

WINNEBAGO COUNTY MASTER GARDENER NOVEMBER 2011 - NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENTS' LETTER

This is my last message as President and Kathy's will be next month. It's hard to believe four years have flown by since we took office. I don't feel any older; however, I do feel a bit wiser, especially relating to the Master Gardener Program. Our 2nd term ends on December 31, 2011. We will remain on the Board as Past-Presidents for an additional year until December 31, 2012. It's been an extremely rewarding four years "learning the ropes" and getting to know all of you.

Remember to attend the November 8th Business Meeting when we hold our annual election of officers and board members. This year we will be voting for President, Treasurer and three Board Members. As of this writing, Sue Egner is running for Treasurer; Diana Dougherty, Marge Menacher, Anne Murphy, Linda Petek and Mary Shepard are running for the Board positions. No one has stepped forward to run for President. Please consider running either by yourself or with a friend (half the work) as Co-Presidents.

Plan to attend our annual Awards Banquet on Monday, December 5, at Bridgewood Resort Hotel Neenah. See the invitation in this month's Newsletter for details.

Wishing you and your family a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday!

Mary & Kathy

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Nick's Note:

A participant from the 2010 Master Gardener Volunteer class recommended the Winnebago County Master Gardener Association start a mentoring system for the new class participants interested in being mentored. With 18 core projects and 12 committees, there are many volunteer options. A little mentoring can help new volunteers plug into a project they will enjoy. If you would like to be a mentor for a new member, please contact me during the beginning of November for the 2011 class that concludes at Thanksgiving.

The 2011 volunteerism totals from the Winnebago County Master Gardener Association are 6,100 hours of community service, 1,300 hours of community education, and 600 hours of youth education. Plus, 1,800 hours of continuing education was attended. Let's just use our imaginations for a moment to picture the way projects locations looked before and then after Master Gardener volunteer involvement. Thank you for making a difference in the communities of Winnebago County.

Nick Schneider, Winnebago County Agriculture Agent



Save the Dates!

Nov. 12 & 19 – Buckthorn Work Days
Dec. 5 – WCMGV Awards Dinner

Flower Arranging Dates:

(All are Mondays, 1:30@ PV)

Nov. 21---Floral flowers from
Garden Gate

Dec. 5---Christmas gift bag
arrangements Aurora



Happy November Birthdays



**Bruce Abraham, Pat Behm, Dorothy Bonnin,
Mary Fisher, Sandy Giesssen, Sandra Gollhofer,
Betty Kuhn, Cindy Meszaros, Curt Reese,
Dara Sitter, Rosemary Smith**

SAVE THE DATE!

Plans are finalized for the annual Winter Escape~Summer Dreams conference scheduled for February 4 at Reeve Memorial Union on the UW-Oshkosh campus. Keynote speaker Don Engebretson, “The Renegade Gardener,” will be the presenter for two sessions: “Top 10 Garden and Landscaping Blunders—and How to Avoid Them” and “Really Cool Plants for Wisconsin Gardens.” The second speaker of the day, Mark May of May Garden Center of Oconomowoc will present “Growing Vegetables.” Plus, there will be lots of vendors, continental breakfast, lunch and book signing time with Don Engebretson. Brochures to sign-up for the event will be posted on the MG website by mid-November. Please sign up early or put registration on your Christmas list. The cost is still only \$35 for this great day!

The sign-up form for the bus trip to the Wisconsin Public Television Garden Expo in Madison on February 11 will also go up on the website soon. This is another good opportunity to get in your continuing education hours.

And, on the horizon:

- A pruning workshop in mid-March.
- A multi-day trip to the Philadelphia area to visit some of the great gardens of the east during first week in May.
- A bus trip to the Midwest Regional Master Gardener Conference to be held July 19-21 at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum in Chanhassen, Minnesota.

The Education Committee is in the process of finalizing plans for all of these opportunities. Watch the MG website and the newsletter for updated information.

What am I? by Jane Kuhn

I am a hardy perennial which blooms in fall, providing late-season color and source of pollen for bees and other pollinators. I grow from 2½ to 6 feet tall with hairy stems and leaves. My alternate leaves are up to 4 inches long and 1 inch wide, with broad, clasping bases and pointed tips. My individually stalked flower heads are in an open, rounded cluster at the tops of the main stem branches. Flower stalks and bracts at the base of each flower head are covered with gland-tipped hairs. Each head is about 1½ inches wide with 40 or more bright purple (or pinkish purple or pale lavender), petal-like ray flowers surrounding a central yellow disk.

I grow well in average soil but will benefit from plenty of compost and need full sun. I do best if divided every two or three years, removing half to two thirds of my plants (which can be planted in another location or shared) and leaving the remainder in place. I can also be directly seeded into the garden or seeded indoors for transplanting later. Since my plants may be aggressive, a yearly edging with a shovel is suggested. Powdery mildew may afflict my leaves during the cool, moist weather of fall. Although there are many species and cultivars, it is easy to distinguish my plant because the compound flowers are larger in size and have more numerous ray florets

Octagon House Project

From Jerry Robak

The third annual Country Fair was held at the Octagon House site in Neenah on Oct 1st. Thanks to great weather, attendance was up significantly from previous years. The fair is intended to showcase life as it was in the nineteenth century. And, of course, the Master Gardener committee provided a booth that was a principle feature at the fair. We were able to show off our Kitchen and flower gardens that were developed over the last three years. The vegetables change from year to year as well as the mix of annuals which were all in full bloom. The mix of herbs and flowers in the kitchen garden was a common practice during the nineteenth century. It appears to be working for us as well. This practice plus vegetable crop rotation has so far prevented a severe pest infestation. Maybe it's the marigolds that keep out the evil spirits and provide a special glow to the garden. However, the marigolds were not strong enough to keep the bees away from the pies during the pie tasting and judging event.

In addition to tours of the gardens, fairgoers had opportunities to tour the historic Octagon House, take a horse and carriage ride, take a bus tour of the classic homes of Neenah and see demonstrations of cooking on an open fire and yarn spinning. There also was music by the Foggy Valley Boyz.

I wish to thank all the MG volunteers who have helped with the gardens this year. Special thanks go to Anne Ross for leading the design of the kitchen garden each year and keeping records. Other volunteers are:

Karen Frittitta, Ivan Placko, Stan Meyer, Jean Reed, Jane Crowe, Dorothy Bonnin, Wayne Dickson, David Thurow and Linda Werner



You guys are making great progress

To join this group contact Jerry Robak, Project Lead

Call for Got Dirt? Trainers

As Master Gardener Volunteers involved in horticultural education in your communities, I imagine you are reminded regularly of what a process it was to gain all the knowledge you have about successful growing. Personally, it took me by surprise to meet an adult who honestly didn't understand that her carrot was the plant's root (no, it was not going to "grow back" after picking!), or why she was not likely to get a bumper crop of watermelons out of her 2' x 2' x 34" standing planter.

Our work never stops being vital and in-demand. As the next academic year fast approaches, Got Dirt? is asking you to consider dedicating a few of your volunteer hours to reach out to the next generation – a generation in dire need of a slice of your hard-earned wisdom!

I say "dire" after reading about a recent study from Yale's Rudd Center for Food Policy & Obesity, which found that a leading fast-food chain's websites get 365,000 unique child visitors ages 2-11 and 294,000 unique teen visitors ages 12-17 each month. Targeted marketing for fast food starts as young as age 2!¹

In other words ... the "competition" is working hard to capture the habits of kids. No, we can't blame any one entity for the increasing childhood obesity and its health related consequences in Wisconsin's youth. However, if kids aren't hearing about truly delicious alternatives to fast and fried, aren't exposed to incredible taste and texture of fresh ... how can we expect them to ever know? Somewhere along the line, we all needed a teacher.

That brings us back to you! We're now scheduling Master Gardeners and other volunteers with horticultural knowledge to pick a date and a place to present the Got Dirt? PowerPoint and materials to teachers, childcare providers, and after-school program providers in your communities. We'll take care of advertising and enrolling your audience. Please contact Lisa Kay Peters at 920.391.4655 or peters_lk@co.brown.wi.us if you are ready to commit or have questions.

Many thanks go out to everyone who has participated in the last few years. We've done some evaluations, including asking parents of the children who attended classrooms that gardened about what their kids had to say about it and if they saw any changes in behavior. Many of the responses

were extremely encouraging, but this one blew me away:

"She asked for lettuce as a snack--and ate it plain".

Wow! Now, we didn't spend millions on TV spots with fun music, characters, and promises of a toy surprise. Instead, you taught a teacher how to involve kids in growing lettuce in a bucket, the kids were excited about the harvest because they planted the seeds and kept it watered ... and low and behold, she asked for lettuce instead of fries.

Here are just a few more findings from the program evaluation done for the 2009/2010 academic year:

- A total of 122 garden sites were established after the Got Dirt? Workshops and the majority of gardens engaged up to 30 children.
- 89% of respondents answered that they were planning on continuing their youth garden. 71% plan to expand - increasing the variety of plants and/or size of the garden.
- 76% of respondents answered that the youth gardens were either very effective or extremely effective in increasing children's interest in fruits and vegetables.
- Although it was difficult reaching the workshop attendees who did NOT start a garden, from the feedback we did get, two of the barriers were lack of time and lack of space. We've got solutions!

Lisa Kay Peters joined the Brown County UW Extension staff in July as the new coordinator for Got Dirt? Keep up on "the dirt" on Facebook and Twitter, or contact Lisa Kay at peters_lk@co.brown.wi.us or 920.391.4655.

¹ Yale Rudd Center for Food Policy & Obesity. Fast Food F.A.C.T.S. Food Advertising to Children and Teens Score. Downloaded from <http://www.fastfoodmarketing.org>. Accessed August 1, 2011.



OSHKOSH SATURDAY FARMERS MARKET-MG BOOTH

End of the season report.

Saturday mornings, 7:30 AM to 12:30 PM, corner of Main and Merritt.

The Oshkosh Saturday Farmers Market moved this year to downtown Main Street. Vendors were doing a good business and there were a lot of people who came to the market. We were located on the corner of Main and Merritt. Our spot got shade by 10:00 AM and a breeze. We went through the 1st of October.

The master Gardener Booth was manned by co-chairs: Janet Priebe and Dorothy Gayhart-Kunz and two or more MGs each Saturday morning. Thanks to: Sue Egner, Dorothy Bonnin, Becky Gratz, Synda Jones, Joni Pagel, Bob Potter, Patty Schmitz, Pat Behm, Alice Graf, Debbie Quandt, Linda Christensen, Colleen Kutchin, Mary Shepard, Cheryl Decker, Barb Spellman, Mary Haave, Sandra Golliger, Mary Wiedenmeier, Debbie Drake, Marge Bolding, Kay Bartell, Betty Kuen, Peg Wagner, Chris Weston, Linda Petak. (Hope I got all the names, if not thanks to all for your support)



On Children's Day in August we planted just under 300 plants with the children. In addition each made clothespin butterflies. Parents were very grateful for the free plantings. We were **VERY** busy.

New this year, THEME OF THE WEEK, was popular. We had a posters and related handouts and props. Weather was pretty good but the last three mornings were cold, and we missed two Saturdays due to rain.

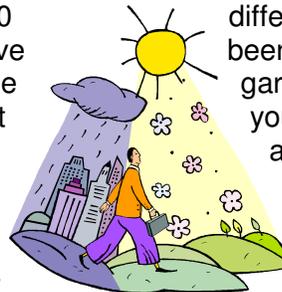
We had lots of interesting questions, sold cook books and worm castings, and had a good time ourselves, learning even more about gardening. We couldn't run the booth without the support of our loyal members. Thanks so much, we appreciate all your efforts.

Janet and Dorothy, Co-Leads

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 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

Flower of November – "MUM"

CHRYSANTHEMUM

Chrysanthemums, a symbol of the sun, have held many noble positions in ancient cultures. The Japanese consider the orderly unfolding of their petals to represent perfection, and Confucius suggested they be used as an object of meditation. Signifying optimism and happiness, it's said that a single petal of this November birth flower placed at the bottom of a wine glass will encourage a long and healthy



Officer and Board Elections November 8, 2011

Each year the Winnebago County Master Gardener Association elects two officers and the appropriate number of members to its Board of Directors. In November, we will elect a President, a Treasurer and two board members for two year teams beginning January of 2012. Our Board of Directors helps guide our organization to its chosen goals while operating within the guidelines set forth by the Wisconsin Master Gardener Association (WIMGA) based at the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

Serving on the Board of Directors is both rewarding and fun. It is a wonderful way to get involved in the organization, get acquainted with other members and to bring fresh, creative ideas to the organization. Of course, time used for board meetings and associated duties is counted as volunteer hours. No special training or experience is required, only a willingness to serve and help our organization remain viable and growing.

Meet Some Candidates

Hi, I'm **Sue Egnor** running for M.G. treasurer.

I'm currently on the board of directors and treasurer of the Oshkosh Choraliars. My term ends this Dec.

Past board member and treasurer of a group home 4 churches owned together. Did the finances, paid the staff, etc.

Hubby, George, and I have been married 38 years. We have two daughters and two gorgeous little grandchildren. I have been a M.G. for 2 years; Involved with buckthorn removal, plant sales at the Paine, the flower garden on Main St. project, farmers market and other activities. Needless to say, I love gardening at my home and helping others with theirs.

My name is **Linda Petek** and I am interested in being elected to the Board.

I am fairly new to WMGA having completed the training course in Fall 2010. I would like to become more involved in the program, and know that being a board member would help me to get more acquainted with other members and all the projects.

I have been an active volunteer at St. Raphael Parish and Unified Catholic Schools over the past years. I have two daughters who no longer live at

home. My husband and I live in Oshkosh and both enjoy gardening.

Hello, my name is **Anne Murphy** and I am interesting in serving on the Board.

I consider myself a newbie to the Master Gardener program since I graduated in 2007. I am still learning the ropes and realize that this will be an ongoing task--one of the highlights of becoming a Master Gardener volunteer--there's always something new to learn!

I have worked on several projects such as the Webster and Washington Elementary school programs, the Plant Health Advisors, County Fair, Farmer's Market, Cutting Gardens at Parkview, Picnic committee and most recently Lawanda's book compilation to name a few. I think I could be an asset to the Board in a newbie kind of fashion (ie; ignorance is bliss!)

What Am I: Answer

By: Jane Kuhn

I am a New England aster. Family: Asteraceae



(aster family). Genus: Symphyotrichum Nees (aster). Species: Symphyotrichum novae-angliae (L.) G.L. Nesom. Common name: New England aster. Did you know that the yellow center of the aster is actually composed of many tiny flowerets? Herbalists have used New England Aster tea as a general cold/fever/flu remedy.

Resources: USDA Plants Database and associated links

Speaker Needed

L I R, Learning in Retirement, is looking for a speaker for their February 3, 2012 meeting on Organic gardening. Anyone interested in this great opportunity please contact Curt Reese, one of our long time members in good standing. By the way these hours do count toward your hours needed in Community Education. Just call or email him at cbreese@new.rr.com - or - call 426-4992

Storing Seeds and Bulbs Over Winter

By Lawanda Jungwirth

This fall when you're packing away the shorts and swimsuits, there's one more thing that you should take care to pack away properly – your garden seeds and tender bulbs.

Seed packets are usually stamped with "Packed For" or "Sell By" followed by a date, similar to an expiration date on food products. But just because that date has passed is no reason to dispose of the seeds. They are often good for many years after the date printed on the pack.



In general, and given proper storage, corn, onion, parsnip and soybean seeds are viable for two years; bean, leek, parsley and pea for three years; carrot, mustard, pepper and tomato for four years; cabbage, kohlrabi, lettuce, pumpkin, radish, spinach and turnip for five years; beet, eggplant, melon, and squash for six years; and cucumber for ten years.

Seed packets as well as seeds that you've collected yourself from your plants need proper storage to ensure that they will germinate at planting time. They should be absolutely dry before you store them, and then should be placed in a cool, dry place. A cool basement or a refrigerator is a good storage location

Many people stick the seed packets inside quart canning jars or zip-top plastic bags. To make sure the seeds stay dry, place a packet of silica gel in the container. You often get these little packets free when you buy athletic shoes or vitamins. Another option is to place a few tablespoons of powdered milk between sheets of paper towels in the bottom of the storage container.

Next spring when you take the seeds out of storage before planting, do not open the container until they have warmed to room temperature or condensation will form inside and may cause them to mold or rot.

Storage of tender bulbs is a little more involved than sticking seed packets in a jar. Some of the common plants that grow from bulbs or corms that cannot withstand the cold Wisconsin winters and must be lifted from the ground and stored inside are anemone, begonia, caladium, canna, dahlia and gladiola.



Dig the bulbs, cut off stems and let them dry a few days before placing them in the coolest part of your basement. Anemone, begonia, caladium and canna can be stored loosely in a cardboard box with the soil that comes up with them still around them. Soil should be brushed or washed off dahlia bulbs and gladiolus corms and they should be packed in sand or peat. Gladiola corms should be dried for several weeks in the shade before storage and can overwinter in the garage if you're sure it won't get below 35°.

Check stored bulbs at least once a month and discard any with rot or mold. Do not open the seed storage containers to check them because you risk letting humidity inside

New Core Project

The WILD Center, national headquarters for the Wild Ones, has been approved as a Core Project by the WCMGA Board. Mary Wiedenmeier has agreed to be the Lead for this project. Following is the Wild Ones Mission Statement: Wild Ones promotes environmentally sound landscaping practices to preserve biodiversity through the preservation, restoration and establishment of native plant communities. Wild Ones is a not-for-profit environmental education and advocacy organization. They began in 1979 with a small group of people in Milwaukee and have since grown to a national organization with 53 chapters in 12 states.

The Wild Ones Institute for Learning and Development or WILD Center opened its doors to the public in January of 2009. Located at 2285 West Butte des Morts Beach Road, Neenah, it consists of 16 acres of upland, riparian woodland and marsh as well as the headquarters building showcasing natural landscaping and native plants.

Volunteer efforts include general garden cleanup and removal of invasive species (buckthorn, honeysuckle, wild parsnip, etc.) This past summer, First Thursdays was introduced, occurring on the first Thursday of the month from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. This is a group volunteer opportunity with a potluck around 6 p.m. Additional volunteer opportunities will exist with the creation of a large native savannah in the near future.

For additional information contact Mary and check their website: www.for-wild.org

Name The Book!! Win \$25

We are busy preparing to publish the WCMGV collection of Lawanda's garden columns—but the book needs a name to move forward in the pre-publishing phase. We would like to hear your suggestions for the title as soon as possible—all submissions must be in by November 10. A \$25 gift certificate will be awarded to the winner of the Name the Book Contest-- send your best ideas to Mary Shepard at mshepard2@new.rr.com. You can submit as many ideas as you want. If there are duplicates, the first one to be received will take precedence. Lawanda will serve as the final judge.



The book cover will feature a garden color photo and we welcome additional submissions for this opportunity as well. Ideas of interest would include photos of your garden or local garden features. In addition, there will be pen and ink type drawings illustrating some of the articles. We would be very pleased to hear from any of you who would like to help with the artwork!!

Hidden Danger in Compost

By Lawanda Jungwirth

I was going to start out with "I don't mean to scare you . . ." but I really do intend to scare you.

Do you buy bulk or bagged compost, topsoil, mulch or hay? Do you get compost or mulch free from your city or town? Either way, you may be getting more than you bargained for.

That compost, mulch, topsoil or hay may be contaminated with herbicides that can kill your valuable plants.

Farmers spray their pastures and hayfields with an aminopyralid herbicide from Dow called Milestone, or related herbicides like Confront, Curtail, Forefront, Hornet, Lontrel, Millinium Ultra, Reclaim, Stinger and Transline. The manure of animals that graze on treated pastures shows chemical residues for years, even if the manure is composted. When gardeners use the treated hay or composted manure on their gardens, plants may die quickly or over a period of weeks depending on the plant. The leaves curl and shrivel and gardeners assume their plants have diseases or maybe that the weed killer from their neighbor's drifted over.

The EPA does plan to re-evaluate aminopyralid . . . but won't be finished with their study until 2014! Another herbicide, aminocyclopyrachlor, sold by DuPont under the brand name Imprelis, is used by professional applicators on lawns. When grass clippings from these lawns are composted, even in a municipal compost facility, it only degrades by about 60% in 200 days. Long after the plant material has decomposed into what appears to be healthy, rich compost, there is plenty of the poison left to kill your beans, tomatoes, zucchini, even full-grown trees and shrubs.

Eleven states from the Midwest to the East Coast have reported tree damage and death linked to Imprelis in the last few months. A class-action lawsuit has been filed by a Pennsylvania homeowner and an Indiana golf course claiming damages for poisoned plants.

There is a warning on page 7 of the 9-page Imprelis label that clippings should not be collected for composting, but what if the lawn treatment person and the clipping-collector person are two different people? Or what if the applicator lost interest before reading page 7, or simply forgot to tell the homeowner?

Although Dow has recently recalled Imprelis, they are collaborating with Scotts Miracle Gro Company to develop a new fertilizer/herbicide combo to be marketed to homeowners containing the very same aminocyclopyrachlor! And they still sell four other products containing the same chemical.

What can you do? Make and use your own compost or know where your compost, mulch, hay and topsoil come from. If buying in bags, check the company's website or call them to make sure none of these chemicals have contaminated their product. If they can't reassure you or don't know what you are talking about, don't buy it. Write to the EPA, Dow, DuPont and Scotts and tell them to stop allowing these persistent chemicals to poison our gardens and landscapes.



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
Rushford Town hall		
Audrey Ruedinger		231-5745
Carol Dorsch		589-5936
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

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Sunshine		
Diana Dougherty		233-7137
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Cindy Meszaros		233-3550
Website, Computer and Projector		
Jean Reed		729-9012

BOARD MEETING – November 1

BUSINESS MEETING – November 8
5:30 SHARP- ELECTION

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.



Contact: For WIMGA Members
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2012 *Wisconsin Garden Journal* “Celebrating our Past, Cultivating our Future”

“I sometimes think the *Wisconsin Garden Journal* is too pretty to use!
It’s gorgeous, a great gift for any gardener, but don’t let its look deceive you:
It’s as valuable in the garden as any shovel.”

Shelley Ryan, host & producer of *The Wisconsin Gardener* television series on Wisconsin Public
Television,
Celebrating 20 years in 2010

For Immediate Release: The Madison Area Master Gardeners Association (MAMGA) has just released the 17th edition of the *Wisconsin Garden Journal*, “Celebrating Our Past, and Cultivating Our Future”. The *Journal* commemorates a quarter century of learning and growing through the University of Wisconsin Extension Master Gardener Program. The *Journal* is a must-have addition to the library of any gardener or garden enthusiast as it is not only an engagement calendar, but also a valuable tool to help plan, organize, and maintain a garden. For non-gardeners, it can be an informative guidebook for appreciating what’s happening in neighborhood gardens throughout the year. The 2012 *Wisconsin Garden Journal* makes a unique gift for gardeners and non-gardeners alike. Proceeds from this all-volunteer effort are used to fund community gardening project grants in Dane and surrounding counties.

Featuring beautiful color photography and original artwork, the *Wisconsin Garden Journal* includes monthly task lists, weekly tips, a planting guide, and extensive reference material for gardeners in Zones 3, 4 and 5. The 2012 edition features garden guidance from old almanacs, state of the art pointers and includes feature articles about “Gardening in Grandfather’s Time,” “Growing Your Own” and “We Seed into the Future.” The weekly tips highlight “Winter Wisdom from Landreth’s Rural Register and Almanac, 1883,” “Tool Care 101” and “Sharing Your Bounty, Planting for the Hungry.” The *Journal’s* “yellow pages” section lists plant tables for an old-fashioned cottage garden, ground cover lawn alternatives for shady areas, suggestions for vertical gardens, a list of cookbooks for Midwest gardeners and an annotated list of Midwest gardens to visit, among other useful resources, references, and web links.

Members of the Wisconsin Master Gardener Association (WIMGA) members can order the *Journal* either on line at www.mamgawi.org or by contacting aleta-murray@sbcglobal.com. Cost for WIMGA members is \$13.00 plus \$3.00 shipping for the first copy and \$1.00 for each additional copy. Checks made payable to MAMGA, along with your name, address, phone number and e-mail address, can be sent to MAMGA, *WI Garden Journal*, P.O. Box 259318, Madison, WI 53725. Ten or more copies on the same order include FREE shipping and handling. The cost of the *Journal* for non-WIMGA members is \$14.95. Payment, shipping, and handling information are the same as above.

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**You and your guest are cordially invited to attend
Winnebago County Master Gardeners Association Awards Banquet**

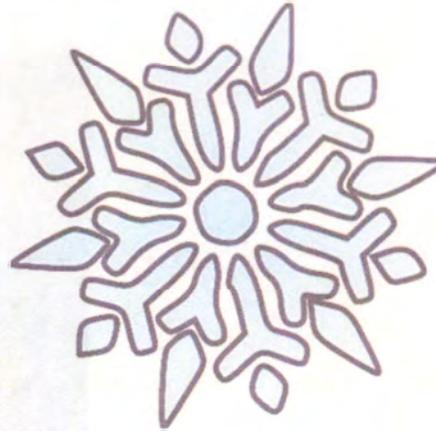
Monday, December 5, 2011

6:00 pm Social (cash bar)

6:45 pm Dinner

7:30 pm Awards Program

Bridgewood Resort Hotel
1000 Cameron Way
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Cost per person \$17.00

Snowflake Dinner Buffet

Includes: Tossed Salad w/ choice of dressing, Fresh Vegetable Tray, Pasta Salad, Vegetable Salad, Fresh Fruit Tray, Cheese Tortellini w/ Pesto Alfredo Sauce, Baby Red Potatoes, Vegetables, Sliced Roast Top Sirloin, Chicken Piccata, Parmesan Crusted Tilapia, Home Baked Dinner Rolls, Coffee, Milk or Iced Tea and Festive Desserts.

Please return no later than Tuesday, November 29, 2011

Mail w/payment to: Mary Wiedenmeier, 1923 Northpoint St., Oshkosh, WI 54901

Make check out to: WCMGA (Winnebago County Master Gardeners Association)

Your Name: _____ Guest Name: _____
(Please Print)

Cost per person \$17.00

Amount Enclosed: _____



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Quiet places should be enjoyed. Save the quiet places first.

Ernest Lyons

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
		1 Board Meeting CLASS	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 Business Meeting 5:30 SHARP CLASS ELECTION	9	10	11 Master Gardener Brown Bag Program	12 Buckthorn work Day 9 to 12 & 1 to 4
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 Buckthorn work Day 9 to 12 & 1 to 4
20	21 Flower Arranging 	22	23	24 	25	26
27	28	29	30 RSVP to Awards Banquet			