

WINNEBAGO COUNTY MASTER GARDENER MARCH 2011 - NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENTS' LETTER

We had a nice reprieve from winter with our February thaw. Today, as I write, I'm reminded we are still in the throws of winter with 12 inches of new, wet snow and 30 mph howling winds. What better time than to browse garden catalogs, magazines and plan for spring planting.

Our trip to the Madison Expo and Winter Escapes Summer Dreams are over, but many educational events are still to come. March 5th brings the bus trip to the Chicago Flower show, as well as Brown County's "Room to Grow in Your Backyard" seminar in Green Bay. Our pruning workshop will be held on March 12th in addition to Waushara County's "Gardening in Tune with Nature" seminar in Wautoma on the same day. Fond du Lac County's 11th annual "Day in the Garden" seminar will be held on April 2nd in Fond du Lac. There certainly is no shortage of opportunities for you to obtain the required 10 hours of continuing education.

Remember to attend the Tri-County Arena Home & Garden Show starting Friday, March 26th and running through Sunday, March 28th in Neenah. Thanks to Cindy Meszaros and Joni Pagel for planning our booth. Also thanks to all WCMG's who volunteered to help man the booth. This is a wonderful way to give horticultural education and inform the public about the Winnebago County Master Gardener Association.

Bob Potter has resigned his position as Chair of the Paine Gardens project. Thank you Bob, for your many, many hours of service at the Paine. If anyone is interested in chairing of this project, please contact Kathy, Mary, Nick or any Board Member.

Think Spring!
Mary & Kathy



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Nick's Notes:

Dear Master Gardener Volunteers,

Science Fiction Applications in Modern Biology
Progress in science starts out as science fiction...an idea, a daydream, a fantasy. Then these ideas give birth to innovation that can affect our daily lives. Some people are uncomfortable with progress previously identified as science fiction ideas while other people embrace the role of early adaptor. There are many applications of science fiction entertainment that are now reality so I thought it would be fun to share a few that stand out in my mind.

The 1997 film *Gattaca* explores using DNA and genetic potential to sort out the haves and have-nots among society. The character Vincent aspires to do more than his genetic potential would indicate so he embarks on a complicated identity disguise so he can work in a job that will permit him to travel to Saturn's moon *Titan*. There is a scene where another character, Irene, who has some doubts about Vincent's identity, takes one of his hairs to a discreet booth where a DNA analysis is performed in an instant.

In reality, during the past decade, the DNA sequence has been figured out for a number of plants and animals including people, cows, and corn. In corn, the rate of improvement in plant genetics has been exceptional in the past few years. DNA screening tools help speed the selection process. At the beginning of my career in agronomy in the mid-1990s, 200 bushels of corn per acre was rare in Wisconsin. Now it is common. In dairy cattle genetics, genomics now drives the artificial insemination industry with a bull's DNA tested shortly after birth to determine if he will sire exceptional offspring. This saves years and thousands of dollars per bull in progeny testing of inferior bulls. Progeny testing is evaluating a sire's daughters for their strengths and weaknesses as a means to determining heritability.

I wouldn't be much of a science fiction nerd without including *Star Wars*. In particular, *Attack of the Clones*. In *Star Wars: Attack of the Clones*, the audience is introduced to the clone army, who we learn are the Storm Troopers clad in white plastic

uniforms. Cloning has been in science fiction for a long time. Perhaps this is because in plant science, clones have been around for a long time. They give us consistency in flower color, shape, fruit flavors, disease resistance, and many other traits. In 1996, Dolly the sheep became the first cloned mammal. Since then, a few of the best livestock around the world have been cloned. Some of the most famous are a bull named Champion, a number of winning show cows, and the two-time Iowa State Fair market beef champion "Doc" who first won in 2008 and his clone won in 2010.

There are other examples where some deviation of the biological aspects of science fiction film or books has become part of modern science. If the subject of plant and animal genetics, genomics, DNA sequencing, and transgenics is something you find interesting, I encourage you to seek out the best information possible from unbiased science resources such as Universities, refereed journal articles, and the USDA Agriculture Research Service. While reading and watching science fiction is fun, let's make sure we understand where fiction ends and real science begins.

Good News

Arlene and Bob Kosankie would like to share some news about their son Scott who is serving in the armed forces over seas at this time. Their son, Scott Bleicwehl, was promoted to Colonel January 1st. He is stationed in Afghanistan as Director of Communication.



Bob and Arlene we are thankful to share in your pride and excitement. It is so nice to hear good news about one of our protectors. Thank You!

Organic Gardening Tip of the Month

From Lawanda Jungwirth

Milk can be useful as a fungicide in the garden, in lieu of chemical fungicides. It will take some trial and error to determine the best spraying schedule and solution strength for your situation. Use anywhere from full strength milk to 1 part milk per 9 parts water. The best time to spray is in the morning after the dew has dried. Avoid spraying mid-day in the hot sun. Skim milk or reconstituted powdered milk works best as higher fat milk may clog the sprayer.

What am I? by Jane Kuhn



I am a native herbaceous perennial plant which signals the end of winter as my flowers are some of the first to appear in spring, blooming in April and May. My plant has basal leaves only which are heart shaped, bluntly toothed and born on long stems. Typically my mature plant is 6 inches across and 4 inches high, with flowers slightly higher than the leaves. My flowers are deep blue or violet, sometimes almost white with blue markings. The size of my flowers is about ¾ inches across and they consist of 5 rounded petals. There are two upper petals, two lateral petals with white hairs (or beards) near the throat of the flower, and a lower petal that functions as a landing pad for visiting insects.

During the summer, cleistogamous flowers without petals produce seeds which are flung outward by mechanical ejection from the seed capsules. My root system consists of thick, horizontally branched rhizomes.

I prefer partial sun or light shade and moist to average conditions although I tolerate full sun if there is sufficient moisture. My soil should be a rich silty loam or clay loam with above average amounts of organic matter. My natural habitats include moist, black soil prairies, open woodlands, woodland edges, savannas, and wooded slopes along rivers or lakes. In developed areas, I can be found in lawns, city parks, moist waste areas, and along hedges or buildings. Some may view me as a pest because at times I invade lawns which could be a sign that the soil is too acidic for a good lawn.

Being high in vitamins A and C, I used to be a welcome raw salad or cooked green early in the spring. I have been used in medicines, as a laxative, and my flowers are candied for decoration or in jellies.

Plan ahead – help pull garlic mustard

Mark your calendars now to help pull garlic mustard on the Wiouwash Trail on Saturday, April 30, continuing on Saturday, May 7 if necessary. Like last year, we will also be pulling on weekdays, weather permitting, whenever anyone can come, around these dates. More information will follow – watch the newsletter and e-mails.

Save the Dates!



The Education and Trip Committee have lots of fun and educational opportunities planned for 2011. Please mark your calendars:

- March 5** – Bus trip to Chicago Flower and Garden Show at Navy Pier
- March 5** – Green Bay MG Seminar
- March 5-6** – NEWOS presents Orchids in Pictures
- March 12** – Hands-on pruning workshop
- March 12** – FVTC Seeds of Hope “Garden Talk Event”
- March 12** – Waushara MG Seminar
- March 19** – Outagamie MG Presentation
- March 25 - 27** – Home & Garden Show
- April 11** – Fond Du Lac MG Seminar

Flower Arranging Dates: (All are Mondays, 1:30@ PV)

- March 28---Spring artificial bouquets
- April 11---Floral flowers from Garden Gate
- May 23---Floral flowers from Garden Gate
- June 20---Flowers from our gardens, cutting garden
- July 18---Live flowers
- August 1---Live flowers
- August 15---Live flowers
- Sept. 12---Live flowers
- Sept. 26---Live flowers
- Oct. 10---Floral flowers from Garden Gate
- Nov. 21---Floral flowers from Garden Gate
- Dec. 5---Christmas gift bag arrangements



**HAPPY MARCH
BIRTHDAYS**

Linda Baeten, David Leonard,
Marty Sacksteder

Park View Health Center Flower Arranging



Thanks to all, who made it a delightful day for the residents making the rose bouquets with tissue paper on empty wine bottles.

Our next project is on March 28 at 1:30. We'll be working with live flowers from Garden Gate. I switched making spring artificial bouquets to April 11 at 1:30. For March 28, you need to bring scissors or pruners to cut flower stems. On April 11, you'll need wire cutters. Everyone is welcome to join us. The staff and residents are wonderful to work with. It's a beautiful way to spend an afternoon.

If you have any questions, call Pat Behm at 410-3290.

Oshkosh Saturday Farmers Market News/New Location

**Janet Priebe and Dorothy Gayhart-Kunz leads
June to October**

Hello from Janet and Dorothy,

A sign up sheet will circulate at the March MG meeting and at other meetings, for volunteers at the market, until we have it filled. The Market will move to Main Street this year. We have invited market managers, Dennis and Karlene Leatherman to our April meeting to give us a preview of what's to come.

We will be located in the 400 and 500 blocks on Main Street. Church street will be closed and the Master Gardener booth will be in the closed off area on Church Street. Parkway and Algoma streets will be the ends of the market and will close off Main Street. Parking will be all around this area.

All the merchants along Main St. will be involved with sidewalk sales and cafes. Merchants will open their stores for restroom purposes which will help out a lot.

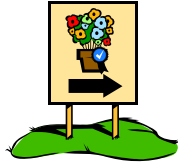
This has been a joint venture for the city, police dept., and Dennis can tell you much more about it at our April meeting. You wouldn't believe all the planning that has gone into making this a successful venture.

By giving a \$50 donation to the Market, Master Gardeners become one of the sponsors of the market and our name is on all the printouts. Our MG booth at the market is an informational booth. We answer questions, provide hand outs and give out our hot-line number and email source. This year we want to have a special theme each week around a variety of subjects. Should be fun.

Working at the market earns you 5 Educational or volunteer hours. 7:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.—5 hours. We brave the wind, cold, heat, sun, rain. We have a fun time informing the public and chatting with each other. We can't do it without you! Please sign up to help us run the booth. You'll have fun! Thanks.



HOME & GARDEN SHOW TRI COUNTY ARENA MARCH 25, 26, 27, 2011



WCMGA will have a booth at the show with Master Gardener volunteers available to the public to answer questions, and share gardening information.

Come and visit the various vendors displaying home improvements, landscape ideas, foods, garden related classes, and our MG booth. We have display boards of "How to" grow vegetables, tree planting, conquering invasive species, and the 2011 annuals, perennials, and hostas.

Reminders to our volunteers will be sent out two weeks prior to the show. Please remember to wear your WCMGA name tag as this also gives you admittance to the show.

The subject of composting is our new emphasis this year. Compost is a wonderful solution to our solid-waste concerns. The crumbly end product of composting offers gardeners a precious source of soil nutrients.

Our spring season is right around the corner so come join us to whet your appetite for digging in the dirt. We're looking forward to seeing you there.

Co Chairs: Cindy Meszaros 233-3550
Joni Pagel 233-6619

March Business Meeting Speaker

Subject: Shorelands and Rain Gardens

Our guest speaker for our monthly meeting on March 8th is Keith Marquardt. Keith is employed with the Winnebago County Land & Water Conservation Dept as a Conservation Technician for the past 8 years. Prior employment was with the Adams County Land & Water and a private environmental engineering firm. Keith has a B.S. in Natural Resources from University of Wisconsin, Madison.

Master Gardener Board Meeting February 1, 2011

The Meeting was called to order by Mary Wiedenmeier, 6:00 pm

Present: Mary Wiedenmeier, Kathy Daniels, Alice Graf, Linda Baeten, Bob Potter, Ken Hawk, Roy Anne Moulton, Audrey Ruedinger, Jane Kuhn and Nick Schneider.

Welcome guest Master Gardener, Becky Gratz.

Treasurer's Report – Alice Graf

A handout was available detailing January activity. Our ending balance as of January 31, 2011 is \$17,205.33.

Linda Baeten handed Alice another batch of checks from registrations taken for upcoming events.

Secretary's report:

The Board and Business minutes were both printed in the newsletter in January. We should have both Board minutes and Business minutes on the website, and only Business minutes in the newsletter to keep from being redundant. Linda will send Business minutes to Linda Tobey for the Newsletter and both Board and Business minutes to Jean Reed for the Website in the future.

Old Business

1. SOPs – Alice asked to table the SOP discussion until next meeting. All agreed.

New business

1. Home show – Cindy Meszaros would like to give away a compost barrel, worth \$45 at the Home Show. Cost of the barrel was covered in the expenses submitted for the Home Show. The prize would go to a non Master Gardener. By consensus the Board approved. It was suggested to keep the list of those who sign up for the barrel for future reference.
 - Alice had a stack of surveys/memberships. The Board agreed that they should be kept for one year for reference. Linda Baeten will keep them.
2. Project Lead Meeting - Jane Kuhn. The meeting is scheduled for February 16th, 6:00 at the Coughlin Center. Nick, Ivan & Jane to coordinate. They are looking for agenda items. See below.
 - Forms on website to share.
 - Have project leads sign off on reimbursements to keep track of expenses. Receipts are needed.
 - Thank them for their efforts. Show them the tools for success. Serve food. Keep positive and encouraging. Show appreciation. Alice will pick up from Papa Murphy's. Jane will bring beverage. Roy Anne will bring ice.
 - Important for the Leads to contact all that want to help.
 - Jane & Ivan will meet and finalize the agenda and provide a head count for the food.
 - They will ask for input from the project leads.

3. Plant Health Advisor Barb Kuhn resigned. Ann Gratton has come forward and is considering taking the position. She has experience. Linda Baeten will send a thank you note to Barb for her past service. PHAs can work from home. Another notice is needed in the newsletter. Need to emphasize that advising may be done from home. Nick provides a "how to" meeting in April. Nick will see if Ann will commit. A consequent article will be put in the Newsletter.
4. Audit Committee - Ann Murphy is interested in being on the Audit committee. Stan Meyer is not.
5. Nominating Committee –Mary Wiedenmeier provided a handout of officer duties for review. Discussion followed:
 - Important to invite members to attend Board Meetings. Thanks to Becky for coming.
 - We always asked at the end of a Business meeting in the past, to have the members attend Board meetings and will continue to do so.
6. Education Committee report - Roy Anne.
 - Thanks to Bob Potter for helping on the bus trips.
 - We will reach the break even points for the bus trips.
 - Expo: In past we have ordered 50 tickets in advance and the Expo would take back what we didn't sell. Roy Anne asked if it was ok to do this again and put it on her credit card. The Board agreed.
 - Chicago does not return tickets and we can't change the order after Feb 16. Roy Anne will send them in after Feb 10. Late registrants may then ride the bus and get their own ticket at the door. We would charge \$17.00 less for late comers.
 - Bridgewood is asking for approximately \$300 more for the rental of screens and a projector that hadn't been mentioned in original negotiations. Roy Anne has a call in to them. We do have the \$250 grant to help with expenses for Winter Escape.
 - We only have 3 vendors so far and are still looking for more. Waiting to hear from Stuarts.
 - Don Engebretsen may be available for next year's event.
 - Doors open at 8:00 at Coughlin for the Pruning Workshop. Roy Anne and Audrey to speak first and then proceed to Dorothy Bonnin's at 10:30 for hands-on pruning.
7. New Business
 - Fond du Lac - Day in the Garden April 2, 2011. Handout.
 - Green Bay - Winter Workshop March 5, 2011.
 - New WCMGA Brochures will be delivered Feb 11.

- Lisa from Webster Stanley called asking who will take on the After School Project? Mary will talk to Marge.
- Mary asked about our wooden signs from the past. She asked that signage be brought up at the Project Lead meeting and perhaps consider getting new signs made.
- Garden walks – Audrey has May and June arranged. There is a need for March & April. Could do a preview of projects.
- Linda Baeten mentioned her husband Phil was willing to do a workshop to build tomato cages. She will check into it and coordinate with Audrey for a date.
- Audrey asked that we let speakers do their programs first at Business Meetings. The Board agreed.

Adjourned 7:25pm
Respectfully submitted,
Linda Baeten

Answer: What Am I?

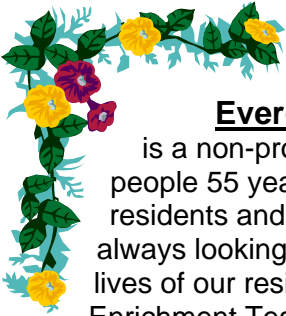


I am a common blue violet. Order: violales. Family: violaceae. Genus: viola L. Common names: purple violet, meadow violet, wood violet, woolly blue violet, hooded violet, blue prairie violet. I am the official state

flower of Wisconsin. School children voted for the flower on Arbor Day in 1909, choosing the violet from four finalists that were presented. However it did not become Wisconsin's official flower until 1949 when this was determined by Chapter 218, Laws of 1949, Section 1.10 of the state statutes.

References: USDA Plants Database and associated links

POTENTIAL PROJECT CORNER

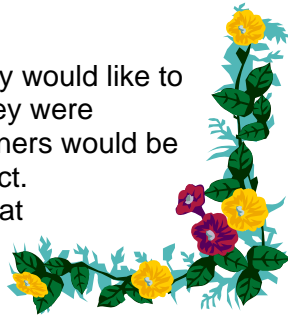


Evergreen Retirement Community

is a non-profit organization which serves people 55 years and older. With nearly 300 residents and eight living options, we are always looking for ways to serve and enrich the lives of our residents. A member of the Life Enrichment Team has (what we think) is a great idea: to create raised garden beds for the residents to plant, grow, maintain and harvest fresh vegetables and cut flowers. We need your expertise in planning this as well as your hands-on assistance to make this project a reality. Evergreen will pay for all materials. If interested, please contact Phyllis Thompson, Volunteer Coordinator, at 237-2126 pthompson@evergreenoshosh.com for more details.

Mercy Hospital

Has a detention pond that they would like to develop a garden around. They were hoping that the Master Gardeners would be interested in making it a project. Please contact Patti Calhoun at 920-276-1663 for more information.



Look for Four-Leaf Clovers in Your Own Lawn

By *Lawanda Jungwirth*

On St. Patrick's Day, our thoughts turn to shamrocks and searches for lucky four-leaf clovers. You have to be pretty patient in your search though, since there is only one four-leaf clover for every ten-thousand three-leaf clovers.

Irish legend has it that St. Patrick used the three-leaf clover to represent the Holy Trinity. A fourth leaf indicates God's grace. Another legend says that the four leaves on the lucky clovers represent hope, faith, love and luck. In the Middle Ages, it was believed that the finder of a four-leaf clover would be able to see fairies and plant sprites. Children searched fields for four leaf clovers in hopes of seeing these magical creatures.

It is not known whether the four-leaf variation occurs from some natural genetic mutation, or is caused by some environmental factor.

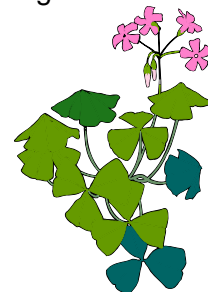
Children today don't have as much opportunity to search for four leaf clovers as their parents did, because many people consider clover a lawn weed and eliminate it from their lawns. But those who are waking up to the perils of using pesticides on their lawns are beginning to welcome clover back into their yards.

The Old Farmer's Almanac lists several benefits of clover in the lawn.

- White clover (*Trifolium repens*) is a rapid spreader that crowds out broadleaf weeds while it grows harmoniously with grass. It thrives in areas that are poorly drained or too shady for a conventional lawn.
- Clover is a legume and its roots have the ability to convert bacteria in the soil into nitrogen for fertilizer, eliminating the need for added fertilizer.
- Left uncut, white clover grows 4-8 inches tall and produces pretty white flowers sometimes tinged with pink.

Clover can be planted by itself as a ground cover, but it stands up better to foot traffic when combined with lawn grass. Only 5-10% by weight of clover seed needs to be mixed with grass seed to create a thick stand. To add clover to an existing lawn, mow it short and rake to remove thatch so that seed can fall to the soil surface. To sow clover alone, mix it with sand to facilitate spreading. Only 2 oz. of clover seed will cover 1,000 square feet of lawn.

If your lawn is not treated with any synthetic chemicals, you can use the clover for food. It is high in protein, and although the leaves are sometimes added to fresh salads, it is easier to digest if the plants are boiled for five minutes. Clover leaves would be a good addition to a spring vegetable soup. For best taste and nutrition, harvest the leaves before the plants flower. Dried flower heads and seed pods can be ground up into a nutritious flour or can be steeped into a healthy tea. White clover flour is sometimes sprinkled onto cooked rice. Roots are also edible, but are best cooked before eating.



SANCTIONED CORE PROJECTS

Community Education	
Marge Menacher	223-3467
Community Gardens	
Ruth Freye	734-5978
Education and Control of Invasive Species	
Lawanda Jungwirth	836-2878
Audrey Ruedinger	231-5745
Farmers Market	
Dorothy Gayhart Kunz	233-8468
Janet Priebe	233-1898
Humane Society Memorial Garden	
Dara Sitter	582-4405
Lincoln School	
Karen Wedde	231-9696
Mary Haave	231-2542
Octagon House	
Jerry Robak	722-3311
Paine Gardens	
Bob Potter	233-3349
Park View Cutting Garden	
Bill Weber	231-2936
Park View Vegetable Garden	
Judy & Al Harms	688-5523
Park View Prairie Garden	
Ken Hawk	426-1691
Park View Flower Arranging	
Pat Behm	410-3290
Plant Health Advisors @ UWEX	
Rushford Town hall	
Audrey Ruedinger	231-5745
Carol Dorsch	589-5936
Shared Harvest	
Ken Friedman	235-6766
Habitat for Humanity Partnership	
David Leonard	379-5860
Washington & Webster Schools	
Marge Menacher	223-3467

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Jane Kuhn (CO-VP)	231-3993
Linda Baeten (SEC)	232-1224
Alice Graf (TRES)	203-8252

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Audrey Ruedinger	231-5745
Roy Anne Moulton	886-1283
Bob Potter	233-3349

COMMITTEES

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Home & Garden Shows	
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Website, Computer and Projector	
Jean Reed	729-9012

BOARD MEETING – March 1
BUSINESS MEETING – March 8

OUR 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.



Spring 2011



Community Education Opportunities Sponsored by

Winnebago County Master
Gardener Volunteer Association

Bus Trip to the Chicago Flower and Garden Show. Saturday, March 5, 6:30 a.m., Oshkosh (Coughlin Center); 7 a.m., Fond du Lac (JC Penny parking lot). Leave Navy Pier at 5 p.m. \$55 includes show ticket.

How to Prune Your Ornamental Trees & Shrubs. A half-day, hands-on workshop on Saturday, March 12. Presented by Roy Anne Moulton and Audrey Ruedinger. Start time and location TBD. \$5

Registration Form (copy as needed)

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Please check the trips/workshop you wish to attend & enter the fee:

- WPT Garden Expo** \$39 _____
- Chicago Flower Show** \$55 _____
- Pruning Workshop** \$ 5 _____
- Total** \$ _____

**Make checks payable to:
WCMGA**

**Mail to: Linda Baeten
1112 Merritt Ave.
Oshkosh, WI 54901**

For more information:

Audrey Ruedinger (920) 231-5745 or aruedinger2@new.rr.com
www.winnebagomastergardeners.org





You will receive an email or postcard to confirm your reservation.



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What is a weed? A plant whose virtues have not yet been discovered.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
		1 BOARD MEETING	2	3	4	5 BUS TRIP Green Bay Workshop Orchid Show
6 Orchid Show	7	8 BUSINESS MEETING	9	10	11	12 Pruning workshop Waushara MG Presentation FVTC Seeds of Hope "Garden Talk"
13  DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME	14	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day 	18	19 Outagamie MG Presentation @ Liberty Hall
20  Spring	21	22	23	24	25 Home and	26 Garden Show
27 Home and Garden Show	28  Flower Arranging	29	30	31		

Remember to check our website for information on the seminars listed in Save the Dates.

Room to Grow in Your Backyard

2011 Winter Workshop
sponsored by the
N.E.W. Master Gardener Association
& Brown County UW-Extension

Saturday
March 5, 2011
8:00 am to 4:30 pm

Ag & Extension Service Center
1150 Bellevue Street
Green Bay, WI

8:00-8:30 Registration

11:45-12:30 Lunch

4:30 Adjourn



8:30-9:30
**Underused Trees and Shrubs
for the Landscape**

Mark Konlock, Horticulturist, Green Bay Botanical Garden, will help you decide what trees and shrubs will thrive in your landscape.



12:30-1:00
**Container Gardening
Demonstration**

Join Master Gardener Volunteers to learn the secrets of creating an eye-catching container garden of flowers or vegetables.



9:30-10:30
**Promoting Pollinators &
Other Beneficial Insects
in the Landscape**

Phil Pellitteri, Insect Diagnostician, UW-Extension, Madison, will share tips on how to attract pollinators and other "good bugs" into your landscape.



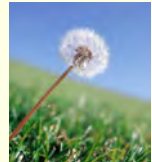
1:00-2:00
**Run, Hop, Scurry: Managing
Wildlife in Your Landscape**

David Drake, Wildlife Ecologist, UW-Extension, Madison, will guide you in control measures relating to Thumper, Bambi and Mickey.



10:45-11:45
**Design, Plan & Budget
Your Landscape**

Sharon Morrisey, Horticulture Educator, Milwaukee County UW-Extension, will guide you through the right plan to fit your landscaping budget.



2:15-3:15
**Month by Month,
Know Your Lawn**

Vijai Pandian, Horticulture Educator, Brown County UW-Extension, will outline a monthly maintenance plan to keep your lawn healthy.

NEW MG Winter Workshop: Room to Grow in Your Backyard

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone (____) _____ Cell (____) _____

Email _____

Box Lunch Choice All lunches come with pasta salad, vegetables with ranch dip, bottled water, and choice of sandwich. Please select one:

___ **Roast Beef:** Roast beef, cheddar cheese, lettuce, green pepper on honey wheat bread

___ **Chicken Ranch:** Sliced chicken breast, cheddar cheese, lettuce, and buttermilk ranch on honey wheat bread

___ **Vegetarian:** Lettuce, cucumber, tomato, bell pepper, topped with Swiss cheese on honey wheat bread

Registration Information Cost: \$35 per person; registration deadline is Feb. 25.

On-site registrations \$45. Make check payable to NEW Master Gardeners. Mail to: MG Winter Workshop, 1150 Bellevue Street, Green Bay, WI 54302. **Questions?** Call (920) 391-4653.

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Northeastern Wisconsin Orchid Society
proudly presents

Orchids in Pictures

An AOS Judged Orchid Show

at the
Holiday Inn Neenah Riverwalk

123 East Wisconsin Avenue, Neenah, WI
(US Hwy 41, exit 132 [Main Street], 2 miles east, downtown)

Saturday, March 5, 2011, 10 am - 5 pm
Sunday, March 6, 2011, 10 am - 4 pm

For additional information contact:

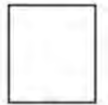
orrwitt@aol.com, 920-788-7413

mary@gointopotorchids.com, 920-729-1750

www.newisos.org

~ GENERAL ADMISSION \$5 ~
Children under 12 admitted free

- *View Orchid Exhibits*
- *Educational Presentations*
 - Saturday, 1:00 pm "How to Grow Orchids Successfully"
 - Saturday, 2:30 pm "Goin to the Dog", the story of complex Paphiopedilum hybrids
 - Saturday, 4:00 pm Orchid repotting demo
 - Sunday, 11:00 am Orchid repotting demo
 - Sunday, 12:30 pm "Are You Smarter than an Orchid?"
 - Sunday, 2:00 pm "Raves for the Ridges"
- **Ask an Expert** – Get answers to your orchid questions
- *Enter Raffle*
- *Plants and supplies for sale*



REGISTRATION

Gardening in Tune with Nature

Registration Fee: \$25 \$ _____
 (if received by March 1st)

Late Fee \$35 _____
 (No lunch available with late fee)

Lunch (optional) \$12.00 _____

Please specify Beef or Chicken

Total Due: \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

No refunds. However, you may transfer registration to another person.

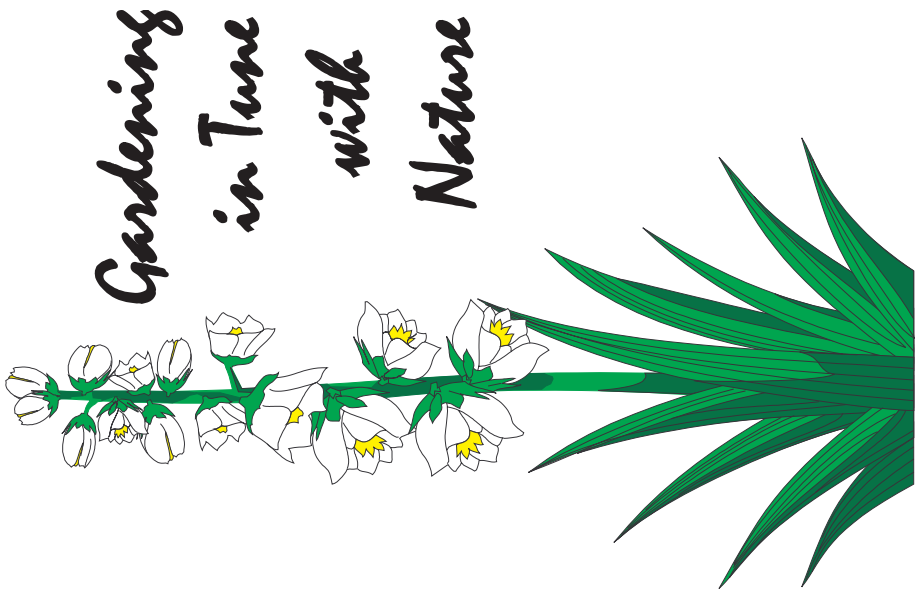
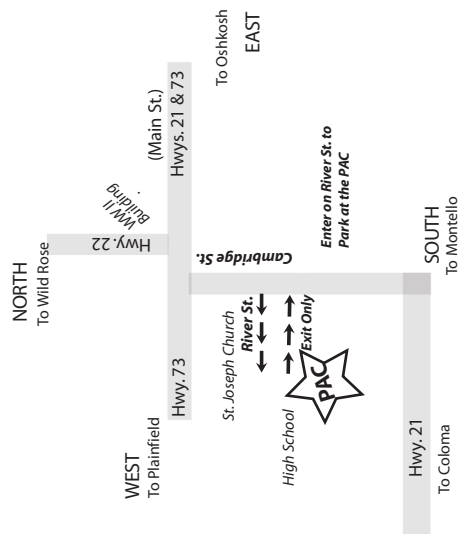
Mail check (payable to Shar-a-Gardeners) and this form to:
 Helen Cox
 W/5211 County Road W
 Wild Rose, WI 54984
 Questions or info – e-mail Helen Cox at butchcox_2000@yahoo.com or phone 920-787-5900

Lunch Menu – Price: \$12.00
 Catered by Heath's Farm Market

Roast Beef w/Mashed Potatoes, Gravy & Seasonal Vegetables	or	Chicken Cordon Bleu w/Asparagus and Rice
Mini Kaiser Rolls/Butter		Green Fluff Salad
Mixed Seasonal Green Salad		Lemon Angel Chiffon Dessert
	or	Chocolate Dessert
Choice of Coffee, Iced Tea or Lemonade		

Directions:

The McComb Bruchs Performing Arts Center (PAC) is located in Wautoma, WI on Hwys. 21 & 22 (514 S. Cambridge St.)
 Parking is available next to the building.



Presented by Shar-a-Gardeners –
 Waushara County Master Gardeners
 March 12, 2011
 The McComb-Bruchs PAC
 514 S. Cambridge St.
 Wautoma, WI



PROGRAM

7:30 a.m. — *Registration*

*Vendors Open & Refreshments

8:30 a.m. — *Welcome*

8:45 - 10:00 a.m.

Square Foot Gardening —
Arlen Albrecht

10:00-10:30 — *Break*

Vendors Open & Refreshments

10:30 - 11:45 a.m.

*Greenscaping, Environmentally
Beneficial Landscaping* —

Teri Gear

11:45-12:15 Lunch — 1st Seating

12:15-12:45 Lunch — 2nd Seating

1:00 - 2:15 p.m.

Rain Gardens & Rainwater Harvesting —
Stephanie Prellwitz

2:15 — 2:45 Break &

Last Chance to Visit the Vendors

2:45 - 4:00 p.m.

*Hardy Bulbs with a Focus
on Northern Hardiness* —
Steve Lesch

4:00 p.m. — Drawing for Door Prizes

**A Variety of Vendors, Displays
& Free Informational Material*

PROGRAM SPEAKERS

Arlen Albrecht is a Professor of Community Development with the University of Wisconsin Extension. In 2001 he took a week-long class with Mel Bartholomew to learn the Square Foot garden technique. He has implemented this successful method in Kenya, Africa; Nicaragua, Central America; Guyana South America; and for the past 6 years in the Medford Community Garden where 45 beds are set up for rent. He has a developed a great program to teach others to incorporate this method as community gardens — Wausau, Rhinelander, Marshfield, and Green Bay.

Square Foot Gardening is becoming a very popular method in growing vegetables for the table and for the market. If you want to grow more vegetables in less space, in less time, and with less weeding — yes, less work and more enjoyment in planting and harvesting — come and learn from this session. Arlen Albrecht will talk about the advantages of growing with this method versus traditional long-row planting involving 80% more work. In the presentation you will learn just how easy it is to set up your basic SFG, and how to plant it one square foot at a time. His pictures and real life stories will not only have you laughing but wishing spring was here so you could start your own Square Foot Garden.

SPEAKERS (cont.)

Teri Gear is the Horticultural Educator at the Wood County Extension office. She has been working in the horticulture industry since her graduation from UW-River Falls in '96 and often jokes, "it's the only thing she knows." She will introduce *Greenscaping* to us, which is a term that means landscaping sustainably and creating beautiful gardens for you and the outdoor creatures to enjoy without the use of chemicals.

Stephanie Prellwitz is a Research Assistant in the Department of Biological Systems Engineering at UW-Madison. She is currently researching the impact of native plant species on wetland treatment swales for water quality and erosion. Stephanie played an instrumental role in the establishment of the rain garden culture in Lexington, Kentucky and has been active in presenting rain garden material to local public libraries and businesses in Wisconsin.

Steve Lesch is the owner of Landscape Designs, Inc. from Madison, WI. Steve has been working in the landscape industry for 38 years, including growing, installing and designing not only exterior but interior plantings. Steve was instrumental in developing two greenhouse and nursery companies before establishing his own. Steve is an active member and speaker of several plant societies and will share with us his extensive knowledge of bulbs. You may want to check out two of his plant-related newsletters on www.landscape-designs.biz.

Seeds of Hope

“Garden Talk Event”

Saturday, March 12, 2011

Registration 8:30 – 9 a.m.

9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

FVTC – Appleton Campus

1825 N. Bluemound Dr.

Enter at Entrance 16



Don't miss keynote
speaker, Jim Beard, FVTC
Landscape Architect!

Participate in five different seminars
featuring FVTC Horticulture Instructor,
Jim Beard, and local garden experts!

Cost: \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door

Tickets available at various Community First Credit Union locations

Event questions, call Carol at (920) 735-5684.

Tickets Include:

- Registration
- Light Lunch
- Door Prizes
- Vendor Sales
- Silent Auction



Bid on the basket
items featured in the
Silent Auction!

Proceeds will provide emergency assistance to FVTC students.

NEW LOCATION!

Liberty Hall

800 Eisenhower Dr. • Kimberly, WI



OTHER UPCOMING MASTER GARDENER EVENTS

Annual Plant Sale

New Date!

May 21, 2011

UW Extension Grounds

3365 W. Brewster St. • Appleton, WI

(Across from Fleet Farm)

Thousands of perennials, annuals and vegetables! Get tried and true unique varieties shared from the personal gardens of Master Gardeners!

Plus, newly introduced varieties directly from the growers!

Proceeds benefit community education programs presented through the Outagamie County Master Gardeners Association.



Cathy Schweiso
W4028 Devine Ln.
Appleton, WI 54913



Saturday, March 19, 2011 • 8:45am - 3:30pm

8:00am Registration
8:45am Welcome & Opening Remarks

Experience a medley of garden ideas and inspiration
at the 2011 Garden Expectations Conference.



Schedule

9:00am

“Beautiful Enough to Eat - Ornamental Edibles”

Presenter: Mark Dwyer - Rotary Botanical Gardens, Janesville, WI

With the issues of food safety and rising grocery bills, more gardeners are growing their own food. Why not select plants that are not only beautiful, but can be utilized in the kitchen? Ornamental edibles are not only visually appealing, but can offer added benefits. This wide range of plants can, and should be intermingled throughout your landscape.

Mark Dwyer is Director of Horticulture at the Rotary Botanical Gardens in Janesville, WI. He has a background in landscape architecture and urban forestry.

10:30am

“Maximizing Your Space”

Presenter: Jim Beard & Roxanne Rusch - Horticulture Instructors, Fox Valley Technical College

Learn to make your landscape an invitation to nature, whether you've got acres or just a small lot. Jim & Roxanne will help you pull it all together with ideas on integrating hardscapes like paths, fences, structures, garden rooms and containers, weaving it together with your garden beds and plantings.

Jim Beard is Landscape Architect, only one of two Wisconsinites who have earned national certification in Organic Land Care from the Northeast Organic Farming Association, and is an Emeritus member of the American Society of Landscape Architects. Roxanne Rusch has been in the green industry for many years and is passionate about all aspects of gardening.

11:45am Lunch is Served

Entree, soup, refreshments and dessert

12:45pm

“Perennial Plant Communities”

Presenter: Roy Diblik - Co-owner of Northwind Perennial Farm in Burlington, WI

They're a staple for many landscapes, but it's often a challenge to find the best pairings and combinations for our beloved perennials. Learn how to combine traditional and native perennials in garden designs that emphasize plant relationships to maximize appearance, maintenance and cost.

Roy Diblik is a teacher, plantsman, garden design consultant and author of "Small Perennial Gardens: The Know Maintenance Approach." Roy's recent work includes the Art Institute of Chicago, plus Chicago's Shedd Aquarium and Millennium Park.

2:15pm

“Placing Unusual Shrubs”

Presenter: Dave Wanniger - Chief Horticulturist, Beaver Creek Nursery, Clinton, WI

Shrubs and woody plantings provide texture, height and contrast to your landscape. Get the scoop on this year's newest and exciting offerings, plus learn more about other underused and sometimes overlooked shrubs that can enhance your yard.

Dave Wanniger has operated a landscaping company and served as a nursery manager. He is also an instructor in the Horticulture and Landscaping program at Blackhawk Technical College in Janesville, Wisconsin. He also works for Klehm's Song Sparrow Farm.

Registration Form

Please Print Clearly

(Your personal information will never be shared with outside parties)

Name:
Address:
Phone:
E-mail:

Open to the Public!

Conference Fee: \$30

- Lunch provided and included with registration
- Door prizes and a variety of vendors
- Register by March 12th - limited to 200 registrants

Questions? Contact either:

Kathy Baum (920)731-9385
katbaum2003@yahoo.com

Mary Learman (920)739-9496
britmary7@yahoo.com

Checks payable to: Outagamie County Master Gardeners*

Mail registration & payment to:

Cathy Schwieso
W4028 Devine Ln.
Appleton, WI 54913

*All fees are non-refundable.

Conference presented by Outagamie County Master Gardeners - a non-profit community organization.

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University of Wisconsin-Extension

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11th Annual "DAY IN THE GARDEN"

Sponsored by:

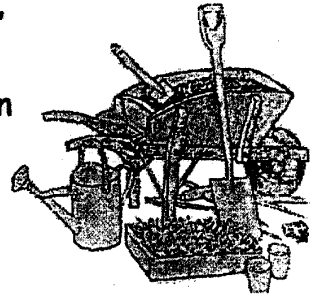
Fond du Lac County Master Gardener Ass'n

Saturday, April 2, 2011

UW Campus - Fond du Lac

8:00 a.m. Registration, Silent Auction, Vendors

Announcements: 8:45 a.m.



8:50 a.m. to 10:10 a.m. "Prairie Plants for Urban Gardens"
Neil Diboll, Prairie Nursery. Prairie Theater

10:10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Break, Silent Auction, Vendors

Choose one of these two:

A 10:30 a.m. to 11:50 p.m.
"Control of Insects in an Organic Garden"
Phil Pellittere, UW, Madison, Entomology Dept
Prairie Theater (First Lunch)

B 10:30 a.m. to 12:20 p.m.
"Herbs, Seed to Salad"
Linda Hersey Goodine, Plymouth
LGI/UC 113/114 (Second Lunch)

*Linstrom's Catering serves a gourmet Lunch which includes:
Soup, 4 types of sandwiches of which one is vegetarian, and a dessert bar.*

11:50 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Break, Silent Auction, Vendors

Choose one of these two:

C 1:00 p.m. to 2:20 p.m.
"Unique Flower Arrangement"
Patrick Creed, Botanicals, Fond du Lac
LGI Classroom

D 1:00 p.m. to 2:20 p.m.
"Diseases of Vegetables and Organic Control"
Brian Hudelson, UW Plant Pathologist
Prairie Theater

2:20 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Break, Vendors, Silent Auction Closes at 3:00 p.m.

3:00 p.m. to 4:20 p.m. "Edible Landscaping"
Keynote speaker: Mark Dwyer, Rotary Gardens, Janesville, Prairie Theater

4:20 p.m. Door Prizes

4:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Vendors

University of WI-U.S. Dept. of Agriculture-Fond du Lac County Cooperative. UW-Extension provides equal opportunities in employment and programming and Title IX requirements. Please advise us at time of registration if you are handicapped and desire special accommodations. Requests will be kept confidential.

UW-Extension reserves the right to cancel programs due to insufficient registration.

11th Annual "DAY IN THE GARDEN" - Registration Form

Saturday, April 2, 2011

Name: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail address: _____

Address: _____

Make check payable to: Fond du Lac County Master Gardeners
Fee: \$40.00/Person (includes lunch) *Early Bird Registration*

Questions - phone: Kathy Schneider
920-929-3171

_____ people @ \$40.00 person = \$ _____
(Total Amount Enclosed)

Detach and Mail by March 19, 2011 to:
Kathy Schneider, Fond du Lac County
227 Administration/Ext. Bldg.
U. W. Fond du Lac - 400 University Dr.
Fond du Lac, WI 54935

Morning Session (choose one)

_____ A "Control of Insects in an Organic Garden" Phil Pellittere
_____ B "Herbs, Seed to Salad" Linda Hersey

Afternoon Session (choose one)

_____ C "Unique Flower Arrangement" Patrick Creed
_____ D "Disease Control in the Organic Garden" Brian Hudelson

Speaker: