



Winnebago County Master Gardeners

Newsletter

April 2024

Mission Statement

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

*“Sweet April
showers do spring
May flowers.”*

-Thomas Tusser



*Purple crocus before the snow.
Submitted by Kim Willman*

What am I?

By Jane Kuhn

I am a native herbaceous perennial plant which signals the end of winter as my flowers are some of the first to appear in spring, blooming in April and May. My plant has basal leaves only which are heart shaped, bluntly toothed and born on long stems. Typically my mature plant is 6 inches across and 4 inches high, with flowers slightly higher than the leaves. My flowers are deep blue or violet, sometimes almost white with blue markings. The size of my flowers is about $\frac{3}{4}$ inches across and they consist of 5 rounded petals. There are two upper petals, two lateral petals with white hairs (or beards) near the throat of the flower, and a lower petal that functions as a landing pad for visiting insects. I prefer partial sun or light shade and moist to average conditions although I tolerate full sun if there is sufficient moisture. My soil should be a rich silty loam or clay loam with above average amounts of organic matter. My natural habitats include moist, black soil prairies, open woodlands, woodland edges, savannas, and wooded slopes along rivers or lakes. In developed areas, I can be found in lawns, city parks, moist waste areas, and along hedges or buildings. Some may view me as a pest because at times I invade lawns which could be a sign that the soil is too acidic for a good lawn. Being high in vitamins A and C, I used to be a welcome raw salad or cooked green early in the spring. I have been used in medicines, as a laxative, and my flowers are candied for decoration or in jellies.

WCMGA Contacts

Check your membership guide for contact information.

Advisory Team: Kathy Daniels & Sandy Dennis
Secretary: Anne Murphy
Treasurer: Deby Voyles

Communications Team

Website: Jean Reed
Newsletter: Anne Murphy, Kim Willman, Jane Kuhn
Partner Liaison: Deb Butch
WIMGA Rep: Kathy Procknow

Education Team

Valerie Stabenow, Linda Werner

Meeting Teams

DECEMBER: Sandy Dennis, Linda Loker, Ruth Retzlaff, Kathy Schultz, Deby Voyles
MARCH: Deb Butch
JUNE Picnic: Sue Egner and Park View Picnickers
SEPTEMBER: Linda Werner, Linda Baeten
Advisor:



We would love your help! If you are interested in contributing to a future newsletter by writing an article, submitting a photo, or sharing a story, please let us know by the 15th of each month

by emailing pakster0605@yahoo.com. Each article submitted will count toward your volunteer hours. Thank you!

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From your Advisory Team

April Fool's!!!! No this is no joke, it really is April. March came in like a lamb and now going out like a lion as I write this.

Thank you to all the Master Gardeners who attended the March 16th meeting. It was a great turnout. In attendance were also 5 members from the Backyard Gardener session, 2 already joined WCMG. This has been a difficult year with UW-Madison changing regulations from what the Master Gardener program was. One main change is without a Horticulture Educator, we can not have a booth at the Oshkosh Farmers Market this summer. I know many of you enjoyed talking to the community about their plants, but it is a liability issue through the state. If the liability were not the issue, then you would be able to have a table and answer any questions.

Leadership - we must have new leadership starting October 1, 2024. This year we need 2 Directors, a Secretary and a Treasurer. These are only 1 year terms. We need volunteers by June 1 or we will be forced to start dissolving the group. Please let anyone on the Advisory Team know if you would like to help.

Soon we will be able to start getting in our yards and into our projects. Please read your newsletter for all the information about projects and who to contact to keep current with your hours. Happy April and see you in June at the picnic.

Kathy Daniels and Sandy Dennis





Summer Picnic Potluck

The Summer Picnic will be a Potluck Supper on Tuesday, June 11th at Park View Health Center in the Great Room. We will gather at 5:30 PM with dinner at 6:00 PM. WCMGA members and a guest are invited.

Bring your favorite dish to share. There will be a place to plug in crock pots.

Plates, napkins, utensils, and water will be provided, or bring your own non-alcoholic beverage. Also, please be prepared to share your favorite gardening spot!

Please RSVP with the names of those attending to Ruth Retzlaff at 1969retz@gmail.com by June 1st.

We are looking forward to seeing you there! Please remember to wear your name tag!

Your Summer Picnic Committee: Carleen Christianson, Vicki Daniels, Renee Donner, Sue Egner, Donna Kudlas, Jane Kuhn, Bob Potter, Ruth Retzlaff, Sue Tappy, Mary Thiel, Deby Voyles, Tom Weber

Spring Clean Up - Help Needed!

*The **Carter Memorial Library** in Omro spring Cleanup will be Wednesday, April 17th, at 10 a.m. All are welcome to come and help. We will also be laying out the new memorial garden that day. Contact Sandy Dennis at 608-712-6884 or email starcrestdals@gmail.com with questions.*

**Winnebago County Master Gardener Association
Business Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2024**

Please note that these minutes include some updated information that was received after our meeting. We included these updates so you would have the most current information in one place.

Speaker - Chad Muche, Advisory Board member for Horticulture Program at Fox Valley Technical College, Regional Manager Stuart's Landscaping & Garden Center

Chad gave a presentation entitled "The Right Plant for the Right Place". He provided beautiful colored handouts and had something for every garden interest.

The business meeting was called to order by Debra Butch at 7:04pm.

1. Welcome - Debra welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced 5 guests attending with Madisen Potratz. Kimiko (Kim) Ott, Michael (Mike) Janacek, Marsha Welson, Jamie Nichols and Kaitlin Tomkins. Our guests recently completed their education through UW Extension and are interested in becoming members of WCMGA.

2. Secretary's report. Nothing to report.

3. Treasurer's report - Deby Voyles. Annual DFI report has been filed, all WIMGA dues have been paid for our current membership of 45 members.

4. Director's report - Sandy Dennis.

-The Guidelines Committee will email the completed WCMGA Guideline Proposal to the membership. You need to reply with Approve or Disapprove by March 26th. Once Approved, we will finalize the Guidelines.

-Honored Status Membership Dues Update. WCMGA will pay the \$5 dues to WIMGA for our Honored Status Members in 2025. Please advise your Treasurer if you are Honored Status.

-Funding available. If you are interested in adding a plaque or other type of recognition of WCMGA at a project site (and have permission from the organization) please submit a request to the Advisory Team.

5. Education Committee - Linda Werner/Valerie Stabenow

-Linda advised that the September Business Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 18th at the Coughlin Center. This was changed because the rooms were not available on the second Tuesday of the month. The speaker will be Dr. Shannon Davis-Faust of UW-O and the Wild Ones. The topic will be some aspect of native plants in the urban

landscape. Linda also provided that the UW-O Robin Wall Kimmer presentation on March 19th will be interesting, but is not acceptable for CE credit.

-Valerie acknowledged the 2023 Golden Trowel recipients, Jerry Schaefer and Deby Voyles. Valerie also reminded the membership that the Chad Muche presentation this evening met the requirements for one hour of CE.

We received confirmation that the Horticulture Educator position was developed and posted, with an application period end of March 24th.

It was also confirmed that On Boarding Lite 2024 is not required if you completed this in 2022 or 2023, however Valerie strongly recommended all members complete the OBL 2024 for a variety of reasons, and we have several members offering to help ANYONE who would like assistance, and it counts as 5 hours of CE!

We are still in communication with the Regional Extension Director as to what we can and cannot do/say without a Horticulture Educator in place.

Also, a reminder, if you contact UW Madison for assistance with your NetID, you should advise them you are an L3 learner.

6. Extension News - Madisen Potratz

Madisen clarified that WCMGA Master Gardeners are able to give presentations, however, you cannot say you are representing the Division of Extension. She also explained that we are not able to participate in the Farmer's Market, because we are not able to meet the liability insurance requirement. This could change when they fill the Hort Ed.

7. Project Update - Deb Butch

Deb gave an update on the projects, many are looking for more volunteers. Please contact Deb if you are interested in a particular project. Park View is starting an Indoor Gardening project on April 8th, that will meet every Monday from 9-11.

8. WIMGA News - Sandy Dennis for Kathy Procknow

WIMGA continues to offer great free CE opportunities via Zoom.

The password for the WIMGA members only portion of the website is wimga19. WIMGA Educational grants of \$100, \$250 and \$400 are available to associations. Applications are due October 1st, 2024.

All paid members should be receiving email communications from WIMGA. If you aren't receiving emails, check with Deby Voyles to verify your email address.

9. Next set of Leadership - Deby Voyles

With only 4 meetings a year, we must discuss the elections much sooner. The Advisory Team elections for 2025 need the following positions filled:

2-3 Directors

Secretary

Media Specialist

Treasurer

WIMGA Representative

Project Liaison

2-3 meeting leaders for each of the four meetings.

These 'one year' terms begin October 1st, 2024, with the current leaders providing training and backup through December 31st, 2024.

*If you are interested in one of these roles, we need you to submit your name by **5pm on June 1st**. If any of the leaders currently holding these positions choose to do another term, they will be given priority. All others will be first come, first assigned. At this time, I have only been advised that the two Education Leaders are staying on through 2025.*

Please note that if we DO NOT FILL ALL OF THESE ROLES by June 1st, we will announce the start up of the dissolution process at our June Picnic meeting, with a goal of completing dissolution by October 1st, 2024.

We have done so much in the past two years to make this association more fun for our members, and lightened the responsibilities of the leaders. We have shortened the terms, and provided 2 months of training and back up. I hope everyone will give this much consideration and feel it is worth your time to help keep this association alive and well. If you have any questions about any of the roles, please reach out to anyone on your Advisory Team.

Next meeting is the Social Picnic, June 11th, at Park View Health Center in the Great Room. Gather at 5:30 with dinner at 6:00.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:15p.m.



***Easter Christmas cactus =)
Submitted by Kim Willman***

From Your Education Team:

UW-Extension

Plant Diagnostics: The Step-by-Step Approach to Identifying Plant Problems, self-paced online course from Thursday, Feb. 1 through Tuesday, April 30, 2024. Cost: \$49 for Master Gardeners. For more information and to register, go to:

<https://mastergardener.extension.wisc.edu/events/?trumbaEmbed=eventid%3D170732860%26seotitle%3DPlant-Diagnostics-The-Step-by-Step-Approach-to-Identifying-Plant-Problems-online-course%26view%3Devent%26-childview%3D>

UW-Extension--For more information and to register, go to:

<https://mastergardener.extension.wisc.edu/events/?trumbaEmbed=view%3Devent%26eventid%3D172426733>

Understanding the Emerald Ash Borer, Monday, April 1, 1 p.m. with P.J. Liesch. Free.

Perennials for Shade, Monday, April 1, 6 p.m. with Lisa Johnson. \$12

What's the Deal with No Mow May, Wednesday, April 3, Noon, with UW Panelists. Free

Strawberries, Raspberries and Blueberries, Monday, April 8, 6 p.m. with Lisa Johnson. \$12

Ask The Experts, A Monthly Garden and Landscape Q&A, Monday, April 22, 1 p.m. with UW staff. Free

Plant Disease Management by Design: Preventing Plant Disease Problems During the Landscape Design Process, Wednesday, April 24 with Brian Hudelson. Free

Establishing a Bee lawn: Current Research and Practical Techniques, Thursday, April 25, Noon, Kristine Moncada, University of Minnesota Horticulture. Free

Wild Ones Fox Valley Native Plant Certification Program

Establishing and Managing Native Plant Communities, Saturday, April 13, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., UW-O campus, with Randy Powers. \$60 non-members, \$51 members. Go to: foxvalleywildones.org/classes to register

Melinda Myers Webinars--All Free at melindamyers.com

Container Gardening Throughout the Year, Wednesday, April 10, 6:30 p.m.

Seven Steps to Managing Water Where it Falls in Your Yard, Thursday, April 11, 6:30 p.m.

Ornamental Fruits and Vegetables, Wednesday, May 1, 6:30 p.m.

University of Illinois Extension Four Seasoning Gardening Webinar Series--All Free at:

<https://extension.illinois.edu/plants/four-seasons-gardening>

Managing Invasives: Eight Replacements for the Callery Pear, Tuesday, April 23, 1:30 p.m. with Sarah Vogel, Extension Horticulture Educator (Note: Callery Pear is currently not listed as an invasive in Wisconsin, but is in Illinois.)

Exploring Natural Lawn Care, Tuesday, May 14, 1:30 p.m., with Gemini Bhalsod, Extension Horticulture Educator

Here is a link to FOUR free programs that **would count for Continuing Ed credit**. They are each an hour in length, so easily 4 hours of CE if you took in all four. Be sure to click on the Registration link for each one.

[Free Online Gardening Programs](#)

Reorganization Plan Proposal for October 1, 2023- December 31, 2024

<p>All committees uphold and support the WCMGA mission: “Our purpose is to provide horticulture education, community service and environmental stewardship within our community.”</p>	
<p>Number of member meetings per year: 4</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • September & March: Business Meeting • January: Holiday Social & June: Spring Social
<p>Member meeting format:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January and June meetings social only • September and March are business meetings with social and/or CE components (TBD by Meeting Committee)
<p>Advisory Team</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shall include Director(s), Treasurer, Secretary and Educational Team (optional). • Meets at least twice per year prior to the September and March business meetings • 1-year terms starting October 1, but stay on through Dec. 31 to advise/support next team members. Renewable terms. • Decisions can be made via email in-between meetings or may meet as needed. 	<p>Responsibilities</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve expenditures over \$500 2. Secure adequate liability insurance 3. Keep meeting minutes (Secretary) 4. Review new procedures, policies, SOPS, by-laws and make recommendations to the membership as needed/proposed 5. Maintain non-stock status (Treasurer) 6. Set membership business meeting agenda (Director) 7. Coordinate with other teams 8. Invite all association members/teams and horticulture advisor to the Advisory Team meetings. 6. Encourage member initiative in proposing ideas 7. Zoom or live pop-ups for special topics as suggested/available
<p>Communications Team</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No meetings • Individual tasks 	<p>Responsibilities</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Maintain Facebook page 2. Maintain Website 3. Maintain newsletter: Compile information for monthly newsletter: Advisory Team message, “What is This? Article, education info, any other articles that are sent for inclusion. Create newsletter. Send to Editor to check links. Send file to members and webmaster to upload to web. Currently using 15th of month for submission of articles so that can be sent to membership before 1st of month (eg; newsletter for September, articles due by Aug. 15, uploaded before Sept. 1, sent to membership before Sept. 1 or during that first week of Sept.) General guidelines. Very flexible. 4. Email communications to members/teams (UW will mail to members without computers) 5. Extension liaison 6. WIMGA representative 7. Project liaison for partner organizations
<p>Strategic Planning Team</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shall include past and current Directors, Secretary, Treasurer and volunteers from membership • Meets as needed 	<p>Responsibilities</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Periodical review of Guidelines 2. Make recommendations for changes 3. Develop Member recruitment plan 4. Develop 2-year plan of goals and objectives 5. Develops budget for the plan (Treasurer)

<p>Meeting Team</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Members volunteer to plan and facilitate each of the four meetings (can meet or work on tasks individually) • Creativity is encouraged to make meetings more lively/interesting • Drawing on member expertise for programs, presentations, etc. is encouraged 	<p>Responsibilities</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Set time, place and reserve venue for meeting 2. Work with the Education Team on CE ideas 3. Work with Advisory Team to create agenda 4. Arrange set up and take down of venue 5. Plan and carryout social component (refreshments) 6. Alert treasurer of any expenses and incoming payments (complete check request forms and attach receipts. Check Request Forms are available on the website). 8. Facilitate meeting
<p>Education Team</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As many as needed 	<p>Responsibilities</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Schedule CE for membership meetings or stand-alone CE for members 2. Monitor CE opportunities for posting on Facebook and in newsletter 3. Attend Advisory Team and Membership Business Meetings 4. Develop ideas for member and community education 5. Submit expenses to Treasurer. All expenses pay as you go
<p>Officers</p>	
<p>Director</p> <p>Agendas are prepared for the spring and fall Advisory Team and Business meetings. Agendas are emailed ahead of the meetings. The Advisory Team agendas are sent to current team members and the Business meeting agendas are sent to entire membership from WCMGA email.</p> <p>Lead Fall and Spring Advisory Team meetings.</p> <p>Give update at two Social meetings</p> <p>Answer questions/concerns, direct to appropriate team members</p> <p>Responsible for membership emails through WCMGA email. Email list updated by Treasurer and sent to Director.</p> <p>Write monthly Director letter for newsletter</p> <p>Review Strategic Plan Guidelines yearly</p>	
<p>Secretary</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Takes minutes at all meetings of the Advisory Committee and general membership business meetings 2. Posts Advisory Team minutes on the website and business meeting minutes in the newsletter 3. Get prior approval of Advisory Team minutes before uploading. 4. If unable to attend meetings, find alternate <p>WIMGA Rep Role:</p> <p>Attend WIMGA meetings, via Zoom, twice/year</p> <p>Communicate meeting info to Advisory Team</p> <p>Communicate info to association membership as requested by WIMGA</p> <p>Project Liaison Role</p> <p>Compile organization info that is provided and relay to members via newsletter, website and meetings</p>	<p>Treasurer</p> <p>Maintains financial records, including the checkbook, invoices and expenses files, Check Request forms, the Monthly Reconciliation Report and the Annual Budget. Manage payments to WIMGA fore all association members and maintain member list with current email and mailing addresses. Submit the member file each year to the WIMGA leadership</p> <p>At the Start of the Year:</p> <p>Prepare a simple budget file in Excel; present to the Advisory Team Directors for approval</p> <p>File annual Non Stock Status Report in February</p> <p>Monthly Tasks:</p> <p>Enter all income and expenses in the Reconciliation Report and the Budget file in Excel. Print off the monthly Bank Statement, and verify balance on the Reconciliation Report</p> <p>Staple all check requests with corresponding receipts and file in the Invoice File</p> <p>Staple all deposit slips to the Bank Statement and file in the Statement File</p> <p>Print the Reconciliation Report and updated Budget file and put into the 3-ring binder</p> <p>At End of Year:</p> <p>Schedule an audit. File audit form in 3-ring binder in December file</p> <p>2. Pays expenses via check</p>

	<p>3. Reports to the Advisory Team and membership at business meetings</p> <p>4. Manages cash flow with approval of the Advisory Team (can be done via email)</p> <p>5. Prepares simple budget of known expenses</p>
<p>Goals of Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emphasize social functions • Spread the work • Simplify • Fewer meetings • Encourage/individual initiative • Make MG fun again 	<p>Notes: Roundtable Meeting/CE/Social Suggestions Presentation from WIMGA on its purpose/plans/offerings</p> <p>Apply for WIMGA grants for programs as needed</p> <p>Hands-on learning (park or garden tours, weed ID walk, partner organizations present or offer tours of facilities gardens, members offer programs/presentations)</p>

New Volunteer Opportunities

Neenah Public Library is in need of Garden Volunteers. Deb Schlough, Master Gardener and member of Outagamie Cty MGA is replacing Sue Forbes as the lead. Deb is getting information from Sue, and already working with Stanley Meyer, but they could still use some more volunteers. Feel free to call or email Deb Schlough with questions and for preliminary planning for the outside gardens. (920) 419-8977, dschlough1234@gmail.com Thank you.

The **Neenah-Menasha YMCA** Childcare has a class that would like to plant some things from seed, such as tomatoes or peppers, so that they can transplant them outside in the warm May or June. They also want to make a terrarium for inside the class. They're thinking it would be a nice intergenerational opportunity if any of those gardening volunteers wanted to visit and assist in this project. If interested, please contact Debby Sharkey, dsharkey@ymcafoxcities.org or Kate Yates, kyates@ymcafoxcities.org.

Park View Health Center is starting a Garden Club with the residents. They are looking for volunteers to assist residents with starting seeds, transplanting the many beautiful indoor plants, and providing fun conversation and plant education to the residents. The initial seed planting and planning will take place Tuesday April 2 at 1:00 pm. After that, the Park View Garden Club will meet on Mondays from 9:00-11:00 am. Feel free to bring your own sterilized hand tools and to donate any used, but clean, planters with drip trays. Jenny Breining is our lead for this project. Please contact Jenny with any questions, breining.m@sbcglobal.net.

The Neenah Public Library, Neenah-Menasha YMCA, and Park View Health Center are all existing Master Gardener Project Organizations listed in ORS for logging volunteer hours. If you are not already a volunteer at the Library, YMCA or Park View, you will need to contact them to become one according to their procedures, as listed in our newsletter.

Have fun! Feel free to bring a friend; volunteers are not required to be Master Gardeners, but maybe you can inspire them to become one!

Master Gardener Volunteer Opportunities

Organization	WCMGA Liaison(s)
<p>Carter Memorial Library 405 East Huron Street, Omro, WI 54963-1045 Volunteer Information: https://omrolibrary.org/aboutus/friends 920-685-7016 omplstaff@omrolibrary.org Volunteer Contact: Anna Dinkel, 920.685.7016 Volunteer application: https://omrolibrary.org/sites/default/files/inline-files/Volunteer%20Application.pdf Liability protection: Waiver of liability in application process</p>	<p>Sandy Dennis</p>
<p>Miravida Living 225 N. Eagle St., Oshkosh, WI 54902 Volunteer Information: https://www.miravidaliving.com/volunteer/ Volunteer Contact: Joan Keltesch, jkeltesch@miravidaliving.com Volunteer application: https://hipaa.jotform.com/220336497425155 Volunteer training sessions Liability protection: Organization’s insurance coverage</p>	<p>Jane Kuhn</p>
<p>Neenah Historical Society—Octagon House 343 Smith Street, Neenah, WI 54956 Volunteer Information: http://www.neenahhistoricalsociety.com/ (920) 729-0244 Neenahhistoricalsociety@gmail.com Liability protection: Organization’s insurance coverage Background check performed by Neenah Historical Society</p>	<p>Jerry Robak</p>

<p>Neenah Public Library 240 E. Wisconsin Avenue, Neenah, WI 54956 Volunteer Information: https://neenahlibrary.org/volunteer 920-886-6315 library@neenahlibrary.org Volunteer policy: https://neenahlibrary.org/sites/default/files/inline-files/Neenah%20Public%20Library%20Volunteer%20Program%20Policy.pdf Volunteer application: https://neenahlibrary.org/sites/default/files/inline-files/NPL%20Volunteer%20Application%20Website.pdf Background check performed by Neenah Public Library Volunteer orientation—30 minutes Liability protection: Waiver of liability in application process</p>	<p>Sue Forbes</p> <p>Bette Hoytink</p>
<p>Oshkosh Area Humane Society 1925 Shelter Court, Oshkosh, WI 54901 Volunteer Information: https://www.oahs.org/volunteer.html Volunteer coordinator: Sarah Stoffregen, 920.424.2128, ext. 116, sarah@oahs.org Liability protection: Contact OAHS</p>	<p>OPEN</p> <p>If interested, contact Deb Butch</p>
<p>Paine Art Center and Gardens 1410 Algoma Blvd, Oshkosh, WI 54901 Volunteer Information: Volunteer contact: Annika Holland, aholland@thepaine.org, 920-235-6903 https://www.thepaine.org/support/volunteer/ Volunteer application: https://www.thepaine.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/Volunteer-Application-2020.pdf Volunteer handbook available Background check performed by The Paine Liability protection: Organization’s insurance coverage</p>	<p>Ginny Slattery</p> <p>Kathy Gore</p>
<p>UW Madison, Extension Winnebago County 625 E Cty Rd Y, Oshkosh Horticulture Plant Health Advising and other opportunities TBD Volunteer contact: Madisen Potratz, Horticulture Educator, madisen.potratz@wisc.edu, 920.232.1976</p>	<p>Madisen Potratz</p>

<p>Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society—Morgan House 234 Church Avenue, Oshkosh, WI 54901 Volunteer Information: WinnebagoHistoricalSociety@gmail.com 920-267-8007 Volunteer Contact: Greg Bellmer, 920.267.8007 Liability protection: Liability protection is not provided</p>	<p>Kathy Schultz</p>
<p>Winnebago County—Department of Facilities and Property Management (Coughlin Rain Garden) 625 E. County Rd Y, Suite 600, Oshkosh, WI 54901 Volunteer Information: No volunteer process Volunteer Contact: Bob Stephenson, 920.420.6405 Liability protection: Organization’s insurance coverage</p>	<p>Jill Dombrowski Ed Dombrowski</p>
<p>Winnebago County Master Gardener Association 625 E. County Rd Y, Suite 600, Oshkosh, WI 54901 Volunteer Information: Liability protection: Organization’s insurance coverage</p>	<p>Deb Butch</p>
<p>Winnebago County—Park View Health Center (Health Center gardens and Park View Prairie Garden) 725 Butler Rd, Oshkosh, WI 54956 Volunteer Information: Volunteer contact: Missy Grundman, mgrundman@co.winnebago.wi.us, 920-237-6931 liability protection: Organization’s insurance coverage</p>	<p>Health Center Gardens: Donna Kudlas Jane Kuhn Park View Prairie Garden: Carol Swannell Jerry Schaefer</p>
<p>YMCA of the Fox Cities—Neenah-Menasha YMCA 110 W. North Water Street, Neenah, WI 54956 Volunteer Information: https://www.ymcafoxcities.org/volunteer-opportunities Volunteer application: https://www.ymcafoxcities.org/sites/ymcafoxcities/files/2021-02/VolunteerApplicationForm2013.pdf Liability protection: Organization’s insurance coverage</p>	<p>For more information: Contact Deb Butch</p>

Houses of Worship	
<p>First Presbyterian Church 110 Church Avenue, Oshkosh, WI 54901 Volunteer Information Contact Sue Egner</p>	Sue Egner
<p>St. Raphael the Archangel Catholic Church 830 S Westhaven Drive, Oshkosh, WI 54904 Volunteer Information: Contact Cindy Meszaros Liability protection: Organization's insurance coverage</p>	Cindy Meszaros



Upcoming Dates:

- **Tuesday, June 11, 2024**
 - **MG end of year celebration/picnic**

Answer to What am I?

By Jane Kuhn



I am a common blue violet. Order: violales. Family: violaceae. Genus: viola L. Common names: purple violet, meadow violet, wood violet, wooly blue violet, hooded violet, blue prairie violet. I am the official state flower of Wisconsin. School children voted for the flower on Arbor Day in 1909, choosing the violet from four finalists that were presented. However it did not become Wisconsin's official flower until 1949 when this was determined by Chapter 218, Laws of 1949, Section 1.10 of the state statutes.

References: USDA Plants Database and associated links.

April 2024						
Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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