

WINNEBAGO COUNTY MASTER GARDENER NEWSLETTER

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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MAY 2005

OPEN SANCTIONED PROJECTS

Community Gardens	
Ellie Frielund	739-7965
Linda Tobey	734-2264
Farmers Market	
Dorothy Gayhart Kunz	233-8468
Paine Gardens	
Audrey Reudinger	231-5745
John Procknow	429-4797
Park View Cutting Garden	
Rob Robinson	231-1162
Curt Reese	426-4992
Park View Vegetable Garden	
Rick Hansen	233-3922
Plant Sale	
Vickie Ludeke	582-4348
Mary Fischer	685-6022

CLOSED SANCTIONED PROJECTS

Emmeline Cook School	
Robin Thayer	235-8489
Community Education	
Dorothy Kunz	233-8468
Linda Tobey	734-2264
Compost	
Stanley Meyer	725-6496
Expo Rain Garden	
Meg Hunsader	757-1410
Ellie Frielund	739-7965
Lincoln School	
Janet Priebe	233-1898
Karen Wedde	235-7159
Menasha Library	
Jean Reed	729-9012
Park View Prairie	
Joel Eisch	231-0656
Refreshments	
Bob & Arlene Kosanke	231-1873
Senior Center	
Rob Robinson	231-1162
Kevin Lamarche	582-7073

COMMITTEES

Education	
Roy Anne Moulton	886-1283
Historian	
John Procknow	429-4797
Membership	
Linda Tobey	734-2264
Newsletter	
Linda Baeten	232-1224
Contributing Reporter	
Lawqanda Jungwirth	836-2878
Socials	
Lynne Goudreau	722-8233
State Rep	
Bob Kosanke	231-1873
Sunshine	
Judy Harms	688-5523
Marlene Konsek	
Time Keeper	
Shelley Aaholm	731-8570
Trip Coordinator	
Meg Hunsader	757-1410

OFFICERS

President	
Linda Tobey	734-2264
Vice President	
Lynne Goudreau	722-8233
Secretary	
Dorothy Gayhard-Kunz	233-8468
Treasurer	
Mike Wiedenhaft	231-3793

MEETING NOTICE

**General Membership Meeting Tuesday,
May 10, 2005
Coughlin Building 235 E County Road Y
Doors open at 6:00
Meeting begins at 6:30**

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Fellow Master Gardeners,

We are under way again, for our busiest time of the year. The gardens are all bursting forth with treasures we had forgotten we hid there. I know I am finding plants I had forgotten I stuck here or there in the fall not really knowing where I'd want them but knowing they had better be in the ground.

We are finding changes in our Association also. This will probably be one of if not the best years we have ever had. We have finally gotten ourselves in the right frame of mind and have a willingness to be active within the group. The awesome turn out for the Park View Clean Up has shown exactly where we are. As we continue this kind of thinking and willingness to come forward to help, we will cover all of our projects and show the community exactly who Master Gardeners are.

We are not just a "garden club." We are an Association dedicated to helping the Community to be more beautiful. We have the knowledge it takes to protect our environment, and are there to share that information with the rest of the community. We make this obvious by our presence at the Farmers Market and in the speaking we do at area events.

I know I have said it before and I am sure I will say it again, "This is an Awesome Group." You all make me even more proud to be a Master Gardener than ever before. I do thank you all for being the group that you have become. Thank You!

See you in the Garden,
Linda



MAKERS & SHAKERS

Those that make it happen are the ones who shake things up in this world. These are the people who are making things happen and we thank them. Remember this meeting also counts for your support service hours.

APRIL MEETING:

Janet Priebe	Marge Bolding	Ralph Giessen	John Procknow
Marlene Miller	Jim King	Chris Bellin	Pat Behm
Stanley Meyer	Al Harms	Bob Kosanke	Ben Dedecker
Ken Hawk	Sue Bohn	Arlene Kosanke	Marty Sacksteder
Ruth Freys	Vicki Luedtke	Karen wedde	Linda Baeten
Judy Harms	Sandy Giessen	Marge Menacher	Barbara Ann Elmer
Debbie Quandt	Lynn Druecke	Becky Oftedahl	Pat Rockow
Audrey Reudinger	Kathy Daniels	Kay Bartell	Bob Robinson
Curt Reese	Bill Polley		

Thank You all for coming to the meeting. Please come again, Your voice means so much to what we do or don't do. I will make sure we have more agendas next time

HOME & GARDEN SHOW: Thanks to all of our members involved in the Home & Garden Show this year. We were there in force to represent Master Gardeners. Bruce gave a very good informative program and other members manned the booth and gave out information on various topics to the community. I have to give special thanks to my Co-Chair Dorothy Gayhardt/Kunz for the great job she did making all of the displays and designing such a nice looking booth. Thanks to Jim King for helping to set up the booth and to Rob Robinson and Curt Reese for helping take it down at the end of the show. From what I was able to see and from what I have heard the booth was manned well and all of you were very professional about the way you conducted business at the show. Thanks to all for another Home and Garden Show well done.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE: We still need members to sign up to be a part of the Social Committee. The Committee is being headed by Lynne Goudreau, our Vice President and Project Co-coordinator. Your task would be brainstorming with Lynne about our Social functions. Right now plans are being made for our 2005 Christmas Party and our late June Pot Luck Picnic at Park View. We will also have a Spanfarkel in the fall and whatever else you might cook up. This is a very creative and fun committee. To become part of the committee call Lynne Gourdeau at 722-8233 or email lynneg@core.com

MAY BOARD MEETING: For all Board members the May Board meeting on Tuesday May 3rd. is at John's. The usual 6:00 time at his home.

MAY MEETING: When able I like to give you an idea of what will be on the table at our next meeting. In May it might be a good idea to talk about the 2006 Conference we are hosting with the Tri County. We should have sign up sheets and be able to talk over what we should do in conjunction with the conference. It will be time to start planning our fall plant sale. We will also have a plant exchange. This is a new idea from Diane Iott one of our newer members, and a good one I may add. There will be more on the docket, but that's a taste.

OFFICERS: In November we will again be electing two of our Officers. It is now time for you to be giving thought about having interest in either the office of Treasurer or President. These I know are not positions that most people see themselves undertaking. I am not here to say they are always easy offices to fill, however, they are always rewarding. If you don't see yourself ready to assume either office this year, but would like to maybe someday assume any office please talk to Linda Tobey. The Officers would be happy to have you assist us with some of our tasks so you can become familiar with the offices. At some point others of you will be assuming these posts so give it some thought.

CONGRATULATIONS ON FINISHING THE ADVANCED MG CLASS OF 2005!

APRIL MINUTES

Recorded by Dorothy Kunz, Secretary

The meeting was called to order by president Linda Tobey. A MOTION was made to accept the secretary's report as published in the newsletter. A MOTION was made to accept the treasurer's report. Mike Wiedenhaft went over his treasurer's report and reported a balance of \$11,982.99

OLD BUSINESS

Website Status

Jean Read is still updating the website. Progress is being made.

Shirt Reorders

Linda will send in an order on 4/13/05

Worm Castings

MGs will bag worm castings on Sunday, 4/17/05, at 12:00 noon. Look for the balloons on the mailbox. The board approved the purchase of a barrel loader to be placed in Lynn Goudreau's garage to help

unload the barrels. A MOTION was made and passed to purchase \$3,000 lbs. of worm castings.

It was decided to charge members \$1 a pound and commercial customers \$2.50 a pound. This is an open project and everyone (including new members) is welcome to come. It was decided to table a further discussion of purchasing mulch until we look into what's available and practical to sell. Worm casting will be sold at the Paine Plant Sale and throughout the season until gone.

NEW BUSINESS

Pot Luck Finalizing Plans

A committee of Marlene Miller, Janet Priebe, Lynn Goudreau, Meg Hunsader and Dorothy Kunz will set up tables, provide pop and coffee for the Pot Luck.

After discussion a MOTION was made to just go with the pot luck and not add any additional main courses. At 5:00 - 5:15 PM Community Gardens UW Fox. 5:45 - 6:10 PM Park View Cutting Gardens. 6:15- 6:30 PM Park View Veggie

Gardens. 6:45- 7:00 PM Coughlin Center with: Welcome and Dinner, Sign Up Time, Hours Explanation by Shelly Aaholm- Do's and Don't. Door prizes and Surprises will end the pot luck. Linda T. has the key to get in.

MG Phone Line

Ralph Giessen had two requests for us. Franklin School would like to reduce and clean up their prairie garden. We will look into seeing what we can do there since this is not an open project. The Local Senior Center would like someone to speak there on container gardening. The information that Bruce Abraham has given on container gardening would be available for a speaker or he will be contacted.

Newsletter

Project heads are requested to send information on their projects to the newsletter editor. You are responsible to do this on your own. Previously Linda T. had been assisting with this. The newsletter will be printed on a monthly basis. News should be in by the 20th of each month. The newsletter will be out in the first week of every month. Linda Baeten was thanked for doing such a great job on her first newsletter. Several suggestions were made to Linda on additions for the newsletter. If you write out an article it would count toward your hours.

Community Gardens Training Nights

There will be two training nights; one on Garden preparation, one on insects. If you want a spot at the Sherman Road site call Julie at the Extension Center.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR WERE:

- A sign up for Park View Volunteers picnic.
- Tom Jacks will provide compost for the Menasha site.
- Karen Wedde pointed out that the DNR is giving 75 environmental tours this summer which are listed in the Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine which is available in the library. The schedules are published in the magazine.
- The Town of Clayton has a 1,000 tree planting on April 30th.

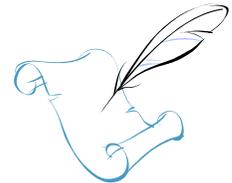
- A thank you to all volunteers who participated at the Home and Garden show by Dorothy and Linda T.
- A Farmer's Market sign up sheet was available. See Dorothy Kunz if interested. dbkunz@voyager.net 920-233-8468
- State Rep- Bob Kosanke will speak Friday night at the State Conference on what our county is doing.
- Paine Volunteer meeting date is April 23, 9-noon. All new volunteers welcome.
- Paine Plant Sale (Festival of Spring) is Saturday May 21. We will have booth and will be selling worm castings there.
- John Procknow said the Learning in Retirement UWO, is interested in an introduction to the Community Gardens.
- Tom Jack will prune trees in the Community Gardens.

Park View Picnic:

A MOTION was passed to have a picnic at Parkview on June 29th. Lynne's in charge. Drinks will be furnished- NO alcohol is allowed on the premises, Set up at 5:00 PM dine at 6:00 PM. Brats and burgers on the grill and a dish to pass.

A MOTION was made and passed to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by
Dorothy Gayhart-Kunz
MG Secretary



MEMBER GARDEN VISITS

Spring is coming quickly and with spring comes our member's garden tours. Any member wishing to have their garden used for our monthly meeting from May through October please let Roy Anne Moulton Know and we will arrange it. It is also possible for you to have a garden walk at times other than a meeting by arranging it with Roy Anne, Linda Tobey or Lynne Goudreau.

PARK VIEW GARDENS COMMITTEE

For those that haven't heard, we had a great turnout of about forty people for our cleanup day at the Park View Cutting Gardens. Not only were they industrious but they were capable. After the gardens were raked, weeded, and trimmed we had two huge

piles of debris that required the tractor with a BIG bucket (as they call it in Vermont. We call it scoop here.) to take five trips to the compost pile. Working in the gardens was tricky as many of the perennials were up several inches. Edging was reinstalled and one area was newly edged. The gardens were also relabeled where possible and a pre-emergent was applied. All of this was done in about an hour and a half.

Thanks to everyone who assisted. You're a GREAT group!!

Plans for the future are to have residents visit with 3-4 of us there on Tuesdays at 3pm and Thursdays at 10:15 am throughout the summer starting June 7th. Several of you mentioned that you would like an opportunity to work in the garden in the evening. Please get back to Rob and I with the day of the week and time best for you. We're currently thinking of putting it on the sign up sheet as Wednesday evening at 5:30.

We'll be planting annuals before then after danger of frost has past. In the meantime we may find it necessary to water if this drought continues. We'll let you know!!!

Again, MANY THANKS to all those who helped clean the garden.

Rob and Curt

BAGS AND BAGS OF WORM CASTINGS

By Bob and Arlene Kosanke

It's official – we now have certified Super Duper Pooper Scooper's!!!!

Marlene Miller, Jim King, Bob Kosanke, Sherry Reuter, Kay Bartell, Janet Priebe, Pat Behn, Arlene Kosanke, Al Harms, Judy Harms, Ralph Giessen, Sandy Giessen, Marge Menacher, Dorothy Gayhart-Kunz, Karen Wedde, & Lynn Goudreau.

On Sunday, April 17th, from 12:00 noon until 3:00pm. 10 barrels of worm castings were packaged for the Paine Plant sale. Each barrel contained 250 pounds of castings. That is a lot of poop to package in three hours. Teamwork in the form of a fast moving production line accounted for the success.

Albeit, the achievement was dependant on our two muscle men Chris Bellin & Mike Wiedenhaft who managed to get the castings from the prison to Lynn's house.

Winnebago County Master Gardeners will sell the castings at a booth at the Paine Art Center on May

21st. The price will be \$1.00 per pound for WCMG and \$2.50 per pound for the public.

WHAT AM I? By Burce Abrams

I am a native Wisconsin plant, deciduous, of the Family Rosaceae; Genus Rubus. My habitat is moist to dry and wooded to open sites such as: Boreal, Northern Upland, Northern Lowland and Southern Lowland Forests and Cliffs. I mature at a height of 18" to 40". I have large, simple, palmately-lobed leaves - green above and paler below - which turn brilliant orange to maroon in fall. My leaves are considered to be an excellent forest toilet paper. I bloom with clusters of white flowers in June and July and bear edible fruit in August that is red to scarlet in color, hairy, and thimble-shaped. My fruit is desired by birds, mammals (such as deer) and humans. Very good as a jam. What Am I?

STATE REP REPORT

The Wisconsin Master Gardeners 2005 State Convention annual meeting was held in Platteville, WI on April 15th and 16th. Those in attendance from Winnebago County Master Gardeners were Linda Tobey, Roy Anne Moulton, Bob Kosanke (rep.) and Arlene Kosanke.

A face-to-face meeting (usually meetings are held via telephone conference) was held with WIMGA officers, board members, district and local reps. on the 15th. This was part of a goal to increase better communications between state and local associations.

On the 16th the reps. held an information meeting followed by the 2005 annual meeting presided by President John Hahn. Susan Mahr, MG Coordinator, reported on activities of the program office and told of a number of objectives for the upcoming year. Among those mentioned included the expansion of the State MG Newsletter to 6 issues per year, development of an orientation package/procedure for local reps., and creation of a uniformity/standardization process where feasible for all MG organizations in the state. Susan mentioned the names of those members with higher level of service hours, and presented the awards to those in attendance. Linda Tobey was presented with an award for 1000 hours. John Procknow and Audrey Reudinger were mentioned with the not in attendance for their 1000 hours of service. Roy Anne Moulton, on behalf of the Winnebago,



I want to thank you for the tremendous service that you have provided to the Paine over the years, and I especially want to encourage you to continue this meaningful volunteer work as the Paine rises to a new level of excellence in the care and enhancement of our gardens.

As you know, the Paine has extensively renovated our gardens to create a premier destination and educational resource to teach and inspire people, young and old about gardening. We maintain and continue to develop nineteen different garden areas with various designs and thousands of plant specimens.

Now that we have undertaken these extensive improvements, we must ensure that the gardens are maintained at the highest level of care possible. This great responsibility is a rewarding challenge for the Paine's staff, and more so, a great opportunity for volunteers to make a meaningful contribution.

We simply can't do all of the work with out volunteers, and the Master Gardeners, in particular, provide a level of knowledge and devotion that we could never afford in dollars. Your contributions are tremendously valuable and appreciated.....by volunteering at the Paine, the Master Gardeners help to support an extraordinary source of local inspiration and pride.....I welcome and encourage you to provide as much service at the Paine as you are able throughout the coming year.

Sincerely,

Aaron Sherer,

Executive Director

Paine Art Center and Gardens

1410 Algoma Boulevard

Oshkosh, WI 54901

www.thepaine.org

**OSHKOSH SATURDAY FARMER'S
MARKET Starts June 4th- October-29th.
MG OPEN PROJECT**

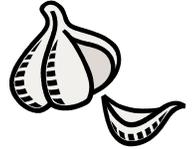
An extension of Community Education this year will be MG participation in the 'Oshkosh Saturday's Farmer's Market' .

We will be available to give information, share handouts, share hot line cards and be helpful to the public in gardening matters. We plan to have several children's planting projects available throughout the season. Set up starts at 7:00 AM, starting time is 8:00 AM and take down is at 12:30 PM. Travel time counts toward hours. (Five and one/half hours plus travel time available every

Saturday.) We start on June 4th and finish on October 29th. Anyone interested in signing up - I still have 7 time slots available. NEW MEMBERS WELCOME. Contact: Dorothy Kunz dbkunz@voyager.net 233-8468 Don't worry about getting stumped- we have many resources for answers. **You can do it!**

Help Pull Garlic Mustard

By Lawanda Jungwirth



Here is an opportunity for some volunteer hours by spending a pleasant hour or two (or more!) along the Wiouwash Trail pulling garlic mustard.

Peak time to pull is the first three weeks in May. The worst areas along the trail are within a half mile north and south of Brooks Road, mostly on the west side of the trail. You can get to the trail parking lot by taking Brooks Road, the road next to GroPlant, which is located on the frontage road at the intersection of Hwys. 41 and 76 (old Hwy. 45).

Garlic mustard pulls easily and if it hasn't yet flowered you can throw the plants right in the trail to dry out. Don't leave plants on the grass beside the trail or they will continue growing and set seed. If plants have already flowered, please take them home in trash bags and put them out with your garbage. You are allowed to drive your car on the trail if you have big bags of garlic mustard to load up. Although the plants pull easily, a dandelion digger makes the work even easier.

If you do not know what garlic mustard looks like, there are good pictures at <http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/land/er/invasive/factsheets/garlic.htm> If you would like me to work with you or just get you started, please call and I will be glad to meet you at the trail.

These hours will count as individual project hours. They will count for new Master Gardeners if you also have at least 24 hours on sanctioned open projects and for continuing Master Gardeners if you also have at least 12 hours on sanctioned projects. Please call me at 836-2878 if you plan to go to the trail to work so I can submit your name as approved for this individual project.

***Answer to May Newsletter "What Am I". I am a shrub - *Rubus parviflorus*; common name: Thimbleberry**

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

TOP TEN

YOU KNOW YOU'RE A MASTER GARDENER WHEN:

1. You rejoice in rain...even after 10 straight days of it.
 2. You have pride in how bad your hands look.
 3. You have a decorative compost container on your kitchen counter.
 4. You can give away plants easily, but compost is another thing
 5. Soil test results actually mean something.
 6. IPM rules!
 7. You'd rather go to a nursery to shop than a clothes store.
 8. You look for gardens open to the public whenever you go on vacation
 9. Your non-gardening spouse is actually getting involved with your garden endeavors...digging ponds, building bird houses, watering, pruning, turning compost piles, planting...
- And you definitely know you're a Master Gardener when...
10. You are surrounded by terrific people who share your passion!



Welcome to Prairiemeadow! Enjoy our little "Peace of Paradise."

Owners Ken and Audrey Ruedinger
2736 Hwy 116, Waukau, W

(This will be a Three Season Introduction to Native Habitats)

The first Walk: Saturday, June 4, 2005 9:30 to 12 Noon will introduce everyone to the flora and fauna of late spring on a parcel of approx seven acres. The site offers prairie, meadow, wetland, semi wetland, wildlife pond and a stroll along Waukau Creek. Please wear old shoes. The ground is uneven and includes slopes.

Second Session: Saturday, July 2, 2005. 9:30 to 12 Noon
Prairie in full bloom.

Third Session: Saturday, Oct 3, 2005 10 a.m. to 12:30

Introduction to Buckthorn, Reed Canary Grass. Will include a wonderful walk on east side of Waukau Creek via Waukau Dam Park.

Call Audrey to register by phone 231-5745 or email aud@vbe.com.

There is a \$10.00 fee and a limit of 18 people. Please bring a lawn chair.

Take either Highway 21, 9th Street, or Highway K west from Oshkosh until you intersect with Highway 116. Go south on Highway 116. Cross the bridge over Waukau Creek and continue on 116 south.

Prairiemeadow will be on you left in Waukau after you cross the bridge. Watch for the balloons!

There are two entrances to Prairiemeadow off of Hwy 116. **Use caution when entering and exiting. Hwy 116 is very busy.** Balloons will mark the entrances. There is an old grey shed on the property bordered by many cedar trees.

- Parking is not allowed on Hwy 116. Turn into one of the two entrances and park on the north end of the property—take the least amount of space so more can be accommodated. Drive carefully in order to avoid damaging trees and other plants. There is also parking on the street directly across from Prairiemeadow. Please park only on one side of the street.
- There are no restroom facilities at Prairiemeadow, but it is very close to the Waukau Nature Center which has restrooms.
- Always exit out of the north entrance for safety reasons. There is better visibility.

Ken and I have witnessed many changes over the past 31 years on our 40 acre Parcel Of Heaven. It was pasture for many years prior to 1973. It has been both exciting and amazing to see the succession of plants, trees and wildlife change over the years. We have a very delicate ecosystem and my goal as caretaker of Prairiemeadow is to nurture, respect and preserve this land. I feel my role is that of caretaker rather than owner and that includes sharing Prairiemeadow with others. Please come and join us!

**CALENDAR
MAY 2005**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THR	FRI	SAT
1	2	3 MG BUSINESS MEETING	4	5	6	7
8 MOTHER'S DAY	9	10 MG GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING	11	12	13	14
15 LAST DAY TO SIGN UP FOR GARDEN BUS TRIP	16	17	18	19	20	21 PAINE GARDENS PLANT SALE MG'S SELLING WORM CASTINGS
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 MEMORIAL DAY	31				

Sign up is due by May 15 for the Garden and Nursery Bus Trip

Reserve your seat now!

Either Wednesday, June 8 or Saturday, June 11, 2005

Janesville Rotary Garden, Janesville WI, 15 Acre Garden

More information available at www.rotarygardens.org

Flower Factory, Oregon WI 4,000 varieties of hardy perennials

Stonewall Nursery, Oregon WI Specializes in Rare Plants and dwarf conifers

The cost is \$42.00 per person and includes lunch, transportation and fees.

Departure 7:00 AM from UW-Extension 3365 W. Brewster St. Appleton

Or 7:15 AM UW-Extension 625 E County Rd Y, Oshkosh

Checks payable to Tri County Master Gardeners.

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Please write name address & phone on reverse side of this form

Mail with your check to Mike Wiedenhaft, 2391 Golden Ave, Oshkosh, WI 54901

Date of Trip _____ **Wednesday, June 8** or _____ **Saturday, June 11**

Pick up point: _____ **Appleton (7:00 am)** or _____ **Oshkosh (7:15 am)**

Sandwich Selections: _____ **Turkey** _____ **Ham** or _____ **Vegetarian**