



Winnebago County



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DATES TO REMEMBER

Parkview Cutting Garden - Every Tuesday thru October 13

August 4- WMG Board Meeting

September 8- WMG Business meeting

September 8- Start of Level 1 Training

SHARING YOUR TIME

By Kathy Gore

Winchester Area Historical Association Update



Neenah Park and Library



Submit your items for the newsletter by the 15th of the month.

IT'S A GARDENER'S LIFE

BY VIRGINIA SLATTERY



Gerald Schaefer

I was born in Fond du Lac County and grew up in the Mount Calvary area on a farm. I am married and have three grown children and six grandchildren.

After high school I completed a correspondence course for Auto Mechanics and Diesel Engines. I also took evening classes at the Technical School for welding, electrical, and plumbing (I still enjoy doing all of these things). I worked as a cheese maker for two years. As a hobby I had given haircuts so decided to go to barber school in Rockford, Illinois. I retired a few years ago after 50 years of barbering.

I am a newly certified member taking my classes last year. I am enjoying trying lots of different projects. I like helping all the ladies with both invasive species projects. We have fun! I've also helped at the Octagon House, Parkview Prairie Garden and the Vegetable Garden. Thanks to Ken, I've helped with bagging worm castings. I got involved with the Paine's Festival of Spring. I was a docent for the children's Arbor Day tree ID walk. Along with all of these, I've enjoyed lots of seminars.

I look forward to doing these things again in the coming year.

LAWANDA'S GARDEN PATH

By Lawanda Jungwirth

What Smells So Good?

By Lawanda Jungwirth

A sweet, sweet smell has permeated my neighborhood for the last week and it's coming from my yard. The linden tree that shades the south side of my house is in full flower.

Linden, also known as basswood, Latin name *Tilia Americana*, is not a tree for small landscapes. Lindens can grow nearly 100 feet tall and have a spread almost as wide. Young linden trees are pyramidal in shape while mature trees have a rounder silhouette.

Linden leaves are the shape of slightly asymmetrical hearts, and can grow to 8 inches long. In late June and early July the tree is covered with pretty, sweet-smelling yellowish flowers hanging in clusters from leaf-like bracts. The flowers attract bees to such an extent that the tree buzzes like an electric razor. The bees return to their hives and make a clear, much prized, linden flower honey. Linden flowers can be made into a tea used as a digestive aid, a sleep aid and to ease cold and flu symptoms.

The flowers turn into pea-sized fruits that remain on the tree until autumn. Most years there is a shower of dried bracts in mid-summer that can be shredded in place with the lawn mower, raked up and composted, or used as mulch.

Lindens prefer moist, fertile soil with a pH that ranges from slightly acidic to slightly alkaline. They tolerate clay soils as long as they don't find themselves in standing water. Mature lindens need supplemental watering only in times of extreme drought. In that case, lay the hose under the tree's dripline and let it run slowly for several hours to ensure deep watering.

Young lindens should be planted at least 30 feet from structures, other trees, drainage systems and power lines in anticipation of their eventual size. They thrive in full to partial sunlight producing a dappled shade that allows just enough light through for grass to grow successfully.

A mulch of pine needles, shredded bark or shredded leaves placed around the tree suppresses weeds, holds moisture and alleviates soil temperature fluctuations. Pull the mulch away from the trunk so it doesn't touch the bark.

Lindens are very sensitive to herbicides, so do not use a weed and feed lawn product over the root zone.

There are two primary insect pests of linden, although my own linden hasn't been bothered by either of them in the 24 years it has been mine. Neither pest will kill the tree - they just make it not so pretty.

Aphids are tiny green insects that suck the leaf juices resulting in curled leaves and a sticky, sooty deposit that attracts bees and wasps. The other pest is cottony maple scale. It appears as ¼-inch cottony patches on the twigs and branches.

There are a few varieties of linden with slightly different shapes and heights at maturity. Read the tag on the tree at the nursery before you buy to make sure the tree you choose is the right one for your location.

We would like to thank Lawanda for all the lovely articles she submits for the newsletter! They provide continual education. We greatly enjoy and appreciate them!



Cuts and Clips

By Marge Bolding

Source- The Wisconsin Journal

August Tasks

Water plants if less than 1 inch of rain per week

Week 1- Order spring flowering bulbs

Keep Phlox plants deadheaded. Never let phlox go to seed if you want to keep their true colors

Week 2 – Cut gladioli blooms leaving a maximum amount of foliage on plants

Transplant and divide iris and daylily

Week 3 – Take cutting of coleus, geraniums and other plants for winter houseplants

Plant chrysanthemums for fall color. Side-dress with fertilizer for larger blooms. Fall- planted chrysanthemums need extra winter protection.

Plant Madonna lily

Divide spring flowering perennials

Week 4- Plant or transplant Oriental poppies. Do not mulch because they prefer hot sunbaked ground.

Bring poinsettias indoors

Withhold water from amaryllis for eight weeks to stimulate bloom

Plant fall-blooming crocus and colchicums

Vegetables and Herbs

Sow cover crops in garden areas not in use

Pick Herbs just before blossoms for best flavor

Inspect corn regularly. Corn pest become abundant in mid-August

Week 1- Keep eggplant and peppers picked so younger fruit develops

Plant late crops of radish, lettuce, spinach and beets

Marge supplies interesting articles for us! We greatly appreciate her dedication!



The Latest Dirt

WMG latest news

Parkview cutting garden

Every Tuesday through Oct 13 - 1:00 bouquets for residents. Come earlier to weed, etc.

Contact Jane Kuhn for more information. j.kuhn@sbcglobal.net

Neenah Park and Library

We are always looking for volunteers. Should anyone need hours fast, we always need help! Hours flexible

Contact Mary Jo Maher for more information. mahermaryjo@yahoo.com

Project Pictures

Project leads- if you have pictures you would like to submit, please send them to one of the editors. If you would like the newsletter photographer to take pictures for you, please notify Nancy Karuhn. tkaruh@aol.com

Members-

Nancy is willing to take pictures of your garden for the newsletter. Please notify her if you are interested.

We are always looking for new ideas for the newsletter. Please notify the editors should you have an article or anything you would like to see in your newsletter.



UW Extension Information
By Kimberly Miller

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Winnebago County Master Gardener Volunteer Training to Begin

The mission of the Winnebago County Master Gardener Association is to provide horticulture education, community service and environmental stewardship for our community in affiliation with the University of Wisconsin Extension. Level I Training will be hosted in Winnebago County from September 8 through November 24. Level I Training will cost \$95 per person. Course fee includes 12 classes, training manuals, access to supplemental materials, and a 1-year membership at the state and local level. Classes will meet Tuesday evenings at the J.P. Coughlin Center, 625 E. County Rd Y, Oshkosh from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

This year, a flipped classroom approach will be used. Students will watch video lectures at home, and class will be a time for students to inquire about the lecture content, test their skills in applying knowledge, and interact with one another in hands-on activities. Topics include: botany, soils, woody ornamentals, herbaceous ornamentals, entomology, plant pathology, weeds, lawn care, vegetables, fruits, and backyard wildlife. For students who do not have access to a computer, accommodations to watch the videos can be made in the UWEX office during normal business hours.

Interested participants are required to attend a short orientation about the Master Gardener Volunteer program on Tuesday, August 4, at 5:30 p.m. at the J.P. Coughlin Center. Registration material (Volunteer Agreement, Consent to Background Check, and \$95 payment) can be submitted that evening, or mailed to the Master Gardener Treasurer by August 15. (Sue Egner, 931 Park Ridge Ave., Oshkosh, WI 54901) Please make checks payable to the "WCMGA". The required forms can be obtained online at <http://winnebago.uwex.edu/horticulture/> or by calling the Winnebago County UW-Extension office at 920-232-1970.

Buzzing Around

By Mary Jo Maher



I so enjoy going to farmers markets. If I am traveling, I will seek them out and see what lovely vegetables and other wonderful things they have to offer. It is so good to see the first fresh tomatoes, cucumbers, corn on the cob, berries and all the other wonderful things that are offered. I love to make it a special memory just by grabbing a cup of coffee and sipping it while looking at all the produce. I see so many people walking thru the produce like they are power shopping through a grocery store. Summer seems like the perfect time to take that deep breath, enjoy the moment, forget the weeds in your garden and other demands on you, and take a moment to make a memory. Sit back and enjoy these precious moments summer has to offer you. Most of the Farmer's Markets have coffee there

Here is a list of some of our local Farmers Markets:

Appleton Farmers Market- downtown Appleton every Saturday morning from 8 – 12:30

Local coffee places;

Starbucks-

Atlas Coffee Mill and Café

Acoca Coffee

Copper Rock

Farmers Market- Darboy at 3195 Van Roy (by Lowes) Saturday 8-12

Local Coffee places

Starbucks

Neenah Farmers Market- Shattuck Park- Saturday 8-12

Local coffee places-

Shellattes

Great Harvest Bread Co

Starbucks

Menasha Farmers Market- downtown Menasha Thursday 2-6 p.m.

Local Coffee places

Weathervane

Oshkosh Farmers Market- Oshkosh downtown Saturday 8-12:30

Local Coffee places

New Moon Café

Green Light Café

Starbucks

Buzzing Around

By Virginia Slattery



A Visit to the Frederik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park

On a recent trip to visit relatives in southwestern Michigan, I had the opportunity to visit the Frederik Meijer Gardens in Grand Rapids. This is the same Meijer of the Meijer store corporation. Frederik and his wife, Lena, combined their loves of horticulture and art to create a wonderfully unique garden and art experience. This is the 20th anniversary of the “park”.

The garden is set on a 158-acre site, which includes a conservatory that showcases over 500 species of plants from 5 continents. The art includes 200 works of sculpture in the permanent collection. These are viewed both indoors and outdoors as they are woven into the fabric of the gardens. Nineteenth century to modern sculpture is included in the collection. Some works are small and some are huge! One of the showcased pieces is a 30-foot high horse constructed from a diagram from Leonardo DaVinci.

As you wander through the garden you are treated to many different types of habitats. You will walk through a perennial and bulb garden and a woodland and shade garden. A 1930's Michigan farm garden is complete with a barn, farmhouse, windmill, heirloom vegetable garden, and lots of sculpture. A children's garden has lots of interactive features. A large temporary butterfly exhibition includes 40 different species from around the world. An outdoor summer concert series runs from June through September and features many famous entertainers.

We visited the Meijer Gardens on June 13th, which was the opening day of their new Japanese Garden. The Richard and Helen DeVos Japanese Garden is within the park on 8 acres. It surrounds a man-made lake and has many interesting cultivars. One of the main features of the garden is a zigzag walkway, which allows you to go right above the water. You can walk up the “viewing” hill and get a look at the whole garden. In a few years as the plantings mature, it will be a beautiful sight.

We were told that the Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park is an internationally acclaimed destination. It is handicap assessable and a tram ride is available to view the whole park and learn about the sculptures.

Just like in Winnebago County, this garden relies on volunteers to keep everything running smoothly and the gardens to be weed-free. 900 volunteers help on a regular basis. If you get the chance and you are in the area, it is definitely a great get-away destination for all you gardeners!



Food for Thought

By Linda Loker

Submitted by Lynne Slat

Source: Northwestern Newspaper

PUMPKIN BEE STING PIE

***** A 5-STAR RECIPE! SERVES 8

15 OZ. FRESH PUMPKIN PUREE

3- LG. EGGS

½ CUP HEAVY CREAM [CAN SUB. W HALF & HALF]

½ CUP HONEY

1 TSP. GROUND GINGER

½ TSP. CINNAMON

& A PINCH OF:

Salt

Ground nutmeg

Ground cloves

unbaked pie shell



FOR TOPPING:

½ CUP SLICED ALMONDS

1 CUP UNSWEETENED FLAKED COCONUT

¼ CUP HONEY

2 TBSP. BUTTER

DIRECTIONS

Make a pie shell.

Pre-Heat oven to 350° & mix all until spices and ingredients totally.

Pour filling into the pie shell.

Bake until completely set in the center 50-60 minutes.

Meanwhile, prepare topping in a small bowl. Combine almonds & coconut.

In a small sauce pan, combine honey and butter. Stir until blended. Mix all 4 ingredients together.

Remove pie from oven after it is set. Sprinkle with almonds and coconut mixture, bake for another 10-15 minutes until topping is golden brown.

Cool before serving.

SHOW US YOUR BLOOMERS!
Submitted by the members



Kathy Gore



Mary Jo Maher



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Growing Pains

By Mary Jo Maher

Weed Whackers

This spring it was time to get a new weed whacker, perhaps one with more umph! Since I am an organic gardener, my garden tools are earth friendly, as much as possible anyway.

This year I was pleased with my purchase, and quite honestly forgot the fundamentals of safety. My first time out, there is a big gash in my leg. Oh yes, where are those jeans? And did I have my safety glasses on, I think not!

Remember, all tools are exactly that, a tool, to be held in high regard. Do not forget the storage of the tools also. Remember, safety first.

GOOD READ**VINTAGE WISCONSIN GARDENS- by Lee Somerville**

This book is filled with period and contemporary images, recommended plant list, and garden layouts. It shows pictures of period gardens and information of the plants grown from 1869-1930.

Field Guide to Wild Herbs- by Rodale Press. Inc.

This is book with great pictures to identify wild herbs, all names associated with it and a description.

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September 2015

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