



Winnebago County Master Gardeners

Newsletter

April 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.

*Hello April
Be a month of
Rebirth
Regrowth
Renewal*



**Beautiful bloom at
Mitchell Park Domes.**
Submitted by Kim Willman.

What am I?

By Jane Kuhn

I am a hardy, spring flowering bulb with, depending on which botanist you talk to, between 40 and 200 different species. I can be grown throughout most of the United States. I am quite tolerant of cold, especially with a covering of snow, and am grown in Wisconsin and up to the Canadian border. I can also be grown in the south with the exception of parts of Florida which are frost free. A cold treatment – natural or induced – is needed for flower bud initiation.

I have a central trumpet-, bowl-, or disc-shaped corona surrounded by a ring of six floral leaves called the perianth which are united into a tube. My seeds are black, round and swollen with a hard coat. The three outer segments are sepals, and the three inner segments are petals. Though traditional folklore and poetry describe me to have a yellow to golden-yellow color all over, both in the wild species and due to breeding, the perianth and corona may be variously colored (white, orange, pink, red, green and all shades and tones of yellow). Breeders have also developed varieties with double, triple or ambiguously multiple rows and layers of segments.

My vigorous, long-lived flower bulbs thrive in sunny, well-drained places and are shunned by hungry deer and voles because my leaves and bulbs contain the alkaloid poison lycorine. I will prosper and multiply with little care. I multiply in two ways: asexual cloning (bulb division) where exact copies of the flower will result, and sexually (from seed) where new, different flowers will result. I have many uses including bedding, cutting, naturalizing, forcing and showing. Look forward to enjoying my beauty from early to late spring.

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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at **WCMGVA**. <https://www.facebook.com/WCMGV>

From your Advisory Team

Looking ahead to continue to enjoy learning and camaraderie with fellow Association Members

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 by August 1st. Your involvement is needed or dissolution will begin on October 1st.

April showers bring much anticipated gardening hours!

As our growing season approaches, we are starting to get active in our yards. This quote from an unknown source says it all: "Gardening adds years to your life and life to your years".

Many thanks to our March meeting committee, **Kathy Daniels, Anne Murphy and Kim Willman**. It was so good to get together! Paul Whitaker was our speaker on climate change. We learned about our changing climate, why it is happening, saw evidence, and what to expect in the future. Using those predictions as gardeners, we learned how to prepare our landscapes to cope with the anticipated changes in Wisconsin's climate.

Interested in the Farmer's Market?? Please contact madisen.potratz@wisc.edu It will be wonderful to have a presence at the Farmer's market again, and a great opportunity to share correct and valuable horticultural information to the residents of our county. Volunteering will look very different from when we had a booth in the past. We are betting we can all find a few hours to share our knowledge, engage with children and be a part of a very popular Oshkosh event.

The Online Reporting System (ORS) is ready to go! In 2023, new name badges will be issued to all current participants in the program.

What you will need to do:

- Accept Terms and Conditions in the Online Reporting System (ORS) on or before May 15, 2023 so you will receive a new name badge in the 2023 calendar year.
- Verify your contact information in the ORS. The name badge will be associated with the address on file in the ORS.
- Enter Your preferred or Chosen Name, which will be used on the name badge. Last names will not be used in order to protect your privacy and security.

If you completed the entire Onboarding Lite Course in 2022, you do not need to do it again in 2023. If you did not complete Onboarding Lite in 2022 and plan on volunteering and recording hours in 2023, you are required to complete Onboarding Lite before you start volunteering or obtaining continuing education.

Our next event will be a picnic on June 6th at the Coughlin Center. We will be gathering at 5:30 with dinner at 6:00. More to follow.

Our September meeting will be Wednesday, September 6 at the Coughlin Center. More information will be shared as it becomes available.

Be sure to check out the many other education opportunities listed in this newsletter!
Happy Spring to All!

Ruth, Linda and Kathy

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

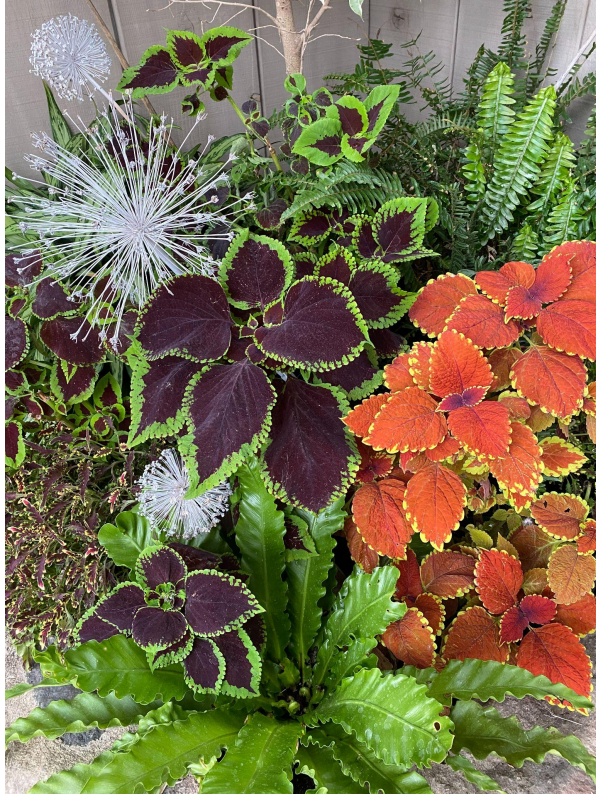
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>All committees uphold and support the WCMGA mission: "Our purpose is to provide horticulture education, community service and environmental stewardship within our community."</i></p>	
<p>Number of member meetings per year: 4</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • September & March: Business Meeting • December: Holiday Social & June: Spring Social
<p>Member meeting format:</p>	<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)
<p>Advisory Team</p> <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 	<p>Responsibilities</p> <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
<p>Communications Team</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No meetings • Individual tasks 	<p>Responsibilities</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
<p>Strategic Planning Team</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Form in spring of 2023? • 3-4 members • Meets as needed 	<p>Responsibilities</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>Meeting Team</p> <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 	<p>Responsibilities</p> <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>



WE NEED YOU!

Think about volunteering for one of the Advisory positions that will be open next 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!



Coleus blooming at Mitchell Park Domes.
Submitted by Kim Willman.

Cacti at Mitchell Park Domes.
Submitted by Kim Willman.



Continuing Education Opportunities

Olbrich Gardens Webinars

Attracting Bees and Beneficial Insects with Native Plants, by biologist Heather Holm. Thursday, April 27, 7-8:30 p.m. Cost \$15 non-members. Register at:

<http://olbrich.doubleknot.com/event/attracting-bees-and-beneficial-insects-with-native-plants-zoom-webinar/2949094>

Resilient In Nature at Olbrich Gardens, by Olbrich Hort staff. Thursday, May 25, 7-8:30 p.m. Cost \$15 non-members. Register at:

<https://olbrich.doubleknot.com/event/resilient-in-nature-at-olbrich-gardens/2949095>

SEWISC

2023 Spring Invasive Plant Management Workshop at Ellwood H. May Environmental Park, Sheboygan. Saturday, June 3, 2023, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Cost \$60. Registration opens May 1st at: <https://sewisc.org/invasives/plant-management-workshop> Limited to 20 participants.

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.

Outagamie County Master Gardener Association and the Kimberly Public Library (For more information go to: <https://www.ocmga.net/education-events/> Registration is not yet open for all presentations)

Peonies, webinar with Michelle Ovans of the Wisconsin Peony society and the owner of Ovans Peony Farm. Monday, April 10, 7 p.m. Free.

Perennials, webinar with Kathy Baum, Monday, April 24, 7 p.m. Free.

Neenah Public Library

Growing Tomatoes, Wed., April 5, 6:30 p.m., Madisen P.

Chemical-Free Gardening, April 18, 6:30 p.m. Linda W. and Jean R.

Garden Design, May 4, 6:30 p.m.

Container Gardening, May 18, 6:30 p.m., Valerie S.

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 & Archeological 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



Answer to What am I? *By Jane Kuhn*

I am a daffodil. Order: liliales. Genus: narcissus. Common name: daffodil. There are two derivations of the name narcissus. One is that of the youth of Greek mythology called Narcissus, who became so obsessed with his own reflection as he kneeled and gazed into a pool of water that he fell in and drowned. The Narcissus plant first sprang from where he died. The other derivation is that the plant is named after its narcotic properties which mean "to grow numb" in Greek.

References: USDA Plants Database, American Daffodil Society and associated links.

ORS Info:

Is there a way to see the Organization's address and contact information? That would be helpful when looking for volunteer opportunities.

There is no way to see the address and contact name. The information is for internal use only. However, you can search organizations in the ORS by City. This can be done from the dashboard one of two ways. 1) Type a city in the search 2) Sort organization by City by clicking on the arrow next to Organization City in the header row. Keep in mind that just because an organization is listed doesn't mean they have current volunteer opportunities. You will need to reach out to the organization to determine their needs and policies.

How do you EDIT an already listed Organization? For example, if there's been a change in the contact name or address?

If there has been a change to the organization's contact information, please reach out to us directly with the information and we will update it.



Summer Picnic Potluck

The Summer Picnic will be a Potluck Supper on Tuesday, June 6th at the Coughlin Center. We will gather at 5:30 PM with dinner at 6:00 PM. WCMGA members and a guest are invited.

Bring your favorite dish to share. There will be a place to plug in crock pots. Plates, napkins, utensils, and water will be provided, or bring your own non-alcoholic beverage.

Please RSVP with the names of those attending to Ruth Retzlaff at 1969retz@gmail.com **by June 1st.**

We are looking forward to seeing you there! Please remember to wear your name tag!

Your Summer Picnic Committee,

Carleen Christianson, Vicki Daniels, Renee Donner, Sue Egner, Donna Kudlas, Jane Kuhn, Bob Potter, Ruth Retzlaff, Sue Tappy

WINNEBAGO COUNTY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION
TUESDAY March 14, 2023 6:00 PM
MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
ROOM A COUGHLIN CENTER

Prior to meeting, Paul Whitaker presented on Climate and Gardening, find the PowerPoint file online at <https://tinyurl.com/mxt93pdp>

Secretary's Report: Jean

- The minutes were included with the October 2022 newsletter

Treasurer's Report: Deby V.

- Switched to the Associated Bank from Community First Credit Union
- 45 paid members
- \$4342.56 in checking
- If anyone needs reimbursement, use the request form on the WCMGA website to submit to Deby
- Questions about treasurer's report contact Deby

Director's Report: Kathy

- ORS is open now
- Attended WIMGA Zoom meeting
 - State presidents shared that losing members is happening statewide.
 - They determined our value in staying with WIMGA equals our voice with Madison, the educational programs that are offered, and the grants we can apply for. The \$5/member is worth it.
- Contact Deby if you aren't receiving WIMGA emails
- Garden Walks
 - Looking for members to have their gardens displayed
 - \$25 gift card for those who volunteer
 - Projects can have their venues on walks
 - Morgan House will have one
- Bench at Coughlin Center displays deceased WCMG members these will be added:
 - RoyAnne Moulton
 - Kevin Hawk
 - Mary Ginke
- Farmer's Market
 - Looking for volunteers
 - Contact Madisen

Extension News: Madisen

- wimastergardener@extension.wisc.edu - do ORS and Onboard Lite
- Upcoming events - check online
- Looking for volunteers
 - Plant Health Advisors
 - Farmer's Market
 - Program Assistants (Demo plots, Oakwood Elem., writing articles, etc.)
 - Educational Program Presenters
- Contact Madisen at madisen.potratz@wisc.edu
- Need to apply for this volunteer opportunity through Extension

Education Committee: Valerie

- Check WCMGA website for CE opportunities
- Name badge - Terms & Conditions need to be completed before 5/14 in order for badges to be ordered
- Don't use old badges
- All presentations are documented on the website to see how many CE hours you can list for each one

Project Update: Deb B.

- Updates are listed on website and in the newsletter
- Paine/Omro library/OAHS'/Park View are looking for volunteers
- Stevens Park project - contact Lil
- ORS has list of opps to volunteer - if there isn't a contact person listed, contact Deb


Picnic: Jane

- June 6
- Coughlin Center
- Potluck
- 5:30 gathering, 6:00 dinner



Upcoming Dates:

- **Summer Picnic: June 6, Coughlin Center, 5:30 Gathering, 6:00 Dinner**
- **September Meeting: Sept. 6, 2023, Coughlin Ctr.**

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