



Digging in Dodge

Dodge County Master Gardeners Association

Issue 18

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

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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.

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

http://dnr.wi.gov/news/DNRNews_article_Lookup.asp?id=752

The Problems of Ash Trees

<http://rock.uwex.edu/hort/documents/ashtreesmay292008.doc>

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*Gardening is a matter of your
enthusiasm holding up until
your back gets used to it.
~Author Unknown*