

Portage County MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEERS



August 2013



Welcome to the Angie & Rich Hauer Family Gardens

**1420 Sand Hill Lane — Stevens Point
August 26th — 6 p.m.**

Our place consists of a 5 year old house and landscape on a 50 year old farmstead. Forty acres includes woodland, pastures, gardens, sheep, chickens, cows and beehives.

Please feel free to bring the children/grandchildren for a tour.



From downtown Stevens Point follow Main street west over the WI River. At the first stoplight after the bridge turn left onto Hwy. 66 S. Then take the 1st right onto County C. Our house is 4 miles from this turn. Watch for the Lowland Bison Ranch sign on your right. Here Oak Street goes right (north) and Sand Hill Lane goes left (south). Take Sand Hill Lane, we are the first house on your right. Please note: this road dead ends in the neighbor's driveway about 1 mile down. We have a circle driveway some can park in or at least turn around. Parking is limited with the narrow road.



Contents

Board, Committee Chairs,
Coordinators. / Volunteer
Opportunities / Thank You

Calendar of Events

July Meeting Minutes / Notes
From The Board

WIMGA Notes

September Garden Guide

PCMGV Board Members

Chairperson:

Shelley Binder:
shellb58@hotmail.com
(715) 341-9414

Vice Chairperson:

Rick Jansing:
rickjansing@att.net
(715) 344-2118

Secretary:

Sandra Newby:
(715) 457-2505

Treasurer:

Kathy Stanke
(715) 570-7885
rkstanke@charter.net

Director of Committees:

Chere Schmit:
dcschmit@hotmail.com
(715) 258-0153

WIMGA Representative:

Lynn Caine:
dljed@charter.net
(715) 344-1564

Member at Large:

OPEN

UW Extension Ag Agent:

Ken Schroeder:
ken.schroeder@ces.uwex.edu
(715) 346-1316

Committee Chairs

*Chair **Co-chair

Bylaws

Cindy Bredow *

Display

Barb Gifford *
Open**

Flower Beds

Carole Jansing* *
Open*

Funds/Grants

Cindy Bredow *

Garden Dreams

Charlotte Kolinski *
Sally Prideaux **

Garden Parade

Katie Rettler *
Bob Rausch **

Habitat House

Jennifer Young *
Jen Haas **

Hunger Prevention/

Head Start

Open

Membership

John Kolinski *

Plant Sale

Chere Schmit *
Kathy Herbert **

Programs

Tina Lechner *
Diane Somers **

YMCA Gardens

Dan Goulet *

Coordinators

Amherst Fair

Open

Arbor Day

Open

Chicago Bus Trip

Bob Rausch
Sally Prideaux

Farmers Market

Todd Teuchert
Lori Teuchert

Fundraisers

Open

Garden Line

Open

KMart Potting Day

Open

Newsletter

Marian Helm

Rosholt Fair

Todd Teuchert

Website

Lynn Caine

THANK YOU

Habitat for Humanity Volunteers

Many thanks to all the Master Gardeners who assisted with the Habitat House planting in July! Even though the weather tried to rain us out on Thursday we muscled thru and finished up (and as a bonus none of us were hit by lightning).

I also want to thank Jen Haas, co-chair, and Danise Otte for helping with the plan for landscaping the home.

To those of you who offered or brought hostas, I am most appreciative we were able to save money with the donations.

Also, a special thanks to "retired" Master Gardener Victoria Ritland for her generous donation, and honorary Master Gardeners for the day Guy Otte and Kate Young who supplied some much needed rock hauling muscle.

Chou Vang and her family are most pleased with the front yard, and are now inspired to start a vegetable garden in their backyard next year!

Jennifer Young, PCMGV

youngplace@hotmail.com



Habitat
for Humanity®

Articles for the newsletter should be submitted by the **10th of the month** for publication that month.

Submit to: Marian Helm: azmhelm@yahoo.com or 715-347-5265

Please send any address changes to: Bonnie Maier: bonnie.maier@ces.uwex.edu or 715-346-1316

Sophie Demchik is the summer horticulture assistant at the Extension. Her hours are Tues.—Fri 9:00 am-1:00 pm. Any **GARDEN LINE** questions can be referred to her at:

mastergardener@co.portage.wi.us

7 – Garden Festival – Janesville – This event by the Rock Prairie MGA at the Rock County 4-H Fairgrounds from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. will feature tomato tastings by the Walworth Co MGVs, fried green tomato samples, recipes and safe handling procedures, children's activities and educational fun, vendors, music, a pie baking contest and much more. For more information contact Deb at debgrams@att.net.

7 – Taste of the Garden Door / Pesto Festo – Sturgeon Bay – Sponsored by the Door County MGA, this event from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. includes tours of the Garden Door display garden and a large variety of "tasting" activities that include the ever popular "Pesto Festo", a judged pesto tasting contest. Garden-related educational programs are included. Free. For more information, including contest entry rules, see the [Door Co. MGA website](#) or contact [Barbara and Doug Henderson](#).

7-14 – International Master Gardener Conference: Alaska - Flowers, Fjords & Friends – From Seattle, WA – Instead of the usual conference organized by a host city/state, this time the IMGC will be on an Alaskan cruise. Educational sessions will be held onboard the Holland America cruise ship Westerdam. Optional land tours will be offered by the cruise lines, as well as MGV-only tours by the organizing committee. Register for the cruise and the conference (separately) online. Details on the [IMGC 2013 Website](#).

12 – Ornamental Grasses for Your Garden – Green Bay Botanical Gardens, Green Bay – Every gardener dreams of having a garden that takes care of itself. However, there always seems to be something that needs watering, dividing, or cutting back. If you want to reduce the time spent tending your garden and increase the time you spend enjoying it, ornamental grasses might just be the answer. Join experienced gardener and NWTC Landscape/Horticulture Instructor David Wright from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. as he introduces many types of ornamental grasses that are both beautiful and require relatively little care. Weather permitting, we'll also explore the grasses found at the garden. \$14 (\$7 members).

14 – Heirloom Gardening Conference – Fort Atkinson – This conference from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. features speakers Marcia Carmichael and Lee Somerville. At Fort Atkinson's Hoard Historical Museum, 401 Whitewater Ave, Fort Atkinson, WI. Free, but registration req'd by Sept 10. For more information or to register contact info@hoardmuseum.org or (920) 563-7769.

14 – MGA Plant Sale – Marshfield – Offered by the Wood County MGA in conjunction with Maple Fall Fest at Wildwood Park and Zoo, 1800 S Central Ave, Marshfield, WI. The sale features a combination of offerings from our own gardens as well as fall-themed decorations. For more information, contact [Barb](#) at (715) 325-2075.

18 - Oct 3 – Botanical Treasures of South Africa – Tour to South Africa – Join host Susan Mahr as we travel to an exotic land filled with incredible flora. The tour will be primarily in the western part of the country, including

parts of the Garden Route, the Western Cape and Namaqualand. It will visit the Cape Floral Kingdom, the oldest, smallest and richest plant kingdom in the world and the only floral kingdom to be contained within one country. Over 9,600 species of plants occur here on only 0.04% of the earth's land surface, and about 70% are endemic, so there will be a plethora of exciting plants throughout this tour! Also included are a full day safari in Kruger National Park and another driving trip of the Panorama Route in the northern Drakensburg. Organized by [Mary Kroening](#) of [Hidden Treasures Botanical Tours](#). For more information contact [Susan Mahr](#) at (608) 265-4504 or [download the tour registration brochure](#).

24 – Putting Your Garden to Bed – Olbrich Botanical Gardens, Madison – Make your garden a success by properly overwintering your perennials. Join Olbrich horticulturists from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. to learn what needs to be pruned, cut low, mulched, rodent-proofed, and much more. This class takes place outdoors as a garden walk so dress for the weather. \$15 (\$12 members).

28 – Growing Mushrooms for Fun or Profit – Ironwood, MI – Sponsored by the Range Master Gardener Volunteer Assn., Iron County Extension, and 46th Parallel Planters Gardening Club at Gogebic Community College, Ironwood, MI. Joe Krawczyk of Field and Forest Products will show how to grow mushrooms at home starting at 9:30 a.m. in the Academic Building, room A211-second floor. Park in Lot C in the back of the college. Sign in starts at 8:45 a.m. \$5, includes refreshments and drawing for four table top mushroom kits. Limited seating so reservations required. For more information contact Lynn Adams at (906) 932-3509, see [the Range Masters website](#), or email xiaxia@sbcglobal.net. To make a reservation, starting September 1, type "Mushroom Man" in the subject line.

Gardens Around the Midwest

BOERNER BOTANICAL GARDENS: For info or to register contact Friends of Boerner Botanical Gardens, 9400 Boerner Drive, Hales Corners, WI 53130 at (414)525-5659 or email scheduling@fbbg.org.

CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDENS: 1000 Lake Cook Rd., Glencoe IL 60022. Phone: (847)835-5440.

GARDENS OF THE FOX CITIES: Register for classes on the [Event Calendar](#). For info contact [Gardens of the Fox Cities](#), 1313 E. Witzke Blvd. Appleton, WI 54911 at (920)993-1900.

GREEN BAY BOTANICAL GARDEN: For more information, contact the [Green Bay Botanical Garden](#), 2600 Larsen Road, P.O. Box 12644, Green Bay, WI 54307-2644 at (920)491-3691 ext 103

MN LANDSCAPE ARBORETUM: For info contact the [Education Department](#), Minnesota Arboretum, P.O. Box 39, Chansassen, MN 55319-0039 at (952)443-1422.

NORTHWIND PERENNIAL FARM: For info contact Northwind Perennial Farm, 7047 Hospital Rd, Burlington, WI 53105 at (262)248-8229 or info@northwindperennialfarm.com.

OLBRICH BOTANICAL GARDENS: For info contact Olbrich Botanical Gardens, 3330 Atwood Ave., Madison, WI 53704; phone (608)246-4550 or download the [Classes and Workshops Brochure](#). Pre-registration required, including online registration from the OBG website.

PCMGV Meeting Minutes: July 22 2013

Present: Sue Baldiswiler, Tom Baldiswiler, Margaret Bau, Shelley Binder, Cindy Bredow, Donald Caine, Lynn Caine, Jean Danielson, Barbara Gifford, Timothy Goskowicz, Dan Goulet, Kathy Goulet, Rose Grych, Karol Harris, Angie Hauer, Kathy Herbert, Rick Jansing, John Kolinski, Charlotte Kolinski, Tina Lechner, Marily Malcolm, Deb McGill, Pat Mrozinski, Sandra Newby, Stephanie Olson, Sharon Omernick, Margaret Parsons, RoseMarie Piekarski, Jan Pierson, Walt Rasmussen, Katie Rettler, Leanna Rusch, Chere Schmit, Don Schmit, Pattie Soik, Dianne Somers, Kathy Stanke, Todd Teuchert, Lori Teuchert, Judith Thies, Joanne West, Jennifer Young, Ginny Carlton, Jane Kellerman, Steve Treankler and Portage County Ag Agent Ken Schroeder.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Shelley Binder at Rick & Carol Jansing's home.

A time of reflection was held for Sherry McHone (MGV training class of 2010). She passed away July 21.

Minutes from the June meeting were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report was presented by Kathy Stanke.

Committee Reports:

Garden Parade: Katie Rettler thanked everyone who helped and attended the successful GP. The committee will meet July 29 to re-organize. Katie read a very nice thank you note from the quilt raffle recipient.

Habitat for Humanity: Jennifer Young announced the July 23 & 25 plantings at W. Cornell. Hostas were donated.

Hunger Prevention: Pat Mrozinski stated that the strawberry bed will be renovated. She is looking into having more education at this garden.

Programs: Tina Lechner-The August 26 meeting will be at Angie Hauer's home. The September plant exchange is at the Annex.

Y Garden: Dan Goulet reported there has been 72# of produce, so far. There were 200 attendees at the Y during GP. Don & Lynn Caine continue to provide plants and seeds. Kathy Goulet continues to coordinate 4/5 year olds education. Kathy Kruthoff continues to coordinate school age education.

Rosholt Fair: Todd Teuchert circulated a sign-up sheet for MGV help at the Fair during Labor Day weekend.

WIMGA: Lynn Caine (see page 5).

Extension: Ken reported on the Barron County Farm Technology Days and handed out flyers for the 2014 Portage County FTD. A PCMV committee is needed.

Old Business:

Rick & Shelley met with Tim Kraus from UWSP to gather information about developing and maintaining a Web site. He will have a class project of students to help teach MGV how to do this at no cost to PCMG. Five MGVs volunteered to become involved.

New Business:

Cindy Bredow and Pat Mrozinski also reported on the Barron FTD. Cindy will Chair a PCMGV committee.

Announcements:

- Thank you notes are available at the Extension Office.
- Jennifer Young brought a mystery plant.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Continuing Education: Rick & Carole Jansing's garden: 45 minutes

Submitted by Sandra Newby PCMGV Secretary

NOTES FROM THE BOARD



- There are currently **2 vacant seats** on the PCMGV Board, and at the end of this year Sandra Newby will have served on the board for 6 yrs. Her seat will also be vacant. Please consider running for the board, and you do earn service hours serving on the board!
- All current chairpersons and coordinators need to get their 2014 budget needs to **Treasurer Kathy Stanke by Aug. 31st**. The board will discuss the requests at their Sept. 9th meeting, and have a tentative budget for the volunteers to discuss at the Sept. 23rd general meeting. We will vote on the budget at our October Annual business meeting on Oct. 28.
- We will be purchasing shirts for the PCMGV in early 2014, Tina Lechner is checking into available sources. We will keep you posted on the project. We will be purchasing the shirts from our organizations savings, at no cost to the eligible volunteers.

Shell B.

WIMGA NEWS: Lynn Caine

- Shelly Ryan, The Wisconsin Gardener host has retired.

Participatory Photovoice Mapping Project

- <http://fyi.uwex.edu/wimastergardener/ppmp/>
- **Wisconsin Master Gardener Volunteers have one very easy way to participate in their local food system: identify something in your local food system, take a picture of it, and explain it.**

The purpose of this project:

- to gain insight on how individuals view and interpret their "local food system"
- identify the location of community gardens throughout the state
- to better understand the role MGVs may play in community gardening activities

We are looking for pictures to fall into 1 of 3 categories:

- **Community Gardens:** Help us map the distribution of community gardens across the state. You may or may not be involved in this garden as a volunteer.
- **Community Food System Components** (other than community gardens): As you may know, your local community food system has many different components to it! Take a picture of something other than a community garden and share it. Why is it important to you?
- **Your Role(s) in Your Local Community Food System:** Don't be bashful! I want a picture of you being an active member in your community food system.
- Send pictures to: mike.maddox@ces.uwex.edu. Be sure to include the address of the picture (so we can map it) and your explanation as to why it is important. Images will be loaded into the map in order for us to get a bigger picture of Wisconsin's food system. Your participation in this project is voluntary.
- Please remember, the description and story is just as important as the picture! Also, if you are taking a picture of a non-Master Gardener and you can clearly see who they are in the photo, we will need a photo release to be signed by the individual. By being a Master Gardener, you have already agreed we can use your image.



Participatory Photovoice Mapping allows Master Gardener Volunteers to provide feedback at to what they see as important in their communities.

- General Photo Release (PDF)
- General Photo Release (Spanish, PDF)
- Etiquette, Ethics and Responsible Photography
- Each picture submitted with location and story will count as 0.5 hours of community education.
- The Master Gardener Program Office may choose whether or not to post the image, if deemed questionable or offensive. Photos and stories may be used for UWEX presentations in the future.
- Deadline is November 1, 2013.



**Cooperative Extension
University of Wisconsin—Extension**

Portage County UW-Extension
1462 Strong's Avenue
Stevens Point WI 54481-2947
Phone: 715-346-1316
Fax: 715-346-1323

Return Service Requested



September Garden Guide

- Allowing September rose blooms to stay on plants aids in winter protection. Watch for black spot on roses and remove infected leaves.
- Lift gladiolus corms when leaves begin to brown. Dry in sun a few days.
- Divide most perennials except asters and mums, which haven't bloomed.
- Divide and replant peony roots. Avoid planting too deeply.
- Bring coleus, geranium, caladium and begonias indoors.
- Place amaryllis in cool basement for a 3-month rest period.
- To set buds, Christmas cacti require a rest period and cool nights (55 degrees.)
- Sow snapdragons, cornflowers and other hardy annuals a few weeks before the first frost date. Mark where planted to avoid damaging seedlings in spring.
- Carefully inspect spring flowering bulbs before planting. Discard soft bulbs.
- Remove newly set tomatoes, blossoms and new growth five weeks before expected frost because they won't have time to mature.
- Sow annual ryegrass or oats for winter cover and green manure in beds that won't be planted until late in spring. Keep watered.
- Remove all weeds from garden before they go to seed.
- Pinch out the growing points at the top of Brussels sprout stems so bottom sprouts will reach maturity.
- Watch for early frosts. Cover the garden when frost is predicted to obtain up to another month of growth. Water plants well for greater frost protection and maximum growth.
- Cut back perennials after frost.
- Dig and pot parsley, chives and tender herbs for transfer indoors to sunny window.
- For better keeping, harvest carrots, beets and turnips before first frost kills foliage.
- Gather squash, pumpkins and gourds when ripe; before frost damage. Leave 2-inch stem on vegetable for better storage.
- Clear garden beds immediately after harvest. Destroy any diseased plants by burning, composting in a hot pile or ealing in container for disposal.
- Early September is the latest time to plant spring-flowering shrubs.
- Aerate lawn when temperature is 60-70 degrees.
- Stop planting evergreens by mid-September.
- Harvest pears when light green. Separate from branch with slight twisting motion.
- Harvest grapes. Fertilize with one-cup bone meal per plant.
- Harvest apples. Rake leaves and fallen fruit from apple trees to control disease and inspect problems next year. Be careful not to injure long-lived fruiting spurs when harvesting.
- Cut out spent raspberry and blackberry canes after fruiting.

Where did summer go?