming up in spring and summer and to seeing all you gardeners at these events.

Mary and Linda

## ADVISOR'S Note:

First, I would like to say "Thank you"! You have given me a wonderful reception and I can already tell that working with the Master Gardeners will be a truly rewarding experience.

As many of you know February was the start of the Master Gardener Level II Trainings. Two, six-week trainings are being held: *Horticulture – History & Health* started Feb 7; and *Ecology, Cultivation and Use of Wisconsin Native Plants* will start March 20. So far, we have a great turn out with approximately 20 people participating both online and from the Coughlin Center

March is a good time to prune your oak trees to avoid infection of Oak Wilt. Oak wilt is a fungal disease which causes the water-conducting vessels in oak trees to become plugged. Once the vessels are plugged, water movement within the tree stops, causing leaves to wilt and fall from the tree. Red, black and pin oaks are highly susceptible to oak wilt. Once infected, they can die within a few weeks.

White and bur oaks are much less susceptible. If infected, they can take months or years to die, or they may even recover. Therefore, to avoid the high risk period, oak trees should not be pruned from April to July. Doing so, can make your oak trees vulnerable to this serious disease. But keep in mind that if daytime temperatures begin to reach the 50-degree mark, stop pruning oak at that time, even if it is still the middle of March.

March also brings the opportunity to examine your trees for Eastern tent caterpillar and gypsy moth egg masses. E. tent caterpillar egg masses are covered with a shiny, black varnish-like material and encircle branches that are about pencil-size or smaller in diameter. They can be easily destroyed by rubbing them off or by snipping the twig from the tree. Control of the egg masses now will help minimize defoliation damage this spring.

Gypsy moth egg masses are buff colored when first laid but may bleach out over the winter months between now and April, scrape off egg masses within reach and drown them in soapy water. Once temperatures are above 40-degrees and there is no

immediate danger of freezing, one of several egg mass oil products can be applied to suffocate the eggs as an alternative to scraping.

On an interesting side note, the man who brought the gypsy moth to Massachusetts, Etienne Trouvelot, was also a talented astronomer. The New York public library system has released some of his astronomy drawings from the late 1800s, available at: <http://flavorwire.com/253592/beautiful-victorian-era-illustrations-of-space>.

So as we move through March, enjoy the art and any nice weather that we have. Spring is just around the corner!

Kimberly

## Project Pictures needed for the Home and Garden Show on March 23-25

Pictures of current projects are needed to keep our display boards current. We want to show off all the pride and hard work we put in to all of our projects. We can only do this if we receive pictures you have taken of your projects. Please send them in the mail, by email or bring them to the March meeting. We appreciate your help getting ready for the Home & Garden Show. You may contact Cindy or Joni the project leads at the following emails or phones.

Cindy Mesazaros [clmeszaros@sbcglobal.net](mailto:clmeszaros@sbcglobal.net) or phone 233-6619  
Joni Pagel [joni.pagel@gmail.com](mailto:joni.pagel@gmail.com) or phone 233-3550



**Example of one of our projects. The Community Gardens at UWF.**

## Welcome Al and Judy Harms To the Ranks of Emeritus

Two more outstanding Master Gardeners have joined the ranks of our Emeritus Members. Al and Judy Harms have been with our Volunteer Association since 1999 and have been leaders in major projects. Their last project was the Park View Vegetable Garden. Judy also headed the Sunshine Committee for a number of years. They plan to remain active with the group. The Board unanimously approved their request. Other Emeritus members are: Agnes Carpenter, Mary Ginke, Marlene Miller, John Procknow, and Linda Tobey. If anyone has questions on how to obtain Emeritus status, please contact a Board Member.

## Park View Prairie Garden 2011 Season Project Summary

We put the finishing touches on the Prairie Garden fall cleanup on a recent beautiful fall Saturday. The major portion of the effort was cutting and hauling away most of the vegetation. We use this method of cleanup as we can't get a permit to burn the prairie.

This season has been a milestone for the Prairie Garden. Since the garden beginning in the mid 1980s 100 different varieties of plants have been identified in our little prairie garden. This doesn't mean that you could find them all there at any one time as the garden is continuously evolving. Plants appear on their own, we plant new varieties and some plants are no longer to be found. Plantings this year were primarily replacements for some varieties that have disappeared.

We continue to identify and mark with numbered stakes plants in the garden. A legend listing plant names and numbers is displayed in an information box at the garden. We were assisted in maintaining the information box by Marti Norton's husband Dick. He replaced the window, repaired that which was needed, and cleaned and painted the box. Thanks Dick!! We appreciate your help.

Marti was joined by Mary Willadsen and Lisa Witz as constant volunteers in the prairie this year. Your help is greatly appreciated. Thank You!!

Thanks also go out to Curt and Brenda Reese and Betty Kuen for their help in the fall cleanup.

The Park View Prairie Garden is now officially in a winter rest mode and we look forward to it coming alive next spring.

Ken Hawk  
Park View Prairie Garden Lead

## Down the Garden Path With Lawanda

It's here! *Down the Garden Path With Lawanda*, the collection of Lawanda Jungwirth's Oshkosh Northwestern columns from the past eleven years has been printed and is available for sale. It is being sold as a Winnebago County Master Gardener Association fundraiser.

The book is a 192-page soft cover book with articles divided into chapters by topic. The cover was designed using a stunning color photograph of native plants in bloom. The pages are illustrated with beautiful line drawings by Carl Traeger Middle School art students, Master Gardener Sue Forbes and Lawanda's mother, Connie Koch. Cost is \$15.

We have ordered 500 copies of the book and we need all members to help sell it and to come up with new marketing ideas. The book has an ISBN barcode printed on the back cover to allow commercial scanners to read the price.

## Save the Dates!

March 23 - 25 – Home & Garden Show

March 24 – Pruning Class & Tour

### Flower Arranging Dates:

(All are Mondays, 1:30@ PV)

March 26 -- Flowers from Garden Gate

April 23 -- Spring artificial bouquets

May 21 -- Flowers from Garden Gate

June 18 -- Flowers from the cutting garden, our gardens

July 16 -- Flowers from the cutting gardens, our gardens

July 30 -- Flowers for their fair -- making many bouquets

August 13 -- Flowers from the cutting gardens, our gardens

September 24 -- Flowers from the cutting gardens, our gardens

October 8 -- Flowers from Garden Gate

November 19 -- Flowers from Garden Gate

December 3 -- Christmas arrangements



## What Am I?

By Jane Kuhn

I am a native perennial and one of the first plants to bloom in spring, often partly or wholly hidden beneath last year's fallen leaves and winter's snow. The purplish brown mottled part of my plant, the spathe (a leaf-like bract that encloses a flower cluster or spadix) will emerge as early as February and continue to bloom into spring. This whole flowering structure which is located near the ground, is 3-5 inches high and remains open on one side, revealing the spadix which is covered with ¼ inch flowers, consisting of 4 sepals and the reproductive organs but no petals. My medium to dark green leaves emerge after the flowers and grow to a height of 1-2 feet by early summer, withering away by the end of summer. I can be found in wet woods, marshes and along streams.

My plant is among a small group of plants which exhibits thermogenesis with its ability to generate temperatures of up to 15-35 degrees C above air temperature by cyanide resistant cellular respiration resulting in melting through the frozen ground. Another function of this warming is that it vaporizes and carries the scent of my plant which some have described as an odor like a sweaty, old gym shoe with rancid garlic. My odor, although not particularly appealing to humans, is attractive to hungry flies and bees that have few other sources for feeding in late winter and early spring. But my plant actually benefits more from the insects since they pollinate my flowers.

## Editor Change



All good things must come to an end at some point, and this is one of those points. I have enjoyed being Editor of the Newsletter for the last however many years it's been; one loses track after awhile.

Right now, however, it is time for me to pay attention to other areas in my life and hand the pen to another MG.

Diana Dougherty has volunteered to take over the position. Please welcome her, her style and presentation as well as you did mine. I'm sure she will present you with letters to look forward to.

Linda Tobey

## Plants Get Awards Too

By Lawanda Jungwirth



Have you noticed how many awards and prizes people give to each other? Grammys, Oscars, CMAs, Golden Globes, People's Choice, Nobel Prizes, Pulitzer Prizes and the list goes on. We also give prizes to plants. Here are some of the award designations I found in just one seed catalog, and what the award means.

- **AARS.** All-American Rose Selection. Tests are conducted over two years in ten test gardens nationwide. Roses are given the care an average homeowner would give and they are judged on disease resistance, flower production, color and fragrance.
- **AAS.** All-America Selections. AAS is a non-profit organization with judges that grow new plant cultivars at test gardens throughout the country. Categories include flowers, vegetables, bedding plants, and cool season bedding plants. Judges look for significantly improved qualities such as earliness to bloom or harvest, disease and pest tolerance, novel colors or flavors, novel flower forms, total yield, length of flowering or harvest and overall performance.
- **American Garden Award.** This is a "fan-voted" award. New flower varieties chosen by breeders for their excellent garden performance are planted at various public gardens and the public is invited to vote on their favorite. Three are chosen as winners.
- **APS Gold Medal Winner.** The American Peony Society Board of Directors chooses the winner at their annual meeting. Beauty, availability, dependable performance, the absence of the need for mechanical support, good plant habit, good foliage throughout the growing season and price are considered.
- **Fleuroselect Gold Medal, Fleuroselect Quality and Fleuro Star.** Fleuroselect is the international organization for the ornamental plants industry. Its main activities include the testing, protecting and promoting of new flower varieties. They conduct field and greenhouse trials of new varieties on 30 private trial grounds in Europe. Through these trials, the newness, practical use, quality and exclusivity of the entries are determined.
- **Hosta of the Year.** The American Hosta Growers Association awards this

designation to a hosta that is a good garden plant in all a regions of the country, is widely available and in sufficient supply and retails for about \$15.00 in the year of selection.

- **Perennial of the Year.** The Perennial Plant Association designates this award based on a plant's suitability for a wide range of growing climates, low maintenance requirements, multiple-season interest, and being relatively pest/disease-free.
- **Herb of the Year.** An herb is chosen by the International Herb Association and must be outstanding in at least two of these three categories: culinary, medicinal, or ornamental.

Two other important designations you'll notice



in seed catalogs are not awards. The first is the green and white USDA organic symbol, which means that seeds or plants are produced without

use of synthetic fertilizers, pesticides, sewage sludge or genetic modification. The other is the OMRI symbol, which denotes that a product is approved for use in organic gardening according to the U.S. National Organic Standards by the Organic Materials Review Institute.



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## Answer What Am I ?

By Jane Kuhn

I am skunk cabbage. Order: Arales. Family: Araceae (Arum family). Genus: Symplocarpus. Species: Symplocarpus foetidus. Common names: skunk cabbage, swamp cabbage, clumpfoot cabbage, meadow cabbage, eastern skunk cabbage. In the 19<sup>th</sup> century eastern skunk cabbage was listed as the drug "dracontium" and was used in treating respiratory diseases, nervous disorders, rheumatism and dropsy. Skunk cabbage was used by various tribes of Native Americans as a medicinal plant, seasoning and magical talisman.



References: USDA Plants Database and associated links

# Aloe Vera is an Easy Houseplant

By Lawanda Jungwirth

Of the almost 500 species of aloes in the world, the most well-known is aloe vera, also called *Aloe barbadensis*. You are probably familiar with aloe vera gel that is sold to soothe sunburn. Aloe vera juice is sold in health food stores, and while it tastes pretty awful, it has many health benefits. Both these products come from the aloe vera plant.



Aloes are succulent plants that store water in their leaves, stems and roots. They are composed of almost 95% water, so it's

easy to see why they won't survive outdoors in Wisconsin winters and are considered houseplants.

Aloe vera plants have bright green, fleshy, elongated leaves spiraling out from a stem so short as to be unnoticeable. Leaf edges are serrated and some varieties have white flecks on the leaves.

Aloes are best purchased at nurseries or taken as divisions from a friend. They have a shallow, spreading root system, so a wide pot, rather than a deep one is best. Make sure there is a drainage hole in the bottom. When potting, the roots should take up about 2/3 of the pot space. Otherwise there won't be sufficient roots to take up the water held in the soil and the plant will sit in wet soil and will not thrive.



Use a gritty potting mix – one especially for cactuses is best. Otherwise, use a general potting soil, but add some peat, perlite, vermiculite, and/or builder's sand to increase the grittiness of the mix.

Place the pot in a bright spot, but not necessarily in direct sunlight. Allow the soil to dry out between waterings. A thorough watering once a week is sufficient.

Aloe vera is relatively slow growing, so it won't need to be repotted for a year or even two. You'll know it is time to repot when the plant becomes top heavy and tilts to the side. About the same time, it will begin sprouting offsets, or pups, that can be separated from the mother plant when they are 3-4" tall and planted in their own containers.

Aloe is very easy to grow, and thrives on neglect. However, here are some signs of trouble and the reasons for them: If leaves lie flat instead of growing upright, there is insufficient light. If leaves

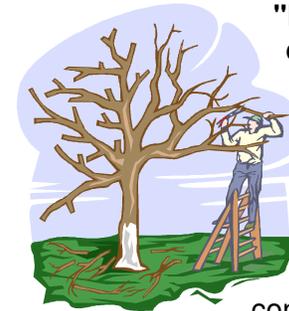
are thin and curled, there is insufficient water. If leaves are brown there is too much direct sunlight. The main problem, though, is too much water. Overwatering produces leaves that are dull in color and soft. If this happens, just let the soil dry out completely and then water lightly for a while.

Many people keep an aloe vera plant in their home to use in case of burns. Cut a leaf off the base of the plant with a knife or scissors, slice it lengthwise, and apply the gel inside directly to the burn. The gel also helps relieve itching from stings, bites and hives.

## Pruning Spectacular

MARK YOUR CALENDARS.-.MARCH 24TH  
Dave Leonard Breezehill Farm .  
5026 Grandview Rd. Larsen WI 54947

Time: 9am until 1pm? (Weather condition determine)



### "Pruning for Profit...when each cut counts"

We have all pruned some plant at some point, house plants, perennials, shrubs, fruit trees or ornamentals. This is an opportunity to think about the consequences of proper pruning, from small orchards to tens of thousands of trees in a timber plantation. Fellow MG, David Leonard, will show you around the 40 acre Breezehill Farm and discuss the ongoing care and stand improvement work that has involved more than one million pruning cuts over the past 23 years.

We will start with a hands-on session in the apple / pear orchard (bring your favorite lopper or hand pruner). After you have finished his work for him, you can view a variety of perennials and discuss what "should have or could be" done with them.

Next, before a light lunch, those who are up for a walk in the woods, weather permitting, may examine over a dozen varieties of planted trees and observe the pruning impact on them. Feel free to critique large and small pruning cuts and learn about the commercial impact of their care. This will be a very informal workshop, hands-on, with plenty of opportunity for interaction.

This is a great opportunity to experience Dave Leonard's property that offers a vast assortment of his many passions in nature; An apple/pear orchard, Vegetable garden with asparagus & raspberry beds, built raised bed of old barn foundation stone with many unusual shrubs and winding path along side of barn. There is also a Small prairie. Thousands of hardwoods—oak, maples, black cherry, etc., and the conifer tree stand.



His incredible experience over the past 23 years caring and pruning his trees has given him invaluable knowledge that will be shared on March 24th as we walk his beautiful farm.

To Register:

**Please phone Audrey Ruedinger at 231-5745 or [aruedinger2@new.rr.com](mailto:aruedinger2@new.rr.com)**

No charge. Limited parking space, narrow drive and street. Car pooling would be wise. Location: Approx 15 miles north of Oshkosh  
Directions given when registered.

## Visit to the Great Gardens of Philadelphia

A group of 30 will leave Milwaukee airport on 5/2 to fly to Philadelphia to visit four of the world's great gardens.

- Nemours Mansion and Gardens, one of the premier examples of the French formal style in the U.S. Built by Alfred DuPont between 1909 and 1932, Nemours pays homage to Versailles in France, the native country of the DuPont family.
- Winterthur embodies the exact opposite of Nemour's extreme formality. The 60 acre garden is surrounded by 1,000 acres of gently rolling farmlands and woodlands. The garden flora, consisting mainly of naturalized exotics, is arranged to appear as if it grew spontaneously, planted in large drifts and grouped with other plants that harmonize in color and form. In Azalea Woods, eight acres of azaleas and

rhododendrons bloom in May beneath a cathedral like canopy of tall trees. The pinetum contains superb collections of large, ancient evergreens.

- Longwood Gardens, showcases dazzling outdoor displays, as well as horticultural feats within a grand Conservatory. Longwood is a combination of exquisite flowers, majestic trees, opulent architecture, sparkling fountains and a DuPont home dating to 1730. Breath taking beauty abounds every place your eyes rest.
- Chanticleer is 35 acres of pure joy. The exquisite diversity of plants live amid an amazingly well designed series of gardens with unique architectural focal points. The use of plant texture and form is exceptional. Besides being responsible for outstanding horticulture, the staff creates superb and sometimes whimsical adornments placed throughout the garden waiting to be discovered.
- One afternoon we will take a leisurely drive along the Delaware River through beautiful and historic Bucks County with a short stop and Washington Crossing State Park. It is here, on Christmas night in 1776 that Washington and his troops crossed the icy Delaware River to win the Battle of Trenton, a turning point in the American Revolution. We will proceed to the charming town of New Hope for dinner.

The cost of \$950 includes round trip airfare, all ground transportation, entrance fees and guided tour fees at all gardens and 4 night of lodging based on double occupancy. Not included are checked luggage, food, items of a personal nature or trip insurance. The group returns to Milwaukee on Sunday, 5/6.

For more information or to learn if seats are still available, contact Roy Anne Moulton at [royanne@new.rr.com](mailto:royanne@new.rr.com) or 920-915-9731.

## News Letter Contributions

To contribute an article or more to the News Letter Contact Diana Dougherty at 233-7137 or email to [didough5@charter.net](mailto:didough5@charter.net)

# Winnebago County Master Gardeners Business Meeting February 14, 2012

Meeting was called to order by Mary Shepard 6:15 PM.

## **Treasurer's Report** – Sue Egner

- A handout was available. The balance as of 1/31/2012 is \$14,237.07.
- Income from the Madison Garden Expo will be included in February's report.
- The Treasurer's report was accepted as read.

## **Secretary's Report** – Linda Baeten

Linda reported that the Board Minutes were sent to Jean Reed for posting on the Website. Business Minutes are sent to Linda Tobey to be included in the Monthly Newsletter. No one had any corrections.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Housekeeping:**

- The Membership Book was passed around. MGs were asked to make corrections to their information if necessary.
- If anyone has a Master Gardener sign in their keeping, please let the Board know. Signs are needed for projects and we will be ordering more if needed.
- If new MG members have any questions regarding hours, projects, etc., please contact any Board member.
- Master Gardener hats are available for \$10.00 each.
- We also have worm castings for sale left over from Winter Escape / Summer Dreams.

### **Bowen Street NeighborWorks Project:**

- Linda Loker is the lead for this project with help from Carole Dorsch. A project application is required.

**Meeting Speakers:** Linda Petek has lined up 3 speakers.

- Bee Keeping by Andy Kreiger, March 13
- Trees and Shrubs by Kimberly Miller, April 10
- Butterflies by Anita Carpenter, May 8
- You can count education hours for these programs. They begin at 6:15 with our regular Business Meeting to follow.

- If anyone has suggestions for Garden Walks this summer, contact Linda Petek.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Project Presentations:**

- After School Projects at Webster and Washington Elementary Schools in Oshkosh – Marge Menacher is the lead. This has been an ongoing project.
  - The program is offered once a week for 5 weeks from 3-5:00 in conjunction with the schools' After School Program. Time is spent teaching plants, planting seeds, eating plant parts. Children grow plants in raised beds.
  - Mondays will be at Webster and Thursdays at Washington.
  - There is also a "Summer Garden Club" for the children.
  - Marge is looking for volunteers at both schools who are willing to work with kids. The time-frame is March 26 to April 30. A sign-up sheet was passed around.
- Tri-County Home and Garden Show – Cindy Meszaros and Joni Pagel are project leads.
  - MGs staff a booth at the show to answer gardening questions and hand out information.
  - There is an opportunity for education hours if you also attend one of the on-going seminars at the show.
  - OK to work a shift or stay all day. Wear your name tag. Attendance and parking are free if you tell them you are working the Master Gardener booth.
  - The show is on March 23<sup>rd</sup> from 4 to 8:30 pm and on March 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.
  - New pictures are needed for the display boards, please pass any of these on to Cindy or Joni.
  - A sign-up sheet was passed around. It is OK to show up at the last minute as well.
- Wild Ones Wild Center – Mary Wiedenmeier is the project lead.
  - The Wild Center is located on Butte des Morts Beach Road, otherwise known as Strobe Island. It is the National Headquarters for the Wild Ones. There are 53 Chapters in 12 states.

- Volunteers are needed for garden clean-up and removal of invasives.
- Work will be on Thursdays from 4 to 8 pm with a pot luck dinner at 6:00.
- The creation of a native savannah is in the works.
- A sign-up sheet was passed around
- Theda Clark Gardens – Diane Iott is the project lead. Diane was not present tonight. Ivan explained the project.
  - There are 2 internal gardens at Theda Clark hospital that are for patients and visitors to enjoy.
  - Involves basic clean up and cutting back.
  - Contact Diane if you are interested. Possible evening hours are available for this project.

### **Newsletter Editor Needed:**

Mary Shepard asked if anyone was interested in being our Newsletter editor. It can be an individual or group task. Linda Tobey is willing to train a new person. Diana Dougherty volunteered. Thank you Diana!

### **Level II Training:**

Session I has started. Session II will begin February 27. You may either attend a session at the Coughlin Center, or sign up to take the class on-line at home. You can register on the State MG website or see Kimberly Miller. The cost is \$30 either way. A manual may also be purchased.

### **Project Leads Meeting:**

Ivan and Jane will host a Project Lead meeting on February 29<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 pm at the Coughlin Center. A light supper will be served. All Project Leads are encouraged to attend. New forms have been developed. Please let Jane know if you are coming.

### **Education Committee Report – Roy Anne:**

- 211 people attended Winter Escape / Summer Dreams. 150 was the break-even point. Very Successful.
- The bus trip to the Madison Garden Expo is always on the second Saturday in February. The bus was full.
- Philadelphia Garden Tour trip will be May 2 to 6. A registration sheet was available.
  - Limited to 30 people, Master Gardeners have first pick, then will open it up to others who are interested.
  - Cost is \$950, based on double occupancy. Includes 4 nights at a

hotel, air fare, ground transportation and entry fees. Food is not included.

- A \$500 check is needed by March 1<sup>st</sup>.
- We leave from Milwaukee on May 2.
- Plan to visit 4 outstanding gardens: Chanticleer, Winterthur, Newmours and Longwood. Call Roy Anne with questions.

### **Emeritus Status**

The Board agreed to honor Al and Judy Harms' request for Emeritus Status. An article will go into the Newsletter. They plan to remain active in the organization.

### **Lawanda Book Project:**

The book should be here next week in time to sell at the Tri County Home and Garden Show. The cost is \$15.00. Thanks to all who contributed to this project and special thanks to Lawanda for all her hard work.

### **Any New Business:**

- Ruth Frye – the Community Garden Partnership and Education Committee is presenting a seminar February 25 on growing vegetables on trellises. The program will be held at the Outagamie County Extension Building on Bluemound from 10 to 11:30 am. You may call ahead, but it is not necessary.
- The North East Wisconsin Orchid Society (NEWOS) show is in Neenah on March 3 and 4.
- Linda Petek – has an individual project available from the Catholic Cemeteries of Oshkosh. Tom Donovan is the contact person. They are looking to develop a flower bed in the Cemetery along Algoma Blvd. They will pay for plants, tilling and mulching. They will also water the garden. Master Gardeners are asked to design, plant and weed. Contact Linda Petek if you are interested.

Meeting adjourned 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Baeten

## 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
Humane Society Memorial 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		
Judy & Al Harms		688-5523
Park View Prairie Garden		
Ken Hawk		426-1691
Park View Flower Arranging		
Pat Behm		410-3290
Plant Health Advisors @ UWEX		
Ann Gratton		231-3015
Shared Harvest		
Ken Friedman		235-6766
Habitat for Humanity Partnership		
David Leonard		379-5860
Washington & Webster Schools		
Marge Menacher		223-3467
The Wild Center		
Mary Wiedenmeier		426-0991

## OFFICERS / BOARD MEMBERS

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Sue Egnor (TRES)	231-1729
Susan Bohn	685-0427
Marge Menacher	233-3467
Carole Dorsch	589-5936
Ann Murphy	426-1691
Audrey Ruedinger	231-5745
Roy Anne Moulton	886-1283
Diana Dougherty	233-3349
Mary Wiedenmeier	426-0991
Kathy Daniels	233-0410
Alice Graf	203-8252

## COMMITTEES

Education and Trips		
Roy Anne Moulton		886-1283
Education – Meetings		
Audrey Ruedinger		231-5745
Event Planning		
Kathy Daniels		233-0410
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Membership		
Dawn Kent		410-8866
Newsletter		
Diana Dougherty		233-7137
Jean Reed		729-9012
Lawanda Jungwirth		836-2878
Jane Kuhn		231-3993
Refreshment Committee		
Linda Loker		426-1435
State Rep		
Sue Bohn		685-0427
SOP & Bylaw Committee		
Ivan Placko		721-9394
Alice Graf		203-8252
Sunshine		
Diana Dougherty		233-7137
Hours		
Patty Schmitz		236-8887
Home & Garden Shows		
Joni Pagel		233-6619
Cindy Meszaros		233-3550
Website, Computer and Projector		
Jean Reed		729-9012

**BOARD MEETING – March 6, 6 p.m.**  
**BUSINESS – March 13, 6:15 p.m.**

## 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.**





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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
			1	1	2	3 10-5, NEWOS Orchid Show
4 10-4, NEWOS Orchid Show	5	6 6 p.m., BOARD MEETING	7	8	9	10 8-2, FVTC Seeds of Hope Garden Talk
11	12	13 6:15 p.m. BUSINESS MEETING	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 MG Level 2 Training	21	22	23 <b>HOME</b>	24 <b>&amp; GARDEN</b> ***** <b>PRUNING</b> <b>Spring Thaw</b> <b>Garden</b> <b>Expectations</b>
25 <b>SHOW</b>	26 Flower Arranging 	27	28	29	30	31 8-4:30, Day in the Garden