



Winnebago County Master Gardeners

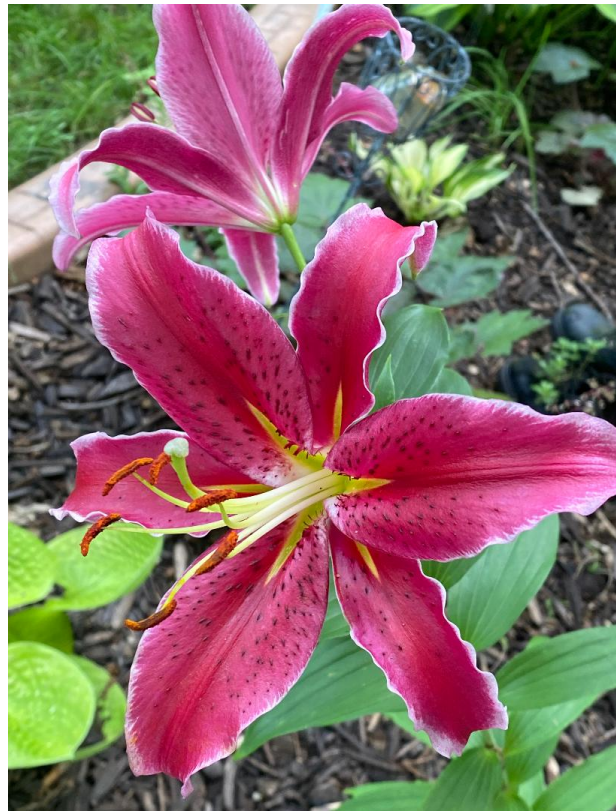
Newsletter

August 2023

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.

*Hello August.
Please be good.*



Stargazer Lilies
Submitted by Kim Willman

What am I?

By Jane Kuhn

I am a perennial native herb which has been hybridized for garden use for my showy red, pink or lilac flowers. My flowers are in large heads or whorls of about 20-50 flowers at the top of the branching stem. I bloom from mid- to late summer. My stem is square, grooved, hard and about 3 feet high. My leaves occur in opposite pairs, are rough on both surfaces, and are distinctly toothed and lance-shaped. When crushed they exude a spicy, highly fragrant oil. Fine dense hairs cover much of the stem and leaves. My roots are short, slender, creeping rhizomes.

I prefer full sun and moist yet well-drained soil. Powdery mildew and rust may disrupt established plants on occasion, but plants are in general highly resistant to most wilts and viruses. I am used in areas for naturalization and in beds and borders to encourage and increase the appearance of hummingbirds and pollinating insects.

Propagation occurs by seed directly or started in coldframes or greenhouses, by hardwood or softwood cuttings, root cuttings, layering and division. To keep me from becoming invasive, I should be divided every three years in either spring or fall by digging up the root clump, discarding the inner, older portion and replanting the new divisions.

WCMGA Contacts

Check your membership guide for contact information.

Advisory Team: Linda Loker, Kathy Schultz, Ruth Retzlaff

Secretary: Jean Reed, Anne Murphy

Treasurer: Deb Voyles

Communications Team

Website: Jean Reed

Newsletter: Anne Murphy, Kim Willman, Jane Kuhn, Lawanda Jungwirth

Partner Liaison: Deb Butch

WIMGA Rep: Kathy Procknow

Education Team: Valerie Stabenow, Linda Werner

Meeting Teams

DECEMBER: Susan Forbes, Sandra Dennis, Mary Wiedenmeier

MARCH: Anne Murphy, Kim Willman, Kathy Daniels

JUNE Picnic: Donna Kudlas, Jane Kuhn, Sue Egner, Vicki Daniels, Ruth Retzlaff, Renee Donner, Bob Potter

SEPTEMBER: Mary Bossert, Jenny Breinin, Lil Hansche

Advisor: Madisen Potratz



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 me 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

"August is the slow, gentle month that stretches out the longest across the span of a year. It yawns and lingers on with the light in its palms."

-Victoria Erickson

At last! This letter is being created on a lovely, rainy day in July - our first in many, many days. So glorious - and hopeful for more of the same.

We know that as gardeners many of us have been struggling with the weather, wondering whether our vegetables and flowers will survive. but in light of this, our projects have been prevailing. Thank you to all for the great effort that each of you is contributing, keeping our community proud and looking stellar! Your dedication makes us a strong and vibrant organization.

We have now completed our second of four appearances at the Oshkosh Farmers Market. On Saturday, July 15, we were again very well received, and we sold several bags of worm castings! Madisen, our advisor, reports that our volunteers counted 76 people who stopped by to ask gardening questions and talk about the Master Gardener program. Many people are interested in the Foundations in Gardening course (online) as well as the Backyard Gardener course (local) starting this September. Madisen says that the Farmers Market has been great to be a part of this year. Thank you, Madisen, for helping us get this going again. (And word has it that everyone is enjoying the shade under the canopy!) We have 2 more opportunities to join members at the booth - July 29 and August 19 - so if you are interested, let Madisen know, or just come for a visit!

Our newsletter and our frequent emails continue to help us grow in our horticulture knowledge, so be sure to take in any of the many educational opportunities offered to us.

Wednesday, September 6, at 6:00 PM is our next business meeting. This is one of our 2 business meetings per year held at the Coughlin Center. We are excited to have an in-person speaker. Mark Renz and/or his coordinator Matt will be giving a talk entitled, "Weed Wrap Up 2023 and Forecast for 2024".

This meeting will also be our 2024 officer election for the Advisory Team terms that are ending. We are asking for volunteers for Director (s), Secretary (s), and Treasurer. Members have recently received an email from the directors, asking for volunteers for the spots available. Please reach out to any of the names listed under Advisory Team in the newsletter with questions or concerns and let any one of us know of your interest. We thank you!

Life is a Garden...Dig It!

Kathy, Ruth and Linda

Reorganization Plan Proposal for October 1, 2022- December 31, 2023

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><i>All committees uphold and support the WCMGA mission: "Our purpose is to provide horticulture education, community service and environmental stewardship within our community."</i></p> | |
| <p>Number of member meetings per year: 4</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • September & March: Business Meeting • December: Holiday Social & June: Spring Social |
| <p>Member meeting format:</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • December 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"> • Minimum of 4 members including treasurer and secretary plus at least 2 directors from membership (Initial Advisory Team to include some previous leader(s) for continuity) • 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 | <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 6. Set membership business meeting agenda 7. Coordinate with other teams 8. At-large members coordinate membership emails from committees 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 4. Email communications to members/teams 5. Extension liaison 6. WIMGA representative 7. Contact/coordinator for partner organizations |
| <p>Strategic Planning Team</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Form in spring of 2023? • 3-4 members • Meets as needed | <p>Responsibilities</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review implementation of reorganization plan 2. Make recommendations for changes 3. Member recruitment plan 4. Develop 2-year plan of goals and objectives 5. Develops budget for the plan |
| <p>Meeting Team</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 general meeting per year of everyone interested (minimum 12) • 4 (minimum) persons assigned to each of the 4 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. Build on format ideas from the roundtable group 2. Work with the Education Team on CE ideas 3. Work with Advisory Team on any business needed 4. Set time, place, cost 5. Reserve venue/arrange set-up and take-down 6. Plan and carryout social component 7. Alert treasurer of any expenses and incoming payments 8. All expenses pay as you go |

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| Education Team <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3-4 members • Meet as needed | Responsibilities <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CE for membership meetings or stand-alone CE for members 2. Monitor CE opportunities for posting on Facebook and in newsletter 3. Coordinate with Meeting and Advisory Teams 4. Develop ideas for community education 5. All expenses pay as you go |
| Officers | |
| Secretary <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 | Treasurer <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Maintains financial records in Excel 2. Pays expenses via check 3. Reports to the Advisory Team and membership at business meetings 4. Manages cash flow with approval of the Advisory Team (can be done via email) 5. Prepares simple budget of known expenses |
| Goals of Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emphasize social functions • Spread the work • Simplify • Fewer meetings • Encourage/individual initiative • Make MG fun again | <i>Notes: Roundtable Meeting/CE/Social Suggestions Presentation from WIMGA on its purpose/plans/offerings</i> <i>Apply for WIMGA grants for programs as needed</i> <i>Hands-on learning (park or garden tours, weed ID walk, partner organizations present or offer tours of facilities gardens, members offer programs/presentations)</i> |



WE NEED YOU!

Think about volunteering for one of the Advisory positions that will be open next Fall. You can get an idea from the current group and learn the ropes. It's really quite painless and we can continue to move forward with our Association! THANK YOU!

Continuing Education Opportunities

Fox Valley Area Wild Ones Native Plant Certificate Series

Native Plant Ecology and ID Part 1, Monday, August 14, 6:30-8:30 p.m. online with Dr. Paul Whitaker. Presented by Fee.

Native Plant Ecology and ID Part 2, Saturday, August 19, noon to 4 p.m. in person with Dr. Paul Whitaker at UW-Stevens Point. Fee.

Register for both sessions at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/native-plant-ecology-and-identification-tickets-526965697587>

UW-Extension

Deciduous Tree and Shrub Diseases, Wednesday, August 23, 6:30 p.m. with Brian Hudelson. Free. Register at: <https://pddc.wisc.edu/2023-pddc-plant-disease-talks/>

SEWISC

2023 Fall Invasive Plant Management Workshop at the Kenosha County Center, Bristol, WI. Saturday, September 9, 2023, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Cost \$60. Registration opens August 6th at: <https://sewisc.org/invasives/plant-management-workshop> Limited to 20 participants.

Farmers Market Volunteers, July 15
Madisen Potratz, Mary Wiedenmeier, Sandy Dennis





Pics from Linda's yard and Sawyer Creek
Submitted by Linda Loker



Endless Summer Hydrangea

Submitted by Kim Willman

Answer to What am I?

By Jane Kuhn

I am monarda. Order: Lamiales. Family: Lamiaceae (mint family). Genus: Monarda, L. Common names: bee balm, horsemint, Oswego tea, bergamot. I have a long history of use as a medicinal plant by many Native Americans. Due to the strong antiseptic action of my plants, I was used for skin infections and minor wounds as well as mouth and throat infections. An infusion of crushed leaves has been used to treat headaches and fevers. I am the natural source of the antiseptic Thymol, the primary active ingredient in modern commercial mouthwash formulas.



References: USDA Plants Database and associated links

Master Gardener Volunteer Opportunities

| Organization | WCMGA Liaison(s) |
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| 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: Julie Stobbe, 920.685.7016 Volunteer application: https://omrolibrary.org/sites/default/files/inline-files/Volunteer%20Application.pdf Liability protection: Waiver of liability in application process | Sandy Dennis |
| 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 | Jane Kuhn |
| 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 | Jerry Robak |

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| <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> |

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| Winnebago County Historical & Archeological 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 | Kathy Schultz |
| 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 | Jill Dombrowski Ed Dombrowski |
| Winnebago County Master Gardener Association 625 E. County Rd Y, Suite 600, Oshkosh, WI 54901 Volunteer Information: Liability protection: Organization's insurance coverage | Deb Butch |
| 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 | Health Center Gardens: Donna Kudlas Jane Kuhn Park View Prairie Garden: Carol Swannell Jerry Schaefer |
| 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 | For more information: Contact Deb Butch |

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



Upcoming Dates:

- **September Meeting: Sept. 6, 2023, Coughlin Ctr.**

| AUGUST 2023 | | | | | | |
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