

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

JULY 2014



Quote of the Month

***A flower does not think of competing
with the flower next to it. It just blooms.***

The Extension Express

From Joe Muellenburg
4H/Horticulture Program Coordinator


Happy July MAMGA!

The spinach has bolted, the peonies bloomed & shed their petals, and the growing season is back in full swing. Thank you to Girls Inc. from Kennedy Heights neighborhood for planting our Children's Garden beds this year! Our teaching garden salad greens (lettuce, kale, arugula, & mustard) just passed the prime of their life and have provided salad for almost 100 individuals through garden events hosted by UW-Extension. Also, a big thank you to local



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Girl Scout Troop #2035 who recently planted sweet potatoes in our garden for the Dane County Sweet Potato Project!



Volunteer for Centro Hispano's Community Rain Garden Project, July 12th & 13th! This summer, Centro Hispano is installing a rain garden and is welcoming volunteers to help! One of the goals of the Community Rain Garden is to reach out to Latino youth and their parents to broaden participation and generate enthusiasm around the sciences and environmental careers, fields in which there is a shortage of Latino professionals.

On July 12th and 13th, there will be a two-day rain garden installation at Centro Hispano that will engage volunteers and families from the south Madison Latino community. After the garden has been installed, Centro Hispano will host a community celebration in honor of the hard work of all those involved in the Centro Hispano Community Rain Garden Project!

For more information, contact Na Lor, 608-442-4013. Email: Na@micentro.org.

[Dane County Horticulture is tweeting!](#)



No, it's not the birds! Follow @DaneCoHortUWEX for tweets about programs, trainings, and new horticultural happenings.

Forms

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

[2014 MAMGA Membership Form](#)

[2014 Volunteer Interest Form](#)

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.

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



Thank you!

Lisa Johnson sends "thanks" to those who volunteered in June: Art DeSmet, Marilyn Sallee, Cheri Schweitzer, Joan Fitzgerald, Edie Grossen, Frankie Fuller, Lynne Berton, Sharon Wagner, Jane Nicholson, Pat Cartwright, Diane Amundson, Hayley Hart, Linda Christen, B'Ann Gabelt, Roger Hanson, Dean Smith, Jim Goodno, Peggy Mravik, Percy Mather, Mary Pelzer, Sharon Schwarz, Betty Lou Knight, Emily Embury, Nancy Gustaf, Mary Young, Sandy Aebly, Kris Gabert, Barb Buelow, Michelle Coder, Connie Crenshaw, Jane Graham, Karen Allenstein, Veronica Folstad, Carol Livingston, Andrea Langer, Becky Bray, Karen Meulendyke, Dave Thompson, Beth Holden, Elizabeth Brick, Pat Biermeier, Patsy Sebben, Lynne Bendt, Carol Holden, Marie Cady, Holly Walker, Reggie Moody, Theresa Seeley, Jennifer Anderson, Emily Buckingham, Lynn Underwood, Cathy Anderson, Peg Schumann, Pat Tillman, Nancy Howe, Libby Caes, Jill Anderson, Susie Herlache, Cynthia Snyder, Lisa Miller, Alyssa Neuser, Marilyn Connell, Barb Klasinski, Lindsay Knudsvig, Diane Tabak, Judi Janowski, Gail Juszcak, Susan Jacobs, Nancy Jacobson, Amy Forsyth, Corinna Wells, Mary Pinkerton, Tim Phelps, Marie Udulutch, Mary Beth Plane, Chris Zimmerman, Mikara Kani.

Rosanne Horne sends out thanks to the following for their help at the local farmers' markets, community gardens and the CALS Family Gardening Day: Cathy Anderson, Jennifer Anderson, Jan Blakeslee, Mary Collet, Art De Smet, Dawn Engbring, B'Ann Gabelt, Kris Gabert, Nina Harnes, Rosanne Horne, Libby Howting, Monica Jaehnig, Gail Juszcak, Anne Lies, Mary Pelzer, Theresa Pillar-Groesbeck, Gail Piper, K Ritchie Rheäume, Cathy Sullivan, Marie Udulutch.

Joan Fitzgerald thanks the newsletter crew: Jackie Winchester and Peg Schumann.

We couldn't do it without you!

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

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

Contact Info

EVENTS



Green Thumb Tuesday

~~a get together for MGVs~~



Join us on Tuesday,
July 1

5:00 - 7:00 p.m. at
Monona Gardens Restaurant
6501 Bridge Road, Madison

Topic: My 2014 Garden: what's working, what's not!

Print out a copy of pics taken with your camera, cell phone or notebook to share in open discussion with other MGV's. Green Thumb Tuesday is the time and place to relax, enjoy food and beverage and talk about gardening

Contact Dana Warren at 608-833-5703 or diwarren5703@hotmail.com if you have questions.

Registration is not required but is appreciated just for space planning.

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

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

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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

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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

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.

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.

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.

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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:

Nothing to report this month.



Volunteer Opportunities

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 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

Olbrich Home Garden Tour staffing help needed

Please contact Deb Pienkowski (deb.pienkowski@gmail.com) if you are interested in staffing a MAMGA informational table during Olbrich's Home Garden tour on Friday, July 11th between 10:00 - 4:00 or Saturday, July 12th between 9:00 - 3:00. The table is staffed in pairs whenever possible.

The theme is "Featuring Living History in University Heights" and MAMGA will have a table at one of the homes on Van Hise Ave.

The ARC Maternal and Infant Program is a 12 bed halfway house for pregnant/post partum women and their babies located on Madison's eastside. The program is designed to offer women offenders an opportunity to deliver healthy babies and to learn to care for and bond with their infants in a community setting. The program helps women address issues surrounding parenting, relationships, cognitive interventions, substance abuse, vocational education, healthy infant care and leisure activities. The program provides structure and support as well as personal responsibility. Referrals to service providers and community support meetings are also an important piece of the program. The residents are encouraged to connect with positive people in the community and to build a healthy network of support. Building support now assists in the transition back to the community and helps improve the quality of the life of the woman and her family.

We are looking for master gardeners to assist us with our 12 raised flower/vegetable beds. Most of our women are inexperienced gardeners and really need help with weeding and caring for plants. We have a few tools but can offer very limited financial support. The actual beds have been neglected for the past few years and we would love any help you can offer!

Please contact Linda Vol Tol (lvantol@arccommserve.com) or phone at (608) 223-9033 if you are interested in learning more about this opportunity.

Ask a Master Gardener (AAMG)



Schedule for 2014

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

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

Westside Farmers Market at
DOT, Segoe & Sheboygan, Saturdays 8-11, July 5, 19; Aug

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.

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.

Back to School

Continuing Education Opportunities

Nothing to report this month.



Garden Reflections

by Joan Fitzgerald, MGV, PHA



Happy July!

As summer always does, it's going too fast! The 4th of July is just a few days away. With the recent heat, humidity and rain my flower beds are really coming alive. I love watching the blooming phases of my favorite perennials and annuals.

I've had a busier summer than normal, and haven't been in my gardens for over a week. I'm anxious to get out in them to see if there are pests getting at them. This morning I found a chipmunk on my front porch when I opened the door. He had just jumped out of a pot because I could see a hole in the dirt where he had been digging.

It can be tough to peacefully co-exist with critters that disturb my gardens and container gardens. I'm not too aggressive trying to eliminate critters from my yard, although I will sprinkle "Squirrel Away" where I find critter holes. They tend to stay

away from "squirrel awayed" plants I've sprinkled until it rains. I've tried moth balls and a sprinkling of blood meal with mixed success.

Stay safe and enjoy the beautiful days of summer!

Plant of the Month

-- Rosa --

Jackie Winchester, MGV

Roses are divided into more than 150 species. Species and cultivars are divided into old garden roses and modern rose and each division has many subgroups. There are many thousands of



cultivars. Flowers are often fragrant and range in color from white to nearly black. Flower forms may be flat, cupped, rounded, high-centered, urn-shaped, rosette-shaped, quartered-rosette, or

pompon shaped. The stems are thorny and can be erect, arching, rambling, or trailing. Roses can be grown as specimens in the border, as hedges or climbers, in the rock garden, in the cutting garden, or in containers. Roses have beautiful, fragrant flowers that are often good for cutting.

Many consider roses to be high maintenance plants however they can tolerate a wide range of conditions. They prefer an open site in full sun and grow best in moderately fertile, moist but well-drained soil that is rich in humus. Plant roses in early spring or late fall. Any suckers should be removed from rootstock. Roses flower best with regular feeding.

Roses can be propagated by taking softwood cuttings at the time of the first bloom in spring to summer or taking hardwood cuttings in fall.

Roses are susceptible to many pests and diseases including aphids, leafhoppers, spider mites, scale insects, caterpillars, sawfly larvae, Japanese beetles, rose stem girdlers, thrips, rose chafers, rose midges, rose slugs, black spot, rust, leaf cutting bees, powdery mildew, canker, crown gall, and downy mildew. Deer and rabbits can also be a problem.

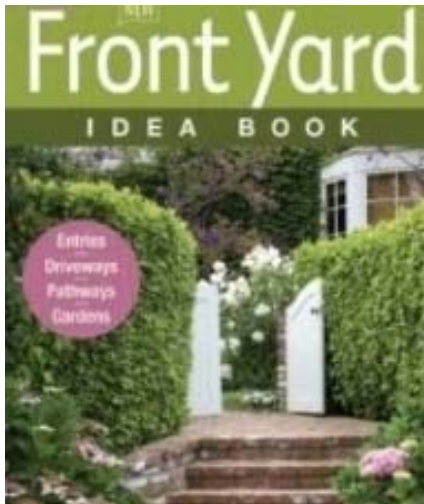
Gardening Tip

Fertilize your container plants with a water-soluble solution every 2 weeks.

Source: *The Old Farmer's Almanac*



From the Bookshelf



New Front Yard Idea Book

by Sandra S. Soria

Published Date 2012

Pages 192

Photos 325

Drawings 10

Curbside appeal goes a long way, and not just when homeowners are selling a house.

Everyone wants to create a “wow” inspiring

first impression and today’s savvy homeowners are looking for expert advice and ideas that goes beyond the traditional lawn and foundation plantings. ***New Front Yard Idea Book*** offers the best design information from experts to inspire homeowners everywhere. Lushly illustrated with 325 4-color photographs, no other book focuses on this essential public area. The book is simply overflowing with inspiration for all the front-yard spaces, including the entrance, porches and porticos, gardens and arbors, paths and driveways, fences and gates, and landscaping and lighting. As readers set out to refresh and enhance their front yards, the first step is sit down with this invaluable reference.

About the Author

Following a 25-year career in consumer magazines, SANDRA S. SORIA became the creative force behind prairie-scapes. Author of the All New Bathroom Idea Book, she contributes shelter and lifestyle articles to Traditional Home, Better Homes and Gardens, Country Gardens, and PositivelyGreen. A former longtime executive editor

Snippets . . .

Zen Gardens, by Claudia C. Swanson

It seems that now, more than ever, people are trying especially hard to make their busy lives less stressful and more meaningful. Gardening can help in a subtle way that few other activities can manage, and the guiding principles of Zen gardening can lead to the creation of a truly calming, harmonious, and uplifting environment. These gardens are not designed to excite the senses in the way that Western plots do but are places for the spirit to find peace and tranquility in which to grow. Zen Buddhism requires that every task is performed with love – and it is the love and care that is put into them that gives them a serene and kindly atmosphere. Zen means meditation, and gardens that have been designed along Zen principles are places where contemplation, prayer and meditation are possible and encouraged. This type of garden, therefore, is designed to be a soothing and reflective place that will remain visually the same, year after year. The special style of Zen gardens ensures that by using rocks and plantings in both a symbolic and natural way, by devising pathways that require care when walking upon them, the visitor unwittingly follows Zen ways. This concept of gardening deserves serious consideration since it can become a part of our more traditional practices of landscaping.

Article continued here:

http://statebystategardening.com/state.php/wi/newsletter-stories/zen_gardens_a_place_for_harmony_and_balance/

Source: June 2014 Wisconsin Bonus Gardening E Newsletter

Summer Herb Harvesting Tips: In summer, herb gardeners get a delicious payoff for all of their efforts. Oddly enough, this is when some gardeners become timid, unsure what to do next because the plants are so full and beautiful, it seems a shame to trim them. Never fear! Here is some advice for clipping with confidence.

Article continues [here](#).

Source: bonnieplants.com

Keeping Deer out of the Garden: The sight of a deer visiting your vegetable garden can ignite dread in even the most seasoned gardener. After all, a mature deer consumes from 6 to 10 pounds of food daily. What deer eat varies by

region, season, and species, as well as by local habitat. In spring and summer, deer tend to feed more heavily, because pregnant and nursing does and antler-growing bucks must fuel their seasonal life stages. Of course, these are also the two seasons in which most folks grow their gardens — and therein lies the problem.

Article continued [here](#).

Source: bonnieplants.com

Bag Your Apples: Believe it or not, paper bags can be added to your arsenal for protecting developing apples. All you need are small lunch bags and a stapler. When apples are about an inch in diameter, about the time they need to be thinned, staple a paper bag over each fruit. The bags keep the fruit pest-free without the need for chemical controls. Yes, the trees look kind of funny, and this is only practical for those with a few trees, not an entire orchard. But it works! Remove the bags in late August so the apples can ripen, and you'll have terrific fruit.

Source: *The National Gardening Association*

Koi Free to Good Home

Free to a good home. I have about 30 “yearling” koi in need of a home. Much to my amazement and delight my Koi made lots of babies last year and now they are about 6” big, all different colors. I need to reduce the population in my pond because the big ones are at it again! I guess they are happy in the environment I created for them.

Email me at bonnieberg@charter.net or leave me a voice mail at 608-445-9171.



Master Gardener Volunteer Profile

Will return next month.

**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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