I recently saw this quote: “This year, I hope summer falls on a Saturday.” I think all of us were beginning to feel this way with the relentless rain and wind we have had. But, the good news is that we are no longer in a drought. And, the wind has helped dry up the mess left from all of the rain. Things are beginning to look better; the spring flowers are blooming, it won’t be long before the lilacs and forsythia will make their debut, asparagus will poke through, and rhubarb will be ready to cut. We are entering what is undeniably the busiest gardening time of year. As you get busy planting, weeding, trellising, pruning, and otherwise maintaining your landscape and gardens, don’t forget to take the time to experiment. Plant a new vegetable or flower, try vertical gardening, try a new method of pest deterrent, mulch with a different material, try a new tool, think outside the box. Keep notes on how your experiment went and let me know. I’m very interested in hearing about what you did and how it worked. We can all learn from one another and in the process not make as many mistakes on our own! One of my projects will actually be taking place out of state. I have a friend in Illinois who has a terrible problem with Japanese beetles every year. She loses her raspberries, apple tree foliage, asparagus, etc. to them. I just learned in the Level 2 Row to Hoe class that buckwheat is a good trap crop for those pesky critters. So, my friend is going to plant a patch of buckwheat and see how it works. If it does attract them, she will spray it daily and keep ahead of them to preserve the desirable crops. I’ll let you know if/how it works.

We have a number of events to look forward to in the coming months as well. The plant sale, the trip to Paine Art Center and Gardens, the photo contest with Eileen Herrling returning for a seminar, Old Time Gathering, a booth at the County Fair and more. So much to do, so little time.

Carol
2013 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.

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.

May 23 - Tropical Orchids for Beginners, by Denise Kirchmayer. Denise started growing orchids over a decade ago when her husband bought one home and she was hooked. She started her own orchid shop so that she could offer varieties of the flower that she could not find elsewhere. She will illustrate how to grow orchids at home, including what supplies and fertilizers are needed, and pests and diseases. She will also bring samples to purchase.

June 27 - Lawn and Garden Safety, by Chris Jacobs. June is National Safety Month and Dodge County Certified Master Gardener Volunteer, Chris Jacobs will bring a presentation about Lawn and Garden Safety. Learn how to protect yourself when working in your gardens and landscapes when using power equipment, chemicals, and hazardous tools.

July 25 - On-Farm Tour of David Laatsch Farm. David Laatsch has raised chickens since he was big enough to do chores for his family farm flock. He became involved in raising exhibition quality birds as a 4-H member and majored in Poultry Science at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He now hatches, raises, and sells purebred Cochin and Brown Leghorn bantams and exhibits in state and national shows. His poultry manure and compost compliment his vegetable, pumpkin and flower gardens. He and his wife Kathy welcome the Master Gardeners to their farm and gardens.

Master Gardener Websites

http://www.wimastergardener.org/
http://www.wimastergardener.org/?q=Dodge
http://dodge.uwex.edu/master-gardener/

"Be like a flower and turn your face to the sun."
- Kahlil Gibran
Upcoming Events

May 11, 2013
Native Plant Sale ~ UW Arboretum, Madison
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
More than 100 varieties of woodland and prairie plants, shrubs, and trees under one tent. Sponsored by Friends of the Arboretum. www.uwarboretum.org/foa

May 11, 2013
Heirloom Plant Sale ~ Gardens of the Fox Cities, Appleton
8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Choose from 50 varieties of tomatoes and 25 varieties of peppers, plus herbs, annuals, and perennials. www.gardensfoxcities.org/

May 18, 2013
Dodge Co. Master Gardener Plant Sale ~ Administration Building, Juneau
8 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Wide assortment of perennials, herbs, ornamental grasses, houseplants, and more will be available. Master Gardeners will be on hand to answer questions. This year a limited number of rain barrels will be available for sale.

May 18, 2013
Spring Wildflowers ~ Horicon Marsh International Education Center, Horicon
10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Join in a walk through the woods to learn about all the unique and beautiful spring wildflowers of Horicon Marsh and how to identify them. Meet at the Horicon Marsh International Education Center in the upper lobby. For more information call Liz Herzmann at 920.387.7893. www.horiconmarsh.org/

May 31 through June 2, 2013
Garden Fair ~ Green Bay Botanical Gardens, Green Bay
Shop from more than 100 vendors of plants, garden art, and other garden supplies. Enjoy live music from local musicians, learn tips and tricks from gardening experts and celebrate the season at the most beautiful place in northeast Wisconsin. Friday 5 to 8 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. www.gbbg.org

June 2 or 9, 2013
Peony Sunday ~ Sisson Gardens, Rosendale
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
The Rosendale Historical Society celebrates “Peony Sunday” when they welcome visitors to enjoy the beauty and fragrance of the flowers, have a lunch and enjoy many homemade desserts. www.rosendale.wlhn.org

June 28, 2013
Garden Walk ~ Juneau
The 7th annual Juneau Garden Walk will be Friday, June 28 from 5:30 p.m. - dark. This will be done caravans style. You may tour the gardens on your own on Saturday, June 29 from 9 a.m.- 3 p.m. Both events will be rain or shine. Advanced tickets will $5.00 while tickets purchased on the day of the event will be $6.00. Call Marianne Zastrow at 920-386-4465 with any questions.

June 29, 2013
Beaver Dam Area Arts Association Secret Garden Tour ~ Beaver Dam
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Tickets will be on sale in June. Details are limited at this time. Check website in the weeks to come for more information. http://bdaaa.org/
Bulb Care Now for Next Year

The spring flowering bulb show is over for this year, and now is the time to give those bulbs some care to encourage them to bloom next year.

- Remove spent blossoms to prevent seed production.
- Wait until the leaves turn yellow or brown to remove the foliage; don’t cut green leaves off plants.
- Resist the urge to braid or tie leaves into bundles.
- Fertilize after the flowers have faded.
- Water green foliage when the weather is dry.
- Make bulb foliage less noticeable by inter-planting perennial and annual flowers among the bulbs. If you select plants that bloom at different times, you’ll have color in that area throughout the season.

Wisconsin Master Gardener Mini Horticulture Fact Sheet (http://www.wimastergardener.org/?q=MiniFactSheets). Mini-fact sheets cover various horticultural topics and can be used as handouts at farmer’s markets, county fairs, or other venues where MGs interact with the public and answer gardening questions.

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 or have completed 24 hours of volunteer service within a year of training.

Gae Bergmann
Lee Buescher
William Conover
Pat Cunderman
Carol Duer
Sharon Fiedler
Julie Fortune
Sally Gawle
Glen Greenfield
Ben Hagman
Judy Hagman
Chris Jacobs
Linda Kane
Wendy King
Al Krause
Jan Krause
Lois Livens
Chuck Meyer
William Milbrot
Gail Nampel
Carla Oestreich
Jan Runge
Carol Shirk
Charlotte Snow
Judy Ann Studer
Kay Voelker
Helen Weisensel
Berwyn Westra
Marianne Zastrow
Terry Zimmerlee
Christine Zuleger

Bravo to the following Dodge County Master Gardeners who achieved significant milestones this year.

150 Hours
Carol Duer
Linda Kane
Chuck Meyer
Jan Runge

500 Hours
Kay Voelker
Berwyn Westra

750 Hours
Carol Shirk

250 Hours
Chris Jacobs

"Don't knock the weather: nine-tenths of the people couldn't start a conversation if it didn't change once in a while." - Kin Hubbard
Save the Dates

**August 14—18**  
Dodge Co. Fair, Beaver Dam

**August 16 & 17**  
WIMGA Annual Conference, UW-Rock Co. Janesville

**September 14**  
15th Annual Old Time Gathering  
Dodge Co. Fairgrounds, Beaver Dam

**September 15**  
Native Gardening Conference  
UW Arboretum, Madison

**October 12**  
4th Annual Photo Contest, Administration Building, Juneau

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**Rain Barrels**  
**For Sale at**  
**Annual Plant Sale**

Rain barrels were constructed by Glen Greenfield.  
The barrels are 55 gallon plastic barrels (white or blue) installed with two hose connectors. There are two openings on top, one large screened opening and another four inch round opening for the downspout.  
Rain barrels will be available to purchase during the plant sale. Orders will be taken if they are sold out.  
Price: $50

**Date:** Saturday, May 18th  
**Time:** 8 a.m. to 11 p.m.

A variety of perennials, annuals, herbs, ornamental grasses, and houseplants will be available.

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**Reminder**

**Call Before You Dig**

Diggers Hotline  811

It's Free  It's Easy  It's the Law

Call three days before starting any project that disturbs the soil, including but not limited to: planting trees, hedges, gardens, and installing fences, swimming pools, mailbox posts and patios.

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**2013-2014 Board Members**

Al Krause, Berwyn Westra, Carol Shirk, Helen Weisensel, Chuck Meyer.

Missing from photo, Terry Zimmerlee and Mike Stanek
The Dodge County Master Gardeners Association
Invites You to Join Us for a Day Trip to

A historic estate with art galleries and display gardens in Oshkosh, Wisconsin

Paine Art Center & Gardens
Preceded by a tour of Stuart's Tree Farm, Ripon, WI
And a visit to Stuart's Landscaping & Garden Center
Saturday, June 15, 2013
(Registration Deadline – May 25, 2013. Space is limited to 47 guests so reserve your seat early!!)

Trip & Tours cost - $25
We will dine at Fratellos Waterfront Restaurant
(lunch will be ordered off menu and will cost extra)

Itinerary

7:45 a.m.  Bus arrives to pick up passengers at Administration Building in Juneau.

8:15 a.m.  Depart for Ripon with a short rest stop in Rosendale. Ripon is about a 60 minute trip.

9:30 a.m.  Arrive at Stuart’s Tree Farm. As a grower of over eighty varieties of shade, evergreen, and ornamental trees, Stuart’s Nursery is located in the excellent prairie soils of Ripon. They strive to provide superior trees for the landscape. This guided tour is expected to take approximately 1 hour.

10:30 a.m.  Depart Stuart’s Tree Farm enroute to Stuart’s Garden Center, in Oshkosh, to do some power shopping for plants.

11:50 a.m.  Depart the Garden Center for a short trip to Fratellos Waterfront Restaurant

12:00 noon  Arrive at Fratellos Waterfront Restaurant...located on the very site of the Paine Lumbermill. Enjoy a leisurely lunch, ordered from their extensive menu, while taking in the view of the scenic Fox River. Prices range from $3 to $30.

12:55 p.m.  Depart for the 5 minute drive to the Paine Art Center & Gardens

1:00 p.m.  Arrive at Paine Art Center where our guide will be eagerly waiting to provide us with a tour of the mansion and gardens. We'll learn all about the history of the mansion as well as its owners, Nathan and Jesse Paine. The estate features numerous garden areas for enjoyment and education, which showcase perennials that are especially hardy in Wisconsin’s climate, as well as trees, shrubs and wildflowers native to the state. As a special treat, the Paine Arts Center is featuring the exhibition Chihuly: Venetians, a series of sculptural objects in glass, paying tribute to the artist’s favorite city and its alluring artistic influence. The Chihuly exhibition is self-guided.

3:30 p.m.  Bus departs for Juneau (approx. 1 hour trip).

4:30 p.m.  Arrive in Juneau.

Questions? Contact Gail Nampel (920-887-2887)

(I’d love to go! Please sign me up...)

Name: ___________________________ Phone Number ___________________________

Address ___________________________ City ___________________________

(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)
You Know You're Addicted to Gardening When...

- Your neighbors recognize you in your pajamas, rubber clogs and a cup of coffee.
- You grab other people’s banana peels, coffee grinds, apple cores, etc. for your compost pile.
- You have to wash your hair to get your fingernails clean.
- All your neighbors come and ask you questions.
- You know the temperature of your compost every day.
- You buy a bigger truck so that you can haul more mulch.
- You enjoy crushing Japanese beetles because you like the sound that it makes.
- Your boss makes "taking care of the office plants" an official part of your job description.
- Everything you touch turns to “fertilizer”.
- Your non-gardening spouse becomes conversant in botanical names.
- You find yourself feeling leaves, flowers and trunks of trees wherever you go, even at funerals.
- You dumpster-dive for discarded bulbs after commercial landscapers remove them to plant annuals.
- You plan vacation trips around the locations of botanical gardens, arboreta, historic gardens, etc.
- You sneak home a 7 foot Japanese Maple and wonder if your spouse will notice.
- When considering your budget, plants are more important than groceries.
- You always carry a shovel, bottled water and a plastic bag in your trunk as emergency tools.
- You appreciate your Master Gardener badge more than your jewelry.
- You talk "dirt" at baseball practice.
- You spend more time chopping your kitchen greens for the compost pile than for cooking.
- You like the smell of horse manure better than Estee Lauder.
- You rejoice in rain...even after 10 straight days of it.
- You have pride in how bad your hands look.
- You have a decorative compost container on your kitchen counter.
- You can give away plants easily, but compost is another thing.
- Soil test results actually mean something.
- You understand what IPM means and are happy about it.
- You'd rather go to a nursery to shop than a clothes store.
- You know that Sevin is not a number.
- You take every single person who enters your house on a "garden tour".
- You look at your child's sandbox and see a raised bed.
- You ask for tools for Christmas, Mother/Father's day, your Birthday and any other occasion you can think of.
- You can't bear to thin seedlings and throw them away.
- You scold total strangers who don't take care of their potted plants.
- You know how many bags of fertilizer/potting soil/mulch your car will hold.
- You drive around the neighborhood hoping to score extra bags of leaves for your compost pile.
- Your preferred reading matter is seed catalogs.

And last but not least:
You know that the four seasons are:
- Planning the Garden
- Preparing the Garden
- Gardening
- and
- Preparing and Planning for the next Garden

-Author Unknown

Submitted by Glen Greenfield

Tulip
Photo by Chris Jacobs
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