



Glacial Gardeners Master Gardener's Association

April-May 2001

**NEXT GLACIAL GARDENER'S  
MASTER GARDENER  
ASSOCIATION MEETING:**

**May 9, 2001**

**\*\*\*\*\*Note the Wednesday Date\*\*\*\*\***

**6:00 pm Plant Auction**

**6:30 pm Business Meeting**

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC - EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!**

**GLACIAL GARDENER'S CALENDAR OF  
UPCOMING EVENTS:**

April 27, 2001 (12:00 noon)

Growing Currants

Brown Bag ETN

**Free and Open to the public**

Master Gardener Training Sessions

April 24 – Backyard Wildlife

May 1-Composting/Vegetables

May 8 – Lawn Care/Weed Management

May 15 – Perennial and Annual Flowers

May 10, 2001

Speaker Program – Bill Millis (SWCD)

Starting Soft Wood Cuttings

**Free and Open to the public**

May 12, 2001 (8:00 a.m. – noon)

Spring Fling Plant Sale

(See information in article on page 4 of newsletter.)

April 11, 2001 Glacial Gardener Monthly Meeting

Present:

Carole Garnsey

Donna Lindsley

Pat Olson

Kay Krall

Scott Laurie

Sandy Anderson

Judy Ayotte

Corrin Seaman

At 6:00 watched a video on Ponds, Herbs, and Gourds

Scott called the meeting to order

The speaker for April 18 at 6:30 will be Scott Reuss UW- Ext.

Topic will be preparing the garden for planting.

May 10<sup>th</sup> speaker will be Bill Millis from the Soil Water

Conservation District. Topic will be starting soft woodcuttings.

On April 28<sup>th</sup> there will be a workshop at the Green Bay Botanical Gardens.

Sandy Anderson requests that any articles to be published in the newsletter should be sent to her one-week after the monthly meeting.

Brown Bag ETN on April 27<sup>th</sup> at noon will be on growing currants.

Jaci LaRoux from Project 0 in Iron County is looking for someone to contract with her to coordinate the project, which will be at the Iron County Museum. They will be doing a community wide garden. There will also be a Farm Market held there every Saturday for the general public. Anyone interested should call Jaci at 906-265-0305.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the March meeting. Judy Ayotte seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Carole read the treasurer's report in Jim House's absence. Sandy Anderson made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Pat Olson Seconded. Motion was passed.

At the May 9<sup>th</sup> monthly meeting there will be our annual Spring plant auction. So please bring your plants to auction off if you have any.

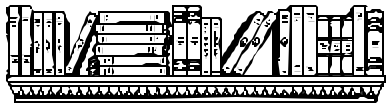
Kay Krall gave a report on the Wisconsin Master Gardener's conference in Wausau that she attended. Kay reported that it was very interesting and informative and she enjoyed it.

The annual Spring Plant and Bulb sale will be held in conjunction with the Spring Fling on May 12. If this date does not work out, the alternative date will be March 19<sup>th</sup>. Any plants to be donated for the spring plant and bulb sale can be brought to the monthly meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> (unless the date is changed.)

Carole made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Judy seconded motion. Meeting adjourned.

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At the break we were treated to delicious Dutch Apple Cake (Bars) and Banana Nut Bread baked and provided by Judy Ayotte. (Thank you Judy). Some mention of strong coffee being served also.



The Florence County Library has purchased their gardening books with the money GG donated. The books are available to check out and will be on display this summer in the garden section. The books are:  
The Best Flowers for Midwest Gardens, Laara Duggan, ISBN 1-55652-263-0, Chicago Review Press  
Gardening in the Upper Midwest, Dr. Leon Snyder, U. of Minnesota Press  
North Country Gardening, Neil Moran, Lake Superior Press  
Wisconsin Garden Guide, Jerry Minnich, Prairie Oak Press  
The Zone Garden 3-4-5. Charlotte Frieze, Simon & Schuster, ISBN 0-684-82465-5  
Please take a moment to visit the library and look through the books.

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### **NOTES FROM STATE MG PROGRAM**

### **Wisconsin Master Gardener Association (WIMGA) News**

The Wisconsin Master Gardener program website [www.hort.wisc.edu/mastergardener/](http://www.hort.wisc.edu/mastergardener/) is a wonderful resource including information on becoming a

master gardener, activities of other local associations and the state association, regularly updated articles on horticulture and related events, links to various gardening resources such as books, videos, growers, gardens, nurseries, etc.

Right now you will find an article about choosing some of the new plastic pots for container gardening. The website also has a good WIMGA annual conference summary including pictures of the conference setting and speakers. Our State of Wisconsin Program Coordinator, Susan Mahr is always present with her digital camera!

### **Spade Odyssey**

The 2001 Annual WIMGA Spade Odyssey Conference held at the Ramada Inn in Wausau, WI was a huge success. Almost 500 people attended the Friday night program and over 240 MG's and friends attended the full program on Saturday. The conference was hosted by five local associations of master gardener from Central Wisconsin: Clark, Marathon, Portage Wood and Waupaca counties. Willowglen Nursery

Lindsay Lee, co-owner of Willowglen Nursery, a specialty perennial flower nursery near Decorah in northeastern Iowa gave the Friday night presentation "Making Your Garden Sing". Lindsay presented methods he uses to design and grow exciting gardens. Much like Scott Laurie's advice, Lindsay encouraged the audience to try drawing some general plans and look at the function of the spaces in our yards. He thought of plantings as groupings of perennials that would look wonderful in a vase of cut flowers. His handout of favorite groupings was given to attendees at the April Glacial Gardener meeting.

On Saturday Lindsay Lee presented Perennial Plant Propagation methods including very low tech methods of dividing plants, starting plants from seed and frost germination. A handout from this section is also available to Glacial Gardeners. The pictures of the gardens at Willowglen made the trip to Wausau a joy! The gardens were blasts of color and glorious green with meandering paths and interesting structures.

### **Small Backyard Ponds**

Other workshops on Saturday included a session on creating a small backyard pond presented

by Charlotte and John Kolinski, Master Gardeners from Portage County. Char and John talked about how to build a small pond, one you can dig with a shovel!

**Plant Diseases**

Brian Huddleson presented a workshop on plant diseases. He will be the presenter this summer on the three-part Brown Bag Seminar on plant diseases. He covered common diseases such as damping off, root rot, and powdery mildew

**Success with Cacti and Succulents**

Dan Mahr, Susan's husband, gave a fascinating presentation on growing these dry climate plants as houseplants in our part of the world. He brought a wonderful collection of his plants. Many were spectacular and reminded me of bonsai.

**Hunger Prevention Approaches**

Dennis Lukazewski from UWEX Milwaukee Urban Gardens; Becky Gutzman from Columbia County MG and UW Extension; Marilyn Gorham from St. Croix Vally MG and Rolf Uttegard from West Central MG presented gardening projects their local associations were utilizing to address the hunger needs of individuals in their communities

**Edible Flowers: From Garden to Palate**

Cathy Wilkinson Barash, author and gardener, presented slides of beautiful flowers that are fun to grow and great to eat! Her enthusiasm for utilizing things like pansies and chive flowers in cooking was infectious. She provided a handout on safety clues that describes what flowers to use and a list of the suggested plants. This handout is also available to Glacial Gardeners.

The next Annual Conference will be April 5-6, 2002 in Fond du Lac, WI. Hope you will plan to attend!

Kay Krall,  
Glacial Gardener's representative,  
WIMGA Board of Directors.

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*"There came a time when the risk to remain tight in the bud was more painful than the risk it took to*

*blossom."*

— Anais Nin

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**Attention Master Gardener Students**

Time is here to be thinking about how you will fulfill your requirement of 36 hours of volunteer service to get your Master Gardener Certification. After passing the exam at the end of training you will move from being a student to becoming an intern MG. You can start working on those hours now. For 2001 you need not report any continuing education hours as you are earning 36 in your basic master gardening class with Scott Reuss. The form for recording hours can be found in your white folder in Appendix II. For volunteer hours; break your service hours into three types:

- a) **Youth Education service hours** (this would include any time you donate to the Food, Fun and Fitness program this summer. A person could work with a 4 H group or give a schoolroom presentation. Just be sure that Corrin approves the activity for youth education volunteer hours);
- b) **Community Education service hours** (this includes GG activities such as helping with the monthly community speaker program, fair booth or other plant education events);
- c) **Support Services hours** (this includes all of your work on events or committees for GG as well as attendance at GG meetings).

That brings us to the next point!

**(and attention recertifying MG's)**

We still need people to work on the committees. As voted on at the March 13, 2001 meeting, this years committees are as follows; including a list of the people that have signed up so far. If you were on a committee last year and would again like to be on that committee, please let Corrin know.

**Monthly Horticulture Speaker** - Monthly Speaker Program, related publicity, and set up newspaper column  
Kay Krall

**Summer Projects** - Summer Garden Tour, Summer Advanced Training

**Hospitality** - Schedule volunteers for dessert and coffee at monthly meetings. Organize the Annual Meeting potluck dinner in January.

**Youth Projects** - Present the Children's Garden Walk for school children around Earth Day. Partner with the UWEX Food, Fitness & Fun summer program for kids.

**Newsletter/Library** - Develop and mail out monthly Grapevines (September to June), Manage a member lending library system

Sandy Anderson  
Kathy Bednarski  
Judy Ayotte

(We are pretty well covered on the newsletter, but still need someone who wants to focus on the library)

**Fundraiser** - Spring Fling Plant Sale, Florence County Fair Booth, Fall Bulb Sale

Deb Simons  
Sandy Anderson  
Delores Moller  
Karen Hoffman  
Kathy Bednarski

**Gardening** - Resource Center Gardens

Donna Lindsley  
Carole Garnsey  
Judy Ayotte

Officers are not asked to serve on a committee because of their other club duties. They of course can if they want. The Glacial Gardener MG club offers many opportunities to be involved in the area and the people within it. Please help to make the club a good experience for all of its members. Don't let the burden fall on just a few. As the saying goes...the more the merrier!



## Spring Fling Plant Sale

May 12, 2001

8:00 a.m. – noon

Please plan to bring plants to donate on either the morning of the sale, the afternoon before the sale, or the Wednesday of the meeting (May 9<sup>th</sup>).

Plants should be labeled with name, description and price along with any other info that you know about it.

(See inserted forms)

This is one of the club's major fundraisers so please help in some way that you can.

There will be a sign up sheet at the meeting to sign up to

help with the sale or if you could help get things ready before the sale.

Or if nothing else, please come and purchase plants from the sale.

## MEMBER'S CORNER

### **\*\*Special Invitation\*\***

Jan Lemke from **JAMi's** Country Living Garden and Gift Center has invited all Glacial Gardener garden club members to a special preview May 5<sup>th</sup> from 10 to 4. She offers over 4,200 plants with more than 430 perennials, and over 100 different shrubs. Take advantage of this (by invitation only) preview before the Grand Opening on May 10<sup>th</sup>. JaMi's is located west of Crystal Falls at 411 McClaren Road (off of bible Camp Road) or call Jan at 875-3541.

## RECIPE CORNER

### **Deep Fried Sage Leaves**

(Wisconsin Gardener Tape, GG/MGA club meeting April 11, 2001)

Batter

½ Cup Flour  
Salt to taste  
½ Cup sparkling mineral water  
1 TBSP oil  
Wisk all together  
Beat 1 egg white until stiff.  
Fold egg white into batter

Dip sage leaves into batter and fry in hot oil until golden brown. Enjoy while warm. This batter can be used with fish only substitute beer for the mineral water. Try other herb leaves in the batter such as parsley or basil.

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### Editor's Note:

Hello! I am Sandy Anderson and I am the new editor of the GG Grapevine. I am open for suggestions for the newsletter (I may not use your suggestion, but I am open to them). If you have an article or something that you would like in the newsletter, I can be reached at 589-2690 or you can e-mail me at [sande@up.net](mailto:sande@up.net). Please have all articles to me the Tuesday following a meeting (in other words - the third Tuesday of the month). My goal is to get the newsletter done by that

Thursday so it can get out on Friday. Kathy Bednarski is also still involved and Judy Ayotte has volunteered to copy the newsletters and get them ready for mailing. I'm looking forward to being your editor. (I also get to count this time towards my MG hours.... what are you doing for your hours?)