



Digging in Dodge

Dodge County Master Gardeners' Association

Issue 11

Upcoming Meetings

Anyone with an interest in gardening is welcome to attend the following meetings. Meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Administration Building, 127 E. Oak Street in Juneau.

July 26

Jean Olson
Cactus Queen

Did you know that Wisconsin has three native cacti? Come and learn about cacti and succulents. We will meet in the parking lot at 127 E. Oak Street in Juneau at **5:30 p.m.** and carpool to the speaker's home in Kewaskum or you can meet us at her home at 6:00 p.m.

Take Highway 26 north from Juneau to Highway 33. Turn right (east) and travel to Horicon. Turn left on Highway 28 and continue to Kewaskum. Turn right (south) on Highway 45. Travel about 1/2 mile and turn right (west) on Highway H.

This is at the second stoplight and there is a Dairy Queen on your right. Travel about 2/10 of a mile to 664 Highway H. The home is a two story, country blue home with a stone chimney. There is an access road to the house just before the house. You can park on the access road or on Highway H.

Jean is looking forward to showing us her collection of succulents.

August 23

To be announced

September 27

Zannah Crowe

Three Seasons in the
Shade Garden

Zannah is the horticulturalist at Monches Farm plant nursery in Colgate, Wisconsin. Her information packed presentation will give you lots of ideas for what to plant in your shade garden.

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Partnership Program

The Wisconsin Master Gardener Association office sent the following information:

The purpose of the Citizen-based Monitoring Partnership Program is to provide funding and support to initiate or expand citizen-based monitoring programs involved in the monitoring of aquatic and terrestrial plants, animals and their habitats.

Up to \$100,000 is available for the 2008 state fiscal year funding period (July 1, 2007 - June 30 2008). Based on feedback of previous applicants, we greatly simplified the application by utilizing a pre-proposal process. You can visit the website for more information about the program <http://cbm.wiatri.net/Partnership/>. Proposals are due via email to Angela Engelman Angela.Engelman@Wisconsin.gov by midnight on July 22.

Our Purpose

The primary purpose of the Master Gardener program is to teach others about horticulture and the benefits of gardening.

Volunteer opportunities may include, but are not limited to:

1. Serve as an officer on your local association's Board of Directors.
2. Work on projects approved

by our UW-Extension Crops and Soils Agent, Matt Hanson.

3. Become a plant health advisor.
4. Answer questions for people who come to the UW-Extension office.
5. Participate in designing a display for our local association to be used at area events.
6. Write an article for the Home Living section of the *Daily Citizen*.
7. Give a talk on a horticultural topic to local service organizations.
8. Participate in and organize school activities such as Arbor Day, Earth Day, and horticultural tours.
9. Assist the staff of local churches, nursing homes, and other community sites in maintaining annual and perennial beds.
10. Re-establish a prairie on public lands.

For further information on projects in Dodge County or the Master Gardener program, contact Matt Hanson, Crops and Soils Agent at the UW-Extension Office, 920-386-3790.



Volunteer Hours

Volunteer hours can be turned in to our Local Record Keeper, Chris Zuleger, by October 1. Volunteer hour sheets can be obtained through the Master Gardener website, www.hort.wisc.edu/mastergardener.com. Click on "State Program," then "MG Program Office," then "Providing Information and Resources" to access timesheets as Word documents or pdf files. Twenty-four volunteer service hours are required to be certified or recertified. Forms can be mailed to Chris at 509 E. Maple Street, Horicon, WI 53032. Chris will tally the hours and write our report for the state. Be sure to keep a copy of your time sheet for your records.

Thanks to all of the Master Gardener Volunteers who have been working hard on projects in Dodge County.

Meetings

There will be no monthly meetings in October, November, or December. Enjoy taking a break and pouring over nursery catalogues to plan for next year's garden.

Check out www.whiteflowerfarm.com, www.jungseed.com, www.prairienursery.com, and www.bluestoneperennials.com for some great catalogues.

Join Us for a Morning with Melinda

Melinda Myers will be joining us on Saturday, October 20, 2007, for an interesting morning of presentations.

Ms. Myers has over 25 years of horticulture experience and is best known for her friendly, practical approach to gardening. She has a master's degree in horticulture, is a certified arborist, started the Master Gardener program in Milwaukee County, and was a horticultural instructor at Milwaukee Area Technical College.

She has written numerous books, including *Can't Miss Small Space Gardening*, *Month-by-Month Gardening in Wisconsin*, *The Garden Book for Wisconsin*, *The Perfect Lawn Midwest Series*, and Jackson & Perkins' *Selecting, Growing and Combining Outstanding Perennials: Midwestern Edition*.

Ms. Myers hosts the "Great Lakes Gardener" television program seen on PBS stations.

She has received numerous

awards including the 2003 Garden Globe Award for radio talent and the Quill and Trowel Award for her television work, both from the Garden Writers Association.

On October 20, Melinda will present "Small Space Gardens" at 9:00 a.m. Her enthusiastic one hour presentation will inform us about growing gardens in a limited space and creating an intimate garden within a larger landscape. Discover how to layer and grow vertically and how to use containers effectively. Explore the use of dwarf plants. Melinda will emphasize creating a garden with minimal work and maximum enjoyment.

After a brief break, Melinda will give a second presentation on "Fall Care for Your Landscape." Melinda will share tips on what to prune, what to fertilize, and what to plant in the fall.

She will be available to sign copies of her books from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. A selection

of her books will be available for sale the morning of her presentation.

During breaks, enjoy cinnamon rolls, coffee cake, sticky buns, fresh fruit, juice and coffee provided by the Upper Crust Restaurant. Food and beverages are included in your registration fee.

A Morning with Melinda will be held in the Beaver Dam High School Auditorium, 500 Gould Street, in Beaver Dam. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. The registration fee for this event is \$15 per person. Currently Certified Master Gardeners can attend for \$10. The registration fee after October 1 and at the door is \$20.

Schedule

- 8:30 a.m. registration
- 9:00 a.m.—10:00 a.m. "Small Space Gardens" presentation
- 10:00 a.m.—10:15 a.m. break
- 10:15 a.m.—11:15 a.m. "Fall Care for Your Landscape"
- 11:15 a.m.—12:15 p.m. book signing

Registration Form for A Morning with Melinda

Name _____ Phone _____

Number attending _____ x \$15 each = \$ _____ enclosed. Currently Certified Master Gardeners attend for \$10. Registration fee for everyone increases to \$20 after October 1. Please make checks payable to the Dodge County Master Gardeners Association and mail with registration form to Lisa Traugber, 274A Mountin Drive, Mayville, WI 53050.

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*"That beautiful season
the Summer!
Filled was the air with a
dreamy and magical light;
and the landscape lay
as if new created in all the
freshness of childhood." Longfellow*