

# 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.

[www.winnebagomastergardeners.org](http://www.winnebagomastergardeners.org)

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### JULY 2007

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#### SANCTIONED CORE PROJECTS

Community Gardens		
Ruth Freye	734-5978	
Education and Control of Invasive Species		
Lawanda Jungwirth	836-2878	
Audrey Ruedinger	231-5745	
Farmers Market		
Dorothy Gayhart Kunz	233-8468	
Janet Priebe	233-1898	
Paine Gardens		
Pat Behm	410-3290	
Bob Potter	233-3349	
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

Community Education		
Dorothy Kunz	233-8468	
Linda Tobey	734-2264	
Compost		
Stanley Meyer	725-6486	
Lincoln School		
Janet Priebe	233-1898	
Karen Wedde	235-7159	
Park View Prairie		
Ken Hawk	426-1691	
Refreshments		
Linda Loker	426-1435	

**No Business Meeting  
In July or August  
All members welcome to come to our  
Summer Garden Walks**



Dear Fellow Gardeners,

Welcome to summer everyone. Master Gardeners follows the summer time rules and gets a little more laid back this time of year. The rules are still the rules and hours have to be earned and our projects must still get done, but we do them a little happier in the summer time. We also set our formal meetings aside in favor of visiting someone's wonderful garden. Ain't summer grand!

I hope most of you were able to join Bob and Arlene in a tour of their gardens. Weren't they great? Bob and Arlene Kosanke like to see our faces as we enter their backyard. We all have such a look of amazement as we see this vision unfold before us. Yours are gardens of inspiration. Thank you both for sharing it with us.

Next visit is to Marge Menacher's. I haven't been to her garden in person, but have seen pictures of it and they were fabulous. I hope I will be able to make the walk in her garden. Anyone else that would like to share their garden with us please let Audrey Ruedinger know. She will set it up for us.

With the remodel we have going my gardens aren't what they should be so I won't be having a garden walk this year. Maybe I should have a weed pulling garden visit. I'll have to give that some thought. It just might work. But for now I'm off to clean up plaster and then make battle with the mighty weeds.

I'll see you in the Garden  
Linda

- 1. MEETINGS:** We will begin our regular meetings in September. Our next official member's business meeting will be Tuesday September 11.
- 2. INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS:** Anyone who wants to do a project on their own for hours **MUST** have that project approved by the Board. Make sure you fill out the Individual Project request and get it to Sue Bohn. You may not count those hours worked before the project is approved. Projects must be approved yearly if you have not gotten yours re-approved do it now. Also note that if you do not have 12 hours on our core projects The Time Keeper will not count your individual hours.
- 3. BOARD MEETINGS:** We will not have a July Board meeting because of the 4<sup>th</sup>. Our next Board meeting will be August 7
- 4. HOURS FORM:** The hours form for 2007 is included in this Newsletter. Do Not use last years form it is different. If you would like to tally and send your hours electronically just email Linda Tobey and she will email you an electronic copy or you can take it off of our web site. The address for our web site is always in the newsletter.
- 5. EVENT PLANNING COMMITTEE:** We have a new committee. They are the Event Planners. The ladies did such a terrific job on our picnic that they were asked to take over doing all of our social events. The lead for this committee is Kathy Daniels. Her committee members are Gail Rousch, Carol Bricco, Ann Murphy, and Mary Wiedenmeier. The next event they will be planning is our Holiday and Awards Dinner. Thank you ladies for being there for us.

# MEETING MINUTES

## Master Gardener Board Meeting

June 5, 2007

Coughlin Center, 6:00 p.m.

Members present: Ken Hawk, Dorothy Gayhart-Kunz, Marlene Miller, Stanley Meyer, Sue Bohn, Marge Bolding, Barbara Kuhn, Linda Werner

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Sue Bohn.

### OLD BUSINESS

Marge Bolding reported that as of May 31, 2007, WCMGA had \$11,459 in its account. Sales of cookbooks and worm castings came to \$286 at the Paine plant sale. The income from the bus trip to the Madison area was \$830 without the cost of the box lunches.

No changes were recommended to the May Board minutes as published in the newsletter.

The Board discussed the annual donation of a tree to a local community park and decided some criteria needs to be established on selecting the person to honor with the donation, the city to receive the tree and a price range. Audrey Ruedinger and Stan Meyer will report back at the next Board meeting before the Board makes a recommendation to the business meeting.

Sue Bohn requested that Board members review the 2007 goals and projects and be prepared to discuss them and make adjustments at the next meeting.

Ken Hawk reported that the plant sale at the Paine went well. The location was good and there were a lot of people. The new tent and banner worked well. The first farmer's market was held June 2 and Dorothy Gayhart-Kunz said there were a lot of people and only a little rain. A question was raised about purchasing a second banner, but the Board decided against it. The current banner will be used at the weekly farmer's market unless it is needed for another special event. At this time WCMGA seldom has multiple events at one time.

The project budget for 2007 was set at \$2,000 with the expectation that most projects would need about \$200. As some need less and some a little more, the projects are not held to exactly \$200,

however. Project leaders can come back to the Board if additional funds are needed.

### NEW BUSINESS

Dorothy requested permission to order three brochure holders to be used at various events. The cost is approximately \$17.99 each. Marlene Miller made a motion to approve the request out of the equipment budget, and Ken Hawk seconded it. Approved.

Barb Kuhn requested approval of a new individual project that she is working on. The Holocaust Garden at the synagogue in Oshkosh has been in place for about 10 years and the number of visitors is increasing. It is designed to recognize the various groups murdered by the Nazis, 1935-1945. Barb is working with synagogue members to prepare the garden to help educate visitors about the Holocaust. Linda Werner made a motion to approve the project, and Ken Hawk seconded it. Approved.

Ken Hawk is the new lead for the Park View Prairie project. A few knowledgeable volunteers are needed to identify plants and install markers. It is a struggle to keep the invasives out.

The cost for participation in the county fair is \$82.50; the same as last year. Dorothy Gayhart-Kunz recommended approval of the expenditure, and Marlene Miller seconded the motion. Approved. Hours worked at the fair count toward the community education requirement. One or two passes come with the booth for volunteers. Sue Bohn will ask if WCMGA can sell cookbooks. The details of how to handle the money would have to be worked out since this is more than a one-day event.

WCMGA advisor Jason Kruse has resigned to take a position in Florida starting July 13. Linda Tobey will need to talk with Jason about what WCMGA will need to pick up on until a replacement is hired. Sue will talk with Linda about how to proceed and what has already been discussed. In the meantime, Board members were asked to email their questions or concerns among themselves to be sure nothing is dropped. Sue will also touch base with Linda on recognition for Jason.

Stan Meyer made a motion to adjourn at 7 p.m., and Linda Werner seconded it. Approved.

## REPORTS

### **Plant Health Advisors (PHA) @ UWEX**

Questions continue to pour in to the office. Most concern trees. With the droughts of the past few years, they are more susceptible to disease. Anthracnose seems to be very common.

MG's are encouraged to use the website of <http://learningstore.uwex.edu/> or <http://wihort.uwex.edu/GardenFacts.html> to solve problems for others or to refer others for horticultural questions.

We continue to ask any other MG members to volunteer for PHA. If you can't make it to the office on Tuesdays, another weekday between the hours of 8:00 am to 4:30 pm would be ok or calls can be taken at home. New PHA's will get help to start out. If you are interested contact Curt Reese @ [cbreese@new.rr.com](mailto:cbreese@new.rr.com) or 426-4992.

### **Kosanke's Garden Walk**

*Article by Linda Baeten, Information from Marge Bolding*  
Kosanke's Garden is delightful. They have a cactus collection that had been well researched, and many lovely hostas, some of which were arranged with a patriotic theme according to their names. Other highlights mentioned were a tall weeping birch tree, Diablo Ninebark, and an apple tree that resembled a pole with apples on it. Amusing garden art was scattered about. This garden has been on previous garden walks sponsored through the Paine Gardens - a nice surprise in an old residential neighborhood. Thank you Bob and Arlene!

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### **2007 Wisconsin Farm Technology Days**

(formerly called Farm Progress Days)  
is scheduled in Green County for September 18, 19, and 20. Farm Technology Days are being hosted at the Plain View Family Farm, located east of Albany, along Highway 59, in southern Wisconsin. The host farm is about 30 miles south of Madison. Because of past interest and success of having Master Gardeners provide demonstrations and respond to questions at the Master Gardener Booth in the Progress Pavilion, volunteer participation again has been requested. Master Gardener groups will be scheduled to cover a four-hour block of time with about four persons in a group. Be prepared to answer a wide range of

questions while tending the booth. Free passes will be provided.

If you have questions, call 608-265-4536 or email Robert Tomesh

Reply by August 15 either e-mail

<mailto:rijtomes@wisc.edu> or written response to:

Robert Tomesh

471 Horticulture Bldg.

1575 Linden Drive

Madison, WI 53706

### **Seed Trials at the Community Gardens on Sherman Road**

Jason had set up four garden plots at the Community Gardens on Sherman Road to participate in seed trials. Julie Keitel and Ellen Pipkorn had planted the plots and are keeping track of progress. Any Master Gardeners looking for hours are welcome to come out to the trial garden plots at the Community Gardens to pull weeds and water crops! It's easy to tell the weeds from the crops. Any help would be appreciated!

Directions from the Coughlin Building: go east on County Y, across County A. The next road is Sherman Road, turn right on Sherman Road, take the next left to the gardens. Check the location chart at the garden site for the exact location of our garden plots and start weeding. Julie suggested you bring watering cans or buckets, as water has to be hauled from large barrels located on site. Contact Julie at 420-5802 or Ellen Pipkorn at 303-9578 for more information. Let them know you want to help!

### **Newsletter Articles Wanted**

Get some volunteer hours by contributing to the newsletter! The time you spend researching as well as writing counts. Articles should be submitted by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month preceding publication.

In addition to any personal stories you may want to share, you could also submit articles on horticulture, perennials, annuals, insect pests and prevention, organic methods....the list is endless. Give it a try. Progress reports on Master Gardener projects are more than welcome! E-mail your articles to [baeten@ntd.net](mailto:baeten@ntd.net).



## EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

### Brown Bag Program @ UWEX

July 27, 2007 (12:00 noon)

Subject: TBA

**Brown Bag Program** (contact your local UW County Extension Office for access)  
920-236-1970

### Wisconsin Gardener TV Programs

Check your local listings for the "Wisconsin Gardener" This month's program is new:

#### "Focus on Foliage"

Host Shelley Ryan explores the colorful world of coleus at Klein's Floral and Greenhouses in Madison. Now there are varieties for both shade and sun making this a versatile foliage plant. Plant pathologist Brian Hudelson takes us on a tour of "fungus among us" and shows us which plant diseases we need to worry about and which ones are just cosmetic. Also on the program, we'll start getting ready for fall by planting cover crops. Known as green manure, cover crops can control weeds, enrich the soil and slow erosion. Speaking of green, there are some new and unusual evergreens available to the home gardener. Roy Klehm of Song Sparrow Farm and Nursery in Avalon shares his favorites. The program will also feature an interesting look at insects through the eyes of Wisconsin artist Jennifer Angus

#### What Am I?

I am a native, perennial Wisconsin plant of the Family **Araliaceae** (ginseng family); Genus **Aralia**. Typically an understory plant, my habitat ranges from numerous forests: Northern and Southern lowland and upland, boreal, and beech; bog, savanna, cliff and pine barrens. I prefer sandy, acidic soil, but tolerate loamy clay to loam soils. As an open shade plant I grow 8" – 20" tall with a single leaf stalk that divides into three stems. My green, oval, finely toothed, compound leaves count 3 to 5 on each stalk. I flower before my leaves appear from May through June with small pale green to white flowers in three globe-like clusters, 1-1/2" – 2" wide. My fruit follows as a cluster of small, blue-black berries that are favored by mammals – white-tailed deer and black bear – and birds – ruffed grouse and thrushes. My roots were used by Native Americans to make a bitter tea used to treat heart pain, sore throat, stomach upset and sore throats and applied externally to treat and prevent infections. Today herbalists use the plant as a blood purifier and tonic. What Am I?



## A Garden of Lies

By Lawanda Jungwirth

Have you ever noticed how many plants are called "false" something or other? Most of the time, the "false" plant resembles the "true" plant of the same name. For example, upon casual inspection, the wildflower Solomon's Seal is indistinguishable from Starry False Solomon's Seal, until the flower blooms. Solomon's Seal's flowers hang below the arching stem, while False Solomon's Seal's flower shoots in a starry blast from the top of the stem.

The word false implies something lesser, but in many cases the false version of the plant is prettier or more useful than the original. An example is the above-mentioned Starry False Solomon's Seal.

Sometimes the false plant is closely related biologically to the real plant and sometimes it is in an entirely different plant family. False brome is an invasive grass in Oregon. It is in the brome family, the same as the other 75 species of brome grass. Maybe they just ran out of names and decided to call it "false." Spirea, the common woody shrub with pink or white flowers is in the rose family, while false spirea, the perennial flower also called astilbe that dies to the ground each winter, is in the saxifrage family. I could not find any explanation as

to why these two dissimilar plants share the same name.

Sometimes the “false” name was assigned to a plant by early peoples who used the original plant for food or medicine. When a similar looking plant was discovered, and found to have different properties (oops!) then it was given the usual name with “false” in front of it.

Some plants are labeled “false” when they have flowers similar to the “true” plant. An example is the native prairie plants boneset and false boneset. They grow in similar habitats but their leaves are entirely different. Both are in the compositae, or daisy, family and their flowers are almost identical, attracting the same types of insects including long-tongued and short-tongued bees, wasps, flies, butterflies and skippers.

The “false” plant may have been so named because it is a smaller version of the “real” plant. This is the case with the boneset and false boneset. The false version grows to three feet while the true boneset may reach up to five feet in height.

Sometimes it is hard to tell why a plant is labeled false. Sunflowers, of the helianthus genus, have 67 different species and are in the compositae or daisy family. False sunflowers, actually heliopsis, are also in the compositae family. The differences between the true versions and the false versions are almost undistinguishable except to botanists.

Gardeners often plant theme gardens such as white gardens, scented gardens, succulent gardens, English gardens or native plant gardens. Wouldn't it be interesting and challenging to plant a garden solely of plants with “false” as part of their name and call it a “garden of lies?”

### Answer to What am I?

Answer: I am an erect perennial forb/herb - **Aralia nudicaulis L.**; common name: Wild sarsaparilla, false sarsaparilla, aralia, shot bush, wild liquorice, small spikenard, rabbit root

References: <http://www.botany.wisc.edu/wisflora/> and associated links  
Bruce Abraham June 22, 2007

## UPCOMING EVENTS DON'T MISS THEM!

### Winneconne Garden Walk

Saturday, July 7

11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Sponsored by Winneconne Historical Society

Tickets and maps are \$5 and can be purchased at each garden on the tour. One of the gardens featured belongs to our own new Master Gardener, Lori Allcox. Several of the gardens are within close walking distance of each other.

Gardens on the walk:

- Kevin & Lori Allcox  
301 S. 1<sup>st</sup> St., Winneconne
- John & Janet McCabe  
520 Elm, St., Winneconne
- Aaron & Sherry Klemp  
518 Birch St, Winneconne
- Wayne & Allys Rudisill  
318 N. 5<sup>th</sup> St., Winneconne
- Floyd & Jean Wouters  
411 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Winneconne
- Jason & Michelle Sagorac  
907 Twin Harbor Dr., Winneconne
- Lee & Roxy Schultz  
5266 Primrose Ln., Oshkosh

July 19, 6-7:30 pm

### Garden Walk @ Marge Menacher's 4105 Westview Lane, Oshkosh

This garden walk will inspire you with new ideas and clever use of eclectic art and ceramic tile. Marge Menacher will share her cottage style gardens that offer a blending of perennials, annuals and shrubs. She uses stone from local farm fields and blocks from a silo to develop pathways and raised beds.

Directions: Take Hwy 21 off Hwy 41 in Oshkosh. Go west about 3 miles to Leonard's Point Rd. Turn right and follow road for about 1.8 miles to AmyJo. Turn left at Amy Jo and go 3 blocks to Westview. The house is on the corner of Westview and Amy Jo.



# JULY TASKS

## Houseplants, Perennials and Annuals

- Water plants if less than 1 inch of rain per week.
- **Week 1.** Mulch peony bushes and remove seedpods.
- Take cuttings from roses and spring-flowering shrubs for new plant propagation when stems are no longer succulent but not yet hardened.
- **Week 2.** Cut out old canes of climbing roses so that new shoots can grow.
- Pinch new growth on late-flowering mums ½ inch and fertilize lightly.
- Control rust on hollyhocks by removing infected leaves.
- **Week 3.** Divide irises and daylilies when done blooming, cut leaves back to about 8 inches.
- Thin and transplant perennials sown in June.
- **Week 4.** Plant pansy, violet, and forget-me-not seeds.
- Sow perennial seed for the last time outdoors.
- Fertilize perennial beds for the third and last time.

## Vegetables and Herbs

- Renew mulch if it starts to decompose.
- Make daily inspections for pests, and treat if necessary.
- Control garden weeds to prevent them from going to seed.
- Harvest onions, garlic, and early potatoes when tops begin to shrivel.
- **Week 1.** Plant lettuce and spinach for fall crop. Pre-germinate seeds on moist towel, or plant deeper than spring planting. Mulch thinly..
- Watch for squash vine borer. Remove floating row covers from cucumbers and melons as soon as they begin to bloom so that they can be pollinated. Use a reflective mulch such as aluminum foil to repel squash vine borers..
- Plant collards, kale, bunching onions, and cucumbers for fall harvest.
- **Week 2.** Plant beets, Chinese cabbage, rutabagas, and turnips for fall harvest.
- Fertilize asparagus beds. Mulch with straw.
- Keep tomatoes mulched and watered to prevent blossom end rot.
- **Week 3.** Transplant broccoli, Brussels sprouts, and cauliflower seedlings for fall crop.
- Plant chard for fall crop
- **Week 4.** Plant fall crop of peas.
- Keep plants picked to maintain productivity.

## Lawns, Trees and Shrubs.

- Watch for spider mites during hot, dry weather. Juniper or spruce needles turn rusty colored if infested.
- Water newly planted trees weekly, if needed, throughout the summer, and apply a mulch (no more than 3 inches) to maintain even soil moisture.
- Water trees deeply, even mature ones, every two to three weeks during dry spells.
- Don't mow lawns less than 2 inches in height.
- **Week 1.** Water lawns thoroughly to prevent early summer dormancy. Lawns should have 1 inch of water per week during the hot summer months..
- If fertilizing the lawn four times per year, fertilize in June, July, September and October..
- **Week 3.** Stop pruning yews, Junipers and arborvitae.

## Fruits and Berries

- Remove suckers from grafted plants. Water trees during dry spells or they may abort fruit crop. Trees need at least 1 inch of water per week during fruit growth.
- Remove old canes of summer-bearing red raspberries after harvest. Thin new canes to three to four canes per foot of row or nine or ten canes per hill.
- Keep orchard grass mowed and raked to discourage fungal pathogens harbored in tall grass and plant debris.
- **Week 1.** Remove black raspberry canes after fruit harvest. Thin new canes to 10 per hill. Cut tips of new canes back, black raspberry tips to 2 feet, blackberry to 4 feet, and purple and yellow to 3 feet above the soil.
- Hang baited red sticky ball traps in apple trees for apple maggot control.
- **Week 2.** Continue to water strawberries if necessary. Renovate old strawberry plantings.

# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

## ☞ GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

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

## ☞ PAINE GARDENS

Contact Pat Behm or Bob Potter

## ☞ PARK VIEW CUTTING GARDEN

Contact Rob Robinson.

## ☞ PARK VIEW-MG LIASON

VACANT! SEE Linda Tobey

## ☞ PARK VIEW VEGETABLE GARDEN

The Vegetable Garden contact Susan Steinhilber  
235-1031 or email [steinsb@northnet.net](mailto:steinsb@northnet.net)

## ☞ COMMUNITY GARDENS - Menasha

Contact Ruth Freye

## ☞ COMMUNITY GARDEN Seed Trials

Contact Julie 420-5802 or Ellen 303-9578

## ☞ PLANT HEALTH ADVISORS

Contact Curt Reese at 426-4992.

## ☞ BE A GUEST SPEAKER

Contact Linda Toby.

## ☞ TRIPS

Contact Roy Anne Moulton of the Education Committee

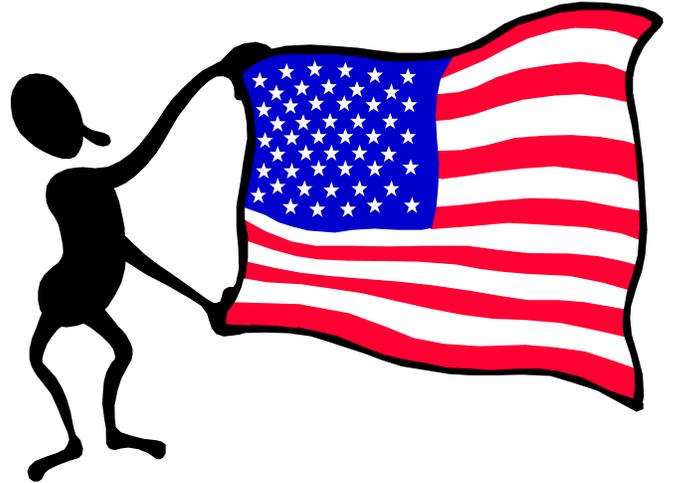
## ☞ INVASIVE SPECIES ED & CONTROL

Contact Lawanda Jungwirth.

## ☞ MENASHA NATURE'S WAY PROJECT

Contact Gale Davey

## ☞ LOOK FOR MORE PROJECTS TO COME!



## JULY 2007

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

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THR	FRI	SAT
1	2	3 NO BOARD MTG IN JULY	4 HAVE A HAPPY 4 <sup>TH</sup> OF JULY	5	6	7
8	9	10 NO BUSINESS MTG IN JULY	11	12	13	14  NW MOON ●
15	16	17	18	19 GARDEN WALK @ MARGE MENACHER'S 6:00 PM	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 BROWN BAG 12:00 NOON @ COUGHLIN CTR	28
29  FULL MOON ○	30	31				