



Winnebago County Master Gardeners

Newsletter

September 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.

***“Happily we bask in
this warm
September sun,
which illuminates
all creatures.”
-Henry David Thoreau***



At the Butterfly Garden at Miravida Living, three monarchs are on the Blazing Star (*Liatris*)
Submitted by Jane Kuhn.

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.

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

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From your Advisory Team

Ah, September! Garden beauty and bounty continues. What a challenging summer for the projects and for our home gardens. A nice rain came in mid August to help with the seemingly constant watering, so that was welcome.

Many thanks to the following new Advisory Team Members for 2024: Kathy Daniels and Sandy Dennis, Directors; Sue Egner, Treasurer. Continuing in the role of Secretary is Anne Murphy, and Linda Werner and Valerie Stabenow will continue on the Education committee.

We feel that during this first year of the new world, our organization sailed through a great sea of change and we can say we are going into our second year unified and ready to share our love of gardening and knowledge with each other and our communities. It is a work in progress! Thanks to everyone who hung with us this first year. And special thanks to Madisen Potratz, who is a great resource and fun!

We have a date for our Winter Social. It is January 16th (weather date January 23rd, just in case...) at Father Carr's Place. The director there is very happy we will be coming back, because he said we make great desserts! We know that!!

Please note the Extension is going to re-evaluate the Honorary status and won't be accepting applications at this time.

Watch for information coming out about a bus trip to the PBS Garden Expo in Madison in February 2024.

Our next business meeting will be on Wednesday (not Tuesday) September 6th. Speaker Matt Wallrath, Outreach Specialist with UW Madison will give a presentation entitled, "Weed Wrap up 2023 and Forecast for 2024." See you there!!

Finally, this time of year we also want to remind everyone to record those hard worked and Hot(!) volunteer hours, and the education hours. The deadline is still the end of 2023, but why not just get it done now before the holiday rush? Yup, holidays are that close.

Ruth, Linda and Kathy

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

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>All committees uphold and support the WCMGA mission: “Our purpose is to provide horticulture education, community service and environmental stewardship within our community.”</i></p>	
Number of member meetings per year: 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • September & March: Business Meeting • December: Holiday Social & June: Spring Social
Member meeting format:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • December and June meetings social only • September and March are business meetings with social and/or CE components (TBD by Meeting Committee)
Advisory Team <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 7. Zoom or live pop-ups for special topics as suggested/available
Communications Team <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No meetings • Individual tasks 	Responsibilities <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
Strategic Planning Team <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Form in spring of 2023? • 3-4 members • Meets as needed 	Responsibilities <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
Meeting Team <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3-4 members • Meet as needed 	Responsibilities <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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
Officers	
Secretary <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 	Treasurer <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
Goals of Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emphasize social functions • Spread the work • Simplify • Fewer meetings • Encourage/individual initiative • Make MG fun again 	<i>Notes: Roundtable Meeting/CE/Social Suggestions Presentation from WIMGA on its purpose/plans/offerings</i> <i>Apply for WIMGA grants for programs as needed</i> <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>

From Education Team:

1. Current Winnebago County Master Gardeners! Please make sure we have your up-to-date contact information! This includes email, street address, phone, etc. If you have a change or are planning one, please contact Deby Voyles to make sure you are getting all the appropriate Winnebago Master Gardeners information. This is especially important for your WIMGA membership, so that you continue to receive WIMGA information and updates.

Then, please go to your ORS account and make sure all your contact information is correct there as well. You will NOT receive important information and program updates from the State Office without correct contact information.

2. A bus trip to the Wisconsin PBS Lawn and Garden Expo is being planned for February 10, 2024. Arrangements are nearly complete, with only ticket price waiting on an update from Expo organizers. Right now, there will be a 36-passenger Lamers coach leaving the parking lot (where JC Penney in Oshkosh used to be) about 7:15 AM. We will arrive at the Expo around 9:15 AM or so, and then the return will leave Madison around 3:30 with arrival back in Oshkosh at @ 5:00-5:30 PM. This will allow time to visit the vendor/exhibit area and perhaps take in a seminar or two. The Educational Offerings for 2024 are not yet available, and as soon as they are posted, the Education Team will go through them to let you know which count for annual MG Continuing Education Hours.

Continuing Education Opportunities

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.

Olbrich Gardens

Five Easy Choices for Healthier Yards & Gardens, webinar, September 6, noon, with Michele Chalice. \$15 public, \$12 members. Registration deadline is August 30. For more information go to: <https://www.olbrich.org/calendar/virtual-lunch-hour-lecture-five-easy-choices-for-healthier-yards-and-gardens>

Xerces Society

Fall Gardening for Pollinators: Creating a Resilient Garden for All Seasons, webinar, Thursday, September 21, noon, with Emily May of the Xerces Society. For more information or to register, go to: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_pS111mHzQoqNm1aLPwSArA#/registration

UW-Extension Plants Plus

Go to: <https://mastergardener.extension.wisc.edu/events/> for more information or to register for any of the three September programs.

From Scraps to Soil: Composting Basics, webinar, Wednesday, September 6, noon, with Julie Hill, Hort Outreach Specialist. Free.

Soil Testing-Why-When-How, webinar, Wednesday, September 13, noon, with Julie Hill. Free.

The Bad & The Ugly: Ten Plant Diseases Not to Compost, webinar, Wednesday, September 27, 6:30pm, with Brian Hudelson. Free.

Fox Valley Wild Ones

For information and registration for all three programs below, go to: https://foxvalleyarea.wildones.org/events/?wo_event_id=4998

A Look at Native Plant Form & Function-Part 1, webinar, Monday, September 11, 7-8 p.m. with Dr. Paul Whitaker, UW-Stevens Point. Fee.

A Look at Native Plant Form & Function-Part 2, webinar, Monday, September 18, 7-8 p.m. with Dr. Paul Whitaker, UW-Stevens Point. Fee

A look at Native Plant Form & Function-Part 3, in-person class, Saturday, September 23, noon to 4 p.m. at UW-Stevens Point with Dr. Paul Whitaker. Fee.

Melinda Myers

Fall is for Planning and Planting an Energy-Saving Landscape, Wednesday, September 13, 6:30 p.m. Free. To register, go to:

https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_UlxlmuqSr2N9LF7_MT8Yw#/registration

Fall Landscape and Garden Care, Tuesday, September 19, 6:30 p.m. Free. To register, go to:

https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_m-yBBiFJSiuxhJYO1O6exQ#/registration

Answer to What am I?

By Jane Kuhn



I am a ligularia. Family: Asteraceae (aster family). Genus: ligularia. Species (one of): ligularia denta. 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.



Ruth, Bob, Donna and Vicki are planting perennials in the newly rejuvenated flower bed at Parkview. These flowers will be cut for the bouquets starting next summer.
Submitted by Jane Kuhn

At Parkview we make bouquets from our cutting gardens for the residents who visit.
Submitted by Jane Kuhn



Wisconsin Garden Gems

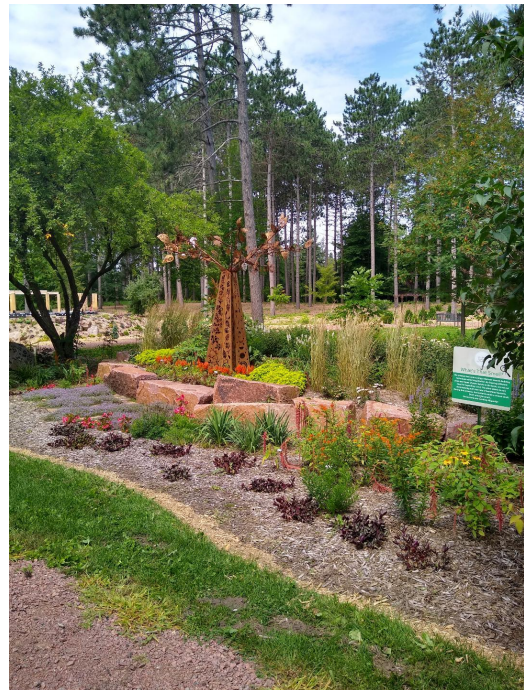
During my wanderings around Wisconsin this summer, I discovered two small, but beautiful gardens. They are definitely worth a visit if your travels take you nearby. The first is the LaCrosse Riverside International Friendship Garden, located at the north end of Riverside Park in downtown LaCrosse. Riverside Park, as a whole, is a pleasant spot located on the banks of the Mississippi. It has nice areas to walk along the river or relax on the beach while enjoying the view. The Friendship Garden is pocket-sized but includes areas devoted to each of LaCrosse's cities in China, Germany, France, Russia, Norway, Ireland and Cameroon. It was created and maintained through a partnership with the Bluff County Master Gardeners, City of LaCrosse, and the International Friendship Garden Board of Directors. It is free and open from 6 AM - 11 PM each day. Donations are welcome, but I did not see a box for funds. More information can be found at RiversideGardens.org.

The second garden is Monk Botanical Garden in Wausau. It is located on 30 acres on the west side of Wausau, near the North Central Technical College (1800 N 1st Ave.). Most of the property was donated by Robert W. Monk in the early 2000's and the garden is still a work in progress. Currently there are many seating areas framed by perennial/annual plantings, a pond, a canopy structure, a variety of tree species, an impressive raised-bed kitchen garden that includes an outdoor kitchen, and a native plant area. The area under the art piece in the photo was created using a German mound-building technique called Hugelkultur. It involves layering different sizes and types of plant debris in a berm. In this case, it reduced the need for top soil by one third. Monk Garden is open daily in the summer 7 AM - 7 PM and Oct.- mid-March 7:30-4:30. A \$5 donation is suggested. More information can be found at monkgardens.org.

If you have visited any gardens this summer, please send your adventures to the newsletter so we can all enjoy hearing about it!



LaCrosse Riverside Park



Monk Garden, Wausau



This is the new cutting garden at Winnebago County - Park View Health Center Gardens and Liaisons
 Donna Kudlas and Jane Kuhn.
Submitted by Vidki Daniels.



Parkview - Shasta Daisy Real Sunbeam (a resting place for one of our locals) and a Daylily Raspberry Lace.
Submitted by Deby Voyles



Master Gardener Volunteer Opportunities

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 Contact: Anna Ludwig, 920.685.7016 Volunteer application: https://omrolibrary.org/sites/default/files/inline-files/Volunteer%20Application.pdf Liability protection: Waiver of liability in application process	Sandy Dennis
Miravida Living 225 N. Eagle St., Oshkosh, WI 54902 Volunteer Information: https://www.miravidaliving.com/volunteer/ Volunteer Contact: Joan Keltesch, jkeltesch@miravidaliving.com 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 Volunteer policy: https://neenahlibrary.org/sites/default/files/inline-files/Neenah%20Public%20Library%20Volunteer%20Program%20Policy.pdf Volunteer application: https://neenahlibrary.org/sites/default/files/inline-files/NPL%20Volunteer%20Application%20Website.pdf 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 Stoffregen, 920.424.2128, ext. 116, sarah@oahs.org Liability protection: Contact OAHS</p>	<p>OPEN</p> <p>If interested, contact Deb Butch</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>
<p>UW Madison, Extension Winnebago County 625 E Cty Rd Y, Oshkosh Horticulture Plant Health Advising and other opportunities TBD Volunteer contact: Madisen Potratz, Horticulture Educator, madisen.potratz@wisc.edu, 920.232.1976</p>	<p>Madisen Potratz</p>

Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society—Morgan House 234 Church Avenue, Oshkosh, WI 54901 Volunteer Information: WinnebagoHistoricalSociety@gmail.com 920-267-8007 Volunteer Contact: Greg Bellmer, 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 Volunteer Contact: Bob Stephenson, 920.420.6405 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
Winnebago County—Park View Health Center (Health Center gardens and Park View Prairie Garden) 725 Butler Rd, Oshkosh, WI 54956 Volunteer Information: Volunteer contact: Missy Grundman, mgrundman@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 Jerry Schaefer
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 Deb Butch

Houses of Worship	
First Presbyterian Church 110 Church Avenue, Oshkosh, WI 54901 Volunteer Information Contact Sue Egner	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



Upcoming Dates:

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

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