



# Winnebago County Master Gardeners

## Newsletter

July 2023

### Mission Statement

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

***"July is a blind date  
with Summer."***

***-Hal Borland***



*Coughlin Rain Garden  
Submitted by Kim Willman*

## What am I?

By Jane Kuhn

I am a group of about 30 species that includes both annuals and perennials and has earned a spot in the hearts of gardeners everywhere. My most common species is an herbaceous perennial which is hardy, sun-loving and easy to grow. My plants form wiry, branched stems with lanceolate to linear basal leaves, grow from 1 ½ to 2 feet tall and have bright daisy-like single color and bi-color blooms, usually 2-3 inches wide. My ray petals have serrated tips and my downy green leaves grow in low rosettes and have a hairy texture which is of interest until winter frosts cause dormancy. Blooms are in shades from buff to red to brown and appear in early to mid-summer and last for many weeks.

I tolerate drought and grow well without any fuss at all in full sun, in any garden soil that has good drainage. Propagation is by division in spring or fall or from seed. I am hardy in zones 3-10. I mix well with any sun-loving plants and am not seriously affected by pests or diseases. You will see me in meadow gardens, garden borders, raised beds and mass plantings. I am a good cut flower.

## WCMGA Contacts

*Check your membership guide for contact information.*

**Advisory Team:** Linda Loker, Kathy Schultz, Ruth Retzlaff

**Secretary:** Jean Reed, Anne Murphy

**Treasurer:** Deb Voyles

### Communications Team

**Website:** Jean Reed

**Newsletter:** Anne Murphy, Kim Willman, Jane Kuhn, Lawanda Jungwirth

**Partner Liaison:** Deb Butch

**WIMGA Rep:** Kathy Procknow

**Education Team:** Valerie Stabenow, Linda Werner

### Meeting Teams

**DECEMBER:** Susan Forbes, Sandra Dennis, Mary Wiedenmeier

**MARCH:** Anne Murphy, Kim Willman, Kathy Daniels

**JUNE Picnic:** Donna Kudlas, Jane Kuhn, Sue Egner, Vicki Daniels, Ruth Retzlaff, Renee Donner, Bob Potter

**SEPTEMBER:** Mary Bossert, Jenny Breinin, Lil Hansche

**Advisor:** Madisen Potratz



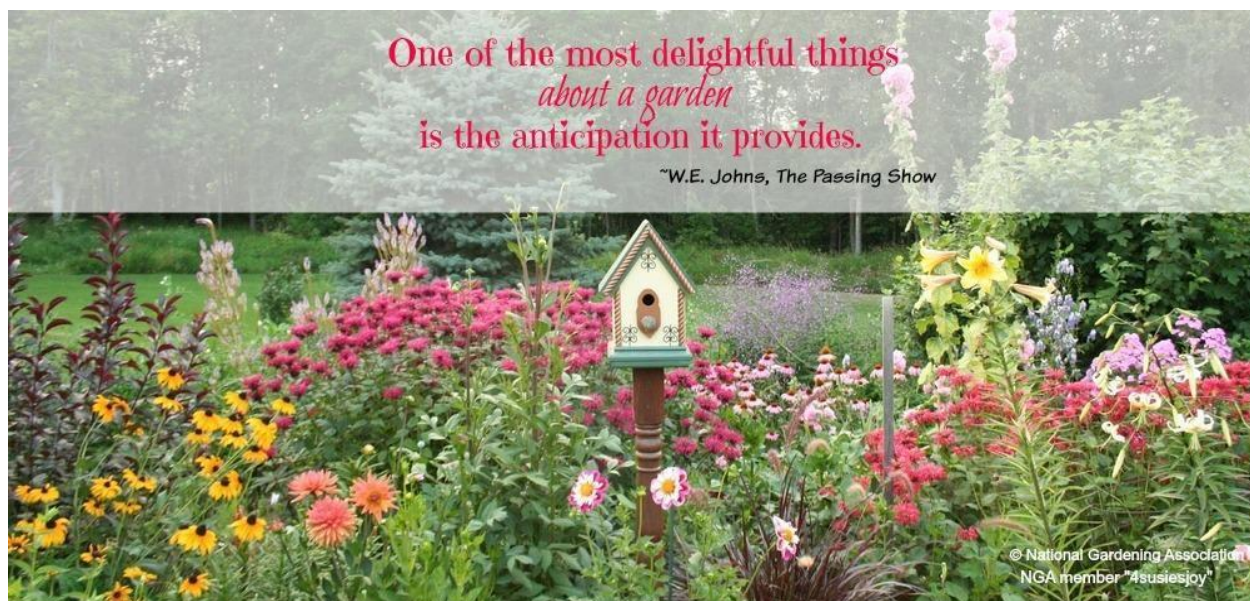
We would love your help! If you are interested in contributing to a future newsletter by writing an article, submitting a photo, or sharing a story, please let me know by the 15th of each month

by emailing [pakster0605@yahoo.com](mailto:pakster0605@yahoo.com). Each article submitted will count toward your volunteer hours. Thank you!

Follow us on Facebook  at [WCMGVA](https://www.facebook.com/WCMGVA). <https://www.facebook.com/WCMGVA>

## *From your Advisory Team*

The next transfer of leadership will occur in October. Directors, Secretary, Treasurer, and Meeting Planners will be needed. If you are interested in a role, please submit your name to [mgvassoc@gmail.com](mailto:mgvassoc@gmail.com) **by August 1st**. Your involvement is needed or dissolution will begin on October 1st.



Many thanks to our June picnic committee! We were delighted to have Nicholas Williams, our scholarship recipient, and his parents attend the picnic. Nicholas shared some interesting facts about himself and his future aspirations. Congratulations to Nicholas! The picnic was filled with delicious food, fun activities, and fellowship. We also received two recommendations for garden centers, Frenz in Thiensville and Heyden's in Cedarburg.

The Master Gardeners made a return to the Farmer's Market in June, and we will be present for three more Saturdays. July 15 will feature "Christmas in July," July 29 is National Farmers' Market Day, and August 19 will be Kids' Day. Our booth will be located in front of the Time Theater at 445 N. Main St. (Editor's note: bathrooms in Camera Casino are open for volunteers.) Please contact Madisen Potratz if you are interested in volunteering.

There are several educational opportunities in our newsletter. Be sure to check them out!

Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 6, at the Coughlin Center. We will provide more information as it becomes available.

We wish you all happy gardening!

Kathy, Linda, and Ruth



## Reorganization Plan Proposal for October 1, 2022- December 31, 2023

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><i>All committees uphold and support the WCMGA mission:<br/>         "Our purpose is to provide horticulture education, community service and environmental stewardship within our community."</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <p>Number of member meetings per year: 4</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• September &amp; March: Business Meeting</li> <li>• December: Holiday Social &amp; June: Spring Social</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <p>Member meeting format:</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• December and June meetings social only</li> <li>• September and March are business meetings with social and/or CE components (TBD by Meeting Committee)</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <p><b>Advisory Team</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimum of 4 members including treasurer and secretary plus at least 2 directors from membership (Initial Advisory Team to include some previous leader(s) for continuity)</li> <li>• Meets at least twice per year prior to the September and March business meetings</li> <li>• 1-year terms starting October 1, but stay on through Dec. 31 to advise/support next team members. Renewable terms.</li> <li>• Decisions can be made via email in-between meetings</li> </ul> | <p><b>Responsibilities</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Approve expenditures over \$500</li> <li>2. Secure adequate liability insurance</li> <li>3. Keep meeting minutes (Secretary)</li> <li>4. Review new procedures, policies, SOPS, by-laws and make recommendations to the membership as needed/proposed</li> <li>5. Maintain non-stock status</li> <li>6. Set membership business meeting agenda</li> <li>7. Coordinate with other teams</li> <li>8. At-large members coordinate membership emails from committees</li> <li>6. Encourage member initiative in proposing ideas</li> <li>7. Zoom or live pop-ups for special topics as suggested/available</li> </ol> |
| <p><b>Communications Team</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No meetings</li> <li>• Individual tasks</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <p><b>Responsibilities</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Maintain Facebook page</li> <li>2. Maintain Website</li> <li>3. Maintain newsletter</li> <li>4. Email communications to members/teams</li> <li>5. Extension liaison</li> <li>6. WIMGA representative</li> <li>7. Contact/coordinator for partner organizations</li> </ol>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <p><b>Strategic Planning Team</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Form in spring of 2023?</li> <li>• 3-4 members</li> <li>• Meets as needed</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <p><b>Responsibilities</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Review implementation of reorganization plan</li> <li>2. Make recommendations for changes</li> <li>3. Member recruitment plan</li> <li>4. Develop 2-year plan of goals and objectives</li> <li>5. Develops budget for the plan</li> </ol>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <p><b>Meeting Team</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 general meeting per year of everyone interested (minimum 12)</li> <li>• 4 (minimum) persons assigned to each of the 4 meetings (can meet or work on tasks individually)</li> <li>• Creativity is encouraged to make meetings more lively/interesting</li> <li>• Drawing on member expertise for programs, presentations, etc. is encouraged</li> </ul>                                                                                                                        | <p><b>Responsibilities</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Build on format ideas from the roundtable group</li> <li>2. Work with the Education Team on CE ideas</li> <li>3. Work with Advisory Team on any business needed</li> <li>4. Set time, place, cost</li> <li>5. Reserve venue/arrange set-up and take-down</li> <li>6. Plan and carryout social component</li> <li>7. Alert treasurer of any expenses and incoming payments</li> <li>8. All expenses pay as you go</li> </ol>                                                                                                                                                                                       |



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| <b>Education Team</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3-4 members</li> <li>• Meet as needed</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                              | <b>Responsibilities</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. CE for membership meetings or stand-alone CE for members</li> <li>2. Monitor CE opportunities for posting on Facebook and in newsletter</li> <li>3. Coordinate with Meeting and Advisory Teams</li> <li>4. Develop ideas for community education</li> <li>5. All expenses pay as you go</li> </ol>      |
| <b>Officers</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Secretary</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Takes minutes at all meetings of the Advisory Committee and general membership business meetings</li> <li>2. Posts Advisory Team minutes on the website and business meeting minutes in the newsletter</li> </ol> | <b>Treasurer</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Maintains financial records in Excel</li> <li>2. Pays expenses via check</li> <li>3. Reports to the Advisory Team and membership at business meetings</li> <li>4. Manages cash flow with approval of the Advisory Team (can be done via email)</li> <li>5. Prepares simple budget of known expenses</li> </ol> |
| <b>Goals of Plan</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emphasize social functions</li> <li>• Spread the work</li> <li>• Simplify</li> <li>• Fewer meetings</li> <li>• Encourage/individual initiative</li> <li>• Make MG fun again</li> </ul>                         | <i>Notes: Roundtable Meeting/CE/Social Suggestions Presentation from WIMGA on its purpose/plans/offerings</i><br><i>Apply for WIMGA grants for programs as needed</i><br><i>Hands-on learning (park or garden tours, weed ID walk, partner organizations present or offer tours of facilities gardens, members offer programs/presentations)</i>                          |



WE NEED YOU!

Think about volunteering for one of the Advisory positions that will be open in Fall. You can get an idea from the current group and learn the ropes. It's really quite painless and we can continue to move forward with our Association! THANK YOU!

## Continuing Education Opportunities

**Diseases of Herbaceous Ornamentals**, Wednesday, July 26, 6:30 p.m. with Brian Hudelson, UW-Extension. Free. for more information or to register go to:  
<https://mastergardener.extension.wisc.edu/events/?trumbaEmbed=view%3Devent%26eventid%3D163242037>

**Plant Health Monitoring Workshop**, Tuesday, August 1, Noon to 3 p.m., In person at Green Bay Botanical Garden. Presented by Ashley Barkow, GBBG Horticulturist. Free. For more information, go to [abarkow@gbbg](mailto:abarkow@gbbg) or call 920491-369, Ext. 145.

### SEWISC

**2023 Fall Invasive Plant Management Workshop** at the Kenosha County Center, Bristol, WI. Saturday, September 9, 2023, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Cost \$60. Registration opens August 6th at:  
<https://sewisc.org/invasives/plant-management-workshop> Limited to 20 participants.

Please remind members to go to <https://mastergardener.extension.wisc.edu/events/> to find a number of interesting and timely webinars.

## Answer to What am I?

*By Jane Kuhn*



I am a blanket flower or gaillardia. Family: Asteraceae (aster family). Genus: Gaillardia. Common name: Gaillardia or blanket flower. I am named after M. Gaillard de Charentonneau, an 18<sup>th</sup> century French magistrate who was a patron of botany. The common name refers to the inflorescence's resemblance to brightly patterned blankets made by native Americans.

*References: USDA Plants Database and associated links*

## Picnic Fun!





Scholarship recipient, Nicholas Williams,  
attended the June picnic.

*Photo submitted by Kim Willman*



### ***Oshkosh Garden Club Garden Walk***

The annual Oshkosh Garden Walk is just around the corner, and this year promises to be the best one yet. Whether you're a seasoned gardener or simply enjoy the beauty of nature, this event is not to be missed! The Garden Walk will take place rain or shine on Sunday, July 9, 2023 from 11AM to 4PM at private gardens across the city. Visitors can travel to the gardens on their own schedule and in any order during the event.

This year's tour features a stunning array of 6 gardens, each with its own unique style and charm. One of these gardens is our own **Ruth Retzlaff**. In addition, expert gardeners will be on hand to answer any questions you may have and provide tips and tricks for growing your own beautiful garden.

But the Garden Walk is more than just a chance to admire beautiful flowers and plants. It's also an opportunity to connect with others in your community who share your love of gardening. Bring your family and friends and spend a delightful afternoon strolling through these beautiful gardens.

Advance tickets are \$8 for adults. Tickets are available locally at uBloom, 930 Witzel Ave and House of Flowers, 1920 Algoma Blvd, Oshkosh. Advance tickets are also available on-line at <https://www.oshkoshgardenclub.org/garden-walk.html>. Or get tickets for \$10 on the day of the event at any garden location. Children under 18 are free. Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity to experience the beauty of nature and connect with your community. Get more information and maps to the gardens at <https://www.oshkoshgardenclub.org/>.

## Master Gardener Volunteer Opportunities

| Organization                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | WCMGA Liaison(s) |
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| <b>Carter Memorial Library</b><br>405 East Huron Street, Omro, WI 54963-1045<br><b>Volunteer Information:</b><br><a href="https://omrolibrary.org/aboutus/friends">https://omrolibrary.org/aboutus/friends</a><br>920-685-7016<br><a href="mailto:omplstaff@omrolibrary.org">omplstaff@omrolibrary.org</a><br><b>Volunteer Contact:</b><br>Julie Stobbe, 920.685.7016<br><b>Volunteer application:</b><br><a href="https://omrolibrary.org/sites/default/files/inline-files/Volunteer%20Application.pdf">https://omrolibrary.org/sites/default/files/inline-files/Volunteer%20Application.pdf</a><br>Liability protection: Waiver of liability in application process | Anna Ludwig      |
| <b>Miravida Living</b><br>225 N. Eagle St., Oshkosh, WI 54902<br><b>Volunteer Information:</b><br><a href="https://www.miravidaliving.com/volunteer/">https://www.miravidaliving.com/volunteer/</a><br><b>Volunteer Contact:</b><br>Joan Keltesch, <a href="mailto:jkeltesch@miravidaliving.com">jkeltesch@miravidaliving.com</a><br><b>Volunteer application:</b> <a href="https://hipaa.jotform.com/220336497425155">https://hipaa.jotform.com/220336497425155</a><br>Volunteer training sessions<br>Liability protection: Organization's insurance coverage                                                                                                        | Jane Kuhn        |
| <b>Neenah Historical Society—Octagon House</b><br>343 Smith Street, Neenah, WI 54956<br><b>Volunteer Information:</b><br><a href="http://www.neenahhistoricalsociety.com/">http://www.neenahhistoricalsociety.com/</a><br>(920) 729-0244<br><a href="mailto:Neenahhistoricalsociety@gmail.com">Neenahhistoricalsociety@gmail.com</a><br>Liability protection: Organization's insurance coverage<br>Background check performed by Neenah Historical Society                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Jerry Robak      |

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| <p><b>Neenah Public Library</b><br/> 240 E. Wisconsin Avenue, Neenah, WI 54956<br/> <b>Volunteer Information:</b><br/> <a href="https://neenahlibrary.org/volunteer">https://neenahlibrary.org/volunteer</a><br/> 920-886-6315<br/> <a href="mailto:library@neenahlibrary.org">library@neenahlibrary.org</a><br/> <b>Volunteer policy:</b><br/> <a href="https://neenahlibrary.org/sites/default/files/inline-files/Neenah%20Public%20Library%20Volunteer%20Program%20Policy.pdf">https://neenahlibrary.org/sites/default/files/inline-files/Neenah%20Public%20Library%20Volunteer%20Program%20Policy.pdf</a><br/> <b>Volunteer application:</b><br/> <a href="https://neenahlibrary.org/sites/default/files/inline-files/NPL%20Volunteer%20Application%20Website.pdf">https://neenahlibrary.org/sites/default/files/inline-files/NPL%20Volunteer%20Application%20Website.pdf</a><br/> Background check performed by Neenah Public Library<br/> Volunteer orientation—30 minutes<br/> Liability protection: Waiver of liability in application process</p> | <p>Sue Forbes</p> <p>Bette Hoytink</p>                   |
| <p><b>Oshkosh Area Humane Society</b><br/> 1925 Shelter Court, Oshkosh, WI 54901<br/> <b>Volunteer Information:</b><br/> <a href="https://www.oahs.org/volunteer.html">https://www.oahs.org/volunteer.html</a><br/> <b>Volunteer coordinator:</b> Sarah Stoffregen, 920.424.2128, ext. 116,<br/> <a href="mailto:sarah@oahs.org">sarah@oahs.org</a><br/> Liability protection: Contact OAHS</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <p>OPEN</p> <p>If interested,<br/> contact Deb Butch</p> |
| <p><b>Paine Art Center and Gardens</b><br/> 1410 Algoma Blvd, Oshkosh, WI 54901<br/> <b>Volunteer Information:</b><br/> Volunteer contact: Annika Holland, <a href="mailto:aholland@thepaine.org">aholland@thepaine.org</a>,<br/> 920-235-6903<br/> <a href="https://www.thepaine.org/support/volunteer/">https://www.thepaine.org/support/volunteer/</a><br/> <b>Volunteer application:</b><br/> <a href="https://www.thepaine.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/Volunteer-Application-2020.pdf">https://www.thepaine.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/Volunteer-Application-2020.pdf</a><br/> Volunteer handbook available<br/> Background check performed by The Paine<br/> Liability protection: Organization's insurance coverage</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <p>Ginny Slattery</p> <p>Kathy Gore</p>                  |
| <p><b>UW Madison, Extension Winnebago County</b><br/> 625 E Cty Rd Y, Oshkosh<br/> Horticulture Plant Health Advising and other opportunities TBD<br/> <b>Volunteer contact:</b> Madisen Potratz, Horticulture Educator,<br/> <a href="mailto:madisen.potratz@wisc.edu">madisen.potratz@wisc.edu</a>, 920.232.1976</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <p>Madisen Potratz</p>                                   |



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| <b>Winnebago County Historical &amp; Archeological Society—Morgan House</b><br>234 Church Avenue, Oshkosh, WI 54901<br><b>Volunteer Information:</b><br>WinnebagoHistoricalSociety@gmail.com<br>920-267-8007<br><b>Volunteer Contact:</b><br>Greg Bellmer, 920.267.8007<br>Liability protection: Liability protection is not provided                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Kathy Schultz                                                                                                            |
| <b>Winnebago County—Department of Facilities and Property Management (Coughlin Rain Garden)</b><br>625 E. County Rd Y, Suite 600, Oshkosh, WI 54901<br><b>Volunteer Information:</b><br>No volunteer process<br><b>Volunteer Contact:</b><br>Bob Stephenson, 920.420.6405<br>Liability protection: Organization's insurance coverage                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Jill Dombrowski<br><br>Ed Dombrowski                                                                                     |
| <b>Winnebago County Master Gardener Association</b><br>625 E. County Rd Y, Suite 600, Oshkosh, WI 54901<br><b>Volunteer Information:</b><br>Liability protection: Organization's insurance coverage                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Deb Butch                                                                                                                |
| <b>Winnebago County—Park View Health Center (Health Center gardens and Park View Prairie Garden)</b><br>725 Butler Rd, Oshkosh, WI 54956<br><b>Volunteer Information:</b><br>Volunteer contact: Missy Grundman, mgrundman@co.winnebago.wi.us, 920-237-6931<br>liability protection: Organization's insurance coverage                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Health Center Gardens:<br>Donna Kudlas<br>Jane Kuhn<br><br>Park View Prairie Garden:<br>Carol Swannell<br>Jerry Schaefer |
| <b>YMCA of the Fox Cities—Neenah-Menasha YMCA</b><br>110 W. North Water Street, Neenah, WI 54956<br><b>Volunteer Information:</b><br><a href="https://www.ymcafoxcities.org/volunteer-opportunities">https://www.ymcafoxcities.org/volunteer-opportunities</a><br><b>Volunteer application:</b><br><a href="https://www.ymcafoxcities.org/sites/ymcafoxcities/files/2021-02/VolunteerApplicationForm2013.pdf">https://www.ymcafoxcities.org/sites/ymcafoxcities/files/2021-02/VolunteerApplicationForm2013.pdf</a><br>Liability protection: Organization's insurance coverage | For more information:<br>Contact Deb Butch                                                                               |

| Houses of Worship                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                |
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| <b>First Presbyterian Church</b><br>110 Church Avenue, Oshkosh, WI 54901<br><b>Volunteer Information:</b><br>Contact Sue Egner                                                                                     | Sue Egner      |
| <b>St. Raphael the Archangel Catholic Church</b><br>830 S Westhaven Drive, Oshkosh, WI 54904<br><b>Volunteer Information:</b><br>Contact Cindy Meszaros<br>Liability protection: Organization's insurance coverage | Cindy Meszaros |

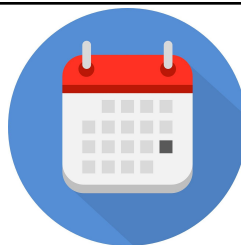
### In need of Volunteer Hours?

Consider helping with the Oshkosh Farmers Market. We could use some help on July 29. Please contact Madisen Potratz, [madisen.potratz@wisc.edu](mailto:madisen.potratz@wisc.edu). And/or consider any of our other great projects. Reference our list here and/or ORS.




Glorious cottonwood tree on a kayak trip in Oshkosh.

*Submitted by Anne Murphy*



#### Upcoming Dates:

- **September Meeting: Sept. 6, 2023, Coughlin Ctr.**

| JULY 2023 |        |                                                                                        |           |          |        |     |
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