

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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AUGUST 2005

OPEN SANCTIONED PROJECTS

Community Gardens	
Ellie Frielund	739-7965
Linda Tobey	734-2264
Farmers Market	
Dorothy Gayhart Kunz	233-8468
Paine Gardens	
Audrey Reudinger	231-5745
John Procknow	429-4797
Park View Cutting Garden	
Rob Robinson	231-1162
Curt Reese	426-4992
Park View Vegetable Garden	
Rick Hansen	233-3922
Plant Sale	
Vickie Ludeke	582-4348
Mary Fischer	685-6022

CLOSED SANCTIONED PROJECTS

Emmeline Cook School	
Robin Thayer	235-8489
Community Education	
Dorothy Kunz	233-8468
Linda Tobey	734-2264
Compost	
Stanley Meyer	725-6496
Expo Rain Garden	
Meg Hunsader	757-1410
Ellie Frielund	739-7965
Lincoln School	
Janet Priebe	233-1898
Karen Wedde	235-7159
Menasha Library	
Jean Reed	729-9012
Park View Prairie	
Joel Eisch	231-0656
Refreshments	
Bob & Arlene Kosanke	231-1873
Senior Center	
Rob Robinson	231-1162
Kevin Lamarche	582-7073

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Time Keeper	
Shelley Aaholm	731-8570
Trip Coordinator	
Meg Hunsader	757-1410

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Treasurer	
Mike Wiedenhaft	231-3793

MEETING NOTICE

Garden Walk

Tuesday, August 9, 2005

Walk begins at 6:00

Brief meeting begins after walk

(No regular membership meetings during June, July and August)

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Fellow Master Gardeners,

I feel deep gratitude for all the people who have covered the bases and carried on so very well with out much of my input this summer. I am, however, saddened by the fact that people have stopped coming to the Flower Garden at Park View, and are not putting in their scheduled hours at the Community Gardens. Although Curt and Rob have never uttered a word of complaint to me, I have been made aware that only one or two devoted souls are still coming to help at the Cutting Garden as the summer marches on. I also know that no one but Ruth Freye and Lynn Druecke have come to the Community Garden on scheduled Monday nights. Just because you have reached your 24 hours there is no need to stop coming and stop caring about our Master Gardener projects. If you haven't reached your 24 hours yet it would be a good idea to come and put in hours because time is running out. We told you in the beginning that we were not just a garden club and true commitment was needed. Now is the time the truly committed dig deep inside and continue to come and help. It is now when it is uncomfortable and not so much fun that we really need your help and commitment. There is only a short time left to put in your hours for the gardens this year. Come out and help at the Community Garden and Park View Cutting Gardens now. Let's really support our projects and have the State take notice of what a truly committed group like us will do to support their projects. You all WOWed us in the beginning with your awesome effort. Let's end the hours year the same way you began it. Let's give it our best. Please, we need you now.

I'll see you in the Gardens
Linda

MAKERS & SHAKERS

**It appears that the makers and shakers are all working in the garden.
They'll see you in September again.**

SPANFERKEL:

Lynne Goudreau is working on getting the arrangements made for our Spanferkel this fall. If you are interested in giving her a hand please call her at 722-8233. She will need help in making plans, decorations, games, prizes, food and other things. This is our best outdoor family event of the year. Call Lynne and be a part of it. Email is lynneg@core.com

REPORTING HOURS:

It is getting to be time to report your hours. Hours are due to be in to Shelley Aaholm by **SEPTEMBER 1**. Remember, as stated very clearly in her presentation, Shelly needs the forms in to her by the **SEPTEMBER 1** date. The forms **will not** be accepted any later than September 1. September 2 will not make it. The only exceptions will be for those who have gotten the OKAY from the Board. You must contact a Board member with your problem. They will bring it before the Board for a vote and their approval. You will be notified by the Board of the outcome of the vote. If accepted Shelley will also be notified.

A form will be attached to this newsletter. You may also get an application form by contacting Linda Tobey. If you are able to use Microsoft Word you can get an emailed copy. Shelley can also receive your completed forms by email. She will send you an acknowledgement of her receipt. Linda's email is linda@americanpresstech.com Shelley Aaholm's email is aaholms@new.rr.com



MG MEETING:

Our next real Master Gardener meeting is **September 13**. Please write it on your calendar and plan to attend. It will be a very important meeting. We will have very much on our agenda. The Board is sure that many of the items on the agenda will affect each of you.

HOLIDAY AWARDS PARTY:

Just, a heads up! The Holiday & Awards Party will be Dec. 5 at the Garden View Restaurant in Oshkosh. We will be sending out invitations in advance as well as a list of menu items you can select from for that evening. This has always been a great time and we expect a full house for the event.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR:

The position of Membership Chairperson is now open. It is a committee of one. You keep a complete list of members. It is for the chairperson to update the list yearly as well as whenever you are notified of an address, phone or email change. The list is kept in Excel and labels are kept in Word or WordPerfect. The Treasurer will give you a list of all of the people who send in their membership forms in December and also a list of all new members to add when members sign up for class each year. The busy time for the position naturally is December through January. You should get enough hours doing this to fulfill your hours requirement. You will also need to provide a membership list for the printing on our Membership Booklet. Contact Linda Tobey if interested.

COMMUNITY GARDEN CHAIR:

The Community Garden Chair works closely with Susan Richardson on projects for the Community Garden. Contact Linda Tobey if interested.

NEXT MEETING:

**Come and see John Zienert's garden August 9,
at 6:00 pm.**

**Bring a friend or a spouse too, along with lawn
chairs if you need them.**

Catch up with your fellow gardeners!!

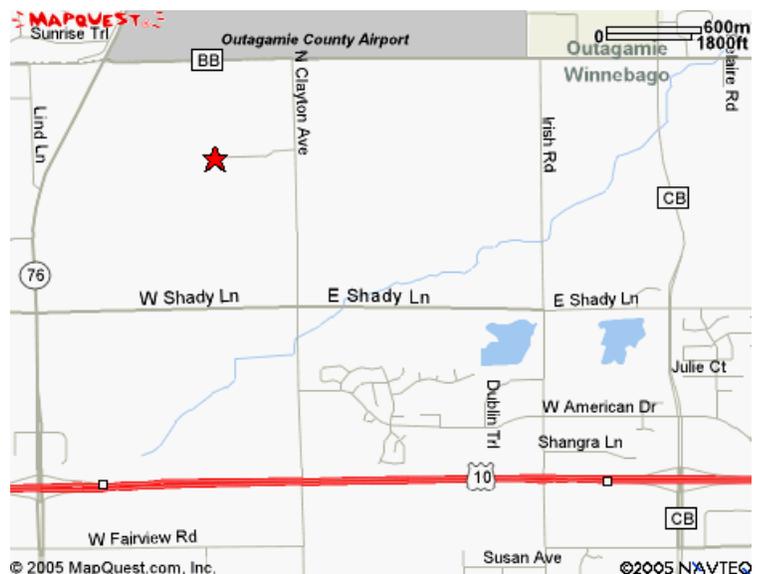
John lives at:

**2699 Wrenwood Lane
Neenah**

From Oshkosh take Hwy 76 North:

**Go past Hwys 11 and 10 to Shady Lane. Turn
Right on Shady Lane Left on Clayton Ave.**

Wrenwood is a private drive off of Clayton Ave. Be sure to go all the way to the end of Wrenwood!



John Zienert's gardens are truly unique. Don't miss the opportunity to see the gardens he and his wife (now deceased) have been working for 30 years! John describes his garden as a strip of civilization between the woods and the prairie.

First of all, to reach John's property make sure you go ALL THE WAY TO THE END OF WRENWOOD LANE, and he does mean all the way to the end. When you arrive, you'll find a variety of interesting gardens – there's something for all gardening interests. John has numerous container gardens, a large vegetable garden, a huge cutting garden for market flowers (lots of dahlias and callas), a perennial garden, and apple trees. There's also the prairie and the woods. John has years of experience and is willing to answer questions. Don't miss this opportunity.

Roy Anne Moulton

MINUTES

NO MINUTES FROM JULY

JOINT EDUCATION/BOARD MEETING

Board meetings have been suspended for the Summer, however, we did have a joint Education and Board meeting in July. We decided to continue on our own education schedule as in other years. We will do trees and shrubs for the next class. We will limit our class number to 60. Current class members and Winnebago County MG's will be first in line; next, those on the waiting list; and then we will open to the public. Any one wishing to take class who is a member must be certified to enroll. This way we know we have serious MG's who are taking classes for the reasons put forth by the State. There will also be 10 open seats for our Winnebago members to sit in on a class. The one time fee has not been set yet.

We will also offer a few one day seminars throughout the year. Topics are not set yet.

The Education committee will have another meeting in August hopefully with Jason in attendance.

The Board will meet at my house on the First Tuesday in September. We will set the agenda for the first full members meeting to be held the following Tuesday at the Coughlin.

Linda Tobey

OTHER NEWS

Park View Cutting Gardens

Greetings from the Park View Cutting Gardens!
(July news)

The gardens are just **exploding** with this warm weather and the tender care of our master gardeners. As we've worked, we've been fortunate to be serenaded by a wren that has taken up residence there. There are other birds too, of course, but none that sing quite as well.

The turnout for our May 23rd planting date was again very good as was the turnout for our first regular Wednesday meeting. We were somewhat disappointed with the no-shows on Tuesday and Thursday. The residents did show up the first week but were rained out on Tuesday, 6/14, with the exception of Larry. Larry has been very helpful

watering the beds. The people that did show on the days with residents (Tuesday and Thursday) worked hard and did an excellent job. We thank them as well as all of the others who have participated in the planting of around 30 flats, watering, weeding, etc.

Schedules are out for leaders for work day Wednesdays at 5:30 pm and Thursdays at 10:15 am when we meet with residents. We ask those that signed up for Tuesdays at 3:00 pm (when we again meet with residents) to try to make it whenever possible. As usual, any MG's are welcome to come out and enjoy working with the residents and the gardens at any time!

(August News)

The wren family has now left the bird house and the chickadee that raised it's family in the emergency exit door (the lock was removed and the hole not covered on the outside) has moved on to better things. We are hoping that they will return to raise a second family this year.

In the meantime, the plants are now nearly all in bloom or have bloomed. The first sunflower greeted us as we watered on Saturday. Speaking of that, we could use more help watering during this terrible dry spell. Turnout continues meager on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We could also use help on the weekends. If you can go out on a Saturday or Sunday, please let us know so we can get the weekend off. Emails are robinsor@uwosh.edu for Rob (yes that is an r not an n just before the @ and notice that it's a work address so not available on the weekends) and cbreese@new.rr.com for Curt.

The residents continue to come out to the gardens at 3 pm on Tuesdays and 10:15 am on Thursdays. They have been bringing vases to be filled with blossoms of their choosing. It's a joy to see the pleasure they derive from these beauties. If you can make it out, we'd invite you to do so and you can see for yourself.

Thanks again to the people who have helped plant, weed, water, etc. at the Park View Cutting Gardens!!

Rob and Curt

Editor's Note: It was reported to me from the Flower Arranging Committee (Marlene) that the residents just love the sunflowers! It would be worth your while to come and take a look at the Park View Cutting Garden. Thanks to Rob and Curt and all those who help make this special garden for the residents of Park View!

MINI FACT SHEETS

Be sure to check out the Mini Fact Sheets for August included in this Newsletter Courtesy of Bob Kosanke, State Rep

Provided by UW-Extension Master Gardeners
www.hort.wisc.edu/mastergardener/



Tri County Committee

The Tri-County MG meeting will be in Oshkosh @ the Coughlin Center this month. It will be on 8/15 @ 6 pm. We'll be needing help on various committees for the 2006 convention and this is a great opportunity to come to a Tri County meeting.

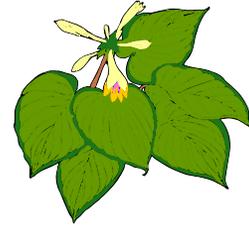
WHAT AM I? By BRUCE ABRAHAM

I am a native Wisconsin plant, a woody deciduous perennial, of the Family **Betulaceae**; Genus **Corylus**. My habitat is quite varied in that I exist in upland and lowland forests to pine and sand barrens to prairies and savannahs. I like moist locations, but am considered drought tolerant and am hardy to Zone 3. My leaves are about 3"- 5" long – green, simple, ovate with serrate edges that are alternate on the stem. My autumn leaf color is orange – yellow. I mature at a height of 3' – 10'. I produce yellowish-brown 2"-4" male catkins (like a birch tree) in March while my female flowers are mostly hidden in the bud except for the thin red stigmas and styles that extend from the bud. I produce an edible ½" fruit that is desired by wildlife that ripen in September – October. The hard shelled fruit is covered by a fleshy, hairy husk. Native Americans were known to use my fruit in soups. What Am I?



LAST MONTH'S GARDEN TOUR

Bob and Arlene Kosanke have really made their little space on Earth a heavenly delight. They have a great collection of Hostas as well as a succulent garden. Everything is labeled which makes it a true learning garden. They are very knowledgeable, and can answer just about any question you have. Thanks so much for allowing us to view your garden!



NEWS FROM THE PAINE

August Classes

August 6, 2005

Harvest: creating with nature! with Sue Johnson

In August, many plants are ready for harvesting. You may look forward to some delicious sweet corn or a cool slice of watermelon. Flowers bloom everywhere and grasses grow tall and sway in the wind. Create your own memory of some time spent in our Prairie Woodland garden using materials from nature. Learn how to choose and use natural leaves and grasses to weave a basket.

August 13, 2005

Creature behavior: our co-inhabitants! with Teresa Moucha

At this warm, wonderful time of the summer, nature seems to be bursting with color, sounds and smells! Come to the Paine for our final program in this summer series, take a hike in our Prairie Woodland garden and use binoculars and magnifying glasses to enjoy close-up views of some of the wildlife that share this space with us. Look for animal tracks and even if you don't find many, using special rubbing plates, you can create your own track trails to follow.

CONTACT:

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Paine Art Center and Gardens
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Oshkosh, WI 54901
920.235.6903 ext. 34
www.thepaine.org

Hand pollinating cucumbers, pumpkins and squash

By Lawanda Jungwirth

Do your cucumbers, pumpkins and squash start growing and then suddenly shrivel and die without turning into fruit? If the rest of the plant looks healthy, the reason for the shriveling is that the flowers weren't properly pollinated. This may be because the honey bee population is down because of a parasitic disease, because the weather was too cool for pollinating insects to move around at pollination time or because insecticides killed off the pollinating insects.

But there's a remedy! You can help things along by hand pollinating the flowers.

First you have to know the difference between male and female flowers. Male flowers grow on a stem that is fairly thin and shoots up several inches to a foot above the vine. The center stamen contains the pollen. Pollen is mature if it readily comes off the stamen onto your finger. Do not pick and use it until it is mature. There are usually several male flowers for every female flower. There should be a mature male or two ready to pollinate whenever a female matures.

Female flowers have a small swelling like a tiny baby pumpkin, cucumber or squash between the stem and the flower. The female flower will be close to the vine and the stem will only be a couple of inches long. In the center is a multi-segmented stigma which must be pollinated in order for the fruit to develop.

Step by step:

1. Time pollination for the day that a female flower opens its bud. With a little experience, you can usually tell the night before when it is ready to open.
2. Pollinate plants in the early morning. The female flowers will close later in the day.
3. Select a male flower. Pull off the petals to expose the stamen which contains the pollen.
4. To make sure the pollen is mature, touch the stamen with your finger and see if tiny yellow specks (the pollen) come off on your hand.
5. Using the stamen itself, gently rub the pollen onto the inside stigma of the female flower. Make sure to come in contact with all segments of the stigma.
6. You should plan on pollinating several fruits on each vine. Later on, you can select which ones to keep. The best fruits are those with five or six sections to the stigma in the female flower.



Answer to What Am I:

I am a shrub - **Corylus americana**; common name: American Hazelnut, American Filbert
References: <http://www.botany.wisc.edu/wisflora/> and associated links



Editor's Corner

Hot, Hot, Hot! That's what we've got!
And dry too, What will we do?
How much water do I dare
To give my plants in their despair?
My bill will be sky high
If I don't let them stay dry!
So I water here and there,
There must be a cloud somewhere!
Hopefully by the time we read this poem,
The rains will have quenched the dusty loam.
Linda Baeten 232-1224 or baeten@ntd.net.
Please feel free to send articles of interest!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES PROJECT QUESTIONS

If you have any questions regarding projects please contact Lynne Goudreau. Phone: 722-8233 or email: lynneg@core.com

☞ STATE MG CONVENTION 2006

Anyone interested in helping out at the State MG Convention to be held in Appleton in 2006, sponsored by the Tri-County MG's, should contact Roy Anne. People are needed for several committees, especially Publicity and Registration. There will be much to do. Roy Anne Moulton 886-1283.

☞ PARK VIEW

People are still needed to weed and water the Park View Cutting gardens.

Rob Robinson, 231-1162 or Curt Reese, 426-4992

☞ SOCIAL COMMITTEE

People interested in planning/working on social events (**especially the up-coming spanferkel**) should contact Lynne Goudreau at 722-8233 or email lynneg@core.com

☞ FALL PLANT SALE

Don't forget to pot up plants for the Fall MG Plant Sale. We want them looking good for Fall. **Potting up plants counts for MG hours.** Sale will be held September 11 at the UWFV and at Festival Foods on Hwy 21. Call Vicki Ludeke if you have questions. 582-4348.

☞ HELP AT THE OFFICE

At our Park View Picnic Jason talked about working in the office. There were a few of you interested in coming in and doing that, For all interested please either call or email Jason to make preparations to begin.

☞ SPANFERKEL

Lynne could use some help planning the Spanferkel. Anyone needing hours and willing to help should contact Lynne at 722-8233 or email: lynneg@core.com

THIS IS THE MONTH FOR ALL MG'S TO WRAP UP THEIR HOURS FOR THE YEAR! THIS INFORMATION NEEDS TO BE IN NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 1ST. SHELLEY WILL BE COMPILING THE DATA AND SENDING A REPORT IN TO THE STATE. PLEASE BE PROMPT! HOURS EARNED AFTER SEPTEMBER 1ST WILL GO TOWARDS NEXT YEAR'S TALLY.

CALENDAR AUGUST 2005

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THR	FRI	SAT
	1	2 NO BOARD MEETING 4:00-7:00 PM PAINE GARDENS FREE OPEN GARDEN	3	4 NEW MOON WISCONSIN STATE FAIR BEGINS	5	6 7:00-12:30 FARMER'S MARKET OSHKOSH
7	8 TWILIGHT TOUR HANCOCK RESEARCH STATION	9 6:00 JOHN ZIENERT GARDEN TOUR WINNEBAGO COUNTY FAIR BEGINS	10	11	12 LOOK FOR PERSIED METEOR SHOWERS	13 7:00-12:30 FARMER'S MARKET OSHKOSH
14	15 6:00 PM – TRI COUNTY COMMITTEE MEETS @ COUGHLIN	16	17	18	19 FULL MOON	20 7:00-12:30 FARMER'S MARKET OSHKOSH HORTICULTURE FIELD DAY - MADISON
21	22	23	24 TWILIGHT TOUR ROTARY GARDENS	25	26	27 7:00-12:30 FARMER'S MARKET OSHKOSH
28	29 THIS IS THE DAY TO MAIL IN YOUR TIME SHEETS TO SHELLEY!	30	31	TIME SHEETS DUE TO SHELLEY AAHOLM ON SEPT 1		

THINGS TO DO AROUND THE STATE

August 4-14

Wisconsin State Fair
State Fair Grounds, West Allis, WI
Demos, displays and more

August 8

Hancock Research Station, WI
Twilight Tour
See 100's of fruit, flowers & veggie plants,
5-6 pm (715) 249-5961

August 9-14

Winnebago County Fair

August 20

Horticulture Field Day
West Madison Research Station, WI
Tour flower gardens and taste-test veggies.
10 am – 3 pm Call 608-262-2257

August 24

Rotary Gardens, Janesville, WI
Twilight Tour
Especially Conifers, with Ed Lyon
6 pm, \$7.00 Call 608-752-3885 ext 17

Anytime

Green Bay Botanical Gardens
They offer interesting programs each month.
www.gbbg.org or call toll free 877-355-4224.