

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

SEPTEMBER 2014



Quote of the Month

***Where but in a garden do summer hours
pass so quickly?***

Author Unknown

President's Message

Greetings!

I wanted to include a reminder that we are seeking members for MAMGA Committees and projects. If you are interested in signing up or finding out more, please send an email to Info@mamgawi.org.

Here are a few great ways to get involved in committees and earn volunteer hours: Fundraising, Communications, Community Services and Membership. If you have an interest in any of these, contact us to get involved!

I hope your gardens are both beautiful and bountiful,

Catherine

The Extension Express



From Dane County UWEX Horticulture Program
Coordinator Joe Muellenberg

Happy September MAMGA!

This summer, the Division of Juvenile Corrections (DJC) broke ground (literally) on The Grow Academy near Oregon, WI.



The Grow Academy is an alternative to juvenile incarceration where youth learn through an agriculturally-based educational curriculum and gain skills to successfully reintegrate into their communities. On a one

acre plot of land and indoor facilities, the teens are growing food, learning green job skills, and completing high school course work through the lens of gardening and environmental education.

Dane County UW-Extension and Community Groundworks are the two primary community partners providing the program with educational support. Since June, we have taught lessons on seed and plant anatomy, vegetable cultivation, water ecology, trees and forestry, and soils and composting. To complement and apply knowledge, we have worked with the youth on different projects including compost bin construction, vegetable planting and maintenance, cover-crop planting, rain barrel installation, produce harvest, and value-added food production.

Also, congratulations to Jonathan Davis, a student in the 2014 Master Gardener class, for being hired as the Grow Academy's new lead teacher!

Farm Technology Days are coming to
Dane County for 2015!



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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.

September 2

Green Thumb Tuesday
Monona Gardens Restaurant
5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

September 6

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



We are looking for a team of 20-30 MGVs interested in working on landscaping the Progress Pavilion display area and other aspects of Farm Technology Days in August of 2015. Committees will meet about this during this fall-next summer once to twice a month. The event will be at the Statz Brothers Farm in Sun Prairie.

There are many aspects to get involved with, including creating educational materials, vegetable and ornamental plantings demonstrations, staffing the booth, and more.

For more information, you can view the 2014 Portage County Farm Technology Days website: <http://portagecountyfarmtech.com/>.

Dane County Horticulture is on Twitter!!



Follow @DaneCoHortUWEX for tweets about interesting horticultural happenings, programs, and trainings.



Thank you!

Thanks to: Rosanne Horne, Marilyn Sallee, Diane Amundson, Emily Embury, Mary Young, Nancy Gustaf, Betty Lou Knight, Sandy Aebly, Corinna Wells, Lisa Miller, Lynne Bendt, Donna

September 6-7

Rotary Botanical Garden Plant Sale
9:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Janesville

September 8

MAMGA Garden Tour
3966 Trempealeau Tr., Verona
2:00 p.m.

September 19-20

Habitat for Humanity Plant Sale
9:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Madison

September 20

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

September 27

Beekeeping Class
9:00 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Eagle River

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

November 8

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

November 22

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

2015

July 31 - August 1

WIMGA Annual Conference
LaCrosse

2016

Scott, Marilyn Connell, Shari Kuemmel, Marge Hanson, Sue Harris, Reggie Moody, Cathy Anderson, Abigail Gage, Jill Anderson, Steve Skinner, Mary Pinkerton, Cheryl Durst, Kristen Durst, Cathy Spann, Alyssa Neuser, Peggy Mravik, Rita Byk, Karen Meulendyke, Cheryl Deering, Randy Deering, Pat Tillman, Edie Grossen, Frankie Fuller, Sharon Wagner, Joan Fitzgerald, Mary Pelzer, B'Ann Gabelt, Jan Blakeslee, Mary Young, Jane Nicholson, Sharon Schwarz, Kathy Curtner, Lynn Berton, Pat Cartwright, Linda Christen, Roger Hanson, Peggy Schumann and Jackie Winchester.

September 17-18
Midwest Regional MG
Conference
Wisconsin Dells

[More Wisconsin Events](#)

Also see "Events" column



Green Thumb Tuesday ~~ a get-together for MGVs ~~

Join us on September 2, 2014
5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Monona Gardens Restaurant
6501 Bridge Road, Madison

Topic: **Grapevine Orbs for Your Garden**

Learn how to make the orbs – aka spheres or balls for both decorative and practical uses in your garden and yard.

Demonstration by Libby Howting.
Discussion by everyone.



Pre-registration is not required but is appreciated for space planning purposes. To preregister contact Dana Warren at 608-833-5703 or djwarren5703@hotmail.com.

Food and beverage from Monona Gardens menu; separate checks provided.

Green Thumb Tuesday is the time and place to relax, enjoy food and/or beverage and talk about gardening.

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Plant Sales

Fall is a Great Time to Plant!

Rotary Botanical Gardens' Fall Plant Sale
September 6 & 7

Rotary Botanical Gardens (RBG) in Janesville, Wisconsin will hold a Fall Plant Sale September 6 and 7 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The sale will include a wide variety of perennials for sun or shade, ornamental grasses, shrubs, roses, mums, bulbs, pansies, kale, mushroom compost and more.

"Fall is an ideal time to plant and the Fall Plant Sale is the perfect place to get plants suitable for most of your fall planting needs," said Mark Dwyer, RBG Director of Horticulture. "Autumn in Wisconsin provides cooler temperatures and increased rainfall, which help the plant's roots become well-established, while the warmth of the soil allows roots to grow until the ground freezes."

A special pre-sale will also be held on Friday, September 5, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for RBG Friends members. RBG Friends members will receive a 10% discount for the duration of the sale. Memberships will be available for purchase at the plant sale or may be purchased in advance at the Cottage Garden Gallery or online at <http://rotarybotanicalgardens.org/support/friend-member-program>.

RBG is located at 1455 Palmer Drive in Janesville, Wisconsin. The sale will be held at the Gardens' Horticulture Center; look for signs on Palmer Drive. Call RBG Director of Horticulture, Mark Dwyer at (608) 754-1779 with any questions.

About Rotary Botanical Gardens: Rotary Botanical Gardens is an award winning 20-acre, non-profit botanic showcase with over 20 different garden styles and 4,000 varieties of plants. The Gardens are home to many dramatic and internationally themed gardens, including Japanese, Scottish, French Formal, Italian and English Cottage Gardens. Visitors to the Gardens may enjoy guided garden tours, shopping local artisans' works in the Cottage Garden Gallery Gift Shop, and a variety of educational classes and programs available for adults, youth and families. The elegant facility is also available for special event rentals. Rotary Botanical Gardens is 100% self-funded (receiving no city, county, state or federal funding) and maintained by a small staff and large group of dedicated volunteers. For more information call 608.752.3885 or visit the website at rotarybotanicalgardens.org. Rotary Botanical Gardens is located at 1455 Palmer Drive in Janesville, WI.

Habitat For Humanity of Dane County
Plant Sale



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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?

Habitat for Humanity of Dane County ReStore East will be moving this fall; and so will the garden. To reduce inventory for the move, the Habitat ReStore East will have a September plant sale Friday and Saturday, September 19 and 20 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, rudbeckia, and more. Plants will be \$2 each, except for the many different varieties of hybrid daylilies donated by the Wisconsin Daylily Society, which will be \$4 each. Various ground covers are also available. This is half price our already low prices. All proceeds are used to help build homes for Habitat families in Dane County.

We are not accepting new plant donations at this time. Please watch for the date when we will be ready to accept donations at the new garden.

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.

Sept. Garden Tour

We are excited to announce that we have added another garden tour to the MAMGA calendar.

Home of Mike Simon
3966 Trempealeau Trail, Verona
2:00 p.m.

Highlights of Mike Simon's gardens include eight ponds, wren houses, laser lights and a gazebo.

Group size is limited to 18 persons so make your reservation early. To register for the tour contact Deb Endres at dmzendres@tds.net no later than Friday, September 5.

Directions to 3966 Trempealeau Trail, Verona: Take Old Sauk Road west off the Beltline. Drive for 3 and a half miles. Turn left on to Trempealeau Trail. You will see a large stone sign that says 'Pheasant Point' at that intersection. Mike Simon's house is the first house on the left. You will see a large pond and gazebo. Please park on the road by the first driveway near the gazebo as the driveway is a circle. Do not park in the circular driveway. Meet at the gazebo at 2:00 p.m.



Events of Interest in 2014

Native by Design: Gardening for a Sustainable Future Conference

Sunday, September 21, 2014

8:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Garden with native plants for beauty, pollinators, sustainability

Using the Arboretum's Wisconsin Native Plant Garden as an outdoor classroom, this conference offers workshops, take-home tips, and living examples to inspire you and help you become a successful native plant gardener.

Join experts and fellow gardeners for a day of workshops, demonstrations, and tours for anyone who wants to use native plants in home landscapes. Connect, learn, and go home with a wealth of tips, information, and inspiration. For all experience levels.

Keynote speaker: Doug Tallamy, author of ***Bringing Nature Home: How You Can Sustain Wildlife with Native Plants.***

The all-day conference runs from 8:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Advanced registration is required by September 15. Lunch is included as part of the conference fee. More information and online registration, click [here](#). Cost: \$60 (\$50 FOA).

Beekeeping Class

The beekeepers of far northern Wisconsin and Upper Michigan are offering a "Beekeeping for Beginners" class in Eagle River, WI. This hands-on class will cover everything you need for your first year of beekeeping, with props galore, free catalogues, and morning coffee.

Saturday, September 27, 2014, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., cost \$40. Instructor and registrar is Jeanne Hansen, 608-244-5094, email: jeanniealabeannie@yahoo.com.



Volunteer Opportunities

Plant Health Advisors: We need plant health advisor volunteers for September. We would like to have two people every day, but one person can handle the requests in September. 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.

Coordinator: Frankie Fuller, 608.445.0809

Committee Members: The MAMGA Board is seeking volunteer members to help facilitate the work of the organization. You have received two email messages about the committees from MAMGA President Catherine Murray.

Please consider volunteering for one of the committees. You will meet new people, do new things and earn volunteer hours too!

The four (4) committees are:

- Communications Committee
- Fundraising Committee
- Community Services Committee
- Membership Community

See the MAMGA website, mamgawi.org for additional information. Send an email to Info@mamgawi.org if you are interested in participating.

Paid Employment Position

Ganshert Nursery and Landscapes
Fitchburg

Office/Marketing Manager Position

Looking for an individual who has administrative or marketing background (horticulture experience/knowledge a plus) to assist in the many diversified tasks involved in running a full-service landscape design/install company. Duties include managing office operations; including client relations, marketing, sales support, and human resource and payroll functions. Approximately 40 hours per week during busy season (April thru Nov.), reduced hours during off-season.

Office Operations

Responsible for communicating and maintaining our company image through consistency of internal and external marketing and client communication. Work with sales staff and seasonal office staff to schedule client appointments and project-related

communication with designers. Administer the company's HR functions including: health and dental insurances; worker's compensation, COBRA; retirement plan, and personnel records. Input confidential employee information and process bi-weekly payroll through ADP.

Education and Experience

An associate degree in business /marketing or a related field is preferred or equivalent experience. Must have a working knowledge of a variety of computer software applications in word processing, spreadsheets, database, presentation software, Publisher and (MSWord, Excel, PowerPoint, etc.)

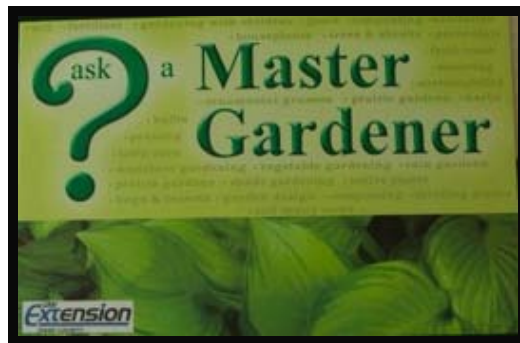
Work requires continual attention to detail, establishing priorities, and ongoing client and staff communication. Must have a demonstrated ability to multi-task. Able to problem-solve and make informed decisions. Must be proactive in communicating and approaching issues and/or problems, and maintain confidences.

Ganshert Nursery & Landscapes is a medium-size, reputable Fitchburg design/install landscape contracting company serving the surrounding communities for over 60 years. GN&L prides itself on offering creativity and quality to their clients. We are a fun, energetic, and client driven company seeking people with the same qualities.

If interested, please email resume to info@ganshert.com.
Subject: Office Manager / Marketing Position

Note: Work done for pay cannot be counted as MGV volunteer hours.

Ask a Master Gardener (AAMG)



Schedule for 2014

Monona Ahuska Park on Broadway, Sundays 10-1,
Sept 7, 21; Oct 5, 19

Sun Prairie Main and Church St., behind City Hall
Saturdays 8-11, Sept 6, 20; Oct 4, 18

Westside Farmers Market at DOT, Segoe & Sheboygan, Saturdays 8-11, Sept 6, 20; Oct 4, 18

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

See you at the markets!

A note from Rosanne Horne, MGV, AAMG Coordinator

In July and so far in August, Ask A Master Gardener MGVs answered gardening questions from 264 people over 65 Community Ed hours. Even at 2012's figure of \$21.14/hr, MGVs added \$1,385 to the value Dane County Extension provides back to our county. Way To Go!!!

Before you know it, time to send in 2014 Volunteer and Continuing Ed hours will be upon us. Why not add some more hours to our stats in such a good way, and have a fantastic time to boot. Sign up and volunteer at Farmers' Markets, Community Garden Harvest celebrations, and more.

Thanks A Bunch to the following Master Gardener Volunteers and 2014 MG Interns contributing to this whopping output:

Amy Amessoudji, Cathy Anderson, Jennifer Anderson, Jan Blakeslee, Elizabeth Brick, Mary Collet, Art De Smet, Dawn Engbring, B'Ann Gabelt, Kris Gabert, Nina Harmes, Libby Howting, Monica Jaehnig, Bonnie Kees, Anne Lies, Mary Pelzer, Theresa Pillar-Groesbeck, Ritchie Rheaume, Theresa Seeley, Marilyn Sallee, Cathy Sullivan, Marie Udulutch, and Dana Warren.

You Rock!

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.

September 6, 14, 20

October 11, 25

November 8, 22

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

MGV HOURS Reminder

This year certified MGVs will be honored at the Graduation in October. We will be looking for those who do a lot in hours and special service, so please keep track of what you have done as a Master Gardener Volunteer and be sure to send in your report early so we can tally it before graduation. Thanks.

Marilyn Sallee, Chair Graduation Committee

Back to School

Continuing Education Opportunities

Check back in October for potential opportunities. In the meantime, review a list of suggested continuing education opportunities prepared by Lisa Johnson. Click here: <http://www.mamgawi.org/mgycontinuingeducation.htm> to view the list.

Reminder: MGV reporting information is due October 1, 2014. You will need 10 continuing education hours to be recertified as an MGV in 2015.



Garden Reflections

by Joan Fitzgerald, MGV, PHA



Greetings:

Although fall is my favorite season, I hate to see the end of summer just around the corner. I have seen so many beautiful flowers this season thanks to the plentiful rain and sunny weather we experienced during the summer of 2014.

I seemed to have lost my touch for growing tomatoes. Last year I had a poor crop and likewise this year. For years I

grew my tomatoes in large planters and I would have dozens of tomatoes. I guess I'll try that again next year!

I worked the Horticulture Helpline today and learned about



Goldenrod Soldier Beetles from an email that Lisa left for the plant health advisors. I am glad to have a name for an insect that has been frequenting my yard for years. They

appeared to be harmless to my plants and do not bite or sting so I've always just left them alone. I found out today that I was correct in my assessment of them. The beetles are harmless and especially fond of my anise hyssop plants as well as Queen Ann's Lace, milkweed rattlesnake master and other late summer bloomers. They are also very fond of mating with each other!

I know many of you are busy harvesting your crops and preserving your goodies for the winter. Good luck with that. I only go as far as freezing a few tomatoes for chili.

Get out and enjoy the beautiful colors of fall! Happy harvesting!

Plant of the Month

-- Eustoma --

By Jackie Winchester, MGV

Eustoma grandiflorum, commonly known as lisianthus, is a herbaceous perennial in USDA Zones 8 to 10 and can be



grown as an annual in Wisconsin.

Prairie gentian, bluebell gentian or lisianthus is native to prairies and fields from northern Mexico north to

Colorado and Nebraska. Large gentian-like bell-shaped flowers up to 2" across with flaring petal-like lobes bloom in summer from the upper leaf axils. Garden cultivars typically grow 18-30" tall, although some dwarf varieties (to 6-8" tall) are available. Cultivars offer a broader range of flower colors including various shades of pink, blue-violet and white. Some double-flowered varieties are also available and do well in pots/containers for patios/decks or as houseplants. Leaves are ovate to oblong, 3-5 veined, stem-clasping and gray-green. Eustoma are excellent as cut flowers.

Eustoma can be easily be grown in average, uniformly moist, well-drained soils in full sun. Growing from seed can be rather

difficult because the seed is very small and takes about 5 months from planting to first bloom. If grown from seed, start seed indoors at least 10-12 weeks before last frost date. The dwarf varieties such as Blue Chip or Pink Rim will usually bloom sooner. Plant seedlings or purchased plants in the garden after last frost date. Pinch young plants to encourage branching. Eustoma will bloom from late June to frost.

Eustoma have no serious insect or disease problems but can be susceptible to viruses and stem cankers.

Gardening Tip

As long as they're handled gently and given time to cure, dry beans, garlic, onions, sweet potatoes and winter squash will keep for months in a cool, dry place — no processing required. Growing types that store for a long time, such as butternut squash and shallots, will allow you to eat fresh food from your garden all winter.

Source: Mother Earth News online



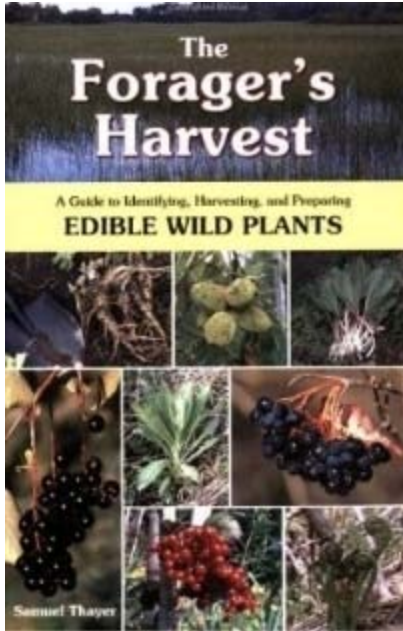
From the Bookshelf

[The Forager's Harvest: A Guide to Identifying, Harvesting and Preparing Edible Wild Plants](#)

Author: Samuel Thayer

Winner of 2006 Midwest Book Award

[The Forager's Harvest](#) has many unique features that will appeal to naturalists, hikers, campers, survivalists,



homesteaders, gardeners, chefs, Native Americans, and whole-food enthusiasts. The book contains a calendar of harvest times for wild produce, a step-by-step protocol for positive identification, an illustrated glossary tailored to the needs of foragers, a recommended reading list, plus special sections on conservation, safety, nutrition, harvest techniques, preparation methods, and storage. The book also contains detailed information on harvest, preparation, and storage techniques. A foraging calendar showing harvest times for wild foods and a glossary of botanical terms illustrated with line drawings are also displayed in the book.

About the Author - Samuel Thayer - is a natty dresser, he first led nature walks at 19 and besides wild food foraging, Sam is an all-around naturalist with particular interest in reptiles, amphibians, bird watching, botany, and mammals. His passion for wild food extends to studying the origin of cultivated plants and the socio-economic history of the human diet.



Snippets . . .

MGVs compiled a list of long blooming plants at the June Green Thumbs Meeting. We hope you find this list useful as you are making notes or planning for next year's gardening season. Thanks Green Thumb Tuesday MGVs for compiling and sharing this list.

Plant for Blooms All Summer

Types of plants

Trees

Flowering Crab Apple
Fruit trees
Witch Hazel (spring and fall bloomers)
Red Bud
Sassafras Albidum
Magnolias (depends on variety)
Chionanthus Virginicus (Fringe tree)
Magnolia Virginia
Cladrastis Kentukea (American Yellow Wood)
Heptacodium Miconioides (Seven Son Flower)
Aesculus Parviflora (Bottlebrush Buckeye)
Mountain Ash
Black Locust
Catalpa
Bass Wood
Calary Pear – (splits easily)
Pagoda Dogwood

Shrubs

Hydrangea (depends on variety)
Viburnums
Lilacs - Shrubs and trees
Daphne
Spiraea Prunifolia (Bridal Wreath)
Spiraea Japonica
Mock Orange
Burning Bush
Red Dogwood
Service Berry
Budleia
Nine Bark

Vines

Clematis
Akebia
Honeysuckle Vine - Lonicera Japonica (is invasive if hollow stem, must be carefully controlled)
Trumpet Vine - Campsis radicans
Morning Glory
Climbing Hydrangea

Perennial Flowers

Hemerocallis (many rebloomers)

Astilbe

Aruncus Dioicus (Goat's Beard)

Ligularia

Tricyrtis (Toad Lily)

Corydalis Lutea

Gallardia

Scabiosa,

Kniphofia – Red Hot Poker

Yucca

Prickly Pear Cactus

Spring Bulbs (tulips, daffodils, scilla, snow drops, eranthis, clocus, grape hyacinth, hyacinth, frittilaria)

Hellebores

Hostas

Summer Bulbs (alliums, dahlias, lilies)

Irises

Annual flowers

Non-hardy Bulbs (gladiolas, cannas, begonias)

Pelargonium - Geraniums

Fibrous begonias, zinnias, marigolds, etc, etc. etc.

Ground covers

Pachysandra

Sweet Woodruff

Lamium

Periwinkle

Master Gardener Volunteer Profile

Interviewer/writer search: We're looking for a person to interview and write our master gardener volunteer profile column. If you are interested in taking on this volunteer opportunity, contact Joan Fitzgerald, Newsletter Editor, at mgvjoan@gmail.com.

A big "Thank You" to Lisa Mlinar who has provided us with MGV profiles in the past.

**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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