

WINNEBAGO COUNTY MASTER GARDENER NEWSLETTER

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.

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Park View Vegetable Garden	
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Compost	
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Lincoln School	
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Refreshments	
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Business Meeting

October 9, 2007

6:15 PM

**All members welcome to attend
THERE IS MUCH TO DISCUSS!**

Dear Fellow Master Gardeners,

Don't you all just love this weather? Fall is my favorite time of the year. I love the smell of burning leaves and the sound of them crunching under our feet as we walk through them. I love the sunny days with the light flickering off of the colored leaves. Oh! That day in October when the first white flakes come flitting down. We know they aren't here to stay but just a reminder of things to come. This is such a great time of the year.

Another thing that is coming soon is our election for President and Treasurer. From what I hear we do have a couple members who are getting ready to step forward to take on leadership positions. Please feel free to put your hat in the ring also. I have heard from many of you that you don't feel you can follow me as President. My answer is, yes, you can. I know it seems like I have done a lot of things as President and you are right I have. Shouldn't I have done many things in 5 years? I most definitely should have. Not only have I been President for a long time, but I have been President at a strange time in the history of the Winnebago County Master Gardeners.

I became President pro tem to complete the term of our latest past President. She could no longer do her duties as President for many reasons one being her struggle with our original advisor. I took over Lou Anne's duties and began a relationship with our then advisor. Our relationship was rocky at times but workable. After I was elected for my first term our advisor retired and we were without an advisor for a long period of time. Because we had no advisor and Rosemary had kept very confidential what needed to be done to run the group I had to learn to do those things that she oversaw. This is the main reason for my over the top hours for a couple of years. After I learned what to do and how I was then able to hand off most of it to others. I have gone from over 900 hours to a mere 375 this past year and next year the President will have to do many fewer hours

I do promise, whoever takes over my present duties, that I will not be far away. I will still be a member of the Board and act as go between for the Extension and our Master Gardeners until we have a new Advisor in place. I will help where needed, but we are very ready for new ideas and new leadership. Please feel free to be a part of the leadership of The New Winnebago County Master Gardener Group. It's not too late to put your name in the hat.

Now that that history lesson is over we have to look forward to the future. I am really getting excited to see the changes that will be made. I get excited thinking about what new things will happen as new ideas come forward. We need things to be seen in a new light so we can continue to grow. I will help to teach you the rules I have learned throughout the years and show the finer points. Soon, however, you will be on your own without even realizing it. Kind of like when dad taught you how to ride your bike. Without you being aware of it he just let go and you were riding.

Enough of that for now; I have 2 meetings left and I'd like it if you would let me know some issues you would like to have put on the table before I put my gavel on the shelf. Please email or call me with your wishes. I hope to see each one of you at our next meeting.

I'll see you in the Garden
Linda



NOTES:

- 1. BOARD MEETING** - Our next Board meeting is October 2. All members are invited to attend. Those of you who have your names in nomination for an office, or are thinking of doing so, I suggest you attend these next few meetings. Being there and learning the ropes so to speak will help you make a comfortable transition.
- 2. MEMBERS BUSINESS MEETING** – Our next Business meeting will be on October 9 @ 6:15 PM in the Coughlin Center.
- 3. INFORMATION CHANGES** – If anyone has a change in address, email address or phone number we request that you notify Chris Bellin, our membership chairperson, right away. His email address is cbellin@new.rr.com. Don't be surprised if you don't get emails and or mailed items if you do not let us know of your informational changes.
- 4. WINNEBAGO COUNTY MASTER GARDENER EMERITUS** – This title is bestowed on our long term involved members. We like to let our members know they are appreciated as much and as often as we can. One of our best ways to do this is the Emeritus status. We have a few members that have been awarded this status. John Procknow and Burt Carpenter are among those that have been bestowed this honor.

To become an Emeritus member you must have at least 10 years of active membership. You also must have been an officer or member of the Board to achieve this honor. In lieu of that you have to have been the chair of a larger project for at least 2 years.

When you are an Emeritus member you have every right any active member has. You however, do not have to put in any volunteer hours, nor do you have to pay dues any longer. We feel you have paid for it.

If you have achieved the necessary steps to be an Emeritus member and would like to become one, please notify any one of the Board members so we can get the ball rolling for you. If you feel you are not ready for that honor yet, just remember as long as you were the chair of a large project, have been an Officer or have been on the Board with at least 10 years of service to the organization you are eligible. Let us know when you are ready to receive Emeritus status.
- 5. COOK BOOKS** – Don't forget to give our Master Gardener cook books for gifts. It is a perfect Bridal Shower gift accompanied by a gift certificate to their favorite food or kitchen store. They are perfect gifts for birthdays and Christmas stocking stuffers too. Help the group by giving our books.
- 6. GOLDEN TROWEL TIME** – Well once again we are looking forward to awards. Now that hours are in and our Holiday & Awards Dinner Party is just around the corner, it is time for us to start getting in our nominations for the Golden Trowel Award. Remember any nominee has to have been a member for at least 5 years. They also must be an example of what you consider an exemplary Master Gardener. Please contact Stan Meyer, Marlene Miller, Audrey Ruedinger or myself with your nominations.
- 7. SUNSHINE COMMITTEE** - Please remember to contact the Sunshine Committee with important news about one of our members so they can represent our good wishes by sending a message, a card or a gift to the member. The information need not always be grim. Yes we want to be there for our members when any of us is faced with illness or the loss of a loved one, but we want to be there to celebrate the good time too. It feels so very good to remember a birth, a special anniversary, a marriage and all the happy things that come our way. Please contact Judy Harms or Liz Ginke with your information.

MEETING MINUTES

Master Gardener Board Meeting

September 4, 2007

Coughlin Center, 6 p.m.

Members present: Kathy Daniels, Linda Tobey, Marge Bolding, Bob Potter, Dorothy Gayhart-Kunz, Audrey Ruedinger, Stanley Meyer, Barb Kuhn, Linda Werner

The meeting was called to order by President Linda Tobey.

OLD BUSINESS

Treasurer's Report: Marge Bolding reported a balance of \$10,849 at the end of August 2007. Linda Tobey said she has found nothing that prevents a MG association from investing part of its funds in something stable like a short-term CD. Marge cautioned that with the stricter rules that came from Madison last year it may not be a good idea. MG associations are not allowed to make a profit on their classes. Linda will ask Chris Kniep at the UW-Extension office for a statement on investments. Linda made a motion to put \$5,000 of current funds into a 6 to 9 month CD. Audrey Ruedinger seconded the motion. Approved.

Waldusky Project: The Waldusky Foundation has received its formal non-profit status. This the point at which the board said it would again look at the request for assistance in landscaping the Waldusky property. Outagamie County has decided not to participate in the project. A lot of work is needed before any planting can be done. If enough members are interested, a tour of the property will be arranged and a portion of it selected to work on. Landscape preparation will be the first priority. Linda will ask Gale Davey to attend the September business meeting to report on the project and ask for volunteers.

Christmas Party: Robbins normally does not provide a separate bar, but Kathy Daniels will inquire about the MG party because it will be a large group. Members will be offered the

choice of four plated entrees and a dessert will be served. A fee of \$15 per person will cover most costs including decorations and door prizes. Marlene Miller will be asked if she can do the flowers again. The social hour will be at 6 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7 p.m.

Newsletter: Linda will ask for a vote at the business meeting to decide whether the newsletter should continue to be emailed as opposed to postal mail.

Officer Nominations: The election for president and treasurer will be held at the November business meeting. Board member election will be in January. At this time, there are no candidates for president or co-president. An updated list of duties for the president will be presented at the September business meeting and another call for candidates made. Linda will also include information in the October newsletter on how the duties of president have changed since she first took office. Many duties have been handed off to committees. Linda will continue to be available for consultation in the absence of an advisor. Stan Meyer suggested that the board composition be reviewed before the January elections.

Golden Trowel Award: Stan will put a call for award nominees in the October newsletter. The award will be presented at the Christmas party.

Annual Tree Donation: Audrey reported that a Heritage Oak will be planted in a grove of heritage trees adjacent to the Coughlin Center this fall. A plaque naming Winnebago County MG Association as the donor will be placed in the area. A dedication ceremony is being considered. Volunteers may be needed to keep it watered next summer. The membership will be asked consider donating another tree in honor of Marlene's husband.

NEW BUSINESS

Emeritus Membership: Winnebago County MGs already have several emeritus members, but no specific criteria have been developed for this membership status. Emeritus members

have all the privileges of membership but do not pay dues and do not need to complete volunteer hours. Linda believes there are several long-term members deserving of the status. Barb Kuhn will draft an amendment to the bylaws to create an emeritus status.

Summer Garden Walks:

Linda Tobey will host the June 2008 garden walk. Marge Bolding and Bob Potter, neighbors, will jointly host the May garden walk. The dates were tentatively scheduled for the second Tuesday in each month

The meeting was adjourned at 8 p.m.

Submitted by:
Linda Werner
Secretary

MG Membership meeting

Sept. 11, 07
6:15 PM- Coughlin Center

Linda Tobey, president, called the meeting to order.

The monthly financial report was presented by Treasurer, Marge Bolding. A monthly ending balance was \$10,849. Two awards were given by Marge at the County Fair. Both Courtney Wright and Hillary Kennel were given \$50 awards. As suggested by the board, Marge put \$5,000 in a CD at 5.25% interest. A MOTION was made and passed to accept the treasurer's report. A MOTION to accept the secretary's report, as published, was made and passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Election Update

Bob Potter presented two names for Co-Presidents: Mary Weidenmeier and Kathy Daniels.

Two names were given for treasurer: Alice Graf and Barbara Kuhn. Elections will be held at the November meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Announcements:

Wedding

Best wishes to Sue Bohn on her Saturday wedding.

Winnebago County Fair

Marty reported the booth at the fair went well and was pretty much like what we did last year. Our thanks to Sue Bonn for organizing the booth and for all those who worked in it.

Cookbooks

We have sold enough cookbooks to pay for our cookbook publishing, a total of \$2,060.00 has been turned in so far.. The rest will be profit. We ordered 1,000 cookbooks.

Park view Parade

Will be held on the Wednesday after the MG meeting. Mg's can bring a shovel or hoe to walk around to the resident claps and cheers.

No Spring Classes

A few advanced classes will be announced later in the year. No training classes will be held this year. An adviser will be hired early next year and is responsible for the classes. A letter of explanation will be send to all those who signed up to take the classes here.

Donated Tree

Audrey Ruedinger has ordered our yearly tree. The tree is a Heritage Oak and will be planted in the tree circle, County Park, across from the Coughing Center. Cost is \$150.00.

Melinda Meyers to Speak

Marge Menacher told the group about the workshop on 'Gardening in Small Spaces' and 'Fall Clean Up' on October 20 in Beaver Dam at the high school. Members can car pool to attend this event. This was in your State newsletter.

Chicago Botanical Gardens

Marge Balding announced an all day trip to the gardens. Call her for more information.

Nominations for Golden Trowel Award

Members are awarded for outstanding service after at least five years of membership. Send in a nomination to either Linda Tobey, Marlene Miller, Audrey Ruedinger or Stan Meyer.

This award is given at the December awards banquet.

State Conference

Judy and Al Harms offered to sell MG cookbooks at the State Convention. Bob and Arlene Kosanke will also help. Bob is our state Representative.

Waldusky Project

Gale Davey had a written report of what is needed on this project. A 'foundation' is in place for this project. Mrs. Waldusky has a disabling disease. Her husband is helping to create a wheelchair friendly home for her and for the next couple who will follow after she passes on. He is looking for help in the yard which would be wheelchair friendly. This house and yard would be available for the next couple to use when needed. A sheet was passed around for those interested in this project. The house is located west of Neenah on Irish Road. Marge Menacher suggested that MGs could donate plants from their gardens and Arlene Kosanke suggested a monetary gift could be given. The yard needs lots of work.

Holiday Awards Dinner Party

Chair is Kathy Daniels. Robbins, December 3, 6:00 PM social hour with dinner to follow. An invitation card will be sent out. Cost is \$15.00 We usually do not have a business meeting in December. Last year over 80 attended the Party and had a great time. A MOTION was made and passed to invite Chris and the office staff to the Christmas Party.

Emeritus Status

A MOTION was made and passed regarding the status of the Emeritus award.

A MG member would have had to have a minimum of 10 years of membership, be a past officer and/or board member, and/or long term chair of a project for two years or more. The MG MEMBER would have to REQUEST this status from the board. An Emeritus member is exempt from having to earn MG hours of service and the annual membership is paid for by the group. The member receives the monthly newsletter with the paid

membership. John Procknow and Mr. Carpenter are Emeritus members.

Newsletter

The new electronic newsletter has been sent out for several months. Or MG members can request a paper mailed newsletter by contacting Julie Grundy. Some members like the colored pictures in the email letter and some like the mailed copy. It's up to you to decide which is more convenient for you. The electronic newsletter does save money on paper and postage.

MG Apparel

Marty had a large variety of MG shirts that can be ordered.

Dues

A form to fill out for dues will be in the November newsletter.

A MOTION was made and passed to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by,
secretary pro-tem,
Dorothy Gayhart-Kunz

CONTINUING EDUCATION

The education committee met recently to discuss programming for continuing education. It was decided to focus on environmental stewardship and how our garden practices impact the larger environmental community. We are in the process of securing speakers for half-day seminars in January and March and an evening program in February. Exact dates will be determined by speaker availability. We will again offer a bus trip to the Garden Expo in Madison on February 9. In May, we will offer a bus trip to visit nearby outstanding nurseries, as well as a field trip to identify woodland invasives. We are looking into a bus trip to the Minnesota arboretum and area nurseries for June.

If you have speaker suggestions or specific program ideas, please contact Roy Anne Moulton (920-886-1283 or royanne@new.rr.com).

Continuing Ed Opportunity for October:

A Morning with Melinda

Beaver Dam, WI

Melinda Myers will present "Small Space Garden" and "Fall Care for Your Landscape" from 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. There will be a selection of Melinda's books for sale and a book signing following the morning presentations. In the Beaver Dam High School auditorium, 500 Gould St. \$15 before October 1 and \$20 after, includes rolls, coffee and juice. For more information contact Lisa at (920) 387-4741.

If interested in car pooling, contact Marge Menacher by phone (920-233-3467) or email (marmen4105@sbcglobal.net)

An opportunity for fun (but not continuing ed)

Fall Fest, Green Bay

Join the Northeast WI MGA for the 2nd annual Fall Fest featuring the sale of fall blooming plants (mums, kale, aster) and spring flowering bulbs. Vendor booths with fall harvest items, baked goods, craft items, garden art and much more. Friday, noon to 7:00 p.m. and Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. At the Ag & Extension service Center, 1150 Bellevue Street, Green Bay For more information, contact Debi at (920) 465-8512. While at the Extension Service Center, be sure to check out their extensive trial gardens.

GOLDEN TROWEL AWARDS



HEAR YE, HEAR YE!



We need to hear from you!

Nominations for the 2007 Golden Trowel award should be submitted to the Committee. Contact Stan Meyer, Marlene Miller or Audrey Ruedinger if you have someone in mind. To qualify for the award, a member must be a certified Master Gardener for 5 years and exemplify what a Master Gardener should be. Please submit your nominations by November 10th. The award will be presented at the Holiday Party on December 3rd.

Stanley Meyer, Awards Nominating Committee

TREE DONATION

It is a pleasure to announce that the Winnebago Master Gardeners have donated a Heritage Oak to be planted in the Winnebago County Park. The Heritage Oak Tree has a broadly pyramidal oval form with dark green glossy leaves, is mildew resistant, and has vigorous and excellent branch structure. Planting is done each year in late October to early November. The tree is approximately 6-9 feet in height. The cost was \$150.

In 1998, as part of the county-wide celebration, the Winnebago County Sesquicentennial Committee created the Winnebago County Sesquicentennial Tree Grove Program. The program was based upon a standing invitation for the citizenry to join in contributing towards the planting of one or more trees within the tree grove. The intent is to encourage individuals to help improve our environment as well as restore an important part of the County's past heritage.

Modeled after the Oak Savannah plant community which dominated the Winnebago County landscape 150 plus years ago, today's trees are being planted, staked, watered and then left to grow unattended in a natural setting.

It continues to be the county's goal to establish a grove of 200 or more trees on this 15 acre site adjoining the James P. Coughlin Building located on E County Road Y. Notice: Anyone interested to adding a tree to the Tree Grove may contact the Parks Director (Robert Way) at 920-232-1960.

Blessings and Love,
Audrey



Tomatoes: Saving Seeds and Preventing Cross-Pollination

By Lawanda Jungwirth

Two years ago I was given an Amish heirloom tomato grown by a friend who was given the seeds by an Amish woman in Pennsylvania. The tomato was huge, weighing just over two pounds, and was the best-tasting tomato I had ever eaten. I was determined to save the seeds and grow my own Amish tomatoes the next year. Since the tomato was not a hybrid, the saved seeds should produce plants true to the parent plant.

Saving tomato seeds is easy. Cut the tomato in half and squeeze the juice, seeds and pulp into a glass container. Wait three to five days until the surface is covered with a white mold. Use a spoon to scoop off the mold. Add clean water to the seed mixture and stir. Skim off any floating seeds since they are not viable. Pour the remaining seeds into a fine mesh sieve and rinse until the seeds are clean and no pulp remains. Spread the seeds on a paper plate to dry for several days, stirring once a day or so to prevent them from sticking to the plate. Store the dried seeds in an envelope in a cool dry place until spring.

Back to my Amish tomato: I saved the seeds and planted them the following spring and had a wonderful crop of tasty tomatoes. Last year I saved more seeds and planted them again this year. But this year's tomatoes weren't as tasty. Of course, they were better than any grocery store tomato, but they lacked that special something that made me satisfied with having a huge tomato with a few veggies on the side as a meal. I soon realized that I had planted my Amish tomato too close to some other tomato cultivars last year and thus had allowed them to cross pollinate.

Some research taught me that tomatoes do not need insects or even wind to pollinate themselves. A single blossom can self-pollinate itself in a process called "pollinization." When a plant is pollinated by another plant or insect, it is called "pollination." When one variety of a plant pollinates another variety, "cross-pollination" occurs. This is what happened to my Amish tomatoes.

What Am I?

By Bruce Abraham



I am a native, perennial Wisconsin plant of the Family **Lobeliaceae**; Genus **Lobelia**. My habitats are restricted to shrub carr and southern upland forest. I prefer moist, somewhat acidic soil although will tolerate other soils as long as it is moist. I grow up to 2' - 5' tall with a central stalk that is rarely branched. My green, alternate, lanceolate to oval leaves are approximately 1" - 8" long by 1/4" - 2" wide and are more sparse higher on the stalk. My flowers, appearing on the top half of the stem, are bright red, 1" - 1-1/2" long - each with five petal-like lobes and a tubular structure - bloom from July through September. Roger Tory Peterson, noted ornithologist, named me "America's Favorite" flower for my striking beauty. I am a favorite of hummingbirds, butterflies, and bees. I am a rather short-lived perennial that relies on seed dispersion for repopulation. Although I am toxic, a number of Indian cultures used parts of me for medicinal purposes, ceremonial tobacco, and as a love potion. What Am I?

SAVE THE DATE

Awards Dinner

Monday December 3rd

Robbins Restaurant

1810 Omro Rd, Oshkosh

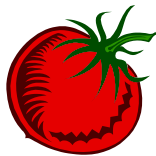
Social and cash bar 6 -7pm Dinner 7pm

More information in next month's newsletter

Contact person Kathy Daniels 233-0410 or

kcdan1650@scglobal.net

Guidelines vary as to how far apart different tomato varieties should be planted. Some say 10 feet, others as much as 100. Obviously, the farther apart they are planted, the better. It helps to plant a tall barrier crop in between varieties, or else pollen-producing plants like squash that will attract insects and maybe convince them they don't need to go on to the other tomatoes. If there isn't sufficient space for any of the above, find a cluster of blossoms before they have opened and wrap some light fabric such as floating row cover around them. Make sure the fabric is large enough to loosely enclose the blossoms and secure it to the stem with twine, being careful not to crush the blossoms. When tiny tomatoes develop, remove the row cover, but mark the cluster by tying twine or a wire twist tie around the stem loosely so you remember which tomatoes are the ones from which you wish to save seed.



DUES ARE DUE DECEMBER 30

Look for a Membership form in the November Newsletter

Would you rather have a hard copy of the Newsletter? We can do that. Members may call Julie at the UW-Extension office, 232-1970, and request a hard copy.

If you are interested in Master Gardener apparel, please use the order form on the last page of this newsletter ☺

Answer to What Am I?

I am an erect perennial forb/herb - **Lobelia cardinalis L. var. cardinalis**; common name: Cardinal flower.

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



Editor's Corner

As I was typing along, I came to the realization that this newsletter may be easier to read right off your computer if I changed the format to eliminate the columns. I can try that in November. As always, feedback is appreciated. Please let me know if you have any suggestions, or articles.

Linda Baeten 232-1224 or baeten@ntd.net

SEPTEMBER TASKS

Houseplants, Perennials and Annuals

- **Week 1.** For poinsettia bract coloration, place in darkness for 15 hours (overnight) for eight weeks. Keep them at 55 degrees F at night, and keep soil moist.
- Seed perennials like Oriental poppy, Iceland poppy, gas plant, primrose, scabiosa, phlox, pansy and penstemon.
- Plant spring-flowering bulbs, Save some bulbs for indoor forcing. Bulbs can be planted up to six weeks after first fall frost. Fertilize existing bulb beds by top-dressing with a balanced fertilizer.
- **Week 2.** Remove iris leaves to prevent overwintering of iris borer eggs. Cut leaves to 4-inch fans.
- Store tuberose at 45 degrees F, caladium at 60, and tuberous rooted begonias at 45 to 50 degrees F.
- **Week 4.** After killing frosts, strip rosebush foliage and clean old leaves from bed. Shortly before ground freezes, give roses a deep watering. Prune branches enough to prevent whipping around in wind or to fit under rose cones.
- Sow seeds of hardy annuals: cleome, pinks, candytuft, larkspur, bachelor buttons, and calendula.

Vegetables and Herbs

- **Week 1.** Prepare vegetable garden soil for early spring planting. Remove old stalks to prevent insect and disease problems next year. Spread manure, incorporate into soil, and mulch with straw.
- Rejuvenate rhubarb by dividing into quarters and replanting.
- Mulch Brussels sprouts to prolong harvest.
- Water plants well for more cold tolerance.
- **Week 3.** Plant garlic in rich, well-drained soil 5 inches apart and 1 to 2 inches deep. Select larger cloves for large bulbs. Break bulbs apart into individual cloves. The end of the clove that was broken from the bulb should be planted down. Cover with 4 to 6 inches of straw mulch.
- Plant Jerusalem artichokes.

Lawns, Trees and Shrubs.

- Rake, chop, and compost leaves.
- **Week 2.** Fertilize shade trees when leaf color changes.
- Plant dormant deciduous trees and shrubs from now until ground freezes. A 2-inch layer of mulch reduces freezing and thawing that can damage roots.
- **Week 3.** If fertilizing lawn once a year, apply fertilizer now; if fertilizing twice a year, apply in October and early June; if fertilizing three times a year, apply in October, early June, and September.
- Water evergreens and foundation plantings before ground freezes.
- Protect woody ornamentals and fruit trees against mice.

Fruits and Berries

- Harvest nuts as they mature and drop from trees. Store at 35 degrees F or freeze.
- Rake and dispose of fallen fruit in orchard.

ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

If you are interested in adult classes and workshops check out www.gardensfoxcities.org, or call 920-992-1900. Classes are sponsored by the Plant Station Greenhouse, Inc. There is a fee.

October opportunities include:

- Photography at the Gardens – Saturday, October 6 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. by Eileen Herrling.
- A Year in Herbs: Lip Balms & Salves – Wednesday, October 10 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. by Jackie Johnson, NEW Unit of Herb Society of America
- Willow Fireplace Basket Workshop (2 sessions) – Tuesday, October 16 or Monday October 22. Both sessions are from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. by Clyde Druckry, Willow Woods Home Furnishings.
- Learn the Art of Bonsai – Saturday, October 20, 9:00 a.m. to noon by Dennis Chuchel, Fox Valley Area Bonsai Society.
- “Fall Into Winter” Wreath Workshop – Thursday, October 25, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. by Paul Brunette and the Wreath Factory Staff.
- Pruning Small Trees & Shrubs – Saturday, October 27, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. by Mike Stanonik, City of Appleton Arborist.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

☞ GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

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

☞ PAINE GARDENS

Contact Pat Behm or Bob Potter

☞ PARK VIEW CUTTING GARDEN

Contact Rob Robinson.

☞ PARK VIEW-MG LIASON

VACANT! SEE Linda Tobey

☞ PARK VIEW VEGETABLE GARDEN

The Vegetable Garden contact Susan Steinhilber
235-1031 or email steinsb@northnet.net

☞ COMMUNITY GARDENS - Menasha

Contact Ruth Freye

☞ COMMUNITY GARDEN Seed Trials

Contact Julie 420-5802 or Ellen 303-9578

☞ PLANT HEALTH ADVISORS

Contact Curt Reese at 426-4992.

☞ BE A GUEST SPEAKER

Contact Linda Toby.

☞ TRIPS

Contact Roy Anne Moulton of the Education Committee

☞ INVASIVE SPECIES ED & CONTROL

Contact Lawanda Jungwirth.

☞ MENASHA NATURE'S WAY PROJECT

Contact Gale Davey

☞ LOOK FOR MORE PROJECTS TO COME!



OCTOBER 2007

(THIS CALENDAR CAN BE A HANDY WAY TO KEEP TRACK OF YOUR HOURS)

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THR	FRI	SAT
	1	2 6:00 BOARD MTG @ Coughlin Center	3	4	5	6
7	8 LABOR DAY	9 6:15 MG BUSINESS MTG	10	11 NEW MOON ●	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 BROWN BAG?? FULL MOON ○	27
28	29	30	31 HALLOWEEN			

**MASTER GARDENER
APPAREL ORDER FORM**

An order will be sent for Master Gardener apparel by mid-October. The items will be available by November 13, our November meeting. Please send your order to me with your item marked including size and color. Include your check with your order made out to **WCMGV** for the total amount of your order.

DENIM SHIRT:

Please indicate size Price \$25.00. (For certified Master Gardeners only)

Ladies denim (XS-XXL; Plus 1X; Plus 2X) _____

Men's denim (XS-6XL) _____

Men's short sleeve (XS-4XL) _____

SWEATSHIRT: Indicate size S-2XL and color.

Crewneck- \$17.00 _____

Hooded-\$24.00 _____

Hooded with full zip- \$24.00 _____

COLORS: Sport gray Forest Navy Dark Chocolate

T-SHIRTS: Indicate Size and color. Price \$10.00

Women-(XS-2XL) _____

Men _____

COLORS:

Navy (S-5XL) Sport Gray(S-5XL) Dark Chocolate (S-3XL) Sand (S-5XL)

Please call Marty Sacksteder, 920-836-2511 if you have questions. You may send your order to me at 7963 Pleasant Valley Rd. Larsen, WI 54947

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PHONE NUMBER _____