

## Winnebago County Master Gardeners Newsletter

September 2022

### 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.

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**“Let's strive to be  
better in  
September.”**

*-Charmaine J. Forde*



**Zinnias in Iron Mountain**  
*Picture submitted by Kim Willman*

## What am I?

By Jane Kuhn

I am valued in landscaping for the fact that I bloom in fall, helping to achieve four-season interest in the garden. My blooms are composed of many individual flowers (florets), each one capable of producing a seed. The disk florets are in the center of my bloom head, and the ray florets are on the perimeter. The ray florets are considered imperfect flowers, as they only possess the female reproductive organs, while the disk florets are considered perfect flowers as they possess both male and female reproductive organs. I come in a variety of colors including white, off-white, yellow, gold, bronze, red, burgundy, pink, lavender and purple. I grow to be 2-3 feet high, depending on the cultivar and growing conditions.

I grow best in full sun and well-drained soil enriched by compost. My flowers are "photoperiodic" meaning they bloom in response to the shorter days and longer nights experienced (in the Northern Hemisphere) in fall. I therefore should not be planted near street lights or night lights since the artificial lighting may wreak havoc with my blooming cycle. Additionally, don't overcrowd my plants since the good air circulation reduces the chance of disease. "Pinching" is beneficial in yielding compact, bushy plants with more blooms since it stimulates side-shoots. Start in spring when my plant is 4-6 inches tall, continue every 2-3 weeks and stop around the beginning of summer to allow bud formation.

My plants should be divided every 3<sup>rd</sup> spring to rejuvenate them. Fertilize my plants once a month through July. I benefit from winter protection of mulch to create a microclimate as a shelter from winter winds. Don't prune in fall since existing branches offer roots protection.

## WCMGA Contacts

Check your membership guide for contact information.

### President (Nominations Accepted)

Ed Dombrowski (12.31.22)

### Vice President

Kathy Procknow/Deb Butch (12.31.22)

### Secretary

Jean Reed

### Acting Treasurers (open for nominations!)

Deb Butch/Kathy Procknow

### Board Representatives

Ruth Retzlaff (12.31.22)

Sue Egnor

Linda Werner

### WIMGA Representative

Kathy Procknow

### Advisor

Open

### Newsletter Team

Anne Murphy

Kim Willman

Jane Kuhn

Lawanda Jungwirth

Jean Reed



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](mailto:pakster0605@yahoo.com). Each article submitted will count toward your volunteer hours. Thank you!

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## **SOW PRETTY - President's Message**

*Tis the season! Gardening is upon us. The vegetable gardens beam with blossoms, buds are opening; you're watching for those pesky insects looking for a free meal; and you're chomping at the bit for a taste of what is to come. A vegetable garden can be SOW PRETTY!. Gardening provides us with food, exercise and a sense of accomplishment. With fertile soil, water, sunlight and garden management; gardeners can become masters of their garden plot season after season.*

*Being aware of the things you can and should not do in your vegetable garden will help you with your garden management as well as protecting your valued harvest.*

*With the help of an article written by HC Harrison, "The Vegetable Garden", A1989, learningstore@uwex.edu, here are a few tips for you to avoid in your vegetable gardens.*

**AVOID OVER FERTILIZING:** *Manures, composts, etc., can be applied late fall or spring. Use fertilizers if your soil lacks a certain nutrient. Adding more fertilizer does not guarantee an abundance of yield.*

**AVOID BROAD SPECTRUM PESTICIDES:** *While pesticides can eliminate harmful insects, they also can eliminate helpful ones. Both chemical and organic treatment solutions can be found to help navigate through insect concerns.*

**GROW WHAT YOU WANT TO EAT:** *Start small, experiment, know what you want to grow and know your physical limitations.*

**AVOID OVERWATERING:** *Most plants only need an inch of water a week. Too much water can suffocate the roots of the plant.*

**DON'T IGNORE YOUR SEEDLINGS:** *Avoid stepping on them by knowing where you planted them. Have a diagram of your plantings.*

**AVOID OVERCROWDING YOUR GARDEN:** *Plants need space. When managing your garden, understand the growth of the plant and what it needs to mature.*

**WEED, WEED, WEED:** *Timing is important. Weeds are easier to control before they germinate. By stirring the top 1 inch of the soil around a small weed, this will dry out the soil and help prevent growth and germination. After germination, pull the weeds out.*

**AVOID ANIMALS DESTROYING YOUR CROPS:** *Stopping wildlife from intruding into your gardens is almost an impossibility. Birds, chipmunks, rabbits and deer are nuisances to your bounty. However, hummingbirds, bees and earthworms are good for our gardens.*

*A positive approach to manage your gardens so they are SOW PRETTY, is to know yourself, know what you want from your garden, and experiment as needed with old and new gardening techniques. Do this and you will provide yourself with many future fruitful experiences. ED*

## **Subject: WCMGA Reorganization—Important!**

**Dear Winnebago County Master Gardeners—Past and Current**

**URGENT! We have come to a crossroads. The WCMGA cannot continue operating as we have done for over three decades. The Board is recommending the attached Reorganization Plan as a way to simplify and spread the workload of Association operations as thinly as possible in order to move forward. At the September 13<sup>th</sup> membership meeting, after discussion, WCMGA members will be asked to approve the final version of the proposed Reorganization Plan. The next step will be for enough WCMGA members to step-up to fill the necessary positions defined in the plan. Members will then have until September 30<sup>th</sup> to do so. If ALL positions are not filled by that date, the Board will begin the Association dissolution process at its October meeting. Please read this message and the attached Reorganization Plan for the Winnebago County Master Gardener Association in full. The future of the WCMGA is at stake. Most importantly, please think about how YOU can help us continue to fulfill our mission!**

*The last few years have been challenging for our Association, to say the least. The current organizational structure requires a few people to carry a heavy burden of duties. Given all that has happened, no one is willing to do so at this time. The current Board members and officers are only committed to December 31, 2022 at the latest. Most are already serving extended terms.*

*This spring a group of members volunteered to come together to find a way to simplify the workload, spread a reduced number of necessary tasks as widely as possible and make meetings more meaningful and fun again. During the course of two meetings the group developed the attached Reorganization Plan.*

### **The Proposed Reorganization Plan**

*The plan calls for eliminating the Board and establishing an Advisory Team instead. This team would consist of the treasurer, secretary and two to three directors who would all serve one-year terms. The good news is several Master Gardener volunteers have already committed to filling most of these positions. **Linda Loker, Kathy Schultz and Ruth Retzlaff have agreed to be directors. Deby Voyles will resume the reduced treasurer duties. Jean Reed will continue as secretary until December 31, so we will need someone to commit to being secretary starting in January.** The Advisory Team will only meet twice per year, so the secretary will only have to take minutes at these two meetings and during the business portion of the two general membership business meetings per year, so, four times per year*

***Valerie Stabenow and Linda Werner have volunteered to continue as the Education Team and will work on adding some online and in-person continuing education opportunities for members.***

### **Our Needs**

***A minimum of 12 volunteers** is needed for the **Meeting Team** to plan two business/continuing ed or activity meetings per year and two social gatherings per year. The vision is that all 12 of the meeting team members would meet initially to brainstorm ideas and then divide into four smaller groups that meet once.*

Also needed is a **contact person/coordinator for partner organizations** to serve independently as a member of the **Communications Team**. This person would maintain contact with community partner organizations to keep information current on contacts, needs, etc. Since the activities for which we need volunteers support WCMGA and its mission to provide horticulture education, community service and environmental stewardship, time spent on these teams may be counted as volunteer hours.

**It is hoped that this plan will get us back on track and be the foundation for rebuilding the Association. However, it will ONLY succeed with your participation. Please plan to attend on September 13<sup>th</sup>.**

**In summary, by Sept. 30, 2022, we need to have a commitment for:**

- **One Secretary**
- **Twelve Meeting Team Members**
- **One Community Partner Organization Contact Person/Coordinator**

**Note:** A special thank you to the Roundtable Members who developed the Reorganization Plan: Linda Loker, Jean Reed, Mary Shepard, Jenny Breining, Deb Butch, Kathy Procknow, Linda Baeten, Linda Werner, Ed Dombrowski, Kathy Schultz, Deby Voyles, Kathy Daniels.

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***Naked Ladies***  
***Submitted by Kim Willman***

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

All committees uphold and support the WCMGA mission:

*“Our purpose is to provide horticulture education, community service and environmental stewardship within our community.”*

Number of member meetings per year: 4

- September: Business Meeting
- December: Holiday Social
- March: Business Meeting
- June: Spring Social (picnic?)

Member meeting format:

- December and June meetings social only
- September and March are business meetings with social and/or CE components (TBD by Meeting Committee)

### **Advisory Team**

- 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

1. Approve expenditures over \$500
2. Secure adequate liability insurance
3. Keep meeting minutes (secretary)
4. Review new procedures, policies, SOPS, by-laws and make recommendations to the membership as needed/proposed
5. Maintain non-stock status
6. Set membership business meeting agenda
7. Coordinate with other teams
8. At-large members coordinate membership emails from committees

### **Meeting Team**

- 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

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**

- *3-4 members*
- *Meet as needed*

*Responsibilities*

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*
6. *Encourage member initiative in proposing ideas*
7. *Zoom or live pop-ups for special topics as suggested/available*

**Communications Team**

- *No meetings*
- *Individual tasks*

*Responsibilities*

1. *Maintain Facebook page*
2. *Maintain Website*
3. *Maintain newsletter*
4. *Email communications to members/teams*
5. *Extension liaison*
6. *WIMGA representative*
7. *Contact/coordinator for partner organizations (needs further discussion)*

**Strategic Planning Team**

- *Form in spring of 2023?*
  - *3-4 members*
  - *Meets as needed*

*Responsibilities*

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

### **Officers**

#### **Treasurer**

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

#### **Secretary**

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

### **Goals of Plan**

- 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 chrysanthemum or hardy mum (garden mum). Family: Asteraceae. Genus: Chrysanthemum. Other common names are mums or chrysanth. Chrysanthemum plants have been shown to reduce indoor air pollution by the [NASA Clean Air Study](#). In some parts of Asia my yellow or white flowers are boiled to make a sweet drink or tea which has medicinal uses including an aid in recovery from influenza. My leaves are steamed or boiled and used as greens, especially in Chinese cuisine.

Resources: USDA Plants Database and associated links.

## Continuing Education Opportunities

By Linda Werner

### **Southeast Wisconsin Invasive Species Consortium Fall Invasive Plant Management Workshop**

- Saturday, September 10, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., UW-Milwaukee Field Station
- Led by Dr. James Reinartz, Director Emeritus of the Field Station.
- Cost \$60. Limited enrollment. Register at:  
<https://sewisc.org/invasives/plant-management-workshop/2022-sewisc-fall-invasive-plant-management-workshop>

### **UW Arboretum Native Gardening Conference--Nature by Design: Gardening for a Sustainable Future**

- Sunday, September 18, 8:45 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- Arboretum
- Cost \$65 through June 30, \$70 starting July 1
- Register at:  
<https://arboretum.wisc.edu/learn/adult-education/native-gardening-conference/>

### **New webinars from Melinda Myers:**

"Year-round Perennial Garden Maintenance," Wed., October 26, 6:30 p.m. Free, but registration required at: [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_WQZdH-u1TdOxAPIKmlOCSQ](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_WQZdH-u1TdOxAPIKmlOCSQ)

"Boosting the Beauty of and Propagating Houseplants," Wednesday, November 2, 6:30 p.m. Free, but registration required at:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_SeuDpw14TfW4GmLwnOCDSw](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_SeuDpw14TfW4GmLwnOCDSw)

### **New Webinars from the Xerces Society:**

"Habitat for Pollinators--Success, Next Steps, Ready for Winter," Tuesday, September 20, 11-Noon, CT. Presented by Sephanie Frischie, Agronomist. Free, but registration required at: <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJcpceioqDorGtFH56pBbFuuXGXRYfElxpRn>

"Bring Back the Pollinators--Priority Nesting Habitat for Bees," Thursday, September 29, Noon-1 p.m. CT. Presented by Biologists Leif Richardson and Sara FoltzJordan. Free, but registration required at: [https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_ry3wlsrWRGiAIRZ4Hg7uZw](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ry3wlsrWRGiAIRZ4Hg7uZw)

### **New conference from South East Wisconsin Invasive Species Consortium**

Upper Midwest Invasive Species Conference, Tuesday, October 25, through Thursday, October 27. Hybrid event at the KI Convention Center in Green Bay or online. Cost is \$350 in person or \$125 virtual. Note--not all seminars are eligible for MG Continuing Ed. Review Wisconsin Master Gardener guidelines prior to registering. For more information and to register, go to: <http://www.umisc.net/registration.html>

### **New from UW-Extension--Managing Your Yard and Garden Through the Growing Season (Free)**

"Bringing the Garden Inside, Wed., September 7, noon-12:30 p.m. Presented by Darrin Kimbler, Agriculture Educator, UW-Extension. Register at:

[https://uwmadison.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_Ds-z-k5yQteCf4MDtoH5uA](https://uwmadison.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Ds-z-k5yQteCf4MDtoH5uA)

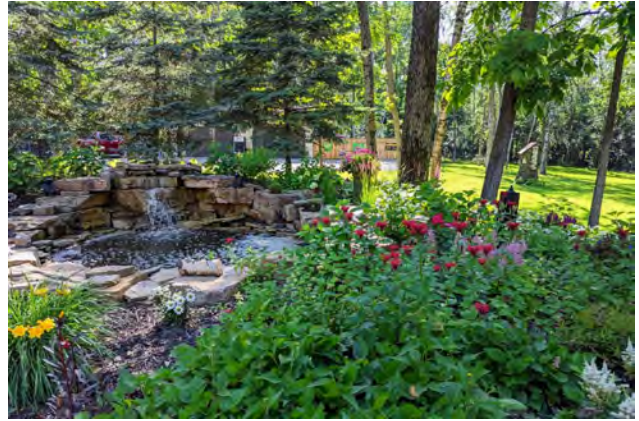
## Garden Walks 2022

*Submitted by Debra Butch*



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## Please be aware of these Program Changes:

If you have problems accessing Canvas or with your Net ID, or if you have questions, please contact Valerie Stabenow, 920.582.4292 or email her at [hlib34a@att.net](mailto:hlib34a@att.net)

### Announcements

2022 Onboarding-lite is now available in our Canvas Classroom!

Due to significant updates to the program, you are required to complete 2022 Onboarding-lite before you start volunteering.

It will be a requirement of the terms and conditions in 2022. You will acknowledge acceptance of these when you log into the Online Reporting System (open mid-January, 2022).

You can claim 5 hours of continuing education. We estimate that it may take you less time than this.

You can now access the 2022 Onboarding Lite in our Canvas Classroom (netID required).

Once logged in, scroll down and look for the six Onboarding-Lite modules.

 Start Here! [2022 Onboarding-Lite: Part 1]

 Overview of Master Gardener Program [2022 Onboarding-Lite: Part 2]

 Digging Deeper into the Master Gardener Program [2022 Onboarding-Lite: Part 3]

 What Counts [2022 Onboarding-Lite: Part 4]

 What is the Online Reporting System? [2022 Onboarding-Lite: Part 5]

 Legal Stuff [2022 Onboarding-Lite: Part 6]

After you complete these modules you will be able to view the last section.

 You Did It! [2022 Onboarding-Lite: Conclusion]

## Master Gardener Volunteer Opportunities \*\* (as of 8/24/2022)

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

<p><b>Neenah Public Library</b>  240 E. Wisconsin Avenue, Neenah, WI 54956  <b>Volunteer Information:</b>  <a href="https://neenahlibrary.org/volunteer">https://neenahlibrary.org/volunteer</a>  920-886-6315  library@neenahlibrary.org</p> <p>Volunteer policy:  <a href="https://neenahlibrary.org/sites/default/files/inline-files/Neenah%20Public%20Library%20Volunteer%20Program%20Policy.pdf">https://neenahlibrary.org/sites/default/files/inline-files/Neenah%20Public%20Library%20Volunteer%20Program%20Policy.pdf</a></p> <p>Volunteer application:  <a href="https://neenahlibrary.org/sites/default/files/inline-files/NPL%20Volunteer%20Application%20Website.pdf">https://neenahlibrary.org/sites/default/files/inline-files/NPL%20Volunteer%20Application%20Website.pdf</a></p> <p>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><b>Oshkosh Area Humane Society</b>  1925 Shelter Court, Oshkosh, WI 54901  <b>Volunteer Information:</b>  <a href="https://www.oahs.org/volunteer.html">https://www.oahs.org/volunteer.html</a>  Volunteer coordinator: Sarah, sarah@oahs.org  Liability protection: Contact OAHS</p>	<p>Contact Sarah,  Volunteer  Coordinator OAHS</p>
<p><b>Paine Art Center and Gardens</b>  1410 Algoma Blvd, Oshkosh, WI 54901  <b>Volunteer Information:</b>  Volunteer contact: Annika Holland, aholland@thepaine.org,  920-235-6903  <a href="https://www.thepaine.org/support/volunteer/">https://www.thepaine.org/support/volunteer/</a>  Volunteer application:  <a href="https://www.thepaine.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/Volunteer-Application-2020.pdf">https://www.thepaine.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/Volunteer-Application-2020.pdf</a>  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><b>Winnebago County Historical &amp; Archeological Society—Morgan House</b>  234 Church Avenue, Oshkosh, WI 54901  <b>Volunteer Information:</b>  WinnebagoHistoricalSociety@gmail.com  920-267-8007  Liability protection: Liability protection is not provided</p>	<p>Kathy Schultz</p>
<p><b>Winnebago County—Department of Facilities and Property Management (Coughlin Rain Garden)</b>  625 E. County Rd Y, Suite 600, Oshkosh, WI 54901  <b>Volunteer Information:</b>  No volunteer process  Liability protection: Organization’s insurance coverage</p>	<p>Jill Dombrowski  Ed Dombrowski</p>
<p><b>Winnebago County Master Gardener Association</b>  625 E. County Rd Y, Suite 600, Oshkosh, WI 54901  <b>Volunteer Information:</b>  Liability protection: Organization’s insurance coverage</p>	<p>Deb Butch  Kathy Procknow</p>
<p><b>Winnebago County—Park View Health Center (Health Center gardens and Park View Prairie Garden)</b>  725 Butler Rd, Oshkosh, WI 54956  <b>Volunteer Information:</b>  Volunteer contact: Tim Laurin, tlaurin@co.winnebago.wi.us, 920-237-6931  Liability protection: Organization’s insurance coverage</p>	<p>Health Center Gardens:  Donna Kudlas  Jane Kuhn  Park View Prairie Garden:  Carol Swannell</p>
<p><b>YMCA of the Fox Cities—Neenah-Menasha YMCA</b>  110 W. North Water Street, Neenah, WI 54956  <b>Volunteer Information:</b>  <a href="https://www.ymcafoxcities.org/volunteer-opportunities">https://www.ymcafoxcities.org/volunteer-opportunities</a>  Volunteer application:  <a href="https://www.ymcafoxcities.org/sites/ymcafoxcities/files/2021-02/VolunteerApplicationForm2013.pdf">https://www.ymcafoxcities.org/sites/ymcafoxcities/files/2021-02/VolunteerApplicationForm2013.pdf</a>  Liability protection: Organization’s insurance coverage</p>	<p>For more information:  Contact Kathy Procknow</p>



**Houses of Worship**

**First Presbyertian Church**  
110 Church Avenue, Oshkosh, WI 54901  
**Volunteer Information**  
Contact Sue Egnor  
Liability protection:

Sue Egnor

**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



**Double Trouble Hydrangea**  
*Submitted by Kim Willman*



White Lisianthus and Red Coleus And  
Tiger Eye Sumac  
*Submitted by Kim Willman*

## September 2022

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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