

WINNEBAGO COUNTY MASTER GARDENER NEWSLETTER

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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JANUARY 2006

OPEN SANCTIONED PROJECTS

Community Gardens	
Open	
Farmers Market	
Dorothy Gayhart Kunz	233-8468
Paine Gardens	
Audrey Reudinger	231-5745
John Procknow	429-4797
Park View Cutting Garden	
Rob Robinson	231-1162
Park View Vegetable Garden	
Rick Hansen	233-3922
Al & Judy Harms	688-5523
Park View Flower Arranging	
Marlene Miller	231-4339
Plant Sale	
Vickie Ludeke	582-4348
Mary Fischer	685-6022

CLOSED SANCTIONED PROJECTS

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

COMMITTEES

Education	
Roy Anne Moulton	886-1283
Education – Meetings	
Audrey Ruedinger	231-5745

Historian	
John Procknow	429-4797
Membership	
Chris Bellin	233-4968
Newsletter	
Linda Baeten	232-1224
Contributing Reporter	
Lawanda Jungwirth	836-2878
Socials	
Lynne Goudreau	722-8233
State Rep	
Bob Kosanke	231-1873
Sunshine	
Judy Harms	688-5523
Marlene Konsek	725-8856
Time Keeper	
Shelley Aaholm	731-8570
Trip Coordinator	
Meg Hunsader	757-1410

OFFICERS

President	
Linda Tobey	734-2264
Vice President	
Lynne Goudreau	722-8233
Secretary	
Dorothy Gayhard-Kunz	233-8468
Treasurer	
Marge Bolding	233-8668

MEETING NOTICE

**NO MEETING IN JANUARY 2006
ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN THE
BOARD MEETING ON JANUARY 3
Regular Membership Business meetings will
resume in February
HAVE FUN, BE ACTIVE!**

Dear Fellow Gardeners,

To begin my letter this month I want to thank all of you for the gavel at the Holiday Party. I promise to make great use of it. Now I won't have to have one of the guys yell to get everyone's attention to call a meeting to order. Me and my little hammer will do the job nicely all by ourselves. – Thanks Again.

Here we are in a brand new year. I think we will see many things change this year, and many great things happen. Classes will be starting in just a few days. Soon we will be having our first bus trip to the Madison Expo. I am very excited about it. I have wanted to go there for the past few years and just wasn't able to pull it off. This year I'm taking the bus. Our new Madison trip, however, doesn't mean we will be missing our Chicago trip. We will be doing both. Please come and join me on the trips. This is one way we have to help replenish our coffers so we have funds for all of our projects. We are also looking forward to our Master Gardener Conference in March. The Tri County has worked very hard putting together what looks to be a great event. Wow, and that's only the highlights of the first couple of months. Looks like an exciting year ahead for us all.

Our Christmas was white just like the dream, reminded me of an old Courier and Ives print. New Years looks to be grand and opening a new cornucopia of endless bounty for us all. With all of the great stuff ahead of us we better relax and rest now while we have the chance. I think I'll now take my own advice, kick back with my seed catalogs dream and relax while I can. Gavel and I will have a lot of work ahead of us. Now is the time to rest.

See You in the Garden
Linda

1. MAKERS & SHAKERS:

These are the members that were in attendance for our December meeting. We thank all of you for being a vital part of our organization.

Ken Schwanke	Stanley Meyer	Dorothy Kuntz	Janet Priebe
Ralph Giessen	Sue Bohn	Vicki Schultz	Marge Bolding
Sandy Giessen	Kathy Daniels	Linda Baeten	John Procknow
Al Harms	Debbie Quandt	Curt Reese	Dian Iott
Judy Harms	Audrey Ruedinger	Ken Hawk	Ben DeDecker
Marty Sacksteder	Barbara Elmer	Ben DeDecker	Amy Asenbrener
Gail Roush	Marlene Miller	Tom Fojtik	Linda Loker

We will NOT have a January business meeting due to the fact that I could not reserve a room. We have nothing vital to attend to right now so we will take a break. Please feel free to attend our Board meeting to be held at the Coughlin Center on January 3. Our Board meetings are always open to our members to attend.

- 2. HOLIDAY AND AWARDS DINNER:** Our Party was great this year. We thank all of you who were able to come for making it a very enjoyable evening. Hopefully more of our members will be able to join in the festivities next year. It is our biggest party of the year and well worth the wait.

We had 68 people at the party. There were food and spirits a plenty. Below is a list of all of our award winners, both those who were present and those unable to attend.

Plaques and Name Badges for first time certifiers

Anne Allen	Judith Hergert	Martha Skruby
Amy Asenbrener	Diane Iott	Sue Steinhilber
Kay Bartell	Marcy LeMieux	Sue Tappy
Kathy Baum	Suzette Lizotte	Terri Tappy
Patricia Behm	Linda Loker	Chris Westen
Linda Van Ness	Carol Bricco	Carlene Luebke
Kathy Daniels	Eileen Meeker	Ruth Debruin

Barbara Elmer
Nancy Meyer
Ruth Freye
Gail Roush

Marge Menacher
Maurice Fisher
Particia Rockow
Tami Goodwin

John Zeinert
Debbie Quandt
Steve Goodwin
Marti Sacksteder

Accumulative Hours Disc Winners

100 hours: Jean Reed, Rob Robinson

150 Hours: Linda Werner, Marge Bolding, Curt Reese, Mary Ginke, Ken Schwabke

200 Hours: Kenneth Hawk, Janet Priebe

250 Hours: Arlene Kosanke, Joel Eisch

300 Hours: Bob Kosanke

350 Hours: Judy Harms, Al Harms

450 Hours: Lynne Goudreau, Lawanda Jungwirth

500 Hours: Roy Anne Moulton

550 Hours: Stanley Meyer

1000 Hours and Over: Dorothy Gayhardt/Kunz, Marlene Miller, Audrey Ruedinger, John Procknow

2000 Hours and Over: Linda Tobey

GOLDEN TROWEL WINNERS

Stanley Meyer

Dorothy Gayhardt/kunz

Judy & Al Harms

We also had years of service awards from the State presented by Jason

CONGRATULATIONS!!

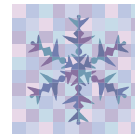
If you were not in attendance you can pick your award up at a meeting, or first night of class or call Dorothy Kunz to make arrangements.

- Hours Award Explanation:** It seems that not everyone knows how the hours awards are determined. The awards hours are accumulated hours over all of the years of membership. Some members pick up hours very quickly because they are very involved in our activities, attend meetings, and serve on various committees. Other members do what they can each year and put in at least their minimum requirement. I can give you a breakdown of hours members have put in this past year if you wish. Just let me know. I do think we should recognize our very supportive members. Those who put in 100 hours or more just this past year. They are: Ken Hawk – 100 hours, Karen Wedde 103 hours, Arlene Kosanke 110 hours, John Procknow 112 hours, Vicki Luedtke 116 hours, Audrey Ruedinger 128 hours, Bob Kosanke 131 hours, Lynne Goudreau 139 hours, Mike Wiedenhaft 242 hours, Dorothy Gayhardt/Kunz 366 hours, Roy Anne Moulton 408 hours and Linda Tobey 906 hours.

- Notice:**

There will be no Members Business Meeting in January.

All members are invited to sit in on our Board Meeting January 3 at the Coughlin. All Board meetings are open to our members and you are always welcome to sit in. You are however, not eligible to vote at these meetings unless you are a board member.



MINUTES

**Master Gardener Meeting, 12/13/2005, 6:30 PM,
Coughlin Center**

The meeting was called to order by president, Linda Tobey. She enjoyed using her new gavel which was presented to her in appreciation for all her hard work at the Christmas Awards party.

Treasurer's Report

A MOTION was made and passed to accept the treasurer's report. Marge Bolding also passed out a listing of expenditures to help explain the balances since she took office. Marge reported a balance of \$865.20.

A MOTION was made and passed to accept the secretary's report as published in the newsletter.

We celebrated both John Procknow's (a young 89 years old) and Audrey Ruedinger's birthdays which were both on December 9, with a song and birthday cake.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Elect New Board Members

John Procknow's three year elected board term is up and Jim King has resigned due to illness. Jim had two years left in his term. Since we will be having speakers at our meetings we will have to shorten our meetings and the board will have to take on more responsibilities. Linda suggested adding two more board members to help with decision making. A MOTION was made and passed to have five elected members to replace the previous three elected members. The by-laws will need to be changed to support this motion. Kurt Reese was elected to fill Jim King's seat. Ken Hawks was elected as a new board member. Sue Bohn was elected to replace John Procknow's term. We have one seat to fill. This seat is open to the membership.

Results of Board Meeting

Dorothy Gayhart-Kunz presented a new board motion to the membership. A MOTION was made and passed to have all members put in a minimum of five hours on one of our educational projects. This will be on a yearly basis and will start in 2006. Since our new focus is on being available to distribute and give information to the public, the board feels that it is necessary to insure that all our members contribute to the educational process for the public. We have been doing this in various ways such as: Home and Garden Shows, Library Displays, Compost workshops, Farmer's Market, Educational Outreach activities, MG speakers in the community, tri-county workshop, State Convention, State workshops, Extension office support, etc. The board has been discussing this topic for months and feels strongly that we need the support of all members on this issue.

Board meetings are held the first Tuesday of the month and start at 6:00 PM. They will be held at

the Coughlin Center or we have had them at Linda's home. Jason (our advisor) will be coming to the next few meetings. All members are welcome to attend board meetings. They last about two hours.

New Starting Time for MG Meetings

A MOTION was made and passed to move our meeting time to 6:15 PM. The old time was 6:30 PM. Since we are having speakers at our meetings an earlier time is appropriate.

A MOTION was made and passed to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by
Dorothy Gayhart-Kunz, MG secretary

MG Board Meeting Tuesday, December 6, 2005 Coughlin Center - 6:00 PM

All members are invited to attend board meetings. Those attending were, Audrey, John, Stan, Marlene, Marge, Jason, Dorothy and Linda.

OLD BUSINESS
None at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Procedure For Working In The Extension Office

We had many items to discuss with Jason, our advisor, about how MGs could help out in the office. We want to have at least one morning a week, possibly a Monday or Tuesday, to be available to the general public, to address their needs and questions. The general public generally starts calling in with questions starting in March. We also want to be able to help with an identification of plant samples and insect pests. There are a variety of resources available to use in answering the questions.

Jason presented a form that could be used as a guideline for those who work in the office. Completed forms would be filed and used for reference in the office. Sometimes the same questions are frequently asked and once the answer is found and filed, it could be used for easy reference. In the beginning, Jason would be available as a resource, however frequently he is busy with speaking engagements, conferences, working in his office and teaching and would not be available to help. Jason also handed out a few

papers on Instructions for Plant Advisors, How to record messages for the log sheets, Information on Disease Samples, Information on Insect Samples, and one on soil samples. Jason gave us information on all the telephone numbers available from the Madison Extension Offices. He stressed that these numbers were NOT available to the general public. Many numbers are to private offices and not for an answering service.

He would like us to shoot for two or three people to work in the extensions office at one time. Possible times would be 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM. on a Monday or Tuesday. Rosemary's old office is still available at this time. Jason suggested having a two or three hour meeting with those interested where he would go through the procedures to be used in the office. He would be able to tell people which resources are best to use. A meeting will be arranged for this and it could even be at a MG regular meeting time. The procedures he would go over would also benefit those who work at the Farmer's Market. Jason stressed that the information provided by the extension is research based and published in the extension publications. We would base our resource information on the publications. Those working should have MG certification. A knowledge of publications would be a consideration. Those working could familiarize themselves with the publications. A knowledge of pests and diseases would help. However, those working would use the resources to investigate answers to questions. We DON'T have to KNOW everything, just be able to LOOK it up.

Jason said that once you get into this program, Master Gardeners usually love doing the job because they learn a lot!

Info Service Not Available After Jan 1, 2006

Jason also told us that after January 1, 2006, the INFO SOURCE will NOT BE AVAILABLE as a phone source. The calls were running about \$1.00 a call and the program just got too expensive. He said that all publication information will be available on a disc and that all publications are available on the internet.

Also, the extension office has about two or three of the pre printed publications with 30 -40 pages and four or five of the five sheet publications which are available for our use.

Other organizations have a lap top computer, a printer, and a disc of all the publications on it, which can be used when going out to places where the

general public is encouraged to ask questions. Jason also told us that the old information on chemicals is really old. New chemicals have a short life in the soil and are very specific on what is killed.

Web Site

We want to emphasize the web site possibly with refrigerator magnets which would have the MG phone number and web site address on.

Educating The Public

We want to have all our members take some part in educating the public. After discussion A MOTION was made and passed that all members will need to put in a minimum of five hours on one of our educational projects. This will start in 2006. Projects will be listed in the newsletter for easy reference. Dorothy will present this information and motion to the group at the next general meeting. Right now our educational groups are: Home and Garden Show, Farm Market, Working in the Office, Library Displays. What our real purpose is in the Master Gardener organization is to work with the public and get the information out to them. This new focus is what our purpose really is. We want all our members to take some part in educating the public so we can fulfill this purpose. Last year we asked members to have half their hours in on certified projects.

Oshkosh Planning

Susan Kemplinger, the principle planner of Oshkosh, has asked Jason to ask the MGs if they would be resource speakers for a revitalization project the City of Oshkosh is undertaking for an area in the city. MGs would go into the neighborhood to help educate people on various projects. We are thinking about undertaking this project. Topics could be on pruning, how to shear shrubs, landscaping, etc.

A MOTION was made and passed to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by
Dorothy Gayhart-Kunz, MG secretary

Program Announcements

Audrey Reudinger

Keith Marquardt, from the Winnebago Land and Water conservation Department will be speaking at our February business meeting.

Volunteer Opportunity

Educating the Public/ Master Gardeners

Our new focus, which Jason our advisor is suggesting, is to be available to distribute and give information to the public. This is the purpose which we should have had along.

We have been doing education through our:

1. Home and Garden Shop
2. Library Displays
3. Compost workshops
4. Working in the office Farmer's Market

Our Education Outreach committee has been busy filling in requests for education in the community. We have had individual members speak and inform various organizations.

Last year we cooperated with the tri-counties for a full day of education which was open to the public. The State Convention is coming up on March 24 and 25, which is open to the public. Often we have had whole day educational programs for our members which were also open to the public. We are resuming having speakers at our meetings who will inform and educate us as Master Gardeners. We have also sent members to state workshops. This is our new focus in the Master Gardener organization and highly encouraged by Jason, our advisor. At our board meetings we have discussed how to encourage our members to actively engage in helping to educate the public. These discussions have gone on for quite awhile. At our last board meeting, after much discussion,

A MOTION was made and passed to have all members put in a minimum of five hours on one of our educational projects. This would be on a yearly basis and will start in 2006. We want to have all our members participate in this educational process. We feel strongly enough about it to make it a motion and requirement.

I speak for the board.
Dorothy Gayhart-Kunz

TRIPS!

We have some very exciting trips coming up in February and March. Mark your calendars and save the date!



WPT Garden Expo – Madison Wisconsin

We will have a bus going to the WPT (Wisconsin Public Television) Garden Expo in Madison Wisconsin on **February 11, 2006**. Many of you have attended this excellent Expo in the past and you surely don't want to miss it this year. Especially when you can take the bus, leave the driving to the experts and go with fellow Master Gardeners and friends.

The bus will leave from 3365 West Brewster St. in Appleton at 6:00 am and proceed to the Coughlin Center at 625 E County Y for a 6:15 am departure from Oshkosh. We should arrive at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison about 8:00 am and plan on departing about 3:00 pm.

Choose from more than 90 educational seminars and demonstrations on gardening, lawn, and landscaping topics and enjoy 435 different exhibitor booths in the 100,000 square foot area. Attend one of the twenty hands-on workshops and learn new skills while creating an art piece to take home.

Plan your day in advance by checking out the website www.wpt.org/gardenexpo. The Expo counts for continuing educational hours.

The cost is \$28.00. Please make checks out to WCMGA and mail ASAP to
Meg Hunsader
3161 Winnegamie Drive
Appleton, WI 54914.

Chicago Flower and Garden Show

We will also have a bus going to the Chicago Flower and Garden Show in March.
More on this later!

NOTICE

If you are interested in becoming Trip Coordinator call me, Linda Tobey @ 920-734-2264 to take on this position. You can do it individually or as a group. It is a great way to earn your hours and enjoy doing it. Meg has the Madison trip almost done and Chicago pretty much underway. I'm sure she will assist where she can in the beginning. Email or call me for information.

FAMILY PROGRAMS AT THE PAINE

We are pleased to announce a new series of Family Programs for January 2006.

Please don't hesitate to contact myself or the Paine's Museum Educator, Jeanne Wagner, at 920-235-6903 ext. 34 for additional information or visit www.thepaine.org.

Family Programs are administered on a drop-in basis. Programs are geared for children ages 5 – 12. Children must be accompanied by an adult. No pre-registration is required. Programs are free with paid admission to the Paine (free for Members).

January 7, 2006

Green Thumb Fun with Eileen Schwandt

Starting off a new year with an old favorite, Eileen Schwandt returns to help you learn about and plant an Amaryllis bulb. Popular for over 150 years, these bulbs offer spectacular flowers quickly and easily grown indoors. If you treat it right, your bulb can bloom again and again. Provided for the first 25 children will be a container, soil, bulb and growing instructions.

January 14, 2006

Artistic Mentors with Jessica Beshel

Claude Monet, Vincent Van Gogh, Frida Kahlo and Salvador Dali won't be in our Family Discovery Gallery today, but examples of their famous art work will be. Each of these famous artists had a unique style that still captivates us. Jessica Beshel will be here to guide you in a portrait drawing inspired by one of these four creative masters.

January 21

A DIFFERENT KIND OF BOOK! with Tony Flanagan

Are you a connoisseur of books? In our Main Gallery you will find a small painting of a man who loves books, called Le Bouquiniste, (The Connoisseur of Old Books) by J.L.E. Meissonnier. Add to your collection of books today not with an old book, but something brand new. Meet Tony Flanagan in our Family Discovery Gallery and he will show you how to create a pop-up book that you might say explodes with fun!

January 28

SNOWFLAKE PRINTS with Sarah Thierman

Winter nights seem so-o-o long and so-o-o cold. That means it is perfect for making snowflakes! Sarah Thierman can help you make some special snowflakes today and you won't need to wear your

jacket while you work! Just like each snowflake is unique, your artwork today will be special and one of a kind!

Hours: Tuesday-Sunday; 11:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.;
Closed Mondays and major holidays
Admission: General Admission: \$6.00; Seniors (ages 65 and above): \$5.00; Students: \$4.00;
Children (ages 5—12): \$3.00; Family \$15.00;
Children under 5: FREE; Members: FREE

What Am I?

I am a native Wisconsin plant, a perennial forb, of the Family **Asteraceae**; Genus **Arnoglossum**. My habitat range is Prairie and Southern Upland Forests. I am very erect and grow 3 - 9' in height. My green upper leaves are toothed, fan-shaped, while my green-blue lower are large, rounded, with numerous lobes - both sets of leaves have chalky white undersides. I flower from July - September with flat-topped clusters of flower heads on stiff slender bracts - each containing five or more white to yellowish-green flowers. It is believed that Native Americans used this plant for food and possibly other purposes. What Am I?



Editor's Corner

Don't miss the WPT Garden Expo next month! The seminars are wonderful and there is so much to see. You will come away with new information and inspiration. Everyone there is into gardening! Bring a friend!

Ten New Year's Resolutions Things to Stop Doing Now in Your Organic Garden

Submitted by Lawanda Jungwirth

Information from Audrey Ruedinger's *Newly Cleaned-Out Files*

- 1. Stop Using Pesticides.** You really can grow flowers and vegetables without using pesticides. Although they kill pests, they also kill helpful organisms that keep your soil rich and healthy. When you stop using pesticides you have healthier soil, which, in turn, will give you healthier plants. And the healthier your plants are, the better they'll be able to stand up to some insect damage. There will also be more beneficial insects around to help eat the bad guys and to pollinate plants.
- 2. Stop Using Bug Zappers.** Bug zappers generally do more harm than good because they don't discriminate – they fry beneficial insects as well as destructive insects. The light from the zappers attracts insects from a considerable distance, so they increase the total number of insects (including the bad guys) in the vicinity of the light.
- 3. Stop Giving Pests a Place to Hide.** Many pests seek protections in and even spend the winter within your garden debris. If you pull out vegetable plants as soon as you finish harvesting, and flowers once they're done blooming, you'll be surprised at the reduction in pest problems. Make sure to pull out any badly infested plants as soon as possible during the growing season.
- 4. Stop Planting Without Planning.** Most bugs seek out specific plants, and when they find a large planting of a favorite, they multiply quickly. A mix of plants makes it harder for pests to find the crop they want to feast on, so you're less likely to have a pest population explosion. You can also include some plants that repel particular pests with odors that they dislike.
- 5. Stop Crowding Plants.** Crowding plants together creates humid conditions, which can encourage some plant diseases. And plants that are sick are a welcome mat for pests. Promote good air circulation by giving plants adequate space and by pulling weeds that creep into your beds.
- 6. Stop Killing Every Caterpillar You Find.** Some caterpillars are pests and can damage your plants. But others are beneficial and may actually help your garden by eating their nasty neighbors. The next time you see a caterpillar, take the time to find out what it is before squashing it.
- 7. Stop Growing Pest-Prone Plants.** As you choose plants for your garden, keep in mind that some are less prone to problems than others. For example, many native perennials like purple coneflower (*Echinacea purpurea*) aren't bothered by pests at all.
- 8. Stop Adding the Wrong Stuff to the Compost Pile.** A compost pile is an essential part of an organic garden but don't put meat scraps, dairy products and other fatty materials like grease into your pile. These don't break down easily and attract the "wrong" kind of wildlife.
- 9. Stop Over-Fertilizing With Synthetic Fertilizers.** Fertilizing with these fertilizers (Miracle-Gro, etc.) leaves salt residue in your soil which is bad for both the soil and your plants. Fertilize with organic or natural fertilizers.
- 10. Stop Planting the Same Vegetables in the Same Place Every Year.** Changing what you plant in a particular garden spot from year to year (called crop rotation) helps fight pests. Some pests lay their eggs at the base of a particular vegetable plant. The next year when the eggs hatch and that vegetable isn't growing in that spot, the new generation of insects won't be able to find anything to eat and will die. Also, different vegetables have different feeding needs. Don't place heavy feeders in the same spot every year.

Answer to what I:

I am a forb/herb - *Arnoglossum atriplicifolium*; common name: Pale Indian Plantain

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

MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM SCHEDULE
“Trees & Shrubs”

Master Gardener Training will be held at the JP Coughlin Center, 625 East County Road Y, Oshkosh. All sessions are on Wednesday evenings from 6:00-9:00 PM.

WEEK	DATE	TOPIC	PRESENTER
1	January 18	Tree-Mendous: Environmental, Economic, Social & Health Benefits of Trees	Mike Maddox, UW Ext. Rock Co., Hort Educator
2	January 25	Ornamental Conifers	Barbara Larson, UW Ext. Kenosha Co., Hort Educator
3	February 1	Deciduous Trees	Bill Sturm, Oshkosh City Forester, & Jason Philibeck, Horticulturist, Schmalz Landscaping
4	February 8	Ornamental Shrubs	Tom Jensen, L. A., Vande Hey's Landscape Center
5	February 15	Designing & Planning with Trees & Shrubs	James Beard, L.A. Hort Instructor, FVTC
6	February 22	Fruit Trees	Teryl Roper, UW Madison, Fruit Tree Specialist
7	March 1	Mature Tree Care	Mike Maddox (See Above)
8	March 8	Pruning	Tom Jack, Arborist, Owner Jack's Lawn & Landscape
9	March 15	Insects of Trees & Shrubs	Phil Pelletteri, Insect Diagnostician, UW Ext. Madison
10	March 22	No Class, MG State Conference	
11	March 29	Using Keys, Twigs and Buds for Tree and Shrub Identification	Roxanne Rusch, Adjunct Hort Instructor, FVTC
12	April 5	Disease ID & Control	Brian Hudelson, Plant Disease Diagnostician, UW Ext. Madison
13	April 12	Being a Resource Person	Jason Kruse, UW Ext. Winnebago County
14	April 19	Potluck & Visits to Project Sites	Linda Tobey, President Winnebago County MG

Registration deadline is January 13, 2006. Fees are non refundable.
Class is limited to 60 full-time students. Applications for NEW members will be accepted in the order they are received. No applications accepted at door!

For more information call the Winnebago County Master Gardener Association at 920-232-1986

MASTER GARDENER TRAINING APPLICATION

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

REGISTRATION FEES

(Both WCMG & WIMGA memberships included)

_____ **Individual \$135** (for new MG, includes MG Handbook and program handouts)

_____ **Certified MG \$80** (includes handouts) (Deduct \$30 if dues are already paid)

_____ **By the Session \$10** (please call ahead to determine if space is available)

To be a certified Master Gardener you **MUST**:

1. Complete training sessions with a minimum score of 70% on the two tests.
2. Volunteer a minimum of 24 hours with other Master Gardeners on sanctioned projects. Your volunteer time must be completed by the end of August.
3. Sign and understand State Volunteer Agreement.

If you agree, sign below:

Make checks payable to: WCMGA

Mail check and application to:

Roy Anne Moulton

1434 Silverwood Lane

Neenah, WI 54956

REMINDER FOR CONTINUING MASTER GARDENERS

**IF YOU HAVE NOT SENT IN YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES OF
\$30.00 FOR 2006,
PLEASE DO SO NOW!**

Make your check out to

WCMGA

Mail to

Chris Bellin

2415 Hamilton

Oshkosh, WI 54901

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

PROJECT QUESTIONS

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

☛ STATE MG CONVENTION 2006!

There is much to do in the coming months. March will be here before you know it!

Contact Linda Tobey or Roy Anne Moulton

☛ GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Hours spent at the General Membership meetings count! Come and see how you can be involved.

☛ PARK VIEW CUTTING GARDEN

Contact Rob Robinson.

☛ HOME SHOW- TRI COUNTY ARENA

The Home Show will be held the same weekend of the State Convention, but if anyone is not planning to attend the convention, there will be an opportunity to man the booth at the Home Show. Contact Linda Tobey

☛ COMMUNITY GARDENS

Help is needed for next year's community gardens project. Contact Linda Tobey

☛ HELP AT THE EXTENSION OFFICE

Jason could use some help in the office.

☛ BE A GUEST SPEAKER

Contact Linda Tobey.

☛ HELP WITH BASIC TRAINING

Jason will be needing monitors for a Basic Gardening Course.

JANUARY 2006

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

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THR	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 6:00 PM MG BOARD MEETING	11	12	13	14 FULL MOON ☉
15	16	17 NO MG BUSINESS MEETING THIS MONTH	18 TRAINING CLASSES START 6-9 pm MG Training Class "Tree-mendous"	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 6-9 pm Mg Training Class Ornamental Conifers	26	27	28
29 NW MOON ●	30	31				

Holiday Pretzel Treats

Bite-size, waffle shape pretzels

Unwrapped Hershey's Kiss or Hug

M & M's

1. Heat oven to 170 degrees.
2. Set a number of pretzels in single layer on a cookie sheet lined with parchment paper.
3. Top each pretzel with Hershey's Kiss or Hershey's Hug.
4. Bake for 4-6 minutes (the white chocolate will melt more quickly), until the chocolate feels soft when touched with wooden spoon.
5. Remove the cookie sheet from oven.
6. Quickly press an M & M into the center of each Kiss.
7. Allow to cool for a few minutes, then place in the refrigerator to set.