

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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JUNE 2005

OPEN SANCTIONED PROJECTS

Community Gardens		
Ellie Frielund	739-7965	
Linda Tobey	734-2264	
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	
Curt Reese	426-4992	
Park View Vegetable Garden		
Rick Hansen	233-3922	
Plant Sale		
Vickie Ludeke	582-4348	
Mary Fischer	685-6022	

CLOSED SANCTIONED PROJECTS

Emmeline Cook School		
Robin Thayer	235-8489	
Community Education		
Dorothy Kunz	233-8468	
Linda Tobey	734-2264	
Compost		
Stanley Meyer	725-6496	
Expo Rain Garden		
Meg Hunsader	757-1410	
Ellie Frielund	739-7965	
Lincoln School		
Janet Priebe	233-1898	
Karen Wedde	235-7159	
Menasha Library		
Jean Reed	729-9012	
Park View Prairie		
Joel Eisch	231-0656	
Refreshments		
Bob & Arlene Kosanke	231-1873	
Senior Center		
Rob Robinson	231-1162	
Kevin Lamarche	582-7073	

COMMITTEES

Education		
Roy Anne Moulton	886-1283	
Historian		
John Procknow	429-4797	
Membership		
Linda Tobey	734-2264	
Newsletter		
Linda Baeten	232-1224	
Contributing Reporter		
Lawanda Jungwirth	836-2878	
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Lynne Goudreau	722-8233	
State Rep		
Bob Kosanke	231-1873	
Sunshine		
Judy Harms	688-5523	
Marlene Konsek		
Time Keeper		
Shelley Aaholm	731-8570	
Trip Coordinator		
Meg Hunsader	757-1410	

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Lynne Goudreau	722-8233	
Secretary		
Dorothy Gayhard-Kunz	233-8468	
Treasurer		
Mike Wiedenhaft	231-3793	

MEETING NOTICE

Garden Walk

Tuesday, June, 21 2005

Walk begins at 6:00

Brief meeting begins after walk

(No regular membership meetings during June, July and August)

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Fellow Master Gardeners,

It seems that things come up in our lives sometimes to change its course for a period of time. I will have family issues to deal with this summer that will take the majority of my time. Seeing that we have Garden Walks scheduled each month and projects are all manned very nicely I think we might try something new again. Why don't we take a couple of months off from the regular meeting agenda?

Either Lynne and or I will attend the Garden Visits and conduct a very short mini meeting to deal with any issues that must be addressed immediately. We can do this for the months of June, July and August. We will meet again in September to resume our meeting schedule and catch up on the Summer's progress.

We have the Park View Veggie beds planted now. If we can manage the deer herd I think we will have a very good harvest this year. The Other gardens are reportedly all progressing nicely too. Curt and Rob have the Cutting garden turning into sight to behold. It may shine even brighter this year than ever before. The Community Garden in Menasha now has a pavilion and a tool shed. The raised beds are amended and planting is just a breath away. I think we have a grand gardening season to look forward to.

Speaking of grand gardening don't miss the Garden walks this summer as well as Audrey's Prairie Meadow series. Anyone that would like to bring your spouse or a friend along for the garden walks please feel free to do so. We have been invited to visit wonderful gardens that you will want to share. You are in for a treat for the eyes when you walk through their garden gates. Also don't forget to bring your lawn chair so you can enjoy the sights and visit with your fellow gardeners.

See you in the garden,
Linda Tobey

MAKERS & SHAKERS

Those that make it happen are the ones who shake things up in this world. These are the people who are making things happen and we thank them. Remember this meeting also counts for your support service hours. I know this is not a complete list of members who attended. Please sign in at the meetings so we can honor your commitment.

MAY MEETING ATTENDEES:

Janet Priebe	Marge Bolding	Ralph Giessen	John Procknow
Marlene Miller	Jim King	Chris Bellin	Chris Weston
Stanley Meyer	Al Harms	Bob Kosanke	Ben Dedecker
Ken Hawk	Sue Bohn	Meg Hunsader	Marty Sacksteder
Ruth Freys	Vicki Luedtke	Karen wedde	Linda Baeten
Judy Harms	Sandy Giessen	Marge Menacher	Barbara Ann Elmer
Debbie Quandt	Lynn Druecke	Becky Oftedahl	Pat Rockow
Marlene Konsek	Kathy Daniels	Kay Bartell	Bob Robinson
Curt Reese	Bill Polley	Amy Asenbrener	Carlene Luebke
Diane Lott	Linda Loker	Dennis McClellan	Tom Fojtik
Nancy Meyer	Gail Roush		

Thank You all for coming to the meeting. Please come again, Your voice means so much to what we do or don't do. I will make sure we have more agendas next time.

SUMMER MEETING: The May meeting was our last real meeting until September 13. We will resume our regular schedule of meetings on that date. It will probably be a rather long meeting as we will deal with all of the issues that came up throughout the summer. We should also get a good report from all of the project leads about how each project is going. Until September you may call or email Linda Tobey with questions or items you'd like put on the agenda for our September meeting. One of the items on the list will probably be planning our Fall Spanfarkel and getting ready for 2006 Conference and our classes.

GOLDEN TROWEL AWARD: We will this year be awarding our Golden Trowel award to up to 3 of our members again. They should have been MG's for at least 5 years and be what you think exemplifies what a Master Gardener should be. Please contact Linda Tobey by email or phone 734-2264 with your nominations. Votes will be tallied the end of October so the award orders will be made in time for our Dinner Holiday Award Dinner Dec. 5. Past winners have been Don Reinhardt, John Prcknow, Audrey Reudinger, Marlene Miller, Mary Ginhke and Burt and Agnes Carpenter

SOCIAL COMMITTEE: We still need members to sign up to be a part of the Social Committee. The Committee is being headed by Lynne Goudreau, our Vice President and Project Co-coordinator. Your task would be brainstorming with Lynne about our Social functions and making your ideas come to pass. Right now plans are being made for our 2005 Christmas Party which will be Dec. 5. We also have our late June Pot Luck Picnic at Park View on June 29. Our newest event will be a Spanfarkel in the fall and whatever else you might cook up. This is a very creative and fun committee. To become part of the committee call Lynne Gourdeau at 722-8233 or email lynneg@core.com

OFFICERS: In November we will again be electing two of our Officers. It is now time for you to think about your nominations. We will be accepting them at our meeting in September. The office of President and Treasurer will be open for nominations.

SOIL SAMPLES: We have been asked by the staff in our Extension office not to use any forms other than those used here in our office. Please feel free to bring in your samples but fill out one of our forms at the office when you drop off your sample. Forms coming from other Extension offices may be different as we all don't use the same lab.

NEXT MEETING:

Be sure to come and see Bill Hartling's Rose Gardens on June 21st

**Bring a friend or a spouse too, along with lawn chairs if you need them.
*You won't be disappointed!***

Bill's address is:

2013 W. Seneca Dr., Appleton.

Go North on 41

Exit on Richmond St. (47) South

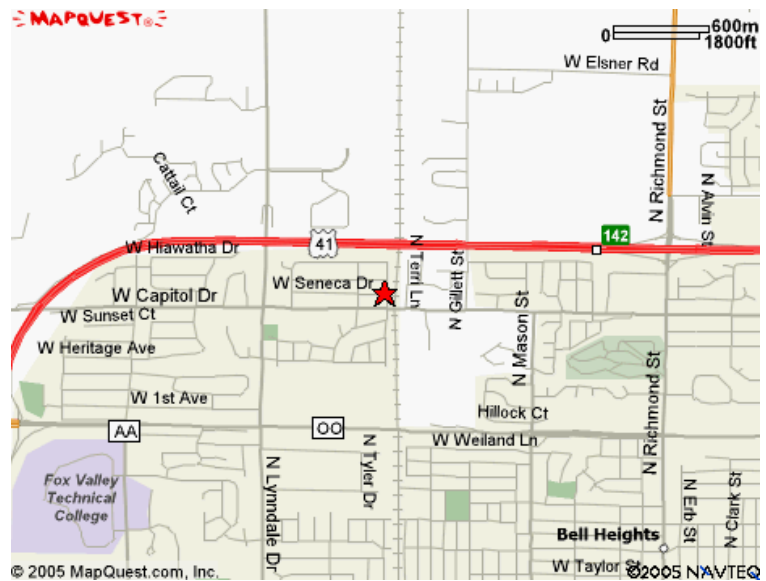
Turn right (West) on Capitol

(go across RR tracks) to Whitney.

Turn right (North) on Whitney

(first road after the RR Tracks).

Turn left on Seneca (second house)



Bill taught our class on Roses for MG training this year, and has been growing roses for over 30 years.

He is a Master Consulting Rosarian. He grows hundreds of cultivars and varieties.

Do come and smell the roses!



MAY MINUTES

Recorded by Dorothy Kunz, Secretary

The meeting was called to order by president Linda Tobey. A MOTION was made and passed to accept the secretary's report as published in the newsletter. Treasurer, Mike Wiedenhaft, passed out a detailed report with a balance of \$8,005.95. A MOTION was made and passed to accept the treasurer's report.

OLD BUSINESS

Plant Sale

Co-chairs are Vicki Luedke and Mary Fisher. The co-chairs are looking into purchasing additional plants for the plant sale in the fall. Members are invited to start saving perennial plants for the sale. Plants potted now will look good for the sale. A sign up sheet was passed around to form a committee to help select the plants. Four or five people are needed for the committee. A MOTION was made and passed to authorize \$400 to be given for plants and materials needed for the plant sale. Mary will put any left over plants we do not sell in her greenhouse. We are thinking of having the sale at the Community Gardens and the Farmer's Market in Oshkosh.

Web Site Status

The web site is just about ready to go. Jean Reed has finished going through pictures and everything will be on the site shortly. We will NOT be on the same website as Madison. Our website will stand alone. The website address will be announced ASAP.

MG Phone Line

Ralph Giessen said there were no calls the last four days. Earlier there were quite a few calls. Ralph and Diane Lott will take calls alternate weeks from now on.

Worm Castings Sales

Worm Castings Sale/Paine Plant Sale, May 21 - Bob and Arlene Kosanke Co-chairs.

Set up will be at 7:00 AM with the sale starting at 8:00 AM. Bob would like four people there at all times. A sign up sheet was passed around. Sue Bohn made up labels, posters and will make a banner for our booth. Worm castings will be sold for \$2.50 per pound. A pamphlet describing how the worm castings may be used will be available. Wagons are welcome. We will accept checks or cash. Vehicles will pick up the castings from Lynn Goodreau's garage Friday night. Member may purchase worm castings from Lynn anytime. Call her ahead of time. You can bring your own containers or bags are there for your use.

Oshkosh Farmer's Market

Dorothy Gayhart-Kunz (dbkunz@voyager.net) chair. This is from the Community Education committee.

Schedules were passed out. Those not attending the May MG meeting will be sent a schedule. Set up time is 7:00AM. Take down time is 12:30 PM.

If you have to cancel for any reason please let me know. These times are still open: July 30, September.10, 24, October 1,8,15,22,29. Let me know if you are interested. Thanks.

Schedules

Committee chairman will submit their schedules to the newsletter. Linda reminded everyone to keep their time slot if possible. If not you need to call your chairman and try to find a sub to take your place. It is very important that all members who have signed up to participate show up when and where you are needed.

Parkview Potluck Picnic

Will be held June 29 Set up 5:00 Dinner 6:00 Bring a dish to pass. MG's will furnish meat, sodas, prizes and surprises. Only non-alcoholic beverages are allowed at Parkview.

NEW BUSINESS

Tri County Committee

Roy Anne Moulton, Linda Tobey and Mike Weidenholf are attending at this time from our MG group. The state Convention will be held in Appleton, 2006. Members are invited to participate and be active on this committee so that we can have a great convention. Speakers have been lined up. Help is needed with set up, tear down, publicity, registration, raffle tickets, hand outs, vendors, etc.

Summer MG Meetings

Lynn or Linda will be attending the meetings and will give out any information needed at that time. These meetings will be garden visits. Check your newsletter for location directions and times. Come and have some fun with a garden tour.

June 21 -Bill Hartling- Master Rosarian in Appleton.

July - Bob and Arlene Kosanke in Oshkosh

August - John Zeinert in Neenah

Community Gardens-Menasha

Linda Tobey chair. Linda needs a co-chair. Stan Meyer will head a compost demonstrating site. He would like a committee to develop this. A compost site will be set up by June 23 at the UW Fox Valley- Menasha.

Christmas Party

Date for the party is set for Monday, December 5. This is a no Packer game night so plan to come.

Golden Trowel Award

This annual award may be presented to up to three members. Nominations should be someone who has been a member for at least five years who you think exemplifies what a Master Gardener should be. Past

winners : Don Reinhardt, John Procknow, Audrey Reudinger, Marlene Miller, Mary Ginke, Burt and Agnes Carpenter. Winners are announced at the Christmas party. Send nominations to Linda Tobey.

Cutting Gardens

Curt Reese announced they would like to start planting on May 11. Marlene Miller said Flower Arranging would start on Monday, June 13.- 1:30 PM to about 3:30 PM. Come early to first cut flowers from the garden. Buildings will be announced in a print out from Marlene.

Joint Board and Education Committee Meeting

July 19 Roy Anne Moulton's house 6:00PM.
1434 Silverwood Lane, Neenah. Plan to attend.

State Representative

Bob Kosanke said he has had a request from a lady who is working on her Ph.D. on slugs. She wants you to document the slugs in your yard for her slug research. Pictures need to be taken. He gave out research papers to those interested.

Olbrich Plant Sale

Karen Weede announced a plant sale at the Olbrich Gardens in Madison this weekend. These are public gardens.

A MOTION was made and passed to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted by
Dorothy Gayhart-Kunz, Secretary

Park View Cutting Gardens Report

Thanks to the **awesome** job of the cleanup crew and Rob working up the gardens for the annuals, about 10 flats of plants were stuck in the ground on Wednesday, May 11th in record time. The crew of Kathy Daniel, Ben DeDecker, Chris Weston, Debbie Quandt, Kay Bartell, and John Procknow also filled the planters and did much relabeling.

At lunch time of the same day, Park View honored all of its' volunteers with a picnic luncheon which was very nice. Unfortunately, it was necessary to hold it inside due to inclement weather (which was ignored by our **hard working** planting crew).

The next planting/weeding session is scheduled for 5:30 pm on May 23rd with a rain date of May 24th. It therefore will fall between the time I write this and the time the new bulletin is sent out. I will send out an e-mail notice to all on the list however.

Our regular days **with residents** throughout the growing season will be **Tuesdays at 3:30 pm** and **Thursdays at 10:15 am**. The first day will be Tuesday, June 7th. Our normal **Wednesday work days** will start on June 8th **at 5:30 pm**. We ask that all those who signed up for the respective days to come to the first sessions if at all

possible. Of course, any others that would like to show up are more than welcome to attend!!

Many thanks to our two **hard working** planting crews!!

Rob and Curt



MASTER GARDENERS BOARD MEETING, 5/3/05

Present: Dorothy Gayhart/Kunz, Stan Meyer, Jim King, Mike Wiedenhaft, Linda Tobey, Marlene Miller, and Marge Bolding.

WEBSITE:

Jean Reed is putting the last of the pictures on the website. When she is finished she will let Linda know and the old material will be taken off the website.

HOURS:

We decided that the person who writes articles for the newsletter and for the newspaper can count that as hours.

POTLUCK HOURS

It was decided that we cannot take hours for the Potluck as that was a social.

SUMMER MEETINGS:

There will be no summer Board Meetings nor any summer Business Meetings. However, we will visit members gardens:

June - Bill Hartley's

July - Bob and Arlene Kosanke's

August - John Zienert's

EDUCATION CLASSES AT MENASHA COMMUNITY GARDENS AND SHERMAN ROAD:

Topic of Compost/Mulch presented by Stan Meyer
At Community Gardens on June 23, 6-7pm
At Sherman Road on June 30, 6-7pm

Topic of Integrated Pest Management
At Community Gardens on August 25, 6-7pm
At Sherman Road on August 18, 6-7pm

VOLUNTEERISM - ANNIE SHORT:

We will contact Annie Short, Community Relations Director of The Volunteer Center of East Central Wisconsin that we are unable to facilitate volunteering with the businesses and individuals that she works with.

2006 STATE CONFERENCE:

Mike Wiedenhaft reported from the last Tri-County MG Meeting that volunteers are needed to sign up for various areas of responsibility for the conference. Linda will bring this up at the Business Meeting next Tuesday.

GOLDEN TROWEL AWARD:

It was decided to keep the rules basically the same; we won't set a number.

CELL PHONES:

We'd like MG members to please turn off their cell phones during meetings.

Respectfully submitted,
Marge Bolding, Board Member-at-Large

WHAT AM I? By BRUCE ABRAHAM

I am a native Wisconsin plant, deciduous, of the Family **Ulmaceae**; Genus **Celtis**. My habitat is moist to dry, typically found in: Southern Lowland and Southern Upland Forests; in addition, I am very drought tolerant and survive quite well in limestone soils. I mature at a height of 30' to 50' and have very ridged, scaly, gray-colored bark. My leaves are ovate and about 3" long, alternate and sharply serrate - green above and paler below, turning yellow in autumn. I bloom with smallish green flowers, in small clusters or as a single bloom, in late May and bear edible fruit in September/October that can remain on me until spring. My fruit, dark red to purple, is called a drupe - similar to a cherry with fleshy fruit with a hard inner layer around a seed - is particularly desired by birds, including cardinals.

WHAT AM I?



MASTER GARDENER OF THE MONTH

**A great round of applause goes out to:
ROYANNE MOULTON**

Royanne came to us from ____? She was a master gardener there and sought us out so she could continue here. We are so fortunate to have this "Master" in our midst. Along with the help of her committee, she took on the task of setting up our training program this year. This was our first year without the help of a County Horticulturalist and Royanne did an excellent job! Thank you Royanne!



Editor's Corner

I don't know about you, but I've been busy in the garden. The plants are in and June is busting out all over! Please let me know if you have anything for the newsletter, whether it is an article, a correction, or an idea for a column. Linda Baeten 232-1224 or baeten@ntd.net. Thanks!

NEWS FROM THE PAINE

The Paine will be hosting a series called "First Tuesdays in the Gardens" beginning in June. Every first Tuesday of the month, we will be open extended hours from 4:00 - 7:00 pm for FREE. Visitors will be welcome to tour the gardens at their leisure and enjoy the Paine at twilight.

Sheila Glaske, the Paine's Curator of Horticulture and other garden volunteers will be on hand to offer suggestions and give tours of the property.

Coming soon - the Paine's Faire on the Green on July 10, 2005. An afternoon art and craft fair at the Paine and Oshkosh Public Museum.

PAINE GARDENS PLANT SALE RECAP

We enjoyed a golden Festival of Spring on Saturday! Perfect weather, high spirits, and lots of beautiful things for sale. If you missed the day, the Paine still has hundreds of plants for sale, now with an extra 10% discount. These plants went on sale May 23rd, including perennial combos. (Call the Paine to see if any are still available.) As always, thank you for your tremendous support of the Paine. Our vitality is a direct result of your vigorous devotion.

From Jessica Palm
Paine Art Center and Gardens
1410 Algoma Blvd.
Oshkosh, WI 54901
(920) 235-6903
www.thepaine.org

HARDWOOD MULCH FOR SALE

The Paine is selling double processed hardwood mulch for your gardening and landscaping needs. Available for \$22 per yard, the mulch can be ordered through the Paine's Facility Manager, Steven Faust at (920) 235-6903 x37 or at sfaust@thepaine.org. Delivery is available in limited areas for an additional charge. (Editor's note: Nice stuff! I used it myself.)

WORM CASTINGS

Bob Kosanke said the MG worm castings sold quite well at the Paine plant sale, but there is still a lot left over. The two pound bags sold the best. It was a great opportunity for new and old MG's to mingle and get to know each other better. Sue Kosanke had made a wonderful banner for the worm casting booth, and people were stopping by all day asking questions about Master Gardeners and the benefits of worm castings. Future plans include selling at the Farmer's Market this summer and at the Master Gardener Fall plant sale. Members may purchase worm castings anytime by calling Lynne Goudreau at 722-8233.

What happens when you till the soil?

By Lawanda Jungwirth

Why do you till your garden beds year after year? Is it because you've always done it? Because your mother or dad always did it? Because it just looks nicer?

Many experts agree that the less tilling the better. While tilling can destroy weeds, it can also cause more weeds by breaking their roots into tiny pieces, each of which will sprout on its own. Tilling also lays the soil bare to weed seeds which are eager to germinate. Weeds are pioneer plants which have evolved over millions of years to quickly cover disturbed open ground.

Tilling fluffs up the soil, which looks nice, but while doing so it provides air to soil microbes that become metabolically supercharged and release a flood of nutrients for fast crop growth. That may sound great, but those revved-up microbes will burn up all the nutrients and then die, actually depleting the soil's fertility. The more the soil is disturbed, the more quickly its organic matter decomposes and the more often it needs to be replenished.

Bare, newly tilled soil is susceptible to the impact of rain. A hard spring rain can pound on the soil and either compact it or wash it away.

Power tillers shred and kill thousands of beneficial earthworms. You may have heard that cutting a worm in half results in two worms, but that is not true. Only the head can survive and regenerate a body, but it probably can't survive shredding or tearing.

Try to avoid tilling unless your garden soil is extremely compacted or is hard clay that needs to be mixed with a topping of organic matter. If you must turn over the soil, it is better to do it gently with a spade than with a power tiller. If you have good loose soil, but still want the neater look, use your hoe to fluff up the top inch or so.

Not only will you save yourself some work by avoiding tilling, you'll be doing your plants and the environment a favor too.

Gardening Tips

Courtesy of Sterling Gardens Newsletter

There are certain annuals that may tend to do better in some locations than others. Proper plant selection can provide cool weather color, brighten a shady spot, dress up a hot dry location or accent an open sunny area.

Shady Location: Rare is the plant that will flower in heavy shade, but many do well with four hours or less of direct sunlight. Plants must often compete with trees and shrubs for moisture and nutrients. If the shade is due to structures, proper plant selection is important. Here are a few suggested plants for shade areas. For very heavy shade select impatiens,

begonia, coleus, browallia, fuchsia and torenia. For light shade, lobelia, nicotiana, red salvia, pansy, alyssum, dusty miller, impatiens, begonia, and ageratum are suggested.

Sunny Location: Hot and dry areas are common along the edges of pavement or in front of light colored, south facing walls. Intense heat dries the ground quickly and tests the staying power of most annuals. Protect plants in these locations with a thick mulch and water thoroughly. Here are some plants that do well in hot dry areas: celosia, vinca, gazania, blue salvia, zinnia, verbena, portulaca, dusty miller, petunia, and strawflower.

Thursday, June 2nd - Create a unique Hen's & Chick's Planter - Time: 6:00 - 7:30 Cost: \$20.00

Thursday, June 9th - Make a Mosaic Bird Bath - Time: 6:00 - 8:00 Cost: \$30.00

All classes are held at Sterling Gardens –
533 S. Commercial St. - Neenah, WI
Please call, stop in or email us to reserve your spot!
725-9966 or 231-2890 or www.sterling-gardens.net

Park View Veggie Garden Schedule

Meet Wednesdays 10:00 to 12:00

May 25 This is our initial planting and meeting day. All Veggie Garden volunteers are asked to attend.

June 1 Rick Hansen
Jim King
Ken Hawk

June 8 Rick Hansen
Al Harms
Judy Harms

June 15 Rick Hansen
Al Harms
Judy Harms

June 22 Linda Tobey
Jim King
Ken Hawk

June 29 Linda Tobey
Al Harms
Judy Harms



Community Gardens Schedule

ARC Days are Mondays 5:30

- May 18 Work group day. All Community Garden volunteers should attend.
- June 6 This is our initial planting and meeting day for ARC All Community Garden volunteers are asked to attend. Linda Tobey will give a talk on planting.
- June 20 Amy Asenbrener will talk on cultivating. All should attend.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES PROJECT QUESTIONS

If you have any questions regarding projects please contact Lynne Goudreau. Phone: 722-8233 or email: lynneg@core.com

☞ COMPOST

Volunteers interested in helping to design and build a compost demo site at the UW Fox Valley Community Gardens should contact Stan Meyer at 725-6486 for more information.

☞ PAINE GARDENS

Greetings Paine Garden Volunteers:

Finally it appears that the spring season is again blossoming after the recent wintry episode. So - we wish to invite you all again to join the Paine Garden personnel in the re-beautification of the grounds. A goodly number of you who already gave volunteer time on Saturday, April 23, were provided with a monthly schedule by Shiela Glaske, the curator of the Paine Gardens. It is imperative that you have this schedule in your possession for planning your volunteering time to fit your own personal schedule. If you do not have it, Shiela will be happy to send one to you by notifying her at 920-235-6903, ext.39, or by Email at sglaske@thepaine.org.

Suffice it to say that you are welcome to work any weekday from 8:00-4:00. However, when you arrive at the Paine please make it a point to locate either Shiela or her helper, Adam Jungwirth, for an assignment. During the summer there will be two additional individuals working at the Paine to accommodate you in this respect. Better yet, please note on the schedule that

the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month from 9:00-11:00 are classified as "Work Days" with Shiela and her staff more readily available to guide you.

Weekends are more difficult for volunteering on the Paine grounds during the summer because of numerous weddings that will take place. There may be 2-4 such events scheduled on either Saturday or Sunday, and the grounds are reserved for the privacy of the wedding party. Therefore, time for volunteer gardening on those days is very difficult to ascertain. As of now, the first opening for MG volunteering on a Saturday is limited to June 11 from 9:00-11:00 and the work assignment involves planting in the shade garden.

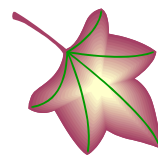
We highly recommend that you wear your T- or sweat-shirt with the MG emblem when you work at the Paine to impress the public and the institution with your volunteer contribution! After all, it is a great service you are providing a very deserving Fox Valley attraction. We hope that you find this letter informative and helpful and we will continue to notify you in the future. If you have questions or suggestions, please correspond.

Many thanks and enjoy!

John and Audrey

☞ OSHKOSH FARMER'S MARKET SATURDAYS Starts June 4th- October-29th. MG OPEN PROJECT

We start on June 4th and finish on October 29th. Anyone interested in signing up - I still have 7 time slots available. NEW MEMBERS WELCOME. Contact: Dorothy Kunz dbkunz@voyager.net 233-8468 Don't worry about getting stumped- we have many resources for answers. **You can do it!**



☞ FALL PLANT SALE

The Master Gardeners will be hosting a Fall Plant Sale this year. Vicki Luedke asked that we remember to pot up plants now! This is essential for us to have healthy, robust looking plants rather than material that has just been dug and shoved in a pot. If you will not be able to "babysit" your plants over the summer, please contact Vicki and she will arrange something. If you are in need of plastic pots, or have an abundance of them, let Vicki know that too. 582-4348.



Slug Search!

Hello, I am working on my PhD at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia. As part of my dissertation project, I am mapping the distribution of slug species in eastern North America.

Background

There are three native and 13 exotic slug species documented from eastern United States and Canada. Unfortunately, very little is known about the distribution (let alone the ecology and biology) of these small mollusks. Since so many of the slugs were introduced from Europe, it is difficult to know how far north they have been able to spread and just what they are eating. An understanding of the distribution of these different slugs will provide valuable information to both biologists and agriculturists.

What you can do

I would like to document slugs by county across the eastern United States and Canada. You can help by e-mailing me digital pictures of slugs you find. The following information would be very helpful:

- **A picture or two of the slug (top view and side view would be best). If possible, include a quarter in the picture to help me determine how big the slugs are.**
- **What county and state did you find the slug in?**
- **Did you find the slug outside or in a greenhouse?**
- **What was the slug on (a plant, under a log, etc.)?**
- **If known, what type of plant was the slug on?**
- **Please e-mail to slugsearch@yahoo.com.**

By sending pictures and answering the above questions, you will provide invaluable distribution data, which will be available through publications and/or websites in the future. Your cooperation will also allow me to direct my research for the next couple of years.

Thank you very much for your help!!

For more information or if you would be interested in helping collect slug specimens, please contact me!

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(Thanks to Bob Kosanke, State Representative for this article)

Welcome to Prairiemeadow! Enjoy our little “Peace of Paradise.”

Owners Ken and Audrey Ruedinger
2736 Hwy 116, Waukau, W

(This will be a Three Season Introduction to Native Habitats)

The first Walk: Saturday, June 4, 2005 9:30 to 12 Noon will introduce everyone to the flora and fauna of late spring on a parcel of approximately seven acres. The site offers prairie, meadow, wetland, semi wetland, wildlife pond and a stroll along Waukau Creek. Please wear old shoes. The ground is uneven and includes slopes.

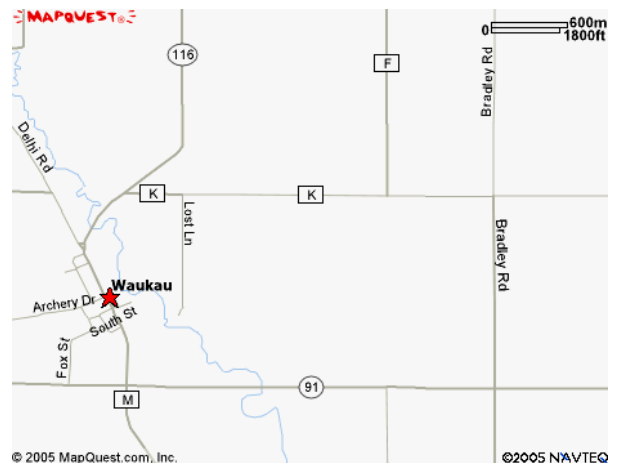
Call Audrey to register by phone 231-5745 or email aud@vbe.com.

There is a \$10.00 fee and a limit of 18 people. Please bring a lawn chair.

Take either Highway 21, 9th Street, or Highway K west from Oshkosh until you intersect with Highway 116. Go south on Highway 116. Cross the bridge over Waukau Creek and continue on 116 south. Prairiemeadow will be on you left in Waukau after you cross the bridge There are two entrances to Prairiemeadow off of Hwy 116. . **Watch for the balloons!** There is an old grey shed on the property bordered by many cedar trees.

- Parking is not allowed on Hwy 116. Turn into one of the two entrances and park on the north end of the property—take the least amount of space so more can be accommodated. Drive carefully in order to avoid damaging trees and other plants. There is also parking on the street directly across from Prairiemeadow. Please park only on one side of the street.
- There are no restroom facilities at Prairiemeadow, but it is very close to the Waukau Nature Center which has restrooms.
- Always exit out of the north entrance for safety reasons. There is better visibility.

Please come and join us!



(Close-up map)

***Answer to June Newsletter “WHAT AM I?”.**

I am a tree - *Celtis occidentalis* L.;

common name: Northern Hackberry

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

**CALENDAR
JUNE 2005**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THR	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4 7:00-12:30 FARMER'S MARKET OSHKOSH 9:00-12:00 PRAIRIEMEADOW WALK
5	6	7 NO BOARD MEETING 4:00-7:00 PM PAINE GARDENS FREE OPEN GARDEN	8 GARDEN BUS TOUR JANESVILLE ROTARY, FLOWER FACTORY & STONEWALL NURSERY	9	10	11 7:00-12:30 FARMER'S MARKET OSHKOSH GARDEN BUS TOUR JANESVILLE ROTARY, FLOWER FACTORY & STONEWALL NURSERY
12	13	14 NO GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING	15	16	17 MREA MIDWEST RENEWABLE ENERGY FAIR STEVENS POINT	18 7:00-12:30 FARMER'S MARKET OSHKOSH MREA FAIR STEVENS POINT
19 MREA FAIR STEVENS POINT	20	21 6:30 GARDEN WALK BILL HARTLING ROSE GARDEN	22	23 6:00-7:00 PM COMPOST CLASS COMMUNITY GARDENS UWFV	24	25 7:00-12:30 FARMER'S MARKET OSHKOSH
26	27	28	29 5:00 PM PARK VIEW POTLUCK PICNIC	30 6:00-7:00 PM COMPOST CLASS COMMUNITY GARDENS SHERMAN ROAD		

**Janesville Rotary Garden Bus Trip Itinerary and Nurseries
June 8th and June 11th**

Bus #1 Departs at 7:00 AM Appleton 3365 West Brewster St.

Bus #2 Departs at 7:15 AM Oshkosh 625 East County Rd. Y

9:30 Arrival at Rotary Gardens, Tour and Time on your own

11:00 Depart from the Rotary Garden

Box Lunches served on bus (more time to shop)

11:40 Bus #1 Arrives at The Flower Factory

11:40 Bus #2 Arrives at Stonewall Nursery

At 1:40 the buses rotate Nursery

Departure at 3:40 back home

Please note that Stonewall nursery takes cash and checks only.

The Flower Factory takes credit cards, cash and checks.

Please bring a plant bag, milk crate or box to move plants.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN UP, THERE ARE STILL SEATS OPEN ON SATURDAY

The cost is \$42.00 per person and includes lunch, transportation and fees.

Checks payable to Tri County Master Gardeners.

Please write name address & phone on reverse side of this form

Mail with your check to Mike Wiedenhaft, 2391 Golden Ave, Oshkosh, WI 54901

Date of Trip Saturday, June 11

Pick up point: _____ Appleton (7:00 am) or _____ Oshkosh (7:15 am)

Sandwich Selections: _____ Turkey _____ Ham or _____ Vegetarian

MIDWEST RENEWABLE ENERGY FAIR



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The 16th annual Renewable Energy and Sustainable Living Fair will be held

June 17-19, 2005,

at the ReNew the Earth Institute, MREA's educational facility, in Custer, WI (just 7 miles east of Stevens Point).



- over 100 workshops presented by experts from across the US
- working demonstrations of renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies
- products that help consumers save money, save energy, and protect the environment,
- special workshops and entertainment for children and families, and
- a friendly festival atmosphere.

CHECK OUT WEB SITE FOR WORKSHOPS! THERE ARE MANY ON GARDENING AND GROWING. PICK A DAY AND GO. IT'S TIME TO LEARN HOW TO PROTECT THE PLANET WE LIVE ON!

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