



Winnebago County Master Gardeners

Newsletter

October 2023

Mission Statement

Our purpose is to provide horticultural education, community service and environmental stewardship for our community in affiliation with the University of Wisconsin Extension Program.

Hello October!
Let the fall colors
begin!



**Two swallowtail caterpillars on parsley at the
Butterfly Garden at Miravida Living**
Submitted by Jane Kuhn

What am I?

By Jane Kuhn

I am a hardy perennial which blooms in fall, providing late-season color and source of pollen for bees and other pollinators. I grow from 2 ½ to 6 feet tall with hairy stems and leaves. My alternate leaves are up to 4 inches long and 1 inch wide, with broad, clasping bases and pointed tips. My individually stalked flower heads are in an open, rounded cluster at the tops of the main stem branches. Flower stalks and bracts at the base of each flower head are covered with gland-tipped hairs. Each head is about 1 ½ inches wide with 40 or more bright purple (sometimes pinkish purple or pale lavender), petal-like ray flowers surrounding a central yellow disk.

I grow well in average soil but will benefit from plenty of compost and need full sun. I do best if divided every two or three years, removing half to two thirds of my plants (which can be planted in another location or shared) and leaving the remainder in place. I can also be directly seeded into the garden or seeded indoors for transplanting later. Since my plants may be aggressive, a yearly edging with a shovel is suggested. Powdery mildew may afflict my leaves during the cool, moist weather of fall. Although there are many species and cultivars, it is easy to distinguish my plant because the compound flowers are larger in size and have more numerous ray florets.

WCMGA Contacts

Check your membership guide for contact information.

Advisory Team: Kathy Daniels & Sandy Dennis

Secretary: Anne Murphy

Treasurer: Sue Egner

Communications Team

Website: Jean Reed

Newsletter: Anne Murphy, Kim Willman, Jane Kuhn

Partner Liaison: Deb Butch

WIMGA Rep: Kathy Procknow

Education Team: Valerie Stabenow, Linda Werner

Meeting Teams

DECEMBER: Sandy Dennis, Linda Loker, Ruth Retzlaff, Kathy Schultz, Deby Voyles

MARCH: Deb Butch

JUNE Picnic: Sue Egner and Parkview Picnickers

SEPTEMBER: Linda Werner, Linda Baeten

Advisor: Madisen Potratz



We would love your help! If you are interested in contributing to a future newsletter by writing an article, submitting a photo, or sharing a story, please let me know by the 15th of each month

by emailing pakster0605@yahoo.com. Each article submitted will count toward your volunteer hours. Thank you!

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From your Advisory Team



Welcome to October! Autumn is upon us!

Along with the beautiful fall colors, comes planting our bulbs and wrapping up our garden beds. We are busy buttoning up another growing season! Now is also a good time to add your volunteer and education hours to ORS. They are due December 31st.

At our Sept. meeting, our speaker was Outreach Spec. Matt Wallrath. He encouraged using Eddmaps.org or <http://apps.bugwood.org/apps>, a web-based mapping system for documenting invasive species and pest distribution.

A warm welcome and thank you for volunteering to our 2024 Leadership and Meeting Team members. They are:

Directors-Kathy Daniels and Sandy Dennis

Treasurer-Sue Egner

Secretary-Anne Murphy

Education Team-Valerie Stabenow and Linda Werner

January Winter Social-Sandy Dennis, Linda Loker,
Ruth Retzlaff, Kathy Schultz, Deby Voyles

March Business Meeting-Deb Butch

June Picnic-Sue Egner and Parkview Picnickers

September Business Meeting-Linda Werner and Linda Baeten

Be sure to check out the educational opportunities in this newsletter, as well as the WIMGA opportunities that were emailed out after our business meeting in September.

We are happy and excited to have plans for a bus trip to the Lawn and Garden Expo in Madison on Feb. 10, 2024! You can fill your day with education hours and garden shopping! What fun! Thank you to Valerie Stabenow for planning this opportunity.

Mark your 2024 calendar for our next social meeting at Father Carr's on January 16th .
More info to follow.

Enjoy this beautiful season!

Kathy, Linda, and Ruth

From Education Team:

Wild Ones

The Prairie in Seed, Sunday, October 1, 10 a.m. -3:30 p.m. In person at Pope Farm Conservancy, 7440 Old Sauk Road, Verona, with Jeffrey Steel. Information on identifying, collecting, storing and growing native seeds. Part of the Wisconsin Native Plant Certification Program. Cost: \$51-\$62. For more information or to register. go to: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-prairie-in-seed-tickets-526971163937>

Terrestrial Invasive Species Management, Saturday, October 21, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. In -person at Heckrodt Wetland Reserve, Menasha, with Emma Neuman. Cost: \$61-\$72. Instruction and hands-on components. Part of the Wisconsin Native Plant Certification Program. For more information or to register, go to: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/terrestrial-invasive-species-management-tickets-526972949277>

UW Extension Master Gardener Program

Information and registration for all of the below webinars is at:

<https://mastergardener.extension.wisc.edu/>

Great Ornamental Grasses for Home Garden, Thursday, October 5, 6 p.m.

Fall Fireworks Plants for Fall Color, Thursday, October 12, 6 p.m.

Getting the Garden Ready for Winter, Thursday, October 19, 6 p.m.

Diseases of Houseplants, Wednesday, October 25, 6:30 p.m.

Shady Characters: Great Perennials for Shade, Thursday, October 26, 6 p.m.

Olbrich Gardens

Seed Saving Workshop, Friday, October 6, 1-2:30 p.m.

(<https://www.olbrich.org/calendar/seed-saving-workshop>) or Friday, October 13, 2-3:30 p.m. (<https://www.olbrich.org/calendar/seed-saving-workshop-2>) In person at Olbrich Gardens, Madison. Presented by Avery Pronshinske, Olbrich staff. Cost: \$22 or \$18 members.

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

<p><i>All committees uphold and support the WCMGA mission:</i></p> <p><i>"Our purpose is to provide horticulture education, community service and environmental stewardship within our community."</i></p>	
Number of member meetings per year: 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• September & March: Business Meeting• December: Holiday Social & June: Spring Social
Member meeting format:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• December and June meetings social only• September and March are business meetings with social and/or CE components (TBD by Meeting Committee)
Advisory Team <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minimum of 4 members including treasurer and secretary plus at least 2 directors from membership (Initial Advisory Team to include some previous leader(s) for continuity)• Meets at least twice per year prior to the September and March business meetings• 1-year terms starting October 1, but stay on through Dec. 31 to advise/support next team members. Renewable terms.• Decisions can be made via email in-between meetings	Responsibilities <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Approve expenditures over \$5002. Secure adequate liability insurance3. Keep meeting minutes (Secretary)4. Review new procedures, policies, SOPs, by-laws and make recommendations to the membership as needed/proposed5. Maintain non-stock status6. Set membership business meeting agenda7. Coordinate with other teams8. At-large members coordinate membership emails from committees6. Encourage member initiative in proposing ideas7. Zoom or live pop-ups for special topics as suggested/available
Communications Team <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No meetings• Individual tasks	Responsibilities <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Maintain Facebook page2. Maintain Website3. Maintain newsletter4. Email communications to members/teams5. Extension liaison

	6. WIMGA representative 7. Contact/coordinator for partner organizations
Strategic Planning Team <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Form in spring of 2023? • 3-4 members • Meets as needed 	Responsibilities <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review implementation of reorganization plan 2. Make recommendations for changes 3. Member recruitment plan 4. Develop 2-year plan of goals and objectives 5. Develops budget for the plan
Meeting Team <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 general meeting per year of everyone interested (minimum 12) • 4 (minimum) persons assigned to each of the 4 meetings (can meet or work on tasks individually) • Creativity is encouraged to make meetings more lively/interesting • Drawing on member expertise for programs, presentations, etc. is encouraged 	Responsibilities <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Build on format ideas from the roundtable group 2. Work with the Education Team on CE ideas 3. Work with Advisory Team on any business needed 4. Set time, place, cost 5. Reserve venue/arrange set-up and take-down 6. Plan and carryout social component 7. Alert treasurer of any expenses and incoming payments 8. All expenses pay as you go
Education Team <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3-4 members • Meet as needed 	Responsibilities <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CE for membership meetings or stand-alone CE for members 2. Monitor CE opportunities for posting on Facebook and in newsletter 3. Coordinate with Meeting and Advisory Teams 4. Develop ideas for community education 5. All expenses pay as you go
Officers	
Secretary <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Takes minutes at all meetings of the Advisory Committee and general membership business meetings 2. Posts Advisory Team minutes on the website and business meeting minutes in the newsletter 	Treasurer <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Maintains financial records in Excel 2. Pays expenses via check 3. Reports to the Advisory Team and membership at business meetings 4. Manages cash flow with approval of the Advisory Team (can be done via email) 5. Prepares simple budget of known expenses
Goals of Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emphasize social functions • Spread the work • Simplify • Fewer meetings • Encourage/individual initiative • Make MG fun again 	Notes: Roundtable Meeting/CE/Social Suggestions Presentation from WIMGA on its purpose/plans/offerings Apply for WIMGA grants for programs as needed Hands-on learning (park or garden tours, weed ID walk, partner organizations present or offer tours of facilities gardens, members offer programs/presentations)

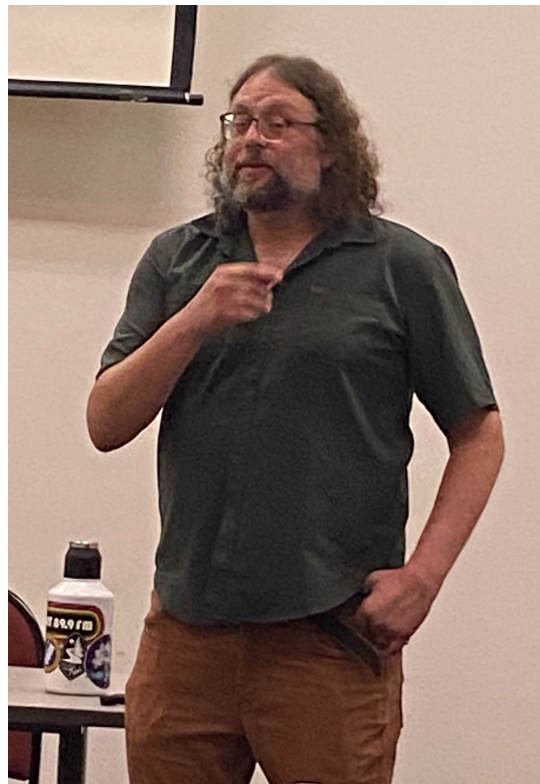


Answer to What am I?

By Jane Kuhn

I am a New England aster. Family: Asteraceae (aster family). Genus: Symphyotrichum Nees (aster). Species: Symphyotrichum novae-angliae (L.) G.L. Nesom. Common name: New England aster. Did you know that the yellow center of the aster is actually composed of many tiny flowerets? Herbalists have used New England Aster tea as a general cold/fever/flu remedy.

Resources: USDA Plants Database and associated links.



**Matt Wallrath spoke on invasive species
at the Sept. business meeting.**

Roasted Tomato Sauce

Roasting your own tomatoes creates a sauce with amazing flavor and quality - especially compared with any sauce you find at the grocery store - and the ease of preparation is just plain silly. All it takes is a couple of large roasting pans and any seasoning you'd like to add (we like to roast ours with peppers, onions and garlic). Once the sauce is done, you can either freeze or can it. The culinary beauty of roasted tomato sauce is in its intensity and complexity; roasting brings out deeper richer flavor elements you won't find in a sauce made on the stovetop.

Ingredients:

2 tablespoons olive oil

2 sweet peppers, seeded, cored, and cut into 1-inch cubes

1 large sweet onion, peeled and cut into ½-inch cubes

2 cloves garlic, peeled and minced

20 pounds tomatoes (at minimum), all colors and sizes, cored and cut into 1-2 inch pieces

½ teaspoon red pepper flakes

1 teaspoon salt

Freshly ground pepper

1. Preheat oven to 300 degrees Fahrenheit.
2. Divide the oil, pepper, onion and garlic between 2 roasting pans.
3. Add tomatoes until within an inch of the top of each pan; season with pepper flakes, salt and pepper and stir.

4. Place pans in oven and cook for at least 2 hours, stirring occasionally. The sauce will bubble, reduce and char a bit in places.
5. Either add more tomatoes to each and continue to roast, or if the sauce is of a thickness that you like, remove the pans from the oven. If you wish to add some fresh herbs, this is when to do so; we've used torn leaves of basil and/or oregano.
6. For a smoother sauce, transfer to a bowl and blend with an immersion blender, or leave as is for a coarse-textured sauce. Use the sauce immediately or cool for further processing.
7. Can or freeze if desired. Canned will last up to a year. We freeze in freezer bags and lasts for a year.

Check out Lawanda's summary of the project she did for the Butte des Morts Conservation Club:

[Lawanda's Terrell Island Summary \(link\)](#)

Winnebago Master Gardener Association
Business Meeting Minutes
September 6, 2023

Speaker-Matthew Wallrath - Outreach Specialist Wisconsin First Detector Network Coordinator
University of Wisconsin - Madison

Matt gave a talk entitled "Weed Wrap Up 2023 and Forecast for 2024"

The business meeting was called to order by Ruth Retzlaff at 7:11 p.m.

1. Welcome—Ruth welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. Secretary's report—Jean Reed
Minutes for the March business meeting were posted in the April newsletter.
3. Treasurer's report—Deby Voyles
Deby stated we had no expenses in August with the exception of the \$4 bank fee. Deby will be retiring at the end of September. Sue Egner will be the new treasurer. Our scholarship is now at the Oshkosh Foundation. The treasurer will work with the education committee on trips and speakers. Deby has scheduled an audit so Sue will have a clean start. Deby will schedule a meeting with the bank, Ruth, Sue, and one of the new directors to switch over the signatures.
4. Director's Report—Kathy Schultz, Linda Loker, Ruth Retzlaff
Ruth thanked Deby and Jean for their work. Jean will continue on as our website editor.
5. Introduce 2024 Leadership Team and Meeting Teams—Kathy Schultz, Linda Loker, Ruth Retzlaff
New directors are Kathy Daniels and Sandy Dennis.
New treasurer is Sue Egner.
Continuing secretary is Anne Murphy.
Continuing on the education team are Valerie Stabenow and Linda Werner.
Meetings Teams are as follows:
 - The January winter social will be Tuesday, January 16 with Sandy Dennis, Linda Loker, Ruth Retzlaff, Kathy Schultz, Deby Voyles. The snow date will be January 23.
 - The March business meeting will be Deb Butch. Deb needs a partner to work with her on the meeting. Please sign up for the meeting team.
 - The June Picnic will be Tuesday, June 11 at the Coughlin Center in Room A-B. Sue Egner and Parkview Picnickers are the meeting team.
 - The September business meeting team will be Linda Werner and Linda Baeten.
Ruth asked for a committee/team to rewrite the bylaws and the SOPs.
6. Extension News—Madisen Potratz
Madisen celebrated her first year with the Winnebago County Extension. She will be running a live master gardener training in conjunction with Outagamie County. Madisen invited Winnebago Master Gardener's to audit the class. Name tags are coming hopefully by the end of the year. Honored status is on hold until further notice. They need to tighten the rules for the honored status. Some members received deactivation letters. They just need to enter 1 hour of

continuing education and 1 hour of service by the end of the year and they will be considered active.

7. Education Committee—Valerie Stabenow/Linda Werner

Linda gave two upcoming continuing education opportunities that did not make it onto the web site as she just learned of them that day.

- Invasive Species class at the Green Bay Botanical Gardens on Thursday, September 14, 3-5:30 p.m. Call 715-343-6215, ext. 113 to register. No idea if there is a cost.
- Know Your Wisconsin Trees at High Cliff State Park, Saturday, September 23, 10 a.m.–2 p.m. No sign up necessary, just meet at the observation tower at 10. Free

Valerie gave a hands-on demo of “How do you add an organization to ORS.” She walked us through the steps.

Valerie has been working on a bus trip to Alliant Energy Center in Madison on Feb. 10, 2024, for the PBS Garden and Landscape Expo. Pick up will be at the former Oshkosh Penney's parking lot at 7:15 a.m. and the bus will leave the Expo at approximately 3:30 p.m. to arrive back in Oshkosh at approximately 5:30 p.m. The bus holds 36 people. Costs are around approximately \$52 for members and \$60 for non-members. Deadline for registration is December 31. Valerie is working on a registration form and will have that out shortly.

8. Project Update—Deb Butch

Deb gave an update of the projects. Evergreen asked for help. Mary Shepherd asked if they were a nonprofit. Deb will check on that. The Paine needs helpers for an event. The Carter Library also needs more help—the gardens got a little overgrown and need some TLC.

9. WIMGA News—Kathy Procknow

Kathy sent an update as she was unable to attend.

Deby Voyles shared information on a fabulous recipe she had for tomatoes.

Winter Social on Jan. 16th, 2024, with an inclement weather date of Jan. 23rd at Father Carr's...Gather at 5:30 with dinner at 6:00

A motion was made by Bob Potter to adjourn. Sue Tappy seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

WIMGA Update

By Kathy Procknow

- All registered members should be receiving the newsletter in their email every other month, September being the latest edition. The newsletters come from news@wimga.org. If you haven't been receiving the newsletters, make sure that email address is in your contacts.
- Upcoming WIMGA education includes the following:
 - October 26, 6:30 pm Dr. Susan Carpenter, Restoring Native Prairie Stream & Savanna: Restoration in Progress
 - January 16, 2024 Craig LeHoullier, Bring Your Garden to the Sun: All About Container and Straw Bale Gardening
- The September newsletter also highlights the annual educational grants. WIMGA annually awards educational grants to its member Associations to facilitate their volunteer efforts in community education.
 - The amounts are \$100, \$250, and \$400.
 - Applications must be submitted by October 1. Grant criteria and the application process may be found on the WIMGA website: <https://www.wimga.org/grants-1>
 - (Suggestion from me: perhaps WCMGA would consider applying for a grant to update materials for the farmer's market. I don't know if materials were updated in 2023.)
 - If people have questions or need assistance with the grant application, I am able to help, but won't be available until September 20. Roseann Meixelsperger, the WIMGA treasurer, can also answer questions and her email is treasurer.wimga@gmail.com
 - It seems there is more emphasis on the grants being for educational purposes than in the past and the grants are going to associations and not necessarily the organizations supported by the associations. WCMGA may be the sponsor of an educational activity at an organization. That needs to be clear in the application.

Master Gardener Volunteer Opportunities

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

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

Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society—Morgan House 234 Church Avenue, Oshkosh, WI 54901 Volunteer Information: WinnebagoHistoricalSociety@gmail.com 920-267-8007 Volunteer Contact: Greg Bellmer, 920.267.8007 Liability protection: Liability protection is not provided	Kathy Schultz
Winnebago County—Department of Facilities and Property Management (Coughlin Rain Garden) 625 E. County Rd Y, Suite 600, Oshkosh, WI 54901 Volunteer Information: No volunteer process Volunteer Contact: Bob Stephenson, 920.420.6405 Liability protection: Organization's insurance coverage	Jill Dombrowski Ed Dombrowski
Winnebago County Master Gardener Association 625 E. County Rd Y, Suite 600, Oshkosh, WI 54901 Volunteer Information: Liability protection: Organization's insurance coverage	Deb Butch
Winnebago County—Park View Health Center (Health Center gardens and Park View Prairie Garden) 725 Butler Rd, Oshkosh, WI 54956 Volunteer Information: Volunteer contact: Missy Grundman, mgrundman@co.winnebago.wi.us, 920-237-6931 liability protection: Organization's insurance coverage	Health Center Gardens: Donna Kudlas Jane Kuhn Park View Prairie Garden: Carol Swannell Jerry Schaefer
YMCA of the Fox Cities—Neenah-Menasha YMCA 110 W. North Water Street, Neenah, WI 54956 Volunteer Information: https://www.ymcafoxcities.org/volunteer-opportunities Volunteer application: https://www.ymcafoxcities.org/sites/ymcafoxcities/files/2021-02/VolunteerApplicationForm2013.pdf Liability protection: Organization's insurance coverage	For more information: Contact Deb Butch

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



Upcoming Dates:

- January 16, Winter Social, Father Carr's Place, more info to come!

October 2023						
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