

# WINNEBAGO COUNTY MASTER GARDENER JULY 2011 - NEWSLETTER

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## PRESIDENTS' LETTER

It's hard to believe I'm writing this for the July Newsletter and half of 2011 has already passed. Alice, Kathy & I will be completing the final term of the two terms we have served as Treasurer, and Co-Presidents at the end of this year. The Board has appointed a Nominating Committee consisting of Audrey Ruedinger, Roy Anne Moulton and Alice Graf to seek persons willing to serve WCMGA in these Officer positions or as Board members. It is vital to the future of our organization to fill these positions. Additional information can be obtained from Audrey, Roy Anne, Alice, Kathy or me. We have also included a listing of duties in this Newsletter.

We had a nice turn out for the indoor picnic at Parkview on June 14. Thanks to all of you for bringing such wonderful dishes. Everything was delicious! July continues to be a busy month. Plan to attend the Garden Walk on July 12 at the home of Sharon Slover near Pickett.

Thanks to Linda Loker and all who helped with the garden on Main Street dedicated to Mary Rupenthal for her work starting the Farmers Market. Check it out while attending the Farmers Market. It's located between the Wagner building (Great Estates) and Main View Apartments near our booth.

WE wish you and your families a happy and safe July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend.

Mary & Kathy

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## Nick's Note:

It feels hard to believe 2011 is half-way over. The next general Master Gardener Volunteer training for new members is just around the corner. Training will be on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 9 pm starting on September 6<sup>th</sup> and ending November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Since manuals are ordered in the second week of August, we need to focus our marketing and recruitment efforts in July. If you know of people interested in becoming a Winnebago County Master Gardener Volunteer, please advise them to contact the UW-Extension office at 232-1970, with their name, address, email, and phone number so we can send them registration material. Or, direct them to the Winnebago County UW-Extension horticulture webpage to download the forms at: <http://winnebago.uwex.edu/horticulture/>.

The class fee including first year membership will remain at \$150 per person with a price break for couples.

As many of you know, there have been significant retirements in the UW-Extension horticulture program. Mike Maddox, UW-Extension Rock County Horticulture Educator, has been assigned as the interim Master Gardener Education Coordinator. Mike has been very engaged with surveying, meeting, and calling the UW-Extension educators around the state as we look into new delivery methods, curriculum, and textbook content. Right now it looks like the class will use a mixture of local presentations and webinar. Winnebago County will be a pilot county this fall. I'm very excited to try the new teaching material being proposed.

Happy 4<sup>th</sup> to you all  
Nick

# HAPPY JULY BIRTHDAYS



**Vicki Christman, Alice Graf, Mary Haave, Bob Kosanke, Linda Loker, Marge Menacher, Roy Anne Moulton, Joni Pagel, Jerry Robak, Linda Werner**

## Save the Dates!

**Please mark your calendars:**

**July 17**---Oshkosh Garden Walk

### Flower Arranging Dates:

(All are Mondays, 1:30@ PV)

**July 18**---Live flowers

**August 1**---Live flowers

**August 15**---Live flowers

**Sept. 12**---Live flowers

**Sept. 26**---Live flowers

**Oct. 10**---Floral flowers from Garden Gate

**Nov. 21**---Floral flowers from Garden Gate

**Dec. 5**---Christmas gift bag arrangements



## Garden Tour JULY 12<sup>th</sup> - 5:30 pm

Sharon Slover welcomes us back to visit her beautiful creative rural yard and gardens. Sharon and her late husband restored the original home her grandparents owned over 100 years ago. This incredible designed landscape includes trees several hundred years old along with antique farm equipment and old building ruins nestled in and among many conifers and shrubs. The beautiful setting of her outdoor patio under a massive maple tree will be the setting for a delightful light lunch among many designed paths for a stroll as well. Her address is: 6282 Bradley Ave., Pickett WI 54964

Driving Directions: For those coming from the north of Oshkosh take HWY 41 South to Oshkosh, then HWY 44 (Ripon) exit a short distance to HWY 91

(to Waukau) continue with the rest of the directions from HWY 91.

### Directions for everyone using HWY 41

Take exit HWY 44 to HWY 91 (to Waukau) drive 6 miles on HWY 91.

### Now we are all on the same road HWY 91.

Turn left on Elo Rd for 2 miles. Bend in road see sign Bradley Rd. turn right on Bradley Rd 2nd home on right. Bring along family and friends to this unique garden tour on July 12th. Any questions please phone or email Audrey Ruedinger

## MG Picnic

Once again we Master Gardeners gathered together for a fun group activity. We were able to say hello to many dear old friends and saw very many new faces.

Mary and Kathy did an excellent job as usual putting on this activity. In fact, there was not one unflattering word to be said about the evening. The room was nicely decorated, the food was abundant and it all tasted great.

Glad you came if you did and hope to see you added to the group next year if you couldn't.

## Flower of the Month - JULY: DELPHINIUM



With its lush, dolphin-shaped flowers, the aptly named delphinium – or larkspur – symbolizes an open heart and ardent attachment. Also signifying a feeling of lightness and levity, the gentle hues and refreshing fragrance of this summer birth flower give it a refreshing and distinctive natural beauty.

## Hours Form

The new Hours form is at the end of this Newsletter and also available from our Website.

# Horseradish is 2011 Herb of the Year

By Lawanda Jungwirth



The International Herb Association has named horseradish its 2011 Herb of the Year. Wait – don't stop reading because you don't like horseradish – you'll be surprised at the ways it can be used. More about that later.

Horseradish is easy to grow.

Typically, you'll buy roots and plant them in early spring. It grows best in loose, rich soil and needs plenty of space because the roots grow horizontally rather than downward. Horseradish is a perennial plant, so put it in a corner of your garden where it won't be disturbed.

The roots you buy will be straight-cut at one end and slant-cut at the other end. Space the cuttings 12-18 inches apart, placing them at a 45° angle with the straight-cut end about 3 inches below the soil surface and the angle-cut end down lower. If you reverse the position of the root, planting them upside down, the plants won't grow nearly as well. Cover the roots with compost or well-rotted manure. Water well and often and keep the bed weed-free.

Mulch the rows after active growth has started. Apply a liquid fish or seaweed fertilizer or compost tea in late August when the plant is making its most important root growth.



[www.andreasrecipes.com](http://www.andreasrecipes.com)

Young, tender leaves can be harvested to add zing to your salad bowl, but the roots are the part of the plant used most often. They are dug up after a few light frosts in fall. To grow more for

the next year, save some of the best lateral roots, those near the top of the main root. Make a straight cut close to the main root and a slant cut at the bottom end so you'll remember which way is up. Plant the roots right back in the garden for next year. If you decide not to continue growing horseradish, make sure you dig up every tiny piece of root, as every miniscule piece will produce a plant.

Horseradish is known for its heat. That heat can be put to use. Inhaling it will clear your sinuses faster than any over-the-counter medicine on the market.

Chop or grate fresh horseradish and mix it with a little water to make a compress to apply to stiff muscles or the back of the neck.

The most well-known uses for horseradish are in shrimp sauce and Bloody Marys. To make a sauce for sandwiches, vegetables, potatoes, beef, fish, or as a dip for vegetables, chips or crackers, mix fresh or prepared horseradish with mayonnaise, plain yogurt, sour cream or cream cheese. Mix in your choice of chopped herbs like garlic, parsley, chives, basil, paprika, a dash of lemon juice or vinegar, salt and pepper. Here's a surprising use: mix ¼ cup freshly grated horseradish into your favorite apple pie recipe. When horseradish is heated, the flavor supposedly becomes sweet and nutty. If anyone is brave enough to try this, please let me know how it turns out!

## What am I? by Jane Kuhn



I am a stalwart perennial and one of the most elegantly colored plants around. My metallic-blue, perfectly round flower heads, ranging in size from 1 to 2 inches across, sit atop ribbed stems. Making me even lovelier are my coarse, grayish-green, spiny-edged leaves which offer dramatic contrast in the garden and set off my flowers beautifully. My plants grow 2 to 5 feet tall and almost as wide. I require full sun for strong growth but am not fussy about soil. Once I am established I am very drought-resistant.

My plant can be propagated by seed, division or root cutting. Since I will self-sow readily, volunteer plants may be lifted and replanted in spring. Deadhead if you want to prevent reseeding. Clumps of my plant may be divided in spring or 2-3 inch root cuttings can be made from established plants. To encourage a repeat bloom, cut my plants back to basal foliage after flowering. I am used in containers, beds and borders and am excellent for fresh or dried cut flower arrangements. I am attractive to butterflies, deer and rabbit resistant, bothered by few pests or diseases and am easy to grow.

## Organic Gardening Tip of the Month

From Lawanda Jungwirth

To control slugs that chew holes in your flowers, fruits and vegetables, choose one or more of the following:

- Plant a diverse ecosystem that welcomes ants, beetle grubs, flies, birds, snakes, toads and turtles that feed on slugs.
- Avoid planting dense groundcovers or laying mulch near plants you want to protect.
- Hand-pick slugs from plants at night and drop them in soapy water to kill them.
- Sink shallow containers (like tuna cans) of beer up to their rims in soil. Slugs will go for a drink and then drown.
- Sprinkle diatomaceous earth or crushed seashells around plant stems.
- Edge your beds with copper-based strips. First make sure all the slugs are on the outside of the barrier!

## Answer: What Am I?

I am a globe thistle. Order: asterales. Family: asteraceae. Genus: echinops. Species: E. ritro.



Globe thistle is a bold plant for the center or back of the garden, especially with baby's breath, garden phlox, yarrow, daylily, Russian sage or ornamental grasses. It is a well-behaved

perennial despite its name. Plants may be trimmed to the ground in late fall or left for winter interest.

References: USDA Plants Database and associated links

## Tree planting distances are important

*By Lawanda Jungwirth*

When my father-in-law passed away in 1997, my husband's co-workers gave us a nursery gift certificate. We chose a nice 'Autumn Blaze' maple and planted it in the back yard, a good distance from all the other trees.

When Grandma Koch saw the new tree, she immediately said it was too close to a mature maple growing behind the house. Well, the tree was already planted, and it was 45' away from the first tree. Surely she was wrong! Grandma didn't live to say "I told you so," but six months after she died, last summer the branches of the two trees touched.

That 'Autumn Blaze' isn't done growing. The branches of the two trees are certain to become more entangled every year.

The lesson here is that before you plant, you must learn the mature height and spread of a tree. Then - don't estimate; use a tape measure - to ensure proper distance from other trees. You cannot imagine how huge that little sapling you are sticking in the ground will become.

At the same time, consider the distance the tree branches will reach toward your house. If you don't want branches overhanging the roof, or leaves or seeds in the gutters, move the tree further from the building.

Also take power lines into account. WPS recommends that trees with mature height of up to 20' be planted 24' from lines; 20'-45' mature height should be 24'-48' away; and 30'-70' trees should be 48' or more from wires.

Similarly, think about the tree's roots. In ideal conditions, roots can spread two to three times further than the branches. Roots can lift up sidewalks, driveways, pathways and fence posts. They'll be very happy to penetrate small cracks and clog up sewer pipes and septic drain fields.

Tree roots can also damage your home's foundation, especially in areas with clay soil. While the roots themselves usually don't do the damage, they can penetrate existing cracks. What is more likely to happen is that they absorb so much moisture from the soil during dry periods that the soil dries and shrinks and causes the foundation to subside.

Here's another consideration: if you have a pond or water feature, place the tree so that it won't shade the water. Don't place the tree to the north or west of it either, as the prevailing winds will blow the leaves right into the water when they fall in autumn.

Before planting, call Digger's Hotline by dialing 811 or register online at [www.diggershotline.com](http://www.diggershotline.com).

Within three days, the utility companies that serve your area will come for free and mark the locations of underground pipes and wires. You are legally required to call before you dig and if you damage a buried facility without calling (and you live through it) you are financially responsible for the damage and a fine of \$2,000.

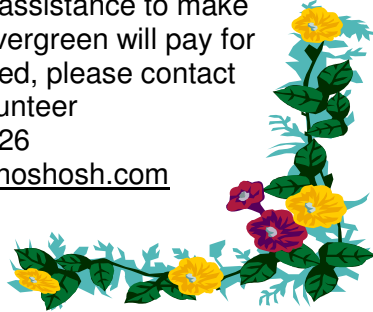
Utility companies don't mark wires you or a private company have installed. Things like invisible pet fences and electric wires to a pond or shed will not be marked



## POTENTIAL PROJECT CORNER

### Evergreen Retirement Community

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



membership. It will address important issues if there are any needing specific attention.

5. Address the first Basic Training Class of the year to welcome new members and explain how MG's works, introduce the officers and board members and answer questions.
6. Attend the last Basic Training Class to explain volunteer hours and answer questions.
7. Make sure reminders are issued to the membership on pertinent topics.
8. Make sure all necessary matters concerning the running of the group are attended to.
9. Will only vote on motions if a tie-breaking vote is needed.

### The Treasurer will:

1. Be responsible for keeping official books and financial records for the group.
2. Handle the collection and distribution of all monies for the group.
3. Present a monthly accounting to the group at the monthly meeting.
4. Provide a year-end statement of accounts to the group at the February meeting yearly.

## PRESIDENT AND TREASURER DUTIES

The terms of our Co-Presidents and Treasurer will be expiring on 12/31/11. These Officers are elected by the general membership at the November meeting for a term of 2 years, and serve 1 additional year on the Board as Immediate Past Officer. Any Certified Master Gardener in good standing (dues paid) is eligible to run for office. Please refer to our By-Laws for further information. Following is a list of duties for the President and Treasurer.

### The President will:

1. Preside over both Board and General Business meetings as well as make up the agendas for them.
2. Be the liaison between the Master Gardener group and the Extension.
3. Act as the contact person for the entire group with any outside entity and will be their representative unless another is assigned.
4. Write a letter to the membership for each newsletter to maintain contact with the

## ARTICLE INVITATION

The Newsletter staff would like to invite any and all members wishing to share a story, some tips or information with us that you are all welcome to submit an article to the newsletter at any time. We do promise to print it as soon as we have the necessary space available. This contribution will count toward your community education hours.

## CORE PROJECTS

Community Education	
Marge Menacher	223-3467
Community Gardens	
Ruth Freye	734-5978
Education and Control of Invasive Species	
Lawanda Jungwirth	836-2878
Audrey Ruedinger	231-5745
Farmers Market	
Dorothy Gayhart Kunz	233-8468
Janet Priebe	233-1898
Humane Society Memorial Garden	
Dara Sitter	582-4405
Lincoln School	
Linda Christensen	233-0044
Mary Haave	231-2542
Octagon House	
Jerry Robak	722-3311
Oshkosh Senior Center	
Paine Gardens	
Betty Kuen	722-9043
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	
Ann Gratton	231-3015
Rushford Town hall	
Audrey Ruedinger	231-5745
Carol Dorsch	589-5936
Shared Harvest	
Ken Friedman	235-6766
Habitat for Humanity Partnership	
David Leonard	379-5860
Washington & Webster Schools	
Marge Menacher	223-3467

### OFFICERS / BOARD MEMBERS

Mary Wiedenmeier (PRES)	426-0991
Kathy Daniels (PRES)	233-0410
Ivan Placko (CO-VP)	721-9394
Jane Kuhn (CO-VP)	231-3993
Linda Baeten (SEC)	232-1224
Alice Graf (TRES)	203-8252
Susan Bohn	685-0427
Marge Menacher	233-3467
Carole Dorsch	589-5936
Ken Hawk	426-1691
Audrey Ruedinger	231-5745
Roy Anne Moulton	886-1283
Bob Potter	233-3349

## COMMITTEES

Education and Trips	
Roy Anne Moulton	886-1283
Education – Meetings	
Audrey Ruedinger	231-5745
Event Planning	
Kathy Daniels	233-0410
Mary Wiedenmeier	426-0991
<b>Historian</b>	
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	
Sue Bohn	685-0427
SOP & Bylaw Committee	
Ivan Placko	721-9394
Alice Graf	203-8252
Sunshine	
Diana Dougherty	233-7137
Hours	
Patty Schmitz	236-8887
Home & Garden Shows	
Joni Pagel	233-6619
Cindy Meszaros	233-3550
Website, Computer and Projector	
Jean Reed	729-9012

**BOARD MEETING – NONE**  
**No BUSINESS MEETING**  
**GARDEN TOUR - JULY 7**

### 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.**



NAME : 2011 HOURS REPORT Must be received by September 1, 2011

ADDRESS : PHONE:

2010-2011	ONLY FILL IN APPROPRIATE BLANKS WITH INFORMATION												DO NOT USE GRAYED AREA	Services	Comm	Youth	TOTALS		
	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APRIL	MAY	JUN	JUL						AUG	
<b>SUPPORT SERVICES</b> (I helped with)																			
Attend Meetings																			
Core Projects																			
Individual Projects																			
Committee Work																			
Other																			
<b>COMMUNITY EDU.</b> (Answered Questions, Hand out Literature) Education																			
<b>YOUTH ED</b> (I worked with kids) Washington/Webster Other																			
<b>CONTINUING EDU.</b> (I learned Something) MG Education																			

Mail:  
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 85 Gibson Ct  
 Oshkosh, WI. 54902

EMAIL: patty.schmitz@hotmail.com  
 Please include in e-mail subject line: WCMG 2011 HOURS

TOTAL OF VOLUNTEER HOURS ONLY - MINIMUM 24 HOURS  
 5 of the 24 VOLUNTEER HOURS SHALL BE COMMUNITY AND/OR YOUTH EDUCATION  
 TOTAL CONTINUING EDUCATION ONLY - MINIMUM 10 HOURS  
 CONTINUING EDUCATION HOURS DO NOT GET ADDED WITH TOTAL HOURS

# **The Oshkosh Garden Club Garden Walk**

**Sunday, July 17, 2011  
12 to 6 p.m.**

Rain or Shine

**Join the Oshkosh Garden Club as we celebrate 45 years  
of service in the community!**

**Sample garden club programs from across the years with  
demonstrations in 5 private gardens.**

For tickets or more information, visit

**[www.oshkoshgardenclub.org](http://www.oshkoshgardenclub.org)**

Website by LOOK Design Studio

Advance tickets \$8 at area Stuart's Garden Centers or at  
[www.oshkoshgardenclub.org](http://www.oshkoshgardenclub.org).

Tickets are \$10 at any garden on the day of the walk.

The Oshkosh Garden Club is a non-profit organization. Proceeds from the Garden Walk support two annual \$1000 scholarships and gardening projects in our community.



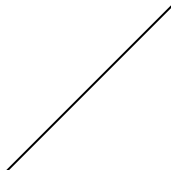
**A Map and more info is available on our MG  
website**



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Touch the earth, love the earth, honor the earth.

Henry Peston

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
					1	2 8- noon - Farmers Market
3	4 	5	6	7	8	9 8- noon - Farmers Market
10	11	12 Garden Tour	13	14	15	16 8- noon - Farmers Market
17 Oshkosh Garden Club Garden Walk	18 Flower Arranging 	19	20	21	22	23 8- noon - Farmers Market
24 	25	26	27	28	29 12-1 p.m. - MG Brown Bag Program	30 8- noon - Farmers Market
31						