

# WINNEBAGO COUNTY MASTER GARDENER MAY 2011 - NEWSLETTER

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## PRESIDENTS' LETTER

Hello Gardeners!!

I sincerely hope the old rhyme, "April (snow) showers bring May flowers" is true this year. It's been a long winter followed by some violent spring weather. I think we are all ready for May flowers. Just don't plant tender plants too early in May. I remember my German Grandmother who never planted anything until after the Icemanner or Icemen Days were gone. This refers to May 11, 12 and 13, which are the feast days of "Three Chilly Saints" and thought to bring a late frost.

May is a busy month for Master Gardeners as we begin working on many of our projects. We also have a garden walk scheduled for our next meeting on May 10 and the Paine Festival of Spring on May 21. Please remember to wear your name badges when attending meetings and working on projects to identify yourself as a Master Gardener and for us to get to know each other.

Happy Gardening,  
Mary & Kathy

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## Nick's Note:

Please help us spread the word that the Community Gardens of Oshkosh still have openings. There are two: *Sherman Road Community Garden* is near Picnic Point, about a mile away from the Extension office, between County Road A and Lake Winnebago. *Riverside Community Garden* is at the cemetery on Algoma Boulevard.

Community gardens are an inexpensive, convenient way for people to experience gardening. This is a great fit for residential renters or homeowners with inadequate yard space.

Community and church groups have also begun to use garden plots to donate fresh produce to the community food pantry. If a group would like to grow produce for donations, we likely will have a few open spots the group can use at no charge. A few years back, seed was purchased for the Shared Harvest project; there still is some cucumber and melon seed available. Garden plots are available for \$10 to \$25 depending on size and location.

For more information on community gardens call UW-Extension at (920) 232-1971. Information can be found online at <http://winnebago.uwex.edu/hort/ConsumerHort.html>

## State Plant Health Advisor Training

On Thursday June 2, one of the state wide Plant Health Advisor trainings will be held here at the Oshkosh Extension office. UW Specialists from around the state will be teaching this class focusing on a broad range of regular and new plant health problems. It is an all day event (approximately 9:30 to 3:00). We are waiting for final details.

**HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY !!**

## HAPPY MAY BIRTHDAYS



Jane Cross, Sue Egner, Ken Friedman,  
Becky Gratz, Lillian Hansche, Yvonne  
Molinski, Sue Tappy, David Thurow,  
Mary Wiedenmeier

## Save the Dates!

Please mark your calendars:

- April 30 – Paine Work Day
- April 30 – Garlic Mustard Pull
- May 4 – Plant Health Advisor Kick Off Meeting (6pm – 8 pm)
- May 4 – Park View Luncheon
- May 7 - Tomato Cage Workshop
- May 7 – Garlic Mustard Pull
- May 10 – Garden Tour
- May 21 – Oshkosh Senior Center Planting Day
- May 21 – Outagamie Plant Sale
- May 21 & 22 – Festival of Spring
- June 2 – State Wide Plant Health Advisor Training



## Flower Arranging Dates:

(All are Mondays, 1:30@ PV)

- May 23---Floral flowers from Garden Gate
- June 20---Flowers from our gardens, cutting garden
- July 18---Live flowers
- August 1---Live flowers
- August 15---Live flowers
- Sept. 12---Live flowers
- Sept. 26---Live flowers
- Oct. 10---Floral flowers from Garden Gate
- Nov. 21---Floral flowers from Garden Gate
- Dec. 5---Christmas gift bag arrangements

## Park View's Annual Volunteer Lunch

The Annual Volunteer luncheon at Park View will be Wednesday, May 4. Any one who volunteers at Park View is welcome to join in the festivities being held in the Grand Room, inside the front door and through the foyer, any time between 11am & 1pm. Please RSVP to Paul Behnke 237-6931.



## Organic Gardening Tip of the Month

From Lawanda Jungwirth

Don't use chemicals to kill the weeds in your lawn and garden – harvest the weeds for your salad bowl instead. All these “weeds” are high in nutrition: dandelion (use young leaves before flowering), chickweed, lamb's quarters, pigweed, shepherd's purse, purslane, and yellow wood sorrel.

## Amsonia is 2011 perennial plant of the year

By Lawanda Jungwirth



The Perennial Plant Association has named *Amsonia hubrichtii* (pronounced am-SO-nee-ah hew-BRIK-tee-eye) the perennial plant of the year for 2011. Its common names include Arkansas blue star, narrow leaf blue star and thread leaf blue

star, giving a hint to its native range in Arkansas and Oklahoma and also a good description of its flowers and leaves.

The leaves are very fine, similar to those of thread-leaf coreopsis or our locally invasive yellow-flowered butter-n-eggs. Amsonia, however, grows in a dense mounded form, much like a small shrub. Above the ferny foliage it bears beautiful two- to three-inch clusters of light blue star-shaped flowers in May and June. Imagine a hyacinth but with the flowers held a little more loosely. The foliage remains light green throughout the summer, but in fall turns a spectacular bright golden yellow which is actually the main reason many people grow it.

Amsonia will grow successfully in our area and does best in full sun or partial shade in well-drained soil. Too much shade will cause the 36-inch tall stems to flop. Once established, the plant is drought tolerant, and can tolerate a season of neglect. The stems contain a milky sap that makes it unappealing to deer. Insect problems and diseases are rare.



While amsonia can be propagated by seed and softwood cuttings, the easiest way is to dig and divide the plant in spring.

Here is how the Perennial Plant Association describes amsonia and some plants it recommends to combine with it. "This blue star adds a billowy, finely-textured feature to the perennial landscape. The cool blue flowers are useful for toning down adjacent flower colors. The colors of the foliage and flowers blend easily with other plants. The stunning pale pumpkin fall color of the foliage creates an excellent combination with purple coneflower, gayfeather, and ornamental grasses. Try a combination of Black Lace elderberry and Arkansas blue star. The brilliant yellow foliage of amsonia combined with the dark foliage of elderberry is a knockout combination. Arkansas blue star can be used in sunny borders, cottage plantings, native gardens, and in large container plantings. The ornamental qualities and many uses make amsonia an invaluable perennial garden plant."

A quick internet search of garden catalog sites didn't turn up many companies selling amsonia, but the ones that did offer it varied in price from \$4.95 to \$12.95 per plant. Perhaps it will be offered in our local nurseries this year.

The requirements for a plant to be selected Perennial Plant of the Year are that it be suitable for a wide range of climate types, is low maintenance, be easily propagated and exhibits multiple seasons of interest. How could amsonia not win?

## Flower of the Month - MAY: LILY



Lilies were so revered by the ancient Greeks that they believed they sprouted from the milk of Hera, the queen of the gods. Long tied to the Virgin Mary, the white Madonna lily represents virtue, while the lily of the valley conveys sweetness and humility. In the language of flowers, this May birth flower expresses purity of heart, majesty and honor.

## What am I? by Jane Kuhn



I am a versatile plant – a garden perennial, a wildflower and a legume. I am native to the United States and am beneficial as I transform atmospheric nitrogen to a more readily usable form by fixing it into the soil. Most of my varieties have tall, showy spikes of flowers in shades of purple or blue while other are pink, white or yellow. Over 300 varieties exist with flowers produced in late spring and early summer that stand one to four feet tall. I have raceme flower spikes – a flower cluster inflorescence in which flowers are born on a long main stem. My leaves are attached in a pinwheel shape, each containing between seven and eleven leaflets.

I grow best in moist soil conditions with high organic material but have the ability to withstand drought once established due to my exceptionally long taproot. I prefer full sunlight but will tolerate moderate shade. I can be propagated from division, cuttings and seeds. Seeds require a period of cold stratification for germination to occur. I don't transplant well due to my long taproot. My new plants need one growing season to mature enough to produce blooms. Besides my attractive blooms and helping the soil, other benefits include attracting hummingbirds and butterflies.

## Thank You Master Gardeners Oshkosh Saturday Farmers Market

Our sign up sheet is filled. However, if anyone needs hours (volunteer or education hours), just show up at the market and help us out.

**Saturdays from 7:30 AM to 12:30 PM  
Main and Merritt  
June 4- October 1 (for our booth)**

We will send out the schedule to each MG who signed up. PLEASE BRING A CHAIR. Park around the market and walk over to our spot.

Prepare to have some fun.  
Janet Priebe and Dorothy Gayhart-Kunz



## POTENTIAL PROJECT CORNER

### Evergreen Retirement Community

is a non-profit organization which serves people 55 years and older. With nearly 300 residents and eight living options, we are always looking for ways to serve and enrich the lives of our residents. A member of the Life Enrichment Team has (what we think) is a great idea: to create raised garden beds for the residents to plant, grow, maintain and harvest fresh vegetables and cut flowers. We need your expertise in planning this as well as your hands-on assistance to make this project a reality. Evergreen will pay for all materials. If interested, please contact Phyllis Thompson, Volunteer Coordinator, at 237-2126 [pthompson@evergreenoshosh.com](mailto:pthompson@evergreenoshosh.com) for more details.

### Mercy Hospital

Has a retention pond that they would like to develop a garden around. They were hoping that the Master Gardeners would be interested in making it a project. Please contact Patti Calhoun at 920-276-1663 for more information.

### Sheldon Nature Trail

This is the Sheldon Nature Trail at Oakwood School in Oshkosh. The contact person is Kathy Daniels 233-0410.

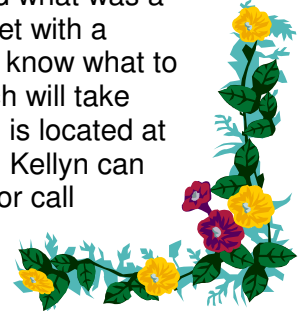
There are three areas of concern. The first would be the beautification of the area surrounding the "Welcome Sign" at our main entrance, which is reached from Omro Road onto the teacher's parking lot behind Oakwood School (Nature Trail entrance). We would like to keep it in mostly wildflowers that are both colorful and native to our area.

We are also, looking for information/help concerning control of both thistles and mustard weed.

### Emmiline Cook Elementary Butterfly Garden:

Kellyn Cameron, a junior at Oshkosh North High School is involved in the Polaris National Honor Society which sponsors a Junior event each year to go out into the community and give back. This year

they have decided to go back to one of the elementary schools and help rejuvenate their butterfly garden. The garden has been there for a long time and the gardens were a HUGE deal to the kids and they loved to have class there and eat lunch on the benches. Over the years the gardens have suffered a bit, many of the plants are invasive and as a result they were cut away last fall, without knowing what was a plant and what was a weed. They would love to meet with a Master Gardener so they can know what to have ready for the event which will take place on May 7th. The school is located at 1600 Hazel Street, Oshkosh. Kellyn can be reached at 920-379-0343 or call her mom at 920-379-2667.



## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY PLEASE HELP PULL GARLIC MUSTARD!

Come help pull garlic mustard along the Wiouwash Trail on **Saturday, April 30** and **May 7** (if necessary) from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon.

*We will also be pulling garlic mustard on weekdays before and between these dates, weather permitting. Watch your e-mail for information, or let Lawanda know if you'd like to be notified by phone.*

Meet at Brooks Road parking area.

From Oshkosh, take Hwy. 45 north to the Ryf Road exit. Turn right on Cty. T at the top of the exit ramp. Go just over 1½ miles to Brooks Road. Turn left and go about 1 mile to the trail.

Or from Oshkosh, take Hwy. 76 (Jackson St.) Go under Hwy. 41 and turn left at the frontage road - Green Valley Road. Turn right on Brooks Rd. just before Stuart's Landscaping. Go 3 miles to the trail.

From the Fox Valley, take Cty. II, Larsen Rd, Oakridge Rd., Cty. JJ or Breezewood Rd. west to Hwy. 76. Turn left and go south to Green Valley Road (Hwy. 41 frontage road). Turn right on Green Valley and then right again on Brooks Rd. just before Stuart's Landscaping. Go 3 miles to the trail.



Your help is welcome even if you can come for only an hour or two! You do not have to get there at 8 a.m. Come anytime!

Bring gloves, kneeling cushion or knee pads and a dandelion digger. A five gallon bucket is handy also. Garlic mustard pulls easily but a dandelion digger makes it even easier and helps ensure that the roots don't break off.

Call Lawanda Jungwirth at 836-2878 or e-mail [ljungwirth@new.r.r.com](mailto:ljungwirth@new.r.r.com) for more information or JUST SHOW UP!

## Plant Health Advisor Kick-Off, May 4

Ann Gratton has accepted the project lead for Plant Health Advisors. In 2010, there were over 400 calls, emails, and walk-in questions answered through this service. Over 100 of those questions were about trees, followed by insects, diseases, fruit, and vegetables. The spring Plant Health Advisors kick-off meeting is scheduled for the evening of Wednesday May 4<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm at the Coughlin Center. We will be done by 8 pm. Please respond to Nick if you plan to attend, 232-1970, <mailto:mnick.schneider@ces.uwex.edu>.

We will review:

1. How to receive and respond to phone calls, at the office or from home, and emails.
2. Hot Topics.
3. Tour the Extension office resources, printing, and mailing.
4. Fill the volunteer schedule on Tuesdays and Fridays throughout summer.

## Answer: What Am I?



I am a lupine. Order: fabales. Family: fabaceae (pea family). Genus: lupinus L. Common name: lupine. Lupines make good companion plants for crops that need significant amounts of nitrogen in their soil and can be intercropped properly, like cucumbers, squash, broccoli, and spinach. Alkaloid-containing lupine varieties are toxic if

consumed by animals or humans since stems, leaves and flowers have quinolizidine alkaloid. Germany produced the first alkaloid-free cultivars of the plant, which enabled the high protein seeds to be consumed by both humans and livestock in the 1920's. The plants quickly became a popular forage crop in parts of Europe.

References: USDA Plants Database and associated links

## Festival of Spring

May 21, 2011

9 am to 4 pm

(8 am early admittance for Members and Master Gardeners)

Festival of Spring is a free outdoor festival featuring the Paine's annual Spring Plant Sale and more than 200 vendors of original art, fine crafts, plants and garden supplies. Visit the Corner Flea Market located at the corner of Elmwood Avenue and Congress Street, and also enjoy great food and entertainment throughout the day. Tour the Paine's spring garden showcase featuring more than 10,000 blooming spring wildflowers, tulips, daffodils and flowering trees.

Volunteers are needed throughout the day to help answer plant questions and offer suggestions. To volunteer, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator at (920) 235-6903 ext. 40.

## Historian Wanted

After much thought, I would like to relinquish the historian duties with Master Gardeners. My schedule is not allowing the time needed to do the job as I would wish. I know there are several other members with photography skills that might have more time than I. Maybe when I retire from full-time obligations, this would be a better fit. When you find someone, please notify me and I will put together what I have and give it to them.

Thanks for understanding, Dawn Kent

**If you are interested in this position, contact one of the Board Members.**

## When to plant

By Lawanda Jungwirth

Gardening books recommend planting peas "as soon as the soil can be worked." But what does that mean? This week, many of our vegetable garden plots are still under water and it's going to be quite a while before they dry out. Perhaps you



are fortunate enough to have well-drained, sandier soil, or raised beds for your vegetables. In either case, the test for when the soil can be "worked" is to pick up a handful of soil and squeeze it gently in your palm. If the soil sticks together, it is too wet. If it crumbles, it is ready.

## **Volunteers Needed**

### **Oshkosh Senior Center Planting Day**

### **Saturday, May 21st**

No matter how anxious you are to plant, and regardless of what it says on the back of the seed packet for planting time, you must wait to plant until the soil is dry enough. Trying to work the soil, especially clay, while it is too wet can ruin its structure and you'll end up with big sun-baked clods later in the season.

Perhaps you think you can plant earlier by avoiding tilling the soil, which normally is an excellent option. However, placing seeds in cold, wet soil is just asking for them to rot rather than to germinate. So, take a few more days to relax before the real work begins, and just wait.

Assuming your soil is ready to go, you can plant the following any time now: beets, cabbage, lettuce, onion sets, peas, radishes, mustard and turnips. If you need some color, you can plant pansies outdoors as soon as they are offered in the nurseries. They are tough enough to withstand the cold, and if they are knocked back slightly by some extra cold temps, they will recover. Trees and shrubs can be planted now as well.

In mid-May, plant seeds of annual flowers and also tuberous begonia bulbs, dahlia bulbs and gladiolus corms. This is also when you can plant purchased annual flowers like geraniums, vinca, marigolds, snapdragons, dusty miller, begonias, and impatiens.

Wait until about the third week in May to plant beans, corn, cucumbers, eggplant, melons, potatoes, pumpkins, squash, zucchini and basil from seed. Do not set out tomato, pepper and other nursery grown plants until the last week of May.

Always be prepared to cover everything except the earliest planted vegetables and pansies if a late frost is forecast.

Don't be worried if you don't get things planted at the times suggested. Almost everything can be planted later. Many times it is an advantage to plant later because the first life cycle of insect pests that may have attacked will be completed before your plants are up and ready to be their lunch.

**THINK**  
**SPRING !!!**

Perhaps you are aware that the Oshkosh Senior Center had asked for assistance from our organization to update their landscaping. MGers Curt Reese and Terrie Walotka have been working with staff from the Center to develop a plan for the front sides of the north and south buildings. That plan has been developed, approved, and now we are ready to plant.

We will be gathering at the Oshkosh Senior Center of Saturday May 21st at 10 a.m. to make our plan turn into reality. Volunteers are needed; please bring your shovels and trowels.

It would be appreciated if you would email or call MG Terrie Walotka on or before May 10th so that a count of volunteers can be determined between our organization and volunteers from the Senior Center group. You may contact her @ 233-2258 or <mailto:mtwalotka@charter.net>.

Curt and Terrie are now in the planning stages of the next component of the redo, landscaping along the buildings that face the boat launch. This means another day of planting next spring. Perhaps you can rejoin us then too.

Thank you.

### **Garden Walk Tour – May 10**

This is our May 10th Garden Tour and Grand It Is. We will be carpooling from Mary Wiedenmeier's office Provident Financial Consultants, 2391 Enterprise Dr, Oshkosh. Travel Hwy 41 South, take Hwy 44 West, turn left at Citizen First Credit Union at Universal Ave follow Universal St veer to the right onward to 2391 Enterprise Dr. There is plenty of parking. You will be hopping on Hwy 91 and following the directions given by Larry Conrad to Eldorado. It will only take about 10-15 minutes at the most to location. Any questions please contact Audrey Ruedinger...Enjoy

1. A bit of background and garden info... Oak Lawn Cheese Factory is our home. The building originates from the 1850's and sits surrounded by the farms that served the factory in its original calling. We have lived, renovated the building, and gardened here since 1972. The site is approximately two + acres in size, mostly developed from cow pasture in the past 25 years,

and is populated by a huge variety of plants. I particularly enjoy magnolias and have some forty different cultivars planted. Many have gained some maturity while others have been planted more recently. Other trees of interest include numerous conifers, as well as European beech, flowering crab, cercis, katsura, oak, paperbark maple, Korean maple, white birch, and ginkgo trees. Among the shrubs are lilacs, hydrangeas, azaleas, rhododendrons, heptacodium, shrub roses, althea, viburnum, and tree peonies. Daylilies are underplanted with hundreds of flowering bulbs, and there are numerous other perennials throughout the gardens. Asiatic, oriental, and orienpet lilies can be seen blooming in season. Newer collections of hellebores, primrose, and epimediums are starting to develop and there are at least two dozen varieties of hardy mums. There are a number of hostas that have been in the garden for as many as twenty years without division, and there are also many newer hosta varieties planted more recently. Annuals are also an important part of the design and a given year may involve the planting of three to four thousand of them. Biennials also abound, particularly foxglove and sweet william. There is a gazebo, large arbor festooned with hanging plants in season, and a recently developed "cottage garden" area defined by cedar fencing that reminds one of the Swiss cheese makers who labored here for many years. The newest "dependencies" are an 18' by 20' storage barn and a 16' square greenhouse. One feature of special interest is the hyper-tuffa garden area, supported by what our youngest son has labeled "the world's longest xylophone". It is actually an arborvitae hedge reassigned as a fence that carries the tuffa pots. The fence is supported by the arborvitae which were cut back to two feet and not removed from the ground. All cut portions were recycled into the building of the unusual support fence. Each season we welcome many visitors. I estimate that we had between 500 & 600 visitors to the gardens during the 2009 season. I really feel that it is our duty to share what the good Lord has provided for us, and we've had so many wonderful times greeting old and new friends!

All The best,  
Larry Conrad

2. My blog link... ..

<http://conradartglassgardens.blogspot.com/>

...on the right of the blog page are links to several older posts listed as "Some older posts that I enjoyed creating" Examples of my lamp work can be seen by clicking on "[Several Examples of my work in stained glass lamp shades \(2\)](#)" and pictures

of the 2010 garden season can be seen in nine separate posts listed on the right side of the page as "2010 gardens in review" (9)

### **Directions:**

Instructions from Oshkosh...

South on hwy 41 to hwy 26... take 26 south towards Waupun (Rosendale)... at about five miles out hwy Z goes only to the left and then there is a large sweeping curve with a very high soil berm on the right which hides a Michels Stone Quarry... Opposite the stone quarry entrance, Hwy C goes to the left only... take hwy C...

We are 1.5 miles south on hwy C... be alert as we are easy to miss if you go too fast (there are several farms in this area)... we are the 2nd road to the right (neither of these two go to the left)... we set back from C about 200 feet or so and are the big blue building. If you get to Lincoln road which crosses C, you have gone 1/2 mile too far.

### **"Battle of the Buckthorn"**

The North High Conservancy is a 13 acre park located behind North High School. It is LOADED with buckthorn!! WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The city parks department will provide the chemicals to treat the tree stumps and will remove the neatly stacked branches we leave for them along the path. Yah!

Work days will be May 14th and 21st and June 11th from 9-12. Lunch provided. We will work in teams.

Please bring your gloves, loppers and chain saws, if you have them. Please join us at 931 Park Ridge Ave (right behind the park) Contact is Sue Egner (231-1729)

**Minutes were unavailable for this newsletter edition.**

## SANCTIONED CORE PROJECTS

Community Education	
Marge Menacher	223-3467
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
Humane Society Memorial Garden	
Dara Sitter	582-4405
Lincoln School	
Karen Wedde	231-9696
Mary Haave	231-2542
Octagon House	
Jerry Robak	722-3311
Oshkosh Senior Center	
Paine Gardens	
Bob Potter	233-3349
Park View Cutting Garden	
Bill Weber	231-2936
Park View Vegetable Garden	
Judy & Al Harms	688-5523
Park View Prairie Garden	
Ken Hawk	426-1691
Park View Flower Arranging	
Pat Behm	410-3290
Plant Health Advisors @ UWEX	
Ann Gratton	231-3015
Rushford Town hall	
Audrey Ruedinger	231-5745
Carol Dorsch	589-5936
Shared Harvest	
Ken Friedman	235-6766
Habitat for Humanity Partnership	
David Leonard	379-5860
Washington & Webster Schools	
Marge Menacher	223-3467

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Ken Hawk	426-1691
Audrey Ruedinger	231-5745
Roy Anne Moulton	886-1283
Bob Potter	233-3349

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Membership	
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Diana Dougherty	233-7137
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Patty Schmitz	236-8887
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Joni Pagel	233-6619
Cindy Meszaros	233-3550
Website, Computer and Projector	
Jean Reed	729-9012

**BOARD MEETING – May 2**  
**No BUSINESS MEETING**  
**Garden Walk – May 10**

### OUR 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.**







## Outagamie County Master Gardeners Association

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**DATE:** May, 2011

**RE:** Community Calendar Item

Below is an upcoming event the Outagamie County Master Gardeners would greatly appreciate appearing in any type of Community Calendar articles for community events to help our organization advertise our upcoming plant sale.

If you would like more information about the Outagamie County Master Gardeners Association, or about our annual plant sale, please contact Jackie Rickel at 715-258-4882 or email Jackie at [jmrickel@gmail.com](mailto:jmrickel@gmail.com).

The Outagamie County Master Gardeners Association will be holding their 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Plant Sale from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm **on Saturday, May 21, 2011**, on the Outagamie County University of Wisconsin Cooperative Extension Office grounds at 3365 West Brewster Street in Appleton. **Note: This date is two weeks earlier than past years.** This sale offers a wide variety of new types of perennial and annual flowers, shade plants, vegetable plants, house plants, grasses, and garden compost all at reasonable prices.

The Master Gardeners are very pleased to announce UW-Extension Seasonal Horticulturist **Jessica Wickland** will be conducting a Plant Diagnostic Clinic from 8:00 until 11:30 am at the plant sale. Jessica will answer general plant questions, discuss proper plant care and insect or plant disease problems. She will also identify any samples of diseased plants and offer suggestions on prevention.

Master Gardeners will be available throughout the sale to answer gardening questions and personally help shoppers select plants for individual garden sites.




The Outagamie County Master Gardener Association, one of 45 chapters of the Wisconsin Master Gardener Program. Master Gardener Volunteers are trained volunteers who assist staff at the University of Wisconsin-Extension by helping the community understand horticulture and its significance to the environment. Master Gardener Volunteers are involved in a variety of community activities, including youth and adult education projects



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Flowers are sunshine, food, and medicine to the soul.

Luther Burbank

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
1	2	3 BOARD MEETING	4 Park View Luncheon 11am-1pm  Plant Health Advisory Kickoff	5	6	7 Tomato Cage  Workshop <hr/> Garlic Mustard Pull
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