

# 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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## SEPTEMBER 2006

### SANCTIONED CORE PROJECTS

Community Gardens	
Open	
Education & Eradication of Invasive Species	
Lawanda Jungwirth	836-2878
Michael & Eileen Meeker	582-7309
Audrey Ruedinger	231-5745
Farmers Market	
Dorothy Gayhart Kunz	233-8468
Janet Priebe	233-1898
Paine Gardens	
Audrey Ruedinger	231-5745
John Procknow	429-4797
Park View Cutting Garden	
Rob Robinson	231-1162
Park View Vegetable Garden	
Sue Steinhilber	235-1031
Al & Judy Harms	688-5523
Park View Flower Arranging	
Marlene Miller	231-4339
Plant Health Advisors @ UWEX	
Curt Reese	426-4992

### OPEN / CLOSED SANCTIONED PROJECTS

Tri-County Representative	
Patricia Behm	410-3290
Community Education	
Dorothy Kunz	233-8468
Linda Tobey	734-2264
Compost	
Stanley Meyer	725-6486
Expo Rain Garden	
Meg Hunsader	757-1410
Lincoln School	
Janet Priebe	233-1898
Karen Wedde	235-7159
Park View Prairie	
Joel Eisch	231-0656
Refreshments	
Barbara Elmer	235-4381

### COMMITTEES

Education	
Roy Anne Moulton	886-1283
Education – Meetings	
Audrey Ruedinger	231-5745
Historian	
John Procknow	429-4797
Membership	
Chris Bellin	233-4968
Newsletter	
Linda Baeten	232-1224
Contributing Reporter	
Lawanda Jungwirth	836-2878
Socials	
Lynne Goudreau	722-8233
State Rep	
Bob Kosanke	231-1873
Sunshine	
Judy Harms	688-5523
Marlene Konsek	725-8856
Time Keeper	
Shelley Aaholm	731-8570
<b>Trip Coordinator</b>	
<b>LEAD WANTED !!!!!!!!!!!</b>	

### OFFICERS

President	
Linda Tobey	734-2264
Vice President	
<b>POSITION OPEN!!!!!!!!!!</b>	
Secretary	
Dorothy Gayhard-Kunz	233-8468
Treasurer	
Marge Bolding	233-8668

### MEETING NOTICE

**Monthly Business Meeting**  
**Tuesday, September 12, 2006**  
**Begins at 6:00 pm at the**  
**Couplin Building**  
**PLANT SWAP!**

Dear Fellow Gardeners,

Welcome to September and the beginning of my favorite time of the year. Spring is wonderful with the new life immerging around us and those bursts of color. Summer is great for those of us that love the warm weather and summer flowers. Winter in turn is lovely with glistening ice crystals and covering the earth in a vale of white, but best of all is Fall. I love seeing the orange, reds and autumn colors. I like the temps cooling with an occasional nip in the air. The smell of burning leaves and the crunch of the fallen under foot bring feelings of peace and joy to this old heart. Yup! Hands down my vote is for Fall. It's my time of year.

We have most of our projects finished for the year and all of our hours are in. Shelley and I are busy tabulating and filling out forms. From what I have heard and see it looks like most of you have done what you pledged in the beginning and many of you have surpassed expectations, Congratulations to all of you. I am looking forward to presenting all of you with your hour awards at our Awards dinner in December.

I am sorry I was unable to join in helping with the Fair. My husband and I took our youngest granddaughter out East whale watching. Being a staunch New Englander, he feels compelled to take each child in turn to see the places where we as a people won our liberty; not to mention experiencing what real fresh lobster tastes like. So although I wasn't there I was having a wonderful time too.

Now that summer is over and we are back to normal life, whatever that is, it's time we get busy with planning what to do next season. At our meetings from now until the close of the year let's talk as a group about what direction we want to go in. Let's debate what our goals will be in future. We went through a lot to have this group able to make decisions for itself so let's actively make the decisions. Remember the group is in the lead, not any one person. The group tells the direction the president only heads getting there.

Remember I said, before we took a break for the summer, that I was going to have a Co-chair for every meeting. It is time to give our members a chance to take the lead at meetings so you can see what it feels like and know it isn't all that hard to do. I am proud to announce that my Co-Chair for the September meeting is Susan Bohn. Susan is a Board member and an active MG since 2004. At the meeting we will announce the Co-Chair for October. I'd be pleased if it were you. Give me a call and we can arrange it or we will just wait until the September meeting to select a Co-Chair for October.

Until then See You in the Garden,  
Linda

**1. COMMUNITY GARDEN UPDATE:**

We thank all of you for coming out to our garden meeting in August. It was really nice to see all of you and we hope you enjoyed the meeting as much as we enjoyed sharing our project with you. At our next few meetings let's look at this project and determine what we think the depth should be. One thing to think about is how it meets our goals as a Master Gardener group

**2. BOARD MEETING:** The Next Board meeting will be September 5 at the Coughlin Center at 6:00. You as a member are always welcome to sit in on any board meeting. Your views are always welcome.

**3. GOLDEN TROWEL AWARD:** The Golden trowel award nominations must be in very soon. Our Awards dinner will be the first Monday in December and it takes time to get the plaques done. Get your nominations to a board member now. Selections will be made in early October. Remember they have to have been an active member for at least 5 years to be considered for this award.

**4. PROJECT UPDATES:** All project Chairs must have a written update for their project in for our September meeting. Please let us know the original scope of your project and where you are now. If the project did not stay within the scope where did it go and why. Will this project need to be continued next year or is it finished as of this year. Let us know how it went and what if anything you learned from it. That can mean topics from different planting techniques to working with groups. Your financial form should also be filled out to be given to the treasurer.

5. **PARK VIEW UPDATE & PLANT MOVE:** Park View had its ground breaking ceremony for the new building on Wednesday Aug. 9<sup>th</sup>. In talking to Jan and Karen I found out that we will not be moving the plants to a holding garden as was originally thought. We will be leaving the cutting garden as is until the spring of 2008. At that time we will move the plants from the cutting garden to their new home and set up the new gardens. We will be able to enjoy our cutting garden for another season. Isn't it fun though thinking about the changes to come and creating new beds? Park View as always is giving us things to look forward to.
6. **NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICES:** Feel free to call Linda Tobey at anytime to place yourself in nomination for one of the offices opening this year. We will be electing a new Secretary and Vice President. Call 734-2264 or email [linda@americanpresstech.com](mailto:linda@americanpresstech.com) to throw your hat in the ring. In this edition we have a list of all the duties of each officer. This should stop any confusion about expectations.
7. **WHO CAN RUN FOR OFFICE?** This question has come up a few times in the past week or so. Any member can run for any office as long as they are a certified member. You are certified if you have turned in your 24 hours this past August and had the 10 continuing education hours if you needed them. This holds true if you have been a member for 10 years or if this is just your first. By turning in your hours you have met the requirements for certification. In December you will officially receive your award at our Awards Dinner.
8. **CERTIFICATION NOTICE:** All members who certified will receive a card in the mail letting you know you were certified and the amount of hours you have. Please remember that you will have two hours amounts if this is not your first year. You will have the amount of hours listed that you earned this year as well as your accumulative hours. Each year your hours are added to the tally of total hours you have earned in your entire time as an MG. You will receive awards passed on the total amount of hours served. Each significant amount earns an hour's disc for your plaque.

## **OFFICERS DUTIES**

### **PRESIDENT**

1. The President will preside over both Board and General Business meetings as well as make up the agendas for them.
2. The President will be the liaison between the Master Gardener group and the Extension.
3. The President will act as the Contact Person for the entire group with any outside entity and will be their representative unless another is assigned.
3. The President will write a letter to the membership for each newsletter to maintain contact with the membership. It will address important issues if there are any needing specific attention.
4. The President will address the first class of the year to welcome new members and explain how MG's works, introduce the officers and board members, as well as answering any questions.
5. The President will also head the last class. At this class hours will be explained and questions answered about them.
6. The President will make sure reminders are issued to the membership on pertinent topics.
7. The President will make sure all necessary matters concerning the running of the group are attended to.
8. Although the President is not allowed a vote on motions he/she will vote if a tie breaking vote is needed.

### **Vice President**

1. The Vice President will act as President by presiding over meetings or any other presidential duties in the absence of the President.
2. The Vice President will oversee all projects. This includes taking charge of the necessary forms, holding necessary project meetings, making sure progress reports are done and all other things necessary for the smooth operation of projects. The term Projects includes committees.

3. The Vice President is the Chair of the awards committee. The Awards Committee takes care of obtaining and packaging the hour's awards, but will not include golden trowel which is a special committee of Board members who have been trowel award winners.

### Secretary

1. The secretary will be responsible for taking minutes at both the Board and Business meetings and making sure the minutes are given to the Newsletter Editor in time for publication each month.
2. The Secretary will handle all official correspondence for the group.
3. The Secretary will make sure that the forms are all up to date, and available to all members needing a copy. (up to date means date and name changes as needed)
4. The Secretary will be in charge of agendas for all Board and Business meetings.
5. The Secretary will keep track of all motions and their outcome. The Chair of the By-Law and SOP Committee will record and deal with all amendments to the By-Laws and SOP's.

### Treasurer

1. The Treasure is responsible for keeping official books and financial records for the group.
2. The Treasure will handle the collection and distribution of all monies for the group.
3. The Treasurer will present a monthly accounting to the group at the monthly meeting.
4. The Treasurer will provide a year end statement of accounts to the Group at our February meeting each year.

## **MG BOARD MEETING**

### **COUGHLIN CENTER, 6:00 PM**

Members Present: Linda T, Stan, Sue B., Roy Anne, Marge, Audrey, Dorothy, Ken, Chris.

Treasurer's Report: Marge Bolding passed out a detailed report with a balance of \$8,723.70. Secretary's report accepted as published in the newsletter. A MOTION was passed to accept the reports.

### **Old Business**

#### Picnic

As the business meeting held at the UW in Menasha the August picnic was postponed until a later date. Pat Behm, Amy Asenbrener, Gail Roush will decide the date and place and are chairs of the event. More details later.

#### Fair MG Booth

Sue Bohn is the chair and has sent e-mails with instructions for all those who volunteered to participate. The Fair starts August 8-12.

#### Christmas Party

Will be held at Garden View on Dec. 4th. We will have the entire building as they are closed to the public on Mondays.

#### Office Nominations

Nominations will start in September at our meeting. Positions of Secretary and Vice-President will be open.

#### Debit Card Status

Marge will cancel our debit card ASAP.

### **New Business**

#### Plant Swap

We want members to bring in a plant/plants for a plant swap at the September meeting.

#### Co-Chair for September Meeting

Sue Bohn will chair the meeting with Linda's help.

#### September 23-North East Neighborhood

Jason spoke at Community Gardens MG meeting on the proposed Oshkosh neighborhood plan for improvement. An area West of the railroad tracks, East of Jefferson, South of Fulton and North of Main Street is the target area. Several speakers are needed for a rotation demonstration. Volunteer to Jason if you are interested. Many of the neighborhood residents have limited knowledge of gardening. A dumpster will be available for dumping whatever and cleaning up the neighborhood.

#### New Park View Project

Gardens will be dug out and placed in a holding area until new gardens can be planted. Breaking ground for the new building will start in August. Instead of one big garden several smaller gardens will be planted when the building is completed. *(new info on this has been obtained, see #5 in the President's letter.)*

### Project Progress Reports/Hours

Due at the September meeting.

Hours reports due also by September 1. Late reports will not count toward certification.

### Officer's Duties-List

A list of duties will be in the September newsletter. Board members discussed and revised the list of duties.

### By Laws and SOP's Updates

We need someone to do this job.

### Hours-Updating Form, File State Form and Tally Sheet

Linda Tobey volunteered to do this job. She will continue the job after her term ends.

### Awards Committee

The Vice -President is in charge and can form a committee to help with this job.

### Graphics Committee

Sue Bohn Chair with Vicki Schultz, assistant.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Dorothy Gayhart-Kunz,  
Secretary

## **RE-ANNOUNCEMENT - POT LUCK!**

All MG's and their guests are welcome to the Master Gardener Pot Luck to be held at the Park View Health Center on Saturday, October 7 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. We will meet at the gazebo across from the handicapped accessible veggie garden. This will be a great opportunity to catch up on all the garden experiences of the summer, not to mention viewing all the gardens at Park View.

**Bring a dish to pass, and plan on eating at 1:15. Broasted Chicken and beverages will be provided.**

**PLEASE RSVP TO: Amy Asenbrenner 722-4296 or Gail Roush 235-2770 by September 18<sup>th</sup> !!!**

## **PLANT SWAP**

We will have a "Plant Exchange". Fall is often the time of the year that many of us choose to lift our overgrown perennials and do some serious dividing. So....let us have some fun and bring to the September meeting some of your extra perennials for sharing with other MG'ers. I realize our gardens are all suffering from serious lack of moisture, however upon digging up your plants and watering them well, they will revive nicely for sharing with others. Cutting back some of the stalky plants will help. I plan on bringing a couple of my treasured Prairie Smoke plants (native). I have been rooting several favorite house violets since earlier this spring and they are ready for transplanting into pots. My mother often expanded her violet collection by taking the leaves and poking them thru saran wrap wrapped around a small glass with water until they grew roots. Always dip tip of leaf in hormone powder first. I will bring a couple of the house violets also. This is a wonderful time of the year to seriously walk your garden and decide what requires dividing, relocating, tossing out, too tall in front, too short in the back and possibly redesigning some areas totally. **Please scan your garden for the BIG DIVIDE for SHARING for the SEPT 12th MEETING!!!**

Note: Please keep wet plants/pots in plastic bags.  
*Blessings and Love,*  
*Audrey*

## **REPORTS**

### **PLANT HEALTH ADVISORS (Office Workers)**

Yes, we have been BUSY!!

Calls have been coming in fast and furious. Fortunately, people are not furious at us but seem genuinely grateful for any help that we give them.

We plan on manning the phones at the Extension Office to answer live calls on Tuesdays from 10:30 to noon through September and maybe beyond, depending on call volume. Many of us have been spending much more time than the hour and a half answering the many calls left on voice mail. We also are having several samples of problems dropped off at the office each week to which we respond.

Thanks to Jerry Robak, Audrey and Bob Kosanke, Pat Rockow, Martha Skruby, and Jason Kruse for all their help!!

*Curt Reese*

PS: Lots of problems with fruit tree diseases now arising. Recently comments were numerous that peppers were not setting fruit. I believe that its weather related along with a problem of fertilization. Anyone seeing honey bees?? I haven't seen one this summer.

## 4-H AWARDS CEREMONY AT WINNEBAGO COUNTY FAIR

Marge Bolding presented Master Gardeners Awards to Courtney Wright of Poygan Go-Getters Club for Outstanding Garden Exhibit and to Lisa Pieper of Ridgeway Club for Outstanding Garden Exhibitor.

## LINCOLN SCHOOL

A big THANK YOU to everyone who helped us this summer: Sandy Ansfeld, Pat Behm, Barbara and Wally Elmer, Tom Fojtik, Sandy Gollither, Judy and Al Harms, Curt Reese, Mary Wiedenmeier, Bruce Abraham, Dave Priebe, and Richard Ristow. Mr. Lincoln surely has been smiling down on his new improved habitat!

We hope to see you all this fall for the transplanting work. As always, we promise time for socializing and treats. Watch for times to be scheduled.

Our goal this fall is to plant a green manure crop which will help prepare the ground to accept spring transplants.

Donations of sun native and perennials that are drought resistant are appreciated. Call Janet 233-1898 or Karen 235-7159 to donate plants or volunteer. Get a head start on your 2007 hours!

*Karen Wedde and Janet Priebe*

## EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

### Brown Bag

**September 29...Mulches and Benefits to Plants and soil...**Learn about the various types of mulches and how they can improve plant performance and enhance the soil. Call the UWEX to let them know you would like to attend.

## MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS!!!!

### Park View annual Fall Festival.

MG's are invited to march in the Fall Festival Parade on September 13<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon. All of the groups that are involved with Park View come out and celebrate the coming of Fall. We parade, visit and partake of refreshments. The event is not long lasting, the parade begins at 1:45, and all is finished by 3. We will line up in the usual area (East side of the pavilion building at 1:30). Please call (734-2264) or email Linda Tobey if you can make it. Wear your garden hat if you have one and bring your hoe.

## "What Am I?"

*By Bruce Abraham*



I am a native, perennial Wisconsin plant of the Family **Liliaceae**; Genus **Trillium**. My habitat is concentrated in various forest environments (beech, boreal, Northern upland and lowland, Southern upland. My height is 8" – 16" tall. My leaves, green and whorled, are three and about 2-1/2" – 4" long. I bloom from May – June with a 1-1/2" wide white flower with three petals that sharply recurve. My flower can be very inconspicuous underneath my leaves. Although my leaves are edible, it is highly recommended they NOT be used for salads or other culinary fare as I am quite a rare plant. What Am I?



## THE NORTHEAST NEIGHBORHOOD RESTORATION PLAN

Master Gardeners have an opportunity to work in cooperation with the City of Oshkosh Planning Committee to revitalize an inner city neighborhood. A hands-on training session will take place on September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Two yards will be picked for demonstrations on fall pruning, clean-up, bed preparation etc. Anyone interested in helping out should contact Jason at the Extension Office.

Jason is also looking for assistance with a new research project involving turf grass plots.

## BEWARE OF PLANTING INVASIVE PLANTS

By Lawanda Jungwirth

As Master Gardeners we are frequently asked "What should I plant in my front flowerbed?" or "What plant will grow in the shade on the north side of my house?" or "What is a good plant that will climb up my deck railings?"

When we answer questions like these, we have a responsibility to make sure we recommend a plant that will thrive in the conditions of the area the homeowner is asking about. You certainly wouldn't tell them to plant shade-loving hosta on the hot, dry south-facing side of the house anymore than you would tell them to plant tulips in the deep shade of an evergreen or a cactus in their bog garden.

Now there is one more factor to take into consideration. We need to educate ourselves on which plants are considered invasive and to refrain from planting them in our own yards or recommending them to others.

The Invasive Plant Association of Wisconsin (IPAW) categorizes plants this way:

- **Invasive Plants** are non-indigenous species or strains that become established in natural plant communities and wild areas, replacing native vegetation.
- **Weeds** are undesirable and troublesome plants growing in disturbed areas, especially cultivated ground.
- **Potentially Invasive Plants** (for Wisconsin) are species that are invasive in parts of North America having similar climates and plant communities, and that are thought to have the potential to colonize and become invasive in Wisconsin.
- **Sometimes Invasive Natives** are native plants that can become overly abundant in a plant community to which they are

indigenous, often in response to a change in the disturbance regime.

- **Indigenous** means occurring naturally in a specific area or plant community; not introduced.

Many of us are familiar with the most famous invasives: purple loosestrife, buckthorn and garlic mustard. But there are many more invasive plants that are sneaking into Wisconsin. I was recently asked what the pretty yellow ground cover was that grows along Jackson north of Oshkosh. The homeowner wondered if it would be a good plant for a berm alongside their road and asked if it grew from seeds or where they could buy it. I knew without driving down Jackson that they were referring to bird's-foot trefoil, a rapidly spreading plant was planted along roadsides to control vegetation and that now has spread tremendously and has crowded out native vegetation. My reply to the question was a more tactful version of DON'T PLANT THAT! and then I suggested an alternative or two.

You would be surprised at what plants are already considered invasive or have the potential to become so. Here are a few plants considered invasive that you might not know about: orange daylily, Norway maple, Russian olive, Queen Anne's lace, forget-me-not, several honeysuckles, white poplar, multiflora rose, tansy, common periwinkle, black locust, cattails, Japanese barberry, tree-of-heaven, burning bush or winged euonymus, white mulberry, willows, European highbush cranberry, creeping bellflower, lily-of-the-valley, oxeye daisy, baby's breath, yellow or water-flag iris and spearmint. There are many more and I haven't even listed the grasses and water plants.

You don't have to memorize a long list of plants to avoid, but I urge you to take a look at IPAW's website: [www.ipaw.org](http://www.ipaw.org) or the book *Invasive Plants of the Upper Midwest* by Elizabeth Czarapata to at least get a feel for what plants might be invasive before you make a recommendation or plant anything new in your yard.

Answer: I am an erect perennial forb/herb - **Trillium cernuum L.**; common name: Nodding Trillium, Whip-poor-will Flower  
References: <http://www.botany.wisc.edu/wisflora/> and associated links

### WANT ADS

Anyone who has a copy of Crockett's Victory Garden by James Underwood Crockett, copyright 1977, that they would like to give up, please contact Stan Meyer 725-6486.

## SEPTEMBER TASKS

Some of you have been asking for monthly garden tasks to be printed in the Newsletter. Thanks to Marge Bolding, this section has been added. These suggestions come to you from the 2006 Wisconsin Garden Journal. Thanks Marge!

### Houseplants, Perennials, and Annuals

- Allow rose hips to stay on plants to aid in winter protection. Watch for black spots on roses and remove infected leaves.
- Cut back perennials after frost.

Week 1.

- Lift gladioli corms when leaves begin to brown, dry in sun for a few days.
- Divide most perennials except asters and mums that haven't bloomed.
- Divide and replant peony roots until October 15. Avoid planting too deeply. Mulch after ground freezes.

Week 2.

- Bring coleus, geraniums, caladium and begonias indoors.
- Place amaryllis in cool basement for a three-month resting period.
- To set flower buds on Christmas cactus, place in the dark for 15 hours (overnight) for six to eight weeks. It helps to have them at 55° F at night.

Week 3. Sow snapdragons, cornflowers and other hardy annuals a few weeks before the first frost date.

### Vegetables and Herbs

Week 1.

- Remove newly set tomato blossoms and new growth because fruit won't have time to mature.
- Sow annual rye grass or oats for winter cover and place green manure in beds that won't be planted until late spring.
- Remove all weeds from garden before they go to seed.

Week 2.

- Pinch out the growing points at the top of Brussels sprout stems so bottom sprouts will reach maturity.
- Cover the garden when frost is predicted for up to another month of growth. Water plants well for greater frost protection.

Week 3.

- Dig and pot parsley, chives and tender herbs for transfer indoors to sunny window.

Week 4.

- Harvest carrots, beets, and turnips before first frost kills foliage for better storage.
- Gather squash, pumpkins and gourds when ripe and before damaged by frost. Leave 2 inch stem on vegetable for better storage.
- Clear garden beds immediately after harvest. Destroy any disease plants by burning, composting in a hot pile, or sealing in containers for disposal.

### Lawns, Trees and Shrubs

Week 1.

- Early September is the latest time to plant spring-flowering shrubs.
- Fertilize lawn if applying fertilizer three or four times per year.
- Aerate lawn when temperature is 60 to 70° F.

Week 2.

- Stop planting evergreens.

### Fruits and Berries

- Harvest pears when still light green, and separate fruit from branch with slight twisting motion.
- Harvest grapes. Fertilize with one cup bonemeal per plant.
- Harvest apples. Rake up leaves and fallen fruit to control disease and insect problems next year. Be careful not to injure long-lived fruiting spurs when harvesting.
- Cut out spend raspberry and black berry canes after fruiting.



# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

## ☞ GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

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

## ☞ PARK VIEW CUTTING GARDEN

Contact Rob Robinson.

## ☞ PARK VIEW VEGETABLE GARDEN

The Vegetable Garden contact Susan Steinhilber 235-1031 or email [steinsb@northnet.net](mailto:steinsb@northnet.net)

## ☞ COMMUNITY GARDENS

Discuss the 2007 Plan

## ☞ RESOURCE PERSON AT THE EXTENSION OFFICE

Contact Curt Reese at 426-4992.

## ☞ BE A GUEST SPEAKER

Contact Linda Toby.

## ☞ HELP WITH BASIC TRAINING

Jason will be needing monitors for a Basic Gardening Course.

## ☞ TRIP COORDINATOR

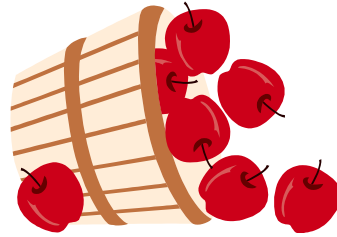
Contact Linda Toby or Lynne Goudreau

## ☞ INVASIVE SPECIES ELIMINATION

Contact Lawanda Jungwirth.

## ☞ TURFGRASS RESEARCH PLOTS

Contact Jason Kruse



## SEPTEMBER 2006

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

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THR	FRI	SAT
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3	4 LABOR DAY WOO HOO!	5 6:00 BOARD MTG	6	7  FULL MOON ☉	8	9 SAMBA IN THE GARDENS @ THE PAINE 5-9 PM CALL FOR RESERVATIONS
10	11	12 6:15 BUSINESS MTG & PLANT SWAP @ COUGHLIN CENTER	13 1:30 PARK VIEW PARADE	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22  NW MOON ●	23 NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION DEMOS OSHKOSH
24	25	26	27	28	29 BROWN BAG @ UWEX - NOON	30

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

### Ever wonder about Woolly Bear Caterpillars and whether they are friend or foe?

Familiar since Colonial times as the "Woolly Bear," the caterpillar is often seen crossing roads and paths on warm days in late fall. According to superstition, the amount of black in the caterpillar's bristle coating forecasts the severity of the coming winter. Actually, the coloration indicates how near the caterpillar is to full growth before autumn weather stimulates it to seek a winter shelter.

#### **Woolly Bear Caterpillar *Isia isabella***

**Family:** Arctiidae, Tiger Moths

**Description** Wingspan 1 5/8-2" (40-50 mm). Fore wings yellow-brown with a series or row of small black dots. Hind wings slightly paler, slightly pinkish with several indistinct gray dots. Abdomen has 3 black spots above on rear edge of each segment. Caterpillar, to 2 1/8" (55 mm), is black, covered with stiff bristles, and has a broad band of red-brown bristles around the middle.



**Life Cycle** Caterpillar feeds on low herbaceous plants of many kinds, mostly wild; it seldom attacks crops or ornamentals.

**Flight** June-August in the North, February-November in the South.

**Habitat** Meadows, pastures, uncultivated fields, and road edges.

**Range** Throughout North America, except northern Canada.

