



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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Shelley Aaholm	731-8570
Trip Coordinator	
Meg Hunsader	757-1410

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Treasurer	
Mike Wiedenhaft	231-3793

MEETING NOTICE

Tuesday, OCTOBER 11, 2005
Socialize at 6:00
General Membership meeting begins 6:30
MEETINGS COUNT FOR HOURS
BE ACTIVE!

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Fellow Master Gardeners,

Fall is really starting to make itself known. On occasion you can even feel a little nip in the air. Fall has always been my favorite season. I love the sights, sounds and smells it brings with both its entrance and exit from our year.

I must say I am very happy that we have a new treasurer. As much as I am saddened to see Mike leave the position because of all he brought to it, I am pleased to see Marge coming in to bring her own style to the office.

I am a little disappointed though to see that no one has come forward yet to be nominated for the President's office. This is a position I know you will find rewarding and challenging. There was a time when I was needed for the job, but I think I have given the office all that I have to give. If I stay too long, things will get old and stale. I would not dump the office on the new president. I will stay involved as long as I am needed to. I will still have my seat on the board, and will be around to assist when asked to. Don't be afraid, I know many of you are capable of doing this job and doing it very well. Give me a call if you are interested. Let's talk!

See You in the Garden
Linda



MAKERS & SHAKERS

These are the members that were there to usher in our renewed meetings. We sure started off with a bang in more ways than one.

Kathy Daniels	Bob Kosanke	Arlene Kosanke	Ken Schwanke
Stanley Meyer	Amy Asenbreber	Marlene Miller	Roy Anne Moulton
Sandy Giessen	Ralph Giessen	John Procknow	Marge Bolding
Sue Bohn	Chris Weston	Gail Rouse	Dian Iott
John Procknow	Audrey Ruedinger	Vicki Schultz	Curt Reese
Carol Neubauer	Barbara Elmer	Linda Baeten	

Our next meeting will be the 2nd Tuesday in October, the 11th.

- REFRESHMENTS:** Our new refreshment chair is Barbara Ann Elmer. If you are interested in being part of her committee please contact her @ 235-4381. Thank You Barbara for coming forward to be our refreshment chair. Your bars at the last meeting were wonderful.
- MEETING EDUCATION:** This position is an offshoot of Education Director position. Roy Anne had been providing speakers for our meetings along with the Education Directors duties and has come to the conclusion that this extra job makes the Director position a little too much. We have now broken Meeting Education off of the Education Director position. The Meeting Education chair will alone or with a committee select and book speakers for our monthly meetings. We do have a contact list available to help with speaker selection. Anyone interested in this position contact Linda Tobey. 734-2264 or email linda@americanpresstech.com.
- COMMUNITY GARDEN CHAIR:**
The Community Garden Chair heads the projects at the Community Gardens. It will include having a group design the perennial garden for the Community Garden area. You receive some direction from Susan Richardson, the Head of the Community Gardens for Winnebago, Outagamie and Calumet

Counties. This is a nice chair position. You are able to work at your own pace and schedule the volunteer committee to work with you.

4. **SPECIAL COMMUNITY GARDEN MEETING:** We will be having a special Community Garden meeting on Monday October 3 at 6:00 PM. This meeting will end our activities at the Community Gardens for the year and recognize those that have been paramount in our success there this year. Susan Richardson will be there along with members of the ARC. Susan will also talk about what her vision for next year is. Please plan to attend it will be a meaningful meeting.
5. **HELP NEEDED – OCT. 1** - We are involved in a revitalization project with Outagamie County. We will be planting the terrace of what used to be the Sentry Store on Wisconsin Ave. in Appleton. Plants and tools will be furnished. The area will be tilled and ready to plant. We will also be given FREE LUNCH, which will be provided by the Mexican restaurant that is going into that space. We will be working the project from 9-3. If you are able to join us please let me know. This is a great project for Menasha and Appleton Members, and a great jump on hours for 2006. If you want to help call Linda at 734-2264.

MINUTES

September 13 General Membership Meeting

Due to the fact that our Secretary, Dorothy Gayhart-Kunz is still in Nepal, and the power outage that occurred during the last meeting, I'm offering some sketchy notes from the September General Membership meeting per Linda Tobey's request.

No Treasurer present, no report
Marlene Potter was not present to talk about the Paine Garden Walk
No Secretary present, no report

Plant sale – neither Vicki nor Mary could make the meeting, but we heard it went rather well.

RoyAnne spoke about the upcoming classes offered this winter. The education committee has been working on speakers. (see Roy Anne's report)

Election of officers:
Marge Bolding was nominated and elected as our new Treasurer. Congratulations Marge!

Nominations were taken for a new Board member. Audrey Reudinger was nominated and elected. Congratulations Audrey!

It was a board decision not to allow Master Gardeners who did not fulfill the required volunteer hours in 2005 to take the new classes in 2006. Our goal is to get fully active members who honor the commitment of giving back volunteer hours. People new to the organization who promise to commit to volunteer service, and Certified Master

Gardeners from 2005 will be able to take the Training Classes.

Discussion followed on offering more evening opportunities for those who work during the day. One suggestion was to get involved with community education. There is always a need for speakers. It was mentioned that we are in a period of transition and need to get projects geared more to education and learning how to be a gardening resource person. You can always contact Linda Tobey if you feel you need help getting hours.

The New State Membership policy was discussed. The State has developed a policy regarding Master Gardener membership. It stresses the importance of giving service, rather than considering the Master Gardener Association as a mere garden club, or a venue to take classes without reciprocating with volunteer hours. A copy of the Membership agreement was passed out to those present. It is up to each County/Association to decide whether they want their members to sign this agreement only once, or yearly. A motion was made and seconded to have a member sign only once, and to include the Membership Agreement along with the mailing for the 2006 membership dues.

Lynne could still use some help with the Spanfarkle, especially with decorations. Set up is at 10:00 am.

Tri County Committee is looking for members to play active roles for the up-coming State Conference. See Roy Anne.

New Project: There is a plan to revitalize a section of Wisconsin Ave in Appleton. This could be a joint

project for Winnebago and Outagamie MG's. Planting takes place October 1. Contact Susan Richardson.

Linda Tobey is looking for help planting the UW Fox Valley grounds. Planting will take place September 17 at 9-11 am. Left over hostas from the plant sale will be used in a shady area.

Nominations for President will close in October.

Meeting Adjourned.
Respectfully submitted,
Linda Baeten

PLANT SALE

Hi Everyone,
Just a short note to let everyone know how thankful Mary and I were for all the help with the plant sale. The people who donated plants had everything labeled with lots of information about the plants and the plants themselves looked very healthy. Thank-you to all who came and helped with the sale, and also to those who wrote articles for the paper and put ads in the paper. We couldn't have done it without everyone's help!

Thanks again,
VICKI AND MARY

Park View Cutting Gardens - October

The daisies, black-eyed Susans, and sunflowers are past their peak but the asters are just beginning to bloom. Overall the garden still looks nice and there are plenty of blooms left to cut and take inside. The volunteer (we think) morning glories, though not good cut flowers, have been just magnificent as of late.

The residents are still coming out regularly on Tuesdays and Thursdays to enjoy the nice weather that we have been having. This will continue until the end of September, weather permitting, so please come out and help put together bouquets for them to enjoy. Also, we are continuing to have to water as of last week so a hand is needed for that. You can enjoy not only the gardens while out but also the many geese and other birds gathering in preparation of winter.

Speaking of work hours, we will need help putting the gardens to bed for the winter after the first hard frost. We will be sending an e-mail when this is

scheduled and hope that we get lots of help as we did in preparation and planting this last spring!

Thanks again to all the good volunteers who put in so many hours this season!!

Rob and Curt

2006 Master Gardener Training Classes

In the 2006 training classes, we will study ornamental trees and shrubs. Topics include: ornamental conifers; deciduous trees; ornamental shrubs; design and planning; care of mature trees; insect identification and control; disease identification and control; tree and shrub identification; proper pruning techniques. Classes will be from 6:00 pm. to 9:00 pm on Wednesday evenings beginning January 18 & ending April 19.

Class size will be limited to 60 students. Returning members must be certified to register for classes. You are certified IF you: 1) passed the 2005 training. 2) fulfilled the volunteer commitment with a minimum of 24 hours. 3) pay your 2006 dues in December or January. This year the University of Wisconsin Extension is asking students to sign a volunteer agreement committing to the minimum of 24 hours of service. Ten additional seats will be available each night for certified Winnebago County Master Gardeners who want to take individual classes.

Classes are first being offered to certified Winnebago County Master Gardeners. If you want to register for the classes, phone Roy Anne Moulton in Neenah (920-886-1283) or Audrey Ruedinger in Oshkosh (231-5745) by November 1. Roy Anne may also be reached by email (royanne@new.rr.com). On November 2, classes will be opened to the 2005 wait list and then to names taken at the farmers' market. When 60 names are accumulated, the class roster will be closed. **Therefore, it is imperative you get your name on the list by November 1 if you want to take the 2006 training classes.**

The 2006 classes are shaping up nicely and we hope you will join us for some great learning and great fun.

The Education Committee (Pat Behm, Mike Meeker, Eileen Meeker, Marge Menacher, Roy Anne Moulton, John Procknow, Curt Reese, Audrey Ruedinger, John Zeinert)

FLOWER POWER

"Ooooooo, flowers" was heard every Monday during the summer months at Park View as the flower arranging girls walked with the flower cart to their designated ward. The residents look forward to choosing sunflowers, marigolds, cosmos, even hosta leaves were among the great variety of flowers from the cutting garden. Thank you Rob Robinson, Curt Reese and your committee for giving us some many varieties of flowers to choose from each week. The residents were quick to select their favorite flowers and start arranging.

My flower arranging committee consisting of Mary Ginke*, who worked every session but one; Pat Behm, Kathy Daniels, Mary Fisher, Ellie Frielund, Vickie Ludeke, Carol Neubauer, Marti Norton and Karen Weede worked in groups of four per week. Dorothy Kunz and I were subs. I did a few sessions too. The residents were usually gathering around the tables as we arrived, eager and excited to be working with live flowers. They enjoyed reminiscing about the flowers they used to raise in their own gardens and they certainly looked each flower over well, noting the texture, scent, color or shape of each flower. Mary Ginke will be leading flower arranging sessions this December using silk and naturals instead of the live flowers. If you are interested in joining her, call (722-7593). We will be back again in the halls of Park View next year so keep us in mind if you are interested.

Of course we want to remember John Procknow and Audrey Reudinger who planned and organized the original cutting gardens. We couldn't do anything without all of our volunteers who come and join us year after year for this wonderful project.

Thank you all again for a job well done.

marlene miller - lead for Park View flower arranging

NEWS FROM OUR STATE REP, BOB KOSANKE

Check out this educational opportunity, thanks to Bob Kosanke, our State Rep. And yes, it would count for continuing education hours.

Cornell Horticulture Distance Learning

If you have any questions, please direct all inquiries to Marguerite Wells from Cornell University. Space may be limited.

The Horticulture Department of Cornell University is pleased to announce a new fall and winter roster of online courses for gardeners. We

have increased our offerings to 3 courses: Our best known course, the How, When, and Why of Grafting for Gardeners; Organic Gardening; and now, Propagation by Cutting and Layering. A course in Micropropagation is in the works. Each course is 8-10 weeks long, and takes place entirely online- no campus visit is necessary. We go to great lengths to encourage a real online community in our courses. Rather than an impersonal website, our courses have an important interactive component that stimulates learning from each other. In addition, we believe in the value of hands-on learning, and so each course has a strong set of labs to be done at home- whether grafting hibiscus at your kitchen table, studying the structure of your own garden soil, or propagating the plants growing around your home or neighborhood.

The courses do not carry college credit, and are aimed at adult learners with busy schedules. The Propagation course runs October 17th to December 11; Organic Gardening, January 16 to March 12; and Grafting is in the spring, March 13 to May 21. Further course information and registration can be found at <http://www.cce.cornell.edu/hortdl/>. Further questions can be directed to Marguerite Wells at 607-255-9911 or mw38@cornell.edu
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Cornell University
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<http://www.hort.cornell.edu/dilmun/index.html>

VEGETABLE SOUP

What to do with all those vegetables you grew?
Make soup! Ahh the aroma!

2 to 3 cloves of garlic diced small
3 carrots sliced into ¼' rounds
1 cup of chopped cauliflower
2 cups diced zucchini
Other chopped vegetables of your choice (optional)
2-3 tablespoons olive oil
1 Tablespoon fresh basil
1 Tablespoon fresh oregano
24 oz can of diced tomatoes,
(or two cups of your own home grown cut up)
Broth – either chicken, beef, or vegetable
Salt and pepper to taste

Heat the oil in a soup kettle over medium heat. Add the garlic, carrots and cauliflower. Saute until almost soft (not brown) over medium heat Add zucchini and herbs. Saute some more until the Zuc is translucent. Add tomatoes and enough broth to make a fine soup. Adjust seasonings.

WHAT AM I

I am a native Wisconsin plant, a perennial, deciduous shrub, of the Family *Hamamelidaceae*; Genus *Hamamelis*. My habitat ranges among different forest types as I am considered an understory plant – from beech, northern upland, northern lowland, and southern upland forests to pine barrens. I am usually multi-trunked and grow to typically 15' tall. My green leaves are 3 – 6" long, scalloped turning yellow in fall. Following the dropping of my leaves, I bloom during late September to November with yellow, ribbon-like flowers that are about 1" long. I produce a ½" long fruit that ripens the following fall. When ripe, I explode emitting two, hard, shiny black seeds that are ejected about 30'. The seeds taste somewhat like pistachio nuts and are a favorite of a number of wildlife – i.e. deer, beaver, chipmunks, squirrels and cottontail rabbits. Other interesting tidbits: my forked branches were often used as divining rods or "witching sticks" used by dowsers in the search of water; American Natives used my parts in various forms for treating skin ulcers, soothing sore muscles, to treat colds and coughs, and for insect bites and abrasions – I am also available commercially today. What Am I?

Holiday Light Show Bus Trip

Visit the Garden of Lights at the Green Bay Botanical Garden. See 150,000 lights crafted in flowers, butterflies and other botanical themes.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

**Depart at 6:00 pm from the UW Extension
3365 West Brewster St., Appleton.**

Returning to Appleton around 10:00pm

Cost is \$20 per person which includes:

Transportation (Kobussen Coach bus with bathroom/TV), Walking Admission, Optional wagon ride at site (cost is \$7 at the garden).

Responses due by November 15. Space is limited.

Sponsored by Outagamie County Master Gardeners Open to Public. Please invite your friends and neighbors.

Make check payable to "Outagamie County Master Gardeners"

**Mail to Meg Hunsader, 3161 Winnegamie Dr,
Appleton, WI 54914**

Thanks,

Meg

HACKBERRY – A Midwestern Native

By Lawanda Jungwirth

Alan Jackson sings, "If money grew on hackberry trees . . . that'd be all right." Ever wonder what a hackberry tree looks like?

Hackberries (*Celtis occidentalis*) are one of the most versatile shade trees. It is related to the elm and in fact grows in the vase form of the elm, but just a little wider. Hackberries grow fast and tall in the Midwest. The record-holder tree is 94' tall and more than 6 feet in diameter. Hackberries on poorer soil grow to 40 – 60'. They are very tolerant of drought, air pollution and short-term flooding, but these factors make them grow more slowly.

The most notable feature of the hackberry is the bark – it has grooved and corky warty bumps over a smooth gray background.

The leaves look like those of stinging nettle and turn a variable greenish yellow in the fall. Spring brings inconspicuous greenish flowers. Small drupes follow the flowers and turn orange-brown and then purplish black in late summer, reaching the size of a garden pea. The thin, leathery layer of flesh that surrounds the hard seed has a raisin-like taste that birds love. Butterflies are also attracted to hackberries.

Hackberries will adjust to almost any site, but ideal conditions are rich, deep soils with a neutral to basic pH, adequate moisture and sun. Seeds (from the drupes) can be sown in fall. Hackberries transplant easily but will take a year or two to recover.

There are few problems with hackberries. They are subject to leaf galls and mosaics but this is not serious. Some species are allelopathic (like black walnuts are) and some other plants may not flourish in their roots zones.

The most important problem is susceptibility to decay which begins after damage from storms or improper pruning. Learning proper pruning techniques and making sure to prune off any storm damaged branches should take care of this problem.

There are few cultivars to choose from. The ones most resistant to storm damage are 'Prairie Pride,' 'Chicagoland,' and 'Windy City.' All were developed in Illinois. There is a dwarf variety called *Celtis tenuifolia*. It is a good specimen for the small yard or terrace and is one of the most suitable and decorative trees for raised planters.

Hackberry trees are often mentioned as one of the best food and shelter trees for wildlife.

Harvest Time

Courtesy of new member, Ann Allen

Tomatoes, zucchini, green beans, cucumbers. When we are in the dead of winter, the thought of fresh garden produce makes me sigh. In the spring, when I am nurturing my tomato plants, I like to brush my hand over their tops just to get a whiff of what's to come and happily think about how satisfying it will be, in just a few months, to be picking them fresh from my own little plot.

Sadly, by the time we get to Autumn, my family is more than a little burned out on all the bounty. Zucchini, wow, I haven't had that in, HOURS! To keep this great source of goodness from getting too mundane, I'm always looking for new and exciting ways to prepare these babies. Since my son with the sweet tooth has grown and left home, those that I now cook for do not see that one can live on cake, cookies and sweets. So now what my family wants is more savory food and what I want is what I like to call Regional Gourmet Cooking. Sounds exotic, eh? But what it really means is cooking fine food with what you have or grow and with what you can find at your local grocery store.

One of my favorite vegetables is zucchini and one of my favorite ways to prepare it is as soup. In past years I've been rescued from the bounty by a hard frost or a powdery mildew. I sprayed that mildew this year and I'm thinkin', "I'm not quite sick of zucchini yet. Let's see, what can I make today. How about zucchini chips. . .



Answer: I am a shrub - **Hamamelis virginiana**;
common name: American Witch Hazel
References: <http://www.botany.wisc.edu/wisflora/>
and associated links

Editor's corner:

If anyone has articles for the newsletter please contact Linda Baeten 920-232-122 or e-mail baeten@ntd.net. I need some feed back. Is the Newsletter too long? Are there too many minutes to digest? Would you like to see more gardening info? Let me know. Thanks, LB

THE WISCONSIN MASTER GARDENER STATE CONFERENCE - 2006

The Master Gardeners Associations of Winnebago, Outagamie and Waupaca counties are hosting the 2006 Wisconsin Master Gardeners State Conference. MGs from the entire state are coming to Radisson Paper Valley Hotel in Appleton on March 24th and 25th to learn, be inspired and to meet with other Wisconsin Master Gardeners.

The keynote speaker, Ed Lyons of the Janesville Rotary Gardens, will present "Garden Expectations/Garden Inspiration" on Friday evening. This will be followed by a cash bar and treats. On Saturday morning Mr. Lyons will present "New Garden Foliage, Texture, Form". This address will be followed by 3 breakout sessions with 5 speakers per session. That's 15 topics to choose from! Topics include gardening for wildlife, shade gardening, ornamental conifers, heirloom vegetables, new plants for 2006, rhododendrons & azalea, peonies, daylilies, evaluation of perennials to name a few. There will be Master Gardener exhibits, a raffle, a silent auction and vendors. It's going to be quite an affair.

As you might have guessed, a lot of help is needed to ensure this event runs smoothly. Committees being formed at this time include publicity, registration, vendors/displays, raffle tickets, sponsorships/donations/silent auction, tear down, food/refreshment and hand-outs. I encourage you to join a committee and become involved. Participating in a successful event is very rewarding, you'll meet other Master Gardeners, and it's a great way to start accumulating those required volunteer hours. Some committees will be very active beginning now (publicity, vendors/displays), while others will be most active closer to the event (hand-outs, tear-down). So pick what suits your schedule and get involved!

Please get involved in this event if at all possible. I guarantee you will be glad you did!

The minutes from the last **Tri - County meeting** are attached so you can see what's been done and where we need to go from here. **Remember, this is a GREAT way to accumulate hours for your volunteer service!!**

Please call or email if you have any questions.

Roy Anne Moulton
920-886-1283
royanne@new.rr.com

Tri-County Master Gardeners Meeting
Monday, August 15, 2005 6:00 pm
Coughlin Center in Oshkosh

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Mary Margaret Moreau at 6:00.

Attendance:

Waupaca County: Faye Wilson and Pat Ritchie

Winnebago County: Roy Anne Moulton, Linda Tobey, Marlene Miller

Outagamie County: Mary Margaret Moreau, Lynn Coffeen, Kathy Baum, Kevin Jarek, Larry and Kay Herried, Kathy Baum

Approval of Minutes: June 20, 2005 Minutes approved with correction of Roy Anne as part of Winnebago attendees.

Discussion Items:

Booth Space

Pat Ritchie reported that we currently have 3 MG groups interested in renting booth space. These groups need to secure their spots by forwarding a check to "Tri County Master Gardeners" to Attn: Mark Scherer, 3365 W. Brewster St., Appleton, WI 54914.

Those currently interested in having an MG booth include: Sauk County, St. Croix County, Grant County, WIMGA (free), Penny?, Outagamie, Winnebago, and Waupaca County for a total of 8.

Vendor booths currently stand at 20, but there are hopes that more may become available with more added rooms or hall space. Possible vendors include J&K Orchids and Native Solutions. Someone also needs to be in charge of this committee.

Budget

Mike has resigned as treasurer effective immediately.

There is no budget report. The budget needs to be done to finalize the registration fees. Faye stated that Colleen McCoy, the current treasurer from Waupaca County, might be someone to consider for the position. Linda Tobey will first ask the person taking over Mike's position if they might be interested.

Mary Margaret mentioned that since Mike has resigned, someone needs to take the representative position from Winnebago County. Linda Tobey stated that possibly the new replacement or else she would be willing to be the representative.

Speakers and Contracts

Each individual who contacted speakers will be responsible for obtaining biographical information from that speaker using a form from Roy Anne. These biographical forms should be forwarded to Mary Jane Landowski at 1-920-832-8997 to be included in the brochure. Mary Margaret will forward Mary Jane's new e-mail to everyone so the bio's could be sent electronically.

Jason suggested that all contracts and bio information be sent to Winnebago. Winnebago County would make the necessary copies so that all chairpersons would be "on the same page" when organizing rooms, equipment, etc. Linda Tobey requested Mary Jane forward copies to her and she'll get the necessary copies prior to our next meeting. Mary Margaret will pick up a dozen binders to help organize the materials.

Speakers will receive hotel accommodations (if coming from a distance greater than 100 miles). Discussion followed about speaker fees and food.

Kathy Baum reported that she was able to secure Ed Lyons at a rate of \$500 for Friday night and \$300 for Saturday morning, with hotel and food coverage. He will not need a table or mileage reimbursement.

Registration

Kathy Schweiso has volunteered to be chairperson for the registration committee.

Committee Members

Donations and Raffles

Discussion followed about possible raffle items and donations. Linda reported that Dave Wanniger may give out plants, etc. Kathy Baum will contact Jude and her partner to ask if they might be interested in organizing the raffle and silent auction donations. Kathy also stated that the Radisson might be another source of a donation.

We will need to do both a raffle and a silent auction. The group decided that just one committee should be in charge of both.

Lynn shared a copy of a letter that was sent to all MG groups for donations. A similar letter will be forwarded to each county at a later date.

Linda and Faye will seek 2 volunteers from each of their respective Master Gardener groups.

Pat stated that we need to get things in line so that we can get raffle tickets printed. Last year the group made \$8000. We are in need of several larger items like small rototillers, wildlife prints, etc. A cash prize could be another option.

State Rep

Lynn stated that Arlen Leholm is willing to speak at the Saturday morning (his preference) welcome. Lynn will contact Susan Mahr to contact Arlen to ask him to speak at that time. Kathy suggested we also ask him to attend the conference. Susan Mahr will speak at the luncheon.

Lynn has already Susan Mahr speaking at lunch. No awards will be given at lunch, but rather will be distributed at local MG meetings.

Lynn briefed the group about past conferences. She shared letters, etc. She asked that WIMGA names be listed in the program. It was also suggested that VIP people have special name tags.

National Convention

Larry and Kay shared information from the international MG convention where approximately 500 people were in attendance. There was good representation from our area: Waupaca County-4, Outagamie-3, and Brown County-2. Kay showed a bag and a booklet with a table of contents, speakers, summaries of each talk, and executive summaries. The future hosts of the international convention from Arkansas gave out rock pens and duck soaps as part of a promotion. Daily Plant-It newsletters were distributed every day. Larry and Kay enjoyed the special tours. There was no evaluation form at the end of the conference.

Roy Anne mentioned that we need to set aside more funds in the printing area if we plan to do something similar. Linda suggested that we may have to have our copies printed by a printer rather than a copier to save money. Kevin reiterated the fact that we need to seek volunteers.

Announcement

Winnebago MGer's are having a Spanfarkel Corn Roast on September 25th for the public. Everyone is invited.

Next meeting:

1. Set up printing committee.
2. Check over a rough copy of the brochure.
3. Bio's and speaker needs (Budget committee needs to be in attendance)
4. Discuss equipment needs.

5. Speaker space/vendor needs
6. MG booths should be finalized by Sept 19th.
7. Vendor Committee needs to be set up.
8. Raffle/ Donation Committee set up.

***Invite all possible members to this meeting to organize each committee. Kevin will reserve Rooms A, B, and C.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 26th in Appleton beginning at 6:00.

All committee members are invited to attend so that committees will have more time for organization.

Speakers/Convention Program

The revised schedule of the conference is:

Friday, March 24, 2006

4:00 State Board Meeting/Business Meeting

4:30 Exhibit set-up

5:00 Registration

7:00-8:30 Speaker/Ballroom

8:30 Cash Bar and treats

Saturday, March 25, 2006

7:30 Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:30 Welcome and Introduction

8:45 Main Presenter

10:00-11:00 Breakout Session 1

11:15-12:15 Breakout Session 2

12:15-1:15 Lunch

12:30 Annual Meeting/ Raffle Winners Announced

1:30 Silent Auction Ends

1:30-2:30 Breakout Session 3

2:30 Silent Auction Winners posted

3:00 End of Conference

Vendors

\$15 to County MG displays

3 reserved for the TriCounty MG groups (10 tables)

7 reserved for the other MG groups

\$125 to commercial vendors (10 tables)

Rooms

The room rate is currently at \$79 per night. Our rental fee of the convention hall and presentation rooms is on a sliding scale based on the number of room rentals.

If 75 rooms are rented, there is no additional charge for the meeting rooms.

50-70 rooms rented = \$500 additional charge

30-50 rooms rented = \$1000 additional charge

30 rooms rented = \$1500 additional charge



Speaker Schedule

Friday, March 24, 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Presenter	Contact	Topic
Ed Lyons (\$500)	Kathy Baum	Garden Expectations/Garden Inspiration

Saturday, March 25, 8:45 – 9:45 am

Presenter	Contact	Topic
Ed Lyons	Kathy Baum	New Garden: Foliage, Texture, Form

10:00 am – 11:00 am

Presenter	Contact	Topic
Rich Eyre	Linda Tobey	
Mayo Underwood	Linda Tobey	Heirloom vegetables
David Drake	Kevin Jarek	Gardening for Wildlife
Richard Hawke	Roy Anne Moulton	Evaluation of Perennials
Kevin Jarek	Kevin Jarek	Soils

11:15 am – 12:15 pm

Presenter	Contact	Topic
Rich Eyre	Linda Tobey	
Mayo Underwood	Linda Tobey	Fruit
Dave Wanniger	Linda Tobey	Rhododenrons & Azaleas
Nate Bremmer	Kathy Baum	Daylilies
Jason Kruse	Roy Anne Moulton	Turf

1:30 pm – 2:30 p-m

Presenter	Contact	Topic
Dave Wanniger	Linda Tobey	Peonies
Kathy Lindeman	Kathy Baum	Shade Gardening
Michael Beeck	Roy Anne Moulton	New Plants for 2006
Marilyn Hermann	Faye Wilson	Herbs
Phil Korth	Kathy Baum	

Back up Presenter	Contact	Topic
David Bayer	Kevin Jarek	Invasive Species

Meeting adjourned.
Faye Wilson

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

PROJECT QUESTIONS

If you have any questions regarding projects please contact Lynne Goudreau. Phone: 722-8233 or email: lynneg@core.com

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Contact Linda Tobey or Roy Anne Moulton

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Hours spent at the General Membership meetings count!
Come and see how else you can be involved.

PARK VIEW

Curt and Rob can use help in the cutting garden eventually putting the garden to bed for the winter. Contact Curt or Rob.

EDUCATION/PROGRAMS

Provide interesting speakers and programs for the General Membership meetings. Contact Linda Tobey or Roy Anne Moulton.

FRUIT PIZZA

1-8 ounce package Pillsbury crescent rolls
 1-8 ounce package cream cheese
 1/2 cup powdered sugar
 2 cups Cool Whip

Press crescent dough in 9"x13" pan.
 Bake at 350 for 10 minutes. Cool.

Mix together cream cheese, powdered sugar.
 Add Cool Whip. Spread over baked dough.
 Top with sliced favorite fruit-strawberries,
 grapes, kiwi, etc.
 Refrigerate.

Thanks to the chef, Barbara Elmer

THINGS TO DO AT STERLING GARDENS

October 4, 6 to 7 pm
 Make a decorative pumpkin arrangement
 Cost: \$30.00

October 18, 6 to 7 pm
 Make a fresh pumpkin arrangement
 Cost: \$30.00

To sign up call 920-725-9966 or 9290-231-2890
 Or e-mail info@sterling-gardens.net



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(HOURS EARNED AFTER SEPTEMBER 1, 2005 WILL GO TOWARDS 2006 TALLY)

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THR	FRI	SAT
						1 7:00-12:30 FARMER'S MARKET OSHKOSH
2	3 NEW MOON ●	4 MG BOARD MTG	5	6	7	8 7:00-12:30 FARMER'S MARKET OSHKOSH
9	10	11 MG GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING	12	13	14	15 7:00-12:30 FARMER'S MARKET OSHKOSH
16	17 FULL MOON ○	18	19	20	21	22 7:00-12:30 FARMER'S MARKET OSHKOSH
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 7:00-12:30 FARMER'S MARKET OSHKOSH
30 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS	31					

TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK - DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS AT 2:00 AM OCTOBER 30

Indoor Herb Garden *(Courtesy of Sterling Gardens Newsletter)*

Bring the outdoors in with a container full of edible flowers and fragrant herbs!

Bring your outdoor herbs and enjoy them for the winter with these helpful tips. Herbs do require a lot of light, so they would do best in a bright, sunny window or under gro-lights. Herbs will bring beauty, fragrance and flavor to your home or even your office!

Plants Suitable for Indoor Gardening Include:

Winter Savory, Pansies, Sage, Rosemary, Peppers, Chives, Nasturtiums, Parsley

How to Plant your Indoor Garden:

1. If you already have an outdoor herb garden, you would probably want to replant and clean it up before bringing it into your home by following the steps below!
2. Choose a container to fit in your sunniest window and ensure it has proper drainage. Fill the pot with soil halfway.
3. Inspect the root ball of each of the plants you have. If they are very bound, loosen them up by teasing them gently.
4. Place the plants in the container and fill with soil, pressing firmly to hold the plants in place.
5. Water carefully and avoid getting the foliage wet. Keep the soil evenly moist, but not soaking wet. Pinch back the herbs to keep them compact and bushy looking; and if suitable, use the clippings in your favorite recipes (be sure plants are safe for eating before doing so).