



Winnebago County Master Gardener

May 2014

Volunteer Newsletter

Mission Statement

Our purpose is to provide horticultural education, community service and environmental stewardship for our community in affiliation with the University of Wisconsin Extension Program.

PRESIDENTS' LETTER

As I write this letter, the last of the standing water in my backyard is oozing away—much to the dismay of the Mallard pair who have been enjoying the new pond, and of the redwing blackbirds who thought the marshland originally here had returned. (My dog was not equally pleased—he hates water and was forced to plow through it after a rabbit decided to move in.) The plants, however, are pushing through the earth—and water—to get about spring. It is one of the endless wonders of gardening.

May will be an eventful month for Master Gardeners. Marge Menacher and the Education Committee have organized a plant-buying trip to the Madison area for May 3. May 13 Jack Voight from The Butterfly Gardens of Wisconsin, will be the speaker at our Business Meeting and he will discuss that facility and plants for butterflies. I think he is bringing some plants for sale. We are also planning on visiting that garden in late summer. The Paine Festival of Spring is May 17 from 9:00-4:00. Members of our group will have a table of information and will also work throughout the Paine. Dara Sitter and Pat Behm are the leads for the Paine project.

All the projects are gearing up. The invasive team is leading off with Garlic pulling Mustard on the Wiouwash Trail and pulling Buckthorn in the Oshkosh North High Conservancy. Everyone is invited to participate!! The Oshkosh Farmers Market opens June 7 and there are spots available on the roster for the Saturday Master Gardeners booth. Stan Meyer has been busy growing a nice variety of heritage veggies for the Neenah Octagon House.

We want the newsletter calendar to list as many project activity dates as possible so interested gardeners can join in. Please provide all the info to editor Diana Dougherty by the 20th of the month—and please check the calendar regularly.

Remember that there will be no Business Meetings in June, July, or August. The annual picnic will be June 10 at Parkview. There will be some local garden tours and a coach tour in July so check the calendar and watch for emails with details.

The last of the Monarchs wintering in Mexico have moved into the Southern United States to raise the next generation. Please wish them well.

Mary and Linda



May

3.....Buying Trip

13.....Jack Voight at Bus. Mtg.

17....Paine Festival of Spring

...from our Advisor

Many of you are probably aware of the Invasive Species Rule - NR 40. The rule is aimed at preventing new invasive species from getting to Wisconsin, and enabling quick action to control or eradicate those here but not yet established. The invasive species rule creates a comprehensive, science-based system with criteria to classify invasive species into two categories: "prohibited" and "restricted." With certain exceptions, the transport, possession, transfer and introduction of "Prohibited" species is banned. "Restricted" species are also subject to a ban on transport, transfer and introduction, but possession is allowed, with the exception of fish and crayfish. The rule also establishes "Preventive Measures" to show what actions we can take to slow the spread of invasive species. BMP's (Best Management Practices) and educational publications for controlling invasive species can be found at <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Invasives/bmp.html>. NR 40 currently covers over 128 species and affects everyone in Wisconsin.

Currently, the Department of Natural Resources is proposing to revise Wisconsin's Invasive Species Rule. Revisions include adding more than 80 new species to the list and changing the regulatory status of several species. This is important to Master Gardeners because many of the new species include common and popular plants in your gardens. For example, Japanese barberry and many of its cultivars, moneywort, and burning bush are proposed to be listed as "Restricted". The complete list with any notes or exemptions can be found at <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/invasives/documents/ProposedSpecies1028.pdf>.

To help minimize the economic impact of listing new species, a phase-out period of five years for trees and shrubs, and three years for all other plants once listed as "Restricted" will be implemented. "Prohibited" species would be immediately subject to regulation. Additional information on the changes can be found at <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/invasives/classification.html>.

Being environmental stewards of our communities it is important to understand these regulations, become familiar with the listed plants, and spread the word. In addition, this is a wonderful opportunity to plant and promote beautiful non-invasive alternatives.

Kimberly

Oshkosh Saturday Farmers Market-2014

A big thank-you to Janet Priebe for taking all the pictures for our April presentation. Another big thank-you to Mary Haave for putting the pictures together on her computer.

Leads for the Farmers Market are: Janet Priebe, Patty Schmitz, Synda Jones, and Dorothy Gayhart-Kunz.

The Market starts June 7 and our Master Gardener booth goes through the first week in September. We start at 7:30 am for set up and we appreciate your coming that early. We finish at 12:30 PM. Hours can count as education hours. The Market is held rain or shine and we meet at the corner of Main and Church. PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN CHAIR!!!

Children's Day is June 14th. We usually help around 200 children plant a flower and make a craft item.

Our sign up sheet has been at the last two meetings and will be at the May meeting. A schedule will be sent out to all who have signed up. You can also contact Dorothy Gayhart-Kunz- (dorothy.kunz@new.rr.com) to sign up.

New members this is a great way to meet other Master Gardeners and get in some hours.

As we enter our 8th year at the Market, we look forward to sharing information with the public, selling Garden books and worm castings, and making new friends.

Usually between the MGs who attend we can come up with an answer or refer people to our hot line number. We have reference books and a lot of 'know how'.

So hope to see you at the Market, we can't do it without you!



WHAT WHO WHERE WHEN AND WHY
of INVASIVES

WHAT.....Education & Control of Invasive Species Project

This project currently focuses primarily on two invasive plants, garlic mustard and buckthorn. However, we are not limited to these two invasives. Others include Dame's rocket, teasel, phragmites, honeysuckle, reed canary grass, wild parsnip, loosestrife and all other restricted or prohibited plants recognized by the state of Wisconsin in NR40.

WHO.....All members are welcome to help with control of invasives and anytime spent controlling invasive plants IN AREAS OTHER THAN PROJECTS LISTED MAY BE COUNTED as VOLUNTEER HOURS.

WHERE..Planned workdays (garlic mustard) on the Wiouwash Trail and the Oshkosh North Conservancy Park (buckthorn). ANYWHERE and ANYPLACE such as woods, your backyard, neighbors, friends and family and fence rows.

WHEN...Watch for announcements via email, newsletter and meetings.

WHY.....Our focus has been on the actual work of removing these invasives and on educating other Master Gardeners and the public on how to recognize and control them.

Per Extension Weed Specialist from UW-Madison talk on 1-23-2013

Invasive defined as: Naturalized alien plant that can reproduce, spread and dominant area.

Human spreading and naturally spreading

Economic harm

Environmental harm

Harm to human health....allergies etc

Hopefully this will assist you in better understanding that you are able to report all volunteer hours in regards to controlling many invasives;
Just show your hours on the yearly hours report after the word INVASIVE.

Master Gardener.....Audrey Ruedinger April 2014



**You and your guest are invited to
attend the Winnebago County
Master Gardeners Annual Picnic**

Tuesday, June 10, 2014

6:00 pm

Parkview Health Center—Great Room

Meats, beverages and utensils provided

Bring a dish to pass

**Door
Prizes**

Food

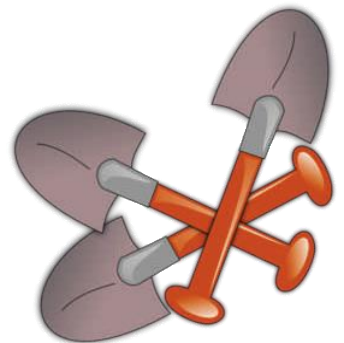
RSVP with names of attendees to:

Donna Kudlas at 920-233-0367 or dfkudlas@yahoo.com

Please Wear Your Name Tags

Plant Exchange

If you wish to participate, bring a labeled,
potted plant to the picnic and
take a new one home.



Bouquets From the Herb Garden

By Lawanda Jungwirth

Herbs are often defined as “useful plants.” This means they are used as food or medicine or in crafts. But many herbs have an additional attribute – beauty - and can hold their own in gorgeous bouquets.

Take basil for example. When growing basil for food, leaves are harvested before flowering for best flavor and flower stalks are clipped off to extend the harvest season. But by August, it's pretty hard to keep ahead of those flower stalks even with continuous cutting back. In just a day or two, the plants develop pretty flowers. Different kinds of basil present variously colored flowers and if you let them go, the stalks grow into tall spikes. They add lovely color and scent to bouquets, and can be hung upside down to dry for use later in dried arrangements. Their fragrance will linger for up to a year or more.

You might think that an herbal bouquet would have to be casual or folksy, but some herbs have elegant flowers suitable for formal décor. Common sage produces purple flowers on sturdy stems. Before the flowers are fully open, they are reminiscent of iris flowers just before bloom and could be cut at that point for a decorous bouquet. Allowed to fully open, the purple spikes combine well with other cut flowers.

Lavender is an herb for smaller formal bouquets. Fragrant purple, pink or white buds are held tightly on stiff stems. This is another herb that is easily dried by hanging upside down. Fragrance is retained for years.

For an even smaller bouquet in a tiny vase, thyme flowers form on stiff wiry stems. Flowers are purple, white or pink.

Germander is an herb often used as a neat edging in herb gardens. While it is mentioned as a cure many things in folk medicine, today its usefulness is mostly in its prettiness. Like thyme but slightly more substantial, purple to light pink flowers form in whorls at the top of stems and would work in both formal and more relaxed bouquets.

Many herbs do a wonderful job as big bouquet fillers. The yellow umbrella-shaped flowers of dill and fennel are perfect additions to a vase of zinnias. White-flowered fillers include anise and caraway.

Fragrant and pretty greenery can be added to bouquets with mints, lemon balm, lovage, parsley, sweet wormwood, rosemary, sweet Annie and catnip. Most of these herbs eventually produce flowers, and though they are insignificant, they will add a lovely casualness to the bouquet.

Some herbs stand on their own in easy bouquets. These include calendula, feverfew and bee balm. That's not to say these lovelies can't be combined with other flowers or a few greens though.

Back to basil again, nothing is prettier or simpler than a few non-flowering basil stems in a water glass on the window sill. In fact, this is the best way to store basil if you can't use it immediately. Just change the water daily and snip leaves as needed.

7-LAYER GREEK DIP

- 1 8 OZ Pkg Neufchatel Cheese, softened
- 1 tsp dill weed or Greek seasoning
- 3 cloves minced garlic
- 2 tsp lemon juice
- 1 1/2 c hummus
- 1 c seeded, diced cucumbers
- 1 c seeded, diced tomatoes
- 1/2 c chopped Kalamata olives
- 1/3 c chopped green onions
- 1/2 c crumbled Feta cheese
- 1/8-1/4 c minced fresh parsley

Combine cream cheese, seasoning, garlic and lemon juice in bowl and beat with electric mixer until light and fluffy.

Spread on bottom of pie plate or small, shallow dish.

Spread hummus on top of mixture.

In order, create layers by sprinkling the cucumbers, tomatoes, olives, onions, Feta Cheese, and parsley.

Cover with plastic wrap and chill for at least 2 hours.

Serve with pita chips, fresh vegetables and/or flatbread.

RECIPE BY CINDY MESZAROS

BUCKTHORN REMOVAL

May 10th and 24th

Where: meet at 931 Park Ridge Ave,
Oshkosh--woods are right behind my home
(North High Conservancy Park)

Time: 9:00am or whenever you can make it
12:00 light lunch and conversation and
relaxing

Bring: gloves for pulling the small
buckthorn. May need garden boots and
something for kneeling on.

Who: ALL are welcome!! Bring family and
friends.

Remember your travel time is also included
in your hours.

Newsletter Contributions

To contribute an article or more to
the Newsletter contact Diana
Dougherty at 233-7137 or email to
dldoug5@charter.net



2014

Flower Arranging schedule at Parkview Health center

Master gardeners meet on Mondays at 1:30

May 19th	flowers from Garden Gate
June 16th	flowers from our gardens
July 28th	their fair flowers from our gardens
August 25th	flowers from our gardens
Sept 22nd	flowers from our gardens
October 20th	flowers from Garden Gate
November 17th	flowers from Garden Gate
December 15th	flowers from Garden Gate

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY
PLEASE HELP PULL GARLIC MUSTARD
on the WIOUWASH TRAIL



Saturday, May 3, 2014

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

We will also be pulling garlic mustard on weekdays before and after this date weather permitting. Watch your email for notifications!

Meet at Brooks Road parking area.

From Oshkosh, take Hwy. 45 (Algoma Blvd.) north to the Ryf Road exit. Turn right on Cty. T at the top of the exit ramp. Go just over 1 ½ miles to Brooks Road. Turn left and go about 1 mile to the trail.

Or from Oshkosh, take Hwy. 76 (Jackson St.) Go under Hwy. 41 and turn left at the frontage road - Green Valley Road. Turn right on Brooks Rd. just before Stuart's Landscaping. Go 3 miles to the trail.

From the Fox Valley, take Cty. II, Larsen Rd, Oakridge Rd., Cty JJ or Breezewood Rd. west to Hwy. 76. Turn left and go south to Green Valley Road (Hwy. 41 frontage road). Turn right on Green Valley and then right again on Brooks Rd. just before Stuart's Landscaping. Go 3 miles to the trail.

To find the Brooks Road parking area by GPS, use address 4151 Brooks Road, Oshkosh.

Your help is welcome even if you can come for only an hour or two!

You do not have to get there at 9:00 a.m. Come anytime!

Bring gloves, kneeling cushion or knee pads and a dandelion digger (the small hand tool). A five gallon bucket is handy also. Garlic mustard pulls easily but a dandelion digger makes it even easier and helps ensure that the roots don't break off.

This is a rather pleasant pastime on a nice spring day. You'll enjoy yourself and perform an important environmental service by helping to remove an extremely invasive plant.

Call Lawanda Jungwirth at 836-2878 or e-mail ljungwirth@new.rr.com for more information

or JUST SHOW UP!

Master Gardeners Business Meeting

April 8, 2014

The Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Presentation:

The speaker for the night canceled

Treasures Report: Sue Egner

Report for March was presented

Secretary report

There is a correction to the board April minutes. The minutes were from April not March

New Business

The picnic is scheduled for June 10 at Parkview Nursing Home. Members should bring a dish to pass. Volunteers can come early to help set up. Jerry Robak asked if there would be a plant exchange at the picnic. The majority of the members agreed with the idea.

The Newsletter is going to be the “go to place” for information. Project leads looking for volunteers should email Diane Dougherty with the information. The cut off day for the newsletter is the 20th of the month.

Gardening articles are appreciated for the newsletter.

Project Updates:

All projects are open to the members. New members are welcome at all projects. All projects are submitted to the board for approval. The project forms are on the website. The volunteer hour log sheets are also on the website.

Project Presentations: Farmers Market- Dorothy Gayhart Kunz, Janet Priebe, Synda Jones and Patty Schmitz The Farmers Market takes place downtown Oshkosh. The members set up at 7:30 on Saturday’s mornings from June through September. There are worm castings for sale, along with Lawanda’s book. There are brochures that are handed out to the public on soil testing and invasive plants. Kid’s Day this year is on June 14th. Some of the past events with the kids has been planting flowers and making butterflies. The Farmers Market has booths offering food, fruit, vegetables, plants, crafts and much more. This year we received a grant for \$100 for Farmers Market for Kids Day.

Oshkosh Area Humane Society Memorial Garden- Julie and Matt Miller

The gardens were started in 2010. The Human Society was given donations, which they used to create a garden. The area is located between two parking lots. There were about 12 of the master gardeners that planned the garden. The garden contains raised beds and rock gardens. The gardens have statues that are worked into the space. Perennial gardens contain lavender, lilies and other plants that attract butterflies.

There are benches throughout the gardens to enjoy the relaxing atmosphere that the gardens create. In 2013 a new sign was added. Matt and Julie partnered with the cub scouts and added birdhouses, which the scouts dedicated to their pets. Volunteers are needed to help with the gardens. Saturday’s mornings they meet at the location. They also have other volunteer times. It is a wonderful chance to educate the public and there are opportunities where you can work on your own. Anyone interested please contact Matt and Julie at 233-8370.

New Opportunities **Omro Library- site landscaping** Menasha Maplewood School- working with the kids with seed planting and etc. Winchester Museum- advise with their gardens Emmeline Cook- Marge is looking for volunteers to help Georgia Pacific- Lunch and Learn Habitat for Humanity- advice and educate the new home owners on gardens

Education Committee Report:

The trip to Savannah was a great success There will be two to three bus trips this summer Madison bus buying trip will be Saturday May 3, 6:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

UW Extension Updates: Kimberly Miller

A reminder the mandatory reporting of child abuse must be completed before you submit your hours on Sept 1. You cannot renew your membership without completing this training. Level two is Branching Out The fall will have a workshop on tree identification. Dates to be determined

DNR was updated their NR40 plants

Other News

Sue Egner attended the state meeting where they discussed the importance of the mandatory child abuse reporting training. July 31-August 1 will be the annual meeting in LaCrosse Two grants were awarded to our organization, one was for the Farmers Market Kids Day and the other was for signs.

There will be buckthorn removal days in May. They will be pulling the smaller plants

Butterfly plans were submitted. We will be accepting plans at the May business meeting also.

There will be Milk Weed plants available for the projects.

The May speaker will be Jack Voight from the Butterfly Garden in Appleton. Jack will also have plants to attract butterflies for sale.

The Wild Ones are having a plant sale. The form is on their website. The orders are due April 23. If you have Master Garden clothing that did not fit, you can list it in the newsletter Eric Crop announced there is a Violet Show in Oshkosh on May 3-4 at St. Jude Church Worm casting are available to purchase

Next Business meeting will be May 13

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jo Maher, Secretary Winnebago County Master Gardeners

Winnebago County Master Gardeners Board of Directors

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	Janet Priebe	233-1898
	Patty Schmitz	420-1676
	Synda Jones	233-3228
Home & Garden Shows	Joni Pagel	233-6619
	Cindy Meszaros	233-3550
Humane Society Reflection Garden	Matt and Julie Miller	233-8370
Lincoln School	Linda Christensen	233-0044
	Mary Haave	231-2542
Octagon House	Jerry Robak	722-3311
Paine Gardens	Pat Behm	410-3290
	Dara Sitter	420-0620
Park View Cutting Garden	Bill Weber	231-2936
Park View Vegetable Garden	Tom Weber	233-3729
Park View Prairie Garden	Ken Hawk	426-1691
Park View Flower Arranging	Dorothy Bonnin	836-2868
	Lil Hansche	235-4740
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Shared Harvest	Ken Friedman	235-6766
ThedaCare	Diane Iott	379-4176
Washington & Webster Schools	Marge Menacher	233-3467

<i>May 2014</i>						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					2	3 <i>Buying trip</i> <i>Garlic Mustard Pull 9-12</i>
4	5	6 <i>MG Brd Mtg 6:00</i>	7	8	9	10 <i>Buckthorn Removal 9-12</i>
11	12	13 <i>MG Bus Mtg 6:00</i>	14	15	16	17 <i>Paine Festival of Spring 9-4</i>
18	19 <i>Parkview Flower Arranging 1:30</i>	20	21	22	23	24 <i>Buckthorn Removal 9-12</i>
25	26  <i>Memorial Day</i>	27	28	29	30	31

<i>June 2014</i>						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 <i>MG Brd Mtg 6:00</i> <i>Parkview Gardening-noon</i>	4	5	6	7 <i>Farm Market</i>
8	9	10 <i>MG picnic 6:00</i> <i>Parkview Gardening-noon</i>	11	12	13	14 <i>Farm Market- Children's Day</i>
15	16 <i>Parkview Flower Arranging-130</i>	17 <i>Parkview gardening-noon</i>	18	19	20	21 <i>Farm Market</i>
22	23	24 <i>Parkview gardening-noon</i>	25	26	27	28 <i>Farm Market</i>
29	30					