



# Winnebago County Master Gardeners Newsletter

June 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.

*“Change is inevitable.  
Growth is optional.”*

*-John C. Maxwell*

## White Lilac

Submitted by Kim Willman



## What am I?

By Jane Kuhn

I am a hardy, long-lived perennial blooming from spring to early summer and requiring a minimum of maintenance. My orchid-like flowers are composed of six perianth segments: three outer sepals called "falls" which alternate with three inner petals, called "standards." A fuzzy line runs down the middle of each fall. Nine to 12 buds are usually found growing on short side branches on each of my stems. My standards and falls may be of the same color or standards may be of one color and falls a different color. My main colors are lavender, blue, white, purple, rose-red, yellow, pink, brown or various combinations and blends of these colors. My flowers are pleasantly fragrant and my stem may stand up to three feet tall.

I grow from an underground structure called a rhizome, a fleshy stem from which extend the true, stringy roots. These rhizomes branch and in time overgrow and crowd each other so that it is necessary to dig and divide every three to four years. The two main requirements for my successful growth are full sun and good drainage. I grow well in almost any good garden soil but am less susceptible to disease, such as root rot, in soils of only moderate fertility. Free air movement around my plants is the best insurance against foliage diseases. I am excellent for planting in borders, beds and foundation plantings.

## WCMGA Contacts

Check your membership guide for contact information.

### President (Nominations Accepted)

Ed Dombrowski (12.31.22)

### Vice President

Kathy Procknow/Deb Butch (12.31.22)

### Secretary

Jean Reed

### Acting Treasurers (open for nominations!)

Deb Butch/Kathy Procknow

### Board Representatives

Ruth Retzlaff (12.31.22)

Sue Egner

Linda Werner

### WIMGA Representative

Kathy Procknow

### Advisor

Open

### Newsletter Team

Anne Murphy

Kim Willman

Jane Kuhn

Lawanda Jungwirth



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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## President's Message - WEEDS WEEDS WEEDS EVERYWHERE, OH MY!

Yes, Winnebago Master Gardeners, it is that time of year to begin preparation for a new growing season. As we tender to our tools, unmask our covered plots and think of our planting strategies, we can not forget about one aspect of our gardening prowess-WEEDS.

Those pesky plants with undesirable qualities that outweigh their good points. I'm not sure why we have weeds. I guess it is a part of nature and our ecosystem. Our soils contain weed seeds no matter how much prevention we use.

I overheard some gardeners saying "Weeds grow at precisely the rate you pull them out". Spread by wind, bird deposits and last year's weed crop, they are difficult to get rid off, but can be managed.

"When weeding, the best way to make sure you are removing a weed and not a valuable plant is to pull on it. If it comes out of the ground easy, it's a valuable plant"

Some controlling strategies may include daily weeding in your garden, not letting the weeds flower or set seeds, scraping around your plants lightly with a garden hoe and mulching. Use of herbicides should only be used carefully and with complete reading and understanding of its use in your gardens.

"A weed is a plant that has mastered every survival skill except for learning how to grow in rows'.

Did you know that there are edible weeds? OH MY! Yes, believe it or not, there are weeds that have edible and therapeutic value. The following is a brief list of how wild and edible weed plants can be used within our kitchens: (If you try any of these, please make sure your read up on them first) •

- Purslane (Pigweed)- High in omega 3, goes well with feta cheese
- Chamomile (Pineapple Weed)-Good for sleeping, teas
- Mint (Catnip)-tea, sedative
- Dandelion Leaves-tea, salads
- Garlic Mustard-Leaves, roots and flowers, salads
- Japanese Knotweed- Young leave, roots below 8 inches, salads
- Stinging Nettle-In the UK they have contests to see who can eat the most (After leaves are boiled)
- Creeping Charlie-leaves, roots, flowers, salads
- Chicory-Used as a coffee substitute

You know you are a Master Gardener when:

- You have a decorative compost container on your kitchen counter;
- You would rather go to a nursery to shop than at a clothing store;
- You prefer gardening to watching television;
- You plan vacations to arboretums and parks;
- You have dirt under your fingernails and calloused palms are matters of pride

Master Gardeners rejoice, tis the planting season upon us.

*-Ed*

## **Park View Gardens**

*by Jane Kuhn*

Our Master Gardeners at Park View are looking for others who may be interested in joining our gardening group. Besides creating and carrying for the gardens (cutting flowers, herbs, vegetables, natives, straw bale gardens, vertical garden, etc.), we make bouquets for the residents when they visit on Tuesdays. Our usual time at the garden is from 12:00 noon to 3:00, starting with some general cleanup and then welcoming the residents. If interested, contact Donna Kudlas [dfkudlas4@yahoo.com](mailto:dfkudlas4@yahoo.com) or Jane Kuhn [jek3993@gmail.com](mailto:jek3993@gmail.com).



*Park View Iris*



*Park View Apple Tree in Bloom*

## Answer to What am I?

By Jane Kuhn



I am an iris. Family: Iridaceae. Genus: Iris. Common names: bearded iris, German iris, iris germanica, common flag. Iris is a genus of 260 species of flowering plants with showy flowers. It takes its name from the Greek word for rainbow, referring to the wide variety of flower colors. It should be of no surprise that the kings of France selected the bearded iris as their emblem, the fleur-de-lis

Resources: USDA Plants Database and associated links.

## Continuing Education Opportunities

By Linda Werner

### **Invasive Plant Management Workshop,**

- June 11, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Retzer Nature Center, S14 W28167 Madison St., Waukesha
- Hosted by the Southeastern Wisconsin Invasive Species Consortium and presented by Dr. James Reinartz
- \$60
- Limited class size. Registration opens May 9 at:  
[https://sewisc.org/invasives/plant-management-workshop?utm\\_source=newsletter\\_25&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=sewisc-quarterly-newsletter-spring-2022](https://sewisc.org/invasives/plant-management-workshop?utm_source=newsletter_25&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=sewisc-quarterly-newsletter-spring-2022)

### **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/>

**Supporting Native Bees**, Wednesday, June 15, 7 p.m. Free, but registration required at:  
[https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_qZaBSGviTBmaCyFojC5cxQ](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_qZaBSGviTBmaCyFojC5cxQ)

**Maintaining Your Landscape With Pollinators in Mind**, Wednesday, June 22, 6:30 p.m. Free, but registration required at:  
[https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_FlidbJekQ0mVKE2u59I7HA](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_FlidbJekQ0mVKE2u59I7HA)

WINNEBAGO COUNTY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION  
 TUESDAY, May 10, 2022, 6:00 p.m.  
**MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES**

Ed Dombrowski called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

**1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Ed added an activity “plant pursuit.” The agenda was approved with the one addition.

**2. EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION: 1 HOUR APPROVED**

The educational presentation was: Invasive Species presented by Kelly Kearns, former Invasive Plant coordinator for Wisconsin DNR.

**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Secretaries Report J. Reed  
 Minutes were posted in the newsletter. There was a minor change relating to Valerie Stabenow’s volunteer work in Winneconne. Jean will talk to Anne to find out how the revision gets posted.
- b. Treasurer’s Report D. Butch, K. Procknow  
 Deb Butch reported as of April 30, 2022, checking balance was \$4,060.07, cash on hand was \$100 and the money market account was \$25,083.42.
- c. Committee Reports  
 Education Committee V. Stabenow  
 The WIMGA Weedless program was locked out due to size constraints on the ZOOM meeting. WIMGA free webinars:
  - Best Practices for Watering Yards and Gardens from Lisa Johnson was today.

Valerie learned no rain barrel water should be used in vegetable gardens.

- Strategies for Identifying and Managing Insect Pests, May 18 at noon
- Strategies for Identifying and Managing Plant Diseases, May 31 at noon

d. Volunteer Opportunities (Formerly projects) D. Butch, K. Procknow

Volunteer opportunities have been posted in the newsletter. Kathy asked if anyone has any new opportunities to share. Festival of Spring at the Paine needs help in set up on Friday, May 20. Contact Anika Holland to volunteer. Kathy stated we will update the chart monthly with new information and will be it will be shared in the newsletter. Oshkosh Humane Society has a new director and they are waiting for them to get back to us.

e. Extension Update V. Stabenow

Two people involved were Jay Dampier, Chris Viau. Mike Maddox is leaving. His last day is May 20, next week. Chris Viau is still working on job description for Winnebago Horticulture Advisor. Cost of training to become a new master gardener is \$299 plus Onboarding class cost is \$100.

f. WIMGA Report K. Procknow

Kathy has a ZOOM meeting tomorrow with the eastern district of WIMGA. She will share information in the newsletter. WIMGA newsletter just came out for May. Kathy has a meeting on June 2 with WIMGA.

#### Plant Pursuit Exercise

#### 4. OLD BUSINESS

a. Dissolution Plan L. Werner, V. Stabenow

Valerie read the second reading of the dissolution clause which will appear in our by-laws. It was added to help protect our assets. Debby Voyles moved the clause be added to the by-laws, Mary Shepherd seconded. The motion carried.

b. Transfer Money Market Funds to Community Fund K. Procknow/D. Butch

Current fund is \$25,083.42. Since our dissolution plan states the money will go to the Oshkosh Foundation, they will set up a minimum 4% fund. \$23,000 will create a fund in perpetuity. Valerie talked to the Scholarship coordinator she said they are earning 7-8% per year and we will be able to give a \$1,000 scholarship per year. Allen S. asked if we will be able to donate extra monies to the fund. Valerie answered, yes, we can donate extra monies. Deby Voyles stated that this would help eliminate any burden on the board and make it less cumbersome for managing the funds. Linda Baeten asked if we are allowed to fundraise. Valerie answered, yes, we are allowed to fundraise. We can also apply for grants. As long as we stay members of WIMGA, we can apply for grants.

Discussion followed regarding needs for monies: Who is going to pay for plants at projects? Organizations are now responsible for funding their own plants. Do we have an

operating budget? Deby Voyles stated liability expenses, printing expenses. We used to have a \$15,000 annual budget. But since the pandemic, we have really reduced our expenses. Deb Butch stated we do have the ability to fundraise or charge admissions. Valerie S. said we do have the ability to be self-sustaining.

A straw vote was taken to move the \$25,000 to the Oshkosh Community Foundation. The straw vote passed unanimously.

c. Reinstate Specific By-laws

V. Stabenow

Ed stated that at the last meeting we suspended the by-laws but we need to reinstate some to make us legal with the non-stock corporation papers. Valerie went through section by section what should and should not be suspended. Section I and II keep; suspend III A,B,C,D; suspend IV a; V Need to keep in the Board of Directors as long as we are a “non-stock corporation”; VI 1, 2, 3, suspend; VI keep 4,5 (need to keep minutes); VI 6 suspend; VI 7,8,9,10 keep; keep VII and VIII 1,2,3,4,5,6; suspend VIII 7; suspend IX; suspend X; suspend XI; suspend XII. Dissolution clause will be section XIII and we will keep.

d. Membership Booklet

K. Procknow

Ed presented that we will not print the membership booklet. We just want to print a sheet of paper with your contact information on it. If you do not want your contact information added to the sheet, please let Kathy know and only your name will be included.

## 5. NEW BUSINESS

a. 2022 Worm Castings

S. Egner

678 lbs. of worm castings was sold. Sue ordered 650 lbs. They shorted us by 100 lbs. so Sue had to go back and get more. Apparently, they said they eye-balled it.

b. Membership Sustainability

E. Dombrowski

Membership sustainability is about sustaining our organization. We need your help. Don't be afraid to ask questions.

c. Leadership Round Table

Linda Werner talked about forming a round table about how to continue with our leadership. Linda was asking for volunteers. We need more people than just board members.

## 6. ADJOURN

At 8:05 p.m., Bob Potter moved we adjourn, Valerie Stabenow seconded . Motion passed.

Next Board Meeting:

June 7, 2022 Coughlin Center

Next Business/Membership meeting:

September 13, 2022 Coughlin Center



## 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]

## Master Gardener Volunteer Opportunities \*\* (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>

<p><b>YMCA of the Fox Cities—Neenah-Menasha YMCA</b> <b>**NEW**</b>  110 W. North Water Street, Neenah, WI 54956  <b>Volunteer Information:</b>  <a href="https://www.ymcafoxcities.org/volunteer-opportunities">https://www.ymcafoxcities.org/volunteer-opportunities</a>  Volunteer application:  <a href="https://www.ymcafoxcities.org/sites/ymcafoxcities/files/2021-02/VolunteerApplicationForm2013.pdf">https://www.ymcafoxcities.org/sites/ymcafoxcities/files/2021-02/VolunteerApplicationForm2013.pdf</a>  Liability protection: Organization’s insurance coverage  YMCA contact: Kate Yates, Active Older Adult Program Director,  920-886-2105</p>	<p>OPEN</p> <p>For more information:  Contact Kathy Procknow</p>
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**Carter Memorial Library in Omro - New Opportunities!**

Julie Stobbe (library director) is very interested in maintaining their gardens, and appreciates any help the WCMG can provide.

In addition to the regular weeding/watering maintenance, Julie would like assistance in adding mulch to the gardens.

Also, some very large trees were removed from the property in the late fall. As a result, there are some gaps in the garden where some large, beautiful, hostas used to live. Plus, now this area will be sunny. Help with design of this area is welcome.

Both of these special projects could use some attention from an experienced MG that may want to only spend a limited time in Omro.

Please contact Jenny Breining for more information and if you are able to help.

June 2022						
Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 Board Mtg. 6 PM	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

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