Upcoming Meeting

Our next meeting will be May 22, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. in the Administration Building, 127 E. Oak Street in Juneau. Carol Shirk, Master Gardener, will present a program on growing and using gourds.

Anyone with an interest in gardening is welcome to attend the free program. Master Gardener meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of the month. Our purpose is to provide interesting and informative horticultural programs for the community and members.

2008 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
Horicon
Chris Zuleger, 485-2105

Intersection Garden
Hwys 33 and E, Horicon
Barbara Traughber, 485-2284

Seippel Homestead
Beaver Dam
Kay Voelker, 885-6256

Golden Living Center
Watertown
Gail Nampel, 887-2887

Clearview
Juneau
Marianne Zastrow, 386-4465

Judy Zirbel Memorial Garden
Horicon
Barbara Traughber, 485-2284

St. John’s Lutheran Church
Marianne Zastrow, 386-4465

First Baptist Church
Horicon
Lisa Traughber, 387-4741

Wild Goose City Park
Marianne Zastrow, 386-4465

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Secret Gardens Tour

Need a Mother’s Day Gift? Looking for great garden ideas? The Seippel Homestead and Center for the Arts is sponsoring the “Secret Gardens Tour” in Beaver Dam on Saturday, June 14, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Eight gardens will be featured, including one of our members, Gail Nampel.

Tickets, including a map and garden descriptions, can be purchased in Beaver Dam starting May 9 at Rechek’s Food Pride, Gilmore’s Piggly Wiggly and the Seippel Art Center. Advance tickets are $10 ($12 on June 14 at the Seippel Center only). Hanging baskets and garden art will be on sale at the Seippel Center on June 14.

Garden greeters are needed to welcome visitors and punch tickets at the gardens on June 14. Dodge County Master Gardeners can earn a free ticket and accumulate service hours by volunteering for a three hour shift. Call Kay Voelker at 885-6256 if you are interested in being a greeter.

For further information about the Garden Tour, contact Dodge County Master Gardener members, Charlotte Snow at 920-887-1548, Kay Voelker at 920-887-6256, or Chris Zuleger at 920-485-2105. They are volunteering on the planning committee. You can also call the Seippel Center at 885-3635 for more information.

Perennial Sale

The Dodge County Master Gardeners will have our yearly perennial sale on Saturday, May 17, 2008 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the Administration Building, 127 E. Oak Street in Juneau. This is an opportunity for gardeners to expand their gardens at a great price.

Master Gardeners can drop off plant donations Friday evening, May 16, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Divide plants from your garden, place them in pots, and label them with the plant name and helpful information. Proceeds are used to support our local association. For more information, contact Chris Zuleger at 920-485-2105.

Garden Walk

Mark your calendar for the second annual Juneau garden walk on July 12, 2008 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Details will be available in a future newsletter or Master Gardener meetings. You can also contact Marianne Zastrow at 920-386-4465.

Midwest Master Gardener Conference

The upper Midwest Master Gardener Conference will be held at the Four Points Sheridan in Milwaukee on July 16-19, 2008. The theme is “Gardening through the Continuum of Life.” Check the Master Gardener website for more details.

Home Living Column

Dodge County Master Gardeners write a newspaper column that is included in the Home Living Section of the Daily Citizen. This section comes out the third weekend of the month.

If you are interested in writing a column on a gardening topic, contact Gail Nampel at 920-887-2887. Hours spent researching and writing the column count toward volunteer service hours.

New Board Members

Marianne Zastrow and Chris Jacobs were elected to our Board of Directors at our April meeting. Marianne will be serving in the office of treasurer and Chris will be the secretary.

Thank you Helen Weisensel for four years of faithful service in the office of treasurer. Helen was the first treasurer for our local association and instrumental in establishing the office.

Thank you to Gail Nampel, president, Carol Shirk, vice president, and Chris Zuleger, local recordkeeper, for your continuing hard work on the Board. We appreciate all you do behind the scenes for our local association.
Rotary Botanical Garden and Ebert’s Greenhouse Village Trip

Saturday, June 21, 2008

8:30 a.m.  Bus arrives to pick up passengers at Administration Building in Juneau.

8:45 a.m.  Bus departs for Janesville (approx. 1 hour 20 minute trip).

10:10 a.m. Arrive at RBG-Visitors are on their own to tour, get ideas and take photos.

11:30 a.m. Lunch (on outside terrace, catered by Speak Easy Catering). In case of inclement weather, we’ll meet in the indoor banquet room. However, because of several weddings scheduled for that day, the banquet room must be vacated by noon. Visitors can resume self-guided tours on grounds and/or visit gift shop immediately following lunch.

1:30 p.m.  Depart RBG and travel to Ebert’s Greenhouse Village (approx. 1 hour 15 minute trip)

2:45 p.m.  Arrive at Ebert’s. Visitors are free to tour facility, speak with staff and purchase plant material/gift items/garden décor. Purchases can be stowed in luggage compartments.

4:30 p.m.  Bus departs for Juneau (approx. 30 minute trip)

5:00 p.m.  Arrive in Juneau.

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Janesville Rotary Garden Trip-Saturday, June 21, 2008

(Lunch accommodations at Janesville RBG make it necessary to limit this trip to 48 people)

Cost is $35 and includes lunch.

I’d love to go! Please sign me up…

Name: __________________________________ Phone Number __________________________
Address __________________________________ City _________________________________

(Sign up slip and payment can be sent to Gail Nampel, W7498 County Road E, Beaver Dam, WI 53916)

(Registration deadline is May 31, 2008. Questions? Call Gail at 887-2887)

Lunch selections must be ordered in advance and include a sandwich with condiments, veggies and dip, along with fresh fruit, a gourmet cookie/bar for dessert, plus your choice of a carbonated beverage or bottled water. Please indicate your choice below:

_______Turkey w/provolone cheese, lettuce, tomato on a bakery fresh ciabatta roll

_______Club (ham, turkey, bacon) lettuce and tomato on cracked wheat bread

_______Grilled Portabella Mushroom and peppers with herbed cream cheese served on a bakery fresh ciabatta roll.

_______Grilled Veggie Wrap-a delightful blend of summer squash, peppers, onions and tomatoes topped with Italian dressing.
When gardeners garden, it is not just plants that grow, but the gardeners themselves.

- Ken Druse