



Digging in Dodge

Dodge County Master Gardener Association

Issue 29

A Note from our President(s)

As I write this, it is National Volunteer Week; a week established in 1974 to “inspire, recognize, and encourage people to seek out imaginative ways to engage in their communities.” As Master Gardener Volunteers you spend many hours throughout the year helping people in your communities better understand the world of gardening. You have done this by writing articles, answering questions, giving presentations, and being involved with the many Dodge County Master Gardener projects. Thank you for all that you do as Master Gardener Volunteers.

As we get busy with Master Gardener projects and our own gardens, don't forget about upcoming events. The Dodge County Master Gardener's annual plant sale is just around the corner on May 19th. Remember to send your reservation to Gail by May 25th, for this year's trip to Anderson Japanese Gardens in Rockford Il with a stop at K & W Greenery in Janesville on June 9th. It's not too early to start taking those photos for our 3rd Annual Photo Contest being held in October. Our monthly meetings will continue throughout the summer, with an interesting lineup of topics and speakers.

It is with mixed emotions that I write my final Note as President. Serving on the board and being President for the last year, has been a rich and reward-

ing experience. It has been an opportunity to broaden my horizons and in the process build new friendships. Just as being a Master Gardener Volunteer is of great value and something to be cherished.

Take Care

Chris

Once again I am taking over am taking the Presidency of this group following the footsteps of a very capable and gracious person. Chris will be a hard act to follow, but with the help of everyone in the organization, we will forge ahead. (Plus, she has promised to allow me to call her on occasion and pick her brain!)

Happy Gardening.

Carol

2012 Projects

Master Gardeners will be working on various projects in Dodge County this year. Projects are underway in Beaver Dam, Horicon, Juneau, Mayville, Neosho, Watertown, and Waupun. Each project has a Master Gardener who coordinates the work. A complete and updated list of projects with contact person information is available from our website or from Carol Shirk (920) 387-5105.

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Upcoming meetings

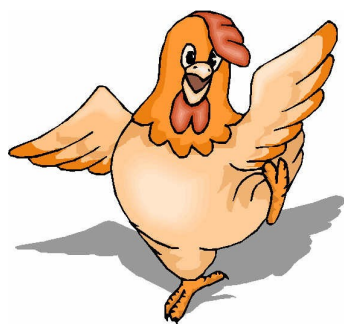
Anyone with an interest in gardening is welcome to attend the following free programs. Master Gardener meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of the month. Unless otherwise noted, the meetings are at 6:30 p.m. in the Administration Building, 127 E. Oak Street, Juneau, WI 53039.

May 24

Chickens in the Garden

Ron Kean

In addition to egg production, garden poultry may assist in insect control, provide fertilizer sources, and give endless hours of entertainment. Ron Kean, UW-Extension Poultry Specialist will discuss the many aspects of raising healthy chickens in our home gardens.



June 28

Butterfly Gardening

Dorothy Legler

Dorothy, from the Southern WI Butterfly Association, is a Master Gardener with many years of doing butterfly surveys, butterfly photography, and an extensive knowledge of Wisconsin butterflies.

July 26

Growing Grapes in Wisconsin

Martin Sell

A 5th generation farmer, Martin grows grapes for wine both on his farm in Juneau as well as in California. Details for this presentation are pending, including a possible on-farm tour. Please check the website for final details.

August 23

Care, Handling, and Arranging of Fresh Flowers

Carol Kreif

As owner of The Village Flower Shoppe in Kekoskee for 32 years, Carol has lots of experience to share. She will demonstrate floral arranging as well as give information about longevity, cutting techniques, and more. Bring your own fresh cut (or dried) flowers and vase and she will assist you in your own arrangements.

September 27

Bats in the Garden

Barb and Ken Bowman

Barb and Ken founded the non-profit Bat Conservation of Wisconsin in 1999. Through it they educate people about the benefits of bats in the environment, and are licensed to perform bat rescue and rehabilitation through the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

October 20

Photo Contest

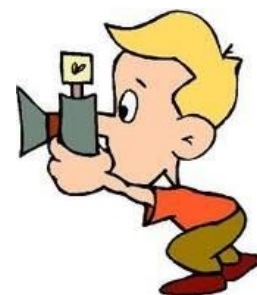
Gail Nampel-coordinator

The 3rd annual Garden Photography Contest is at 1:30 p.m. \$10 admission fee is payable at the door. Ribbons will be awarded during the social hour after Open Judging. "Best of Show" wins a \$50 prize.

Watch the Dodge County Master Gardener Website for Photo Contest Rules and Entry Form.

<http://dodge.uwex.edu/master-gardener/>

This Saturday event will replace the usual Thursday meeting



November

Board Meeting Only

December

And, We Have a Winner!

Over 185 entries were received for the Beaver Dam Home and Business Expo drawing. The lucky winner of the planting pot, soil, garden tools and seeds was Sue Grigg of Horicon. Congratulations, Sue! Many thanks to Kay Voelker and Margaret Furdek for their work in putting together the booth and to the many workers who made the event a success.

Upcoming Events

- **UW Family Gardening Day**
Saturday, May 12, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Experts from UW-Madison and UW-Extension, along with Master Gardeners and other volunteers will be on hand for demonstrations and displays, answering questions. A family event, with lots of activities for kids. Free entry and free parking in Lot 40 behind Babcock Hall and in Lot 36 west of Steenbock Library. UW-Madison: D.C. Smith Greenhouses and Allen Centennial Gardens, 465 Babcock Drive, Madison. Call 608-262-3844.
<http://www.news.wisc.edu/20588>
- **Herb Fair and Herb Plant Sale**
Saturday, May 26, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sponsored by the Wisconsin Unit of the Herb Society of America. Herb plants for sale, seminars, a tea room serving herbal teas and baked goods, herbal market place, vendors, door prizes and more. Fair entry and parking are free. Optional Herb and Rose Garden tour, \$5.00. Optional cooking demonstration featuring roses, the Herb of the Year for 2012, \$20.00. Boerner Botanical Gardens, 9400 Boerner Drive, Milwaukee, Call 262-889-4897.
<http://www.boernerbotanicalgardens.org/support/e4-16.html>
- **Juneau Garden Walk** Various gardens in Juneau. Friday, June 22, 5:30p.m.-dark and Saturday, June 23 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. For more information, call Marianne Zastrow at 386-4465.

More Events

- **Roadshows with Melinda Meyers** Join gardening expert, TV/radio host & author Melinda Myers at Stein Gardens and Gifts. Melinda will do a "Summer Container Gardens & Tips for Success" gardening demonstration and answer gardeners' questions. Times and locations:
Sat. June 2 Germantown, W184N9676 Appleton Ave. (11 a.m. – 1 p.m.)
West Bend, 601 County Hwy B (2:30 p.m.– 4:30 p.m.)
Sun, June 3 Appleton, 4860 West Wisconsin Ave. (11 a.m.- 1 p.m.)
Green Bay, 980 Waube Lane (2:30p.m. - 4:30 p.m.)
- **2012 Upper Midwest Regional Master Gardener Conference** at the University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum July 19-21. Every two years, the Upper Midwest Regional Master Gardener Conference is hosted by WI, IL, IA, or MN. The conference will feature a vendor fair, a silent auction, book signings, Minnesota Wine Opening Reception, and a Minnesota Buffet Banquet featuring speaker Dr. Ed Schneider, Arboretum director. For complete list of class descriptions, fees, and schedule see:
<http://hennepinmastergardeners.org/events/upper-midwest-master-gardener-conference/>

Annual Plant Sale

We Need Your Help...and Plants!!

Who: Master Gardeners (Annual Plant Sale)

What: Please bring as many annuals, veggies, herbs, grasses (ornamental), house plants, and perennials as you can. Plants should be potted, identified, and the appropriate planting location (sun, shade, etc.) should be noted.

Where: Dodge County Administration Building, 127 E Oak Street, Juneau, WI.

When: Set up will begin on Friday, May 18th from 4:00 p.m.– 6:00 p.m. The plant sale will be held on Saturday, May 19th from 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. (For those volunteering, the doors will open at 7:15 am.)

Why: The money raised from the plant sale will be used to pay for speakers at the monthly Master Gardener meetings and other common expenses (postage, special printing items, etc.).

If you have any questions please call Chris Zuleger at 920-485-2105.

*"If you want work well done,
select a busy man - the other
kind has no time."
- Elbert Hubbard*

**The Dodge County Master Gardeners Association
Invites You to Join Us for a Day Trip to
Anderson Japanese Gardens**



**Rockford, IL
&
K&W Greenery, INC
Janesville, WI**

Saturday, June 9, 2012

(Registration Deadline – May 25, 2012. Space is limited to 55 guests so reserve your seat early!!)

Trip cost - \$35 (Lunch Included)

Itinerary

- 7:00 a.m.** Bus arrives to pick up passengers at Administration Building in Juneau.
- 7:30 a.m.** Depart for Rockford with short rest stop in Janesville (approx. 2 hour trip).
- 9:30 a.m.** Arrive at Anderson Japanese Gardens, an authentic Japanese Garden, maintained by the highest of standards, to touch the soul of its guests. With grace, elegance, and gentle awareness, it exemplifies the Japanese cultural heritage of respectful humility in service to people of all cultures. **Tours are self-guided, but available Docents are eager to answer any questions we may have.**
- 12:00 a.m.** Boxed lunches, provided by Mary's Market, will be available at Visitor's Center. (See menu on line or call Gail)
- 1:00 p.m.** Depart for 45 minute drive to K&W Greenery, Janesville.
- 1:45 p.m.** You won't know where to start shopping as you step off the bus into acres of trees, shrubs, annuals and perennials calling your name! Extensive gift shop, as well. Let's **fill** the under bus storage compartments!
- 3:30 p.m.** Bus departs for Juneau (approx. 1 hour trip).
- 4:30 p.m.** Arrive in Juneau.

Anderson Japanese Gardens/K&W Greenery Trip-Saturday, June 9, 2012

Name: _____ **Phone Number** _____

Address _____ **City** _____

Lunch Choice _____ **Beverage Choice** _____

(Example: A3= Turkey on Sourdough)

(Sign up slip and payment-make checks out to Dodge County Master Gardeners Assoc.-can be sent to Gail Nampel, W7498 County Road E, Beaver Dam, WI 53916) (Questions? Call Gail at 887-2887)

Vertical Gardening

Are you running out of space in your garden? Consider going UP. There is the conventional methods of vertical gardening that involve trellises. The most popular plants for this type of gardening including squash, melons, cucumbers, and various ivy plants.

Vertical gardening isn't just for plants that can be trellised. Lettuce, greens of all sorts, herbs, flowers, and more can be grown on a garden wall.

These walls can be very elaborate with individual spaces or can be as simple as a hanging pocket shoe storage rack, or a pallet with landscape fabric stapled to the back, bottom, and ends, filled with dirt and planted in the slots.

For more information on vertical gardening, see the Ask a Master Gardener site:

<http://dodge.uwex.edu/master-gardener/ask-a-master-gardener-2/>

Photo Contest

The New and Improved, 3rd annual Dodge County Master Gardener Photo Contest is rapidly approaching. This year two new categories have been added : digitally enhanced and youth. Included in the program will be a short "How To" presentation from all three of the judges. So, get those cameras ready and start snapping those photos. The final judging and prizes will be awarded on October 20th at the Administration Center in Juneau. Photo Contest Rules and Entry Forms will be posted soon on the Dodge County Master Gardener Website.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following Master Gardeners who were certified this year. In order to be certified, each person had to volunteer a minimum of 24 hours and complete at least 10 hours of continuing education. Good job Gardeners!

Gae Bergmann

Pat Cunderman

Julie Fortune

Sally Gawle

Ben Hagman

Judy Hagman

Chris Jacobs

Linda Kane

Al Krause

Jan Krause

Chuck Meyer

Bill Milbrot

Gail Nampel

Carla Oestreich

Jan Runge

Carol Shirk

Mary Jane Smith

Charlotte Snow

Kay Voelker

Bonnie Weiland Hare

Helen Weisensel

Berwyn Westra

Sandra Wolff

Marianne Zastrow

Terry Zimmerlee

Christine Zuleger

More Congratulations!

Many, if not most, Master Gardeners volunteer more than the minimum of 24 hours needed to be certified. The following Dodge County Master Gardeners achieved significant milestones this year:

150 Hours

Gae Bergmann

Ben Hagman

Judy Hagman

Carla Oestreich

Charlotte Snow

Sandra Wolff

Terry Zimmerlee

250 Hours

Al Krause

Jan Krause

500 Hours

Gail Nampel

Carol Shirk

The following people completed the Advanced Master Gardener Horticulture, History, and Health Class:

Gae Bergmann

Chris Jacob

Carol Shirk

Kay Voelker



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*"If is a word that has
humbled many
gardeners. But it hasn't
made us quit."
- Katherine Endicott*

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