



WINNEBAGO COUNTY MASTER GARDENER NEWSLETTER

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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Community Gardens	Ellie Frielund	739-7965
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Pain Gardens	Audrey Reudinger	231-5745
	John Procknow	429-4797
Park View Cutting Garden	Rob Robinson & Curt Reese	
Park View Vegetable Garden	Rick Hansen	233-3922

SANCTIONED PROJECTS CLOSED

These are seasonal or are currently fully manned. The closed projects may need assistance at times. When need arises, postings will come out in e-mail, postcard or newsletter form.

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Editor's Corner

A decision was made to publish the Newsletter every month. Please direct articles or suggestions to me, Linda Baeten, 232-1224 or baeten@ntd.net by the 20th of the month. I hope you continue to find this publication enjoyable and useful!

MEETING NOTICE

Winnebago County Master Gardener General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, April 12, 2005

Coughlin Building 235 E County Road Y

Doors open at 6:00

Meeting begins at 6:30



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow Master Gardeners,

Spring is officially here. We will be cleaning up at both Park View and the Paine Gardens very shortly and the Home and Garden Show is just around the corner. Everyone should be getting in their first hours toward the goal of 24. Admittedly, the first year hours are the hardest to do. The procedure is unfamiliar, and there is less than a year to get them in. By using meetings, the Home & Garden Show, Worm Castings, the Farm Markets, and other opportunities that come early in the Spring you have several opportunities to get a jump on hours.

There are a few things I should explain and impress upon everyone. First, I know it seems harsh that we have limited the ways for you to put in your hours. This has been done, however, because we are doing some very large community oriented projects. In order to accomplish our goals, we have to work together. It is impossible to get all the work done well if we aren't united in the effort. Secondly, you will never know what it is like to be a Master Gardener working with your fellow members unless you work with them. The first time I worked at Park View, I worked with five other gardeners. We had weeding, cultivating and even some planting to get done that day. Audrey was the leader and gave us all chores to do. We worked, helping each other as we needed assistance with our chores. We jabbered and exchanged stories, laughed, and worked. In what seemed like no time, we had everything finished, and had been there for over 3 hours. I was amazed. I had never gardened with others before and the camaraderie made the time fly. I had always enjoyed gardening, but this time I really had fun. Working with others for others is one of the greatest feelings you can imagine.

The fact that we need you to put your mandatory hours in on MG projects does not mean that you are not able to have Individual Projects too. If you are an older member you can do your own Individual Project. It must be approved by the Board as in past years. You can work as many hours as you want on the project. The only hitch for older Master Gardeners is you must work 12 hours on a Master Gardener Project Open or Closed before your Individual Project time counts. So, at the end of the hours year, even if you worked 1000 hours on your individual project, if you did not work 12 hours on our MG projects your Individual hours DO NOT count. The same is true for our new members, except they have to put in 24 hours on Open Projects unless one of the Closed Projects request help. For example, the Home & Garden Show is part of Community Education which is a closed project. It is closed because we have all the people necessary to man the project unless something large, like the Home & Garden Show comes along. The Project then becomes Open until the Show is over. Then it is again closed until another event comes along requiring more people.

If you want to do an Individual Project, all you have to do is fill out the form in your white binder. Please use one form per project. If you want to do more than one project, please copy the form. Fill out the form and send it in. The Board will look it over and let you know its decision. You can do any gardening you want, anywhere you want. However, if you want those hours to count toward Master Gardener Hours, you must have the project approved before you work the hours. This might sound complicated, but I'm sure it has taken more time to explain than it will take to fill out the form. If you want to send the form by email let me know. I will email you the form and you can fill it out and email it to Lynne Goudreau, the Project Coordinator. Her email is lynneg@core.com

If you have questions don't hesitate to call on Lynne, Myself or any Mentor. In fact, any of the older MG's will be happy to help. If you don't know, just ask, we'll find the answer.

See you in the Garden,

Linda

MARCH MINUTES

Master Gardener Member's Meeting- March 8, 2005
by Dorothy Gayhart Kunz

The meeting was called to order by president, Linda Tobey. A MOTION was made and passed to accept the secretary's report as published in the newsletter. A MOTION was made and passed to accept the treasurer's report. Mike passed out and went over a detailed treasurer's report ending with a balance of \$14, 828.84.

OLD BUSINESS

February Workshop

The February workshop, 'Great Expectations' had over 200 persons attending. Seven speakers are already booked for next years presentation.

State Convention Raffle Tickets

We need someone to take over the sale of the tickets.

Telephone Line

Ralph Giessen will temporarily take over the telephone line and Diane Lott, a new member, will assist him.

Computer Status

Jean Reed showed Rotary Garden and other flower pictures on the new computer. Contact Jean if you want to use the computer for presentations.

Website

Jean said pictures from John Procknow's scrapbooks will be scanned and added to our new website.

NEW BUSINESS

MG Fall Plant Sale:

After discussion it was decided to have a fall plant sale. Vicki Ludeke and Mary Fisher agreed to be co-chairmen for the plant sale. Possible location or locations will be decided later.

We want to sell our MG member's perennials.. John said we could possibly take some hostas from the Parkview Garden for the sale. Sue Bohn will design a label for the worm casting's bags. Arlene



and Bob Kosanke will be co-chairs for the packaging of the worm castings. Lynn Goudreau offered the use of her garage for the worm castings packaging. Linda Tobey has bags and scales.

Paine Plant Sale- May 14: Audrey Ruedinger and John will find out about the possibility of our getting a free booth at their annual plant sale. We would like to sell worm castings and possibly bags of mulch. John read a letter of thanks from the Paine which will be published in our newsletter.

Budget Proposal's Approved

A MOTION was made and passed to accept the Parkview Cutting Garden Annual Budget Proposal for 2005 which was for \$700 and a MOTION was made and passed to accept the Parkview Vegetable Garden Annual Budget Proposal for 2005 which was for \$450.00.

Garden Shows

Sunnyview Expo Garden Show has been cancelled. Our fee will be returned. The Home and Garden Show in Menasha is still on for April 8, 9 and 10.

Snacks

A MOTION was made and passed to put a limit of \$35 on snacks for any given meeting. A 'snacks' sign up sheet was passed around.

MG Shirts

A lead is needed to take over the sale of shirts. Denim shirts are \$21, sweatshirts are \$17, tee shirts are \$11. You can wear your shirts at the Home and Garden show, meetings, Farmer's Market. The sale of shirts is open until the last week in March.

Thank You Flowers for the Secretaries in the Office
 A MOTION was made and passed to give a large flower arrangement to the secretaries in the office as a thank you for all the extra work they do for our organization.

Question Takers for the Office

Jason asked if any MGs would like to come into the office and answer questions as there is no Horticulture agent available.

Oshkosh Saturday Farmer's Market



Last year we were invited to have a guest booth at the Farmer's Market. It was decided after discussion to have a weekly booth at the Oshkosh Farmer's Market for the coming season. MGs will answer questions, give hand

outs, let people know where their questions can be answered if they need more information, hand out soil sample bags to send in to Madison and sponsor a children's potting and growing seeds or plants area. A sign up sheet was passed around. The Farmer's market runs June 4- October 29 and is held in the Oshkosh City Hall parking lot from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Set up time is from 7 a.m.-7:45 a.m.

A fee of \$40 is charged per booth for the season with an additional charge of \$5 for an additional booth which we will need. Members could have 5 and one half hours plus for working one morning at the Farmer's market. Dorothy Gayhart-Kunz is the contact for the MG booth at the Oshkosh Saturday Farmer's Market. This activity is an MG Educational Outreach extension program. We feel we need to be teaching the community and offering our informational services as needed.

Gazing Ball

Karen Wedde has organized a Sterling Gardens class for making a bowling ball into a gazing ball for your garden. Sterling Gardens, Neenah \$20, need glue gun and bowling ball Times: 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Date is March 29.

Speaker Needed

Roy Anne Moulton needs a person to take over her talk at the Farm Market- Talk is on 'Container Gardening'- April 16.

Reminders

Navy Pier Trip is Saturday. Busses are full.

A MOTION was made and passed to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by
 Dorothy Gayhart-Kunz, MG secretary



MAKERS & SHAKERS

Those that make it happen are the ones who shake things up in this world. These are the people who are making things happen and we thank them. Remember this meeting also counts for your support service hours. **MARCH MEETING ATTENDEES:**

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| Janet Priebe | Marge Bolding | Ralph Giessen | Ann Jungwirth |
| John Procknow | Marlene Miller | Jim King | Chris Bellin |
| Stanley Meyer | Meg Hunsader | Ann Allen | Ben Dedecker |
| Ken Hawk | Sue Bohn | Jean Reed | Marty Sacksteder |
| Mary Fisher | Vicki Luedtke | Karen wedde | Linda Baeten |
| Shanon Davis-Foust | Sandy Giessen | | |

MG NOTES

SOCIAL COMMITTEE: Lynne Goudreau has come forward to accept the leadership for putting our socials together. Anyone interested in assisting her with this task and form a committee please contact her at 722-8233 or lynneg@core.com

PROJECT FUNDING: Now is the time for all Project Heads to ask for any funding they would like for their projects. Please submit the requests soon. The forms are in your white binder. Feel free to make copies if you need to.

WORM CASTING SALE: We will be selling Worm Castings as a part of the Paine Plant Sale this year. We will have a booth in with all of the other participating vendors. Arlene and Bob Kosenke are the leads for this sale. They will be asking for members to assist at the sale itself and also to bag castings. This year bagging will be done at Lynne Goudreau's. Contact either party to volunteer. A sign up sheet will also be passed at our next meeting on April 12.

MEETINGS: It is time to remind everyone that our meetings are your platform to have your voice heard. They are also one of the biggest ways for you to connect with other members and understand what decisions are made and why. You will be a part of the decisions. If you aren't lending your voice to making decisions your complaints are without merit.



ALL MEETING HOURS QUALIFY FOR VOLUNTEER SERVICE HOURS.

POT LUCK DINNER: Monday April 25 will be our last class this year. We are ending classes this year with a tour of our Open Sanctioned projects and a Pot Luck Dinner. All members are welcome and urged to attend. Marlene Miller and Dorothy Gayhardt-Kunz are orchestrating the Pot Luck event. Please contact them with any questions.

We will begin the tour by meeting at our Community Garden site behind the UW Fox Valley on Midway Rd. in Menasha. Enter the campus using the east entrance. Please be there by 5:30 sharp. We will have a short explanation

about the gardens and what we will be doing there this year. We will be leaving Menasha by 6:00 and going to Park View meeting at the Cutting Gardens. Park View, for those who are not familiar with it, is the grouping of brick buildings behind the Coughlin Center. To get to Park View take the west entrance road to the Coughlin and follow it past the center and all the way back behind the buildings. You will come to a large open area between the wings of the main building. The cutting Gardens are on the west side of this open area. The tours should be finished and everyone back to the Coughlin by 7:15.

Anyone bringing a hot dish will be able to give it to members at the Community Gardens who will bring them to the Coughlin Center for you, or drop your dish off earlier in the evening at the Coughlin. Someone will be there by 5:00 to accept your dish. If you have any questions call Marlene, Dorothy, or Myself.

“CONTAINER GARDEN “: We very much need a member to come forward to take over for Roy Anne to do a talk on Container Gardening for the Winter Farm Market on April 16th. Roy Anne is scheduled to do a presentation in Portage County that same day to the State MG Conference. Seeing she can not be in both places we need a member to step forward to give the presentation in Appleton. Bruce Abraham has the presentation written and is giving it for the Home & Garden Show. He would do this presentation, however, he is also out of Town for the 16th. Please contact Linda Tobey 920-734-2264 or email linda@americanpresstech.com concerning this talk.

WINTER FARM MARKET SPEAKERS: Arleigh Lueck will be speaking on “Hydroponic Gardening” at 12:30 Saturday April 16th at the last Appleton Winter Farm Market. We still need a speaker to fill the 10:30 spot to do the talk on “Container Gardens” I urge all of you to come out and hear them speak and see what the Farm Market has to offer. The Farm Market is at the Thompson Community Center 820 W.

College Ave., Appleton. If you are coming from HWY 41 take the College Ave Exit. Travel East on College. The Center is located between Badger Ave. and Richmond Street. It is about 2 blocks from the traditional downtown Appleton.

MEETING SPEAKERS: It has been the tradition with Master Gardeners to have speakers at our monthly meetings whenever we can. It is also a tradition to have our members do some of the speaking. We have many members very knowledgeable in many areas of Horticulture and always like to hear from them. If you have expertise on a given topic or if you are planning to give a presentation to a group and would like to practice on a live audience first call Roy Anne Moulton, Dorothy Gayhardt-Kunz or Linda Tobey to arrange to speak at a meeting. We are always eager to hear from our members.

MEMBER GARDEN VISITS: Spring is coming quickly and with spring comes our members' garden tours. Any member wishing to have their garden used for our monthly meeting from May through October please let Roy Anne Moulton know and we will arrange it. It is also possible for you to have a garden walk at times other than a meeting by arranging it with Roy Anne, Linda Tobey or Lynne Goudreau.

PROJECT SIGN UP'S: Many of you are wondering how to get on board for the projects. We will have sign up sheets at our Final Class and Pot Luck. You will have seen all of the project areas by that time and should have a good idea of what will interest you. Project Chairs are listed in the Newsletter. If you have any questions about a project give them a call. You can sign up for more than one project if you'd like and are actually encouraged to try projects out to find a good fit for you.

INDOOR PLANTS FOR PARK VIEW: If you have some larger plants that you have grown tired of or have overgrown their spot in your home they can be donated to Park View. Park View is making an attempt to bring more plants into the lives of their residents. They would like to have more indoor plants throughout the buildings. Residents are able to have plants in their own rooms to take care of. Small potted flowering plants like violets would be very welcome. If you'd like to share extra plants that you may have with our friends at Park View Linda Tobey call 724-2264 or email linda@americanpresstech.com or call Jan Klem at Park View. The Park View numbers are 727-2883 or 235-5100 her ext. is 3301.

Sign up is due by May 15 for the Garden and Nursery Bus Trip

Reserve your seat now!

Either Wednesday, June 8 or Saturday, June 11, 2005

Janesville Rotary Garden, Janesville WI, 15 Acre Garden

More information available at www.rotarygardens.org

Flower Factory, Oregon WI 4,000 varieties of hardy perennials

Stonewall Nursery, Oregon WI Specializes in Rare Plants and dwarf conifers

The cost is \$42.00 per person and includes lunch, transportation and fees.

Departure 7:00 AM from UW-Extension 3365 W. Brewster St. Appleton

Or 7:15 AM UW-Extension 625 E County Rd Y, Oshkosh

Checks payable to Tri County Master Gardeners.

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Please write name address & phone on reverse side of this form

Mail with your check to Mike Wiedenhaft, 2391 Golden Ave, Oshkosh, WI 54901

Date of Trip _____ **Wednesday, June 8** or _____ **Saturday, June 11**

Pick up point: _____ **Appleton (7:00 am)** or _____ **Oshkosh (7:15 am)**

Sandwich Selections: _____ **Turkey** _____ **Ham** or _____ **Vegetarian**

April

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THR	FRI	SAT
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3  WPT 2:00 WI GARDENER	4	5	6 CLASS	7	8 HOME & GARDEN SHOW	9 HOME & GARDEN SHOW
10 HOME & GARDEN SHOW  WPT 2:00 WI GARDENER	11	12 MG MEETING	13 CLASS	14	15 WIMGA ANNUAL CONFERENCE PLATTVILLE BEGINS	16 WIMGA ANNUAL CONF WINTER FARM MARKET
17  WPT 2:00 WI GARDENER	18	19	20 CLASS	21	22	23 CLEAN UP AT THE PAINE
24  WPT 2:00 WI GARDENER	25 LAST CLASS & POT LUCK	26	27	28	29 ARBOR DAY! BROWN BAG UWEX - RAIN GARDENS	30

April 3, 2005 (2:00 p.m.)

The Wisconsin Gardener: "Landscaping with Wisconsin Wildflowers"

WI Public Television

MG Shelley Ryan and her guests show how to plan and plant prairie gardens featuring Wisconsin's wildflowers. Topics include proper site analysis, design techniques and prairie management.

April 10, 2005 (2:00 p.m.)

The Wisconsin Gardener: "From Distant Shores"

WI Public Television

This is part 2 of a series celebrating the gardening contributions of Wisconsin immigrants. First, however, host Shelley Ryan highlights the gardening gifts of Native Americans with a visit to the Tsyunhehkwia Project in Oneida. Learn how to create a hardy tropical garden at the Thai garden in Olbrich Gardens, and how to grow Hmong vegetables at the Green Bay Botanical Garden. Also, Liza Lightfoot shows how to create a simple water feature and shares her love for South African art.

April 17, 2005 (2:00 p.m.)

The Wisconsin Gardener: "Invaders"

WI Public Television

Shelley Ryan and her guests focus on aggressive perennials and woody plants. These plants spread rapidly providing a quick screen or groundcover in the garden but put them in the wrong spot and they can quickly become a problem.

April 24, 2005 (2:00 p.m.)

The Wisconsin Gardener: "Organic Gardening"

WI Public Television

Explore organic gardening methods for controlling pests. Then, take a look at safe gardening methods and experiment with growing apples organically.

To learn more about State and National events within the Master Gardener Association go to www.hort.wisc.edu/mastergardener/