



WINNEBAGO COUNTY MASTER GARDENER SEPTEMBER 2012 - NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENTS' LETTER

The cooler temperatures and rain that we received in the last two weeks has made gardening more enjoyable. The lawns have started to turn green again (with many accompanying weeds) and the flowers look better than ever! Now is a great time to plant some of those perennials and ornamental grasses that you can find at bargain prices.

A "big" thank you goes out to Jerry Robak and the Octagon House volunteers for the wonderful garden tour that we had at the historical Octagon House on August 14th. We learned a lot about plants and vegetables that were grown in the late 1800's. We were also able to tour the inside with Neenah Historical volunteers. A very enjoyable evening along with nice weather!

After the Octagon House tour, many of us went to see the community gardens at UW Fox Valley Center in Menasha that is headed up by Ruth Freye. We checked out the many raised beds that are used for educational purposes and sampled some of the great varieties of tomatoes they are growing.
What a great job, Ruth.

Just a reminder that our next business meeting is September 11 at 5:30 p.m.

We are starting at this EARLIER TIME because of the Level I Training that is beginning. We will also meet at 5:30 for the October and November meetings. So far we have 19 new Level I trainees!

If you have ever thought about being an officer or board member, now is the time! We will be seeking nominations soon! Another item to mark on your calendar for the future is our Awards Dinner which will be held on Tuesday, December 4. (It will be here before you know it.)

Have a great Labor Day weekend!

Mary and Linda

Advisor's Note

The past couple of weeks has brought us some welcome rain and cooler temperatures. And while we may be enjoying these more seasonable temperatures, I know the plants in our landscape have to be enjoying it also.

September is not only our transition into fall, but is also the start of our Master Gardener Basic Training and I would like to "thank" everyone who helped get the word out. Currently, we have over 20 people registered for Basic Training. Training will be a mixture of local discussion, webinar presentations, and lab activities.

If any member wants to join the new participants and sit in on the classes, below is the schedule as of today. Please contact me if you plan to attend in case class order changes and so we print enough material. In addition, if anyone is interested in helping with any of the class activities please let me know.

<p>Week 1: September 4 Welcome to program Activity: "What is Horticulture?" Lecture: Botany, Mike Maddox</p>
<p>Week 2: September 11 Lecture: Botany (Continued) Activity: Grocery Store Botany</p>
<p>Week 3: September 18 Lecture: Soils, Doug Soldat Activity: Soil Testing Procedures</p>
<p>Week 4: September 25 Lecture: Integrated Pest Management, Dan Heider Activity: Pesticide Labels</p>
<p>Week 5: October 2 Lecture: Plant Diseases, Brian Hudelson</p>
<p>Week 6: October 9 Lecture: Weeds, Heidi Johnson Lecture: Wildlife, David Drake</p>
<p>Week 7: October 16 Lecture: Entomology, Phil Pellitteri Activity: Signs or Symptoms?</p>
<p>Week 8: October 23 Lecture: General Gardening Practices, Sharon Morrisey Activity: OPEN (45minutes)</p>
<p>Week 9: October 30 Lecture: Herbaceous Plants, Diana Alfuth Activity: IPM#1 What's wrong with my plants?</p>
<p>Week 10: November 6 Lecture: Woody Plants, Barb Larson Activity: IPM#2 What's wrong with my plants?</p>

2012 Volunteer Hours Report Due September 1

Week 11: November 13

Lecture: Fruits & Vegetables, Patti Nagai

Activity: IPM#3 What's wrong with my plants?

Week 12: November 20

Lecture: Turfgrass, Doug Soldat

Activity: IPM#4 What's wrong with my plants?

Kimberly Miller

??? What Am I ??? by Jane Kuhn

I am a genus of about 100 species of flowering plants in the family Asteraceae (aster family), an herbaceous perennial growing from woody caudices or rhizomes. I can be found in the meadows and pastures, along roads and ditches, and since the 1980's, some cultivars and hybrids have been accepted in American gardens. My many species can be difficult to distinguish due to their similar, bright, golden yellow flower heads that bloom in late summer, adding color and excitement to the garden. I grow from 1 foot to five feet, depending on the cultivar, and some may need staking unless they are trimmed back in spring. I prefer full sun and medium rich, well-drained soil and am drought tolerant.

Propagation is by wind-disseminated seeds or by spreading underground rhizomes which can form colonies of vegetative clones of a single plant. I need little care throughout the year except for possibly pinching back my growing tips in spring to encourage a more dramatic show in late summer and early fall. I have few pest or disease problems. I am an attractive source of nectar for bees, flies, wasps and butterflies. I am great in the butterfly garden, native wildflower garden, as a cut flower and also dry well for indoor flower arrangements. In Midwestern states in the mid-twentieth century it was said that when I bloomed, it would soon be time to go back to school.

Did You Know?

Poison ivy is not ivy and poison oak is not an oak. They are both part of the Anacardiaceae family (the cashew or sumac family).

This family of flowering plants bear fruits that are drupes and in some cases produce urushiol, an irritant which causes a skin rash. Notable plants in this family include cashew, mango, poison ivy, sumac, poison oak, and smoke tree.

Master Gardeners is a volunteer organization committed to horticulture education, community service, and environmental stewardship. Each year we report the volunteer hours we have contributed to projects, and our own hours of continuing education. September 1 is the Winnebago County Master Gardeners Association deadline for reporting your 2012 volunteer hours. You can find the 2012 Report form on our website—it includes contact info for Patty Schmidt, who is kind enough to take responsibility for the compiling effort!!!

Master Gardeners require a minimum of 24 hours of service, which needs to include at least 5 hours of community and/or youth education. Twelve hours (24 hours for first year or uncertified members) must be on core projects or committees. The Member Booklet includes a list of these for your reference. Time spent on Business or Board meetings can be included, as can direct travel time to meetings and project sites.

In addition, each member needs 10 hours per year on continuing their own education. Your class hours fill this requirement for first year members. There are a number of ways to fulfill the self education requirement: speakers at our meetings, presentations by extension members on horticulture topics, the Wisconsin Master Gardener programs on PBS, Larry Meiller's Garden Talk radio show on WPR, speakers at Winter Escapes/Summer Dreams and other garden symposia, Brown Bag Programs, Botanical Garden tours,Many of these programs can be time-shifted to fit your schedule by checking archived programs on your computer.

If you have any questions about the hours requirement and categories, please contact any WCMGA board member. Both our website and the Wisconsin Master Gardeners website have a wealth of info to help.

Answer to 'What Am I ??'

I am goldenrod. Order: Asterales. Family: Asteraceae (aster family). Genus: Solidago L. – goldenrod. Common name: goldenrod. Parts of some goldenrods are edible when cooked or used for making tea. In some places they are held as a sign of good luck or good fortune. Goldenrod is often thought to provoke allergies, but the goldenrod pollen does not bother allergies at all.



References: USDA Plants Database and associated links.



Butterfly Books

Below is a list of suggested books about butterflies from Anita Carpenter, who was a speaker at our May meeting.

*Butterflies Through Binoculars, The East

Jeffrey Glassberg,
Oxford University Press, 1999

*Butterflies of North America

Kenn Kaufman & Jim P. Brock
Kaufman Focus Guides, Houghton/Mifflin Co, 2003

*Caterpillars in the Field and Garden

Jeffrey Glassberg, Jim P. Brock, Thomas J. Allen
Oxford University Press, 2005

*Wildflowers of Wisconsin and the Great Lakes Region

Merel R. Black & Emmet J. Judziewicz
University of Wisconsin Press 2nd Edition

*Field Guide to the Birds of North America

Jon Dunn & Jonathan Alderfer
National Geographic 6th Edition

*Peterson Field Guide to Moths of Northeastern America

David Beadle & Seabrooke Leckie
Houghton/Mifflin/Harcourt 2012

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To contribute an article or more to the News Letter

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Lincoln School	
Linda Christensen	233-0044
Mary Haave	231-2542
Octagon House	
Jerry Robak	722-3311
Paine Gardens	
Betty Kuen	558-9586
Park View Cutting Garden	
Bill Weber	231-2936
Park View Vegetable Garden	
Tom Weber	233-3729
Park View Prairie Garden	
Ken Hawk	426-1691
Park View Flower Arranging	
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BOARD MEETING – Sept. 4, 6:00 pm
BUSINESS MEETING – Sept. 11, 5:30 pm

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

Our purpose is to provide horticultural education, community service & environmental stewardship for our

Community in affiliation with the University of Wisconsin Extension Program.



SEPT

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	HOUR
						1 hours due Farmers Market 8-12:30
2	3	4 Board Mtg 6:00	5	6	7	8 Farmers Market 8-12:30
9	10	11 Business Mtg 5:30	12	13	14	15 Farmers Market 8-12:30
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 Farmers Market 8-12:30
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