



WINNEBAGO COUNTY MASTER GARDENER APRIL 2009 - NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Spring is finally here, we've started daylight saving time and I think we are all itching to get outside and start gardening. Kathy and I, along with several other WCMGA members, attended the Waushara County Master Gardeners program on March 14th in Wautoma. They had 3 excellent speakers and about 160 people in attendance. It's always interesting to see what other counties are doing and visit with other Master Gardener Volunteers.

We wish to extend a huge thank you to Curt Reese for his years of service with the Plant Health Advisors and to Judy and Al Harms for their serving as leads for the vegetable gardens at Parkview. They are stepping down from these responsibilities but will continue to help as needed. Also thank you to Barbara Kuhn who will be the new lead for the Plant Health Advisors.

It has been wonderful seeing so many of you in attendance at our business meetings each month. We appreciate your participation and welcome your input. As suggested at our last meeting, we have made arrangements to hold our April 14th business meeting in the Great Room at Parkview Health Center. Prior to the meeting, we will tour the Parkview Cutting Garden. We hope you can all make it.

We have many sanctioned core projects this year with opportunities for you to volunteer. If you haven't signed up for a project, just contact one of the leads listed on the front page of the Newsletter.

Happy gardening,

Mary and Kathy

Changes have begun

We are cleaning house and rearranging our newsletter. The Committee and Project Lists have been moved to the back of the newsletter closer to the calendar. Watch future Newsletters for more changes.

Nick's Notes

Manure in the garden.

How many people apply manure to their garden? When I would ask this question at garden presentations in Clark County, more than 1/2 of the people would raise their hands. Due to the urban nature of Winnebago County, I doubt 1/2 of you are using manure but no doubt some are. As a Certified Crop Advisor who teaches farmers how to write a nutrient management plan, I love...well, like away, manure. One hundred dairy cows can produce the nutrient equivalent of purchasing \$20,000 worth of fertilizer. Twenty tons per acre of manure provides approximate 80 pounds of nitrogen, 60 pounds of phosphorus, and 140 pounds of potassium. To apply a similar amount to a garden, this is the equivalent of one pound of manure per square foot. However, if we could find an 8-6-14 fertilizer, we would only need 0.37 ounces per square foot to deliver the same amount of nutrient.

As a horticulture advisor, I struggle to be as enthusiastic about manure. In the University of Wisconsin Garden Facts sheet WHT1143 titled "Safely Using Manure in the Garden" Steve Ingham, UW Food Science explains the precautions. It states:

"Unfortunately, fresh manure can also contain bacteria that can contaminate vegetables and cause human disease. Proper composting will kill these bacteria, but steps must be taken to ensure that the manure gets hot enough for a sufficient time during composting. Storing manure in a pile will cause some death of disease-causing bacteria, but is not regarded as a reliable way to destroy them. USDA National Organic Program (NOP) rules ...state that if vegetables have edible parts that might contact the soil (either directly or via rain/irrigation splash), then manure must be applied at least 120 days before harvest. For a crop like sweet corn, where the edible portion is not exposed to soil, the limit is 90 days before harvest. In Wisconsin, 120 days can cover most of the vegetable growing season, so growers may be tempted to apply fresh manure in the spring, even though harvest will be less than 120 days away.

Recent results from my own research indicate that applying fresh cow manure 90, 100, or 110 days prior to harvest may significantly increase the likelihood that Escherichia coli (i.e., E. coli) bacteria from manure will contaminate vegetables. My research also found that the interval between manure application and planting is even more important than the fertilization-to-harvest interval. This is because vegetables are most sensitive to bacterial contamination just after sprouting.

Growers should either 1) use properly composted or otherwise sterilized manure (from a commercial source or your yard) for application during the current growing season, 2) apply non-composted manure in the fall before crops are planted the next spring, or 3) apply non-composted manure as soon as possible in the spring and then only plant fall-season crops in the fertilized soil. For example, apply manure in April, plant radishes in August, and harvest radishes in September. If growers use option 3, great care should be taken to keep manure away from spring and summer-season crops. Avoid problems from runoff, and from tracking manure from one part of the field to another on boots or tools.

Pet wastes (as well as human wastes) should not be used to fertilize soil in which vegetables are grown.

Fresh produce is never risk-free. Even if proper fertilization procedures are followed, birds and other wildlife can still transfer bacteria to your crops. Washing produce will reduce the risk of contamination, but will not ensure safety. Thorough cooking of vegetables usually destroys disease-causing bacteria.”

IPM APPROACH TO LAWN & GARDENS

Dear Wisconsin Master Gardeners,

My name is Brenna Wanous, from the IPM Institute of North America based in Madison, WI. We are presenting a workshop this April 8-9 (full day on the 8th, half day on the 9th) in Madison focused on educating public, landscapers, master gardeners, arborists on how to maintain beautiful and healthy lawns, gardens and landscapes using a minimal amount of chemicals. The cost of the workshop for the general public is \$149, but Master Gardeners receive a 20% discount, making the workshop fee

only \$119. This includes project materials, lunch on the 8th, and refreshments.

National experts Chip Osborne of Osborne Organics, and James Sottilo of Tree Wise Organics are coming to Madison to share their expertise on producing beautiful turf and landscape with a minimum of inputs and costs. Local experts John Stier of UW-Madison, Jay Anderson of Bando Organics, and Bob Posthuma of Greater Earth Organics will provide local resources for maintaining the natural approach.

Please feel free to contact Becky Stracener (rstracener@ipminstitute.org or 608-232-1410), with any questions

Registration form in the back of this newsletter

VOLUNTEER AT THE PAINE FESTIVAL OF SPRING!

Saturday, May 16, 2009

9 am – 4 pm (8 am for Paine members AND Master Gardeners)

Festival of Spring is a free outdoor festival featuring the Paine's annual Spring Plant Sale and more than 200 vendors of original art, fine crafts, plants and garden supplies. Visit the Corner Flea Market located at the corner of Elmwood Avenue and Congress Street, and also enjoy great food and entertainment throughout the day. Tour the Paine's spring showcase featuring more than 10,000 blooming spring wildflowers, tulips, daffodils and flowering trees.

Kick off the garden season at the Paine's annual Spring Plant Sale. Choose from new 2009 varieties of shrubs, perennials and annuals including the "Perennial Plant of the Year" as well as a wide selection of unusual herbs and wildflowers. Also this year, the Paine highlights draught tolerant plants as well as gallon size perennials for the gardener who simply can't wait to enjoy a lovely display.

The Paine needs volunteers to assist in selling plants, and sharing your plant knowledge and great love of gardening. Master Gardeners can earn necessary volunteer hours by working at the annual spring plant sale. For more information or to volunteer at the Festival of Spring, please contact Kelli Skalecke, Volunteer Coordinator, at (920) 235-6903 ext. 40 by the end of April! **Please do not confuse this with working our MG booth at the sale they are two different opportunities.**

MG of the Month

Curt Reese

Curt Reese was raised in a little town in Central New York State called Cazenovia. He attended New York State College at SYRACUSE (GO ORANGE!!). His pursuits were in Forestry and Environmental Science. Curt graduated with degrees in Pulp and Paper Engineering and Chemistry. He worked in Pulp & Paper Industry for 40+ yrs - most of them in Upper Management in MI, PA, WI, VT, and NY.

He enjoys fishing, hunting (for mushrooms as well as deer and turkeys), traveling is an avid pastime for Curt and his wife Brenda. They have been to all continents including Antarctica. They enjoy their veggie garden and yard. Not only is Curt active in Master Gardeners he also is active at the YMCA, volunteering at RSVP, EAA, Hunter Ed, Red Cross, and AFS.

Curt has played an important part in Master Gardeners by serving on the Board, volunteering at the Park View veggie garden, Park View cutting garden as co-chair, as well as being a member of the Education Committee. Curt has just turned over the chair position of the Plant Health Advisor's to Barbra Kuhn. Even though he is no longer the chair Curt plans to maintain his involvement with the advisors.

As Curt says, "That's it folks!!!" but just for now. Curt is by no means finished adding to his list of achievements.

MG BIRTHDAYS OF THE MONTH

APRIL



Maurice Fisher
HAPPY BIRTHDAY !!!

WHEN'S YOUR BIRTHDAY?

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

TREE OF THE MONTH - APRIL FROM MORTON ARBORETUM MAGNOLIA

Alexandrina Saucer Magnolia

(*Magnolia*
×soulangiana
'Alexandrina')

The Alexandrina saucer magnolia has early blooming, deep rose-purple flowers. This April Tree of the Month can be found on the west side of the Visitor Center.



In early spring, the deep purple flowers draw the eye. The attractive blooms are pure white inside, making for a stunning contrast. The distinctive flowers emerge in early to mid April. Large, upright, and fuzzy buds persist on the tree during winter and add to the tree's multi-season appeal.

The bark is smooth and gray. Multiple trunks are common. The tree develops a rounded, spreading habit as it matures, though it may start out with a more upright, oval appearance when young. The medium to dark green, oblong leaves are 4" to 8" long. Fall color is green to yellow and attractive.

Soulangiana, the tree's species, is named for Étienne Soulangue-Bodin (1774-1846), a French horticulturist and the man responsible for creating this hybrid around 1820. Soulangue-Bodin was an officer in Napoleon's army. After the war, he wrote: "It would doubtless have been better for both parties to have stayed at home and planted cabbages." Though he did not plant cabbages, he did excel at planting and creating new magnolia hybrids. He is considered the father of magnolia hybrids-many of which still bear his name.

Mature height: 20' to 30', with width often 20' to 30'
Rate of growth: medium, approximately 1' to 1.5' per year.

Visit this shrub in all seasons to see its changing features.

What AM I?

By Bruce Abraham

I am a native, perennial Wisconsin plant of the Family **Ranunculaceae** (Buttercup Family); Genus **Caltha L.** I am found in the following habitats: bog, prairie, boreal forest, northern lowland forest, southern lowland forest, sedge meadow, and shrub carr. I grow from 8" – 24" tall. I prefer moist to wet, mucky conditions, but can grow on relatively dry soil. I produce green, 6" basal leaves early in the year while green alternate leaves are produced along my stem. These leaves along my stem are heart-shaped and up to 4" long and wide. The upper stems produce small clusters of bright, yellow flowers from April through June. Each flower is from ¾" to 1-1/2" in diameter, having 5 – 9 rounded, slightly overlapping petal-like sepals. My flowers have no noticeable scent. Seedpods follow my bloom, each recurved and flattened, containing numerous seeds. My nectar and pollen attract bees and flies, while the seeds are eaten by some waterfowl and rodents. My leaves, stems and flowers are eaten by some people, but only if boiled for upwards of ten minutes. No part of me should be eaten raw since they contain toxic alkaloids and glycosides. What Am I?

Shared Harvest Join Our Newest Sanctioned Project

What could be better than doing good by gardening? Shared Harvest offers the opportunity to help feed hungry people and enjoy your favorite hobby (a word which is frequently pronounced ahb sesh un) at the same time. Alternatives include:

1. Contact Nick Schneider to join the vegetable seed trial - all produce to be donated.
2. Contact Ken Friedman to help establish a vegetable garden at the Christine Anne Domestic Abuse Center in Oshkosh
3. Grow and Donate Vegetables. Donations will be accepted weekdays at
Associated Bank on Sawyer, weekdays
Emannual United Church of Christ, 1306 Michigan, Oshkosh - call 235-8340 to confirm T,W,F 8:30-11
Omro Community Food Pantry, 310 N. Webster, Omro -T,W,Th 9-12 & 1-4
Father Carr's Place 2 Be, 1965 Oshkosh, every day
His Church-World Outreach Center, 2704 Jackson St, Oshkosh, F 9-3
Oshkosh Area Community Pantry in the old Copsps on Jackson,
Plymouth Congregational, 1325 Georgia, Oshkosh,

call M 11 to noon or call 231-8231
Salvation Army, 417 Algoma, Oshkosh, M-F 8-4:30
St. Andrew Lutheran, 1100 Murdock, Oshkosh, Call 235-6166 Thurs 9-12
St. Jude the Apostle People's Pantry, 216 W. South Park, Call 235-5712, 1st Saturday 9-11
Zion/First English/Peace Lutheran, 714 Division, Oshkosh, daily 12:30 to 3:30.

as well at any other area food pantry or meal program during their usual hours.

You can also make donations at the Shared Harvest Booth (right next to our booth) at the Saturday Farmer's Market at City Hall. Here's an idea, donate produce, purchase more and stop across the street at the historical society house for a cup of coffee and piece of pie.

4. Contact Ken Friedman for other opportunities.

Thank you, Nick Schneider, Lil Hansche, Lawanda Jungwirth, David Leonard, Anne Murphy, Curt Reese and Mary Wiedenmeier - and anyone I missed - for signing up. If I missed your name, please let me know.

Contact Information

Ken Friedman - knfriedman@aol.com or
920-235-6766

Nick Schneider - nick.schneider@ces.uwex.edu or
920-232-1971



SHARED HARVEST SEED TRIAL

As part of a new sanctioned Master Gardener project, in conjunction with Shared Harvest and the Oshkosh Area Food Pantry, we are going to initiate a produce variety trial with the intent that the extra produce grown will be donated to the food pantry of your choosing.

The order is in for enough seed for 15 – 20 gardens of: Musk Mellon. Slicing Cucumbers, Green Beans, Zucchini, Sweet Corn, Bell Peppers, Sweet Peppers, Kohlrabi, Onions and Acorn Squash.

Please contact Nick or Ken Friedman for more info.

Rushford Town Hall

We held our first organizational meeting for the rain gardens at the Rushford Town Hall March 16th. After surveying the land layout and getting acquainted, we sat down and discussed our options and the town's expectations for the gardens. Besides the rain gardens, there is a need for foundation plantings. The town would like a projected estimate for any plants that they may need to budget for. Because the rain garden plants are being donated and some of the foundation plants may need to be purchased, the conclusion was for each of us to focus on foundation plant choices and design plans and bring them back to the next meeting which was held March 23rd, so that we can provide a budget proposal to the Town Board before their annual town meeting in April. We have all agreed that we will stick with native plants throughout the property as this will provide continuity.

The size of the foundation gardens are 4' x 60' with SW exposure, and two areas in front of the building 4' x 12' on the left side of the entrance and 4' x 22' on the right side of the entrance with each having a SE exposure. There is a possibility of three rain gardens. We are looking at focusing on one rain garden right now that will receive water from a downspout that is already showing an erosion issue.

We had a good representation of 7 MGVS, 2 town board members and Keith Marquardt from the Winnebago County Land & Water Conservation Department at the organizational meeting. There is always room for more, so come join us and learn more about rain garden design.

Carole Dorsch
Audrey Ruedinger
Co-chairs

MASTER GARDENER BUSINESS MEETING MARCH 10, 2009 COUGHLIN CENTER, 6:15 PM

Members Present:

Linda Baeten, Pat Behm, Sue Bohn, Marge Bolding, Kathy Daniels, Carol Dorsch, Ruth Freye, Ken Friedman, Dorothy Gayhart-kunz, Alice Graf, Lil Hansche, Ken Hawk, Diane Iott, Lawanda Jungwirth, Dawn Kent, Arlene Kosanke, Bob Kosanke, Betty Kuhn, Jane Kuhn, David Leonard,

Linda Loker, Marge Menacher, Cindy Meszaros, Stanley Meyer, Roy Ann Moulton, Anne Murphy, Joni Pagel, Ivan Placko, Bob Potter, Janet Priebe, John Procknow, Jean Reed, Curt Reese, Audrey Ruedinger, Jerry Robak, Marty Sacksteder, Steve Schueler, Rosemary Smith, Linda Tobey, Tom Weber, Mary Wiedenmeier, Linda Werner.

The first order of business was to introduce the Projects for this year.

Treasurer's Report – Alice Graf

The balance as of 02/28/09 is:

Cash On Hand	\$ 100.00
Checking	\$ 6,228.22
CD Renewal 7/22/09)	\$ 5,000.00
CD (Renewal 4/10/09)	\$ 5,201.40
Total all Accounts	\$16,529.62

A handout was available with the details.

Secretary's Report:

The Minutes from the February 10, 2009 Business Meeting were approved as printed in the March Newsletter. It was mentioned to Project Leads to send information about their projects to Linda Tobey for the Newsletter. Dates for meetings can be included on the Newsletter Calendar. All information needs to be to Linda by the 20th of the Month.

OLD BUSINESS

Environmental Stewardship Discs: Discs were passed out to those who were present, others will be mailed.

Other Old Business: Roy Anne brought some garden items from her garage for anyone to take. She also has the rubber stamps that were used for the Cookbooks, if anyone knows who they belong to, contact Roy Anne.

NEW BUSINESS

Education Committee Report:

- Roy Anne reported on the up-coming pruning class to be held at the Coughlin Center on March 14th.
- The trip to the Madison Garden Expo was successful.
- Bones of the Garden presentation was excellent and well attended.
- There is room on the bus for the May 2nd buying trip to the Madison area. The bus to Rotary Gardens and southern WI on June 6th is half full.

Home and Garden Show: The garden show is on March 27, 28, & 29 at the Tri-County Ice Arena.

Community Gardens:

Nick reported the Community Gardens on Sherman Road had to be relocated. They are still working on getting water towers. There is less room and refunds are available. They are working on the details.

Annual Picnic: Mary and Kathy reported the picnic will be at the Park View Gazebo again this year. Save the Date cards will be coming out. Ok to bring significant others. Bring a side dish to pass. There will be a plant swap.

Newsletter Changes: There was discussion about the Board's decision to not print the Board Minutes in the Newsletter as including both Board minutes and Business meeting minutes is redundant and lengthy. It was suggested to provide a link in the newsletter to the website where the Board minutes are posted. That will keep the Newsletter from getting too large. Anyone getting a hard copy of the Newsletter mailed will be able to receive hard copy of the minutes as well. Thanks to Jean and Linda Tobey for doing a great job with the website and newsletter.

Other New Business

- A reminder to Project Leads to turn in their Project Applications to Steve
- Ivan Placko mentioned a three day Willow Structure class to be held on Washington Island at the Seiver's School. He passed around a flyer for those interested.
- Linda Tobey thanked all members who have turned in a biography for inclusion in the Master Gardener of the Month feature in the Newsletter, and suggested those that haven't turned one in do so.
- Bob Kosanke, our State Representative, reported a face to face conference is coming up in Hancock. The State Conference will be at Ho Chunk this year on October 2nd and 3rd. See Bob if you have questions.
- Audrey reported we have our summer garden tours planned: We will be visiting Roy Anne Moulton's garden in June, Dorothy Gayhart-Kunz in July (also on the Oshkosh Garden Walk) and the UW Fox Valley Community Gardens in August.

NEXT BOARD MEETING – April 7, 2009
NEXT BUSINESS MEETING – April 14, 2009

Meeting adjourned: 8:15 pm
Respectfully submitted,
Linda Baeten

MINT BROWNIES

From March business meeting by Linda Loker

LAYER #1:

1 C sugar ½ t baking pwd
1 C flour ¼ t salt
4 eggs ½ C butter
1 C Hershey's Syrup
Mix together. Bake 350 degrees for 25 minutes.
Cool completely.

LAYER #2:

½ C butter 2 c pwd sugar
2 t milk 6 drops green food
1 t peppermint ext coloring
Beat together until blended and smooth.
Spread on layer #1. Chill 20 minutes.

LAYER #3:

½ C butter 6-12 oz chocolate chips
Melt on low in microwave. Spread on layer #2.
Chill. May top with nuts

OPTIONS:

Peanut butter brownies:
Substitute 4t peanut butter for ext and food color.

Answer: What AM I?

Answer: I am an erect, perennial forb/herb-
Taxon: **Caltha palustris L.**; common name: marsh-marigold, yellow marsh-marigold, cowslip

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



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

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

PLEASE HELP PULL GARLIC MUSTARD!

Come help pull garlic mustard along the Wiouwash Trail on Saturdays, May 2 and May 9 from 8 a.m. – 12 noon.

Meet at Brooks Road parking area. From Oshkosh, take Hwy. 76 (Jackson St.) north (or go north on Hwy. 41 to Hwy. 76 exit; turn left at bottom of exit) Go under Hwy. 41 and turn left at the first road after the light (the frontage road - Green Valley Road). Turn right on Brooks Rd. just before Stuart's Landscaping (used to be Gro-Plant). Go 3 miles to the trail. From the Fox Valley, take Hwy. 41 south to Hwy. 76 exit. Turn right at bottom of ramp and turn left at the first road after the light (the frontage road - Green Valley Road). Turn right on Brooks Rd. just before Stuart's Landscaping (used to be Gro-Plant). Go 3 miles to the trail.

Your help is welcome even if you can come for only an hour or two!

You do not have to get there at 8:00 a.m. Come anytime!

Bring gloves, kneeling cushion or knee pads and a dandelion digger. A five gallon bucket and dandelion puller are handy also. *This is a rather pleasant pastime on a nice spring day. No mosquitoes yet!*

Call Lawanda Jungwirth at 836-2878 or e-mail ljungwirth@new.rr.com for more information or
JUST SHOW UP!

Get your tetanus booster shot!

By Lawanda Jungwirth

Spring is coming and it's time to get your tetanus booster shot if you haven't had one recently.

Tetanus bacteria can enter the body through a puncture wound or even a little scratch. Tetanus bacteria are found everywhere in the environment – in soil,



street dust and animal feces. Some seamstresses have contracted tetanus from sewing needles. Animal scratches and bites, burns, thorns, splinters, even surgery and dental infections can be sources of the tetanus bacteria. Immunization is very important. Tetanus is an extremely painful and often fatal disease.

It is recommended that you have a booster shot every ten years, but if you suffer a deep puncture wound and haven't had a booster in the last five years, you should have a shot, since the protection wears off gradually over time.

Immunization is especially recommended for:

- adults, especially those 50 years and older, because most of the tetanus cases in recent years have occurred in this age group
- persons who are not sure whether they have received the initial series of tetanus shots or boosters
- travelers, especially to countries with hot, damp climates and soil rich in organic matter
- agricultural workers and others who work with dirt or manure
- persons whose jobs or recreational activities expose them to cuts and scrapes

Do you see yourself in this list? If so, don't take a chance – check your records to see if you are due for a booster shot.

Welcome to the 2009 Paine Garden Volunteer Program

The Paine begins our volunteer year, with a tour of the gardens and the general clean up in April. Date pending Arbor Day April 29 & 30.

We also have to take out all of the tulip bulbs and bag them for sale after they're done blooming. This is followed by the planting of fresh plants to fill the gardens plus there will be 80 additional containers to plant.

There will be weeding and watering to do to keep things looking great for the season.

When the fall season arrives it's time to plant the bulbs for the next year.

This year there will be evening time for those who wish to help which will be the last two weeks of June, July and August from 4pm till 8pm.

Hope to see you there.
Bob Potter, Chair – 233-3349

Perennial plant of the year

By Lawanda Jungwirth

The Perennial Plant Association has named *Hakonechloa macra* 'Aureola' (golden hakone grass) its perennial plant of the year for



2009. It derives its name from "hakone" a region of Japan, and "chloa" the Greek word for grass.

The Perennial Plant Association describes their choice: "Golden hakone grows 12-18 inches tall and 18-24 inches wide with an arching form that resembles a cascading miniature bamboo. Individual blades are 1/2" wide and bright yellow in color with very thin green stripes. In the cooler days of autumn the golden foliage becomes tinged with shades of pink and red. *Hakonechloa* is used mainly for its golden foliage, although it does produce tiny, inconspicuous flower spikes from late summer through mid-autumn."

Does that sound good to you? Here's what you need to do to grow it successfully. Golden hakone grass is hardy to USDA zone 5, so we are right on the edge of where it will thrive. It would be best to locate it in a somewhat protected area, *i.e.*, not in the middle of your open one-acre lawn. It grows best in moist, humus rich, well-drained soil. It will not do well in heavy clay or very dry soils.

Full sun to part shade is best as deep shade may reduce the golden leaf color. It requires very little on-going care. Just cut the dead grass back in late winter or early spring. It grows slowly so it won't crowd out its growing companions. The slow growth means that it won't need dividing for many years. If you do divide golden hakone, do so in early spring just as new growth begins.

Golden hakone grass has very few insect or disease problems and is not favored by deer. However, in Wisconsin we know that deer will eat anything if they get hungry enough.

The Perennial Plant Association suggests that golden hakone makes a good companion to hostas,

especially those that have a golden edge or a bluish cast. They also recommend planting golden hakone with any plant that has purple or dark leaves, like heucheras or bugbanes. Other suggestions for nearby companions are astilbe, wild ginger, bleeding heart, epimedium and lady's mantle.

This versatile grass can even be grown in a container on a shady deck or patio. It will cascade over the sides of the container providing a tropical look and feel. It can also be used as a ground cover, in front of a border or in a mass planting.

Golden hakone grass will light up any area that is dark or drab. And just wait until you see the breeze rippling through the leaves!

There are four requirements that must be met for a plant to be selected Perennial Plant of the Year. The plant must be suitable for a wide range of climates, low maintenance, easily propagated and exhibit multiple season interest. It seems they've picked a winner this year!

OSHKOSH SATURDAY FARMER'S MARKET

We need your help. The list of times open to volunteer are below.

Times: 7:30 AM to 12:30 PM Volunteer or Community Education hours

Times Available;

One space for July 18, Aug. 15, 22, 12, Sept. 19, Oct. 3.

Two spaces for Aug. 1, 8, 29.

We can't do this without your support. Come and join us your time will be well spent!

Call or email the Project Leads to save your spot.
Janet Priebe 122-8193 / Dorothy Kunz 233-8468
dorothy.kunz@sbcglobal.net

APRIL 14 - Business Meeting

MEETING AT PARK VIEW GREAT ROOM
BEGINNING AT 6:00 PM

We will begin with a garden tour and a
VERY SHORT meeting

Followed by a presentation by Ann Ross on
Ornamental Grasses

SANCTIONED CORE PROJECTS

Community Education		
Marge Menacher	223-3467	
Community Gardens		
Ruth Freye	734-5978	
Education and Control of Invasive Species		
Lawanda Jungwirth	836-2878	
Audrey Ruedinger	231-5745	
Farmers Market		
Dorothy Gayhart Kunz	233-8468	
Janet Priebe	233-1898	
Lincoln School		
Janet Priebe	233-1898	
Karen Wedde	231-9696	
Octagon House		
Jerry Robak	722-3311	
Paine Gardens		
Bob Potter	233-3349	
Park View Cutting Garden		
Bill Weber	231-2936	
Park View Vegetable Garden		
Sue Steinhilber	235-1031	
Park View Prairie Garden		
Ken Hawk	426-1691	
Park View Flower Arranging		
Pat Behm	410-3290	
Plant Health Advisors @ UWEX		
Barbara Kuhn	426-2920	
Rushford Town hall		
Audrey Ruedinger	231-5745	
Carol Dorsch	589-5936	
Shared Harvest		
Ken Friedman	235-6766	
Fox Cities Habitat for Humanity		
David Leonard	379-5860	

APRIL 7 - Board Meeting – 6:00M

OFFICERS / BOARD MEMBERS

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

BOARD MEMBERS

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

COMMITTEES

Education and Trips		
Roy Anne Moulton	886-1283	
Education – Meetings		
Audrey Ruedinger	231-5745	
Event Planning		
Kathy Daniels	233-0410	
Mary Wiedenmeier	426-0991	
Historian		
Dawn Kent	410-8866	
Membership		
Linda Tobey	734-2264	
Newsletter		
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Jean Reed	729-9012	
Lawanda Jungwirth	836-2878	
Bruce Abraham	231-3747	
Refreshment Committee		
Linda Loker	426-1435	
State Rep		
Bob Kosanke	231-1873	
SOP & Bylaw Committee		
Stan Meyer	725-6486	
Sunshine		
Liz Ginke	722-8140	
Hours & Time Keeper		
Linda Tobey	734-2264	
Home & Garden Shows		
Joni Pagel	233-6619	
Cindy Meszaros	233-3550	
Website, Computer and Projector		
Jean Reed	729-9012	

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BEGINNING AT 6:00 PM
We will begin with a garden tour and
meeting to follow**

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

Our purpose is to provide horticultural education, community service & environmental stewardship for our Community in affiliation with the University of Wisconsin Extension Program.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Park View Vegetable Garden: Vegetables are grown in raised containers. Sue Stein will lead this project this year.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Registration: _____ \$149.00 **Master Gardeners and Public Employees Registration:** _____ \$119

Student Registration: _____ \$74.50

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Sheryl London

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4 Container Gardening by Ruth Freye at Outagamie Ext. Office 10-11:30
5	6	7 BOARD MEETING 6:00 pm	8 IPM	9 IPM	10	11
12 	13	14 BUSINESS MEETING 6:00 pm @ Park View	15	16 PHA MEETING @ 6:00 PM AT THE COUGHLIN CENTER	17	18
19	20	21	22  EARTH DAY	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 Paine clean up	30 Paine clean up		

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