

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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JULY 2006

SANCTIONED CORE PROJECTS

Community Gardens	
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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	
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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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Trip Coordinator	
LEAD WANTED !!!!!!!!!!!	

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POSITION OPEN!!!!!!!!!!	
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Marge Bolding	233-8668

MEETING NOTICE

Monthly Business Meeting

Tuesday, July 11, 2006

**Begins at 6:15 pm at the gardens of
DIANNE IOTT AND JERRY ROBAK
(See map inside)**

Dear Fellow Gardeners,

Happy Summer to you all. The Spring went pretty well for the most part. We have had some needed rain and our gardens have loved the sun lately. I won't even touch on bugs and rabbits. I am staying positive.

I must congratulate those working on the Community Gardens for their outstanding work. The gardens surpassed my imagination. Wonderful job! I hope all of you will be able to attend our meeting in August at the Community Gardens so you can enjoy the work the group did. I can also say that the gardens I have visited this year so far have been great. Many of you have taken to heart things you have learned in class. I see much being put into practice.

Lynne Goudreau has been working on our Holiday and Awards dinner in December. It looks like it will be at The Garden View again. She has talked to them and we will have the entire place to ourselves for the evening. We will be working on it for the next few months and will apprise you of our progress.

I am looking forward to our July garden visit at Diane Iott's and Jerry Robak's gardens. I hope you will all be able to attend too. Watch for more information about the visit in this month's news letter.

See You in the Garden
Linda

We thank all of you for coming out and being a part of the decision making for our MG Association. It is your input that allows us to grow and be strong in what we do. Please join us next month to make us even stronger.

1. COMMUNITY GARDEN UPDATE:

The best word to describe what is happening at the Community Gardens is – WOW! It seems that as soon as the timbers were delivered things just fell into place. We got the timbers in place and within a few days the soil was delivered and almost like magic gardens appeared. It could have been the work of the garden gnomes, but I looked and saw our MG's working feverishly planting and watering. Stop by any time to see what they have done. We will also be having our August meeting there. Plan to join us then to celebrate.

5. JULY – Meeting will be at the gardens of Dian Iott and Jerry Robak. Watch this newsletter for day, time and directions.

6. 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.

7. SPECIAL EDUCATION MEETING RESULTS – MONDAY JUNE 19:

The meeting of June 19th was a very productive one. It was attended by Jason, some of the board, some of the education committee and some concerned members. After talking over issues and weighing them the decision was made that we will not have our usual classes. This year we will begin the General Basic classes that will begin in January. We will use the State presented interactive fiber optic course this year. We have to begin someplace with the new format so instead of reinventing the wheel we will try the States offering.

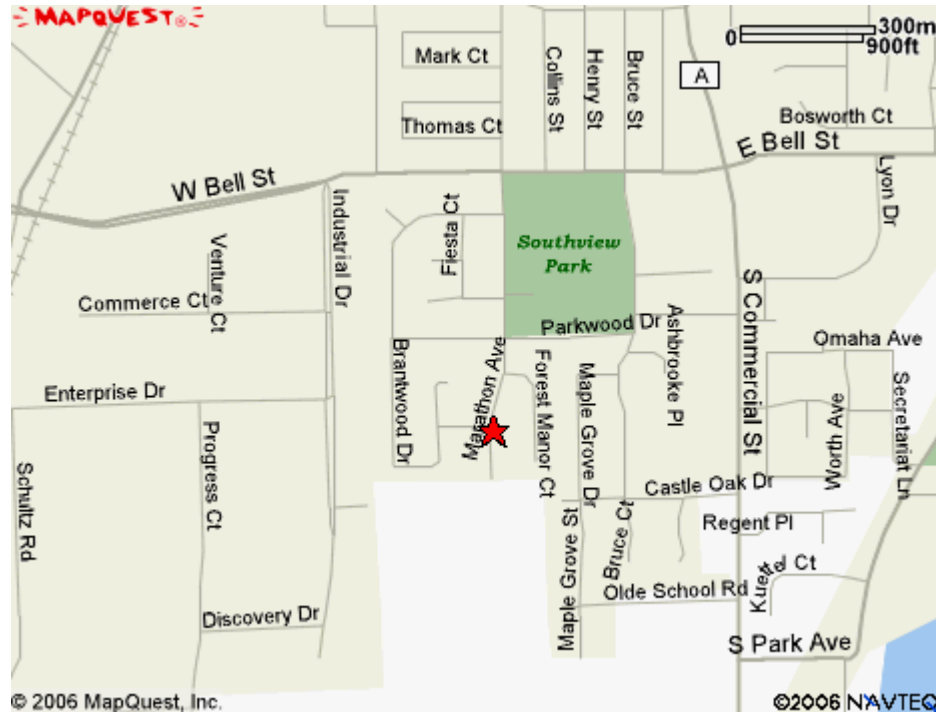
Along with this general studies program our Education Committee will do up to 4 advanced seminars on various topics. The committee has a list of topics the membership has asked for. Now the committee will have the time and ability to make those presentations. The seminars will be open to both members and the public in keeping with our efforts to educate the community about horticultural subjects.

As progress is made in setting up our new classes we will keep you posted in the newsletter. We want to thank everyone who contributed to making this decision. It was good to see those that came out to the meetings. It was also very encouraging to get the calls and emails that we received from members who were unable to make the meetings but wanted to voice an opinion or share an idea.

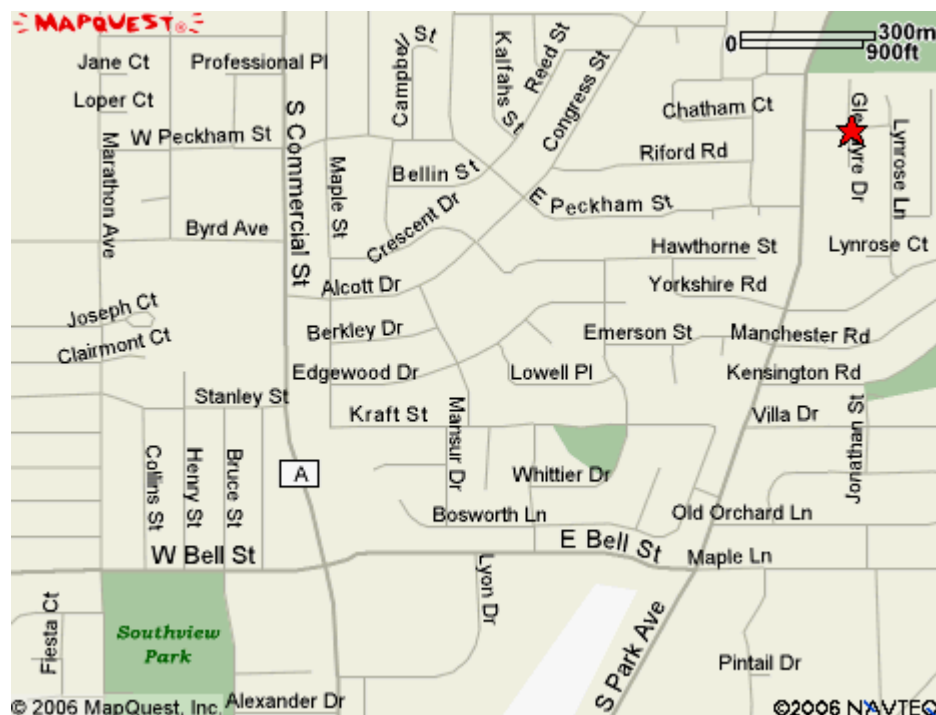
JULY MEETING:

The July Meeting will be a tour of two gardens in **Neenah** on July 11th. **First we will meet at Diane Iott's home, 2424 Marathon Ave., at 6:15.** Then we will tour the pond garden at **Jerry and Christine's Robak's home, 1211 Glenayre Dr.** Beverages will be available at Robak's. We look forward to everyone's visit on July 11th.

DIANE'S:



JERRY & CHRISTINE'S:



Board Meeting 6:00 on 06/06/06 at the Coughlin Center

All board meetings are open to the membership.

Linda Tobey called the board meeting to order. These members were present: Linda Tobey, Marge Bolding, Lynn Goudreau, Marlene Miller, Stan Meyer, Curt Reese, Ken Hawk, Linda Loker, Dorothy Gayhart-Kunz.

A reminder that our June 13th meeting will be a tour at the Appleton FVTC grounds with James Beard.

Fairground/Booth

We are looking into what changes we would have to spend to have a booth at the Winnebago Fairgrounds.

4-H Awards

Marge is looking into when the youth cash MG awards are given for vegetables and flowers at the fair. She would like to represent our group when they are presented.

Fall Classes

After discussion a MOTION was made and passed- The board recommend that we offer the fiber-optics interactive basics MG course in the fall. The course will be followed up with up to four seminars. The format of the seminars will be left to the Education Committee. The seminars will be on horticultural subjects that will be interesting to the membership.

The fiber-optics interactive course will probably be held at North High School as they are set up for the transmission. The course comes from Madison. A special Education/board meeting will be held June 19th to discuss this. The basic course will replace the training sessions held in January to April.

Lincoln School Monument

Ken suggested having someone contact the city engineer before removing any soil around the statue for safety reasons.

Paine Plant Sale

Ken said we made \$285.00 selling worm castings at the plant sale.

Individual Project

An individual project submitted by Linda Loker was approved by the board.

Christmas Party

Lynn said the Holiday/Awards party will be held at the Garden View Restaurant on December 4. (There is no Packer game on this date.) Garden View is closed on Sundays and Mondays but will open for our party.

Respectfully submitted by,
Dorothy Gayhart-Kunz
MG secretary

REPORTS

COMMUNITY GARDENS

WOW !!! Great Job The gardens are wonderful. We weren't kidding when we told Susan give us the dirt and we'll make you gardens. I can't tell you enough how marvelous they are.

Everyone is invited to the Community Gardens for our August meeting. It will be August 8th. 6:15 at the Community Gardens, UW Fox Menasha. Come to the meeting and see what the Community Garden Group has done. They deserve to show off a little after what they pulled off.

Thanks Guys
Linda

PLANT HEALTH ADVISORS (OFFICE WORKERS)

A group of us started covering the phones at the Extension Office on May 23rd. We'll be in the office from 10:30 to Noon each Tuesday as long as calls keep coming in. Some of us are also picking up calls left in voice mail at home. Others are stopping in the office at other times. We are having a tough time keeping up even with all this participation so if anyone else is interested please let me know I'll be glad to go to the office with you and go over the procedures and resources. The internet is a wonderful tool!!

Persons on my PHA list so far are Arlene and Bob Kosanke, Audrey Ruedinger, Becky Oftedahl, Bernie Meyer, Diane Lott, Jerry Robak, Kathy Daniels, Linda Loker, Martha Skruby, Marty Sacksteder, Pat Behm, Pat Rockow, Ralph and Sandy Giessen, and Roy Ann Moulton.

Many thanks to those that have helped out so far and I'm sure that the rest will help in the near future. Curt

PS: Lots of calls with concerns about trees, particularly ash, with leaves getting brown spots then dropping. There seems to be a lot of anthracnose going around. This is a disease caused by several different fungi. Normally the trees will develop new leaves and will survive.

INVASIVE SPECIES UPDATE: PURPLE LOOSESTRIFE

The 2006 battle to control Purple Loosestrife in Winnebago County is well underway. This year Winnebago MGs are growing 200 pots at the Coughlin Center and another 80 pots are being tended at the homes of MGs (Bernie Meyer and Lawanda Jungwirth) and by Fox Valley Wild Ones volunteers (Dave Peck, Kathy Wegner, Ken & Sharon Ziebert). The 280 pots represent a significant increase over past efforts (100 pots in 2005 and 28 pots in 2004). We expect to release between 300,000 and 400,000 *Gallerucella* beetles in mid-July. The target areas to be treated this year are the Winnebago Co. Boat Landing (south side of Lake Butte des Morts), Asylum Bay and marshes on the Fox River near Omro.

The project, coordinated by Winnebago County MGs Mike and Eileen Meeker, is truly a cooperative effort. In addition to volunteers mentioned above, prisoners from the Oshkosh Correction Institution dug the rootstock from the marshes and helped in potting in May, the Winnebago County Parks Department supplied soil, fertilizer, heavy equipment and manpower, and the Wisconsin DNR supplied starter beetles. Speaker honoraria helped to pay for a second rearing cage.

In April Mike Meeker was invited to attend a DNR workshop and was designated Purple Loosestrife biocontrol coordinator for Winnebago County. Currently we are exploring the creation of a three-country consortium with our counterparts in Calumet and Manitowoc Counties in order to share our expertise and resources.

In late July and August we will be redoing a Purple Loosestrife road survey in our county. This is part of the DNR statewide effort to assess the effectiveness of the biocontrol program. These sites have not been re-checked since 1985. In addition to helping the DNR the data will also be used to help us define areas for future treatment. If you are interested in helping in this survey, please call Mike or Eileen at 582-7309. Any time you spend on this

project counts toward hours needed for certification.

--Mike & Eileen Meeker

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Our MONTHLY MEETING date of JULY 11th is BEING HELD at the homes of Dianne Iott and Jerry and Christine Robak. Garden tours count as "continuing" education hours.

Brown Bag:

"Brown Bag" discussions are held on the last Fridays of the month at noon at the UWEX office in the Coughlin Building. This is an interactive conference call with listeners from around the State. (Brown Bag Discussions may also be available on cassette tape from WCMG office.)

July 28... Horticulture Field Day Events

Each year, UW-Extension Specialists and UW-Agriculture Research Station persons plan, organize and host several horticulture field events. Annually vegetable, fruit, ornamental, and flower cultivar trials as well as cultural and maintenance techniques are planned and initiated for performance evaluation and a series of State-wide Fall Horticulture Field Day programs. Preview the 2006 plans for evaluating the performance of selected vegetable and flower crops. Join Bob Tomesh, other UW Extension Specialists and ARS assistants in highlights for 2006 field days.



LILIES

Article courtesy of Amy Asenbrenner

Lilies are fun and easy to grow from bulbs or seedlings. The plants of the genus *Lilium* are the true lily plants, comprising a genus of about 100 species in the lily family Liliaceae. They are great for showy, beautiful large fragrant plants in your garden from early June to late August.

Lilies are native to the northern temperature regions. Their range in the Old World extends across much of Europe, the north Mediterranean, across most of Asia to Japan, south to the Niligiri mountains in India, and south to the Philippines. In the New World they extend from southern Canada through much of the United States.

Lilies are usually erect leafy stemmed herbs. The majority of species form naked or tunic-less scaly underground bulbs from which they overwinter. In some North American species the base of the bulb develops into rhizomes, on which numerous small bulbs are found. Some species develop stolons. A few species form bulbs at or near the soil surface.

Many species form stem-roots. With these, the bulb grows naturally at some depth in the soil, and each year the new stem puts out adventitious roots above the bulb as it emerges from the soil. These roots are in addition to the basal roots that develop at the base of the bulb.

The large flowers have three petals along with three petal-like sepals, often fragrant, and come in a range of colors ranging through whites, yellows, oranges, pinks, reds, purples, bronze and even nearly black. Marking include spots, brush strokes and picotees.

Some of my favorite lilies include: the Asiatics which bloom the earliest, beginning in early June with a vast array of colors; the Trumpets and Aurelians come next, performing in the garden in July; Oriempets blossom through July into August; finally, the Orientals provide a grand finale in late July and August with their large, fragrant blooms.

Hardy lily bulbs will return year after year with only the simplest maintenance. Each year you can expect more and more flowers to grace your garden with color, longevity, fragrance, and beautiful form.

from Amy Asenbrener

Information from the Wikipedia and The Lily Garden Book

Editor's Corner

Remember when you had all that open space in your garden that you thought you could fill up with new plants? Well, now it's become a jungle especially if you haven't gotten to the weeds. Ah well, everything happens in the summer in Wisconsin. I pulled and hacked at mine and it still needs some fine tuning. Maybe next year I'll find patience and wait for those empty places to fill in on their own. If you have any information you would like to share, give me a call 920-232-1224, or e-mail baeten@ntd.net.

Linda Baeten

What Am I?

By Bruce Abraham

I am a native Wisconsin plant, a perennial shrub of the Family **Rosaceae**; Genus **Aronia**. My habitat ranges from Northern lowland and upland forests to prairie, savannah, bog and cliff – typically an understory plant. As a member of the Rose family, I grow to 3' to 6' tall; bear, in abundance, loose clusters of 1/2" flat white flowers from May into June. These flowers are followed by clusters of black, leathery 1/4" diameter fruit that contains many small seeds, but are a source of food for many berry-eating birds in winter months only. This is because my berries are quite bitter in taste – especially from the time they set into autumn. My leaves are ovate, alternate and are 1" to 4" long and 2-1/2" across with finely serrate edges. I am very disease and insect tolerant plant.

At one time it was thought I had no medicinal value, but new research has indicated a high concentration of polyphenols and anthocyanins which stimulates circulation, protects the urinary tract and strengthens the heart. What Am I?



Permaculture for Every Yard

By Lawanda Jungwirth

The speaker at our May Master Gardener meeting was former MG Suzette Lizotte. She spoke about permaculture and her enthusiasm for the topic was very apparent.

Permaculture, coined from “permanent agriculture” may seem an obscure or unobtainable theory that doesn’t apply to the average yard or garden. But there is no need to adopt the entire permaculture philosophy to derive some benefits. Just a few of the concepts can be applied to make your yard and garden more beautiful and productive.

Suzette said that when she looks at a landscape, her first thought is to cover the soil. Mulch has many benefits including temperature regulation, moisture conservation, erosion protection, weed suppression, disease reduction and soil improvement. Soil open to the sun and wind can become dry, hard and cracked, or blow away.

An important permaculture concept is that of guilds, or plant groupings that assist each other in some way. Many gardeners are familiar with the Native American triad of corn, beans and squash, a combination called the Three Sisters. When planted in proximity, each plant supports the other two in some way. The cornstalks provide a trellis for the beans. The beans draw nitrogen from the air and make them available to the other plants in the soil. The corn roots ooze sugars that feed the bacteria that produce this nitrogen. The broad leaves of the squash plant shade the soil, keeping it cool and moist and preventing weeds. Each of these plants produces more food with less water and fertilizer than any one of the three planted in isolation. The study of guilds is relatively new, but there are several of them for which information can be found in permaculture books.

The book *Gaia’s Garden* by Toby Hemenway talks of keyhole-shaped planting beds. These are circular beds about 8 to 12 feet in diameter pierced on one side with a path to the middle. The benefits of this shape are many. First, 50 square feet of planting space on a keyhole bed needs only 6 feet of pathway. In a traditional single row planting, 50 square feet of planting space requires 40 square feet of path. A raised bed of the same planting size requires 10 square feet of pathway. Keyhole beds can be planted next to each other or around each other in increasingly intricate patterns to really maximize planting opportunities.

When a keyhole bed’s path is pointed toward the south and tall plants are located at the back, or

northern edge, the bed creates a U-shaped sun bowl that traps warmth. The microclimate inside is a great place for heat-loving plants.

An significant principal of permaculture is water conservation. This can be done in many ways including the aforementioned mulching, catching rain in rain barrels, building swales or berms to contour the land to make water flow where you need it, planting densely, planting water-conserving plants, and adding organic matter to soil so that it better holds water. One interesting technique for keeping water in the soil longer is to dig trenches about 18 inches deep and bury woody tree trunks or rotten firewood. If you’ve ever seen a rotting log in the woods, you know that they act like sponges, holding water long after the surrounding area has dried. This will happen underground as well. The wood will eventually decompose, adding organic matter and fertility to the soil.

There are many more simple permaculture techniques that can add beauty and fertility to your life. *Gaia’s Garden* is the best and most interesting book I’ve found on the topic.

Answer to What Am I?

Answer: I am a shrub - **Aronia melanocarpa**;
common name: Black Chokeberry

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

GREETINGS FROM THE PAINE

The Paine is electrified by Tiffany! In addition to the incredible *Electric Tiffany* exhibition in the Main Gallery, visitors can experience the inspiration of Tiffany in every aspect of the Paine, from the gardens to the Family Discovery Gallery. Dozens of extraordinary decorative objects by Tiffany Studios are on display in the Gothic Gallery.

Tiffany’s botanical lamps have inspired the vivid colors, bold choices, and unique designs for this year’s plantings in the gardens. Also outdoors, the Paine is commissioning a new permanent sculpture for the US Bank Garden that is inspired by the Tiffany lamps. And, not to be missed by kids, the Family Discovery Gallery offers creative art activities about Tiffany, including a special activity booklet about the lamps.

The Paine is truly alive with the wonder of Tiffany this summer, and we encourage you to participate by visiting often and enjoying the extraordinary creativity of Louis Comfort Tiffany.

1st Tuesdays in the Gardens

August 1 and September 5, 2006, 5 - 7 pm
Visit the exquisite Paine gardens, August 1 and September 5 for free during extended evening hours from 5:00 - 7:00 pm. The cool evening hours are an especially nice time to enjoy the gardens and the Paine's Curator of Horticulture as well as Master Gardeners are on hand to answer questions.

Best wishes,
Jessica Palm
Marketing and Events Coordinator
Paine Art Center & Gardens
(920) 235-6903 ext. 25

WANT ADS

Evidently, no one needs anything! But if you do 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

Wanted: names of favorite garden centers and/or nurseries. Contact Roy Anne @920-886-1283, or royanne@new.rr.com.

SUMMER SLAW

2 cups slivered fresh baby spinach leaves	1 Tbsp. extra virgin olive oil
1 cup grated, peeled and seeded cucumbers	1 Tbsp. rice vinegar
1 cup grated, peeled carrots	½ tsp. dried oregano
1 cup grated red radishes	½ tsp. dried basil
½ cup plain low fat yogurt (optional)	

In large bowl, toss spinach with cucumbers, carrots and radishes. Divide salad onto 4 individual serving dishes. In small bowl, combine remaining ingredients for dressing with fork. If creamier dressing is desired, mix in yogurt. Pour into dressing container and serve with salad.

OATMEAL PEACH MUFFINS

Streusel mix:

3 Tbsp. packed dark brown sugar	1 tsp. cinnamon
2 Tbsp unbleached all-purpose flour	1 Tbsp. canola oil

Muffins:

Non stick olive or canola oil spray	¾ cup skim milk
1 cup old fashioned rolled oats	6 Tbsp. unsweetened applesauce
1 ½ cups whole-wheat pastry flour	2 Tbsp canola oil
2 tsp. baking powder	1 tsp vanilla
½ tsp. salt	1 cup chopped firm but ripe peaches (or frozen and thawed peaches)
2 large eggs	
½ cup sugar	

Preheat oven to 400. Coat 12 cup muffin tin with oil spray and set aside. In small bowl, combine all streusel mix ingredients and set aside. In large bowl, mix oats, flour, baking powder and salt. In separate bowl, whisk eggs with sugar. Whisk in milk, applesauce, oil and vanilla. Pour over dry ingredients. Mix just until combined. Gently fold in peaches. Spoon batter into prepared tins. Top each with streusel mix. Bake 20-25 minutes or until toothpick inserted comes out clean. Remove from oven and cool in pan for 5 minutes, then remove from pan and transfer to wire rack to continue cooling.

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

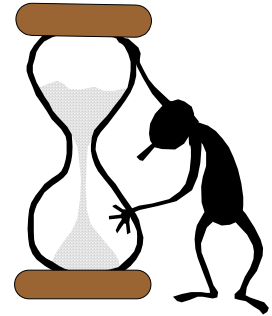
Jason will be needing monitors for a Basic Gardening Course.

☞ TRIP COORDINATOR

Contact Linda Toby or Lynne Goudreau

☞ INVASIVE SPECIES ELIMINATION

Contact Lawanda Jungwirth.



JULY 2006

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

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30	31	NW MOON ●			BROWN BAG 12:00 NOON @ COUGHLIN BLDG	

No Board meeting until August 1.

EMERALD ASH BORER

Article thanks to Bob Kosanke

It appears that the emerald ash borer is inevitable in Wisconsin. It is just a matter of when, if it is not already here. With the extensive media coverage taking place in the Chicago-Milwaukee area, you may get inquiries or suspected finds from the public. To help distinguish emerald ash borer from other insects with which it might be confused, refer to the Michigan State University Extension bulletin

<http://www.emeraldashborer.info/files/E2944.pdf> .

Cindy Casey

Urban Forestry Coordinator

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources - West Central Region

"What's Eating Your Firewood"

Bria Radtke,

Wisconsin DNR Plant Pest and Disease Specialist

The emerald ash borer is an exotic pest that is native to Asia that was initially discovered in the early 1990s around Detroit, Michigan. This wood-boring beetle will attack both healthy and weakened ash trees, causing high mortality rates. Because its larvae may be easily transported through logs and firewood, firewood is being restricted in our state parks. Native ash trees number over 700 million in Wisconsin. Your help is needed in detecting the presence of this pest to aid in the defense against it. Please join us to learn more about it and see how you may help out. This program will be held at the Chippewa Falls Public Library, 105 W. Central Street Chippewa Falls, WI 54729. It is hosted by UW-Extension Chippewa County, Chippewa Valley Master Gardener Association, and the Wisconsin DNR.