

WINNEBAGO COUNTY MASTER GARDENER NEWSLETTER

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

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FEBRUARY 2006

OPEN SANCTIONED 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 Reudinger	231-5745
John Procknow	429-4797
Park View Cutting Garden	
Rob Robinson	231-1162
Park View Vegetable Garden	
Rick Hansen	233-3922
Al & Judy Harms	688-5523
Park View Flower Arranging	
Marlene Miller	231-4339
Plant Sale	
Vickie Ludeke	582-4348
Mary Fischer	685-6022

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

COMMITTEES

Education	
Roy Anne Moulton	886-1283
Education – Meetings	
Audrey Ruedinger	231-5745
Historian	
John Procknow	429-4797
Membership	
Chris Bellin	233-4968
Newsletter	
Linda Baeten	232-1224
Contributing Reporter	
Lawanda Jungwirth	836-2878
Socials	
Lynne Goudreau	722-8233
State Rep	
Bob Kosanke	231-1873
Sunshine	
Judy Harms	688-5523
Marlene Konsek	725-8856
Time Keeper	
Shelley Aaholm	731-8570
Trip Coordinator	
Meg Hunsader	757-1410

OFFICERS

President	
Linda Tobey	734-2264
Vice President	
Lynne Goudreau	722-8233
Secretary	
Dorothy Gayhard-Kunz	233-8468
Treasurer	
Marge Bolding	233-8668

MEETING NOTICE

Tuesday, FEBRUARY 14, 2006

Socialize at 6:00

Meeting begins at 6:15

Guest speaker to follow

HAVE FUN, BE ACTIVE!

Dear Fellow Gardeners,

I begin my letter with a Welcome to all of our new members. I know right now it seems a little overwhelming. Many of you are asking yourselves "What did I get myself into now?" Well I can answer that for you. You have entered into a world of horticultural information, fulfilling projects, beauty, and lasting friendships. I can honestly with true faith say to you, "Welcome to my world." It is one of the nicest places I have ever come to in my life, and my days are more enriched because of it. Don't get me wrong. There are those days when I am more tired because of it, but it is a good tired. It is the tired you get after you have given your all for a good cause, and you sit back in your chair and breathe a sigh of contentment. It is like sitting back in your favorite patio chair with a cold drink surveying the freshly planted garden or overlooking the roses that have just come into bloom. It is a good, good feeling. Welcome!

We are going to have some really good projects this year. We will be putting in our perennial beds at the Community Gardens. This will allow you to use all of your gardening skills from design to educating others with signage. You will be given the gift we gardeners treasure, that of creating beauty where none existed before.

Lawanda, Audrey and Mike are beginning a new project for us dealing with invasive species. They will begin by leading us in education about purple loosestrife, garlic mustard and buckthorn. They will teach us what to look for, how to try to prevent them, and how to eradicate them once they have moved in. After we learn from them, we can go forth and teach others. This project is one that incorporates all of the goals of Master Gardeners.

We will also have our old stand bys: Park View, and the Paine. We will again have our cutting Garden with Rob Robinson at the helm. Rick Hansen will be joined with Al and Judy Harms this year to invite all of you to work in the vegetable garden. Marlene Miller and the girls will welcome newcomers to flower arranging in the various wards at Park View. For those unfamiliar with the facility, it is one of the places where many of us have found a true sense of fulfillment from our efforts.

As much as you will find that we Master Gardeners don't shrink away from a job that needs to be done, we don't walk away from a good time either. We do enjoy our fun. We will have picnics this summer. We usually have one in the beginning of the summer at Park View to show off our flower beds and gardens, have good food and enjoy each others company. We will probably end the summer and celebrate jobs well done with our annual Sparnfarkel, otherwise known as a pig roast, where we, of course, have more good food, games and conversation. Continuing with what appears to be a theme; in early December, we will have our annual Holiday and Awards dinner. Guess what we do there? Yup! We drink, visit, give out awards and have really great food served to us in style. I guess, if nothing else, I'm letting you know that we Master Gardeners know how to work hard, play hard and eat well. Hey, aren't those some of the better things in life.

I invite you all, old and new alike, to jump in with gusto, Grab onto this organization with both hands, and shake all of the good out of it. Make the Winnebago County Master Gardeners yours. Come to our meetings on the second Tuesday of the month and add your voice to ours to make the group what you want it to be. I can guarantee you that the more you give to this group, the more you will reap from your efforts. Welcome to my world. Come make it yours.

See you in the Garden,
Linda Tobey



1. **MAKERS & SHAKERS:**

These are the members that were in attendance for our December meeting. We had no meeting in January.

Ken Schwanke	Stanley Meyer	Dorothy Kuntz	Janet Priebe
Ralph Giessen	Sue Bohn	Vicki Schultz	Marge Bolding
Sandy Giessen	Kathy Daniels	Linda Baeten	John Procknow
Al Harms	Debbie Quandt	Curt Reese	Dian Iott
Judy Harms	Audrey Ruedinger	Ken Hawk	Ben DeDecker
Marty Sacksteder	Barbara Elmer	Ben DeDecker	Amy Asenbrener
Gail Roush	Marlene Miller	Tom Fojtik	Linda Loker

Our February meeting is on the 14. We will have a heart warming meeting that night. New time to begin is 6:15. We'd love to have you join us.

2. **Hours Award Explanation:** It seems that not everyone knows how the hours awards are determined. The awards hours are accumulated hours over all of the years of membership. Some members pick up hours very quickly because they are very involved in our activities, attend meetings, and serve on various committees. Other members do what they can each year and put in at least their minimum requirement. The awards for hours that we give out yearly at our Holiday Awards Dinner from both Winnebago and Wisconsin MG's are accumulated hours.
3. We will elect our final at large board member at our meeting on Feb. 14. If you would like to have your name put in for nomination for the position please contact Dorothy Gayhart-Kunz or Linda Tobey. At this time we have one member who has been nominated – Chris Bellin.
4. Whenever you are writing out a check for anything to do with Master Gardeners please always make the check out to Winnebago County Master Gardeners or WCMG unless another name is requested.
5. This years Projects:
Core Projects are
 Parkview – cutting garden, vegetable garden & flower arranging
 Invasive's – Education & Eradication (new project)
 Community Gardens
 Farmers Market
 Paine
Open / Closed Projects
(These are projects that are not worked on all year. They are only in need of people to work on them at specific times. It will be announced in the newsletter and at meetings when we are approaching a time when we will need help with one of them. At that time a sign up sheet will be passed around so you can sign up to work)
 Tri County Conference
 Lincoln School
 Home & Garden Show
 Others as they arise
6. **AUDIT:** We have never audited our books, and believe there is no better time than now to do it. We are starting a new year with a new Treasurer and we have the time to get it done. Curt Reese, Stan Meyer and Marge Bolding will conduct an inside audit of the condition of our accounts.

7. **Welcome** to all of our new members. We all hope that you enjoy class as much as we did, and do. If you have any questions about the program or anything involved with Master Gardeners please feel free to ask any of the mentors you met on your first night. Please don't hesitate to call Linda Tobey (920)734-2264 or email to linda@americanpresstech.com
8. **April meeting** will be a fun night. We will have our **catalog and magazine swap** night. So save your catalogs especially the ones you think are special and we will share them at our April meeting during what would normally be our speaker time.
9. **Hurray for the Education Committee!!** They have out done themselves again. Roy Anne together with her membership committee is giving us another great year of classes. For those of you that missed Mike Maddox last night I am sorry you did, but he will speaking again later in the series. He is chucked full of information mixed with humor.
10. **COMMUNITY GARDEN UPDATE:** We have had a bad thing happen at the Community Gardens with the loss of our tools shed as well as its' contents. It is still under investigation. The Community Garden Partnership is looking to replace our tools and wheelbarrows. The shed is being rebuilt by habitat for humanities even as this is being written.

Although this bad thing has happened it is bringing good. We now have even more people coming together to help undo what some mindless individuals have done. We are also benefiting from a grant Susan has received for the Gardens. We will receive several thousand dollars to assist in creating our perennial beds at UW Fox. We do have a couple of groups ready to take on the challenge of designing and installing one of 5 large perennial beds at the site. This is a perfect project for our MG's. I do strongly suggest that if you live in the Menasha area you give great thought to becoming involved in the project. This would be perfect too for our newer members to become involved with. They will be into something enriching in more ways than one. They will work closely with older seasoned MG's. This one is a win – win project.

MENTORS – For all of our newer members we want you to know that you will not be left ill-informed as to the running of our MG program. We have several Board members in class Audrey Ruedinger, Dorothy Gayhart-Kunz, Curt Reese, and Ken Hawk. These members will be there to serve as mentors to all of the class. If you are in doubt as to how things run or what you are expected to do or a myriad of other questions they are there for you to rely on. You will be getting a membership booklet as soon as they are put together giving you the contact information for all of the members. If you'd prefer to contact the President my number is (920) 734-2264. Email is linda@americanpresstech.com.



Board Meeting minutes for January 3, 2006

President Linda Tobey opened the meeting at 6:00 PM at the Coughlin Center.

Members attending the board meeting were; Linda Tobey, Dorothy Gayhart-Kunz, Stan Meyer, Marlene Miller, Audrey Ruedinger, Marge Bolding, Curt Reese, Ken Hawk, Chris Bellin, Sue Bohn .

Old Business

Jim King Update

Audrey Ruedinger shared her visit to Jim King's home with us. We are all sending Jim our warmest prayers. We miss him and are hoping for the best for him. He has invited several members to visit and he would like to share some of his books and tomato information he has collected with our group. He also likes using an Amish Hoe which makes weeding easier.

New Business

Treasurer's Report

We have a balance of \$543.48 in our treasury as reported by our treasurer, Marge Bolding. Membership fees will boost this soon. It was suggested that two board members and Marge sort through several boxes of papers and discard anything we don't need to keep. Curt Reese and Stan Meyer agreed to help her do this. Curt also suggested setting up a budget for the year. Stan suggested that we should follow the guidelines for non-profit groups and Linda will ask Jason, our advisor, for those guidelines. Marge suggested having a yearly audit. The three will schedule a meeting in February. Linda said the state wants us to keep a record of the hours earned by all MG members since the group was formed.

Membership

Chris Bellin, membership chair, said at this time we have 51 paid members. We had 120 paid members last year so Linda will send out an e-mail reminder to everyone in the group to be sure and pay their dues. Most of the MG forms issued by the state were turned in to Chris. Members who were taking the Training Class were asked to pay their dues to Chris and then deduct \$30 from the Training fee. Roy Anne Moulton has 45 signed up so far for the Training Course and will open it up to the public. Class limit is 60. 10 seats will be available each week for MG members who wish to take one of the classes. You need to sign up with Roy Anne and pay \$5 in advance if you wish to attend one of the sessions. After discussion it was decided that if you are already certified and have taken the courses that taking the tests is optional if you choose to take the courses over again. A cut off date of January 20 was set for MG membership fees to be in. They will be sent in January 21. State fees of \$5.00 need to be submitted to the state in January. (The \$5.00 State fees are included in your \$30 membership fee and entitle you to a monthly newsletter.)

Community Garden Fire

Linda passed out a report concerning the tool shed fire at the UW Fox Community Garden (on Midway Road) by the Menasha Fire Department investigator, Ryan Krings. The theory is that the tool shed was a target for vandalism and that it was set on fire to cover the act of the vandalism. Linda also passed out a list of the tool shed contents. How to replace the items is being looked into. The tool shed will be rebuilt. Everything was totally destroyed by the fire.

The Menasha Community Gardens has 25-30 gardens for the community to use. Susan Richards has received a \$5,000 grant for five new perennial gardens for this year. The gardens are 12'- to 15' wide and 20' long. The new perennial gardens could be show gardens, roses, or could all be one type of plant in the garden. There is dappled shade in the area.

MG Training Class

Class begins January 18th 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM. MG members are invited to WEAR their BADGES and come to welcome and greet the new members. This was successfully done last year. Linda Tobey, president, will address the class. Having specific mentors was discussed. Several MG members are taking the training class and will be available for student's questions at all the meetings and this will take the place of having individual mentors. Students will be urged to take their questions to the members present at the training sessions.

Classification of Members

Taking the Training Class- (is classified as a Student)
Graduate from Class- (is classified as an Intern)
Hours and class completed- (is classified as a Certified Master Gardener and their award is presented at the holiday awards banquet in December). A name badge is given at this time, and hours awards are given at this time.

Education Hours Required This Year

If members have any questions concerning counting their Education hours see a member of the board, check with Linda Tobey or ask at a board meeting or regular meeting for clarification. These are EASY to get. A list will be made up.

Education and Eradication of Invasive Species Committee Set Up

Audrey, explained the interest of three MG members in setting up an invasive species committee to work with various projects. Mike Meeker, Audrey Ruedinger and Lawanda Youngworth will be forming a committee to educate the public on invasive plants. Projects to get rid of plants will be offered. More information will be offered as the year progresses.

Projects for the Year

New members will earn all their hours on core projects. Certified members may earn 1/2 of their hours on core projects. Five education hours will be expected by all members. Certified members will work in the office and interns can work with them. We will keep the 'Open Sanctioned Projects' and 'Closed Sanctioned Projects' format. Closed projects would be ones like the 'Home and Garden Show' which open up for a short time in March.

Core projects for the next year will be:

- 1) Office
- 2), 3) & 4) Parkview gardens (cutting, vegetable and flower arranging)
- 5) Invasive and Eradication of Invasive Species
- 6) Community Gardens: Menasha
- 7) Farmer's Market
- 8). Paine

Curt Reese will be in charge of the office. He has been working in there a lot this year and knows what is going on in there.

Motion/Letter

Curt will draft a letter to the state MG organization (Susan Mahr) with our concerns on the form we were asked to sign this year. He will send the letter to Linda for approval.

A MOTION was made and passed to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by
Dorothy Gayhart-Kunz

Program Announcements

February

Our guest speaker for Feb. is Keith Marquardt from Winnebago County Water and Soil Dept. Keith has much to offer in both Shoreline restoration and Water Gardens. Please allow 1 1/1 hrs for his presentation.

March

Look for a short meeting and an apple-grafting workshop in March!

Volunteer Opportunity

To all of you who are interested in our perennial gardens at UW Fox here is some good news. Susan has just received a grant for our project and some others. The grant will deliver \$5000.00 for the creation of the perennial beds. All of you interested in the project let me know and I will forward you a copy of the grant so you know the guidelines which include assistance from the college. This is all good news for us. I know Ben, Arleigh, and Ken Schwanke were among those interested in teaming to make a bed. Please let me know if that is still the case. If you are worried because of the labor involved we are supposed to have assistance in getting, moving soil and forming the beds themselves. The things we need most from our members are knowledge, creativity, and excitement to create a garden. This is looking to be an even better project than I had imagined.

This is our time to show the world just what the Winnebago County Master Gardeners can do. We have a blank canvas, in fact 5 of them, to create living beauty to educate the community. Talk about it and form your groups. Two or three of you working together could do marvelous things. We will be doing a total of 5 beds about 10 to 12 ft wide and 20 to 25 feet long. You create the shape, the plantings and design it from beginning to end. Because of soil and conditions they should be bermed beds. We are bringing in soil to build the beds. You do not have to try to do it with red clay. The sun

there is from sunny to shade depending on the positions of the bed. I would say dabbled shade for the most part.

Anyway think about it and talk about it we will go into more depth at our next meeting.

TRIP COORDINATOR NEEDED

Meg Hunsader has done (and still is doing) an excellent job for us coordinating trips, but now we are in need of someone new. If anyone is interested in taking over trip coordination and leading us into new adventures, please contact Linda Tobey.

UW-Ext Office Project - Feb

Opportunity available

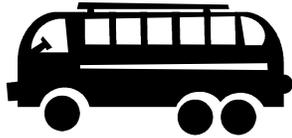
Our office at UW-Extension has now been moved to the west side of the extension office. It is quite comfortable and well equipped. Our reference books have been classified and coded and a catalogue has been generated. Next, we'll be organizing the video tapes and the disks. Hopefully this will be accomplished before calls become numerous in March.

This leads to the request for volunteers to help in the office on a regular basis to answer inquiries from the public. It is hoped that we could serve at a particular time period at least one day of the week (Hopefully we can come up with more than one!). This way staff could count on us being there to respond to questions but also to help us find solutions to difficult questions. The time period would have to be during normal business hours, which certainly limits many of our members from participating.

Please contact Curt Reese at 426-4992 or cbreese@new.rr.com if you are interested. This will be a fun and educational project! We will work with staff as well as each other as this project develops, so don't be hesitant due to inexperience! You will have the opportunity to interact with some of the real experts around the state and learn of some of the worlds best resource materials.

TRIPS!

WPT Garden Expo -
Madison Wisconsin on
Saturday, February 11.



If you are interested in the Expo Bus Trip now is the time to book your seat. The cost is \$28.00 which includes the admission ticket. Send your money and pick up location either at the Coughlin or at the Outagamie Ext. office parking lot.

Send your information to:

Meg Hunsader

3161 Winnegamie Dr.

Appleton 54914.

Or call her at 920-757-1410.

The bus leaves from 3365 West Brewster St. in Appleton at 6:00 am and proceeds to the Coughlin Center at 625 E County Y for a 6:15 am departure from Oshkosh. We should arrive at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison about 8:00 am and plan on departing about 3:00 pm.

Plan your day in advance by checking out the website www.wpt.org/gardenexpo. The Expo counts for continuing educational hours.

AT THE PAINE *Think Green - Garden Expo 2006*

Drop by the Paine's booth at the Garden Expo to visit with garden volunteers and learn more about the Paine's upcoming events. For more information, please call (920) 235-6903.

Chicago Flower and Garden Show

We will also have a bus going to the Chicago Flower and Garden Show in March.

More on this later!

FAMILY FUN AT THE PAINE

February 4

CHILDREN ON THE BEACH with Heather Kreif
Just like the painting by Jozef Israels in our Main Gallery with the same title, you can have fun with sand today. What? It's February in Wisconsin! Who wants to be on the beach? Well, in our Family Discovery Gallery, Heather Kreif will help you forget about cold temperatures as you sculpt

special sand into a summer dreams castle. This is one sand sculpture that won't wash away with a wave—because you'll be taking it home to enjoy!

February 11

PAPER WEAVING with Lyndsi Braunschweig
Over and under, in and out! Or is it under and over, out and in? Confused about warp and weft? Lyndsi Braunschweig will explain these weaving terms to you today and before long, you'll get the hang of it. Using a variety of colorful paper strips you'll soon create a pattern and finish a weaving that you'll be proud to display at home.

February 18

PAPER BAG ARCHITECTURE with Jason Schuette

It is fun to walk down a street in Oshkosh and look at houses, stores, churches and other buildings. Did you ever want to design a building by yourself? Would the outside have bricks or wood? One window or lots of small windows? Is there a porch or steps in front for you to sit? With Jason Schuette and some simple materials, you are the architect and the construction crew of a unique structure. Hardhats not required!

February 25

MONO PRINTS with Lynn Jaworski

The cold temperatures of winter seem to last a long time. Warm up a little with Lynn Jaworski when she shows you how to use red, yellow and orange in a printing project that helps us to think cheery thoughts of days to come. You'll be making a special print filled with texture and warm colors that remind us that spring will soon be in sight!

Hours: Tuesday-Sunday; 11:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.;

Closed Mondays and major holidays

Admission: General Admission: \$6.00; Seniors (ages

65 and above): \$5.00; Students: \$4.00;

Children (ages 5—12): \$3.00; Family \$15.00;

Children under 5: FREE; Members: FREE

Editor's Corner

I admit that the winter has been dull, but I feel an undercurrent of excitement stirring! Opportunities to volunteer and participate are popping up as we prepare for the rush of Spring. To name a few, there is the WPT Garden Expo, the Chicago Flower and Garden Show, and the State MG Convention, "Garden Expectations, not to mention our own outstanding MG training classes. Way to go MG's!

As always, let me know if you would like to put an article in the newsletter,
Linda Baeten.

What Am I?

I am a native Wisconsin plant, a perennial forb of the Family Iridaceae; Genus Iris. My habitat range is very unique and limited in Wisconsin to boreal forests and sand dunes. Since I am only found around the Great Lakes, the area of Wisconsin where I can be most readily found is Door County. I am a very small and petite plant growing to a height of 2" – 3". My leaves, green in fan-shaped clusters, are 6" long and 2" wide and pointed. I typically flower from May into June with a single deep blue bloom, with inner yellow/white accents, per stem. My bloom is multi-petaled - about 2" in length and 1-1/2" in width. Despite my size, when in bloom, I am quite showy and beautiful. I am on the United States List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants as well as the State of Wisconsin Threatened List. I am also the State Flower of Michigan. What Am I?



New Project: Education and Eradication of Invasive Species

By Lawanda Jungwirth

There is no explaining why some people become passionate about invasive species while others do not. My mother has made it her mission in life to battle the buckthorn on her property and the property of her neighbors and the nearby Butte des Morts Conservation Club land. I really do care about this; after all I will inherit my parents' property some day. But the invasive species that I am passionate about is not buckthorn, but garlic mustard, specifically the garlic mustard that grows along the Wiouwash Trail. Last spring, I found that fellow Master Gardener Marty Sacksteder is just as fanatical about garlic mustard. Audrey Ruedinger is fervent about removing buckthorn and reed canary grass from her land west of Omro and Mike Meeker's preferred target is purple loosestrife.

Our board has approved a new project entitled "Education and Eradication of Invasive Species." Mike Meeker, Audrey Ruedinger and I are the contact people for this project, each with our own area of interest. This is not to say that we are not open to learning about and helping to control any new invasive species that become problems in our area. Notice that I used the word "control" rather than eradicate. In reality we will never eradicate invasive species. The most we can hope for is to keep them under some kind of control so they do not entirely choke out the native plants that should be growing in a particular area.

This project will work a bit differently from some of the other Master Gardener projects. There will be no formal work dates scheduled where you have to be at a certain time at a certain place in order to get volunteer hour credit. Anytime you work to pull up, chop down or otherwise control an invasive plant, you can count the time as volunteer hours. However, Mike, Audrey and I will be happy to go with you to get you started, give you information as to the best methods or point you to places that need work. We will also keep you informed, via this newsletter or e-mail, as to formal work days and educational opportunities that we hear about sponsored by other area groups.

Why should you care about invasive plants? Just take a look at some of the pictures on the Invasive Plants Association of Wisconsin website: www.ipaw.org for the answer. It's enough to make you sick! By the way, if you do not know what some of these plants look like, there are good individual photos at the same website. If you really want to be shocked, click on "plant list (pdf)" along the left side of the page and scroll down a bit. This is a complete list of all the plants that are or have the potential to become invasive in Wisconsin.

Answer to what I:

I am a forb/herb - ***Iris lacustris* Nutt.;**
 common name: Dwarf Lake Iris

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

Exploring England With Joye & Dave Moon

June 18-July 2, 2006

London Extension returns on July 5

This Exploration of England will be a combination of painting and touring from Bath, to the historic Cotswold area and onto the beautiful Lake District. We will be visiting some of the most celebrated English castles & gardens, Roman baths, Cathedrals as well as artists homes such as William Morris and John Ruskin. Visits to authors homes include Wordsworth's Dove Cottage and Rydal Mount, Anne Hathaway's cottage, and Beatrix Potter's Farm. We will also visit the largest collection in England of Pre- Raphaelite artwork in Birmingham. We will also visit the famed Wedgewood Pottery factory and enjoy a boat trip on Lake Coniston. We will even tour the St. Cuthberts Paper Mill where watercolor paper is produced!

The itinerary is set but we have left openings for the unexpected town market, Pub Lunch and Afternoon Tea. I hope you will consider this once -in -a -lifetime experience! Please sign up as soon as possible since a waiting list always occurs.

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 A SPIRIT OF ADVENTURE IS THE ONLY REQUIREMENT!!**

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 Or visit www.joyemoon.com for more information

**MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM SCHEDULE
 "Trees & Shrubs"**

Master Gardener Training will be held at the JP Coughlin Center, 625 East County Road Y, Oshkosh. All sessions are on Wednesday evenings from 6:00-9:00 PM.

WEEK	DATE	TOPIC	PRESENTER
3	February 1	Deciduous Trees	Bill Sturm, Oshkosh City Forester, & Jason Philibeck, Horticulturist, Schmalz Landscaping
4	February 8	Ornamental Shrubs	Tom Jensen, L. A., Vande Hey's Landscape Center
5	February 15	Designing & Planning with Trees & Shrubs	James Beard, L.A. Hort Instructor, FVTC
6	February 22	Fruit Trees	Teryl Roper, UW Madison, Fruit Tree Specialist

GARDEN EXPECTATIONS CONFERENCE AT A GLANCE:

Friday March 24, 2006

- 4:00 p.m. WIMGA Board of Directors Meeting & Dinner-Paper Valley (WI Master Gardeners Members Only Event- Evergreen Rm.)
- 4:30 p.m. Exhibit Set Up
- 5:00 p.m. Registration Begins
- 7:00-8:00 p.m. Keynote Speaker—Ed Lyon
Garden Expectations & Garden Inspirations
Snacks & Cash Bar

Saturday March 25, 2006

- 7:30 a.m. Registration
- 8:30 a.m. Welcome & Introduction
- 8:45 a.m. Keynote Speaker Ed Lyon
The New Garden: Foliage, Texture and Form
- 9:45 a.m. Break
- 10:00 -11:00 a.m. **First Breakout Session**
 - _____ Wildlife: Managing Invited & Uninvited Guests
 - _____ Perennial Plant Evaluations
 - _____ Captivating Conifers for the Landscape
 - _____ It Begins from the Ground Up
 - _____ Genetic Engineering: What's New/Happening in the GMO-World Who to Believe; What can be Done?
- 11:15 -12:15 p.m. **Second Breakout Session**
 - _____ Heirloom Plants
 - _____ Best Rhododendrons & Azaleas for Wisconsin
 - _____ The Silent Invasion: Invasive Plants
 - _____ The Problem with Lily
 - _____ Environmentally Sound Turfgrass Management for Homeowners
- 12:15-1:15 p.m. Lunch (buffet style w/ vegetarian options)
- 12:30 p.m. Annual Meeting/ Raffle Winners Announced
- 12:30 p.m. Silent Auction Ends
- 1:30- 2:30 p.m. **Third Breakout Session**
 - _____ Peonies
 - _____ Shade Gardening: Creating Interest through the Season
 - _____ New Plants for 2006
 - _____ Garden of Herbal Delights
 - _____ Improving Your Garden Photography
- 2:30 p.m. Silent Auction Winners Posted



Register Early
For Best
Chance to Hear
Your 1st Choice
Speakers.

Registration
Deadline is
February 24,
2006

**Registration is
Limited.**

QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS CONFERENCE?
E-mail Cathy Schwieso at:
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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

PROJECT QUESTIONS

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

☞ STATE MG CONVENTION 2006!

There is much to do in the coming months. March will be here before you know it!

Contact Linda Tobey or Roy Anne Moulton

☞ 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.

☞ HOME SHOW- TRI COUNTY ARENA

The Home Show will be held the same weekend of the State Convention, but if anyone is not planning to attend the convention, there will be an opportunity to man the booth at the Home Show. Contact Linda Tobey

☞ COMMUNITY GARDENS

Help is needed for next year's community gardens project. Contact Linda Tobey

☞ HELP AT THE EXTENSION OFFICE

contact Curt Reese at 426-4992.

☞ BE A GUEST SPEAKER

Contact Linda Tobey.

☞ HELP WITH BASIC TRAINING

Jason will be needing monitors for a Basic Gardening Course.

FEBRUARY 2006

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

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THR	FRI	SAT
			1 6-9 pm MG Training Class "Deciduous Trees"	2 GROUND HOG DAY	3	4
5	6	7 6:00 PM MG BOARD MEETING	8 6-9 pm MG Training Class "Ornamental Shrubs"	9	10	11 WPT GARDEN EXPO TRIP
12	13 FULL MOON ○	14 VALENTINES DAY 6:15 PM MG BUSINESS MEETING	15 6-9 pm MG Training Class "Designing"	16	17	18
19	20 PRESIDENT'S DAY	21	22 6-9 pm Mg Training Class Fruit Trees	23	24	25
26	27 NW MOON ●	28				

Choosing the right plant for your home (Courtesy of Sterling Gardens; www.sterling-gardens.net)

Houseplants for High or Bright Light

Zebra Plant

Norfolk Island Pine

Pony Tail Palm

Jade Plant

False Aralia

Crown of Thorns

Weeping Fig

Purple Passion Plant

English Ivy

Baby Tears

Wax Plant

Pittosporum

Podocarpus

Houseplants for Medium Light

Anthurium

Coralberry

Asparagus Fern

Bird's Nest Fern

Begonia

Spider Plant

Grape Ivy

Ti Plant

Sago Palm

Dumb Cane

Dracaena

Rubber Plant

Fiddle Leaf Fig

Prayer Plant

Peperomia

Staghorn Fern

Pleomele

Umbrella Tree

Schefflera

Pothos

Nephthytis

Piggyback Plant

Inch Plant

Houseplants for Low Light

Chinese Evergreen

Chamaedorea elegans

Neanthe Bella Palm,

Parlor Palm

Boston Fern

Peace Lily

Heart Leaf Philodendron

Mother-In-Law's Tongue,

Snake Plant

White Flag