

WINNEBAGO COUNTY MASTER GARDENER NEWSLETTER

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.

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AUGUST 2006

SANCTIONED CORE PROJECTS

Community Gardens	
Open	
Education & Eradication of Invasive Species	
Lawanda Jungwirth	836-2878
Michael & Eileen Meeker	582-7309
Audrey Ruedinger	231-5745
Farmers Market	
Dorothy Gayhart Kunz	233-8468
Janet Priebe	233-1898
Paine Gardens	
Audrey Ruedinger	231-5745
John Procknow	429-4797
Park View Cutting Garden	
Rob Robinson	231-1162
Park View Vegetable Garden	
Sue Steinhilber	235-1031
Al & Judy Harms	688-5523
Park View Flower Arranging	
Marlene Miller	231-4339
Plant Health Advisors @ UWEX	
Curt Reese	426-4992

OPEN / CLOSED SANCTIONED PROJECTS

Tri-County Representative	
Patricia Behm	410-3290
Community Education	
Dorothy Kunz	233-8468
Linda Tobey	734-2264
Compost	
Stanley Meyer	725-6486
Expo Rain Garden	
Meg Hunsader	757-1410
Lincoln School	
Janet Priebe	233-1898
Karen Wedde	235-7159
Park View Prairie	
Joel Eisch	231-0656
Refreshments	
Barbara Elmer	235-4381

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Education – Meetings	
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John Procknow	429-4797
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Linda Baeten	232-1224
Contributing Reporter	
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State Rep	
Bob Kosanke	231-1873
Sunshine	
Judy Harms	688-5523
Marlene Konsek	725-8856
Time Keeper	
Shelley Aaholm	731-8570
Trip Coordinator	
LEAD WANTED !!!!!!!!!!!	

OFFICERS

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Linda Tobey	734-2264
Vice President	
POSITION OPEN!!!!!!!!!!	
Secretary	
Dorothy Gayhard-Kunz	233-8468
Treasurer	
Marge Bolding	233-8668

MEETING NOTICE

Monthly Business Meeting
Tuesday, August 8, 2006
Begins at 6:15 pm at the Community
Gardens located at UW-Fox Valley
 (see map inside)

Dear Fellow Gardeners,

August is here. It seems that summer just began and now it's winding down. The grass is dormant and the weeds are growing. It seems my garden must be in transition again, because it's looking a little worn and tattered from the sun and wind. Never fear though we will have summers big fling in this last month before the kids are back in school and we begin to think of putting gardens to bed.

We will have our final summer meeting at the Community Gardens this month. We won't do a lot of business, but we will be able to see what some of our members have managed to do this growing season. I think you will be impressed and they should be very proud. I'll have pictures to remind us all of what they started with to compare with what you will see. We aren't finished but we have come so very far. Please come and see and share with us. We may even have treats to celebrate the evening.

From what the Social group tells me we will have a time to check out Park View too before the summer is over. I haven't been able to spend much time there this year but when I do get to Oshkosh I check out the gardens and must say that I do like what I have seen very much. You guys are doing very well at both the Vegetable and cutting gardens with limited assistance. Joel and his crew are making the Prairie shine again.

DON'T FORGET THAT HOURS ARE DUE THE END OF THE MONTH. All hours have to be in to Shelley by September 1. For anyone who has lost their hours form there will be an extra in this issue of the newsletter. If you have questions call now I can't help you in the 11th hour.

We have some things to remember too. We will have elections for Vice President and Secretary in November and will begin accepting nominations at our August meeting. We are also looking for nominations for the Golden Trowel Award. The nominees must have been members for 5 years and exemplify what a Master Gardener should be.

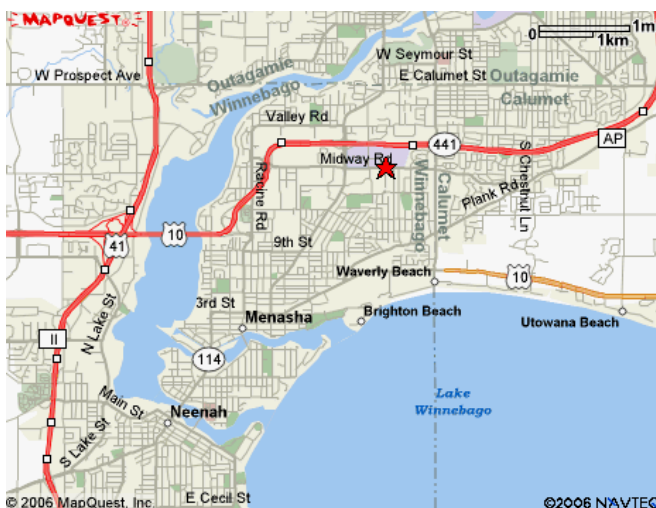
Well my weeds are calling. I think it's time I paid them a visit.

See You in the Garden
Linda



1. COMMUNITY GARDEN UPDATE:

Come see for yourself at our **August 8th** meeting. The meeting is 6:15 at the Community Gardens at UW Fox Valley, 1478 Midway Road in Menasha. This is also our last garden walk of the year.



2. **BOARD MEETING:** The Next Board meeting will be August 1 at the Coughlin Center at 6:00. You as a member are always welcome to sit in on any board meeting. Your views are always welcome.
3. **GOLDEN TROWEL AWARD:** The Golden trowel award is an award we give to up to 3 of our members each year. We give this plaque to recognize the accomplishments of members we feel have given that extra something. The award goes to up to three members that you select by calling or emailing or just telling a Board member that you think this person or persons have inspired you or in your opinion have been what you think a Master Gardener should be. The only other requirement is that they must have been a member for at least 5 years. Former winners are Audrey Ruedinger, John Procknow, Don Reinhardt, Marlene Miller, Agnes and Burt Carpenter, Mary Ginke, Dorothy Gayhart-Kunz, Stan Meyer and Judy and Al Harms.
The selection committee for the awards are; all past winners and Board members. They are Audrey Ruedinger, Stan Meyer and Marlene Miller.

No Board Meeting in July, therefore, there are no minutes to report.

The July Business meeting was replaced by garden walks at the homes of Jerry Rabek and Diane Iott. However, a few things were discussed such as whether to have a booth at the County Fair.....

ANNOUNCEMENTS – POT LUCK!

All MG's and their guests are welcome to the Master Gardener Pot Luck to be held at the Park View Health Center on August 16th at 6:00 pm. We will meet at the gazebo across from the handicapped accessible veggie garden. This will be a great opportunity to catch up on all the garden experiences of the summer, not to mention viewing all the gardens at Park View.

Bring a dish to pass, and bring the recipe too! They will be incorporated into our very own recipe book.

REPORTS

Park View Cutting Garden

Hey everyone, things are looking great at Parkview cutting garden. Everyone seems to be staying ahead of the heat with the watering. Rob has Tuesday at 2:30p.m. going smoothly with the residents coming out when weather permits. Chris Weston and her group have Wednesday evening

covered and Curt Reese is out on Thursday at 10:30a.m. with the residents again coming out as weather permits. Mike Koons comes out on Sunday mornings to water and Ralph and Sandy Geason pick-up the slack when they can make it. Thanks a lot guys and gals, we have a great flower garden going for the residents. Most flowers are in bloom with the glads just getting ready to open. The sun flowers are looking a little sad, I hope we get blooms before the frost hits. Also that little peony that was transplanted is a little sad, probably should have been moved earlier in the season.

I understand Parkview will be breaking ground for the new building in August. Next spring we can start moving plants to the new area. Till then lots of water is needed to keep things healthy. Thanks again to everyone for a great Master Gardener Project.

Rob Robinson

County Fair

The Winnebago County Fair will be held August 8-13. There will be an MG informational booth set up there. If you are interested in serving in the informational booth, we could use your help in fielding questions and promoting Master Gardeners, especially during the hours of 3-8 p.m. The hours can count toward your continuing ed or community education hours. Please reply to me by e-mail if you're interested. Many thanks to those of you who were at Tuesday's monthly MG meeting and expressed interest at that time (you don't need to reply again).

Thanks,
Sue Bohn
auntie@milwpc.com

Also, did you know that the Master Gardeners offer two awards at the County Fair to 4H? The awards will go to deserving youth who have entered their home grown, remarkable flowers or vegetables in the competition at the Fair. Watch for the names of the recipients in next month's newsletter.

Lincoln School

Lincoln School had another great work and social evening on Thursday July 13. Many thanks to Tom Fojtik, Mary Wiedenmeier, Judy and Al Harms who came out in the extreme heat and humidity to benefit Lincoln! Another work evening was scheduled for Thursday, July 27. Look for more action in September.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Brown Bag

August 25...**Curing and Storage of Vegetables**...Tomesh

Program begins at noon. Contact the UWEX office if you want to attend.

GREETINGS FROM THE PAINE

NATURE CAMP 2006

August 14-18, 8:30 a.m. to Noon

Kids ages 7-12 are invited to enjoy five mornings of fun throughout the week of August 14-18. Each day of Nature Camp will be filled with nature focused activities, projects, games, guest speakers and, of course, time spent outdoors in the beautiful Paine gardens. Topics will include information about seeds, soil, water, sunlight, planting, and more!

Contact Jeanne Wagner, Educator, at 920-235-6903 ext. 34 or jwagner@thepaine.org for more information. Space is limited so please register soon.

Registration Fee

Paine Members \$25; Non-member \$50

WANT ADS

If you have something to sell, buy or give away, let me know!

920-232-1224. Linda Baeten

Wanted: recipes for our MG Cookbook. Send recipes to 1155 West Linwood Ave. Oshkosh, WI. 54901



What Am I?

By Bruce Abraham

I am a native, perennial Wisconsin plant of the Family **Tiliaceae**; Genus **Tilia**. My habitat ranges from various forest environments (beech, boreal, Northern upland and lowland, Southern upland and lowland) to cliff and savannah. I am a medium to large growing to 80' tall, pyramidal to rounded in shape. My leaves are simple, heart-shaped with coarse serrate edges that are 3" – 6" in length and 3" – 6" in width - green color in the growing season turning yellow in autumn. I flower in June with a distinct leafy bract from which are suspended clusters of dainty white flowers that are extremely fragrant, but not very showy. The bracts are yellow-green in color and 4" – 5" long by 1" wide. The flowers are about 3/8" round and develop into a 3/8" fruit that is gray in color and covered in fine hairs. Bees love the nectar of my flowers and are quite active during the flowering season – the results is a quite strong flavored honey. In addition, my flowers can be used to make a quite soothing tea. What Am I?



The Next Invasive Plant: Teasel

By Lawanda Jungwirth

Teasel is an invasive plant of major concern in Wisconsin. It is a monocarpic perennial which means it flowers once and then dies. But before dying, each plant can produce 2,000 seeds, 30% to 80% of which germinate. The seeds typically do not disperse far from the parent plant, but mowing equipment and flooding can spread them. Dried teasel is commonly used in dried flower arrangements and careless disposal of the arrangements also spreads the seeds.

To see a local infestation of teasel, look around all the entrance and exit ramps at the intersection of Hwy. 41 and Hwy. 10/441 in the town of Menasha. At first there were only a few plants but recent years the population has grown by leaps and bounds.



There are two types of teasel, common and cut-leaved, both of which are found in Wisconsin. Both types grow best in open, sunny spots and are most commonly seen along roadsides in heavily disturbed areas. Teasel can become a threat to native plants by spreading into prairies and sedge meadows.



Cut-leaved teasel's leaves have deep lobes and are broader than those of common teasel. The first year, a ground-level rosette is formed and the next year a rigid 4 to 7 foot stalk shoots up. The large flower head is spiny and oval-shaped. Common teasel's flowers are purple while cut-leaved teasel

has white flowers.

There are several control methods. Small infestations can be dug using a dandelion digger, since the plants form a taproot similar to that of a dandelion, although it can be much longer, up to 2 feet, and larger in diameter, up to an inch. The taproot can be cut through below the ground with a sharp shovel, but the area must be checked later for resprouts. Otherwise, just cut the stalks before they flower. They are unlikely to reflower and will die at the end of the growing season. If the flowers have already opened, they should be cut and removed from the area, since seeds can mature on

the stems after cutting. Cutting too early, before full bud stage, doesn't do any good because the plants will send up new flowering stalks. Seeds are apparently viable for only two years, so the flower-cutting method should produce results quite quickly.

If the teasel infestation has not become too dense and there are still dried grasses or sedges present, a controlled burn in late spring can be helpful. After the burn, rosettes can be easily seen and dug up.

Resources:

Invasive Plants of the Upper Midwest by Elizabeth Czarapata

Invasive Plants of the Future, brochure produced by Wisconsin Invasive Plants Reporting and Prevention Project

Teasel postscript: I wrote this article early in July since I was leaving on vacation mid-month. Since writing it, I have discovered three small patches of teasel within a couple miles of my home that were not there last year. On vacation I traveled south on Hwy. 41, through Milwaukee and Chicago, across northern Indiana, and into northwestern Ohio. Beginning just south of Oshkosh on the west side of Hwy. 41, and throughout the entire trip, I saw huge infestations of teasel all along the highways. I had titled my article "The Next Invasive Plant" but teasel definitely has a strong presence here already.

Answer to What Am I?

Answer: I am a tree - **Tilia americana L.**; common name: American Basswood, American Linden, Basswood. Bee-tree Linden

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

Editor's Corner

Thanks to all of you who contribute to this newsletter. Please feel free to write an article, or ask a question. Note the new "Question and Answer" section on the last page.

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

PROJECT QUESTIONS

Any questions regarding projects please contact Lynne Goudreau. Phone: 722-8233 or email: lynneg@core.com

☞ GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Hours spent at the General Membership meetings count! Come and see how you can be involved.

☞ PARK VIEW CUTTING GARDEN

Contact Rob Robinson.

☞ PARK VIEW VEGETABLE GARDEN

The Vegetable Garden contact Susan Steinhilber 235-1031 or email steinsb@northnet.net

☞ COMMUNITY GARDENS

Help is needed for this year's community gardens project. Contact Linda Toby

☞ RESOURCE PERSON AT THE EXTENSION OFFICE

Contact Curt Reese at 426-4992.

☞ BE A GUEST SPEAKER

Contact Linda Toby.

☞ HELP WITH BASIC TRAINING

Jason will be needing monitors for a Basic Gardening Course.

☞ TRIP COORDINATOR

Contact Linda Toby or Lynne Goudreau

☞ INVASIVE SPECIES ELIMINATION

Contact Lawanda Jungwirth.



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(THIS CALENDAR CAN BE A HANDY WAY TO KEEP TRACK OF YOUR HOURS)

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THR	FRI	SAT
		1 6:00 BOARD MTG	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 6:15 BUSINESS MTG @ COMMUNITY GARDENS UW- FOX VALLEY (CO FAIR BEGINS)	9 COUNTY FAIR FULL MOON ☉	10 COUNTY FAIR	11 COUNTY FAIR	12 COUNTY FAIR
13 COUNTY FAIR	14	15	16 6:00 POT LUCK @ PARK VIEW	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 NW MOON ●	24	25 BROWN BAG @ UWEX - NOON	26
27	28	29	30	31 TIME SHEETS DUE TOMORROW!		

REMEMBER TO TURN IN YOUR TIME SHEETS TO SHELLEY!

**EITHER MAIL THEM TO HER AT 1420 S RIVERVIEW, APPLETON, WI 54915 OR
SEND THEM E-MAIL TO AAHOLMS@NEW.RR.COM (e-mail preferred)**

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Why are my green peppers not getting any peppers? They blossom, and the plants look pretty good, but it looks like the blossoms fall off and no peppers do I see. What's wrong?

According to the UWEX Publication "Growing Tomatoes, Peppers and Eggplants" Peppers grow best at daytime temperatures between 70 and 80 degrees F, and night time temps between 65 and 70. Fruit set only occurs when daytime temperatures are between 75-86 degrees F. Night temps below 72 result in poor fruit set and temps above 90 or less than 55 result in heavy blossom drop. With all the hot weather we have had this summer, it looks like the weather is to blame. If the plants look healthy, there is still about 65 days left of the growing season, and they may still be able to set fruit