

ADDRESSING THE MONTHLY HAPPENINGS OF THE MADISON AREA MASTER GARDENERS
ASSOCIATION & DANE CO. UW EXTENSION HORTICULTURE PROGRAM

JUNE 2014



Madison Area Master Gardeners Update
From MAMGA and UW-Extension Horticultural Program

Quote of the Month

***Gardening is very simple really,
you just have to think like a plant.***

The President's Message
from Catherine Murray

Greetings!

MAMGA members are now able to receive a 10% discount on all purchases at Kopke's Greenhouse in Oregon. We will not be able to update this year's membership cards but they will honor the discount if you show the card you do have. The full



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list of discounts available for members at area nurseries and retailers is available on the website:

<http://www.mamgawi.org/membership.htm>.

I'd also like to point out that we have a new email address for MAMGA. You can now reach us at Info@mamgawi.org. The website has been updated with this information. The former email address mamgamail@yahoo.com is also still active and messages sent there will be forwarded to the new address.

Now that the garden season is finally underway, regular Teaching Garden workdays are scheduled at the Extension Office. On June 21st, the workday includes a luncheon. This is a great opportunity to help the garden get much needed work done and spend time getting to know fellow Master Gardener Volunteers. Information on this and other June events is available on the website calendar.

Happy Gardening!
Catherine

Kopke's Offers Member Discount

Kopke's Greenhouse

1828 Sandhill Road, Oregon
(608) 835-7569
<http://kopkesgreenhouse.com>

10% off all purchases

The Extension Express

From Lisa Johnson
Dane County UW-EX Horticulture Educator

Teaching Garden

A lot has happened since I last wrote about the Teaching Garden. We will have had 3 work days and the annual Plant Sale by the time you read this. At the time of this writing Hayley Hart, Diane Amundson and Peggy Mravik, the main leaders of the team are working madly to get things ready. This spring has been so cold that it delayed the digging of many perennials until the last minute. Not uncommon, but frustrating. On the other hand, the bulb display has been prolonged and lovely. Some of the rhododendrons are in full bloom, along with primulas, bleeding hearts, the cornelian cherry dogwood and even the poor forsythia that got munched on by voles has a few blooming branches. You may not be aware of it, but Dane County parks put a weather

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[2013-14 MGV Hours Reporting Form](#)

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Calendar of Events

~local events of interest~

For reporting purposes:

Items in green count as CE credits for re-certifying MGVs.

Items in red count as a MAMGA event.

June 2

Agrace Hospice Garden & Grounds Tour
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

June 3

Green Thumb Tuesday
Monona Gardens Restaurant
5:00 - 8:00
RSVP

June 7

Teaching garden work day
9:00 - 2:30
5201 Fen Oak Ct., Madison

June 19

Teaching garden work day
4:00 - 7:30
5201 Fen Oak Ct., Madison

June 21

Teaching Garden Work Day & Luncheon
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
5201 Fen Oak Court, Madison
RSVP

June 23

How to be a better nature,

station in our rain garden, so we can get up-to-the-minute (almost) reports. You can find the link to it at Weather Underground <http://www.wunderground.com/wundermap/?lat=43.071&lon=-89.407&zoom=13>. Pan right on the map and find us at 'Dane County LWRD'. We are close to the Glendale School weather station as well, which is in Joe Muellenberg's school garden.

I hope after the plant sale to have enough funds to buy another station that will measure high and low temps, soil temperature and leaf wetness so we can do growing degree day and apple scab tracking and use the WI Pest Bulletin and some traps to monitor fruit insect development. That will help us keep our mini-orchard healthy.

Programming Potpourri

I did my annual Arbor Day celebration event at Deforest Elementary with the Tree Board this year dressed up as an emerald ash borer. Thanks to Marilyn Sallee and Rosanne Horne who worked on the costume, about 240 kids got to learn about EAB in an engaging way. They also got to look at EAB damage on bark samples, see preserved insects in vials and got info cards to take home to parents. We had 5 other info stations that included tree planting, what arborists do (including dressing up in the helmet and saddle), tree ID, tree ring cookies and ring counting, tree product talk and other great things. Always a fun event.

MGV training is going full blast and new MGVs are learning a lot, volunteering for school gardens and other fine projects. It's always fun for me to hear what they are doing.

I've also done one training and will be doing more on EAB. I've done several MGV trainings for Dodge County, talks on pruning, the annual pruning workshop, a perennials talk in Mount Horeb and maintained my weekly garden calendar column on Sunday in the WSJ. I've answered a ton of questions about winter-burnt evergreens and sent a ton more to the PHA Horticulture Helpline—thanks guys, I sure do appreciate all your help!! I've been working with Brittingham Park community Garden and the Parkside building on starting seeds for their residents and community garden—several MGVs also helped with this effort.

MGV speakers have been busy doing talks on container gardening, seed starting, raised bed gardens, and growing tomatoes. The three farmers markets at Monona, Westside and Sun Prairie continue to do well under new co-leaders Anne Lies, Libby Howting, Nina Harmes, Marie Udulutch, Jan Blakeslee and Theresa Pillar-Groesbeck with oversight by Rosanne Horne. [They can still use volunteers for this season](#) if you are interested! Contact me and I'll put you in touch with the appropriate co-leaders. Ask-A-Master Gardener, coordinated by Rosanne Horne has also been busy at the Family Gardening Day on campus, Eastmoreland Plant

landscape & flower
photographer
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
5201 Fen Oak Court, Madison

July 1

Green Thumb Tuesday
RSVP

July 12

Teaching garden work day
9:00 - 2:30
5201 Fen Oak Ct., Madison

July 14

MAMGA/WHPS Evening
Garden Tour
Windsor

July 21

MAMGA/WHPS Evening
Garden Tour
Black Earth/Mazomanie

July 26

Teaching garden work day
9:00 - 2:30
5201 Fen Oak Ct., Madison

August 1

Four Elements Herbal Farm
Tour
8:00 a.m. departure
North Freedom, WI
RSVP

August 9

Teaching garden work day
9:00 - 2:30
5201 Fen Oak Ct., Madison

August 5

Green Thumb Tuesday
RSVP

August 12

West Ag Research Station
Tour
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Madison

August 23

Teaching garden work day
9:00 - 2:30
5201 Fen Oak Ct., Madison

Day and other events. Spring is finally blooming, and we are all looking forward to gardening!

Hort Short

Unfortunately, the Pest Bulletin predicts that this year may be a good one for potato and tomato late blight. This is the pathogen that caused the Irish potato famine from 1845-1852. It affects potatoes, tomatoes and eggplant. It thrives in wet weather and spores are easily spread by rain and wind. If conditions are right, late blight spreads rapidly, killing plants in one to two weeks. If not controlled, neighboring gardens or commercial vegetable fields can be infected. Once the tomato fruit or potato tuber is infected, it decays quickly, so storage is not possible. To protect tomato and potato plants from becoming infected, homeowners can use copper-based liquid fungicides (such as copper sulfate) or liquid products containing the active ingredient chlorothalonil, that are labeled for use on vegetables.

If you suspect that you have late blight, contact me or UW Vegetable Pathologist Amanda Gevens at gevens@wisc.edu.

Check tomato and potato plants for symptoms at least twice a week. Late blight lesions can occur on leaves, stems or fruit. At first, lesions are pale green, then turn brown to black. With high humidity, lesion edges turn fuzzy and white, especially on leaf undersides, as the fungus sporulates. On tomato fruits, brown lesions appear on the top and sides and can cover the entire fruit.

Pictures of late blight symptoms can be found at www.plantpath.wisc.edu/wivegdis. There are also factsheets on treatments and management of the disease at this website. Some tomato varieties that are resistant to late blight include the following:

Tomato Name: Magic Mountain
Tomato Growth Habit Type: Indeterminate
Description: Red, 2-3 oz., high sugar content, good 'fruit setter,' also resists early blight
Typical Days to Harvest from Seed: 75 days

Tomato Name: Regal Plum
Tomato Growth Habit Type: Determinate
Description: Red, plum-type, 4 oz, great flavor, good for sauces, also resists early blight
Typical Days to Harvest from Seed: 68 days

Tomato Name: Legend
Tomato Growth Habit Type: Determinate
Description: Red, early-bearing, 14-16-oz, sweet flavor balanced well with acidity, few seeds, good fruit setter, good for salads or canning
Typical Days to Harvest from Seed: 68 days

Tomato Name: 'Juliet'

September 6

Teaching garden work day
9:00 - 2:30
5201 Fen Oak Ct., Madison

September 14 **MAMGA picnic**

Details in September newsletter
RSVP

September 20

Teaching garden work day
9:00 - 2:30
5201 Fen Oak Ct., Madison

October 11

Teaching garden work day
9:00 - 2:30
5201 Fen Oak Ct., Madison

October 25

Teaching garden work day
9:00 - 2:30
5201 Fen Oak Ct., Madison

[More Wisconsin Events](#)

Also see "Events" column

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Tomato Growth Habit Type: Indeterminate

Description: Red cherry type, roma-type flavor, 1 1/2-2 oz, great for salads, salsa, and sauce All American Selections winner

Typical Days to Harvest from Seed: 60 days



Thank you!

Lisa Johnson sends many thanks to Diane Amundson, Hayley Hart, Rosanne Horne, Peggy Mravik, Joan Fitzgerald, Libby Howting, Nina Harmes, Elizabeth Brick, Jan Blakeslee, Frankie Fuller, Percy Mather, Pat Cartwright, Mary Young, Mary Pelzer, Cheri Schweitzer, Art DeSmet, Sharon Schwarz, B'Ann Gabelt, Sharon Wagner, Edie Grossen, Linda Christen, Kathy Curtner, Lynn Berton, Mary Pinkerton, Janet Wheaton, Ken Wheaton, Jane Graham, Connie Crenshaw, Helen Berch-Kenny, Rachel Martin, Sue Harris, Jonathan Davis, Cathy Sullivan, Page Danley, Laura Jirsa Dille, Christine Zimmerman, Sharyn Burney, Patsy Sebben, Barb Klasinski, Elaine Dorn, Emily Embury, Sandy Aebly, Betty Lou Knight, Nancy Gustaf, Gail Juszcak, Cathy Anderson, Jennifer Anderson, Randy and Cheryl Deering, Bonnie Kees, Jane Nicholson, Marilyn Sallee, Jane Cramer, Kris Gabert, Ritchie Rheaume, Theresa Seeley, Anne Lies, Theresa Pillar-Groesbeck, Renee Ostrowski, Michelle Coder, Patsy Sebben, Elizabeth Brick, Lynne Bendt, Carol Holden, Marie Cady, Veronica Folstad, Holly Walker, Reggie Moody, Theresa Seeley, Jennifer Anderson, Emily Buckingham, Lynn Underwood, Cathy Anderson, Jane Graham, Peg Schumann, Marilyn Connell, Aleta Murray, and Edie Grossen.

Rosanne Horne sends many thanks to the following volunteers for Ask A Master Gardener in May: Jennifer Anderson, Jan Blakeslee, Elizabeth Brick, Mary Collet, Art De Smet, Kris Gabert, Nina Harmes, Libby Howting, Gail Juszcak, Anne Lies, Theresa Pillar-Groesbeck, Gail Piper, K Ritchie Rheaume, Theresa Seeley, Cathy Sullivan, and Marie Udulutch.

We couldn't do it without you!

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"Digital Garden Photography - How to be a better nature, landscape and flower photographer"

Date/Time:

Monday June 23rd, 6:00-8:00 pm

Location:

UW Extension offices/ Teaching gardens
5201 Fen Oak Ct., Madison

If you've ever seen beautiful photographs of flowers, landscapes or sunsets and wanted to do the same, this class can start you going in the right direction. Jess will go over the different types of cameras, from your basic point and shoot to the fancy DSLR. There are many functions on even the simplest point and shoot camera that can help to make any photo opportunity better! Learn the different "rules" of photography and what your camera can do for you! Take your knowledge outdoors to photograph the plants available at the UWEX teaching gardens, where you can experiment with your own camera and get comfortable with the different options it has. Whether you're trying to get that perfect landscape shot or go macro, Jess can help you with both.

This is a digital camera class. You must bring your own digital camera (point & shoot or DSLR- no camera phones). Camera phone picture taking will NOT be discussed in this class.

Instructor Background: Jess Wickland graduated from UW-Stevens Point with a bachelor of science degree in Urban Forestry in 2000. She's worked in many different aspects of the green industry, ranging from plant maintenance crews to garden center. She was a garden center manager in Appleton and started the plant diagnostic program at two different garden centers in the Fox Cities. She worked for the Outagamie County master gardeners, as well as volunteered for the organization after becoming a member in 2009. She worked as the seasonal horticulture assistant at the UW-Extension from 2010-2013. Jess currently lives in Mount Horeb on a wooded lot with very little landscape, but is busy designing new beds and pulling out tired and worn out plants (ie. yews, spirea and barberry) to be replaced this season with new and exciting ones. She and her fiance built a 60' long berm on the edge of their property this fall and planted it full of spring blooming. This year she hopes to fill it with

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WI Master Gardener website:

<http://wimastergardener.org>

MG Program Office Blog

<http://fyi.uwex.edu/wimastergardener/>

INCLEMENT WEATHER ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MAMGA EVENTS

Please note that event cancellations or other inclement weather announcements for MAMGA events will be posted on our [website](#).

Did you miss a past e-newsletter?

If you didn't receive one of our past e-newsletters, be sure to look in your "spam" or "junk" folder. Some email applications mistakenly place emails in these folders.

If you use Gmail's new design, you may have noticed that your emails are now being sorted into three tabs — Primary, Social, and Promotions. If you'd rather see the emails we send end up in your Primary tab, it's simple to tell Gmail where these emails should go. Simply drag and drop this email into your Primary tab and click "yes" when Gmail asks if you'd like future messages from this email address to go to your Primary tab.

perennials and a few flowering shrubs.

Contact Person and Contact Information: Cheri Schweitzer, tenacity@charter.net, 608-345-3445

See Jess's work at: <http://jannieimagery.weebly.com>

Registration is required. Registration is limited to 20 participants. Registration deadline: Friday June 20th

Fee: \$10 (Please bring cash or make checks out to MAMGA. No credit cards can be taken.)

Green Thumb Tuesday

~~a get together for MGVs~~

Join us on Tuesday, June 3, 2014
at Monona Gardens Restaurant
6501 Bridge Road, Madison



Discussion Topic: *Plant for Blooms All Summer* – Come and share how you plan your garden to have something blooming all season. We can all learn something from each other. Green Thumb Tuesday is the place to relax, enjoy food and beverage and talk about gardening.

Registration is not required but is appreciated for space planning.

Food and beverage from Monona Gardens menu. Separate checks provided.

Need more information? Call Dana at 608-833-5703 or email Dana Warren at djwarren5703@hotmail.com.

Midsummer Service and Social Luncheon

Please plan to join us Saturday, June 21 for the Fourth Annual MAMGA Midsummer Service and Social Luncheon. This is a workday in the UW Extension Teaching Garden; we'll combine service in the garden with a delicious salad buffet luncheon and fellowship with other master gardeners. Lunch will be served at 11:45.

Work in the garden in the morning and have lunch, have lunch and work in the garden in the afternoon, stay all day, or just come for lunch! There is no cost, but please RSVP for food planning purposes by sending an email to

newsletter@mamga.org with "Midsummer Luncheon" in the subject line. Hope to see you on June 21!

Plant Sale

Habitat for Humanity of Dane County will have its June plant sale Friday and Saturday, June 20-21 at the Habitat ReStore EAST, 208 Cottage Grove Rd, Madison. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. There is a wide variety of perennials including daylilies, hosta, iris, phlox, rudbeckia, and more. We still have many different varieties of hybrid daylilies donated by the Wisconsin Daylily Society. Various ground covers are also available. Plant prices are \$4 each or 3 for \$10, unless otherwise marked. All proceeds are used to help build homes for Habitat families in Dane County.

More sale dates will be available during the summer and fall. Watch for new postings.

Donations of hardy perennials and plastic planting pots are welcome. To donate, please contact Ann Wolfe at 442-8768 or e-mail plantlady123@outlook.com.

Garden Tours

MAMGA/WHPS Windsor/DeForest Garden Tour
--Monday, July 14, 2014 - 4:00 PM - dark --

There are many routes to take to these gardens, depending of course on where you're coming from. One possible route from Madison is: Head north out of Madison on Hwy 51 (Stoughton Rd). Drive 5 miles, then turn onto Hwy 19 (exit right then turn left/west). In less than a mile, turn right/north on County Rd CV (CV is Lake Rd in Windsor and Main St in DeForest). CV runs parallel to 51. All the following directions take you back to CV to continue to the next garden. This list goes from furthest south to furthest north, but can easily be reversed so people are staggered at the gardens. In my trial run of this route, I could get to all five gardens driving less than 8 miles.

Monique Warnke, 6596 Chestnut Circle, Windsor
This garden has a huge array of colors and texture among the rock walls and patio. From early spring to late fall, this garden is always a treat to the eyes. Perennials of every shape, color and size are planted for year-round interest. Directions: After taking Hwy 19 left (west) off 51, turn right (north) on CV/Lake Rd. Turn left on Pine Crest then right on Chestnut Circle. The Warnke garden is on the right.

Allisa Maier-Kleinfeldt and Duane Kleinfeldt, 6680

Chestnut Circle, Windsor

In this garden you will find both formal and whimsical gardens throughout. The garden has hundreds of different varieties of lilies along with a large mix of daffodils, peonies, and a great many other varieties of annuals and perennials. There are Japanese maples, palm trees, passion flowers and birds of paradise throughout this Japanese -Polynesian garden and pool area; not to mention statuary, yard art, fountains, potted plants and dry creek beds with Lake Windsor as a backdrop.

Directions: Continue on Chestnut Circle (be sure to stay on Chestnut Circle, not Chestnut Dr). The Meier garden is on the right.

Jane Rouleau, 6833 Valiant Dr, Windsor

This well-maintained yard features a lovely prairie garden featuring rudbeckia, cone flowers, liatris, and bee balm across a full sun back yard. The original deed restrictions prohibited fences so giant miscanthus, shrubs and trees are used to create a natural privacy. Notice the swing arbor with climbing roses and wisteria, and the container water gardens. Small trees such as the 'Joe Witt' maple with its white striped bark, shrubs like the fern-leaf, corkscrew and tri-color willows and grasses, some which grow 8 to 12 feet tall, add texture and height to the native plantings. The patio features a pool-less rock water feature and assorted sedum-filled rock garden. A small shade garden provides a contrast at the front of the house, inviting visitors to sit and enjoy the sound of a small fountain.

Directions: After returning to CV/Lake Rd, continue north to Second St. Turn left on Second St, then right on Valiant Dr. The Rouleau garden is on the left.

Char and Randy Hanson, 7107 S Hill Rd, DeForest

The serene woodland setting of this garden features over 455 varieties of hostas. A beautiful cedar arbor leads to the log bench crafted by the homeowner, and daylily beds surround the lower deck. But what you'll notice most is the 85 foot high and 85 foot wide black cherry tree (*Prunus serotina*) with a trunk circumference of 195 inches! The DNR has recognized the tree as Wisconsin's largest black cherry tree.

Directions: Return to CV/Main St and continue north. Turn left on Oak Spring Circle, then left on S Hill Rd. The Hanson garden is on the left.

Mark Anderson and Carmen Zajicek, 213 Pocahontas Lane, DeForest

Visitors will quickly see that these owners have a passion for gardening and outdoor living/entertaining. This garden has a lovely outdoor dining area complete with unique stonework installed by the owners, and a large built-in pergola custom made and installed by the owners as well. A long arbor serves as the entrance to the garden areas along the side of

the home. Other highlights are an Asian and Italian inspired garden, two small ponds with koi, three additional water features, lots of annuals for summer color, many unusual perennials, nearly 100 uniquely designed containers filled with an abundance of color, four small sitting areas, and soothing music being streamed out from the outdoor speakers as you stroll through this relaxing sanctuary. Come and enjoy!

Carmen and Mark operate their Four Elements Garden Design business from their home.

Directions: Return to CV/Main St and continue north. Turn left on Acker Parkway, right on Old Indian Trail, and left on Pocahontas Lane. The Anderson/Zajicek garden is on the left.

MAMGA/WHPS Black Earth/Mazomanie Garden
Tour
- Monday, July 21, 2014 - 4:00-dark --

Jeannette Golden, 4142 County Road F, Black Earth

I started designing my garden in 1994 with one large island bed. Over the years I have added bed after bed in, what I hope, is a flowing design of island beds connected by grass paths. Each garden area contains a mix of woodies, perennials, annuals, and bulbs, with a sprinkling of tropicals as well.

There is a rock garden, as well as shade and sun gardens, and a three quarter acre farm pond. My shade garden is totally dominated by two giant black walnut trees, so it is a good place to look at the hundreds of plants that grow well under black walnut. The sun gardens have a bit of everything, and include collections of some of my favorites.

There are 175 labeled daylilies, and many cultivars of Clematis.

The garden is in Vermont Valley, at the edge of a marsh, and surrounded by wooded hillsides, so I've been very lucky with my "borrowed landscape."

Directions from Madison: Take Mineral Point Rd (County Rd S) west from Madison to Pine Bluff. Continue left on County Rd S. Turn right on County Rd J and follow it until it dead ends onto County Rd F. J will make some turns and merge for a short time with Hwy 78, but stay on J. When it dead ends onto F, turn right on F. The Golden farm is the first barn on the right (balloons at the driveway). You can park along Blue Mounds Trail (the road just before the farm).

*Cell phones rarely work in this valley.

Directions from Peterson to Golden: Turn right out of the Peterson driveway and return to Hwy 14. Turn right on Hwy 14. Drive 1.4 miles and turn right onto County Rd KP. Drive

2.4 miles and turn right onto County Rd F. Drive 6 miles (staying on F when it forks) to the Golden farm on the left (balloons at the driveway). Continue past the farm and turn left onto Blue Mounds Trail. Park there and walk back.

*Cell phones rarely work in this valley

Judy and Dan Peterson, 5372 Mahocker Rd.
Mazomanie

We have several different gardens—sun, shade and mixed. They all contain a combination of perennials, woodies and conifers, kind of a one-of-everything approach. We especially like dwarf conifers and witches' brooms but the past few seasons have taken a real toll on many of our conifers.

We grow some vegetables too, along with annuals and many tender bulbs and tubers that we store in our root cellar over the winter. We also have some garden sculptures, a small pond by the house, and quite a few houseplants and tropicals that we move into the perennial beds for the summer.

Directions from Madison: Take U.S. Highway 14 west from Madison through Mazomanie and past the cemetery (on both sides of the road) about ½ mile out of town. Turn left onto Mahocker Rd. just beyond the cemetery. (You've gone too far on Hwy 14 if you come to an intersection with County Trunk K). Follow Mahocker Rd. for about 1.2 miles. We are the driveway on the left at the bottom of a long downhill grade. There is a row of mailboxes on the right. The road dead-ends about 100 ft. beyond our driveway.

Directions from Golden to Peterson: As you leave Blue Mounds Trail turn Right onto County Rd F. Drive 6 miles (staying on F when it forks). Turn left onto County Rd KP. Drive 2.4 miles then turn left onto Hwy 14. Continue with the "directions from Madison" above.

Four Elements Organic Herbal Farm Tour
E8984 Weinke Rd., North Freedom, WI

Friday August 1st

8:00 a.m. departure time, 9:00 a.m. arrival at the
farm

Join us for an amazing two hour morning tour of Four Elements Farm in North Freedom, WI. Our host is owner, herbalist & farmer, Jane Hawley Stevens.

Four Elements Organic Herbals is located in the pristine Baraboo Bluffs on Jane Hawley Stevens and David Steven's 130-acre farm and is designated as one of the Last Great Places by the Nature Conservancy. Four Elements Herbals began in 1987 as the pursuit of Jane's dream to establish a family farm and continue her horticultural career while raising

a family. Certified organic since 1990, Jane grows in the fields, prairies and woodlands of the farm. They then hand harvest specialty herbs at their peak potency and blend them into small batches of tea and personal care products.

We will meet at the Parmenter St Park & Ride at 7:45 a.m. the morning of the tour and car pool. You may also drive yourself and meet everyone at the farm. More details to follow for registrants.

Contact Person and Contact Information: Cheri Schweitzer, 608-345-3445, tenacity@charter.net

Website/Online Link for More Information:
<http://www.fourelementsherbals.com>

Registration is required. Email Cheri Schweitzer at tenacity@charter.net no later than Tuesday, July 29 to register. There is no cost for this event.

This is a MAMGA and Four Elements Herbal Farm hosted event.



Events of Interest in 2014

Mark your 2014 calendars for the following out-of-Madison events:

Upper Midwest MG Conference
June 25-28, 2014

You won't want to miss the Upper Midwest Master Gardener Conference June 25-28, 2014 in Bettendorf, Iowa. Keynote and featured speakers are already lined up for the conference. Scott Ogden and Lauren Springer-Ogden, authors of *Plant-Driven Design* and *Passionate Gardening* will both be speaking at the conference. Felder Rushing, author of *Garden Hearts*, *Bottle Trees*, and *Slow Gardening* is another of the keynote speakers. Melinda Myers, contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine and author of more than 20 garden books will be a featured speaker. Check out the conference website. Registration has begun. You can also Like the Facebook page for the conference to follow developments.



Volunteer Opportunities

This request came in on the Hotline. John Pernelli left a message requesting help at Lake Edge Community Church (Madison east side) is interested in having a master gardener volunteer to help with church gardening and landscaping. Please call 608-957-9513 if you are interested.

Plant Health Advisors: Put your training to good use. I have the calendar set up for the summer through August. We would like to have two people every day for June, July and August, and three would be OK. Let me know if you have any questions, concerns or problems. Thanks very much for your help and dedication to helping people through this project.

Sign up in 3 easy steps.

1. Click this link to go to our invitation page on VolunteerSpot: <http://vols.pt/K5cdmT>
2. Enter your email address: (You will NOT need to register an account on VolunteerSpot)
3. Sign up! Choose your spots - VolunteerSpot will send you an automated confirmation and reminders. Easy!

Note: VolunteerSpot does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your e-mail address, please contact me.

Frankie Fuller
608.445.0809

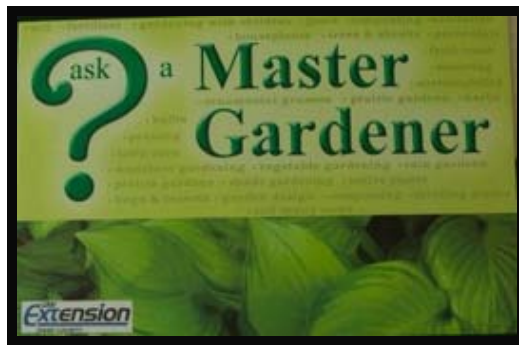
Help Needed: John Migon sent an email message to let us know that he and a volunteer steering committee have been busy getting Badger Prairie Community Garden up and going for its first spring ever!

They are looking for volunteers. The garden has a number of new gardeners. John and another master gardener are helping with a couple of the newer gardeners. If folks are

looking to do demos or something to help with the new gardeners and/or the new garden email Jacob Batz at jacobatz@excite.com.

Desperate Call: Kelli Bialkowski needs some immediate help with deadheading, dividing grasses, etc of the public plantings in DeForest. If you can help Kelli out with some volunteer hours email her at bialkowskik@vi.deforest.wi.us or call her at (608) 846-6751.

Ask a Master Gardener (AAMG)



Schedule for 2014

Monona Ahuska Park on Broadway. Sundays 10-1,
June 1, 15; July 6, 20; Aug 3, 17; Sept 7, 21; Oct 5, 19

Sun Prairie Main and Church St., behind City Hall
Saturdays 8-11, June 7, 21; July 5, 19; Aug 2, 16; Sept 6,
20; Oct 4, 18

Westside Farmers Market at
DOT, Segoe & Sheboygan, Saturdays 8-11, June 7, 21; July
5, 19; Aug 2, 16; Sept 6, 20; Oct 4, 18

For more information, contact Lisa Johnson, Extension
Horticulture Educator (johnson.lisa@countyofdane.com).

See you at the markets!

Teaching Garden Work Days



2014 Scheduled Teaching Garden Workdays

MGV students need 6 hours in the Teaching Garden to certify.

If you need to complete your Teaching Garden hours at other dates or times, talk to Lisa or Joe when you can schedule this.

Workdays generally run from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; some are in the evening on weekdays and are noted below. You can come in and leave when you need to. There is a sign-in sheet so you can record how many hours you stayed. Tasks include seeding at the office (usually during weekdays--possibly some evenings), planting, weeding, fertilizing, watering, pruning, labeling, painting and installing signs, indoor plant care, spreading mulch, helping with the children's programs, helping put together the virtual garden tour and the qr-code info and labels.

June 7, 19 (4:00-7:30 p.m.), 21 (MAMGA Luncheon)
July 12, 26,
August 9, 23
September 6, 14 (11-2, MAMGA picnic), 20
October 11, 25

As always, don't forget to record your Volunteer hours so you can report them in October.



Continuing Education Opportunities

There are no continuing education opportunities offered in June. Check back in the July newsletter for an updated list of opportunities.



Garden Reflections

by Joan Fitzgerald, MG, PHA



What a beautiful display of flowers above. Janie Starzewski has been providing some of the pictures I've been using in the newsletter. Although my plants don't look like this yet, I am hopeful that they will soon.

By the time you read this, Memorial Day will be a memory and we will be in the season of graduations, weddings, family reunions and any other events Wisconsinites can plan for the summer. It seems so many of us live for the summer all year round.

While our summers are relatively short on warm, sunny days, we can be grateful for them when they come our way. Make the most of the summer months. Remember to take time to smell the roses!!

Plant of the Month

-- Foxglove --

Jackie Winchester, MG

The genus *Digitalis* commonly known as Foxglove has dramatic spires of elegant, tubular flowers which begin opening from the bottom and continue upwards. Flower colors include pink, red, purple, white, and yellow, many



with speckled throats. Foxgloves are biennials or short-lived perennials. Individual plants may be short-lived but foxglove readily self-sows and multiplies. Many species self-sow prolifically, a trait that can be considered naturalizing or nuisance. There are species suitable for sunny borders, open woodlands, and meadows.

These low-maintenance plants bloom with colorful, vertical drama in early summer. Select a site with full sun to light shade and moist yet well-drained soil. Most species prefer part-shade in humus-rich soil. Taller varieties should be staked to keep them upright. Remove the central flower spike after flowering to encourage other side shoots to form and produce more flowers or leave the flower spike intact on the plant so seeds can mature and disperse seed. Sow seed indoors, outdoors or in a cold frame in spring.

Common problems with Foxgloves include southern blight, anthracnose and fungal leaf spot. Foxgloves are deer resistant.

Gardening Tip

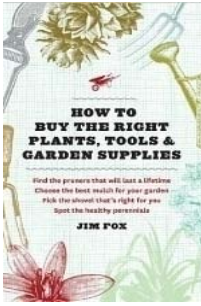


"If it's not thriving, move it".

Many times we put plants in what we believe is the perfect spot. However, the plant may soon look "sick," for example, losing leaves, turning a yellowish color. The problem may be where you planted the plant. Don't be afraid to dig it up and try it in a new spot. It may soon be growing and blooming!!



From the Bookshelf



How to Buy the Right Plants, Tools & Garden Supplies

Author: Jim Fox

Publication Date: February 26, 2013

Are you confused by all the choices when you visit a nursery? Do you get sticker shock when you see how much that nice little shade tree costs? Let Jim Fox, a nursery professional with over twenty years of experience, show you how to become a savvy garden consumer and get the most for your hard-earned landscaping dollars.

How to Buy the Right Plants, Tools, and Garden Supplies will arm you with a wealth of knowledge! You'll learn how to determine if a plant is healthy, how to choose the right size, how to correctly read the plant tag, how to choose the best tools and supplies for your needs, and how to confidently recognize a well-made tool. In addition to helping you navigate the nursery, it tells you what you need to know before you get there and offers helpful tips on how to successfully garden once you get home.

With this essential guide in hand, you'll never experience buyer's remorse again!

Snippets . . .

Good reasons to mix it up with a vegetable and flower garden: There are many reasons to mix up flowers and foods in your edible garden plan. First off, flowers attract more pollinators and beneficial insects, such as butterflies and bees.

These pollinators are critically important for healthy vegetable development. "Every third bite of food you take, thank a bee or other pollinator," according to the Natural Resources Defense Council's article "[Why We Need Bees: Nature's Tiny Workers Put Food on our Tables.](#)"

Some flowering plants help protect edible food gardens. Several herbs and flowers have a scent that keep insects away from vegetable plants. Borage is said to repel cabbage worms and tomato hornworms, according to garden book author and television personality P. Allen Smith. Best of all, borage's star-shaped flowers are edible, and have a slight cucumber taste.

Nasturtiums and sunflowers often act like aphid magnets,

attracting the pests away from other plants. Chamomile is sometimes nicknamed the “plant doctor,” because the herb is said to improve the health of neighboring plants.

But perhaps the best reason to mix foods and flowers is that they create beautiful gardens.

Source: [The Gardening Club](#)

New Bee Labels Coming: As most growers already know, the use of certain insecticides and their effects on pollinators has been under scrutiny as of late. The full impact of neonicotinoids on bees and other insect pollinators is yet to be determined.

In an effort to protect pollinators, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will require a new Bee Advisory Box (also referred as 'the bee box') on future pesticide labels.

[Click here](#) to see an example of the new EPA bee advisory box and how to interpret it.

The EPA bee advisory box makes it clear that the pesticide can kill bees and other pollinators when not used according to directions, and it provides users with specific guidelines/restrictions to minimize exposure of the active ingredients to pollinators.

The main steps applicators can take to minimize exposure to bees and other insect pollinators is to avoid making applications when they are foraging on flowering plants and to minimize drift of these products.

Source: *Ball Publishing. Printed in Wisconsin Ornamentals (online) May 19, 2014*

Gardening tools: Gardening tools can make or break a gardening task. If you are struggling with certain tasks it might be because you are not using the proper tools.

Here is a list of gardening tools and their uses.

Hand tools: These are the most basic tools you should have.

Trowel – this looks like a little shovel and does a great job for making holes for bulbs, digging and planting.

Hand weeder – this tool looks like a screwdriver with a forked tip. This works well in prying on plants to remove weeds.

Pruners – include pruning shears and knife. Pruning shears looks like a tough scissors. These tools are best for pruning and cutting unwanted plant parts.

Long-Handled tools:

Shovels – these come in different forms. They are used for digging holes, mixing and *shoveling soil*.

Hoe – this long-handled tool is useful for removing weeds. This also helps to loosen soil and aerate plants.

Pitchfork or Spading fork – this tool breaks down soil and turns clumps into loose soil.

Mechanical Tools:

Tiller – this is the only mechanical tools you'd need in your garden. Tillers are usually used at the beginning or end of gardening season. Tillers have blades for wheels designed to dig and break up the soil into smaller chunks. This tool is used to plow the garden plot to return plant remains into the soil. Tillers are expensive so may just want to borrow one from a neighbor or rent from a garden center.

How to Care for Your Garden Tools:

- Take time to clean your tools.
- Don't leave them stuck on the ground.
- Return them to the garage, shed or box.
- Do not store them wet.
- Rub the wooden handles with linseed oil to keep them from drying and cracking.
- Maintain the sharp edge of metal tools.
- Do not let chemicals remain on tools.

Source: [Click here](#). Printed in *Mud Slide Recipe online*.



Happy Gardening!

Master Gardener Volunteer Profile

Check back in July for the next MGV profile.

**Stay informed.
Visit the MAMGA website often.
Mamgawi.org**



What's the Difference

Between MAMGA, WIMGA &
Certified Master Gardener Volunteers?

MAMGA, the Madison Area Master Gardeners Association, is a local non-profit organization of persons who have completed the basic Master Gardener training course, or are current students. MAMGA members may or may not also be currently certified Master Gardener Volunteers. MAMGA exists to provide education, service, and fellowship opportunities for its members. Membership costs \$15 per year. MAMGA members receive discounts at many local nurseries, participate in educational programs and garden tours

throughout the year, and are invited to social events.

WIMGA, the Wisconsin Master Gardeners Association, is a state-wide non-profit organization of persons who have completed the basic Master Gardener course, or are current students. Most MAMGA members also choose to join WIMGA, but doing so is not required. WIMGA membership costs \$5 per year. WIMGA members receive periodic newsletters and other informational communications from the state master gardener office. WIMGA also hosts a statewide master gardener conference each year.

Certified Master Gardener Volunteers have completed the basic Master Gardener training course and have satisfied annual volunteer service and continuing education requirements. Most Certified Master Gardener Volunteers choose to join MAMGA and/or WIMGA, but are not required to do so. There is no cost to be certified as a Master Gardener Volunteer. Certified Master Gardener Volunteers assist gardeners through the local UW-Extension Office by serving as plant health advisors, answering hotline calls, tending the Teaching Garden, and performing various other activities that support the UW-Extension Horticulture Program and reach out into the community. Certified Master Gardener Volunteers also perform lots of other gardening outreach and service at places like University Display Gardens, Allen Centennial Garden, Olbrich Gardens, the UW Arboretum, churches, community gardens, and many other venues.



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