



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.

www.winnebagomastergardeners.org

1-920-232-1986

FEBRUARY 2007

SANCTIONED CORE PROJECTS

Community Gardens	
Ruth Freye	734-5978
Education and Control 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

Community Education	
Dorothy Kunz	233-8468
Linda Tobey	734-2264
Compost	
Stanley Meyer	725-6486
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
SOP & Bylaw Committee	
Stan Meyer	725-6486
Sunshine	
Judy Harms	688-5523
Marlene Konsek	725-8856
Time Keeper	
Shelley Aaholm	731-8570
Trip Coordination by Education Committee &	
Roy Anne Moulton	886-1283

OFFICERS

President	
Linda Tobey	734-2264
Vice President	
Susan Bohn	685-0427
Secretary to be nominated:	
Linda Werner (thanks!)	725-8168
Treasurer	
Marge Bolding	233-8668

MEETING NOTICE

Monthly Business Meeting

February 13

at 6:15 pm

At the Coughlin Building

All members are welcome!

Dear Fellow Gardeners,

It was so great to see the animated involvement of those members who came to work on the cookbook. We made a lot of decisions and the pot is boiling. Please come and join us. It's not too late to be a part of a great project. Yes, the hours spent at meetings for and working on this do count toward your 24 hours.

Barb Kuhn and Vicki Schultz are feverishly typing the recipes into their computers. I have been looking over the recipes as they finish them and believe me there are some wonderful meals in the stack. I might be doing some tryouts soon. Those Bloody Marys are really calling to me. Can you imagine a good Bloody Mary and some crab salad with a slice of chocolate tort for dessert?

I better change my focus a little for now. Last night I was talking with some of the ladies who are involved with Roy Anne in putting together our Spring seminar. Wow! Wait until you hear what speakers we will have. The Education Committee has so many things lined up before summer that we won't have time to worry about winter being here. They were talking about the Madison bus trip, A Blue Bird talk teaching us how to attract the birds and keep them coming. There will be a great all day seminar on St. Patty's day and a trip to J & K Orchids. I tell you there is so much going on not to mention class right around the corner.

Talking about class; this year things will be really different. Jason has come across a book that is new to us, because Winnebago has never been introduced to it before, but it is the text book that goes with our large gray book. Seems that the gray book is resource material and the new book is really the text. So all of us attending class have to have one this year. We will finally have a text book to use. So, if fees are a little higher than usual it is because you are getting another great book. I will have one at the meeting in February and anyone not going to class may purchase one of the new books too. I know I am for sure.

I am very excited about this year in the Master Gardeners. It is wonderful to have my last year as President being full of new and fantastic things. Seeing so many of you getting involved in the activities is wonderful. One thing to think about though is that this is my last year as President. If you think you might want to try your hand at it please let me know. There is a good amount of time left this year for you to work me and let me mentor you before I step down. I am offering something worthwhile here so don't let it pass you by. If you are interested in being President or think you might be let me know and you can slowly learn before you are there for real. It's a good idea to learn to swim before you are thrown out into the deep water.

I do think right now, however, it is time for me to experiment in the kitchen a little. Maybe some Shrimp and Mushroom Linguini with creamy cheese Herb Sauce or even a Pizza Casserole with fresh fruit salad. Well it's time for me to stop talking and start doing. Oh, I hear that Bloody Mary recipe calling my name again too. Bye for now.

I'll see you in the Garden or maybe the kitchen
Linda



January 9 meeting attendance

Bob Potter	Ann Arenrem	Roy Anne Moulton	
Barbara Kuhn	Kathy Daniels	Sue Bohn	
Pat Behm	Vicik Schultz	Dorothy Kunz	
Linda Loker	Stan Meyer	Marty Sacksteder	
Jerry Robak	Karen Wedde	Linda Tobey	
Ken Hawk	Sandy Ansfield		
Ruth Freye	Lou Ann Hendershot		

We thank all of these members for coming and lending their voices to the meeting. Remember this is your organization and you do have a vote in what happens. Please come and add your voice to ours next month.

1. **RESIGNATION OF BOARD MEMBER:** Curt Reese, one of our valued Board Members, has had to resign his seat. Curt will be remaining a member in good standing and will also continue his work in the office. We thank Curt for his service. We will now ask another member to step forward to take up the remainder of Curt's term which is the rest of this year. Please call Linda Tobey @ 734-2264 or email linda@americanpresstech.com.
2. **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL END:** If you haven't renewed your Master Gardener Membership this will be your **LAST** newsletter. If you want to continue being a Master Gardener please fill out the form on December or January's newsletter and get it sent in **NOW**. We hate to lose you, but understand if life gets in the way of your membership. We hope to see you return when you can.
3. **COOKBOOK:** Here's what we have together so far. The title right now is From Our Gardens to Your Kitchens, the dedication says To all who taught us how to garden and are now gardening with the angles. We will have our sectional divider be – Beverages and Appetizers; Bread & Breakfast; Salads, Dressings & Dips Veggies and Main Dishes; Desserts; Food Preservation and This & That. **If you have any other ideas or want to hear the printing information we will be sharing come to our next Cookbook meeting. JANUARY 23 COUGHLIN CENTER AT 6:00.** Come and join us we need everyone help.



Master Gardener Board Meeting

January 3, 2007

Coughlin Center 6:00 p.m.

Members present: Linda Tobey, Jason Kruse, Dorothy Gayhart-Kunz, Audrey Ruedinger, Robert Potter, Sue Bohn, Linda Loker, Marlene Miller, Curt Reese, Chris Bellin, Ken Hawk, Stanley Meyer

The meeting was called to order by president, Linda Tobey.

OLD BUSINESS

2007 Budget

A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2007 budget with the following adjustments:

- \$1,000-\$1,500 in expenses added for printing the cookbook.
- \$4,500 in income added from cookbook sales.
- \$400-\$500 in income added to the Garden Expo trip for a second bus.

The budget balance as of January 1, 2007 was \$7,063.

Approved Projects for 2007

Sanctioned core projects:

Nature's Way
 Park View Cutting Garden
 Park View Flower Arranging
 Park View Vegetable Garden
 Community Gardens
 Oshkosh Farmer's Market
 Plant Health Advisors
 Education and Control of Invasive Species

Paine Gardens
 Additional Short-Term

Sanctioned Projects:

Home and Garden Show
 County Fair
 Paine Spring Festival
 Community Education
 Compost
 Lincoln School
 Park View Prairie
 Refreshments

The policy on individual projects will remain the same. New members cannot work on individual projects and previously certified members must work for 12 hours on a sanctioned project before working on an individual project. Committee members will need to request budget amounts for their projects in March.

NEW BUSINESS

Secretary

Linda Werner has volunteered to assume duties of the secretary for 2007. A vote will be taken at the January business meeting.

Spring Training

The start of the spring training has been pushed back to March 6, 2007. The training will run 15 weeks, for a total of 45 hours, through June 5. The entire first class will be on the MG program. The training will focus on the basics of horticulture. The only anticipated expense will be mileage for some speakers. Jason will teach most of the sessions.

Because the classes will be on Tuesdays instead of Wednesdays, participants will be expected to attend the regular second Tuesday business meeting from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. as part of their class commitment. Class will begin at 6:30 p.m. on those evenings instead of 6 p.m. It was suggested that one or two current members attend each session to greet new members, assist speakers and provide coffee. This work could be added as another sanctioned project. All MG officers will attend at least the first class session. Jason has a list of 63 people who have requested the training brochure when it is printed. A maximum of 60 participants can be accommodated. Save the date postcards will be sent to the people on the list.

A motion was made and passed to adjourn the meeting at 8 p.m. The next board meeting is February 6.

Submitted by:
Linda Werner
Secretary

**Master Gardener Meeting
January 9, 2007
Coughlin Center-6:15 PM**

Our first order of business, by a show of hands, was to elect Linda Werner as our new secretary. Linda may be unable to attend all our meetings and our previous secretary, Dorothy Gayhart-Kunz, will sub for her on those occasions.

Bob Potter, took over running the meeting. Linda Tobey, president, was there to guide and offer assistance.

A MOTION was made and passed to accept the treasurer, Marge Bolding's written report. Bob presented her report of a balance of \$6,824.64. Membership fees should bring in an additional sum of \$1,770. A MOTION was made and passed to accept the secretary's report as published in the newsletter.

Our congratulations to Ruth Freye who has accepted the chair of the Community Gardens in Menasha.

OLD BUSINESS

Goals and Objectives

Sue Bohn, our new vice president, presented her report on WCMGA Goals and Objectives for 2007. At this time Projects include: Paine Gardens, Community Gardens, Park View (4), Lincoln

School, Farmer's Market, County Fair, Home and Garden shows, MGV Plant Health Advisers, Community Education, Compost, Nature's Way, Invasive Species, Others. This report is available upon request. Ask Sue for a copy.

Class Information

Classes will start Tuesday, March 6 and end with a potluck on June 5. The first meeting will take three hours to explain the workings of the WCMGV group. That makes 15 weeks of classes. Members can attend individual classes for \$10 apiece. Those who have taken the course will have a reduced fee. If you are a certified MG it is optional but valuable to take the tests.

NEW BUSINESS

Trips and Education Workshops

Roy Anne Moulton reported on the upcoming field trips.

1. January 27-J & K Orchids Field Trip
2. February 10-Garden Expo Bus Trip to Madison
3. February 24-Attracting Bluebirds
4. March 17-Saturday-all day presenters on Herbs and a speaker from the Mayflower Greenhouse.

A sign up sheet went around for trip 1, and a handout was passed out for the bus trip 2.

Another bus trip is tentatively being set up for sometime in May.

Budget

The budget was approved for 2007 (Board Meeting). Money was approved for our new cookbook and trips.

Recipe Book Agenda

Decisions were made regarding our new money making venture, the cookbook

1. Book STYLE will be a spiral binder with a see through plastic cover.
2. The COVER title is "From Our Gardens to Your Kitchens". Also: Favorite Master Gardener Recipes from the Winnebago County Master Gardener Volunteer Association.
3. CATEGORIES are: Herbs/Spices, Bread and Breakfast, Soup/Salad/Dressings, Vegetables, Main Dishes, Desserts, Misc. (food), This and That.
4. Categories will be separated by a thin cardboard. We talked about having a pastel line down the right hand side of the page to color coordinate the categories. We decided on no tabs.
5. The book will be DEDICATED to: "This book is dedicated to those who taught us how to garden and are now gardening with the angels.

Queen Anne's Lace – Invasive but Useful

By Lawanda Jungwirth

A printer will meet with us at our next cookbook meeting on January 23. We have two members typing up the recipes: Barbara Kuhn and Vicki Schultz. Dorothy will have some covers to look at and drawings for the dividers. Pat Behm is also gathering some stamps to use on the pages.

Respectfully submitted by
Dorothy Gayhart-Kunz
Secretary pro-tem

“What Am I?”

By Bruce Abraham



I am a native Wisconsin plant, a perennial, Family **Salicaceae**, Genus **Salix**. My habitat in Wisconsin includes northern upland and lowland forests to bracken grassland, cliffs, shrub carr, and sedge meadow. I am an erect plant growing 6' – 40' tall. I can be considered a shrub, but can grow to a height to be considered a tree. My leaves, dark green above and pale green to whitish on the bottom, are 3" to 5" in length. The leaves are alternate on twigs/limbs that are reddish-brown to dark brown. My flowers bloom in April and May as 3/8" – 1" long catkins before my leaves appear. These catkins, in full bloom are white and fuzzy and are a harbinger of spring. I have, as other plants in my family, a compound “salicin” that is similar to an active ingredient in over-the-counter pain killers.

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The umbrella-shaped cluster of tiny white flowers atop the stiff stems of Queen Anne's Lace make it one of the easiest wildflowers to identify. It grows in dry sunny areas, along roads and in fields. There are a few similar wildflowers, including the poisonous water hemlock, but Queen Anne's Lace has the distinctive feature of one tiny purple to black floret in the center of its white ones. When the flower dries, it forms a bird's nest shape, like an umbrella flipping upward in the wind, and is often used in dried flower arrangements.

Queen Anne's Lace (*Daucus carota*) is also called wild carrot and it is thought to be the ancestor of today's garden carrot. The whole plant has a faint carrot scent. It is a biennial plant, meaning that its life cycle is two years. During the first year, a rosette of slightly hairy fernlike leaves with narrow, lobed segments grows from a long taproot. That first year, the taproot is soft enough to eat. The root can also be roasted and used as a coffee substitute.

Queen Anne's Lace came to the United States from Europe as a garden plant in 1739. It has since escaped the garden and has spread prolifically. Each plant can produce 1,000 – 40,000 seeds. They germinate in spring and again in fall. Queen Anne's Lace is listed as a noxious weed in Iowa, Minnesota and Ohio. It can irritate the skin of some people and cows that eat large quantities of it produce off-tasting milk. It is susceptible to carrot rust fly, just as cultivated carrots are.

The best control for the plant is to dig the taproot during the first year. During the second year, plants can be mowed or chopped down before they set seed in mid to late summer.

On the positive side, Queen Anne's Lace is a host plant to black swallowtail butterfly caterpillars and also provides food for many of the small parasitic wasps that prey upon aphids, whiteflies and other garden pests.

For a pretty winter decoration, the flowers of Queen Anne's Lace can be dried between several sheets of newspaper flattened by heavy books. When dry, spray the flowers with a spray adhesive and sprinkle with fine white, iridescent or clear glitter. Hot glue a narrow loop of white ribbon onto the back for a beautiful snowflake ornament.



UPCOMING EVENTS DON'T MISS THEM!

- **February 10 – Garden Expo Bus Trip to Madison.** More than 100 workshops! 454 Exhibitors! If you've been to the Garden Expo you know how much there is to see and learn. If not, don't miss this great opportunity! See the list of workshops and great speakers @ www.wpt.org/gardenexpo
- This bus trip is open to the public. We hope to cover expenses and to generate income to help fund our summer projects. Therefore, we're asking that you print the attached flyer to give to friends and to post in appropriate places you visit in your travels (libraries, grocery stores, work places, etc.) Be creative, be inventive, get the info out!! **Please help us make this trip a success for our WCMGA!**
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February 24 – “Attracting Bluebirds – Not as Simple as You Wished”. Presenter is BRAW Winnebago Coordinator John Zeinert. He has, for at least ten years, maintained a Bluebird Trail. This year, from his 135 houses, he has fledged 94 bluebirds, 189 tree swallows, and uncounted numbers of wrens. Some areas to be addressed include: nest box choices, location of housing, matching the nest to the builder, monitoring, record keeping, avoiding predators, and more. John will also answer your questions. This is an instruction seminar with slides. Program will begin at 10 a.m. at the Coughlin Building.

Apple Crunch Muffins

1-1/2 c. sifted flour	1/4 c. shortening
1/2 c. sugar	1 egg, slightly beaten
2 t. baking powder	1/2 c. milk
1/2 t. salt	1 c. Granny Smith apple, diced
1/2 t. cinnamon	

Sift flour, sugar, baking powder, salt and cinnamon in mixing bowl. Cut in shortening until fine crumbs form. Combine milk and egg. Add to dry ingredients along with apples. Stir just to moisten. Spoon batter into muffin cups, filling two-thirds full. Sprinkle with brown sugar topping. Bake at 375 degrees for 25 minutes. or until golden brown. Makes 12.

Thanks to Barbara



March Into Spring is the theme of a one-day workshop on Saturday, March 17, 2007 sponsored by the Winnebago County Master Gardner

Association. St. Patrick's Day, what a perfect time to think green!

The event will be held at the Coughlin Center, 625 E. County Road Y, in Oshkosh, and will begin with registration and coffee at 8:30 a.m. At 9 a.m., herbalist extraordinaire, Jackie Johnson, a member of the NEW Unit of the Herb Society of America, will share her expertise. At noon, there will be a catered lunch from Lara's Tortilla Flats. From 1 until 2:30 p.m., renowned container designers, Jon Wos and Glenn Spevacek from Mayflower Greenhouse in Green Bay, will present a program and demonstration on container gardening.

The registration fee for **March Into Spring** is \$30, which includes lunch. No more than 75 people can be accommodated, so send in your check and registration today! Mail it to Marge Bolding, 1138 Evans Street, Oshkosh, WI 54901. Please include your name and address and indicate that the reservation is for **March Into Spring**.

Answer: I am a tree or shrub—

Salix discolor Muhl.;

common name: Pussy Willow

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

Topping

1/4 c. brown sugar, packed
1/4 c. walnuts, chopped
1/2 t. cinnamon
Mix these ingredients together to make topping

Winnebago County Master Gardener Volunteer Association (WCMGVA): 2007 Goals

Program Area	Outcome/Goal	How Will We Know MG Has Made a Difference?	Specific MG Program Examples	2007 Specific Target
Community volunteer education through established projects	Community increases its knowledge about horticulture issues as a result of WCMGVA involvement	Community reports that it has increased its knowledge about horticulture issues	<p>Each project recipient/benefactor will report that it has improved its performance/impact on the community as a result of WCMGVA involvement</p> <p>Projects include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paine Gardens • Community Gardens • Park View (4) • Lincoln School • Farmers Market • County Fair • Home & Garden shows • MGV Plant Health Advisors • Community Education • Compost • Nature's Way • Invasive Species • Others <p>Recipients will report by stating value of involvement and the number of people impacted (ex: visitors to site)</p>	WCMGVA will maintain established projects.
	Community members actively pursue membership involvement with MGVA	Members of community become involved in WCMGVA	People impacted by projects will be interested in becoming involved with MGVA	WCMGVA membership will increase by 10% in 2007

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Membership	WCMGVA will increase number of general memberships	Number of new WCMGVA members increases	Membership committee plans for member recruitment.	WCMGVA membership will increase by 10% (8) in 2007
	The percent of “active” WCMGVA members will increase. “Active” will be defined as volunteer project involvement by all members enrolled in education classes.	Community volunteer hours and community education hours reported increase	People who take the classes will fulfill membership participation requirements.	Reportable hours will increase by a minimum of 250 hours.
	New ways for pre-certified, new and continuing MGVs to be involved will be identified.	Members seek new projects for WCMGVA involvement.	New projects or extension of existing projects (ex: new Park View gardens, Nature’s Way)	A minimum of one new project will be identified for involvement.

Member Education and Training	WCMGVA membership will increase knowledge and expertise in horticulture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members participate in MG classes offered by UW-Ex 	New participants in courses will increase.	New certified members will increase by 5.
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members participate in continuing education activities 	Certified members will have a variety of continuing education options to choose from.	Continuing MGV certifications will increase by 10% (6)

Program Area	Outcome/Goal	How Will We Know MG has Made a Difference?	Specific MG Program Examples	2007 Specific Target
Organization Management and Governance	Board officers will be recruited, nominated and installed on regular basis	A nominating committee provides a list of nominees.	The board will designate a nominating committee. The nominating committee will seek and bring forth nominees.	Officer position nomination needed in 2007 for 2008: president.
	WCMGVA will establish a plan to address the association's goals and needs.	Group activities are planned and communicated between association, advisor and state association when appropriate.	Regular planning/check-in meetings will be held with UW-Ex advisor and WCMGVA board and/or committee.	Goals and action plan will be approved in January 2007.
	The association will obtain funding to maintain programs and related activities.	WCMGVA has adequate funding to maintain educational programs and outreach.	Fundraising efforts will diversify: education program fees; cookbook and other product sales; other	Funding will diversify and increase by 10% over 2006 budget.

Summary of 2007 Goals:

The community will increase its knowledge about horticulture issues as a result of WCMGVA involvement through the expansion of audiences for WCMGVA provided horticultural education; e.g. increase presence at home & garden shows, county fair, farmers markets and other community educational programs.

The level of active participation of pre-certified and certified MGVs will increase. The association will maintain and increase continuing education possibilities for MGVs; e.g. more advanced training seminars and trips.

WCMGVA will increase number of general memberships and the number of continuing memberships.

WCMGVA will establish a plan to address the association's goals and needs. The organization will be strengthened in the areas of governance and finances of the organization, and, the relationships between the association, its advisor and the state. The association will increase involvement of current membership in MGV program; e.g. encourage and increase participation in board/officer positions, meetings and projects, and, expand existing and develop new fund raising activities; e.g. sponsored trips, worm casting sales, plant sales, recipe book, other.

Wisconsin Public Television
2007 Garden Expo

Alliant Energy Center, Madison

More than 100 workshops and demos! 454 Exhibitors!

Saturday, February 10, 2007

Depart: 6:30 a.m., Outagamie County Extension

3365 W. Brewster, Appleton

7:00 a.m., Winnebago County Extension

625 E. County Road Y, Oshkosh

Return: 7:00 p.m. (Approximate)

Cost: \$33 until January 24

\$38 after January 24

(Includes Garden Expo ticket. --No cancellations after 1/24)

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Registration Form (copy as needed)

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Pick-up: _____ Appleton _____ Oshkosh Amount Enclosed: _____

Make check payable to WCMGA and mail to: Marge Bolding, Treasurer
(Payment is required with reservation.) 1138 Evans Street
Oshkosh, WI 54901

For more information call: Winnebago County Master Gardeners, 920-232-1986

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

☞ COMMUNITY GARDENS

Contact Ruth Freye

☞ 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.

☞ 2007 MASTER GARDENER TRAINING

Contact Jason Kruse

☞ MENASHA NATURE'S WAY PROJECT

Contact Gale Davey

☞ MG RECIPE BOOK

Contact Dorothy Kunz or Linda Tobey

☞ BE ON THE BOARD!

Contact Linda Tobey

STILL TIME!

There are lots of things to sign up for: Garden Expo Bus Trip, Master Gardener Training, Wisconsin MG Newsletter, March Into Spring...**Membership!**....

FEBRUARY 2007

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

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THR	FRI	SAT
				1	2 GROUNDHOG DAY FULL MOON ☉	3
4	5	6 MGV BOARD MTG - 6:00 @ COUGHLIN CTR all welcome	7	8	9	10 WPT GARDEN EXPO MADISON
11	12	13 MGV FEBRUARY BUSINESS MTG 6:15 @ COUGHLIN CTR	14 VALENTINE'S DAY	15	16	17 NW MOON ●
18	19	20	21	22	23 BROWN BAG 12:00 NOON @ COUGHLIN CTR Exploring the Growing of Mums	24 ATTRACTING BLUE BIRDS 10:00AM @ COUGHLIN CTR
25	26	27	28			

Wisconsin Gardener Program on WPT (Wisconsin Public Television)

February 25, 2:30 PM/central "Melting Pot" (counts as continuing education)

Celebrate the gardening contributions of Wisconsin immigrants with host Shelley Ryan. The versatility of hostas is demonstrated by a former botanist for the Royal Horticultural Society in Great Britain. Learn how to turn anything into a great container. Finally chef Sabi Atteyih shares great recipes from the Mediterranean.

FEBRUARY TASKS

Houseplants, Perennials and Annuals

- When forced bulbs have bloomed and tops have dried, store, then plant in garden in fall. It may take a year or two to forced bulbs to regain their vigor.
- If snow melts, check perennial beds for roots heaved from frost. Gently step down any exposed roots and cover with mulch.

Week 1. Inspect dahlia and begonia tubers and other stored fleshy rooted plants for rot or desiccation.

Week 2. Start tuberous begonias in pots.

Week 3. Start seeds for impatiens, vinca, pansies, and geraniums.

Week 4. Start caladiums in pots.

Vegetables and Herbs

Week 2. Start seeds for leeks and onions. Use a sterile soil-less medium for starting seeds to avoid damping-off disease.

Lawns, Trees and Shrubs

- Prune dormant trees and summer-flowering shrubs.

Fruits and Berries

- If renovating old apple trees, prune no more than one-third of old growth each year.
- Spray dormant oil to control scale and other overwintering pests. Spray on any day above 40 F and when forecast temperature is to remain above freezing for 24 hours. This may be done until buds swell.
- Remove and destroy any mummified fruits, galls, or egg clusters on trees or shrubs.
- Check for overwintering fireblight cankers on susceptible varieties of apples and pears; remove by pruning or surgery.