

WINNEBAGO COUNTY MASTER GARDENER NOVEMBER 2010 - NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S JULY LETTER

Hello,

We certainly have been having some beautiful fall weather. I've been busy, as I'm sure all of you have, getting the garden ready for the coming winter. Every year I tell myself I'm not going to, but I end up buying some more bulbs and rush to plant them before the ground completely freezes. However, I'm always happy when they poke their heads up and bloom in spring.

I received a nice e-mail from Donald Wolter regarding the landscape plan for the Oshkosh Seniors Center and want to share some of it. He writes, "As you recall, Teresa Walotka and Curt Reese answered our call for help doing a new landscape plan for the Seniors Center. They have done a great job, and I am very excited with the sketches they have done for our primary areas. We are very grateful to these two individuals and the Master Gardeners Club for their efforts on this project."

Please attend the November 9th business meeting to cast your vote at our annual election of Officers and Board Members. Certified Master Gardeners in good standing (paid dues) are eligible to vote. The meeting will begin at 5:30 pm at the Coughlin Center.

Our annual Awards Banquet will be held on Monday, December 6th. We will not have a regular business meeting in December. The banquet details and registration form are in the Newsletter. We hope to see all of you there!

Wishing you and your families a Happy Thanksgiving,
Mary & Kathy

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Nick's Notes:

Some of you may have heard the acronym "CHIP" lately. I know there are a few Master Gardeners, such as Linda Werner and Linda Baeten, serving on CHIP committees providing their professional expertise. (Sorry if I missed any other MGs.) CHIP stands for Community Health Improvement Plan. First, I'm writing about this in the event you run across CHIP somewhere in our county and are not sure what it refers to. More importantly though is the CHIP process is moving through the planning stage to the action stage. There are committees formed around these four priorities:
Priority 1: Healthy Lifestyles
Priority 2: Physical Activity
Priority 3: Obesity/Overweight/Type II Diabetes
Priority 4: Healthy Recreation Opportunities

Linda Werner and I happen to be involved on the committee working on Priority 3: Obesity/Overweight/Diabetes. From the meetings I've participated in, Master Gardeners come up often as a possible partner. For example, providing fresh produce to the Oshkosh Area Food Pantry already is a sanctioned project where we have a loose partnership through members to another community organization, the Rotary. Teaching kids about growing and eating fresh vegetables is another topic of discussion. Fortunately, Marge Menacher spearheaded bringing GOT DIRT? to the area so we have members who can use the train-the-trainer approach with teachers and day care providers. The list of examples is long.

Stepping back, we can look at all of the priorities listed above and agree gardening has a place in overcoming this urgent community challenge. This past week at the statewide UW Extension conference, Mike Maddox, Horticulture Agent in Rock County said some thought provoking words about the good of horticulture. His words lead me to believe that horticulture education is not just "nice to have" (this is an infamous critique of University Extension), but essential for the wellbeing of a community. I know the volunteerism within the Winnebago County Master Gardeners is exceptional already, yet I sense this CHIP process is going to open up even more opportunities.

Thank you all for your efforts of the past and those that will come.

Nick

What Am I? by Jane Kuhn

I am a late-summer/fall blooming ornamental perennial which is cultivated for its hardiness and low maintenance. I have opposite lance shaped leaves and showy flowers which may be light purple, pink or white. My flowers form along the upper half of my 3-4 foot spikes, in four neat vertical rows and begin opening from the bottom up. My flowers are tubular with white areas on margins and interior. Since my blooms last for about six weeks, you can enjoy me well into autumn.

I am happy in either sunny or lightly shaded spots and am very drought tolerant. Although I prefer a moist, slightly acidic soil, I will grow fine in average or poor soil and then spreading will be less of a problem. I can be propagated by dividing existing clumps in the spring or fall and can be started from seed about two months before planting outside. The biggest maintenance chore is keeping me from rampant spreading. Less or no fertilizing means less aggressive spreading. Besides adding color in fall, I make a long lasting cut flower and also attract hummingbirds and butterflies.

Master Gardeners Board Meeting October 5, 2010

The Meeting was called to order by Mary Wiedenmeier, 5:00 pm

Present: Mary Wiedenmeier, Kathy Daniels, Ivan Placko, Linda Baeten, Sue Bohn, Stan Meyer, Bob Potter, Ken Hawk, Roy Anne Moulton, Marge Menacher, Audrey Ruedinger, Marge Bolding
Excused: Alice Graf

Treasurer's Report –

A handout was provided. Total of all accounts is \$18,347.78

- Project leads can still turn in expenses until the end of the year.
- Congratulations to Roy Anne and the Education/Trip committee for bringing in revenue this year.
- Two boxes of cookbooks were recently found. An e-mail will go out asking if members have any unsold cookbooks in their possession.
- The sale of Cobra tools was considered a good idea. It's a great tool.

Secretary's Report – Linda Baeten

No corrections were made to the September Board Minutes.

Other Reports:

Nominations and November elections – Audrey

- Ivan will be traveling a lot next year and is concerned about the effect that may have on the office of Vice President.
- No one has stepped forward for Secretary at this point.
- Six people are interested in serving as a Board Member.
- Audrey is looking for biographies from the candidates to publish in the Newsletter before the elections.
- It was suggested to write up "job descriptions" outlining the duties of the Officers and Board Members.
- Linda Baeten will create a ballot form and work with Audrey to list the names of those running.
- The Board will look for a way to keep the pool of candidates, and members in general, engaged.

Publicity – Roy Anne

- Roy Anne passed around the latest draft of the WCMGV Brochure.
- Rosemary Smith has agreed to be the Chair for the Publicity Committee.

OLD BUSINESS

SOP's

Alice had revised the SOP Proposal with changes made from the last few discussions. Ivan asked for input from the Board in hope to present it to the membership in November. It is still a work in progress, and listed below are some of the major changes that were agreed upon:

- Consistency of grammar, specifically the use of "shall" instead of "will".
- Follow the State's SOPs regarding volunteer hours, continuing education and eligibility for certification and recertification. (sections II & III)
- Change "October" to "annually" when it comes to project proposals.
- After some confusion as to whether the word "sanction" is used as both noun and verb, and much discussion, the Board agreed to change "sanctioned projects" to "core projects" as both "core" and "individual" projects have to be approved (i.e. sanctioned).
- Project Leads Responsibilities (section VII) was pared down to make is easier to understand.

- Section VIII regarding the Advisor's Role was changed per Nick Schneider's suggestion.
- A fourth point was added to the Committee Chairperson section IX, B: "submit funding requests to the Board as needed for approval."
- By consensus, the Board agreed to combine the Education and Trip Committee (sections X & XI).
 - The Board also felt this combined section needs to be simplified.
 - Final approval of all trips and education events is the responsibility of the Board.
 - Members who wish to bring forth ideas for trips and events may coordinate and work with the committee.
 - Roy Anne provided a draft to be discussed at the next Board Meeting.
- A change was suggested to the Grant Section XII, B. regarding whether grants from outside sources would need to be passed through the WCMGV treasury. Marge Menacher had specific examples of how this would be difficult in regard to school projects.
- Discussion of SOPs will continue at the next Board Meeting. Ivan noted the changes made this evening and will provide an updated version as decided thus far.

Grant Applications for 2011 – Roy Anne

Since no other suggestions came forth, Roy Anne submitted a grant proposal to the State MG organization for \$500.00 toward speaker fees for Jeff Epping. Applications were due October 1, 2010.

Golden Trowel Awards - Stan

Stan asked that the Golden Trowel awards be put on next month's agenda. Stan, Roy Anne and Linda Tobey are on the nominating committee. Anyone from the membership may suggest a candidate. Candidates must be a Certified MG for a minimum of 5 years.

Other New Business – Kathy

The Oshkosh Garden Club Luncheon to be held on November 20 is open to anyone. Kathy will send an e-mail to the membership.

Meeting adjourned approximately 8:40

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Baeten

CHANGE OF EMAIL ADDRESS

Joni Pagel has a new email address. It is

joni.pagel@gmail.com

Please change this information in your members booklet to help you keep up to date.

Oshkosh Saturday Farmers Market-end of the year thank you

The MG booth at the market has a lot of information for the public. We answer questions, give out hand outs, sell cook books and worm castings and provide resources for information. Next year, every two weeks or so, we will feature a table with a different theme. We feel this will address timely material better.

This summer was interesting for all of us. Janet and I both had operations within a few weeks of each other. Our thanks to Synda Jones and Patty Schmitz who took over for us for the several weeks we were unable to be at the market. Sue Egner subbed for Janet one Saturday. With their help the market stayed open!

To our new members: Working at the Oshkosh Saturday Farmers Market will earn you Community education hours. We start in June and finish in October. Sign up in the spring. You earn 5 volunteer hours every Saturday you work.

The market will move to Main Street next year and will remain there. Church Street will be closed for that morning and the market will be about 1,000 feet long. Dennis and Carleen Leatherman (Managers) have been busy figuring out where everything will be. Our MG booth will be on Church St. right in the middle of the market.

Thanks to all who participated this summer: Joni Pagel, Karen Wedde, Sandra Gollhofer, Pat Behm, Marty Sackstecker, Alice Graf, Dorothy Bonnin, Bob Potter, Betty Kuhn, Marge Bolding, Patty Schmidt, Synda Jones, Bob and Arlene Kosanke, Ken Hawk, Sue Egner, Kay Bartell, Debbie Quant, Linda Christensen, Janet Priebe, Dorothy Kunz.

REMEMBER WE CAN'T BE AT THE MARKET WITHOUT YOUR SUPPORT!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN NOVEMBER



Dorothy Bonnin, Diana Dougherty, Sandy Giessen, Sandra Gollhofer, Lawanda Jungwirth, Arlene Kosanke, Betty Kuhn, Barbara Kuhn, Curt Reese, Patty Schmitz, Rosemary Smith, Bruce Abraham, Pat Behm, Cindy Meszaros

Answer to What Am I?

I am an obedient plant. Family: Lamiaceae. Species: *Physostegia virginiana*. Other common names are fall obedient plant and false dragonhead. The common name "obedient plant" results from the fact that the flowers will remain in place after being moved. Unfortunately obedient plant is not so obedient in the garden where it can spread to the point of nuisance. Newer varieties like "Miss Manners" are being bred to remain in well-behaved clumps.



Resources: USDA Plants Database and associated links

Flower Arranging

Beautiful bouquets were made at Park View on October 11th, thanks to Lil Hansche, Arlene Kosanke, and Janet Priebe with flowers from their gardens, Park View's cutting gardens, and donated flowers from Garden Gate on Oregon St. On November 22, we'll be making more arrangements at 1:30.

Everyone (new members as well) is welcome to join us in helping to bring smiles to our wonderful residents at Park View. Give me a call at 410-3290 (Pat Behm).



ELECTION EDITION:

November is our MGVA Election month as well as the nations. Because of the fact that it is election time and you need to know who the members running for office or a board seat are, and where and when you can cast your vote we will devote the remainder of this issue to providing you election information.

Below is a list of Bios. from members who are interested in one or more of the positions up for election, and what position they are interested in.

Thanks
The Newsletter Staff



Marge Menacher – interested in Board position and State Rep.

Hello, I'm Marge Menacher and I would like to tell you a little about myself. I taught elementary school children for 35 years and recently retired. I have been a Master Gardener since 2005 and have enjoyed every minute. I have been a part of the education committee, helping to plan classes and trips to various areas of Wisconsin. Helping to get the Master Gardeners involved in working in several of our after school programs has been challenging, but very rewarding. Along with the school programs, I am a "Got Dirt" trainer, working with Pat Behm and Nick Schneider to help educators to implement gardening programs in their own classrooms. I have been on the board for the past year and have benefitted from learning more about how our association plans and works. I hope to be able to continue my work on the board helping to keep our association to be the best group that we are capable of being.

I also want to work as a state representative to gain knowledge from other groups that can benefit our group as well as getting important information at

the state level that can assist the MG's and hopefully also our school groups. I believe that knowing what our board is doing will benefit my work at the state level and information gained as a state representative will benefit our board. Please talk with me about concerns that you have so that we can work on solutions to the problem.

Carole Dorsch – Is interested in the open Board position

I was introduced to gardening by picking raspberries in my parents' garden, while growing up in Waukau, only two doors down from Audrey's land. Early in my marriage my mother-in-law gave me some of her phlox divisions and I had my humble beginnings as a gardener. For the past 28 years I've lived in Pickett with my husband Joe, where we raised our three sons on a large 2 acre property.

Since becoming a Certified Master Gardener Volunteer in 2005, I have volunteered at The Paine Gardens and Park View Gardens. Upon request from the Pickett Community Center Director, I applied for an individual project to research, design, and plant a garden at the center. Along with other community members, the courtyard garden was developed, with a "fundraiser" brick path that continues to bring in funds for the Pickett Community Center.

Currently, I am co-chair for the Rushford Town Hall Project which began in spring of 2009. We have done foundation plantings with natives and are currently planning on putting in a terraced rain garden with the help of Marshland Aquatics. It has been a rewarding experience researching, designing and planting with such a wonderful group of Master Gardener Volunteers, who enjoy each other and like to eat!

Since the fall of 2005 I have been employed at Stuart's Landscaping and Garden Center, and am presently the Perennial Supervisor at the Oshkosh location. In this position my duties include but are not limited to ordering plants, plant maintenance, designing displays, and assisting customers with garden design and plant selection. I am also Private Applicator Certified.

Kim Scharpf – is interested in the open Board seat

After 8 seasons of employment in various green industry positions, I am happy to offer my energy and knowledge volunteering. I believe people have a right to know about their outdoor environment and enjoy getting them involved. My degree in art lends itself well to horticultural endeavors. I have helped plan gardens and containers, worked in greenhouses and nurseries and even learned about agricultural research. My passion is conservation of our natural spaces for future generations and wildlife. A recent interest is vegetable gardening focused on heirloom plants and seed collecting.

I am blessed with two healthy, beautiful children who each like different aspects of gardening. My 4 year old daughter loves to pick flowers and dig in the soil. Reed, my 7 year old son, loves to eat from the garden and enjoys fall cutting and clean up. Our home is energetic, and we love to spend time outdoors. When we are inside, reading, art projects, and writing keep us busy.

Being a Master Gardener is going to expand my knowledge and my circle of friends. I am very excited to share my talents and look forward to the opportunities I will gain.

Jane Kuhn – is interested in a shared Co-Vice Presidency

I have a strong interest in continually learning about gardening and all of its aspects, sharing knowledge and experience with others as well as providing leadership in the Master Gardener organization.

Master Gardeners' Activities:

Regularly:

- Parkview cutting gardens
- Webster/Washington School garden programs
- Master Gardener Newsletter – write monthly article
- Monthly meetings

Periodically:

- Paine Gardens
- Control invasive species
- Parkview flower arranging
- Registration Committee for WCMG seminar
- MG sponsored trips

Other:

Retired school teacher and administrator
Serve/have served as board member/officer/
volunteer for various community organizations such
as Oshkosh Community YMCA, Lutheran Homes of
Oshkosh, WCARC, Girl Scouts, Oshkosh
Foundation Women's Grant Committee, Food
Bank, Church activities

Other Nominations:

If there are any others who would like to be
considered for an open position, please contact
any board member ASAP. You will be put on the
ballot. Remember however, you must be a certified
member in good standing (you have paid your
dues) to hold any office or sit on the Board.

When & Where will the elections be held?

The elections will be held at the top of the business
meeting on Tuesday **November 9th**. If you are
unable to make the meeting, and would still like to
vote, an absentee ballot will be in this issue.

To cast a ballot either at the meeting or an
absentee ballot you must be a certified Winnebago
County Master Gardener in good standing. Ballots
will be handed out, collected and counted at the
meeting.

To cast an absentee ballot you must fill out the
ballot from this newsletter and send it to Linda
Baeten, the Secretary, by November 8, the day
before the election. You may send in your ballot by
regular mail or email. Linda's address is 1112
Merritt Ave., Oshkosh, WI, 54901. Her e-mail is
baeten@ntd.net

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| <p style="text-align: center;">Absentee Ballot</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Secretary</p> <p>Write in - _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vice-President / Co-Vice President</p> <p>Jane Kuhn - ____</p> <p>Write in - _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Board Member (vote for one only)</p> <p>Marge Menacher - ____</p> <p>Kim Scharpf - ____</p> <p>Carole Dorsch - ____</p> <p>Write in - _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">State Representative</p> <p>Marge Menacher - ____</p> <p>Write in - _____</p> |
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You and your guest are cordially invited to attend
Winnebago County Master Gardeners Association Awards Banquet

Monday, December 6, 2010

6 pm Social (cash bar)

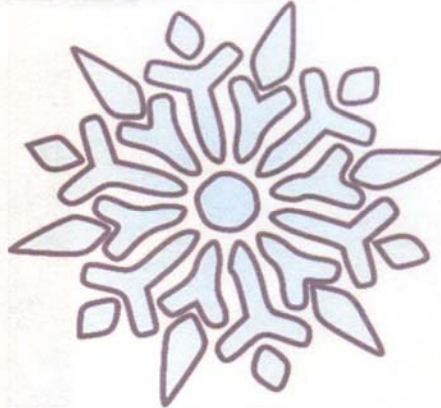
7 pm Dinner

7:45 pm Awards

Bridgewood Resort Hotel
1000 Cameron Way
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Cost per person \$17.00

WEAR YOUR NAME TAG PLEASE



Snowflake Dinner Buffet

Includes: Tossed Salad w/ choice of dressing, Fresh Vegetable Tray, Pasta Salad, Vegetable Salad, Fresh Fruit, Cheese Tortellini w/ Pesto Alfredo Sauce, Baby Red Potatoes, Vegetables, Sliced Roast Top Sirloin, Chicken Bruschetta, Parmesan Crusted Tilapia, Home Baked Dinner Rolls, Coffee, Milk or Iced Tea and Festive Desserts.

Please return no later than Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Mail w/payment to: Mary Wiedenmeier, 1923 Northpoint St., Oshkosh, WI 54901

Make check out to: WCMGA (Winnebago County Master Gardeners Association)

Your Name: _____ Guest Name: _____
(Please Print)

Cost per person \$17.00

Amount Enclosed: _____

SANCTIONED CORE PROJECTS

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| 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 | |
| Barbara Kuhn | 426-2920 |
| Rushford Town hall | |
| Audrey Ruedinger | 231-5745 |
| Carol Dorsch | 589-5936 |
| Shared Harvest | |
| Ken Friedman | 235-6766 |
| Fox Cities Habitat for Humanity | |
| David Leonard | 379-5860 |
| Washington & Webster Schools | |
| Marge Menacher | 223-3467 |

OFFICERS / BOARD MEMBERS

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|-------------------------|----------|
| Mary Wiedenmeier (PRES) | 426-0991 |
| Kathy Daniels (PRES) | 233-0410 |
| Ivan Placko (VP) | 721-9394 |
| Linda Baeten (SEC) | 232-1224 |
| Alice Graf (TRES) | 203-8252 |

BOARD MEMBERS

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|------------------|----------|
| Susan Bohn | 685-0427 |
| Marge Menacher | 233-3467 |
| Stanley Meyer | 725-6486 |
| Ken Hawk | 426-1691 |
| Audrey Ruedinger | 231-5745 |
| Roy Anne Moulton | 886-1283 |
| Bob Potter | 233-3349 |

COMMITTEES

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|---------------------------------|----------|
| Education and Trips | |
| Roy Anne Moulton | 886-1283 |
| Education – Meetings | |
| Audrey Ruedinger | 231-5745 |
| Event Planning | |
| Kathy Daniels | 233-0410 |
| Mary Wiedenmeier | 426-0991 |
| Historian | |
| Dawn Kent | 410-8866 |
| Membership | |
| Dawn Kent | 410-8866 |
| Newsletter | |
| Linda Tobey | 734-2264 |
| Jean Reed | 729-9012 |
| Lawanda Jungwirth | 836-2878 |
| Jane Kuhn | 231-3993 |
| Refreshment Committee | |
| Linda Loker | 426-1435 |
| State Rep | |
| Bob Kosanke | 231-1873 |
| SOP & Bylaw Committee | |
| Stan Meyer | 725-6486 |
| Sunshine | |
| Liz Ginke | 722-8140 |
| Hours | |
| Bruce Abraham | 231-3747 |
| Home & Garden Shows | |
| Joni Pagel | 233-6619 |
| Cindy Meszaros | 233-3550 |
| Website, Computer and Projector | |
| Jean Reed | 729-9012 |

November 2 - Board Meeting – 6:00PM
BUSINESS MEETING November 9 @ 5:30
Election Night

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.





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A garden is a link to the passing seasons.
Sheryl London

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THUR | FRI | SAT |
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| | 1 | 2 6:00 BOARD MEETING CLASS | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 7 | 8 | 9 5:30 ELECTION & BUSINESS MEETING CLASS | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14 | 15 | 16 CLASS | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21 | 22 | 23 LAST CLASS  | 24 | 25  | 26 | 27 |
| 28 | 29 | 30 |  RSVP TO AWARDS DINNER | | | |