



# Digging in Dodge

Dodge County Master Gardeners Association

Issue 17

## 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.

### May 28

Community Supported  
Agriculture  
Nicole Schauer  
Good Earth Farms

Nicole and her family run a family farm near Oakfield and are firm proponents of the Community Supported Agriculture concept. Come to find out more... and bring your questions!

### June 25

Westra Gardens  
Berwyn Westra

Master Gardener Berywn Westra has graciously invited us to tour his gardens at N8693 County FW, Beaver Dam. The tour will include rock gardens, trees, marsh paths, vegetable garden, and a small nursery. Beverages will be provided, bring a snack to share.



### 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

## 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 Web Site

Madison Gas and Electric has a new small tree and large shrub choice and care website:

<http://www.mge.com/environment/trees/index.htm>

This website features small trees that can be planted under or near power lines, as well as some larger shrubs that can be used for screening. Search criteria include hardiness zone, sun and moisture requirements, size and growth rates, color, flower, and fruit options, as well as native plants and wildlife attractants. The primary emphasis of this site is smaller trees and evergreens. This site has a plethora of information even if you do not have power lines to work around. Check it out!

## SSSHHH! It's a Secret!

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) and will be available in June.

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.

## Got Hours?

The Seippel Center for the Arts in Beaver Dam offers several ways for Master Gardeners to earn their service hours. There is a need for volunteers to serve on a soon- to be-formed Garden Committee and to help with the garden or grounds at specific times throughout the growing season. If you are interested in helping in any of the following ways, please contact the Center at 885-3635 and let them know.

## Mark Your Calendar

The Wisconsin Master Gardeners will hold their state conference on October 2-3 at the Wisconsin Dells Ho-Chunk Hotel and Conference Center. The theme this year is "Gardening is a Gamble—but Worth It" and is hosted by Adams County, Columbia County, Juneau County, Sauk County, and Thyme Shares Master Gardener Associations. Gardening problems including the weather, invasive plants, wildlife damage, and gardening as we age will be some of the topics covered. For more information on the topics and the guest speakers, check the state website at:

[www.hort.wisc.edu/mastergardener](http://www.hort.wisc.edu/mastergardener)

Included in the event will be a raffle for prizes including a full size handmade quilt depicting Wisconsin gardening, a framed stained glass wall hanging, a garden scooter, a potting bench, a stained glass solar garden light, and more. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00 and are available from Gail Nampel. (You need not be present to win.)



## Garden Walk

The third annual Juneau Garden Walk will be held on Saturday, June 6th from 10:00 am– 3:00 pm. This tour of five spring gardens is sponsored by the Clearview Garden Club and all proceeds will go to the Clearview flower gardens. Advance tickets can be purchased for \$5 at four Juneau locations: Clearview North Business Office, Hartford Savings Bank, Jensen's Piggly Wiggly, and American Family Insurance; and at two Beaver Dam locations: Recheck's Food Pride and Beaver Dam Piggly Wiggly. The day of the walk, tickets will be available at the Clearview South Office for \$6. This is a "Rain or Shine" event. For more information, contact Marianne Zastrow at 386-4465.

What a man needs in gardening is a cast-iron back, with a hinge in it. ~Charles Dudley Warner, *My Summer in a Garden*,

## 1871 Newsletter Options

If you would like to receive this letter via email (rather than snail mail) please let Jodi know at:

[jschultz@co.dodge.wi.us](mailto:jschultz@co.dodge.wi.us)

Please put "MG newsletter" in the subject line and include your mailing address as well.

## Master Food Preserver Training

### Overview and Certification:

Wondering what to do with all that garden produce? Do you want to learn about home canning so that you can teach others? Then consider attending the **Master Food Preserver and Food Safety Volunteer** training! This 3-day program is designed to introduce you to the basics of food safety and home food preservation. Participants completing the pretest, the 3-day hands-on training, and scoring a satisfactory grade on the daily take-home examinations and the final test will be certified as **Master Food Preservers**. Master Food Preservers are asked to provide 20 hours of volunteer service annually to UW-Extension in their county, helping to answer general food safety and food preservation questions. The instructor for this 3-day course is Dr. Barbara Ingham, Extension Food Scientist, University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Over the course of the 3-day workshop, you will have the opportunity to learn about the following topics:

- general food safety, microorganisms and home food processing
- canning high acid foods
- canning low acid foods
- freezing and drying food
- jams, jellies and related products
- pickles, relishes and fermented products

There will be time set aside for learning, group discussion and hands-on exercises.

### 2009 Program Locations and Dates:

#### June 24-26 Ashland

Ashland Middle School  
203 11th Street East  
Ashland, WI 54806

To Register: Karen Bade  
UWEX Bayfield Co  
P.O. Box 218  
Washburn, WI 54891  
(715) 373-6104

[karen.bade@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:karen.bade@ces.uwex.edu)

Capacity: 25

#### July 7-9 Green Bay

Oneida Nation Elementary  
N7125 Seminary Road  
Oneida, WI 54155

To Register: Judith Knudsen  
UWEX Brown Co.  
1150 Bellevue St.  
Green Bay, WI 54302  
(920) 391-4651

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Capacity: 25

#### Aug 11-13 Mosinee

Mosinee High School  
Creske Center  
1000 High Street  
Mosinee, WI 54455

To Register: Jackie Carattini  
UWEX Marathon Co.  
212 River Dr., Suite 3  
Wausau, WI 54403  
(715) 261-1230

[jackie.carattini@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:jackie.carattini@ces.uwex.edu)

Capacity: 25

### Who should attend?

Master Food Preserver training is for dedicated UWEX staff and community volunteers. The ideal participant will have some exposure to canning food at home, will be open to learning new skills and knowledge, and, once trained, will be effective at supporting UWEX-sponsored programs. If you sign up, you must attend all 3 days of training. Materials will be provided in advance of training and there will be a **pre-test** due at registration on the first day, **take home assignments** during the training, and a **post-test** required of all participants.

### Schedule:

8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. daily. There will be morning and afternoon discussions and hands-on exercises each day. Look for plenty of time to exchange ideas and to share experiences.

### Cost:

The cost of 3-day training is \$75. The fee includes facility rental, materials, and morning refreshments. Lunch will be on your own - plan to bring a sack lunch. Travel, meals and lodging (if necessary) will be the responsibility of each person attending.



Sponsored by: Bayfield County UWEX, Brown County UWEX, Lincoln County UWEX, Marathon County UWEX, the Oneida Nation Cannery, and Wood County UWEX.

*West of the Lake Botanical Gardens and  
Honeymoon Acres Greenhouse  
Saturday, July 11, 2009*

The Dodge County Master Gardener Association will be taking a tour of the West of the Lake Botanical Gardens in Manitowoc and Honeymoon Acres Greenhouse in New Holstein.

7:45 am      Bus arrives to pick up passengers at Administration Building in Juneau.

8:00 am      Bus departs for Manitowoc (approx. 2 hour trip).  
(Games and Prize during the ride!)

10:00 am     Tour of West of the Lake Botanical Gardens begins.

11:30am     Bus leaves for Honeymoon Acres (approx. 45 minute drive).

12:15 pm    Lunch (See information below).

1:15pm      Tour of Honeymoon Acres.

3:30         Bus departs for Juneau (approx. 90 minute drive).

5:00         Bus arrives in Juneau.

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**Botanical Garden and Greenhouse Trip-Saturday, July 11, 2008**

Cost is \$15 and includes soda and water. Lunch is not included.

Registration is limited to 56 people.

*I'd love to go! Please sign me up...*

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_ **City** \_\_\_\_\_

(Sign up slip and checks made out to Dodge County Master Gardener Association can be sent to Marianne Zastrow,  
773 E. Center Street, Juneau, WI 53039) (Registration deadline is May 31, 2008. Questions? Call Marianne at 386-4465)

Please indicate your preference for lunch:

\_\_\_\_\_ Eat at nearby Altona Supper Club (buffet with coffee or milk for \$8.00)

\_\_\_\_\_ Eat at Subway (across the street from the greenhouse)

\_\_\_\_\_ Eat my own brown bag lunch (can be stored in the bus cooler)

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*God made rainy days so  
gardeners could get the  
housework done.*