



Digging in Dodge

Dodge County Master Gardener Association

Issue 25

A Note from our President

Three years ago as a Master Gardener Intern, I thought what better way to meet people, become involved and learn about the association than to become a member of the association's Board of Directors. Over the last three years I have done all of that – met many people, made new friends, became more involved and learned about the association. Never did I dream that I would be writing a "Note from the President" my final year on the board.

I am honored that the past and present board members have confidence in me to be the president. I am excited to work with the board and all of you, the volunteers that make this association successful. I am also a tad nervous about following in the footsteps of Gail Nampel and Carol Shirk, who have each done a terrific job in their roles as president during the past three years.

We have a first-rate line up of speakers for the remainder of the year; our annual plant sale is just around the corner. The yearly trip to Madison sounds like a great time, and our 2nd annual photo contest promises to be bigger and better. Remember to grab your cameras and take a few pictures as you work on your projects. Your pictures are a great way to show off our association.

Congratulations to Chuck Meyer, our newest board member, and to all of the Master Gardeners who fulfilled their certification requirements and to those who attained personal milestones.

Chris

Dodge County Master Gardener Association Websites

dodge.uwex.edu/maser-gardener/
or
wimastergardener.org/?q=Dodge

2011 Projects

Master Gardeners will be working on various projects in Dodge County this year. Projects are underway in Beaver Dam, Horicon, Juneau, Mayville, Neosho, Watertown, and Waupun. Each project has a Master Gardener who coordinates the work. A complete and updated list of projects with contact person information is available from our website or from 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 26

Solve a Landscape Problem
Various Master Gardeners

Some individuals have submitted their home landscaping problems and will be given assistance from Master Gardeners. Participants provided photos, measurements, sunlight/shade restrictions, etc. A sample plan (just measurements, no plants) will be provided for those who did not submit a specific plan and want to practice designing a landscape. Master Gardeners will be available to give assistance with planning these designs.

June 23

"Honey Bees and Me—and You!"
Jeanne Malterer



Jeanne, an award winning beekeeper, has been beekeeping since 2003. She will explain how and why she began doing so and will also tell us how a colony works and what humans gain from honey bees.

July 28

Symptoms of Plant Diseases

Brian Hudelson

A hands-on 3 hour workshop conducted by Brian Hudelson, the director of the Plant Disease Diagnostics Clinic at UW. Brian is known as "Dr. Death" because of his expertise in plant diseases. Program start time is **6:00 p.m.** and is limited to 40 people. (Registration may be required)

August 27

Photo Contest

Gail Nampel-coordinator

Our 2nd annual Garden Photography Contest is at 1:00 p.m. \$10 admission fee is payable at the door. Ribbons and certificates will be awarded during the social hour after Open Judging is completed. "Best of Show" wins a \$50 prize. **Watch the Dodge County Master Gardener Website for additional information available in July.** This is a Saturday event and will take place of our usual Thursday meeting.

September 22

Attracting Wildlife

David Drake

David, an extension wildlife specialist and associate professor in the Department of Forest and Wildlife Ecology at UW-Madison, will bring a program about how to attract desirable wildlife to your gardens.

Upcoming Events

- There will be a Naturalist Program-Wildflower Hike at the Horicon Marsh International Education Center, N7725 Highway 28, Horicon on Saturday, May 21st at 10:00 a.m. For more information see: www.horiconmarsh.org
- The Association for Home and Community Education (HCE) is hosting Master Gardener Barb Lottmann on Tuesday, May 24th at 6:00 p.m. in Room F & G of the Administration Center, Juneau. Barb will explore using native perennial plants in your landscape and flower gardens. She will detail the benefits of using native plants and give the best choices for different sites. For more information, contact Marianne Zastrow at 386-4465.
- If you are interested in getting your hands dirty while learning about native landscapes, and you enjoy working outdoors and meeting new people, become an UW Arboretum Team Leader! Team Leaders learn about the art and science of ecological restoration, and about the native ecosystems of Wisconsin. They apply this knowledge by leading other volunteers at the ecological restoration work parties at the UW Arboretum. Training runs from June 2 to October 1, 2011; cost for materials and training is \$60. Please contact Marian Farrior at 608-265-5214 or mlfarrior@wisc.edu for detailed information and an application form.

More Events...

- The Juneau Garden Walk is Friday, July 8th 5:30 p.m.-dark and Saturday, July 9th 10 a.m.-3 p.m.. (Rain or Shine) Advanced tickets are \$5.00. Tickets can be purchased on Saturday at Clearview North Garden for \$6.00. Food and vendor stands will be set up at Clearview North on Saturday. Contact Marianne Zastrow at 386-4465 for further information.
- 2011 Wisconsin Farm Technology Days is in Marathon County at Seehafer Acres, M243 State Hwy 97 July 12-14. The show runs 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday and 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Thursday. More information is available at: <http://www.wifarmtechnologydays.com/>

Dandelion Jelly

You have heard the saying "If life gives you lemons, make lemonade." Well, the springtime gardener version of that is "If life gives you dandelions, make dandelion jelly!" There are many good recipes available online, including one at

<http://www.tasteofhome.com/Recipes/Dandelion-Jelly>

Make sure you pick ONLY the blossoms as any of the green stem will give your jelly a bitter taste. The best time to pick the blossoms is on a sunny morning when the flowers are fully open. Make sure you do not use any plants that have been sprayed with herbicides or pesticides. This jelly is honey-like in flavor and makes a great gift.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following Master Gardeners who were certified this year. In order to be certified, each person had to volunteer a minimum of 24 hours and complete at least 10 hours of continuing education. Good job Gardeners!

Gae Bergmann
Lee Buescher
Julie Fortune
Ben Hagman
Judy Hagman
Chris Jacobs
Linda Kane
Al Krause
Jan Krause
Chuck Meyer
Gail Nampel
Carla Oestreich
Jan Runge
Jennifer Schmitz
Carol Shirk
Charlotte Snow
Kay Voelker
Bonnie Weiland Hare
Berwyn Westra
Kate Wood
Marianne Zastrow
Terry Zimmerlee
Christine Zuleger



More Congratulations!

Many, if not most, Master Gardeners volunteer more than the minimum of 24 hours needed to be certified. The following Dodge County Master Gardeners achieved significant milestones this year:

150 Hours

Julie Fortune
Chris Jacobs
Al Krause
Jan Krause
Bonnie Weiland Hare

250 Hours

Berwyn Westra

1000 Hours

Marianne Zastrow

In addition, Chris Jacobs and Gail Nampel took the Advanced Master Gardener Plant Health Advisor Online class and passed with outstanding scores.

The following people completed and passed the Advanced Master Gardener Ornamental Trees and Shrubs, Landscaping, and Lawn Class:

Gae Bergmann
Julie Fortune
Judy Hagman
Al Krause
Jan Krause
Carla Oestreich
Jan Runge
Carol Shirk
Kay Voelker

Secret Garden Tour

The Beaver Dam Area Arts Association is currently welcoming suggestions for gardens to be part of the 2011 Secret Garden Tour, scheduled for Saturday, June 25th from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. This is an annual BDAAA fundraiser. Once participants purchase a ticket, addresses and directions are included and you may go in any order to the gardens which are showcased. BDAAA welcomes Master Gardeners and others from the community to serve as volunteer greeters at nine to ten special gardens on June 25th. If you volunteer as a greeter, you will receive a free ticket to view the gardens before or after your shift. To register as a volunteer or suggest a garden, please contact the Seippel Arts Center at (920) 885-3635 or email bdaaa@seippelcenter.com. The event is sponsored in part by Black Waters Coffee.

"No occupation is so delightful to me as the culture of the earth, and no culture comparable to that of the garden."-- Thomas Jefferson

Prize Winner

Dodge County Master Gardener Association gave away a fantastic basket full of wonderful garden goodies at the Beaver Dam Home Expo. The lucky winner was Loraine Roedel of Beaver Dam.

Annual Plant Sale

Who: Master Gardeners (Annual Plant Sale)

What: Please bring as many annuals, veggies, herbs, grasses (ornamental), house plants, and perennials as you can. Plants should be potted, identified, and the appropriate planting location (sun, shade, etc.) should be noted.

Where: Dodge County Administration Building, 127 E. Oak Street, Juneau, WI

When: Set up will begin on Friday, May 20th from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. The plant sale will be held on Saturday, May 21st from 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. (For those volunteering, the doors will open at 7:15 a.m.)

Why: The money raised from the plant sale will be used to pay for speakers at the monthly Master Gardener meetings and other common expenses (postage, special printing items, etc.).

If you have any questions please call Chris Zuleger at 920-485-2105.



Brown marmorated stink bug

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Wisconsin Native Shrubs

The Madison Audubon Society recently ran an article about native Wisconsin shrubs that are good for attracting birds to your landscape. One of the recommendations was the serviceberry. There are several native species, including Juneberry (*Amelanchier laevis*), Dwarf Serviceberry (*A. spicata*; *stolonifera*) and Downy Serviceberry (*A. arborea*). The Downy Serviceberry has exceptionally dark-red, showy fruit that is superior for attracting birds. Read the full article at:

<http://www.madisonaudubon.org/audubon/news/2011March.pdf>

And, get a more complete list of native plants that produce fruits and seeds as well as shelter and nesting places for birds at:

www.for-wild.org/land/wibirdpl.html

Stink Bug Update

Wisconsin Pest Bulletin #56 states that "Cornell University's Scaffolds Fruit Journal reports that low numbers of brown marmorated stink bugs (BMSB) were noted in pear trees at Geneva, New York on May 2. This observation should serve as a warning to Wisconsin orchardists to be alert for stink bugs beginning at bloom. To date, specimens have been collected from Dane and Manitowoc counties, but no reproducing populations have been confirmed in the state. Fruit growers who suspect BMSB are asked to collect and submit a sample for official verification to either Krista Hamilton at 118 N 6th St., La Crosse, WI 54601 or Phil Pellitteri at 1630 Linden Dr., Madison, WI 53706 "

**The Dodge County Master Gardeners Association
Invites You to Join Us for a Day Tour of
Allen Centennial Gardens**



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Saturday, June 11, 2011

(Registration Deadline – June 1, 2011. Space is limited to 57 guests so reserve your seat early!!)

Itinerary

Trip cost - \$30 (Lunch Included)

- 8:00 a.m.** Bus arrives to pick up passengers at Administration Building in Juneau.
- 8:15 a.m.** Depart for Madison (approx. 1 hour trip).
- 9:15 a.m.** Arrive at Allen Centennial Gardens-Personal Tour conducted by Ed Lyon, Director.
- 11:30 a.m.** Depart for Lunch at Bunky's Cafe
- 11:45 p.m.** Arrive at Bunky's Café. We will be treated to a delectable buffet of Italian and Mediterranean favorites prepared especially for us! If time permits after lunch, guests are encouraged to take in the rich history of the family owned restaurant in the lower level. *Note: Gluten free and vegan options will be added to the buffet upon request. (Indicate specialty preference below)*
- 1:00 p.m.** Depart for a 2 minute drive to Olbrich Botanical Gardens where guests will be on their own to tour the beauty and splendor of the many specialty gardens on site. Several weddings are scheduled for the day, so please keep that in mind and respect those areas. Those wishing to tour Bolz Conservatory will be required to pay the \$1 admission fee as it is NOT included in the registration fee.
- 3:00 p.m.** Bus departs for Juneau (approx. 1 hour trip)
- 4:00 p.m.** Arrive in Juneau.

Allen Centennial and Olbrich Botanical Garden Trip-Saturday, June 11, 2011

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

Name: _____ **Phone Number** _____

Address _____ **City** _____

Vegan Choice Preference _____ **Gluten-Free Choice Preference** _____

(Sign up slip and payment-make checks out to Dodge County Master Gardeners Assoc.-can be sent to Gail Nampel, W7498 County Road E, Beaver Dam, WI 53916) (Questions? Call Gail at 887-2887)

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**"I love spring anywhere,
but if I could chose I
would always greet it in a
garden."
- Ruth Stout**

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