2009 Service Projects

Master Gardeners will be working on the following projects in Dodge County this year. If you would like to help with a project, please call the contact person listed.

**Satterlee Clark House**
Judy Zirbel Memorial Garden
Horicon
Chris Zuleger, 485-2105

**Intersection Garden**
Hwys 33 and E, Horicon
Barbara Traughber, 387-9135

**Seippel Homestead**
Beaver Dam
Kay Voelker, 885-6256

**Rotary Gardens**
Beaver Dam
Gail Nampel, 887-2887

**First Baptist Church**
Horicon
Lisa Traughber, 387-4741

**Clearview**
Wild Goose City Park
St. John’s Lutheran Church
Juneau
Marianne Zastrow, 386-4465

**Downtown Container Plantings**
Beaver Dam
Ken Thomas, 887-8876

**Watertown Public Library**
Watertown
Jan Runge and friends, 699-5392

**Neosho-Rubicon Historical Society’s Old Village Hall Museum**
Neosho
Sue McKendry, 625-3554

**Daybreak**
Waupun and Horicon

**Mayville Historical Society**
Mayville
Carol Shirk, 387-5105
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.

- **July 23**
  Preserving Garden Bounty
  Barbara Ingham
  UW Extension Specialist
  Barbara’s 90 minute presentation will cover the basics of safely preserving the fruits of your garden labor.

- **August 27**
  Light up your Landscape
  Oscar Peterson
  Outdoor Lighting Perspectives
  Wondering how to light up your deck, garden, or paths? Oscar will fill us in on what’s new and how to light up our lives.

- **September 24**
  Design for all Season Color
  Joan Ziegler
  Ziegler Design Associates
  Joan will share her expertise on designing outdoor living, working, and playing areas.

- **October 22**
  Garden Tool Care Clinic
  Gail Nampel
  Keeping your garden tools in good working order makes all tasks easier. Gail will help us sharpen our skills and our tools!

- **November**
  Board Meeting Only

- **December**
  No Meeting

**Non-Toxic Weed Killer**

- 1 gallon vinegar
- 1 cup salt
- 9 drops of dishwashing detergent (like Dawn)

Mix and put in spray bottle or sprayer.

**Warning:** This will kill any vegetation, so it isn’t good for lawns, but excellent for driveways, sidewalks, etc. and won’t harm children or pets.

**Gardening Ergonomics**

Gardening can be a very physical activity and you can find muscles you don’t remember having! So, spend at least 10 minutes warming up before you tackle a big task. Typically muscles fatigue after 30 minutes so rotate your activities and use a different set of muscles. If you are generally physically active an hour a day, don’t try to work a marathon, all-day session in the garden. Take a few minutes every hour to rest and “smell the roses”

**Volunteer Hours**

Summer is flying by and it will soon be time to turn in your volunteer hours. Jan Krause is our local record keeper and she will need your hour sheets by October 1st. She will tabulate the hours and send a report to the state association (WIMGA). Completed forms can be sent to Jan at 506 Oak Park Avenue, Watertown, WI 53098. Twenty-four volunteer service hours must be completed to be certified or recertified.

Presentations at the monthly meetings you have attended count toward the ten education hours required if you are being recertified. You can also include viewing time for the Wisconsin Gardener and Great Lakes Gardener television shows.
Garden Tours Galore!

Secret Garden Tour

Mark your calendars now for Saturday, July 25th for the third annual Beaver Dam Area Arts Association Seippel Center Secret Garden Tour. The Tour will last from 10am -3pm. Advance tickets will be $10 ($12 on July 25 at the Seippel Center only). Plan to visit the variety of mid-summer gardens or better yet volunteer to be a greeter at one of them.

Garden greeters are needed to welcome visitors and punch tickets at the gardens. Dodge County Master Gardeners can earn a free ticket and accumulate MG hours by volunteering for a three hour shift. Sign up to be a garden greeter at the May Master Gardener meeting or call Kay Voelker at 885-6256.

Tour de Jardin

There will be six gardens available to tour in Brookfield, Menominee Falls, and Elm Grove. The tours are on July 25 from 10am-4pm. Tickets are $10 and can be obtained by calling 414-771-7979. This event is sponsored by the Elm Grove, Elmbrook, and Mayfair Garden Clubs. Proceeds go to students studying horticulture related subjects and to support community gardens.

Wild Yard Tour

The 31st Annual Lorrie Otto Audubon Wild Yard Tour is 8:30-4:00 on August 1st. This bus tour will cover a minimum of 12 naturally landscaped private Milwaukee area gardens. These yards contain plants that are native to Wisconsin’s prairies and woodlands. Tickets are $25, and can be ordered by calling 414-352-2880 Ext.0. The bus will load at the Schlitz Audubon Nature Center, 1111 E. Brown Deer Rd., Milwaukee WI 53217. Please bring a bag lunch and beverage and be on the bus by 8:30.

Japanese Beetles

’Tis the season for adult Japanese beetles to make their appearance. These pesky insects are, as the name implies, native to Japan but were first discovered in the United States in New Jersey during 1916. They have steadily made their way across the U. S. and can now be found in our area. Thankfully they have only one generation per year, but are difficult to control nevertheless. If your infestation is light, the best control is to hand pick and destroy them. Some people have reported success with natural repellents including catnip, chives, garlic, and tansy.

Ash Tree Problems

There is no question about it….Wisconsin has a lot of ash trees. In fact, by some estimates, up to 30% of the street trees are some type of ash. The emerald ash borer is an invasive insect that first became a concern in southeast Wisconsin in August 2008. This insect has the potential to devastate the ash tree population. As a result, many people are keeping a close eye on their ash trees and have noticed some other problems, such as leaf drop, ash flower gall, and anthracnose. Some of these problems threaten the life of the tree and some are simply cosmetic and annoying. Check out these web sites to become more educated and know which problem requires action and which just require patience.

Ash Plant Bug
http://learningstore.uwex.edu/pdf/A3126.pdf

Ash Flower Gall
http://www.uwex.edu/ces/wihort/gardenfacts/X1048.pdf

Ash Leaf Drop

The Problems of Ash Trees
http://rock.uwex.edu/hort/documents/ashtreesmay292008.doc
Gardening is a matter of your enthusiasm holding up until your back gets used to it.

~Author Unknown