

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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MARCH 2006

OPEN SANCTIONED 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 Reudinger	231-5745
John Procknow	429-4797
Park View Cutting Garden	
Rob Robinson	231-1162
Park View Vegetable Garden	
OPEN - LEAD WANTED	
Al & Judy Harms	688-5523
Park View Flower Arranging	
Marlene Miller	231-4339
Plant Sale	
Vickie Ludeke	582-4348
Mary Fischer	685-6022

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
Trip Coordinator	
Open	

OFFICERS

President	
Linda Tobey	734-2264
Vice President	
Lynne Goudreau	722-8233
Secretary	
Dorothy Gayhard-Kunz	233-8468
Treasurer	
Marge Bolding	233-8668

MEETING NOTICE

Tuesday, MARCH 14, 2006

Apple Grafting Workshop

Begins at 6:45 pm

NO MEETING!

SIGN UP NOW!

Dear Fellow Gardeners,

Wow! Can you believe it, it's March. I don't know about you but as glad as I am to see the Spring come closer I am spinning my wheels getting ready for it to arrive.

One of the biggest things we will have as a group this year is the establishment of our 5 perennial beds at the Community Gardens. We need everyone involved with these beds. We must have at least one of the beds totally finished by June with the rest underway. Our beds will be on display for a convention for the UW System in early June. It is only for our betterment to make sure our project in Menasha is looking its best.

In holding with our topic of trees this year we are also lucky enough to be one of the few places where Bob Tomish will be giving his Apple grafting class this year. As you should know there will only be spots for 35 people so jump on board now. It will be a great night of learning and apple trees to boot. How good can it get?

Our last class this year will be a visit to our Park View projects, an explanation of how our hours form works and the regulations for putting in your hours. Seeing that April will prove to be a very busy month for Shelley I will be there this year to do the talk. Have your questions ready. That night will be the perfect time to ask them.

Please check out the spots that are open for leads on committees or projects. These spots need to be filled ASAP. We will also be electing our new Secretary and Vice President later this year, but now is the time to begin thinking about stepping into one of those spots. I am also going to be doing something new this year; I am going to share my job with all interested in taking it for a test drive. We will have different members take the chair for a few meetings this year. I will be there to guide if needed, but now is the time to find out that there is nothing magical about my position and that it's little more than spending an evening with your friends. You didn't know how much I really was welcoming you to my world last month did you?

We are going to remodel the Presidents position this year too. Since Our old advisor retired most of her duties have fallen in my lap. It was a fine place for them to fall at first but not a good place for them to remain. For this reason we will be enlarging some of the offices a little and giving a few board members added duties. We very conceivably could be opening up some new positions also. Like I have said before change means that something is vital and alive, and Winnebago County Master Gardeners is alive and kicking. It is an exciting place to be this year.

See you in the Garden,
Linda Tobey

MAKERS & SHAKERS:

These are the members that were in attendance for our December meeting. We had no meeting in January.

John Procknow	Pat Behm	Dorothy Kuntz	Linda Loker
Stanley Meyer	Ken Hawk	Vicki Schultz	Marge Bolding
Marlene Miller	Audrey Ruedinger	Lou Ann Hendershot	Curt Reese
Al Harms	Judy Harms		

OUR MARCH MEETING ON THE 14 WILL BE REPLACED WITH A GRAFTING SEMINAR (You must register in advance. Please see the registration form in this newsletter.)

1. WAYS TO EARN THE 5 HOURS OF EDUCATION TIME
 - A. Write articles for our newsletter or newspapers
 - B. Farmers Market
 - C. Home and Garden Show / or the like
 - D. Working in the office
 - E. Working on our MG telephone line
 - F. Displays of libraries
 - G. Make presentation to the group @ meeting etc.

- H. Work on the Community Gardens
 - a) Teaching the Arc Kids
 - b) Working on the Mosaic Gardens formally known as perennial beds
- I. Any other project okayed by the board for education

2. Whenever you are writing out a check for anything to do with Master Gardeners please always make the check out to Winnebago County Master Gardeners or WCMG unless another name is requested.

3. This year's Projects:

Core Projects

- Parkview – cutting garden, vegetable garden & flower arranging
- Invasive's – Education & Eradication (new project)
- Community Gardens
- Farmers Market
- Paine

Open / Closed Projects

(These are projects that are not worked on all year. They are only in need of people to work on them at specific times. It will be announced in the newsletter and at meetings when we are approaching a time when we will need help with one of them. At that time a sign up sheet will be passed around so you can sign up to work)

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|-------------------------|------------------------|
| • Tri County Conference | • Home & Garden Show |
| • Lincoln School | • Others as they arise |

4. **April meeting** will be a fun night. We will have our **catalog and magazine swap** night. So save you catalogs, especially the ones you think are special, and we will share them at our April meeting during what would normally be our speaker time.

5. **COMMUNITY GARDEN UPDATE:** We are having a meeting for all interested in room 1346 at UW Fox on March 6th at 4:30. The room is easy to find if you come in the door closest to the Community Gardens. It will be the second or third room.

6. Sign up for H&G Show

Earn Money for our Treasury!

Take your Pick n Save Advantage card to the Customer Service desk and register for Winnebago County Master Gardener's **Account Number 939280**. Then each time you present your Pick 'n Save Advantage card at the checkout, a donation from that grocery purchase is added to our MG account. The last quarterly statement from Pick 'n Save states that we didn't make the "total amount earned to meet the minimum \$50 to be issued a check." If a few more members register, maybe we can earn \$50 by the next quarter.

Thanks, Marge

Board Meeting minutes February 7, 2006

Board members present were: Marge,Bolding, Linda Tobey, Ken Hawk, Dorothy Gayhart-Kunz, Audrey Ruedinger, Curt Reese, Marlene Miller, Lynn Goudreau, Sue Bohn, Chris Bellin

Members attended Jim King's viewing in Omro before the meeting. We saw many of his art projects and wood carvings. He was a man of many talents. We will miss him.

The meeting was called to order by President Linda Tobey.

OLD BUSINESS

Membership Report

Chris Bellin passed out membership list. 92 members have renewed their membership. C = member and continuing with MG training class, N =

new member, blank = regular member. Forms will be passed out to all members.

5 Education Hours Required for Next Year's Certification

Hours may be earned from these areas: Farmer's Market, Home and Garden Show, Office, Telephone Line, Library Displays, Presentation for groups large and small: (Any information you give to friends, neighbors, family can be counted), Invasive Education, Committee, Education Aspect of Community Gardens, Articles in newsletter or news paper, ANY OTHER IDEAS agreed on by the board.

Hours Form

Linda Tobey presented an updated hours form. No changes were needed and it was approved by the board. This will be available on the new web site.

State Letter

Curt Reese said a letter will be sent to the state, stating that we would like to be asked for help instead of being demanded to do something. We do realize that the state form makes joining the Master Gardener program a serious matter.

NEW BUSINESS

Last Training Class will be April 19.

We will visit the Parkview Gardens before the meeting and follow up with a pot luck. Cutting Gardens, then Vegetable Gardens, and Prairie Garden. Marlene Miller and Dorothy Gayhart-Kunz will coordinate the pot luck. MG's will supply eating utensils and drinks. Linda will show how to fill out the hours form. The hours form will be on the web site. Linda Tobey will be present at the Community Gardens on the preceeding Saturday to present them to the trainees, but we will not visit them as part of our meeting

Nomination Committee

We need to have a group to contact members to fill offices. Lynn Goudreau, vice president, will head this committee along with Curt Reese. We need several more members from the membership.

Project Consideration

A Sign up Sheet will be passed out to sign up on if you're interested in having the Water Ways as a MG project.

Trees Memorial

Linda will suggest to the membership that MG's donate a tree to the Winnebago County Area every

year with this year's tree being a memorial to Jim King. Donations will be accepted by the membership for this project.

Revamping the Office of the President

Linda said she had taken on many new duties due to having Rosemary Eiden, our advisor, retire. Right now she is running meetings, updating the hour form, doing hours tabulations, filling out state forms, working on and attending Tri County meetings, revamping and updating forms, making decisions on trips, creating newsletter items, working on Parkview, Contact person for everything, projects and working on socials. The board discussed several possibilities such as having several vice presidents to help with all the responsibilities. We could have an administrator and a president or give board members more responsibilities. We will be thinking more about this problem.

Project Approved

The board approved the application of Carol Dorsch for an individual project in Pickett.

The meeting was adjourned.
Submitted by Dorothy Kunz

BUSINESS MEETING, FEB 14

The meeting was called to order by President Linda Tobey.

Treasurer's Report

A. Training & dues	\$3,110.00
B. Trip to Madison Expo	425.34
C. Disbursements	
1. State dues (\$5.00 ea.)	430.00
2. Postage	44.44
D. Training speakers	865.50

Treasurer's report accepted.

Secretary's Report

Secretary's report accepted as written in the newsletter.

Old Business

A. Chris Bellin-- only candidate for new board member

 1. Chris accepted as new board member.

B. Oshkosh Memorial Tree Program - explained by Audrey Ruedinger

1. proposed annual donation of a tree .each year.
2. motion made by Audrey to donate \$150.00 annually.

3. to include all cities in Winnebago County.
4. not to come out of treasury but specific proceeds from an event or trip.(sparnfaerkle, etc. or a trip)

Individual Projects

- A. Website
 1. Linda will resend on email
 2. it will be in the newsletter permanently
- B. Project Funding - minimum amount
 1. project leads need to fill out project forms for funds carefully
 2. funds proposed not much more than 200.00 per project
 3. members may be called upon to pitch in with plants from own gardens for projects
- C. Last Class - visit to project sites
 1. Community Gardens
 - a. want the gardens up in time for "show" with officials
 - b. Park View - visited in the last class - pot luck night - April 19

National Lily Society Lily Sale

- A. to order, pick up forms
- Apple grafting workshop - March 14 meeting**
- A. Bob Tomesch will teach
 1. 35 people max
 2. first come - first served
 3. sheets circulated
 4. cost - \$10.00 /person

Waterways - Winnebago Lake Council

- A. flyer passed around
- B. looking for interest in creating a project

Tri-County Seminar March 24-25

- A. 236 registered
- B. guidelines for next group to be made
- C. speakers are lined up
- D. equipment has been obtained
- E. find more brochures
- F. publicized in Post Crescent
 1. Fox Cities magazine
- G. donations are lacking for magazines (for 'goodie bags')
 1. Companies not donating
- H. raffle tickets being sold
- I. Tri-County meeting Mon. Feb ----
- J. need more vendors to sell
 1. lower fees - \$15.00 outside main room

Elections

- A. questioned when held - November
 1. Vice President and secretary are up for re-election

- B. split the president's obligations up - all the tasks done by Rosemary Eiden have been put on the president

Hours forms –

- A. available on MG website or from Linda Tobey

Freebies were offered:

- Stan Meyer - free tomato seeds
Vickie - spider plants

Photos

- A. John Procknow appealed for persons to take photos of the projects
- B. please document them with dates, place and persons
- C. looking for interested person to soon take over job - to work with John

Reminder –need 5 out of our 24 required hours to be in education

Motion to adjourn -passed

Speaker: An excellent presentation was given by Keith Marquardt about the Winnebago County. Land & Water Conservation Dept.

Respectfully submitted by
LouAnn Hendershot - sub.

PARK VIEW GARDENS REPORT

We have a meeting with Park View staff to plan the gardens and arranging Wednesday March 22 @ 2PM. Meet in the usual place, the Pavilion lobby. This, as always, is open to all MG's working at or interested in Park View.

See you there
Linda Tobey

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

"Beetle Mania 2006"

Purple Loosetrife Control Workshop

(Submitted by Mike Meeker)

Below is an announcement from Terri Lyon (Manitowoc County Lake Association). Each year she runs a Purple Loosetrife workshop. I can speak from personal experience that it will be very informative and also give you a chance to meet people with similar interests. This year it will be on April 1st in Sheboygan. Your attendance at this workshop counts toward the 10 hours needed for re-certification. If you are interested please email or phone Terri.

*Regards, Mike Meeker,
meeker6751@sbcglobal.net*

Beetle Mania is scheduled for **April 1, 2006** and will be hosted this season by **Kohler-Andrea State Park** at their Nature Center location in Sheboygan, WI. I am also available between now and April for short presentations to your school, clubs, or organizations providing a sneak preview of the raise & release program and project set-up. The "Beetle Mania 2006" Workshop will provide pre-registered cooperators the education and training necessary to conduct a successful Beetle Raise and Release Project for you or your group.

This has become a very popular program so all interested individuals or groups should contact me via phone or e-mail as soon as possible to reconfirm your participation interest. We make every effort provide as many of the start-up materials as our funds will allow. I hope many of you will return from last season's program as seasoned veterans, and help to increase awareness and participation in your areas.

March 11, (time tba) PL Area Coordinator Training Program in Stevens Point - Raise & Release and PL Outreach Education for anyone interested in organizing, training, and supporting cooperators in their area or throughout their county. Anyone interested in helping to make this program a success throughout or at area events please contact me as well. We welcome volunteers willing to help us support our area cooperators and their efforts. I look forward to seeing you all again this spring.

Sincerely, Terri Lyon

"2005 Invader Crusader" Award Recipient
"Beetle Lady"

(920) 459-5401 tlyon@vollrathco.com

Outagamie County Master Gardeners has the following seminars available to all MG members.

Wednesday, March 1, 2006 - 6:00 - 8:30 pm

Topic: Safe and Healthy Gardening

Presented by: Theda Clark Occupational Therapy

Where: Theda Clark Medical Center

6th Floor Rehabilitation Department Dining Room

(Signs will be up to guide you)

Cost: \$10.00

Please send registration fee to:

Larry Herried

N3355 County Road W

New London, WI, 54961

There is room for more participants. Please plan to attend!

Saturday, March 4, 2006 - 1:00 - 4:30 pm

Topic: Pruning

Presented by: Steve Petznick, Naturalist

Where: Mosquito Hill Nature Center

N3880 Rogers Road

New London, WI

Cost: \$10.00

Please send registration to Larry Herried

Tools: Please bring hand pruner and pruning saw (if you have them)

It is not necessary to buy tools if you do not have them.

2006

Responding to Horticulture Inquiries

As in past years, Horticulture Team members will be providing "New Agent Training" to those new hires this past year as well as for Master Gardener volunteers working in County Offices. For those interested, we have scheduled programs on June 5th and 7th, participants can choose from one of the program dates and sites. Attached you will find the program schedule for "Responding to Horticulture Inquiries". New Agriculture agents and summer agents working with horticulture programming are especially encourage to attend one of these professional development programs. If you have any questions, please contact me, Bob Tomesh at 608-265-4536.

Thank you for your assistance with making this program possible.

The program information and schedule for both locations are as follows:

Monday, June 5, 2006, 9:30 am – 4:00 pm

Dane County Extension Office

1 Fen Oak Court

Madison, WI

608-224-3700

OR

Wednesday, June 7, 2006, 9:30 am – 4:00 pm

Marathon County Extension Office

212 River Drive, Suite 1 and 2

Wausau, WI

Ph. 715-261-1230

Contact Robert Tomesh with questions and program reservations: 608-265-4536 or robert.tomesh@ces.uwex.edu .

Program schedule

9:30	<i>Welcome</i>
9:35-10:20	"Yard and Garden Weed Identification and Management" Jed Colquhoun, UWEX Weed Specialist
10:20-10:30	Break
10:30-11:30	"Abiotic Stresses of Woody Ornamentals" Laura Jull, UWEX Woody Ornamental Specialist
11:30-12:00	" <i>UW Diagnostic Services</i> " Brian Hudelson, UWEX Plant Disease Diagnostic Clinic - Plant Disease Diagnostic Clinic - Insect Diagnostic Lab - Turf Disease Diagnostic Clinic - Soil and Plant Analysis Lab
12:00-1:00	Lunch
1:00-1:30	" <i>Responding to Horticulture Inquiries</i> " Bob Tomesh, UWEX Horticulture Specialist
1:30-2:20	" <i>Plant Insects in review from 2005</i> " Phil Pellitteri, UWEX Insect Diagnostic Lab
2:20-3:10	" <i>Plant Diseases in Review from 2005</i> " Brian Hudelson, UWEX Plant Disease Diagnostic Clinic
3:10-4:00	" <i>Pesticides Available to Homeowners in 2006</i> ", Panel Discussion

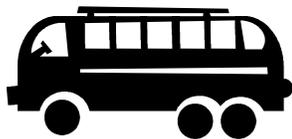
To clarify the Education Hours requirement: all of you re-certifying need 10 hours of continuing education. Continuing Education is you learning, not to be confused with Community Education which is you involved in dispensing knowledge.

Those of you that have never been certified before do not need these 10 hours, but learning is never wasted especially when it is such a timely subject.

Thanks, Linda Tobey

TRIPS!

CHICAGO FLOWER AND GARDEN SHOW - MARCH 11, 2006



If you want to go on the Chicago Flower and Garden Show trip to Navy Pier, please sign up ASAP. There are a few seats left. There will be a bus pick-up at 6:45 am at the Coughlin Center. Tickets cost \$55.00

Send your information to:

Meg Hunsader

3161 Winnegamie Dr.

Appleton 54914.

Or call her at 920-757-1410.

GREETINGS FROM THE PAINE

Excerpts From Aaron Sherer's Letter

Dear Paine Members,

While this is a quiet time of year outdoors, the Paine is abuzz with all sorts of exciting activities indoors. Most impressively, we are thrilled to be presenting a truly monumental exhibition of Chinese ivories. Over two hundred exquisitely carved pieces are on display throughout the mansion. As well, we have returned the tremendous Tabriz silk rug to the Great Hall, and a selection of American Regionalist prints are displayed in the Salon Gallery. Meanwhile, masterpieces from the Paine's collection remain on view in the Main Gallery. Come and visit soon, and you will be amazed at all of the spectacles.

At the same time, we are busy preparing for one of the most ambitious summers in the Paine's history. Visit the Paine's newly redesigned website at www.thepaine.org for a preview of "Electric Tiffany," including some breathtaking images of the lamps. As the largest exhibition of original Tiffany lamps in over twenty years, the exhibition is sure to attract widespread attention and audiences. And, creating the perfect compliment to the botanical themes of the exhibition, the Paine's gardens will be more extraordinary than ever before. Expect to see the gardens reach a whole new level of vibrancy this summer season.

Warm regards,

Aaron Sherer
Executive Director

AMERICAN REGIONALIST PRINTS

From the Permanent Collection
Salon Gallery, Through May 21, 2006

Currently, in the Salon Gallery is a selection of American prints from the Paine's permanent collection. Dating from the first half of the twentieth century, most of these prints were created by artists working within the broad art movement known as "American Regionalism."

The Paine's collection features many outstanding examples of American Regionalist printmaking. Highlights range from Thomas Hart Benton's eerily beautiful depiction of a cypress swamp to John Steuart Curry's powerful portrayal of abolitionist John Brown. Other prints, such as those by Reginald Marsh and Martin Lewis, capture the energy of urban America, while those by Grant

Wood and Dale Nichols reflect a simpler, rural lifestyle. From literary themes to landscapes, these images illustrate how Regionalists turned to printmaking to create their own impressions of American art.

WEBSITE REDESIGN

Check out our "electrifying" new look at www.thepaine.org!

GARDEN PREVIEW

Expect a breathtaking year in the gardens thanks to Curator of Horticulture, Sheila Glaske. Drawing inspiration from the Paine's outstanding summer exhibition, Electric Tiffany, Glaske will incorporate geometric patterns and shades of the same color with sprays of accent colors throughout the property. Look for bold colors this summer of reds and purples and more containers in colorful glazes. Glaske says, "I am amazed by the similarities between the lamps and plants. Both seek to display a spectacular range of color, light and texture." In preparation for the summer plantings, Glaske has attended numerous garden conferences, including the Minneapolis Green Expo, the Mid-Am Horticulture Trade Show in Chicago as well as the Wild Ones Conference here in Oshkosh. Glaske recommends garden enthusiasts use these winter months to design and plan their own landscapes.



What is a Microclimate?

By Lawanda Jungwirth

We live on the border between USDA Hardiness Zones 4 and 5. This means our winter temperatures get down to -10 to -30 degrees F. But some people have luck with plants that theoretically shouldn't survive our winters, plants that are hardy only to Zone 6. Others can't overwinter anything unless it is hardy to Zone 3. How can this be?

The person who is growing the Zone 6 plant has probably located the plant in a spot in their yard that is warmer or more protected than usual. Perhaps it is on the south side of the house next to a cement foundation or a rock wall. Maybe it is well protected on its north side by heavy evergreen shrubbery and is adjacent to a brick patio that absorbs heat during the day and slowly releases it at night. The unfortunate person whose yard acts like it's in Zone 3 may be in an open windy area or in a low spot where the heavier cold air collects. These areas are called microclimates.

Even a small natural dip in the terrain can cause variations in temperature, sunlight, rainfall and wind, all of which can affect the plantings in an individual garden. Even the dates of the first and last frost which affects length of the growing season for annuals can vary dramatically within a short distance, especially in our area near Lake Winnebago. The first hard frost of fall can be up to six weeks later within a couple blocks of the lake than it is just ten blocks away. And the first frost at ten blocks away is still much later than it is a mile from the lake.

Examine your own landscape in both summer and winter, noting each microclimate. Pay attention to the sun's path across the garden and note where it's sunny and shady and for how long. Get an idea of how the patterns of sun and shade shift with each season.

A south-facing slope warms up faster than level ground or a north-facing slope. The southern exposure of a house or garden is usually the

I am a native Wisconsin plant, a perennial forb, of the Family **Ranunculaceae**; Genus *Ranunculus* L. My habitat in Wisconsin is primarily in prairie, savanna, and southern upland forest. I am an erect plant growing from 5" to 10" inches tall. My stem is pubescent and silky having leaves that are heavily divided, segmented with rounded, blunt ends. I bloom very early, typically in April to May. My yellow flowers are large with 5 – 7 waxy petals. My nectar is favored by bees and beetles. What Am I?

sunnier and the north the shadiest; the west is usually warmest and the east the coolest. Are there exposed, open places in your yard that seem more windy than other areas? Are there low areas that get frost earlier and that seem to stay cold longer than the rest of the yard? What about hills or other high places that might suffer from windchill more than the rest of the yard, or that warm up too early and might be hit hard by late frosts?

The potential for several different growing environments exists in even the smallest garden. Naturally occurring features create their own areas of microclimate. Gardens features may be either exploited or manipulated to provide the conditions that plants from many different regions require. This can be done by sloping a raised bed toward or

away from the sun, planting windbreaks, building walls or fences or just placing rocks in an area to absorb and later release heat.

Answer to "What Am I"

I am a herb/forb - [Ranunculus fascicularis](#)

[Muhl. ex Bigelow](#); common name: Early

Buttercup; Thick-root Buttercup; Prairie

Buttercup; Tufted Buttercup

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

APPLE GRAFTING WORKSHOP SCHEDULED

A whole orchard of fruit from one tree!? Well, probably not, but Winnebago County citizens with home orchards can learn the basics of successful apple grafting at an apple grafting seminar offered in Oshkosh on March 14, 2006. The seminar will be held in the J.P. Coughlin Building beginning at 6:45PM.

The grafting process can be used to introduce unique plant characteristics onto rooted plants. Several different procedures for successful grafting will be reviewed during the workshop according to Robert Tomesh, UW-Extension Horticulture Specialist, who will be conducting the workshop.

Each participant will receive three hardy apple rootstocks. Apple scion wood from different varieties will be available for grafting or participants can bring their own scion wood. Rootstocks for grafting pears, cherries and plums will also be available at the program. If individuals are interested in participating in the on-site grafting activities, please bring a pair of leather gloves and a sharp knife (utility or grafting knife).

A \$10 Participant fee is charged to cover handouts, materials and presentation costs.

Enrollment for the workshop is limited, pre-registration is required, and will be accepted on a first come, first served basis.

For registration information, contact Linda Tobey, at (920)734-2264.

Send payment made out to Winnebago County Master Gardeners to Marge Bolding, 1138 Evans St., Oshkosh, WI 54901

For those wishing to collect their own scion wood for grafting purposes:

The best time to collect scion wood for grafting is early spring (February and March) while trees are dormant. Scion wood is the twig or branch from last years growth containing buds which developed last growing season. Buds from one year old water sprouts about ¼ to 3/8 inch in diameter (pencil diameter in size) and found growing off the trunk and main branches. These have the best vigor. To keep the scions in a dormant condition after collecting and until needed, store them in moistened newspaper, wrapped in a plastic bag and stored in a refrigerator at 35 to 39 degrees.

-----please fill out lower portion and send with payment to Marge Bolding-----

Name _____

Amount _____

Date _____

THERE IS STILL TIME TO SIGN UP FOR THE STATE MG CONFERENCE:

GARDEN EXPECTATIONS CONFERENCE AT A GLANCE:

Friday March 24, 2006

- 4:00 p.m. WIMGA Board of Directors Meeting & Dinner-Paper Valley (WI Master Gardeners Members Only Event- Evergreen Rm.)
- 4:30 p.m. Exhibit Set Up
- 5:00 p.m. Registration Begins
- 7:00–8:00 p.m. Keynote Speaker—Ed Lyon
Garden Expectations & Garden Inspirations
Snacks & Cash Bar

Saturday March 25, 2006

- 7:30 a.m. Registration
- 8:30 a.m. Welcome & Introduction
- 8:45 a.m. Keynote Speaker Ed Lyon
The New Garden: Foliage, Texture and Form
- 9:45 a.m. Break
- 10:00 -11:00 a.m. **First Breakout Session**
 - _____ Wildlife: Managing Invited & Uninvited Guests
 - _____ Perennial Plant Evaluations
 - _____ Captivating Conifers for the Landscape
 - _____ It Begins from the Ground Up
 - _____ Genetic Engineering: What's New/Happening in the GMO-World Who to Believe; What can be Done?
- 11:15 -12:15 p.m. **Second Breakout Session**
 - _____ Heirloom Plants
 - _____ Best Rhododendrons & Azaleas for Wisconsin
 - _____ The Silent Invasion: Invasive Plants
 - _____ The Problem with Lily
 - _____ Environmentally Sound Turfgrass Management for Homeowners
- 12:15–1:15 p.m. Lunch (buffet style w/ vegetarian options)
- 12:30 p.m. Annual Meeting/ Raffle Winners Announced
- 12:30 p.m. Silent Auction Ends
- 1:30- 2:30 p.m. **Third Breakout Session**
 - _____ Peonies
 - _____ Shade Gardening: Creating Interest through the Season
 - _____ New Plants for 2006
 - _____ Garden of Herbal Delights
 - _____ Improving Your Garden Photography
- 2:30 p.m. Silent Auction Winners Posted



Register Early
For Best
Chance to Hear
Your 1st Choice
Speakers.

Registration
Deadline is
February 24,
2006

**Registration is
Limited.**

QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS CONFERENCE?
E-mail Cathy Schwieso at:
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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

PROJECT QUESTIONS

Any questions regarding projects please contact Lynne Goudreau. Phone: 722-8233 or email: lynneg@core.com

☛ STATE MG CONVENTION 2006!

Contact Linda Tobey or Roy Anne Moulton

☛ 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 needs a lead person. Contact Linda Tobey.

☛ HOME SHOW- TRI COUNTY ARENA

The Home Show will be held the same weekend of the State Convention, but if anyone is not planning to attend the convention, there will be an opportunity to man the booth at the Home Show. Contact Linda Tobey

☛ COMMUNITY GARDENS

Help is needed for next year's community gardens project. Contact Linda Tobey

☛ HELP AT THE EXTENSION OFFICE

Contact Curt Reese at 426-4992.

☛ BE A GUEST SPEAKER

Contact Linda Tobey.

☛ HELP WITH BASIC TRAINING

Jason will be needing monitors for a Basic Gardening Course.

☛ TRIP COORDINATOR

Meg is no longer doing trips for Winnebago County and we need someone to step up!

MARCH 2006

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

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THR	FRI	SAT
			1 6-9 pm MG Training Class "Mature Tree Care"	2	3	4
5	6	7 6:00 PM MG BOARD MEETING	8 6-9 pm MG Training Class "Pruning"	9	10	11 CHICAGO FLOWER AND GARDEN SHOW @ NAVY PIER
12	13	14 6:45 pm APPLE GRAFTING WORKSHOP – no meeting FULL MOON ☉	15 6-9 pm MG Training Class "Insects of Trees and Shrubs"	16	17 ST PATRICK'S DAY	18
19	20	21	22 No class	23	24 GARDEN EXPECTATIONS MG STATE CONFERENCE	25 GARDEN EXPECTATIONS MG STATE CONFERENCE
26	27	28	29 6-9 pm MG Training Class "Using Keys, Twigs, Buds for ID NW MOON ●	30	31	

MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM SCHEDULE
“Trees & Shrubs”

Master Gardener Training will be held at the JP Coughlin Center, 625 East County Road Y, Oshkosh. All sessions are on Wednesday evenings from 6:00-9:00 PM.

WEEK	DATE	TOPIC	PRESENTER
7	March 1	Mature Tree Care	Mike Maddox, UWEX Rock Co. Hort Educator
8	March 8	Pruning	Tom Jack, Arborist, owner Jack's Lawn & Landscape
9	March 15	Insects of Trees and Shrubs	Phil Pelletteri, Insect Diagnostician, UWEX Madison
10	March 22	No Class	
11	March 29	Using Keys, Twigs, Buds for Tree and Shrub Identification	Roxanne Rusch, Adjunct Hort Instructor, FVTC