

Portage County MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEERS



June 2014



Next PCMGV Meeting —

Monday, June 23, 6 pm

Antiquity Acres Greenhouse and General Store

The June 23rd meeting will be at Antiquity Acres Greenhouse and General Store. The address is 8636 County Road B, Amherst, WI. Parking is limited and we will car pool from the Copps Plover parking lot. Please plan on being at Copps between 5:30 and 5:45. Remember to bring a chair and bug spray will most likely be needed!

For those who have not yet received their Master Gardener shirts, they will be handed out at the meeting.

Submitted by Tina Lechner

PCMGV Meeting Minutes – May 12, 2014

The May 12, 2014, meeting of the Portage County Master Gardener Volunteers was called to order by the President, Shelley Binder, at 6:05 P.M. at Village Gardens, 2611 Porter Ct, Plover.

Those present were: Sue Baldischwiler, Tom Baldischwiler, Margaret Bau, Shelley Binder, Sandy Boehm, Cindy Bredow, Donald Caine, Lynn Caine, Virginia Carlton, Jean Danielson, Timothy Goskowicz, Dan Goulet, Kathy Herbert, Carole Jansing, Charlotte Kolinski, Kathy Kruthoff, Tina Lechner, Deb McGill, Sandra Newby, Terri Offerman, Carol Olson, Stephanie Olson, Sharon Omernick, Chrismary Pacyna, Margaret Parsons, Jan Pierson, Walt Rasmussen, Robert Rausch, Leanna Rusch, Chere Schmit, Don Schmit, Nick Schultz, Donna Smith, Dianne Somers, Kathy Stanke, Lori Teuchert, Todd Teuchert, Judy Thies, Kirby Throckmorton, Steve Treankler, Jennifer Young, Gail Zalewsk, Linda Zick Guests: Debbie Kunst, Beverly Pechinski, and Intern, Nancy Sander.

The **minutes** from April were approved as corrected.

The **Treasurer's Report**, given by Kathy Stanke, was approved.

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

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Committee Reports:

Farmers' Market: A sign-up sheet for working at the Farmer's Market on Saturday mornings this summer was circulated.

Farm Technology Days: Cindy Bredow or Lynn Caine will contact those who volunteered to "pot-sit" the Timothy grass we are using for displays.

Flower Beds: Nancy Sander has volunteered to chair this committee. Carol Jansing (past Flower Bed Committee Chairperson) will help with the transition. A Co-Chairperson is still needed.

Funds and Grants: Cindy Bredow announced that Karen Dostal from the Boston School Forest has requested funds this year to send a staff person to the Master Naturalist Training at Schmeekle Reserve. This request was approved by the committee.

Garden Parade: Carole Jansing circulated a sign-up sheet for both Friday, July 11, and Saturday, July 12. Volunteers are especially needed on Saturday. Volunteers may be certified Master Gardeners or friends of the Master Gardener program.

Newsletter: Get information, photos, and articles to Gail Zalewski by June 10.

Plant Sale: Chere Schmit circulated the sign-up sheet for workers for the Plant Sale on Friday, May 16, and Saturday, May 17. Plant labels, sticks and yard signs were available.

WIMGA: Lynn Caine reported:

- The International Master Gardeners "Search for Excellence" recognition program is looking for Extension Master Gardeners who have demonstrated outstanding contributions involving significant learning by the gardeners or by members of the general public with whom they were involved.
- A webinar as part of the National Wildlife Control Training Program will be held on Thursday, May 15.
- Online Training Modules for MGVs are available on Growing Shade Trees, Growing Squash and Growing Tomatoes.
- Contact Lynn Caine for specific information on any of the above programs.

Old Business:

Shelley Binder showed attendees a sample of how the Master Gardener logo will look on the new shirts. The shirts should be available on Friday for the Plant Sale.

Announcements:

- Don Caine had bean seeds available.
- Help is needed for digging / potting donated perennials for the Plant Sale. Contact Chere Schmit to help with this.

The next meeting will be on **Monday, June 23 at 6:00**. The June PCMGV Newsletter will have specific information on time and location.

The business meeting was **adjourned** at 6:20 P.M.

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KMart Potting Day

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Newsletter

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Todd Teuchert

Website

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Continuing Ed — Route 51 —

Featuring Nick and Lynn!

On Thursday, May 29th, Wisconsin Public Radio's *Route 51* featured their annual garden show. Listeners could call in with questions about landscaping, tree and shrub care, and growing flowers and vegetables in our region's inclement northern climate. Answering questions were two PCMGVs: Nick Schultz, who writes the *Perpetual Gardener* column in the *Portage County Gazette*; and Lynn Caine, an orchard owner who serves as our WIMGA representative, and also previously served as the summer horticulturist for Portage County UW-Extension.

The women had a great time, and were invited back again next year. If you missed it, you can find the archived version and pick up some MG Continuing Education time at:

<http://www.wpr.org/shows/may-29-2014-route-51s-annual-garden-show>

We are fortunate to have many people in our organization who are willing to share their passion and knowledge of plants with others – which is what our MG program is about. Thanks Nick and Lynn for representing us well!

CE — Humane Trapping: A Balancing Act

The National Wildlife Control Training Program (administered by University of Nebraska - Lincoln and Cornell University) held a one hour webinar on humane trapping. An archive of the program is now available at: <https://learn.extension.org/events/1615>

The program discusses various aspects of humane trapping including:

Definitions: Live trap vs cage/box trap
Euthanasia vs humane-killing
Equipment vs technique
Snares vs cable-restraints

Proper use of cage/box traps

Proper use of lethal traps

The program is narrated by Stephen M. Vantassel, Program Coordinator of wildlife damage management at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. He is a Master NWCOA Instructor, Certified Wildlife Control Professional (CWCP), and runs the Internet Center for Wildlife Damage Management (ICWDM.org). He founded and operated Wildlife Removal Service, Inc. before coming to the U of Ne-Lincoln. He has written dozens of articles and several books on wildlife control and animal welfare topics.

Susan Mahr, MG Program Coordinator, stated that the Wisconsin MG Program Office is NOT involved with the program, so they are not able to answer questions about the presentation or computer connections to it. However, it does qualify for MG Continuing Education credit.



Farm Tech Days

Portage County is hosting Farm Tech Days from August 12—14 this year. The PCMGV FTD Committee has been busy preparing for this event. Plants are being grown and tended by various committee members.

The PCMGV FTD Committee will be landscaping and setting up educational plantings at the Family Living, Family Mercantile and Progress Pavilion tents. These will include a prairie planting, a Polish garden, a salsa garden, an herb display and annual flowers.



There will also be examples of straw bale gardening, square foot gardening, a pallet garden and a potato tower. Instructions will be available for these types of gardens and there will be pictures and additional information on our displays. The current PCMGV display on invasive species will also be utilized.

Volunteers are needed for the event. Help is needed to set up displays on Saturday, August 9 and Sunday, August 10. On each day of the show — August 12—14, volunteers are needed to work at the exhibit table & tent and to work as plant helpers — watering and caring for plants in the displays. Volunteers are asked to sign up for a four hour shift: either 9 am—1 pm or 1 pm—5pm. Help is also needed on Friday, August 15, to take down displays. Sign up sheets will be circulated at the June meeting.

YOUR WEBSITES:

PCMGV: <http://portagecountymastergardeners.org>

Portage County UW-Extension: <http://portage.uwex.edu>

UW-Extension: <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/>

UW-Extension Publications: <http://learningstore.uwex.edu>

WI Master Gardener Blog :
<http://fyi.uwex.edu/wimastergardener/>

WI State Master Gardener: <http://wimastergardener.org>

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Dawn Dziak, Co-Owner with her husband Keith, of the Village Gardens here in Plover, WI was available to give some of the history and goals of the gardens. Tina Lechner and Jennifer Young led those in attendance on a tour of the grounds and facilities. Examples of new plants for 2014 were shown and described. Questions and comments were encouraged. Inspiration was everywhere, and all hoped for warm spring weather to arrive soon --- and stay!

Continuing Education: Village Gardens --- 1 Hour.

Submitted by Chrismary Pacyna, PCMGV Secretary



Jennifer Young shows off new plant varieties available for 2014, before we tour and admire everything else!

Notes from the Board. . . .

The July Board meeting has been rescheduled from July 14 to July 7 at the Annex Building @ 6:00pm

Submitted by Shell B.

July 2014 Calendar of Events

10 – Enabling the Gardener – Marinette – If you or a family member are no longer able to garden because of an inability to get down to ground level, come and see the Enabling Garden and learn how to stay involved in growing your own food and flowers with raised beds and wheelchair accessible gardens. At Harmony Demonstration Gardens from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Free. For info contact the Marinette Co. UW-Ext. Office at (715) 732-7510.

11-12 – Olbrich Home Garden Tour: University Heights – Madison – Tour exceptional home gardens in this historic neighborhood. Friday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. \$14 (\$12 members).

11-12 – 13th Annual Garden Walk – Ringle, Hatley and Birnamwood – Sponsored by the North Central WI MGA, Inc. View 5 beautiful private gardens and one community garden ranging from a county farm garden contributed to by multiple generations of the same family to a residential garden built around a beautiful water feature. Friday 1:00 to 7:00 p.m. and Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. \$10. Advance tickets at the Marathon Co. UW-Ext, 212 River Drive #3, Wausau. Tickets also available at any of the private gardens during event. For info contact [Linda Peterson](mailto:Linda.Peterson@marathon.edu) at (715) 359-9608 or [Kris Weirauch](mailto:Kris.Weirauch@marathon.edu) at (715) 241-7372 or visit the [Garden Walk website](http://www.marathon.edu/gardenwalk).

11-13 – Iris Sale – Olbrich Botanical Gardens – Madison – Sponsored by the Madison Area Iris Society Friday and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For info on the sale call (608) 271-3607.

12 – 5th Annual Garden Walk – Mukwonago and Vernon areas – Sponsored by the Vernon Evangelical Lutheran Church, this walk from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. [features four area gardens](http://www.vlch.org). \$8. For info contact [Carol Mainwaring](mailto:Carol.Mainwaring@vlch.org) at (262) 271-7076.

12 – Garden Walk – Port Washington – Sponsored by the Port Washington Garden Club with 5 gardens on the south west side of Port Washington from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. \$5; tickets can be purchased at the Pebble House, 126 E Grand, Port Washington, or at the gardens on the day of the Walk. For info call (262) 284-6126 or visit the [PWGClub website](http://www.pwgclub.com).

12 – The Garden Door Open House – Sturgeon Bay – The 10th Anniversary Celebration from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. by the Door County MGA will feature programs on Gorgeous Containers, Fairy Gardens & Birds in the Garden. At the Peninsular Ag Research Station, Hwy. 42 north of Sturgeon Bay. For info contact [Vicki Dirst](mailto:Vicki.Dirst@doorcounty.org) at (920) 743-2083.

12 – Secret Gardens of Wauwatosa Tour – Wauwatosa – The Wauwatosa Beautification Committee, Inc. proudly present its 20th Annual garden walk from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (rain or shine). The tour includes the gardens at the Kneeland-Walker house maintained by the SE WI MG. Ticket holders will have an opportunity to meet Melinda Myers, who will answer gardening questions. Also on hand will be MGVs, plant societies, and ven-

Underlined events qualify for continuing educational hours.

dors selling plants and garden items. \$10 (\$12 day of tour at the Kneeland-Walker House, 7406 Hillcrest Drive, Wauwatosa). Advance tickets can be purchased at: Alfa Flower Shop, The Flower Lady, Fruit of the Bloom, Locker's Florist, Rose's Flower Shop, Steins Gardens and Gifts (Tosa location only) and WI Garden & Pet. For info, see www.wbc-wi.org under "Garden Tour".

12 – "Down the Garden Path" - 15th Annual Garden Walk – WI Rapids – Presented by the Wood Co. MGA with 6 area gardens, artists exhibits, Garden Treasures and refreshments, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. \$10. For info contact [Barb Herreid](mailto:Barb.Herreid@woodcountymga.com) at (715) 325-2075.

19 – Annual Garden Walk – Marinette – Take a walk through some spectacular local gardens from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Northern Light MGA hosts the 5th annual Garden Walk showcasing a wide variety of garden styles, plants and garden art. \$10 in advance (\$12 day of). For info contact the Marinette Co. UW-Ext. office at (715) 732-7510.

22 – Late Season Fruit Pests – Marinette – The fruit are set and growing, but pest management has not been completed for the year. Learn about later season pest identification and management, concentrating on tree fruits, but showing key small fruit pests as well. At Harmony Demonstration Gardens from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Free. For info contact the Marinette Co. UW-Ext. office at (715) 732-7510.

31 – Early Potatoes and In-season Management – Marinette – Take the chance to experience some of the early potatoes, review harvest procedures, and review mid-season management of both potatoes and sweet potatoes to maximize their yield potential. At Harmony Demo Gardens from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Free. For info contact the Marinette Co. UW-Ext. office at (715) 732-7510.

BOERNER BOTANICAL GARDENS: For more information or to register contact [Friends of Boerner Botanical Gardens](mailto:Friends.BoernerBotanicalGardens@boerner.com), 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](http://www.gardensofthefoxcities.com). For info contact [Gardens of the Fox Cities](mailto:GardensoftheFoxCities@foxcities.com), 1313 E. Witzke Blvd. Appleton, WI 54911 at (920) 993-1900, Fax (920) 993-9492.

GREEN BAY BOTANICAL GARDEN: For 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](mailto:EducationDepartment@mnlandscapearboretum.com), Minnesota Arboretum, P.O. Box 39, Chanhassen, 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](http://www.northwindperennialfarm.com) or email [in-](mailto:info@northwindretail@wi.rr.com)

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

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Return Service Requested



July Garden Guide



- Water gladiolus and dahlias weekly to a depth of 6-8 inches.
- Water flower beds at least once a week during dry spells. Remove old lily blooms.
- Peony bushes should be mulched and seedpods removed.
- Take cuttings from roses and spring flowering shrubs for new plant propagation when stems are no longer succulent but not yet hardened.
- Cut old canes of climbing roses so those new shoots can grow.
- Control rust on hollyhock by removing infected leaves.
- Divide iris and day lily when done blooming. Cut leaves back to about 8 inches.
- Thin and transplant perennials sown in June.
- Complete outdoor sowing of perennial seed.
- Inspect vegetables and herbs for pests daily and treat if necessary.
- Control garden weeds to prevent them from going to seed.
- Harvest onions and early potatoes when tops begin to shrivel.
- In early July, plant lettuce and spinach for fall crop. Pre-germinate on moist towel or plant deeper than in spring. Plant kale, bunching onions, cucumbers, beets, rutabagas and turnips, cabbage family seedlings and peas for fall harvest.
- Keep tomatoes mulched and watered to prevent blossom end rot.
- Keep ripe vegetables picked to maintain productivity.
- Watch for spider mites during hot, dry weather. Juniper and spruce needles turn rusty colored if infested.
- Water newly planted trees weekly if needed throughout the summer and apply a mulch (3 inches or less) to maintain even soil moisture.
- During dry spells, water all trees deeply every 2-3 weeks.
- Remove suckers from grafted plants. Water fruit trees during dry spells or they may abort fruit. Trees need 1 inch of water weekly during fruit growth.
- Prune yews, junipers and arborvitae by mid-July.
- Remove old canes of summer bearing red raspberries after harvest. Thin new canes to 3-4 canes per foot of row or 9-10 canes per hill. For black raspberries, thin new canes to 10 per hill. Cut tips of new canes back around July 1. Cut back raspberry tips back to two feet above the soil level and blackberry tips back to four feet above soil level. Cut purple and yellow raspberry tips to 30-36 inches above the soil.
- Keep orchard grass mowed and raked to discourage fungal pathogens harbored in tall grass and plant debris. Hang baited red sticky ball traps in apple trees for apple maggot control.