

Winnebago County Master Gardener January 2013

Volunteer Newsletter

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.

Presidents' Letter

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE! A big thank-you goes out to all those who helped make our annual awards banquet a success including Roy Anne Moulton who did a great job on the power point presentation and Diana Dougherty who put together those great door prizes! A special thank-you goes out to Katie Roen who put together the membership booklet!

Congratulations to Ken Hawk who received the Golden Trowel Award for 2012.

Congratulations also go out to our 13 newly certified members.

We are also looking forward to seeing the Level I training class members at our business meetings and at other events in the new year!

Winter is a great time to pick up continuing education hours. There are many activities coming up to get those hours in.

Roy Anne Moulton will be giving a presentation on the Philadelphia Garden Tours that the Master Gardeners went on in May of last year at our January meeting.

Also coming up is Winter Escapes-Summer Dreams on Saturday, February 2 at Reeve Memorial Union.

We will be having Level 2 Training on Tuesdays from February - June. It is available online or at the UWEX office for viewing. Information was in the December newsletter.

The Madison Garden Expo is February 8-10. We will be having a bus going to this event. As you can see your continuing education hours are easy to accumulate!

Mary and I are looking forward to seeing everyone at our January meeting and meeting our many new members!

Happy New Year to you and your families!

Mary and Linda



Winter Escapes

/Summer Dreams

Saturday, February 2

at Reeve Union

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Advisor's Note

Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit; Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad

REGISTER for upcoming continuing education

ONLINE A Row to Hoe: Fruits, Veggies & Community Gardens

- February through June, 2013
- [40 hours of continuing education]

Community garden programs are one of the major volunteer projects MGVs participate in across the state. Well-structured programs blend support service, community education and youth education aspects. The produce grown in projects is often donated to food pantries or harvested directly by the families that need it most. For many of these gardens, we know these are very personal projects taken on by MGVs.

Traditional advanced training in the past has been heavily focused on the "content" associated with growing fruits and vegetables in the state. This season's training attempts to continue this with but with an emphasis on the selection and culture of many popular fruits and vegetables grown in Wisconsin. We also will introduce new topics that connect MGVs to concepts of local food systems and food insecurity in Wisconsin, safe handling practices for both in the field and out, and addressing both conventional and organic growing methods. Our hope is this series will build upon your knowledge of fruit and vegetable gardening and reinforce your potential role as a MGV addressing food security issues in our individual communities.

- [More information and registration details...](#)

WORKSHOP Plant Propagation

- March 30, 2013
- 8:30am to 3:30pm
- [DC Smith Greenhouse, UW-Madison Campus](#)
- [6 hours of continuing education]

Spend a Saturday with Mike Maddox in the DC Smith Greenhouse on the UW-Madison campus and learn how to propagate a wide assortment of plants.

- [More information and registration details...](#)

FREE continuing education

- **WATCH** [Therapeutic Horticulture and Community Gardens](#) [3 hours continuing education]
- **WATCH** [Iron Co. UWEX Community Garden Program](#) [1 hour continuing education]
- **WATCH** [Oconoto County UWEX Community Garden Program](#) [1 hour continuing education]

SAVE THE DATE

WIMGA Annual Conference

- August 16-17, 2013
 - UW-Rock County, Janesville
- Stay Connected!**

- Find the [Wisconsin Master Gardener Volunteer Program on Facebook](#)

Visit the [Wisconsin Master Gardener Volunteer Program office's blog](#) to get the most up to date information on events and educational happenings from across the state.

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Garden Dreams in February

Make your reservation now for the annual *Winter Escape~Summer Dreams* conference on **Saturday, February 2, 2013** at Reeve Memorial Union on the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh campus. This full day of gardening education includes knowledgeable speakers, a continental breakfast, lunch and vendors.

Keynote speaker Michael Yanny is an expert in the field of plant propagation. He has worked with Johnson's Nursery in Menomonee Falls for over 30 years and managed the Research and Development Department before purchasing the R&D materials to form JN Plant Selections, LLC in 2012. Yanny selected and introduced numerous new varieties of trees and shrubs during his career. He promises lively and humorous presentations on *Native Trees and Shrubs for Use in Wisconsin Landscapes* and *The Stories Behind the Plants from Johnson's Nursery*.

Sharon Morrisey, a Consumer Horticulture Agent and Master Gardener Advisor for the UW-Extension in Milwaukee County, will present *Small Space/Small Budget Vegetable Gardening*. A healthful, bountiful harvest is possible even in small city lots and Morrisey has a special interest in teaching the techniques that make it possible.

Register by January 18 for the early bird price of \$35 per person. After January 18, it will be \$40. Parking is free. For a registration form and more information, go to www.winnebagomastergardener.org or call (920) 231-5745.

This is an easy way to earn continuing education hours!

2012 Annual Accomplishment Report

The UW-Extension office just received the full 2012 Annual Accomplishment Report of the University of Wisconsin Extension Master Gardener Program. The full report is available online at: <http://wimastergardener.org/?q=Accomplishments> or you can stop in the Master Gardener area at the office and take a look. It provides a great amount of detail about county and statewide projects and has one-page summaries of each local association's annual activities.

In the state, there are 2,863 volunteers who were certified or recertified for 2013. There are approximately 745 MGVs trained in 2012 through counties around the state that are now working towards completing their initial volunteerism. All total, 200,440 hours of volunteer service was performed by MGVs around the state. 12,883 hours were in Youth Education, 35,017 hours were in Community Education, and 152,539 hours were in Support Services. The average volunteer gives 65 hours of service annually. In addition, MGVs also participated in 67,094 hours of continuing education hours.

You all can be proud to know that Winnebago County contributed to the 4th highest local association volunteer hours in Wisconsin. Only Milwaukee, Dane, and Outagamie Counties had more. Once again, your youth and community education volunteerism is much more than typical. Thank you again for another year of helping the people of Winnebago County become better educated in horticulture and making our communities more beautiful one project at a time.

As we move into the New Year, take time to look back over the year and be proud of everything you all have accomplished. And here's to another year full of wonderful and exciting horticulture activities for everyone to enjoy.



Flower Arranging

2013 dates are:

January 28
March 25
April 22
May 20
June 17
July 15
July 29 (the county fair bouquets)
August 12
September 23
October 7
November 18
December 2

Newsletter Contributions
To contribute an article or
more to the Newsletter
contact Diana Dougherty at
233-7137 or email to
dldoug5@charter.net

Thank you to the Flower Arrangers !

I'm so grateful for the wonderful Master Gardeners who worked with me at Park View. There were many unique and exquisite bouquets that the smiling residents took back to their rooms. We usually made about 60-80 arrangements during the summer using flowers from our gardens, some purchased from Garden Gate and Pick'n'Save, and twice from a local farmer.

Recently for December--- gift bags, vases, artificial Christmas floral, fresh red, white, and striped carnations (from Garden Gate), dried flowers, painted cattails and ribbons--all adored heavenly creations. Many thanks to our very merry helpers: Dorothy Bonnin, Kathy Daniels, Dorothy Gayhart-Kunz, Lil Hansche, Colleen Klomp, Arlene Kosanke, Donna Kudlas, Helen Parker, Bob Potter (our singing Santa), Janet Priebe, and Ginny Slattery. Dawn Merten, Marti Norton, and Mary Weidenmeier have assisted at other times. Several of these people have made it all 12 times.

Dorothy Bonnin(836-2868) and Lil Hansche ([235-4740](tel:235-4740) lihansche@msn.com) are going to share the lead for this project-*Flower Arranging at Park View*. I felt it'd be good to have a change. Dorothy and Lil will do a fantastic job! I'll continue to help and bring flowers from my garden.

Wishin' everyone a terrific new year!
Pat Behm





Did You Know?

The oldest trees in the world are thought to be Bristlecone Pine trees, which are considered the strongest living organisms on earth and having survived the harshest conditions. The Prometheus Tree, a Great Basin Bristlecone Pine located in Nevada, is approximately 5000 years old - already old when the Egyptians were building the pyramids. Similar in age is another Bristlecone Pine nicknamed Methuselah and located in California's White Mountains.

Share Your Favorite Places!

What are your favorite public gardens? What is your favorite place to shop for the best selection of plants or the best deals? The Education Committee wants to know! We would like to plan more one-day trips to special Wisconsin gardens and growers. We have a few ideas, but are sure you can give us even more. Because we want the trips to be doable in one-day, we are looking for places within three hours of the Fox Valley. If you have some suggestions, please email them to Roy Anne Moulton at royanne@new.rr.com. Thank you!

What Am I ??

I am a deciduous shrub in a genus containing 70-75 species of flowering plants native to the Americas as well as southern and eastern Asia.

I can add winter interest to your garden in addition to stunning white flowers in summer, blooming every year even after intensely cold winters. I am hardy in zones 4 to 9, preferring sun to part shade and moist, well-drained soil.

I should be watered regularly and mulched to keep soil from becoming dry. My height is 3 to 4 feet and my width 3 to 5 feet. My 8 to 12 inch, sterile flowers appear in symmetrical, rounded heads (corymbs), blooming in June for up to two months.

My leaves are opposite, simple, serrate, dark green and 3 to 7 inches long.



Please return unsold books!

If you are holding any unsold copies of *Down the Garden Path with Lawanda*, please bring the books to the next business meeting on Tuesday, January 15. We would like to collect all we have in one place so that we can have them available for sale at our Winter Escape~Summer Dreams event in February. If you cannot attend the meeting, please make arrangements to get them to Mary Shepard (235-9242) or Lawanda Jungwirth (836-2878) before January 15. Thank you!

Answer to..... What Am I?

I am a hydrangea. Order: Rosales. Family: Hydrangeaceae – Hydrangea family. Genus: Hydrangea L – hydrangea. Species: Hydrangea arborescens L – wild hydrangea. Common name: Annabelle hydrangea. Annabelle is the best known variety of Hydrangea arborescens. Until recently this was the only arborescens easy to find but scientists have recently developed new varieties. Hydrangeas are moderately toxic if eaten, with all parts of the plant containing cyanogenic glycosides.



References: USDA Plants Database and associated links.

Christmas trees from the grocery store



This time of year just about every grocery, department and drug store features a beautiful display of live miniature Christmas trees as soon as you walk in the door. They are beautiful, healthy-looking trees and include Norfolk Island pines, various cypresses, holly and rosemary. After they've served their purpose as winter decoration, many people hope to plant them outdoors next spring. Most of these plants will not survive outdoors in Wisconsin, but a few of them might.

Norfolk Island is in the South Pacific between Australia and New Zealand – trees born there cannot handle Wisconsin winters. They do make wonderful houseplants though, if given proper conditions. A bright, cool location with daytime temperatures ranging from 60°-70° with slightly cooler nighttime temps is ideal. A few hours of direct sunlight daily is best although they will survive with bright, indirect light. The plant will grow toward the light, so give it a quarter turn occasionally to keep it growing straight.

When the top inch of the soil feels dry, water the Norfolk pine thoroughly until water runs out the bottom of the pot. Do not allow the plant to sit in the drained water. There's no need to fertilize in winter; during the growing season feed it with an indoor foliage plant food.

The challenge in growing Norfolk Island pines is lack of humidity indoors. They thrive at 50% humidity, but most homes have much lower indoor humidity in winter. A humidifier or daily misting will keep the plant much happier.

It is normal for a few needles on lower branches to turn brown and drop. If it becomes widespread, the problem may be too much or too little water, too hot or too cold temperature or too low humidity.

There are several different cypresses sold in stores for Christmas decorations. Few of them list their Latin names so it is hard to research whether or not they will survive our winters. Reading the tag might or might not help. Some tags say "hardy." Some don't say anything at all about cold hardiness. Both probably mean the plant won't make it here. One cypress widely sold lists survival in USDA hardiness zones 5-8. That one might survive outdoors here. The tags also say that the needles may turn brown under the winter sun, and yes, they will. The tree will look dead, but the next year will green up just fine.

For the most part, the cypresses for sale in our local stores come from Florida or the Pacific Northwest. Even if labeled hardy for Wisconsin winters, they have never actually experienced one and cannot be counted on to survive.

The rosemary in the holiday displays can grow outdoors in summer but must be brought inside for winter. As for the hollies, with no Latin name listed, who knows?

I'm not saying you shouldn't buy these gorgeous little trees. I'm just saying don't count on them as part of your permanent outdoor landscape.

Lawanda Jungwirth is a UW-Extension Master Gardener. Email her at ljungwirth@new.rr.com

Winnebago County Master Gardeners Association

Saturday, February 9, 2013

6:30 am- 6:30 pm

The Winnebago County Master Gardeners will be having a bus trip to the annual Madison Garden Expo, on Saturday February 9, 2013 at the Madison Alliant Center. Garden Expo is presented by Wisconsin Public Television and the UW-Extension. "Garden Expo offers you a space to Think Green and to begin planning for sunnier days. The event – now in its 20th year – celebrates the latest trends in gardening and landscaping and attracts more than 20,000 people from throughout the Midwest. Join gardening enthusiasts to share ideas, gain inspiration and create something new." Starting at 9:00 am until 4:00 pm, you can choose to sit in on 8-9 seminars or demonstrations on topics ranging from Favorite Perennials to Top Five Tips for a Productive Vegetable Garden. Go to www.wigardenexpo.com for more information. Usually you must preregister for the 'make and take seminars'. Spend some time strolling along the hundreds of vendors offering everything from seeds to garden art to tools and even outdoor living spaces! Food is available at vendors or bring your own lunch along. Enjoy an exciting day of learning and getting ready for a brand new year of gardening at Garden Expo!

Departure Sites and leaving time:

Oshkosh at the Coughlin Center, Cty Rd Y. at 6:30 am

Oshkosh at the Park-n-Ride on Washburn just off Hwy 44 at 6:45 am

Fond du Lac at the old Home Depot, Johnson St. at 7:00 am (across Hwy 23 from Forest Mall)

Meet back at the bus at 5:00 and depart Madison Expo at 5:15 arriving back in Oshkosh at about 6:30 pm

Cost is \$35.00, which includes bus transportation and ticket for Garden. Bring your own lunch, drinks and snacks or purchase your own food from vendors.

Please direct any questions to Marge Menacher at marmen4105@sbcglobal.net or call 920-233-3467.

Send your checks payable to WCMGA c/o Marge Menacher 4105 Westview Lane Oshkosh, WI 54904.

2013 Madison Garden Expo Trip Registration Form

(copy as needed)

Name: _____ Email _____

Address: _____ Phone _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

- Pick Up Location:
- Coughlin Center leaving at 6:30 am
- Washburn Park-n-Ride
- Fond du Lac (Old Home Depot)



Beekeeping Class



The East Central Wisconsin Beekeepers Association is sponsoring a beginner's beekeeping class: **Introduction to Beekeeping**. This class is intended for anyone interested in getting started with honey bees and will focus on fundamental beekeeping skills. This class will meet for four Thursday nights; February 7, February 21, March 7 and March 21. Class time is 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm. Class will meet at the James P. Coughlin Center, 625 East County Road Y, Oshkosh, WI 54901. Tuition is \$50.00 which includes an information packet, a book, and a one year membership in ECWBA. A secondary participant may attend with the primary participant for an extra \$25.00, but does not include the information packet et al.

Pre-registration and tuition pre-payment is encouraged. Class size will be limited to 60 participants, therefore pre-registration and payment will reserve a place in the class. You may register for class by filling out the registration sheet and submitting that along with payment to

–
Beekeeping Class
5870 Church Rd.
Omro, WI 54963.

For information and registration, contact Andy at 920-379-9840 or e-mail keeperofthehives411@gmail.com.

ECWBA Introduction to Beekeeping Class Registration

Name (or names) _____

Address _____

E-mail address _____

Telephone _____

Please make checks payable to: East Central Wisconsin Beekeepers Association



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January 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Happy New Year !!	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 MG Board meeting 6:00	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 MG Business meeting 6:00	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 Flower Arranging Parkview 1:30	29	30	31		

February 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Winter Escapes/ Summer Dreams
3	4	5 MG Board Meeting 6:00	6	7	8	9 Madison Garden Expo
10	11	12 MG Business Meeting 6:00	13	14 	15	16
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