Upcoming Projects

We have a wide variety of projects to look forward to this year. The contact person for each project is listed. You are welcome to help on any of the projects you are interested in. We will discuss them in more detail at our May meeting.

1. Administration Building containers
   Juneau
   Deb Bortz  485-4508

2. Prairie Garden, HWY 28, Horicon
   Judy Zirbel  485-2932

3. Intersection of HWY 33 and E in Horicon
   Judy Zirbel  485-2932
   or Barbara Traughber 485-2284

4. Dodge County Historical Society
   Beaver Dam
   Diane Haberman  885-3081

5. Prairie Garden, Dodgeland School
   Kay Coates  386-4778

6. Rain Garden, Bowling Green Park, Horicon
   contact person needed

7. Ledge Park Pond
   Jolene Desson  887-9859

8. City Hall, Horicon
   Judy Zirbel  485-2932

9. Seippel Homestead and Center for the Arts
   Beaver Dam
   Diane Haberman  885-3081

10. First Baptist Church, Horicon
    Lisa Traughber  387-4741

11. Victorian Villa, Horicon
    Barbara Traughber  485-2284

12. Satterlee Clark House, Horicon
    Chris Zuleger  485-2105

13. Foster Park, Mayville
    Paula Larsen  387-3061

14. Centennial Park, Beaver Dam
    Gail Nampel  887-2887

15. Mayville Historical Society
    Lisa Traughber  387-4741

Don’t miss the plant sale on May 6 and 7 at Dodgeland High School. It will be held at 3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Friday and 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Saturday. Kay Coates and her students have worked hard on this project!
The Brown Bag Lunch Program offered at the UW-Extension Office at the Administration Building in Janesville counts toward continuing education hours. The programs run from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. They are designed for statewide Master Gardeners and those who are interested in horticultural topics. The schedule of topics is below. If you have questions, contact Matt Hanson at 386-3790.

**Rain Gardens: Planning and Implementation**
April 29
Rain gardens are gardens that are designed to soak up the rain water that comes to your home area and would otherwise result in water runoff. Susan Wade will discuss using wildflowers and other native vegetation in a rain garden for the home landscape.

**Biologically Safe Label: Wisconsin’s “Healthy Grown” Label**
May 20
Information will be available at a later date.

**Growing Iris**
June 24
Irices are among the earliest blooming and easiest perennials to grow. Join Dr. Bob Tomesh in a discussion of ideas for cultivar selection and growing.

**Growing Alliums**
July 29
Most of us are familiar with the edible varieties belonging to the onion or allium family, which include garlic, chives, leeks, onions, and shallots. Bob Tomesh will present tips on growing alliums.

**Collecting, Storing and Propagating Nut Crop Plants**
August 26
Nut trees are ideal for landscapes and conservation plantings. Bob Tomesh will discuss those that are common in Wisconsin.

**Soil Amendments**
September 30

**Growing Peonies**
October 28

**TBA—November 11**

**Home Propagation Techniques**
December 16

“*And the Lord God planted a garden...*”
*Genesis 2:8*

**Native Plant Sale**
The Splendor of Wildflowers weekend will include a native plant sale on May 14, 2005 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Vendors will be available to answer questions and to assist you in buying the right native plants for your site. The sale will be located at the DNR Service Center on Hwy 28 between Horicon and Mayville.

The Master Gardeners will also have a display at this event to educate the area communities about the Master Gardener program. Members will be present to distribute information about the Master Gardener program and to answer questions. If you would like to help with the display, contact Lisa Traughber at 387-4741. You will be able to sign up at our April meeting to help the day of the event.
2005 Master Gardeners Meeting Schedule

Our meetings are open to anyone who has an interest in horticulture. The meetings start at 6:30 p.m. and are held in the Administration Building, 127 E. Oak Street in Juneau, except as noted.

April 28—Dr. Bob Tomesh, the Master Gardener Education Specialist, will talk about grafting techniques. We will elect two Board members at this meeting. If you would like to be included on the ballot, please contact Lisa Traughber prior to the meeting. This meeting will start at 7:00 p.m.

May 26—We will have a plant exchange and go over our project list for 2005.

June 23—Sue Gronholz will present information on heirlooms, herbs, and seed saving.

July 28—Rain Gardens will be discussed with Susan Wade and Matt Hanson. This meeting will be at the Union Hall in Horicon. We will then have the opportunity to see the rain garden at Bowling Green Park that was established in 2004.

August—no meeting. We will be working on a group trip.

September 22—Are hostas your passion? Bob Zondag from J.W. Jung Seed Company will talk about varieties of hostas and how to grow them.

October 27—We will enjoy hearing about prairie gardens with members from our group presenting.

November—No meeting

December—No meeting

We will look forward to seeing you at the meetings! We welcome your input regarding meetings, speakers, and projects.

Made For Shade

Are you looking for perennials that will dress up a shady area? Here are five fun choices to consider.

1. Lady in Red Fern
   (Athyrium felix-forma ‘Lady in Red’) This fern has vibrant red stems that contrast with the lacy leaflets. It grows to 30-36 inches tall and wide.

2. Plumed Astilbe
   (Astilbe x arendsii or thunbergii)
   These red, pink or white plumes are present all summer. It grows to 4 feet tall.

3. Jack Frost Brunnera
   (B. macrophylla ‘Jack Frost’)
   Silver and green heart-shaped leaves light up the shade and blue flowers are present in the spring. It grows to 12-18 inches tall and wide.

4. Golden Variegated Hakonechloa
   (Hakonechloa macra ‘Aureola’). This is one of the few grasses that tolerates shade. With its pink flowers in summer and variegated yellow, cream, and green leaves it is a lovely addition to the shade garden. It grows to 20-24 inches tall and wide.

5. Sunspot Heucherella. Lime green foliage with red centers and pink flowers in spring and summer adorn this 8 inch high, 15 inch wide beauty.

“Remember to get those hands dirty!”

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