



Digging in Dodge

Dodge County Master Gardeners Association

Issue 7

Responding to Horticultural Inquiries

The UW-Extension Horticulture Team will be offering an educational program on "Responding to Horticultural Inquiries" on June 5 at the Dane County Extension office. The program's objective is to help agents and Master Gardeners respond to horticultural questions. The program runs from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Sessions include weed identification, abiotic stresses of woody ornamentals, plant and turf diseases, insect diagnostics, and pesticides available to homeowners in 2006. If you have questions, or would like to make a reservation for this program, contact Robert Tomesh at 608-265-4536.

Certified Master Gardeners

Congratulations to the following Master Gardeners who are newly certified or re-certified.

Deborah Bortz
Kay Coates

Laura Coplien
Lori Erber
Gail Nampel
Joyce Nass
Jan Okrasinski
Lori Schultz
Barbara Traughber
Lisa Traughber
Kay Voelker
Bonnie Weiland Hare
Helen Weisensel
Terri Wojahn
Marianne Zastrow
Judy Zirbel
Chris Zuleger

These diligent gardeners completed 36 hours of education, passed an examination, and finished 24 hours of volunteer service working on projects in Dodge County.

Deborah Bortz has completed 150 volunteer service hours!

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2006 Project List

We enjoyed viewing slides of projects that were worked on last year at our April Master Gardeners meeting. Master Gardeners will continue to work on a variety of projects in the Dodge County area this year. The contact person for each project is listed. If you want to help on a project, call the contact person and let them know. Many projects would benefit from having a group of people to help.

1. Administration Building containers

Juneau
Deb Bortz, 485-4508

2. Prairie Garden, HWY 28, Horicon

Judy Zirbel, 485-2932

3. Dodge County Historical Society

Beaver Dam
Diane Haberman, 885-3081

4. City Hall, Horicon

Barbara Traughber, 485-2284

5. Seippel Homestead and Center for the Arts

Beaver Dam
Kay Voelker, 885-6256

6. First Baptist Church

Horicon
Lisa Traughber, 387-4741

7. Victorian Villa, Horicon
Barbara Traughber, 485-2284

8. Satterlee Clark House, Horicon

Chris Zuleger, 485-2105

9. Foster Park, Mayville

Paula Larsen, 387-3061

10. Rotary Park Centennial Project

Beaver Dam
Gail Nampel, 887-2887

11. Mayville Historical Society

Lisa Traughber, 387-4741

12. Rain Garden, Bowling Green Park, Horicon

Barbara Traughber, 485-2284

13. Prairie Garden, Dodgeland School, Juneau

Kay Coates, 386-4778

14. Intersection of HWY 33 & E

Horicon
Barbara Traughber, 485-2284

15. Alzheimer's Unit Courtyard

Beaver Dam Care Center
Laurie Coplien, 326-3559

16. Jefferson School Courtyard

Beaver Dam
Lori Erber, 887-0251

17. Beaver Dam Library

Sarah Cournoyer, 356-8797

18. Prairieview School Memorial

Garden, Beaver Dam
Mark Morris, 887-1562

*"A garden is never so good as it will be next year."
Thomas Cooper*

Termite Rumors

Perhaps you have heard the rumor that mulch coming from hurricane damaged areas may contain termites.

Bob Odom, The Commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry, says, "This rumor is not accurate and doesn't even mention the quarantines this department put in place last fall to keep the Formosan termites from spreading. Woody debris cannot be moved out of these areas without first submitting a plan for treatment to the department."

There are two other reasons Wisconsinites don't need to worry about termites in their mulch. Formosan termites would probably not survive the chipping process. They cannot survive cold winters in Wisconsin.

Master Gardener

Perennial Sale

The Dodge County Master Gardeners Association will hold its annual perennial sale on May 20, 2006, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. This is a great opportunity to purchase perennials at a low price. The sale will be held in the Administration Building, 127 E. Oak Street in Juneau.

Master Gardeners can bring plants to be sold on Friday, May 19 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Please have your plants potted and labeled.

Master Gardeners will be glad to answer your gardening questions during the sale.

Native Plant Sale

The annual native plant sale will be held at the DNR building on Highway 28 between Hiron and Mayville on May 20, 2006, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Numerous vendors will be selling Wisconsin native plants and seeds. The plant sale is part of the Splendor of Wildflowers weekend organized by the Marsh Melodies Association. For information on other events go to www.marshmelodies.com.

The Dodge County Master Gardeners will have a photo display at the sale. Master Gardeners will be available to

answer questions about the Master Gardener program.

Upcoming Meetings

Cold frames are a practical asset in extending the gardening season. They can be used for over-wintering plants or starting seeds. Cold frames are made from a variety of materials. They should be placed on your home's south or west side so they can absorb more heat. During the hours that heat is absorbed, the door is propped open to allow for ventilation. In the evening, the door is closed to protect the plants inside. Cold tolerant plants that can be started in cold frames include pansies, violas and most vegetables. If you would like to learn how to build a cold frame, come to our meeting on May 25, at 6:30 p.m. at the Administration Building in Juneau. A carpenter from Home Depot will be showing us how to construct a cold frame. We will also have a perennial exchange at this meeting. Bring plants potted and labeled that you would like to give to other gardeners. This is a fun opportunity to try something new.



Gardening with children is a delightful way to spend time together. Children love having their own little garden plot to tend. Joan Laurion, Family Living Educator from the Dane County Extension, will be presenting a program on gardening with children on June 22, 2006, at 6:30 p.m. at the Administration Building in Juneau. Ms. Laurion is an enthusiastic presenter with many creative ideas for gardening with children.

We Belong

Our local Dodge County Master Gardeners Association has been welcomed as a member of the Wisconsin Master Gardeners Association (WIMGA).

Bonnie Weiland Hare has volunteered to be our Local Representative. Bonnie will be attending meetings for the state organization and will report the information from these meetings to our local association.

The WIMGA offers educational opportunities, educational grants and support to local associations.

*"Nature poets can't walk across the backyard without tripping over an epiphany."
Christian Wiman*

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*“Love of gardening
is a seed that once sown
never dies.”
Gertrude Jekyll*