



## Winnebago County Master Gardeners

### Newsletter

July 2022

#### 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.

*“Liberty and  
justice for  
all.”*



White allium in Kim Willman's garden.  
Submitted by Kim Willman

## What am I?

By Jane Kuhn

I am a hardy, herbaceous perennial cultivated for my large, handsome, often fern-like foliage, and dense, feathery plumes of flowers. Blooming in summer, my plumes of flower clusters are born on large stalks above the foliage and come in shades of pink, white, red, peach, purple and lime. My plants range from 6-40 inches tall and 18-30 inches wide. I am widely recognized for my profuse blooms in full shade which are adapted to water-logged conditions and tolerant of clay soils. My plumes remain in flower for several weeks and continue to look good as they fade and dry on the plant.

I prefer a slightly rich, moist soil – the warmer the weather, the more moisture I need. A light application in spring and fall of a relatively high nitrogen fertilizer is helpful. Although I will bloom in shade, my plants prefer some sunlight to achieve their full size. My plant is commonly propagated by division of roots and benefits from being divided about every four years. I look best planted in groups as a border, in beds or in containers. I attract butterflies, am deer resistant and am bothered by few diseases or insects.

## WCMGA Contacts

*Check your membership guide for contact information.*

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We would love your help! If you are interested in contributing to a future newsletter by writing an article, submitting a photo, or sharing a story, please let me know by the 15th of each month by emailing

[pakster0605@yahoo.com](mailto:pakster0605@yahoo.com). Each article submitted will count toward your volunteer hours. Thank you!

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# Crazytunias

By Lawanda Jungwirth

I went to my favorite nursery to buy plants on probably the worst possible day this spring – the Friday night before Mother’s Day. Nevertheless, I found everything I wanted surprisingly quickly and made my way to the checkout. The place is a little old-school and doesn’t have a scanner or a screen displaying each price as it is checked out. I was quite shocked at the total as it was significantly higher than what I had calculated in my head. When I questioned it, I was told that I had purchased “Crazytunias” and that they were \$4.50 a piece rather than the \$1.79 I thought they were. That’s \$4.50, a piece for an annual plant! I had even hesitated to put them in my cart when I thought they were \$1.79 each! Usually my reaction would have been, “I don’t want them then,” but the checker had already run my credit card and there was a line of shoppers backed up behind me. So I bit my tongue and brought them home.

I did some research on Crazytunias and I have high hopes that they will be worth the steep price. Crazytunias are reputed to grow strong and fast and not grow straggly and develop the center bald spot typical of petunias. Their growth habit is described as “chunky.” They are multi-branching and don’t need trimming. Crazytunias supposedly shine whether it rains too much or the summer sun bakes them.

They are also described as “pet friendly.” I am not exactly sure what that means. Does it mean that if my young puppy, Ivy, takes a nibble she won’t be harmed, or does it mean that she won’t be tempted to take that bite? That remains to be seen. On second thought, at \$4.50 a pop, maybe I should keep them out of her reach.

Crazytunias come in a wide variety of solid colors and multi-colors with several sub-series. I chose a solid pink because that fits best with the rest of the plants in my containers. It wouldn’t be my choice, but the most talked about is ‘Black Mamba’, considered by many to be the best black petunia on the market with no striping or fading of its large, open flowers.

An internet search of the Crazytunia series and subseries will have you running to the plant nursery! Here is a link for a preview:

<https://www.provenwinners.com/plants/series/crazytunia>

## Answer to What am I?

By Jane Kuhn



I am an astilbe. Order: Saxifragales. Family: Saxifragaceae. Genus: Astilbe. Astilbe is a genus of 18 species of plants. Some species are commonly known as False Goat's Beard and False Spirea. Astilbes are one of the easiest perennial flowers to grow, requiring little maintenance. No staking or deadheading is necessary and they are pest free. The flower heads will dry on the plant and remain attractive for many months, even adding interest to the winter garden.



**Lovely iris in Kim's garden!  
Submitted by Km Willman.**

## Continuing Education Opportunities

By Linda Werner

### WIMGA Continuing Education Series

- Meg McAndrews Cowden
- Fall Gardening Season
- Monday, July 25, 2022, 7 pm
- Register  
[https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAucuihqj8uHNFWca\\_91FLBa\\_qcvJ1bggN-](https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAucuihqj8uHNFWca_91FLBa_qcvJ1bggN-)

### Southeast Wisconsin Invasive Species Consortium Fall Invasive Plant Management Workshop

- Saturday, September 10, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., UW-Milwaukee Field Station
- Led by Dr. James Reinartz, Director Emeritus of the Field Station.
- Cost \$60. Limited enrollment. Register at:  
<https://sewisc.org/invasives/plant-management-workshop/2022-sewisc-fall-invasive-plant-management-workshop>

### UW Arboretum Native Gardening Conference--Nature by Design: Gardening for a Sustainable Future

- Sunday, September 18, 8:45 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- Arboretum
- Cost \$65 through June 30, \$70 starting July 1
- Register at:  
<https://arboretum.wisc.edu/learn/adult-education/native-gardening-conference/>

## Oshkosh Garden Walk July 10

*Submitted by Kim Willman*

The Oshkosh Garden Club invites you to join us for the 2022 Garden Walk on Sunday, July 10 from 12-4 pm. The Garden Walk is an annual garden tour event that highlights outstanding garden properties in our community.

Five properties will be open during the event - rain or shine. Visitors can travel to the gardens on their own schedule and in any order during the event. Homeowners will be out in their gardens answering questions and sharing gardening advice.



Advance tickets are \$8 for adults; children under 18 years are free. Advance tickets are available with cash or check at uBloom, 930 Witzel Ave and House of Flowers, 1920 Algoma Blvd, Oshkosh. Or advance tickets can be purchased with a credit or debit card at <http://www.oshkoshgardenclub.org/garden-walk.html>.

Tickets are available for \$10 on the day of the event at any garden location.

Get more information and maps to the gardens at <http://www.oshkoshgardenclub.org/2022-gardens.html>.

### **Candy and Marshall Potter - 922 Bowen St, Oshkosh**

Step into a profusion of pink at the Potter Garden. Aptly referred to as “Potter’s Peacock Paradise,” a stroll through this garden will allow the visitor to spot well over 35 of the delightful creatures, spinning and bobbing, hanging and hiding everywhere. The garden is full to the brim with countless varieties of lilies and many, many colorful annuals. Years of careful planning and extreme attention to detail have created a space that shows the patience and hard work of the homeowners. To further

delight, experience live music in the garden as only the Potters can conjure up, courtesy of Marshall and the Dixieland Band. Scents, sights, sounds - this meticulously maintained garden is a true delight to all your senses.

### **Ken and Sue Freidman - 1275 Huron Ct, Oshkosh**

Ken and Sue are avid gardeners who have succeeded in merging competing garden styles on their east-side property since 2003. While Ken enjoys an English garden style with its merry mix of plants growing between each other, Sue likes each plant to enjoy its own, private space. As you explore, enjoy borders including Wisconsin and upper Midwest natives, each within its own micro-climate. The south garden receives full sun and features a cutting garden backed by 4 to 8 foot perennials. Hostas, Coral Bells, Penstemon, Sea Holly and Cut-leaf Coneflower highlight a shady patio garden while a vegetable and fruit garden is tucked behind the grape arbor nearby. The rain garden (aka Lake Friedman) is fronted by medium and tall grasses and features plants that will tolerate a week or two of drowning during rainy seasons. Elsewhere in the rear garden, Hydrangeas, Sedums, Daylilies, and Bergenia flower in the sun, while Hostas, Astilbe, Goatsbeard, and Aconite enjoy the shade. Woodland plants are visible, but no longer in bloom. Roses and Lilies gather beneath hanging planters and a bird feeder. Tropical and Mediterranean containers spend much of their time indoors, but adorn the deck when the temperature warms.

### **Paul and Lauri Wagner - 1407 W 4th Ave, Oshkosh**

The Wagners have created a serene garden that supports their love of cooking and entertaining. They use the garden, which features an outdoor kitchen complete with fresh herbs during the growing season, year round. Lauri describes that a serious health condition prompted her journey into gardening about 12 years ago. The garden was designed to be “a place of peace and healing” as well as an attractive spot for local birds. The lovely front garden includes a small circular patio surrounded by mixed borders featuring fragrant Judd Viburnum and anchored by a Pagoda Dogwood. Paul uses several different containers and raised beds to grow vegetables, including some started under a pair of portable greenhouses. Mixed plantings including Contorted Filbert, Maple, Hydrangea, and Dogwood enclose a grassy entertaining area in the center of the backyard. A variety of perennials from Baptisia to Aster are interplanted here, adding pops of color throughout the

growing season. A Blue Spruce has been cultivated in a mound shape for use by the birds while a mature Willow provides a textured backdrop to Paul's ever expanding collection of standard and miniature Hostas.

### **Josh and Brittany Webb - 1125 S Oakwood Rd, Oshkosh**

Josh and Brittany have only lived at their home for seven years, but you'd never guess it from looking at their extensively landscaped yard. The property includes a collection of garden art interspersed among vast borders featuring 70 different varieties of Oriental, Asiatic, and Orienpet (which can reach 5-6') lilies, 30 hostas, clematis, roses, grasses, hydrangeas, and a 60 year old heirloom phlox, just to name a few. To help conserve water, the couple have buried their sump pump drainage, creating a self-watering system in the front garden. They also employ three rain barrels. Josh and Brittany report they make a conscious effort to include their three sons in their gardening activities. From incorporating the kids' play equipment into the garden design to teaching the boys to hybridize daylilies, the Webb garden is very much a family affair. In the backyard, you'll find varieties of Ginkgo, Japanese Maples, and other specialty trees, as well as a strawberry patch and birch teepees. Somehow this young couple also makes time to operate a side business, Oakwood Gardens Reimagined, which refreshes existing gardens and yards into new beautiful spaces.

### **Jim Mueller - 2949 W 20th Ave, Oshkosh**

Jim and his mother Edna share a long history with this charming garden on Oshkosh's west side. Though Edna has lived and gardened on the property for 70 years, the flower garden was originally planted by HER mother-in-law in the first half of the twentieth century. Edna celebrates her 95th birthday this June and though no longer pulling garden duty, continues to enjoy what has long been known as "Ms. Edna's Gardens." In addition to extensive perennial plantings, the garden features wildflowers, a prairie, and vegetables. In early 2016, when Jim moved home to help care for his mother after a stroke, he started to add again to the garden. There are paths throughout the flowers for walking, as well as benches to sit and admire the view. The garden includes 3 large "memorial evergreens" in memory of family members. This spring, over 200 dahlia bulbs were added to the garden, and the masses of tulips were amazing. If you travel west on 20th Ave to the Y or Traeger, you're sure to have noted Edna's Gardens on the left. You should park next door at Landscape Solutions, unless you need handicapped parking, in which case, drive right up to the house.

## Please be aware of these Program Changes:

If you have problems accessing Canvas or with your Net ID, or if you have questions, please contact Valerie Stabenow, 920.582.4292 or email her at [hlub34a@att.net](mailto:hlub34a@att.net)

### Announcements

2022 Onboarding-lite is now available in our Canvas Classroom!

Due to significant updates to the program, you are required to complete 2022 Onboarding-lite before you start volunteering.

It will be a requirement of the terms and conditions in 2022. You will acknowledge acceptance of these when you log into the Online Reporting System (open mid-January, 2022).

You can claim 5 hours of continuing education. We estimate that it may take you less time than this.

You can now access the 2022 Onboarding Lite in our Canvas Classroom (netID required).

Once logged in, scroll down and look for the six Onboarding-Lite modules.

 Start Here! [2022 Onboarding-Lite: Part 1]

 Overview of Master Gardener Program [2022 Onboarding-Lite: Part 2]

 Digging Deeper into the Master Gardener Program [2022 Onboarding-Lite: Part 3]

 What Counts [2022 Onboarding-Lite: Part 4]

 What is the Online Reporting System? [2022 Onboarding-Lite: Part 5]

 Legal Stuff [2022 Onboarding-Lite: Part 6]

After you complete these modules you will be able to view the last section.

 You Did It! [2022 Onboarding-Lite: Conclusion]



Submitted by Kim Willman.

## Master Gardener Volunteer Opportunities <sup>\*\*</sup> (as of 4/22/2022)

Organization	WCMGA Liaison(s)
<p><b>Carter Memorial Library</b>                      405 East Huron Street, Omro, WI 54963-1045  <b>Volunteer Information:</b>  <a href="https://omrolibrary.org/aboutus/friends">https://omrolibrary.org/aboutus/friends</a>                      920-685-7016                      omplstaff@omrolibrary.org                      Volunteer application:  <a href="https://omrolibrary.org/sites/default/files/inline-files/Volunteer%20Application.pdf">https://omrolibrary.org/sites/default/files/inline-files/Volunteer%20Application.pdf</a>                      Liability protection: Waiver of liability in application process</p>	<p>Jenny Breining</p>
<p><b>Miravida Living</b>                      225 N. Eagle St., Oshkosh, WI 54902  <b>Volunteer Information:</b>  <a href="https://www.miravidaliving.com/volunteer/">https://www.miravidaliving.com/volunteer/</a>                      Volunteer application: <a href="https://hipaa.jotform.com/220336497425155">https://hipaa.jotform.com/220336497425155</a>                      Volunteer training sessions                      Liability protection: Organization's insurance coverage</p>	<p>Jane Kuhn</p>
<p><b>Neenah Historical Society – Octagon House</b>                      343 Smith Street, Neenah, WI 54956  <b>Volunteer Information:</b>  <a href="http://www.neenahhistoricalsociety.com/">http://www.neenahhistoricalsociety.com/</a>                      (920) 729-0244  <a href="mailto:Neenahhistoricalsociety@gmail.com">Neenahhistoricalsociety@gmail.com</a>                      Liability protection: Organization's insurance coverage                      Background check performed by Neenah Historical Society</p>	<p>Jerry Robak</p>

<p><b>Neenah Public Library</b>  240 E. Wisconsin Avenue, Neenah, WI 54956  <b>Volunteer Information:</b>  <a href="https://neenahlibrary.org/volunteer">https://neenahlibrary.org/volunteer</a>  920-886-6315  <a href="mailto:library@neenahlibrary.org">library@neenahlibrary.org</a>  Volunteer policy:  <a href="https://neenahlibrary.org/sites/default/files/inline-files/Neenah%20Public%20Library%20Volunteer%20Program%20Policy.pdf">https://neenahlibrary.org/sites/default/files/inline-files/Neenah%20Public%20Library%20Volunteer%20Program%20Policy.pdf</a>  Volunteer application:  <a href="https://neenahlibrary.org/sites/default/files/inline-files/NPL%20Volunteer%20Application%20Website.pdf">https://neenahlibrary.org/sites/default/files/inline-files/NPL%20Volunteer%20Application%20Website.pdf</a>  Background check performed by Neenah Public Library  Volunteer orientation—30 minutes  Liability protection: Waiver of liability in application process</p>	<p>Sue Forbes   Bette Hoytink</p>
<p><b>Oshkosh Area Humane Society</b>  1925 Shelter Court, Oshkosh, WI 54901  <b>Volunteer Information:</b>  <a href="https://www.oahs.org/volunteer.html">https://www.oahs.org/volunteer.html</a>  <b>Volunteer coordinator: Sarah, <a href="mailto:sarah@oahs.org">sarah@oahs.org</a></b>  <b>Liability protection: to follow</b></p>	
<p><b>Paine Art Center and Gardens</b>  1410 Algoma Blvd, Oshkosh, WI 54901  <b>Volunteer Information:</b>  <b>Volunteer contact:</b> Annika Holland, <a href="mailto:aholland@thepaine.org">aholland@thepaine.org</a>,  920-235-6903  <a href="https://www.thepaine.org/support/volunteer/">https://www.thepaine.org/support/volunteer/</a>  <b>Volunteer application:</b>  <a href="https://www.thepaine.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/Volunteer-Application-2020.pdf">https://www.thepaine.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/Volunteer-Application-2020.pdf</a>  Volunteer handbook available  Background check performed by The Paine  Liability protection: Organization’s insurance coverage</p>	<p>Ginny Slattery   Kathy Gore</p>

<p><b>St. Raphael the Archangel Catholic Church</b>        830 S Westhaven Drive, Oshkosh, WI 54904  <b>Volunteer Information:</b>        Contact Cindy Meszaros        Liability protection: Organization’s insurance coverage</p>	<p>Cindy Meszaros</p>
<p><b>Winnebago County Historical &amp; Archeological Society—Morgan House</b>        234 Church Avenue, Oshkosh, WI 54901  <b>Volunteer Information:</b>  <a href="mailto:WinnebagoHistoricalSociety@gmail.com">WinnebagoHistoricalSociety@gmail.com</a>        920-267-8007        Liability protection: Liability protection is not provided</p>	<p>Kathy Schultz</p>
<p><b>Winnebago County—Department of Facilities and Property Management (Coughlin Rain Garden)</b>        625 E. County Rd Y, Suite 600, Oshkosh, WI 54901  <b>Volunteer Information:</b>        No volunteer process        Liability protection: Organization’s insurance coverage</p>	<p>Jill Dombrowski        Ed Dombrowski</p>
<p><b>Winnebago County Master Gardener Association</b>        625 E. County Rd Y, Suite 600, Oshkosh, WI 54901  <b>Volunteer Information:</b>        Liability protection: Organization’s insurance coverage</p>	<p>Deb Butch        Kathy Procknow</p>
<p><b>Winnebago County—Park View Health Center (Health Center gardens and Park View Prairie Garden)</b>        725 Butler Rd, Oshkosh, WI 54956  <b>Volunteer Information:</b>        Volunteer contact: Tim Laurin, <a href="mailto:tlaurin@co.winnebago.wi.us">tlaurin@co.winnebago.wi.us</a>,        920-237-6931        Liability protection: Organization’s insurance coverage</p>	<p>Donna Kudlas        Jane Kuhn</p>

**YMCA of the Fox Cities—Neenah-Menasha YMCA **\*\*NEW\*\*****

110 W. North Water Street, Neenah, WI 54956

**Volunteer Information:**

<https://www.ymcafoxcities.org/volunteer-opportunities>

Volunteer application:

<https://www.ymcafoxcities.org/sites/ymcafoxcities/files/2021-02/VolunteerApplicationForm2013.pdf>

Liability protection: Organization's insurance coverage

YMCA contact: Kate Yates, Active Older Adult Program Director,  
920-886-2105

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For more information:

Contact Kathy Procknow



**Submitted by Kim Willman.**

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