



Winnebago County Master Gardeners

Newsletter

June 2023

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.

In early June the world of leaf and blade and flowers explodes, and every sunset is different.

-John Steinbeck



Mother's Day Tulips
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." 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.

Advisory Team: Linda Loker, Kathy Schultz, Ruth Retzlaff

Secretary: Jean Reed, Anne Murphy

Treasurer: Deb Voyles

Communications Team

Website: Jean Reed

Newsletter: Anne Murphy, Kim Willman, Jane Kuhn, Lawanda Jungwirth

Partner Liaison: Deb Butch

WIMGA Rep: Kathy Procknow

Education Team: Valerie Stabenow, Linda Werner

Meeting Teams

DECEMBER: Susan Forbes, Sandra Dennis, Mary Wiedenmeier

MARCH: Anne Murphy, Kim Willman, Kathy Daniels

JUNE Picnic: Donna Kudlas, Jane Kuhn, Sue Egner, Vicki Daniels, Ruth Retzlaff, Renee Donner, Bob Potter

SEPTEMBER: Mary Bossert, Jenny Breinin, Lil Hansche

Advisor: Madisen Potratz



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. Each article submitted will count toward your volunteer hours. Thank you!

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Summer Picnic Potluck

The Summer Picnic will be a Potluck Supper on Tuesday, June 6th at the Coughlin Center. We will gather at 5:30 PM with dinner at 6:00 PM. WCMGA members and a guest are invited.

Bring your favorite dish to share. There will be a place to plug in crock pots. Plates, napkins, utensils, and water will be provided, or bring your own non-alcoholic beverage.

Please RSVP with the names of those attending to Ruth Retzlaff at 1969retz@gmail.com by June 1st.

We are looking forward to seeing you there! Please remember to wear your name tag!

Your Summer Picnic Committee,

Carleen Christianson, Vicki Daniels, Renee Donner, Sue Egner, Donna Kudlas, Jane Kuhn, Bob Potter, Ruth Retzlaff, Sue Tappy

From your Advisory Team

"In early June the world of leaf and blade and flowers explodes, and every sunset is different"
John Steinbeck

It's been a cold spring, but finally, we are having beautiful days in late May and June. And so much is happening these days. Did you get your order of worm castings? We had a great response from members and non- members alike, and we bagged up well over 500 lbs of worm poop.

The rain garden area in front of the Coughlin building got a good clean up again in May. It is so nice to see the area so filled in and ready to produce a bloomin' good show this year. It will be great to get together at the picnic on June 6th. The story is still true that good gardeners make great cooks!

We are hoping to get out to some of our members and project gardens this summer. There will be a garden walk at the Morgan House in Oshkosh on Monday June 26th. Please come to enjoy the outdoor area of this historic Victorian house, and then come inside to see the fabulous hand printed wallpaper, beautiful woodwork, and Victorian furnishings.

Along with gaining volunteer hours at the various projects, there are many educational opportunities to check out. There are a variety of topics being presented and maybe one of those will help you solve a dilemma you may have in one of your gardens. See below for more information on upcoming sessions.

Master Gardeners will be back at the Farmer's Market starting in June. We will be there for four Saturdays - June 17th Pollinator Week, July 15th Christmas in July, July 29th National Farmers Market Week, and August 19th Kids Week. If you would like to be at the booth, please contact Madisen Potratz.

Please remember our association needs members to consider volunteering for open positions this fall. You can do it!

Enjoy your gardens and time spent outside. These are the best months!

Ruth, Linda and Kathy

Reorganization Plan Proposal for October 1, 2022- December 31, 2023

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>All committees uphold and support the WCMGA mission: "Our purpose is to provide horticulture education, community service and environmental stewardship within our community."</i></p>	
<p>Number of member meetings per year: 4</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • September & March: Business Meeting • December: Holiday Social & June: Spring Social
<p>Member meeting format:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • December and June meetings social only • September and March are business meetings with social and/or CE components (TBD by Meeting Committee)
<p>Advisory Team</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum of 4 members including treasurer and secretary plus at least 2 directors from membership (Initial Advisory Team to include some previous leader(s) for continuity) • Meets at least twice per year prior to the September and March business meetings • 1-year terms starting October 1, but stay on through Dec. 31 to advise/support next team members. Renewable terms. • Decisions can be made via email in-between meetings 	<p>Responsibilities</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve expenditures over \$500 2. Secure adequate liability insurance 3. Keep meeting minutes (Secretary) 4. Review new procedures, policies, SOPS, by-laws and make recommendations to the membership as needed/proposed 5. Maintain non-stock status 6. Set membership business meeting agenda 7. Coordinate with other teams 8. At-large members coordinate membership emails from committees 6. Encourage member initiative in proposing ideas 7. Zoom or live pop-ups for special topics as suggested/available
<p>Communications Team</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No meetings • Individual tasks 	<p>Responsibilities</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Maintain Facebook page 2. Maintain Website 3. Maintain newsletter 4. Email communications to members/teams 5. Extension liaison 6. WIMGA representative 7. Contact/coordinator for partner organizations
<p>Strategic Planning Team</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Form in spring of 2023? • 3-4 members • Meets as needed 	<p>Responsibilities</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review implementation of reorganization plan 2. Make recommendations for changes 3. Member recruitment plan 4. Develop 2-year plan of goals and objectives 5. Develops budget for the plan
<p>Meeting Team</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 general meeting per year of everyone interested (minimum 12) • 4 (minimum) persons assigned to each of the 4 meetings (can meet or work on tasks individually) • Creativity is encouraged to make meetings more lively/interesting • Drawing on member expertise for programs, presentations, etc. is encouraged 	<p>Responsibilities</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Build on format ideas from the roundtable group 2. Work with the Education Team on CE ideas 3. Work with Advisory Team on any business needed 4. Set time, place, cost 5. Reserve venue/arrange set-up and take-down 6. Plan and carryout social component 7. Alert treasurer of any expenses and incoming payments 8. All expenses pay as you go

Education Team <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3-4 members • Meet as needed 	Responsibilities <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CE for membership meetings or stand-alone CE for members 2. Monitor CE opportunities for posting on Facebook and in newsletter 3. Coordinate with Meeting and Advisory Teams 4. Develop ideas for community education 5. All expenses pay as you go
Officers	
Secretary <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Takes minutes at all meetings of the Advisory Committee and general membership business meetings 2. Posts Advisory Team minutes on the website and business meeting minutes in the newsletter 	Treasurer <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Maintains financial records in Excel 2. Pays expenses via check 3. Reports to the Advisory Team and membership at business meetings 4. Manages cash flow with approval of the Advisory Team (can be done via email) 5. Prepares simple budget of known expenses
Goals of Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emphasize social functions • Spread the work • Simplify • Fewer meetings • Encourage/individual initiative • Make MG fun again 	<i>Notes: Roundtable Meeting/CE/Social Suggestions Presentation from WIMGA on its purpose/plans/offerings</i> <i>Apply for WIMGA grants for programs as needed</i> <i>Hands-on learning (park or garden tours, weed ID walk, partner organizations present or offer tours of facilities gardens, members offer programs/presentations)</i>



WE NEED YOU!

Think about volunteering for one of the Advisory positions that will be open in Fall. You can get an idea from the current group and learn the ropes. It's really quite painless and we can continue to move forward with our Association! THANK YOU!

**The entrance of Bethel Home at
Miravida Living and the
Butterfly Garden**

**Master Gardeners Ruth and Vicki
created these beautiful pots and
garden to be enjoyed by residents
and welcome visitors.**

Submitted by Jane Kuhn



Continuing Education Opportunities

SEWISC

2023 Fall Invasive Plant Management Workshop at the Kenosha County Center, Bristol, WI. Saturday, September 9, 2023, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Cost \$60. Registration opens August 6th at: <https://sewisc.org/invasives/plant-management-workshop> Limited to 20 participants.

Please remind members to go to <https://mastergardener.extension.wisc.edu/events/> to find a number of interesting and timely webinars.

Wild Ones **Native Plant Certificate** program is continuing in June:

Identifying Bugs in the Wild, Tuesday, June 26, 6:30-8:30 p.m., webinar and Saturday, July 8, noon to 4 p.m., in-person at UW-Stevens Point. Paul Whitaker is the instructor. Fee. For more information, go to: <https://foxvalleyarea.wildones.org/events/>

For us Hosta Ranchers.. here's a great learning opportunity, Monday, June 26 from 6 pm to 8 pm

The course description (below) says .5 credit, but that is academic credit. For MGs, it's a 2 hour course, so you can claim 2 hours of Education on ORS.

Held at the [Wausau Campus](#)

[GROWING & CARING FOR HOSTAS 11741](#)

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.

References: USDA Plants Database and associated links



Paine Art Center Beauties

Submitted by Kim Willman



Master Gardener Volunteer Opportunities

Organization	WCMGA Liaison(s)
Carter Memorial Library 405 East Huron Street, Omro, WI 54963-1045 Volunteer Information: https://omrolibrary.org/aboutus/friends 920-685-7016 omplstaff@omrolibrary.org Volunteer Contact: Julie Stobbe, 920.685.7016 Volunteer application: https://omrolibrary.org/sites/default/files/inline-files/Volunteer%20Application.pdf Liability protection: Waiver of liability in application process	Sandy Dennis
Miravida Living 225 N. Eagle St., Oshkosh, WI 54902 Volunteer Information: https://www.miravidaliving.com/volunteer/ Volunteer Contact: Joan Keltesch, jkeltesch@miravidaliving.com Volunteer application: https://hipaa.jotform.com/220336497425155 Volunteer training sessions Liability protection: Organization's insurance coverage	Jane Kuhn
Neenah Historical Society—Octagon House 343 Smith Street, Neenah, WI 54956 Volunteer Information: http://www.neenahhistoricalsociety.com/ (920) 729-0244 Neenahhistoricalsociety@gmail.com Liability protection: Organization's insurance coverage Background check performed by Neenah Historical Society	Jerry Robak

<p>Neenah Public Library 240 E. Wisconsin Avenue, Neenah, WI 54956 Volunteer Information: https://neenahlibrary.org/volunteer 920-886-6315 library@neenahlibrary.org Volunteer policy: https://neenahlibrary.org/sites/default/files/inline-files/Neenah%20Public%20Library%20Volunteer%20Program%20Policy.pdf Volunteer application: https://neenahlibrary.org/sites/default/files/inline-files/NPL%20Volunteer%20Application%20Website.pdf Background check performed by Neenah Public Library Volunteer orientation—30 minutes Liability protection: Waiver of liability in application process</p>	<p>Sue Forbes</p> <p>Bette Hoytink</p>
<p>Oshkosh Area Humane Society 1925 Shelter Court, Oshkosh, WI 54901 Volunteer Information: https://www.oahs.org/volunteer.html Volunteer coordinator: Sarah Stoffregen, 920.424.2128, ext. 116, sarah@oahs.org Liability protection: Contact OAHS</p>	<p>OPEN</p> <p>If interested, contact Deb Butch</p>
<p>Paine Art Center and Gardens 1410 Algoma Blvd, Oshkosh, WI 54901 Volunteer Information: Volunteer contact: Annika Holland, aholland@thepaine.org, 920-235-6903 https://www.thepaine.org/support/volunteer/ Volunteer application: https://www.thepaine.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/Volunteer-Application-2020.pdf Volunteer handbook available Background check performed by The Paine Liability protection: Organization's insurance coverage</p>	<p>Ginny Slattery</p> <p>Kathy Gore</p>
<p>UW Madison, Extension Winnebago County 625 E Cty Rd Y, Oshkosh Horticulture Plant Health Advising and other opportunities TBD Volunteer contact: Madisen Potratz, Horticulture Educator, madisen.potratz@wisc.edu, 920.232.1976</p>	<p>Madisen Potratz</p>

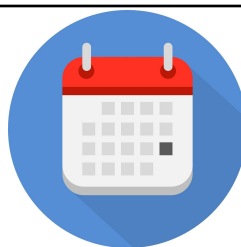
Winnebago County Historical & Archeological Society—Morgan House 234 Church Avenue, Oshkosh, WI 54901 Volunteer Information: WinnebagoHistoricalSociety@gmail.com 920-267-8007 Volunteer Contact: Greg Bellmer, 920.267.8007 Liability protection: Liability protection is not provided	Kathy Schultz
Winnebago County—Department of Facilities and Property Management (Coughlin Rain Garden) 625 E. County Rd Y, Suite 600, Oshkosh, WI 54901 Volunteer Information: No volunteer process Volunteer Contact: Bob Stephenson, 920.420.6405 Liability protection: Organization's insurance coverage	Jill Dombrowski Ed Dombrowski
Winnebago County Master Gardener Association 625 E. County Rd Y, Suite 600, Oshkosh, WI 54901 Volunteer Information: Liability protection: Organization's insurance coverage	Deb Butch
Winnebago County—Park View Health Center (Health Center gardens and Park View Prairie Garden) 725 Butler Rd, Oshkosh, WI 54956 Volunteer Information: Volunteer contact: Missy Grundman, mgrundman@co.winnebago.wi.us, 920-237-6931 liability protection: Organization's insurance coverage	Health Center Gardens: Donna Kudlas Jane Kuhn Park View Prairie Garden: Carol Swannell Jerry Schaefer
YMCA of the Fox Cities—Neenah-Menasha YMCA 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	For more information: Contact Deb Butch

Houses of Worship	
First Presbyterian Church 110 Church Avenue, Oshkosh, WI 54901 Volunteer Information Contact Sue Egner	Sue Egner
St. Raphael the Archangel Catholic Church 830 S Westhaven Drive, Oshkosh, WI 54904 Volunteer Information: Contact Cindy Meszaros Liability protection: Organization's insurance coverage	Cindy Meszaros



Checkered Lily

Submitted by Kim Willman



Upcoming Dates:

- **Summer Picnic: June 6,**
Coughlin Center, 5:30
Gathering, 6:00 Dinner
- **Morgan House Garden Walk:**
June 26, 5-7 PM
- **September Meeting: Sept. 6,**
2023, Coughlin Ctr.

JUNE 2023						
Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
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4	5	6 Summer Picnic! Coughlin Ctr. 5:30 PM	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 Morgan House Garden Walk 5-7 PM	27	28	29	30	

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