



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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MAY 2006

SANCTIONED CORE PROJECTS

Community Gardens	
Open	
Education & Eradication of Invasive Species	
Lawanda Jungwirth	836-2878
Michael & Eileen Meeker	582-7309
Audrey Ruedinger	231-5745
Farmers Market	
Dorothy Gayhart Kunz	233-8468
Janet Priebe	233-1898
Paine Gardens	
Audrey Ruedinger	231-5745
John Procknow	429-4797
Park View Cutting Garden	
Rob Robinson	231-1162
Park View Vegetable Garden	
Sue Steinhilber	235-1031
Al & Judy Harms	688-5523
Park View Flower Arranging	
Marlene Miller	231-4339
Plant Sale	
Vickie Ludeke	582-4348
Mary Fischer	685-6022

OPEN / CLOSED SANCTIONED PROJECTS

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

COMMITTEES

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

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

Monthly Business Meeting

Tuesday, MAY 9, 2006

Begins at 6:15 pm

GUEST SPEAKER

SUZETTE LIZOTTE!

Dear Fellow Gardeners,

Wow! Can you believe it? Easter is over and May is here. Soon it's Mother's Day and summer in all its glory will not be far behind. So forward we go.

Forward, yes, that's the only way to go; ever moving to new places. This year and next will be very different for us all. We will again be on the move. Some of you will be our new leadership. You will be taking us forward to new things. Time marches on and we must march with it or be trampled. Seeing that being trampled is not one of the things I look forward to having happen to any of us, I suggest moving. We can't stand still and continue to exist. We can't go backward and be viable. So I suggest continued forward movement.

I have stated several times that I am going to have a member join me as chair for our meetings. Beginning in September, I will have a different member chair at least a portion of the meeting. It is an experience to sit up in front of the entire group and lead a meeting. I think you will find it different than what you imagine. It isn't really scary after a few minutes. You begin to speak and look out over the group and realize that there isn't anything to fear. These are the same people you laughed with a few days ago spreading worm castings at Park View or pulled weeds with at the Paine. These are the same people you sat with in class or next to at last months meeting. These are your friends, and all is well. If you'd like to give it a try let me know and we will put you on the schedule.

We will also have a new Secretary and Vice President elected before the end of the year. We will have forward movement even before that. Lynne, my right hand, will be stepping down after our May meeting and it is my hope that one of you will step up to fill her shoes until the election. This will be an easy time to get used to the office. Things progress in the summer but the movement is rather slow.

We are going to begin dismantling the present Presidents position in the fall. Some of you will be a part of that too. The position has become far too time consuming and a bit overwhelming as it is right now. The President handles far more than ever before. All of the things that our former advisor used to do have fallen in the Presidents lap, and believe me it's getting hard to stand up. Some of the Presidents duties will remain. The President will still preside at meetings, still be the main contact person for the group. The President will do all of the things normally associated with the lead person of a group such as ours. The President will no longer make all of our forms. The Pres. will no longer create and oversee filling out and handling state hours forms. The Pres. will no longer take over ordering and sorting out all of the awards for certification or many of the other duties that have befallen the office.

These non-presidential duties may be handed out to other board members. New committees may be created to take care of them. We may even create the new position of Administrator to take on the overload. This new position would take care of more of the office duties that are now the Presidents responsibility. In fact, the roles of all of our officers will be much better defined than they are at this time.

I have said before that the time is coming soon for you, the membership, to step up and assume some of the responsibility for the leadership of the group. I have heard from a lot of you that it sounds interesting but you don't know MG's well enough yet. Sorry, until you get involved and become a real vital part of MG's you won't know it well enough. You won't know it because MG's is not a building or a solid thing. MG's is YOU. Master Gardeners is the membership. It is the people that make it real. You make the association what it is or will be. You are the heart and soul of it. It is your ideas that make it think. It is your heart that makes it a feeling committed organism. You can sit and watch it all day. You can read the rules. You can try to make sense of why it moves the way it does, but until you become it you will never know Master Gardeners well enough. So, I guess what I am saying is the time isn't coming soon for you to be involved. The time is now. Step up and be Master Gardeners.

See You in the Garden
Linda



1. MAKERS & SHAKERS:

These are the members that were in attendance for our April meeting.

Ruth Frey	Pat Behm	Dorothy Kuntz	Linda Loker
Stanley Meyer	Ken Hawk	Vicki Schultz	Marge Bolding
Marlene Miller	Ralph Giessen	Sandy Giessen	Bob Kosanke
Al Harms	Judy Harms	Rob Robinson	Arlene Kosanke
Curt Reese	Marge Menacher	Marty Sacksterer	Barbra Ann Elmer
David Leonard	Jerry Robak	Gail Roush	Tom Fojtik
Lynne Goudreau	Linda Baeten	Linda Tobey	

We thank all of you for coming out and being a part of the decision making for our MG Association. It is your input that allows us to grow and be strong in what we do. Please join us next month to make us even stronger.

2. PARK VIEW VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION DAY – Park View Is having their Volunteers Recognition Day this year on Wednesday May 17. There will be music, visiting, burgers and brats along with the usual picnic fare. Anyone working on the Park View projects is welcome and encouraged to attend.

3. MASTER GARDENER CONFERENCE RESULTS: Sorry we do not have the results yet. All of the invoices have not been received as of yet. We can say for the most part, it was a big hit with those attending. We did make money but no idea of how much yet. Hope to be able to have all the results for you next news letter.

4 COMMUNITY GARDEN UPDATE:

We have all of the layouts for the five gardens and the list of planting material we will need for each one of them. We have a very impressive variety of gardens. We will definitely be able to show a garden mosaic. The mosaic will not only be in the ethnical aspect but also in the variety of ways people have of showing beauty. I think that if you come out and join us on any of our work days you will see and be a part of beauty in the making. This is also a very good learning experience for any of you that have never started a garden from the ground up so to speak. Many of us avid gardeners have never had to start a garden from scratch. If you have never had to; this is a perfect place for you to learn how. If on the other hand you have started many this is a perfect place for you to share your knowledge. So, all in all just come and share with us the mosaic of life. Watch your email for dates and times for group work days.

5 WINNEBAGO COUNTY FAIR COMMITTEE:

We have not had a Fair Committee for the past few years. It would be a good idea for us to again be involved in that. Involvement in the Fair is involvement in serving and educating the County. At this time we need someone to take on the role of Chair for this new committee. Having a booth at the Fair will allow us to spread information about Master Gardeners, answer questions from the community, have another venue to sell our worm castings. We will sponsor 2 \$50.00 awards this year for Outstanding Garden Exhibitor. Please hop on board for this fun committee.

6. VICE PRESIDENT: Today I want to let all of you know that we are in need of a new Vice President. Lynne Goudreau our present Vice President has pressing issues that make it impossible for her to continue her role as Vice President. She will retain her seat on the Board; however, she will be unable to continue in her Vice Presidential duties.

I thank Lynne very much for being there with me from the beginning of my time in office. She along with the rest of the Officers showed me the way. Now it is time for one of you to come forward and try on the role of Vice President until our formal elections in November.

For anyone who has ever thought about being an officer this is a perfect opportunity. You can come in and try a position on for size so to speak. You will have 6 months to serve. You will be able to sit on the

Board and help make decisions to direct the group. You will also assume the duties of the Vice President and take an active role in directing projects.

Lynne will as one of her last duties be presiding over the May meeting as I will not be in town to do so myself. It is my hope that at that meeting she will be able to introduce one of you as her replacement. Please call Linda Tobey at (920) 734-2264 to declare your interest. Lynne needs to leave the position in May so let us not delay in filling the position.

7. EVALUATIONS

At the last class we filled out evaluation forms. Roy Anne will fill you in more on our findings next month in the newsletter, but I thought I'd give you a peek at them right now. It seems for the most part the majority thought the class this year was in the high pretty good range. I will agree with that. I think the Education committee did a great job again this year.

One thing that it seems most of us agreed on too was the fact we didn't get to know our fellow classmates very well if at all. I agree with those that suggested we wear our name badges to all MG functions including class and meetings. We are all given an official MG name badge when we certify and before that we all get a name tag at our first class. We are given them to wear so everyone knows who we are and we get to learn the names of others too. We will make every effort to make sure we all have a name tag at functions from now on.

It was also mentioned that you would like to see shorter classes. We agree with you. We would too; however, the state mandates the amount of hours that each course lasts. So either we keep it as it is or give you less hours a class but more of them. It has been working well this way for over 15 years so we will continue. We also do not have control over the class subjects. The state mandates what our curriculum is. We can vary what we present somewhat in the 13 weeks but it is and will be until the state changes it Flowers, Vegetables and Fruits and Trees and Shrubs. We can throughout the year offer seminars on other topic thus the question always what would you like to hear about.

Watch next month for a better breakdown form Roy Anne. Again Educators thank you for another wonderful class year.

8. JULY – UNLESS WE ARE INVITED FOR A GARDEN VISIT AT A MEMBERS GARDEN WE WILL HAVE NO MEETINGS THAT MONTH. Our Board meeting would be on the 4th and there are so many vacation plans we will take July off as a vacation from MG's. Take July to have fun with family & friends, work in our own gardens and on our MG projects.

Board Meeting minutes May 4, 2006

Master Gardener Board Meeting
Held May 4, 2006 at the Coughlin Center
6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by President Linda Tobey.

Paine Spring Festival- May 20th.

The Paine has requested speakers for the sale. Stan Meyer will speak on composting. Roy Ann Moulton will also speak. We will have a free booth and there will be a speaker's booth as well. Bob and Arlene Kosanke and Ken Hawk are co-chairs. After discussion the board decided to forgo having a fall plant sale. The board voted to purchase several tables to be used as needed. Linda Tobey bought four tables which are four feet long

and fold up. They will be stored at Dorothy Gayhart-Kunz' house. They are available for use by members of the Master Gardener's group. Just contact Dorothy if you need a table. Worm castings will be sold at the Paine sale. Twenty pounds of worm castings will be donated for the silent auction. Lynn Goodreau will have a worm packing workshop at her home on Sunday, May 7th, starting at 12:00 noon. A sign up sheet went around.

Payment Voucher/Bills

From now on a payment voucher and the receipt will be required for reimbursement. Please submit to our treasurer, Marge Bolding. Vouchers will be available at meetings upon request. Everyone will get a copy.

Project Funding Approved

The Saturday Oshkosh Farmer's Market project request was approved as well as the Parkview Cutting Gardens

Project request. The board set aside \$1,000 for project funds this year. Please submit your requests before the money runs out. Requests are limited to \$200.

Awards Approved

A MOTION was made and passed to give two \$50 scholarship youth awards at the County Fair this year as we have done in the past. Sue Bohn will look into our having a MG booth at the fair.

Interest Form

A 2006 interest form was passed out for revision. Several suggestions were made to make it easier to fill out.

Waterways

Ken Hawk looked into our possible participation in this project at this time. After discussion it was decided that the project was not hands on and did not suit the efforts our group. Contributions are being sought to purchase a National Headquarters site in Wisconsin.

Last MG Training Session Pot Luck and Tour

Members will view the Parkview gardens and celebrate with a potluck on April 19. The hours form will be explained by Linda Tobey.

Cook Book

Linda Tobey has a great money maker idea. A Master gardener Cookbook. Forms are available or just submit your recipe to: Dorothy Gayhart-Kunz, 1155 West Linwood Ave. Oshkosh, WI. 54901. We want everyone to have one or more recipes in the book! Don't be left out.

Respectfully Submitted by

Dorothy Gayhart-Kunz, secretary

BUSINESS MEETING, APRIL 9

Master Gardener Meeting

Coughlin Center

6:15 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by President Linda Tobey.

Marge Bolding presented a new spread sheet with detailed information on our accounts. She reported a balance of \$8,013 as of the end of March.

A MOTION was made to accept the treasurer's report. Marge said we need more people to participate in Pick and Saves', "We Care Program" in order for us to receive any money. There was no secretary's report

because the last meeting had a program with just a few announcements by Linda.

OLD BUSINESS

Last Training Class Update

Chairmen of the various Parkview gardens will host a tour of their garden facilities. Members will meet at 6 p.m. to go over to visit the gardens.

They will return for a potluck and informational meeting.

Memorial Tree

A MOTION was made and passed to purchase a tree for \$150 from the Oshkosh Blooms . This tree memorial will be dedicated to Jim King. Audrey Ruedinger will be asked to select the tree from the choices available.

Project Funding Requests

\$1,000 was approved this year for projects. We have about \$300 left so requests need to be made as soon as possible.

NEW BUSINESS

Recipe Book

We are collecting recipes for a Master Gardener Recipe Book. We hope to have at least one recipe or more from every member. Please send them in to Dorothy Gayhart-Kunz. We hope to make this a money maker project. We know you'll want your favorite in the book!

Vice-President

Lynn Goudreau is finding it difficult to fulfill her position. We are looking for someone to assume her position until elections. She will keep her seat on the board. If you are interested in helping out, contact Linda Tobey.

Vouchers Needed for Reimbursement

You will need a payment voucher and your receipt for reimbursement. Submit them to Marge Bolding. Vouchers will be available to everyone.

Paine Spring Festival- May 20th

Bob and Arlene Kosanke and Ken Hawk are chairs. A sign up sheet went around. We will sell worm castings and several members will speak. Roy Anne Moulton and Stan Meyer will be speakers.

Tables Purchased

The board approved Linda Tobey's purchase of four, four foot tables to be used at MG events. These fold up and are easy to store and carry.

They will be stored at Dorothy Gayhart-Kunz' and are available for all MG activities. Dorothy also stores

various handouts and display boards for the Home and Garden Show and the Farmer's Market.

WORM Casting Packaging

Lynn Goudreau's home 12:00 noon, May 7. Lynn lives at 1573 S. Commercial Street, Neenah. A sign up sheet went around.

Individual Project Approval

Every year individual projects need to be approved. Remember you also need 12 hours on a sanctioned project. Please submit your projects to the board.

Potted Plant Contest

The Appleton Winter Farmer's Market is having a plant contest for children. Pat Behm and Ruth Fry will judge for the event. This is being held on April 15.

Left Over MG Mugs

At our Potluck we will draw names for the remaining mugs.

A MOTION was made and passed to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Dorothy Gayhart-Kunz, secretary

POST NOTE:

State MG Convention

Bob Kosanke reported that the Upper Midwest Convention will be held in Cedar Rapids, Iowa on June 14-17 this year. Linda said that our own state convention was a huge success. They had thought that around 300 might attend and 427 registered. There were two trouble spots: The lapel mikes didn't always work and they ran short on some food items but still had plenty of food. Both of these items were provided by others and were not in control of the MGs. The convention was a nice way to start out our spring season and those who attended considered it a great success. Linda sends a BIG thank-you to all who were able to participate.

REPORTS

FLOWER ARRANGING AT PARK VIEW '06'

If you are looking for a way to let your creativity flourish, come give the flower arranging sessions at Park View and Pleasant Acres a try. We will be meeting on Monday afternoons at 1:30-3:30 pm. You are to come 35-40 minutes early to pick flowers from the cutting garden behind the Park View Pavilion. You may also pick flowers from the other gardens around the buildings. And, we

always welcome the flowers that you bring from home to share. You need to bring a pail or basket to put the cut flowers in and a small scissors or clippers to help trim back the stems and leaves for the residents. Then bring the flowers to the designated building and someone will take us to the wards we will be working in for that day.

Our first day will be Monday, June 19 and will conclude on Monday, September 11. Please email me at marigoldmg@yahoo.com, or phone me at 231-4339. I need to know the Mondays that you are not able to attend and I will make a schedule from there which will be then mailed out to you. Also tell me if you only want to work just so many times or if you will take as many rotations as come up.

PLEASE CONTACT ME BY MAY 31 so I have time to make out the schedule and get it out to you. I promise you will be greatly appreciated by the residents and they always greet you with eager smiles of anticipation. Looking forward to a great summer of blooming vases.

Marlene Miller

PVFA lead

UW-FOX VALLEY COMMUNITY GARDENS

A project called Garden Mosaics is being developed at UW-Fox Valley. Five bermed beds will be constructed in front of the existing community garden, each bed representing plants of Germany, Poland, Holland, Mexico, India, Laos and Thailand as well as Native American tribes.

From the Garden Mosaics grant, which awarded funding for this project, UW-Fox and UW-Extension (Outagamie and Winnebago County) faculty and staff propose the addition of the "Community Garden Mosaic" project, to enhance what has already been developed. The concept of "mosaic" gardens was developed by Cornell University with permission given to other communities to develop gardens adapted to local needs. The Cornell Garden Mosaics Mission is, "Connecting youth and elders to investigate the mosaic of plans, people and cultures in gardens, to learn about science, and to act together to enhance their community." Garden mosaics refer to two mosaics found in community gardens. First are the gardeners who represent a mosaic of cultures from around the world. Second are the mosaics of plantings that these gardeners create.

To adapt the concept locally, we propose the addition of bermed perennial/annual/herbal garden

beds to this site (at the front entrance of the Community Garden) that will feature plants that are reflective of the cultural heritage of the Fox Valley community. The goals of the gardens are:

- Create a set of resources and activities that educators, youth and individuals can use to combine science learning, intergenerational mentoring, cultural understanding, and community action.
- Develop a model educational program that integrates the “local knowledge” of gardeners with the scientific knowledge of researchers, and that offers combined civic and science educational opportunities.
- Information about the plantings will be part of the signage used in the beds. This will include ornamental/ceremonial flowers, herbs and vegetables. We will include container plants to allow for outdoors-in Wisconsin/summer-only species including bamboo and water plants (“lucky plants”). We also plan to provide beds that will have drip irrigation to provide optimal growth conditions. Additional signage of multiple cultures will be created in a mosaic form that will welcome all visitors, gardeners, educators, and community members into the garden. An “on-site” booklet will be provided including general information for the plants, to enhance cultural knowledge, and understanding. The booklet would be secured in the gazebo. We plan to have signs and other information translated into several major languages.

OUR WEB ADDRESS IS

www.winnebagomastergardeners.org

(Also listed on the first page of the Newsletter)

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Our very own Master Gardener Suzette Lizotte will share her knowledge and experience in Permaculture. Our speaker for the May monthly meeting was introduced to permaculture in 2002 while working at an Herbalist farm in Maine. She has taken the certification course in Stelle, IL, and recently spent a month in Hawaii assisting a fellow permaculturist and cooking for their course. Suzette: “When Master Gardeners are asked, how can I garden organic and sustain natural systems, permaculture ideas can be very inspiring and helpful as we learn to care for the earth.” Please join us May 9th....Bring a guest.

Blessings and Love,
Audrey

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parkview is having volunteer's recognition day Wed. May 17 from 11:30 to 1:30. Lunch provided. All Park View Volunteers are welcome.

PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEWEST MASTER GARDENER

Miss Lauren Grace Aaholm

Saturday, April 8

9lbs. 6oz. 21" long

**This will be her first summer
gardening!**

Welcome Lauren!



TRIPS!

Chicago Botanical Gardens

The Office of Continuing Education at UW Fox Valley is organizing this trip. Discover 385 acres of natural beauty featuring 23 world-class gardens with over one million plants. Includes a tram tour with narrated highlights, and time to walk through the gardens on your own.

Date: Thursday, May 18

Fee: \$69.00 - includes round trip bus transportation, tram tour and evening meal at Old Country Buffet on the return trip.

Time: Leave UWFox at 7:00 am, return to UW Fox at 10:00 pm.

You can call 920-832-2636 to register, or online at www.uwfox.uwc.edu/conted

Pre registration is required. You may have received an e-mail with a registration form already. Forms will also be available at the MG class and/or Business Meeting.

Join Outagamie County MG's for a trip to Klehm's Song Sparrow in Avalon for a morning of shopping. They are opening special for us since Dave Wanninger spoke at our conference in March. They are not normally open to the public. We will also stop at the Northland Perennial Farm in Springfield.

The bus will leave at 6:00am from the University of Wisconsin-Extension located at 3365 W. Brewster St., Appleton on Saturday, June 17. It will also stop at the UW-Extension at 625 E. County Road Y in Oshkosh at around 6:15am.

The group will return about 5:00pm. The cost is \$32 per person. Checks can be made payable to the Outagamie County Master Gardeners Association and can be sent to Meg Hunsader, 3161 Winnegamie Dr. Appleton WI 54914. For more information, go to www.songsparrow.com.

We plan to be at Song Sparrow from 9:00 to 10:30. In order to have more time to shop, everyone should bring their own lunch. If people have special plastic crates for their plants it would be great. They can also bring water for their plants. They should have their name marked on their crates. **THERE IS ONLY ONE BUS SO SIGN UP NOW! THERE ARE 12 SEATS LEFT! BRING A FRIEND!**

Editor's Corner

Things are happening fast now. This is what it is like living in a Northern climate. All through the long winter we wait and wait. We wait until we can't stand it. Some of us just have to escape out of here to a warm place for a while just to save our sanity, me included! But now life is happening all over the place! There is no more time for reflection. Nature is booming and we are busy. Energy abounds. Carpe Diem!

*Please feel free to contact me with articles for our Newsletter, and don't forget the Want Ads...let me know if you have something to sell.
Linda Baeten 232-1224 or baeten@NTD.net*

WHAT AM I?

I am a native Wisconsin plant, a perennial forb, Family **Orchidaceae**, Genus **Cypripedium**. My habitat in Wisconsin includes northern and southern forests to savannah and prairie. I am an erect plant growing 8" to 30" tall. I have three or more leaves that are alternate along a hairy stem. My leaves are dark green to yellowish green, 6" long by 4" wide, oval-ovate with smooth margins. My flower, blooming during May through June and numbering one or two, is noted by a lower petal (a pouch or slipper) and two lateral petals. The lateral petals, yellowish green to brownish purple in color, are 2" to 3-1/4" in length. The lower petal, bright yellow in color, is 1-1/4" to 2" in length. The interior of the lower petal typically have reddish brown spots. Unfortunately, my flower has no noticeable scent. I am the most common of my species in North America, but am no means common. What Am I?



GREETINGS FROM THE PAINE

FESTIVAL OF SPRING

Saturday, May 20

9 am - 4 pm (8 am for Members)

Join us for Festival of Spring featuring the Paine's annual Spring Plant Sale and over 120 vendors of original art, fine crafts, plants and garden supplies. Visit the new Corner Flea Market located at the corner of Elmwood and Congress, and also enjoy great food and entertainment throughout the day. Take part in one or all of the free garden workshops led by local gardening enthusiasts and

professionals as we mark the beginning of a spectacular new season.

The Paine mansion and gardens will be open for free this day, too! Tour the Paine's spring showcase featuring over 8,000 blooming spring wildflowers, tulips, daffodils and flowering trees. So, tell your friends and family it is a great day to visit the Paine's exhibitions and gardens while enjoying a fun and lively spring festival.

Festival of Spring is generously sponsored by FirstChoice Insurance Agency and media partner, WNAM radio station. The Community Free Day is kindly sponsored by the Oshkosh Truck Foundation, Inc.

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED!

The Paine could still use some help with the Festival of Spring. Sheila Glaske said they still need people for set up on Friday, May 19th between 8:00 am and 6:00 pm., and on the day of the Festival, May 20th between 7:30 am and 6:00 pm. Anyone interested should contact Sheila Glaske either by phone or e-mail at

920-235-6903 or sglaske@thepaine.org

Volunteer hours earned helping the Paine Gardens counts toward your Master Gardener requirement.

FAMILY DISCOVERY GALLERY May Family Programs at the Paine

May 6

NINGYO DOLLS - Amy Bertram

In Japan both girls and boys have special days that are celebrated. Let's celebrate American kids today! Work with Amy Bertram and she will help you to use some origami skills to create your own Ningyo doll. Your doll might not look like it came from a far away country, but it is sure to be a special creation.

May 13, 2006

HANGING PLANTERS with Gail Schultz

Dig a little dirt today with Gail Schultz! This talented artist is also an avid gardener who will help you prepare soil, choose a plant or two and put them together in a hanging planter. Before long, you'll have a beautiful growing decoration that will last all

summer long! This workshop is limited to the first forty participants.

May 20, 2006

BIG BLOSSOMS with Heather Kreif

Festival of Spring is a special day outside on the Paine's property and the fun continues for children inside our Family Discovery Gallery. There Heather Kreif will help you to think "big". Learn about artist Georgia O'Keefe, who often painted what she found in nature, creating artwork with a strong impact. Use pastels and "big" sheets of paper to make a large statement of your own.

Answer to WHAT AM I?:

**I am a forb/herb – *Cypripedium parviflorum*
Salisb. var. *pubescens*; common name:
Large Yellow Lady's-Slipper**

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

Edging Flower Beds Neatly

By Lawanda Jungwirth

Unless your landscape is quite informal, it will look better if you define and maintain neat edges between the lawn and the plantings. There are several ways to do this and they vary in cost, effectiveness and ease of installation.

In our area of the country, the edgings that work the best are cut edges, dry-laid brick or stone, and wood or timber. Anything made of plastic or rubber that is inserted into the ground will most likely frost heave in winter or twist and break easily.

The best time to install an edging is after you prepare the soil but before you plant the bed. That isn't always an option, though, so the second best time is in spring before things start growing.

A no-cost option for straight or curved edges on level or sloped sites is a cut edge. To make a cut edge, lay a hose or rope on the ground to mark where you want the bed edges. Cut along the line with a sharp spade or edging tool. Lift away any grass or plants that grow into the cut. Make a shallow trench on the bed side of the cut. Keep the trench empty – don't let it fill up with mulch. You will have to re-cut the edge at least twice a year – probably each spring and late summer.

A brick or stone mowing strip makes a neat edge for straight or curved areas on level or gently sloped sites. Dig a trench about 8 inches wide and

4 inches deep around the edge of the bed. Measure the length of the trench and divide it by the length of the bricks to determine how many bricks to buy. Fill the trench halfway with sand or gravel screenings and lay bricks on top, setting them level with the soil on the lawn side. Sweep extra sand or screenings between the bricks. You may have to re-set a brick or two each spring. Some kinds of grass or plants may grow under, between or over the bricks but it is easy to pop one up to get at the weeds.

For straight edged beds on level sites, wood or timber edging works well. Landscape timbers make for a formal look, while tree trunks or limbs set a more rustic appearance. Sink the wood partially into the soft soil of the bed so they won't roll or tip sideways. There is no need to nail the ends, just butt the ends of the timbers together. You cannot mow right up to a wood edging; a string trimmer or hand clipper is needed. Wood edgings are subject to frost heave but can easily be pushed back into place. Natural wood will decay after several years and need to be replaced. Pressure treated timbers last for decades. Do not use pressure treated timbers near food crops or near herb gardens where you might use the herbs for food or cosmetic use.

PURPLE LOOSESTRIFE CONTROL

Dear environmentalists-

This is a reminder that we will be potting purple loosestrife plants on Sunday, May 23rd from 12:00-4:00.

We would very much appreciate your help in this project. The planting will take place just east of the parking lot at the Winnebago County Coughlin Center (same place as last year). **New this year! The hours you spend count toward the hours needed for Master Gardener (re)certification.**

Contact Mike Meeker

920-582-7309

Meeker6751@sbcglobal.net

BUCKTHORN CONTROL

Call Audrey at 231-5745 for more information

Attack buckthorn infestations sometime in summer and/or fall. The treatment will consist of cutting the stems and/or trunks and treating the cambium layer chemically.

REMEMBER

Send your favorite recipes to Dorothy Gayhart-Kunz, 1155 West Linwood Ave. Oshkosh, WI. 54901.

Let's make this Cook Book a gardener's favorite!

Also Please send your list of favorite garden centers and/or nurseries to Roy Anne Moulton. She will be compiling a comprehensive list to share with us.

Contact Roy Anne:

920-886-1283

royanne@new.rr.com

1434 Sliverwood Lane

Neenah, WI 54956

WANT ADS

If you have items for sale or trade you can advertise in the newsletter. We have space too for members looking for that thing they just can't find. Maybe one of our members has it or knows where to get it. Call Linda Baeten 920-232-1224 to put an ad in.

Lynne still has a NEW GREENHOUSE FOR SALE.

Still in the box. It is approx. 5 X 7. It has a louvered vent and sliding door. Call Lynne Goudreau 722-8233.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

PROJECT QUESTIONS

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

☞ 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.

☞ COMMUNITY GARDENS

Help is needed for this year's community gardens project. Contact Linda Toby

☞ RESOURCE PERSON AT THE EXTENSION OFFICE

Contact Curt Reese at 426-4992.

☞ BE A GUEST SPEAKER

Contact Linda Toby.

☞ HELP WITH BASIC TRAINING

Jason will be needing monitors for a Basic Gardening Course.

☞ TRIP COORDINATOR

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

☞ INVASIVE SPECIES ELIMINATION

Contact Lawanda Jungwirth.

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

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THR	FRI	SAT
	1	2 MG BOARD MEETING	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 MG BUSINESS MEETING & GUEST SPEAKER	10	11	12	13 FULL MOON ☉
14 MOTHER'S DAY	15	16	17	18	19	20 FESTIVAL OF SPRING – PAINE GARDENS
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 NW MOON ●
28	29 MEMORIAL DAY	30	31			

PLEASE HELP PULL GARLIC MUSTARD!

Come pull garlic mustard along the Wiouwash Trail the first two Saturdays in May (6th and 13th) from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon.

Meet at Brooks Road parking area (From Oshkosh take Hwy. 45 north to County T. Turn right on T and go about 1 ½ miles. Go left on Brooks Rd. about one mile.)

Your help is welcomed even if you can come for only an hour or two.

Bring gloves, kneeling cushion and a dandelion digger. Garlic mustard pulls easily but a dandelion digger makes it even easier and helps ensure that the roots don't break off.

Call to make sure there is still work for the second weekend. With good weather and enough volunteers, maybe we can finish the first Saturday!

Call Lawanda Jungwirth at 836-2878 for more information