

# Portage County MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEERS



October 2013



***Our October Speaker is:***  
***Mariette Nowak***

**October 28th — 6 p.m. at the Annex**  
Our speaker for this month is the author of the book ***"Birdscaping in the Midwest"***.

She is an avid birder. In addition, she is Founder and President of the Kettle Moraine Chapter of the Wild Ones: Native Plants, Natural Landscapes.

Mariette will teach us how to increase the variety of birds in our yard, by growing native plants, which offer a natural habitat and a yearlong smorgasbord of berries, nuts, seeds and insects. Gardeners can play a vital role in restoring and preserving native communities that support not only birds, but other wildlife including butterflies, bees and bats.

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Pictured: Sharon Omernick



Pictured: Todd Teuchert & Kirby Throckmorton

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## Committee Chairs

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### 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

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### 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

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

## SPECIAL THANKS GOES OUT TO...

### Farmer's Market Volunteers!

- Thank you to everyone who volunteered at the Farmer's Market this summer. We reached a milestone of having the MGCV booth staffed every weekend from late June through Labor Day weekend. If you have any ideas or suggestions to improve our booth, please let Lori Teuchert know ([teuchert01@wi-net.com](mailto:teuchert01@wi-net.com)).

Thank you!  
Lori



## Fairest of the Fair

Throughout the week leading up to and during Labor Day weekend, 18 Portage County Master Gardener Volunteers assisted the 4-H Group at the Portage County Fair in Rosholt. Volunteers:

- Assisted children and parents with checking in exhibits and placing them throughout the building.
- Helped judges by arranging items for judging, completing corresponding paperwork, and pinning ribbons to exhibits.
- Monitored the exhibit building throughout Labor Day weekend.
- Answered questions about exhibits.
- Helped children and parents with the pick up of exhibits at the end of the fair.

**Thank you to everyone who volunteered!**



*Pictured: Carole Jansing*

Underlined events qualify for continuing educational hours.

**2 – New Old Favorites for the Midwestern Garden – Rotary Botanical Gardens, Janesville** – Take an exciting behind-the-scenes look at both woody and perennial plant breeding programs for the Upper Midwest and get the real dirt on “New and Improved” cultivars of old garden favorites at Rotary Garden's Fall Symposium from 8:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. At Rotary Botanical Gardens, 1455 Palmer Drive, Janesville, WI. \$65 (\$55 members) by Oct 25. For more information contact Rotary Gardens at (608) 752-3885 or see [rotarybotanicalgardens.org](http://rotarybotanicalgardens.org) or [download the registration brochure](#).

**2 – Landscaping with Native Plants – Milwaukee** – Wild Ones conference from 8:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. with keynote speaker Steve Packard. At Cardinal Stritch University, 6801 N Yates Road, Milwaukee, WI in the Kliebhand Conference Center. For more information see the [Wild Ones - Milwaukee chapter website](#).

**12 – Cranberries - Out of the Bog and Into Your Backyard – Green Bay Botanical Gardens, Green Bay** – This class from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. will cover commercial cranberry production from planting to harvest, with a look at the art and science of cranberry production in Wisconsin and Massachusetts. Learn to grow cranberries in your own garden - no water required.. \$14 (\$7 members). For more information or to register contact Green Bay Botanical Garden, 2600 Larsen Road, Green Bay, WI 54303 at (920) 490-9457.

**16 – Holiday Decorating with Plants – Fort Atkinson** – Professional florists will demonstrate from 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. how to decorate your home with cuttings and live plants for the holidays and through the winter months. Free. At the Hoard Historical Museum, 401 Whitewater Ave, Fort Atkinson, WI. For more information contact the [Hoard Historical Museum](#) at (920) 563-7769.

**Nov 24 - Dec 28 – 15th Annual WPS Garden of Lights – Green Bay Botanical Garden, Green Bay** – A holiday favorite featuring over 200,000 lights crafted in flowers, butterflies, and other botanical themes. Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m., plus selected additional days from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Various admission rates. 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.

**Nov 30 - Dec 28, 2013 – Olbrich's Holiday Express - Flower and Model Train Show – Olbrich Botanical Gardens, Madison** – Twinkling lights, festive poinsettias, tiny landscapes, and large-scale model trains: all aboard for Olbrich's Holiday Express! Trains travel through miniature evergreen forests and colorful poinsettias as they make their way through a detailed landscape made of natural materials by Olbrich's horticulture staff. Daily from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., except Dec 24 (closes at 2pm) and closed Dec 25. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children ages 3 – 12 (OBS members free) and includes admission to the tropical Bolz Conservatory. Admission is free each Wednesday 10 a.m. to noon. For more information contact [Olbrich Botanical Gardens](#), 3330 Atwood Ave., Madison, WI 53704; phone (608) 246-4550.

## Gardens Around the Midwest

**BOERNER BOTANICAL GARDENS:** For more information or to register contact [Friends of Boerner Botanical Gardens](#), 9400 Boerner Dr, Hales Corners, WI at 414-525-5659.

**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 or to register contact Green Bay Botanical Garden, 2600 Larsen Road, Green Bay, WI 54303 at (920) 490-9457.

**MN LANDSCAPE ARBORETUM:** For info contact the [Education Department](#), Minnesota Arboretum, P.O. Box 39, Chansassen, MN 5531-0039 at (952) 443-1422.

**NORTHWIND PERENNIAL FARM:** For info contact Northwind Perennial Farm, 7047 Hospital Rd, Burlington, WI 53105 at (262) 248-8229, see the website at [Northwind Perennial Farm](#) or email [info@northwindretail@wi.rr.com](mailto:info@northwindretail@wi.rr.com).

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

## More Fairest of the Fair Photos



*Pictured: Rick Jansing*

## PCMGV Meeting Minutes: Sept. 23, 2013

**Present:** Sue Baldischwiler, Tom Baldischwiler, Margaret Bau, Kelly Berg, Shelley Binder, Cindy Bredow, Jean Danielson, Eric Ecklund, Timothy Goskowicz, Dan Goulet, Rose Grych, Jen Haas, Angie Hauer, Kathy Herbert, Carole Jansing, Rick Jansing, John Kolinski, Charlotte Kolinski, Rita Kozlowski, Kathy Kruthoff, Tina Lechner, Lynn Ligman, Marily Malcolm, Pat Mrozinski, Sandra Newby, Stephanie Olson, Carole Olson, Sharon Omernick, Danise Otte, Chrismary Pacyna, Margaret Parsons, RoseMarie Piekarski, Sally Prideaux, Walt Rasmussen, Robert Rausch, Rebecca Roberts, Leanna Ruse!, Chere Schmit, Don Schmit, Nick Schultz, Donna Smith, Dianne Somers, Kathy Stanke, Todd Teuchert, Lori Teuchert, Judith Thies, Jill Trochlell-Ziehr, Jennifer Young, Gail Zalewski, Ginny Carlton and Portage County Ag Agent Ken Schroeder.

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m. by Shelley Binder at the Annex.

Minutes from the August meeting were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report was presented by Kathy Stanke.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Programs:** Tina Lechner - The October speaker will talk about creating your own bird sanctuary. Bring a guest. Tina scheduled a committee meeting for Monday, September 30, at 6:30. Char Kolinski announced that she is working on a speaker for the January 11, 2014 Garden Dreams.

**Flower Beds:** Chrismary Pacyna announced clean-up at the Plover Library on Wednesday, October 2, at 1:00.

**Y Garden:** Dan Goulet reported 776# of produce, so far. He requested MGCV help to pick beans and cucumbers day.

**Membership:** John Kolinski stated that dues are \$20 after October 1. He will be putting in a badge order.

**WIMGA:** The Face to Face meeting is October 12. There is a new logo.

**Extension:** Ken reported that late blight continues. When you clean up your garden DO NOT compost tomato and potato vines, potato tubers or any diseased plants. Use soapy water or pyrethrin for beetles. Q & A session followed.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Gail Zalewski completed the audit and reported that the books are in good order.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Red and green shirts with different textures were circulated. MGCV liked the V neck style for the women's shirt. The Board will decide the color.

Rick Jansing will meet with UWSP students the second week of October about the Web site. They will have something ready at that time. Send digital pictures to Rick.

There was 2014 budget discussion. Lynn Caine applied for a \$400 WIMGA grant. Deb McGill made motion to have \$2,100 in the budget for Farm Technology Days for a total of \$2,500. Jennifer Young seconded the motion. Tom Baldischwiler made a motion to accept the \$2,500 proposal. Sally Prideux seconded the motion. Cindy will schedule meetings to make plans for F T D.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Cindy Bredow received thank you notes from the ROTC group and Scholarship recipients.

Volunteer hours are needed at the Humane Society.

Margaret P. brought magazines.

Thank you cards will be available at the October meeting and then at the Extension Office.

Char Kolinski uses Bonide Systemic on the soil of house plants when she bring them in after being outside for the summer. John K. sprays their yard with Ortho Max to get rid of wood ticks.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

*Submitted by Sandra Newby PCMGV Secretary*

## More Fairest of the Fair Photos



*Pictured: Jan Pierson & Donald Schmit*

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**Return Service Requested**



## November Garden Guide

- Finish planting spring bulbs.
- Prepare new perennial beds for spring planting. Soil will be conditioned over winter.
- With sunny conditions, paper-white narcissus planted indoors about mid November will bloom for Christmas.
- After ground freezes, mulch azaleas and rhododendrons with chopped oak leaves or pine needles. Perennial beds should also be mulched with coarse material such as marsh hay.
- Do not smother self-sowing annual beds with heavy mulch.
- Reduce watering and feeding houseplants as lower light conditions of winter approach.
- Test soil if you haven't done so recently.
- Clean window boxes and outdoor planters, fill with greens and berries or other seasonal display.
- Mulch carrots, parsnips and leeks with a foot of straw or marsh hay for winter digging. Mark rows with stakes.
- Mulch asparagus bed with chopped leaves or straw to protect crowns from frost.
- Inventory, clean, repair and coat the metal parts of garden tools with vegetable oil before storing.
- Drain gasoline from tiller.
- Harvest the last of the hardy vegetables, such as Chinese cabbage, Brussels sprouts and kale. These will continue to produce until a frost below 25 degrees F.
- Harvest vegetables to be stored indoors before ground freezes.
- Heavily water trees and shrubs before ground freezes. This helps prevent winter burn on evergreens.
- Cut back fall blooming hydrangeas, leaving one or two pairs of buds on each flower stem.
- Wrap the trunks of young shade trees and fruit trees to protect them from animal damage and sunscald.
- Make one last lawn mowing, setting blade one-half inch lower than usual. Drain gas from mowers.
- Cut to the ground any summer bearing raspberry or blackberry canes that have fruited this year.
- Dormant pruning of black, yellow and purple raspberries is done by shortening all lateral branches to 15 inches.
- Prune grapevines.
- Mulch strawberries and bramble fruits after the ground has frozen, but before the temperature falls below 15 degrees (usually late November.) Apply 2-4 inches of straw or marsh hay.