

Winnebago County Master Gardeners Newsletter

October 2022

We Did It!! - See GREAT news on Page 2!!!

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.



Bees are busy on asters at Park View.

Submitted by Jane Kuhn



Pumpkins and gourds are grown in the vegetable garden for the Parkview residents. After many attempts, this is the first year that the deer did not eat all of the pumpkins.

Submitted by Jane Kuhn

Dear WCMGA Members,

WE DID IT! Many of our WCMGA members stepped up to the plate and volunteered their time to become a part of our new re-organization plan. Now that we have our members in place for these new roles and responsibilities, the work begins.

Due to some of our current Board members not being able to meet at the next scheduled and possible last Board meeting, we have decided to postpone the meeting until **WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 19, 2022 at 6:00 pm. The meeting will be held in the Coughlin Center in the large meeting room.**

To update you on the members who have volunteered for leadership roles under our new plan, I present the following: (As of 9/27/2022)

ADVISORY TEAM: Linda Loker, Kathy Schultz, Ruth Retzlaff, Deby Voyles-Treasurer Jean Reed and/or Anne Murphy-Secretary

COMMUNICATIONS TEAM: Jean Reed-Website, Anne Murphy-Newsletter, Deb Butch-Partner Liaison, Kathy Procknow-WIMGA Representative

EDUCATION TEAM: Valerie Stabenow, Linda Werner

MEETING TEAM: MARCH BUSINESS /MEMBERSHIP MEETING: Anne Murphy, Kim Willman, Kathy Daniels

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

SEPTEMBER BUSINESS/MEMBERSHIP MEETING: Mary Bossert

MEETING TEAM MEMBERS WHO DID NOT REQUEST A SPECIFIC DATE: Jenny Breining, Mary Wiedemeier, Lil Hansche, Susan Forbes, Sandra Dennis

Our next scheduled meeting for WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 19, 2023 held at the Coughlin Center at 6 pm will be an important transition meet that will aid in moving our current operating system into the new one.

An INVITATION is extended to all TEAM members and any other members wishing to be informed of this transition process. I recognize some may not be able to make this meeting, but please try even if its for a short period of time.

Advisory Team members shall keep you informed as to the date and time of our next scheduled Business/Membership meeting.

Thank you all for making this new plan possible!

ED

What am I?

By Jane Kuhn

I am a big, bold, beautiful herbaceous perennial which offers both decorative foliage and striking flower displays. My plump, large leaves almost form into rosettes and, depending on the species, can be either round or kidney-shaped and sometimes toothed or spotted. My tall flower stalks with yellow or orange, daisy-like blooms rise out from the midst of my large leaves in late summer and into fall. My plants range from 3 to 7 feet tall and from 2 to 4 feet wide.

I do best in partial shade (especially during the heat of the day) and good, humus-rich garden soil that is kept evenly moist. Since my roots form large clumps, plenty of space should be allowed between plants. Propagation can be done by division or from seed.

Outdoor sowing should be done on the surface of the soil in either fall or just before the last frost of spring. When sowing indoors, do so about one and a half months before it is time to plant them in the garden in spring. They take from two to six weeks to germinate. My plants should be divided every 3 or 4 years during early spring or late summer. Once plants are dug out from the ground, use a sharp knife and cut the crowns into sections similarly to how you would divide a hosta.

I am great in the back of shade beds, in containers, along borders, in bogs, or planted at the edge of water gardens. I attract butterflies and am deer resistant. My flowers offer fall color and my plants provide large attractive foliage throughout the season..

WCMGA Contacts

Check your membership guide for contact information.

President (Nominations Accepted)

Ed Dombrowski (12.31.22)

Vice President

Kathy Procknow/Deb Butch (12.31.22)

Secretary

Jean Reed (12.31.22)

Acting Treasurers (open for nominations!)

Deb Butch/Kathy Procknow

Board Representatives

Ruth Retzlaff (12.31.22)

Sue Egner

Linda Werner

WIMGA Representative

Kathy Procknow

Advisor

Madisen Potratz

Newsletter Team

Anne Murphy

Kim Willman

Jane Kuhn

Lawanda Jungwirth

Jean Reed



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. Each article submitted will count toward your volunteer hours. Thank you!

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

All committees uphold and support the WCMGA mission:

"Our purpose is to provide horticulture education, community service and environmental stewardship within our community."

Number of member meetings per year: 4

- September: Business Meeting
- December: Holiday Social
- March: Business Meeting
- June: Spring Social (picnic?)

Member meeting format:

- December and June meetings social only
- September and March are business meetings with social and/or CE components (TBD by Meeting Committee)

Advisory Team

- 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)
 - Meets at least twice per year prior to the September and March business meetings
- 1-year terms starting October 1, but stay on through Dec. 31 to advise/support next team members. Renewable terms.
- Decisions can be made via email in-between meetings

Responsibilities

1. Approve expenditures over \$500
2. Secure adequate liability insurance
3. Keep meeting minutes (secretary)
4. Review new procedures, policies, SOPS, by-laws and make recommendations to the membership as needed/proposed
5. Maintain non-stock status
6. Set membership business meeting agenda
7. Coordinate with other teams
8. At-large members coordinate membership emails from committees
6. Encourage member initiative in proposing ideas

Meeting Team

- 1 general meeting per year of everyone interested (minimum 12)
- 4 (minimum) persons assigned to each of the 4 meetings (can meet or work on tasks individually)
- Creativity is encouraged to make meetings more lively/interesting
- Drawing on member expertise for programs, presentations, etc. is encouraged

Responsibilities

1. Build on format ideas from the roundtable group
2. Work with the Education Team on CE ideas
3. Work with Advisory Team on any business needed
4. Set time, place, cost
5. Reserve venue/arrange set-up and take-down
6. Plan and carryout social component
7. Alert treasurer of any expenses and incoming payments
8. All expenses pay as you go

Education Team

- 3-4 members
- Meet as needed

Responsibilities

1. CE for membership meetings or stand-alone CE for members
2. Monitor CE opportunities for posting on Facebook and in newsletter
3. Coordinate with Meeting and Advisory Teams
4. Develop ideas for community education
5. All expenses pay as you go

<p>7. Zoom or live pop-ups for special topics as suggested/available</p> <p>Communications Team</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No meetings • Individual tasks <p><i>Responsibilities</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Maintain Facebook page 2. Maintain Website 3. Maintain newsletter 4. Email communications to members/teams 5. Extension liaison 6. WIMGA representative 7. Contact/coordinator for partner organizations (needs further discussion) <p>Strategic Planning Team</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Form in spring of 2023? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3-4 members • Meets as needed <p><i>Responsibilities</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review implementation of reorganization plan 2. Make recommendations for changes 3. Member recruitment plan 4. Develop 2-year plan of goals and objectives 5. Develops budget for the plan 	<p>Officers</p> <p>Treasurer</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Maintains financial records in Excel 2. Pays expenses via check 3. Reports to the Advisory Team and membership at business meetings 4. Manages cash flow with approval of the Advisory Team (can be done via email) 5. Prepares simple budget of known expenses <p>Secretary</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Takes minutes at all meetings of the Advisory Committee and general membership business meetings 2. Posts Advisory Team minutes on the website and business meeting minutes in the newsletter <p>Goals of Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emphasize social functions • Spread the work • Simplify • Fewer meetings • Encourage/individual initiative • Make MG fun again <p><i>Notes: Roundtable Meeting/CE/Social Suggestions Presentation from WIMGA on its purpose/plans/offerings</i></p> <p><i>Apply for WIMGA grants for programs as needed</i></p> <p><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></p>
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Meeting Team: (Spring Picnic: Donna Kudlas, Jane Kuhn, Sue Egner, Vicki Daniels, Ruth Retzlaff, Renee Doner, Bob Potter)

Other meetings: Dec. 22, Mar. 23, Sept. 23: Jenny Breining, Lil Hansche, Kim Willman, Anne Murphy **5 more members are needed** to achieve a minimum of 3 members for each of the 3 membership/business meetings

Secretary: Starting January 1, 2023

Answer to What am I?

By Jane Kuhn

I am a ligularia. Family: Asteraceae (aster family). Genus: ligularia. Species (one of): ligularia dentata. Other common names: ragwort, leopard plant, rayflower, or golden groundsel ligularia. Its name comes from the Latin word ligula, which means little tongue, referring to the tongue-like shape of the large petal on each of the ray flowers

Resources: USDA Plants Database and associated links.



WINNEBAGO COUNTY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION
TUESDAY Sept. 13, 2022 6:00 PM
MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
ROOM A COUGHLIN CENTER

Ed Dombrowski called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA All
The agenda was approved with one addition, Bob Potter's award.

2. INTRODUCTION OF MADISEN POTRATZ E. Dombrowski
Ed introduced Madisen Potratz. Madisen went to UW-Madison and earned a degree in art. When she moved back to Oshkosh, she took over her grandmother's extensive gardens. Her aunt, who is a Dane

County Master Gardener, has been teaching her how to garden. She holds Master Gardeners in high esteem and has been auditing the foundations class.

3. Extension updates, the Foundations in Gardening is currently running and has 500 people registered for the course.

4. RE-ORGANIZATION PLAN

L. Werner/Board

- a. Explanation - Letter was sent out to all members with information. We want to simplify and reduce what we do. We will reduce number of meetings per year—two business meetings, one each in September and March and two social meetings, one each in December and June. We are going to dissolve the board and create an advisory team which includes the secretary, treasurer, and three to four directors. The advisory team will meet before the two business meetings. There are vastly simplified treasurer's duties. We will need a new secretary as Jean will step down on December 31. Meeting team we will need 12 members (3 members per meeting). Social events will be pay as you go. Education team is currently posting trainings on Facebook and the web site. Communication team is pretty well set. After six months, we will assess if this is working. Hours you work on these teams are counted as service hours for the organization and can be used at your volunteer hours.
- b. Q and A - Really seems to be well thought out. Can we post the names of people on committees already? Will be posted in the minutes. We can also post on the website.
- c. Vote - vote was taken by paper. If we aren't paying dues are we not members of WIMGA? We will have the WIMGA dues paid individually. You do need to be part of an association in order to apply for WIMGA grants. Individual members that do not belong to an association will not be allowed to apply for the WIMGA grants. WIMGA grants should go directly to partner since we no longer have tax exempt status.

Vote - Yes, 25; No, 4

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Secretary: Jean Reed, current, Open starting January 1, 2023

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Meeting Team: Spring Picnic: Donna Kudlas, Jane Kuhn, Sue Egner, Vicki Daniels, Ruth Retzlaff, Renee Doner, Bob Potter

Other meetings, i.e., membership/business: Jenny Breining, Lil Hansche, Kim Willman, A. Murphy

Five more members are needed to achieve a minimum of three members for each of the three membership/business meetings scheduled for December 2022, March 2023 and September 2023

5. SHARING OF BEST GARDEN STORIES FOR 2022 All

Everyone at the meeting shared a photo or story about their gardens.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Secretaries Report

J. Reed

Last minutes appeared in the June newsletter which is posted to the website.

- b. Treasurer's Report

D. Butch, K. Procknow

Closed money market account in June and wrote check for \$25,000 to the Oshkosh Community Foundation. Beginning checkbook balance August 1 was \$4,349.31. We had an expense for gift cards for garden tours, plus cash on hand of \$100, the ending balance was \$4,399.31.

c. Committee Reports

1. Education Committee

V. Stabenow

Valerie showed the web site page with the upcoming classes. She gave an overview of the Fall Green Thumb series being put on by Dane County Extension. Everything is posted on the website. Please be sure you go into ORS and put your hours in. Valerie can no longer help due to privacy issues.

d. Volunteer Opportunities

D. Butch, K. Procknow

Deb and Kathy contacted all the volunteer organizations to get their feedback with how their summer season went. Omro Carter library needs help. Miravida Living said volunteer number is perfect very happy. NHS said the number of volunteers was sufficient. Neenah Library needs more help with their pollinator garden. Oshkosh Area Humane Society needs more help. Paine Art Center could still use more volunteers and more into the fall (Wacky Weed Wednesdays has been created so volunteers can just drop in and help). Winnebago County Historical Society-Morgan House has 4-6 volunteers. Coughlin rain garden could use more help but the garden is beautiful. Parkview had a lot of praise for the gardens and said that Donna was an extraordinary leader and that the gardens helped the quality of life for the residents. Prairie garden is good. Neenah-Menasha YMCA had two volunteers and did what they could with the funds available. The YMCA volunteers created a list of what they did. Some of what the YMCA wants is really a job for a professional landscaper. First Presbyterian Church needs more help. St. Raphael's needs no help, they have enough volunteers.

Organizations are getting the idea that they need to help provide volunteers for their projects.

~~e. Extension Update~~

~~V. Stabenow~~

Madisen gave the update in her introduction above.

f. WIMGA Report

K. Procknow

Kathy will check with WIMGA to see how they will pay out the grants. Byron Hacker passed away so the eastern district is in transition. Kathy stated WIMGA had someone to replace Byron but they were not able to fulfill the role. There is supposed to be a meeting scheduled for September but she had not heard anything yet.

g. Communication

Board

Ed gave an explanation of mask requirement.

7. OLD BUSINESS

a. Scholarship Agreement

V. Stabenow

Valerie gave an update to the scholarship monies moved to the Oshkosh Community Foundation. The director will meet with our scholarship team. The director goes to all the high schools in our area. They have a website list and application already in place. The standards are the same as we have had in the past.

8. Bob Potter's award. Bob received honored status this year. Valerie explained the honored status process.

9. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn by Linda Werner, seconded by Mary Shepard. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

REMINDER: WEARING OF MASKS IS STILL IN EFFECT

Continuing Education Opportunities

By Linda Werner

New webinars from Melinda Myers:

"Year-round Perennial Garden Maintenance," Wed., October 26, 6:30 p.m. Free, but registration required at: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_WQZdH-u1TdOxAPIKmlOCSQ

"Boosting the Beauty of and Propagating Houseplants," Wednesday, November 2, 6:30 p.m. Free, but registration required at:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_SeuDpw14TfW4GmLwnOCDsw

Ohio State Webinar Series--All starting at 9 a.m. CDT--Free--Register at:

https://osu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_y1hvBGcRC28dybWXThGgQ

- **Pollinators' Best Hope: A New Approach to Pollinator Habitat That Starts in Your Yard** by Doug Tallamy, University of Delaware, Friday, Oct. 10.
- **Creating Pollinator Gardens: The role of Plant Choice and Design** by Harland Patch, Penn State University, Friday, Oct. 21
- **Creating and Managing Habitat for Native Bees** by Heather Holm, Author and biologist, Friday, Oct. 28.
- **Deciding to Create A Pollinator Garden Is The Easy Step--What To Do Next?** by Matthew Shepherd, The Xerces Society, Friday, Nov. 4.
- **Getting Started with Wildflower Patches, Flower Strips and Meadows** by Shana Byrd, The Dawes Arboretum, Friday, Nov. 11

SouthEast Wisconsin Invasive Species Consortium Annual Education Symposium, Wednesday, November 9, 1- 4 p.m. at Havens State Forest Environmental Awareness Center, 641 N. Hopkins St., Milwaukee. Presentation on **Native Plant Competitors for Exotic**

Invasives: Get Creative--Go Native, by John L. Mariani, Landscape Architect. Go to:

https://sewisc.org/images/managers/annual-educational-symposium-2022.pdf?utm_source=newsletter_30&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=sewisc-quarterly-newsletter-fa for more information as it becomes available.

New conference from South East Wisconsin Invasive Species Consortium

Upper Midwest Invasive Species Conference, Tuesday, October 25, through Thursday, October 27. Hybrid event at the KI Convention Center in Green Bay or online. Cost is \$350 in person or \$125 virtual. Note--not all seminars are eligible for MG Continuing Ed. Review Wisconsin Master Gardener guidelines prior to registering. For more information and to register, go to: <http://www.umisc.net/registration.html>



At the Miravida Living Butterfly Garden this monarch prepared for the coming flight south.
Submitted by Jane Kuhn Photo taken by Vicki Daniels

Master Gardener Volunteer Opportunities **


(as of 8/24/2022)

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

<p>Neenah Public Library 240 E. Wisconsin Avenue, Neenah, WI 54956 Volunteer Information: https://neenahlibrary.org/volunteer 920-886-6315 library@neenahlibrary.org</p> <p>Volunteer policy: https://neenahlibrary.org/sites/default/files/inline-files/Neenah%20Public%20Library%20Volunteer%20Program%20Policy.pdf</p> <p>Volunteer application: https://neenahlibrary.org/sites/default/files/inline-files/NPL%20Volunteer%20Application%20Website.pdf</p> <p>Background check performed by Neenah Public Library Volunteer orientation—30 minutes Liability protection: Waiver of liability in application process</p>	<p>Sue Forbes</p> <p>Bette Hoytink</p>
<p>Oshkosh Area Humane Society 1925 Shelter Court, Oshkosh, WI 54901 Volunteer Information: https://www.oahs.org/volunteer.html Volunteer coordinator: Sarah, sarah@oahs.org Liability protection: Contact OAHS</p>	<p>Contact Sarah, Volunteer Coordinator OAHS</p>
<p>Paine Art Center and Gardens 1410 Algoma Blvd, Oshkosh, WI 54901 Volunteer Information: Volunteer contact: Annika Holland, aholland@thepaine.org, 920-235-6903 https://www.thepaine.org/support/volunteer/ Volunteer application: https://www.thepaine.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/Volunteer-Application-2020.pdf Volunteer handbook available Background check performed by The Paine Liability protection: Organization's insurance coverage</p>	<p>Ginny Slattery</p> <p>Kathy Gore</p>

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

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

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