



^{UW} **Extension** Waupaca County

Master Gardener Newsletter

June 2006

Master Gardener Meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of the month.

6:00- 6:30 p.m. Social

6:30-7:30 p.m. Meeting - 7:30-8:30 p.m. Program



Unless otherwise stated, meetings and programs will be held in the lower level of the Waupaca County Courthouse.

In the event that a meeting or event is cancelled due to weather, please listen to WJMQ 92.3 and WDUZ 92.7 for cancellation information. We will also attempt to notify members via email. If you have any question about whether or not a meeting will be held, please contact Susan Finkel at 715-752-4494 or finkel@uwosh.edu



June 4 – 8:00 – 2:00 p.m. Plant Sale – Waupaca County Fairgrounds in Weyauwega



June 8 – 6:00 p.m. Tour begins of Lorry Brace's Gardens, E5809 North Shore Road; meeting to follow. Bring along a lawn chair.

Directions: Take Hwy. 54 to Hwy. 110, or from Weyauwega, take Hwy. 110 to the Crossings Supper Club. Turn on North Shore Road, which is the road that runs alongside the Crossings. Continue on North Shore Road for about 1 mile to the lake as the road goes right into Lorry's parking area. Fire lane number is E5809.



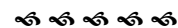
June 14 – Flag Day



Happy Father's
Day!

June in the Garden

- Cover beans, cucumbers, and melons with floating row covers as you plant.
- Weed the asparagus bed carefully after harvest is complete to avoid injuring roots.
- If you plan on lifting tulip & hyacinth bulbs, do so now, when foliage begins to turn brown.
- Begin feeding roses every two weeks to encourage full growth and flowering.
- Cover grapevines, cherry trees, and blueberry bushes with bird netting.
- After petals fall, spray summer oil to control aphids, scale, and some caterpillar pests on fruit trees.
- Thin fruit on fruit trees and clean-up fallen fruit after June drop.
- Hang sticky red traps to catch apple maggot flies.
- Apply sticky bands to fruit trees to catch insect pests that climb the trunks.
- Prune lilacs, forsythias, and other shrubs that bloom on old wood after they finish flowering.
- Check your lawn for white grubs. Apply milky disease spores if you discover a white grub infestation.
- Fertilize and renew June bearing strawberries after harvesting. Use 6 lbs. of 10-10-10 per 100 ft. of row. Plants form runners now and need good fertility for vigorous growth. Renovate by mowing the foliage and cultivating between the rows.
- Don't fertilize tomatoes until the first fruit has set; too much nitrogen will cause leafy growth at the expense of flowers and fruit. Most other plants benefit from a starter fertilizer when transplanted.
- Houseplants really benefit from a summer vacation in a shady spot in the yard. Even those that prefer very bright light should be in the shade. Surprisingly, outdoor shade is still brighter than almost any spot indoors and the move back into the house in the fall will be less traumatic.
- Prune pines to control size and make them bushier. The new growth, called the "candles", can be pinched back by up to two-thirds once the new needles are slightly less than half their full length.
- Potato leafhoppers are wedge-shaped and bright green insects that cause "hopper burn" on plant leaves beginning in early June. Spray invasion.



President's Letter

Submitted by Susan Finkel

Welcome to June!

It's hard to believe that my term as president is almost half over. It seems odd to think that I'm on the down hill side of my term... just as the garden season is heating up.

Our summer months as gardeners are so busy, but do take time to come to our meetings each month. During these nice months of the year, we tour the gardens of our members. This month will be particularly enjoyable as we tour Lorry Brace's garden. I remember touring Lorry's garden the first summer I was a Master Gardener and coming home with lots of great ideas. I'm sure it will be a fantastic evening.

Our Spring Plant Sale is almost here. Lyle and his committee have done a great job of organizing this event. We are so lucky to have them as a part of our group!

We were talking the other night at the executive committee meeting about the joys and benefits we get from being master gardeners. It is so nice to know that there is a whole network of folks who enjoy gardening just as much as I do... and it's even nicer to know that we all like different things about gardening. Take hostas for example. I have never owned a hosta in my life...in fact, for a long time I resisted them. And then, on a very rainy garden tour in Lola one summer evening, my ticket was drawn and I came home with my first hosta ever! Now, every time I see that hosta, I'm reminded of that rainy evening and our good friend Lyle who let us tour his garden. (We'll be seeing it again in an upcoming month!)

I have other plants in my garden that are connected to other Master Gardener memories too. Have a great June!
Susan



Instructors Needed

Submitting by Suzanne Wozniak

The program committee is looking for several Master Gardeners who would be able to teach a craft or a gardening project at a "Make It and Take It" event.

The majority of members responding to a survey taken at the May meeting indicated a preference for having this event in October, in conjunction with our regular meeting.

Two people indicated they could present a topic, but did not sign their names, and several who had presented last year said they would prefer to be in the audience this year. Please contact Suzanne Wozniak or Nancy Johnson if you would like to present, or if you can suggest someone who could



A Passion for Gardening

Ken Druse, from the Armchair Gardener

The horticultural community is one of the few places in contemporary western society where elders are revered for their wisdom. Sharing is a hallmark of horticulture, and sharing this accumulated wisdom to help enrich the next generation may be the most important thing a gardener can do.



New London Children's Garden

Pfeifer Park on Fridays from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.

June 9...Ready, Set, Let's Grow!
June 16... Who Put Seeds in my Dirt Cake?

June 23...Leap Frog Contest!
June 30...Good Morning "Solar Energy"



Waupaca Children's Garden

Swan Park, Wednesdays, 9:00 to 10:30 a.m.

June 14...Ready, Set, Let's Grow – Opening Day 9:00-11:00 a.m.
June 21...Grow the Most with Compost
June 28...Butterflies Flutter By

Iola Children's Garden

River Road Community Gardens
Fridays from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m.
June 9...Orientation & Planting
June 16...Plant Those Seeds
June 23...Mmmm-Dirt Cake
June 30...Let's Build Scarecrows



June Birthdays

Submitted by Connie Jess Zolkoske

- 6/1 Diane Fuhrmann
- 6/7 Barb Lamb
- 6/16 Cynthia Holly
- 6/22 Pat Ritchie
- 6/22 Jeff Weasner
- 6/29 Nancy Johnson



Fall 2006 Plant Sale

Submitted by Barb Lamb, Chairperson

Becky Hinz has volunteered to co-chair the Fall 2006 Plant Sale and to be the chairperson of the Spring 2007 sale. **Thank You, Becky!**



Newsletter Submissions are welcomed and encouraged.

Deadline for receiving items is the 25th of the month, preferably via email to blupine@centurytel.net



Don't try to raise more plants than you have room for or strength and time to cultivate. A few plants well cared for are better than a neglected garden – a most discouraging sight.



May Meeting Notes

Submitted by
Rebecca Weber
Schmoll, Secretary



Attendance:

Kathleen Akey, Leigh Braatz, Joleen Diley, Christann Dittman, Gloria Gruer, Cynthia Holly, Bill Johnson, Carol Johnson, Nancy Johnson, Barbara Koehnke, Peggy Kramer, Terry Kramer, Patti Leiskau, Sally Marchel Handrich, Colleen McCoy, Jan Mead, Lyle Mork, Pam Nitke, Barb Nollenberg, Glenda Rhodes, Pat Ritchie, Katherine Saunders, Joan Schmitt, Dorothy Shaver, Judy Shaw, Lee Shaw, Carol Spiegelberg, Jeff Weasner, Nancy Weasner, Rebecca Weber Schmoll, Carol West-Dahl, Faye Wilson, Suzanne Wozniak, Connie Jess Zolkoske.

The May meeting was called to order by Vice-president Pam Nitke. Pam shared welcoming remarks, and she reminded the group of the “parking lot” concept with any difficult issues. The secretary read the April executive meeting minutes. The April secretary minutes were approved by Gloria Gruer and seconded by Colleen McCoy.

Treasurer’s report: Colleen McCoy reported the Master Gardeners checking account balance and the amount in the general fund.

State representative report: Pat Ritchie shared that the group meets once a year for long range planning. The mission of the Wisconsin Master Gardeners was shared. She reminded us that Farm Technology Days would be held July 11-13 in Sheboygan. There has been an increase in the cost of name badges, which are now \$6.00 a piece. People in training get their name badge in the fall. Susan Mahr, Master Gardener Program Coordinator, won the grand prize for the next international conference. She is donating this prize, which only certified Master Gardeners are eligible to win. Pat has more time/volunteer sheets, if anyone needs them. She also had informational pamphlets to share.

There were seven bags left over from the Tri-county conference to be purchased at \$5.00 a piece. It is a committee of both the Extension and the Master Gardener board that makes policy. New policies are to keep counting your continued education hours. Hours worked with other garden clubs can be approved. Fill out a project approval form. Susan Mahr will do web site update when we send her the information. She will update our web page.

More member surveys need to be filled out to accurately reflect our members’ opinions and needs.

A silent auction was held on a donation for the tri-county conference. This picnic basket was not paid for at the conference by the successful bidder.

Committee Reports:

Seeds for the Hungry: Carol Spiegelberg received a box of seeds from Jung’s. Thanks to Lee Shaw for helping with this. Seeds will be distributed May 22 – 26 to the various food pantries. More seeds could be used.

Getting to Know You:

The Fair Committee (Pat Ritchie) explained what the fair committee does. Lee Shaw and Pat Ritchie are the supervisors. Entries are set up; help is given with the judging, etc. This work is done with the junior class and the open class.

The Christmas Party Planning Committee (Dorothy Shaver) plans the December party. The committee plans the entertainment, helps set up the potluck meal and gift exchange, and hands out awards.

Library Committee: Patti Leiskau reported that different books would be given to the various libraries in our county. Invasive Plants, Turf Grass, and Weeds of Canada and North America are the books chosen to donate.

Old Business:

Plant Sale: Lyle Mork passed around sign-up sheets for working at the plant sale. Labels, posters, handouts, blinds, and pots were brought to the meeting for members to take. Lyle reviewed the plant potting guidelines and discussed the botanical name, common name, and cultivar name. Refreshments are to be brought to share with workers at the sale. Workers are asked to wear both their name badge and Master Gardener apparel. Metal plant markers are sold at the plant sale. Plant markers are sold in packs of ten and cost 25 cents each. These are then resold for 40 cents with a 15 cents profit for each label. Profit of \$75 is made at the plant sale selling these markers. Lyle has located a small book that identifies plants. Each book costs \$4.09. The book would then be resold at \$6 to Master Gardeners and \$7 to the general public. Lyle wants to order 100 books and 1,000 metal markers for selling at the plant sale. Approval of \$200 is needed to purchase these items. It was moved by Lyle Mork and approved by Jeff Weasner to use \$200 for this purchase.

Tri-County Group: Income from the conference was approximately \$34,004 and expenses were \$23,580, leaving a profit of \$10,423.64. \$7,817.50, seventy-five % of this profit, goes to the State Master Gardener fund. Each of the three counties, Outagamie, Winnebago, and Waupaca, will then get \$868.61 in profit. The group met May 8, and it was decided to disband this group. The beginning checkbook balance of \$5,352.87 will be shared between the three counties. Each county will then get approximately \$2,600. Any members willing to re-up and join with the Outagamie group in planning a spring garden conference is welcome to do so. The tri-county group is disbanding on friendly terms. There is still a good working relationship, and we will still be doing bus trips together.

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May Meeting Notes *(Continued)*

New Business:

Make It and Take It was discussed by Suzanne Wozniak. A suggestion sheet was given to each person to fill out with ideas and suggestions.

Cookbook: Joleen Diley will be selling cookbooks at the Weyauwega Expo on May 13. Each member should try to sell three cookbooks.

New Orleans donation: The state organization has already sent down funds (\$250). Gloria Gruer moved to send a donation from our organization to the New Orleans Master Gardeners. She will write up a proposal to take to the executive meeting. This will then be published in the newsletter and voted on at the June meeting.

Connie Zolkoske made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Pattie Leiskau.

Rebecca Weber Schmoll, Secretary



Member Survey

Submitted by Kathy Akey

Please return your survey to me by or at the June meeting. Send to Kathy Akey, N2741 Forest View Lane, Clintonville, WI 54929. More input is needed from you, our members, to see how we can improve our club.



Upside Down Tomatoes

Submitted by Greg Blonde

An article about growing tomatoes upside down appeared in the winter 2004 issue of The Heirloom Gardner magazine. The below article by Kathi Morris describes the following home-made system:

Use five-gallon buckets with handles with a 2-3 inch hole drilled in the bottom.

Thread a plant through the hole and hold it so the root ball is about 2 inches inside the bucket.

Pack sphagnum moss or newspaper around the plant to hold it in place then add soil to the bucket. After the root ball is about 2 inches below the soil line, add 2 cups of compost, then fill with soil 1 inch from the top.

Hang on a sturdy structure (author uses a VERY sturdy arbor made of 2x4s). Water till water runs out the bottom.

Seedlings should be at least 10-12" tall to start with, otherwise the plants will grow up through the hole in the bucket. Even so, plants need to be checked daily to ensure the stem is growing out and not into the bucket.

Water and add fertilizer as needed. The author, a gardener in Missouri, finds she has to water every day from the third week of June to the first frost.

Check soil level in bucket periodically to make sure it does not settle more than 2" from top. Add more soil or compost as needed.

Keeping the lid on, but not tightly sealed, will prevent moisture loss. A hole can be made in the lid to make watering easier.

Smaller tomato varieties (the tomato, not the plant) work better than large-fruited varieties.

Note: The Pierce County Master Gardeners did this project a couple years ago and gave the buckets to low-income apartment-dwellers who could hang the bucket on their terrace and get fresh produce. They put the tomato out the bottom hole, then put a few onions and cilantro and even a pepper on the top. They called it "Salsa in a bucket". They also did smaller versions in ice-cream buckets, with just the tomato plant. Could be a great youth group or children's garden project.



InfoSource Number: 464 Garden and Landscape - Growing vegetables

Author: Harrison

Planting: when to plant

A frequent mistake amateur gardeners make is trying to plant vegetables too early.

Working garden soil too early while it is still wet compacts it and forms clods. The age-old test of firming a small amount of soil in the hand is a good way to tell when soil is dry enough for you to work. If the firmed soil does not crumble easily when you gently press it, it is too wet to work.

Do not rush to start seeds outdoors or to set out started plants. Most seeds will not germinate well until the soil warms to about 60 degrees. If you sow them in soil that is cooler than this, they will not germinate until the soil warms up. If the soil is too wet the seed may rot before the soil warms up enough for the seed to germinate.

If you do set out transplants, such as tomatoes and peppers, before the recommended date, be sure to cover these young tender plants with plant protectors. Several types of plant protectors are available at your local garden center.

On April 15, seed the following vegetables outdoors: Beets, carrots, chard, kohlrabi, leaf lettuce, onion sets, parsnip, peas, potatoes, radish, spinach and turnips.

On May 1 set out these plants: Broccoli, early cabbage, cauliflower and parsley.

On, or about, May 15 plant these vegetables: Snap beans, pole beans, brussels sprouts, late cabbage and regular sweet corn.

May 20 is the recommended date for planting cucumbers, muskmelon, pumpkins, squash, and also for setting out tomato plants. Wait until June 1 to set out pepper plants.

For more information on this topic, consult UW-Extension bulletin A1989-The Vegetable Garden.



Gardeners Calendar

June 3, 2006

Outagamie County MGs 7th Annual Plant Sale, Appleton

8-5:00 p.m. Held at the UWEX Building, 3365 Brewster St., across the street from Fleet Farm. Tried and true perennials, annuals, vegetables, herbs, grasses, houseplants, garden compost, and more.

June 4, 2006

Waupaca County MGs Plant Sale, Weyauwega Fairgrounds

8-2:00 p.m.. Held in the multipurpose building off South St. Offering perennials, annuals, houseplants, vegetables, natives, and garden accents.

June 11, 2006

Spring Garden Luncheon

Held at the Hitching Post in Weyauwega. Lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m. Riversong Studios will have a garden display and Debbie from the plant Station will be presenting. Reservations are needed by June 4. Cost is \$18.50. For more info call Sue or Shirley Radtke at the Hitching Post, 920-867-3666.

June 17

Song Sparrow Bus Tour

There are still some seats available for the Klehm's Song Sparrow tour in Avalon. Catalogs are available for those interested in going. We will also stop at the Northland Perennial Farm in Springfield.

The bus will leave at 6:00 a.m. from the UWEX located at 3365 W. Brewster St., Appleton on Saturday, June 17. It will also stop at the UW-Extension at 625 E. County Road Y in Oshkosh at around 6:15 p.m. The bus will return about 5:00 p.m.

The cost is \$32 per person. Checks can be made payable to the Outagamie County Master Gardeners Association and can be sent to Meg Hunsader, 3161 Winnegamie Dr. Appleton, WI 54914. Bring a bag lunch and marked plastic crates to hold plants.

June 23 – Brown Bag Program Gardening in the Tundra: Extending the Growing Season in Wisconsin

Compared to open field conditions, plastic-covered systems allow you to

start vegetables earlier in the spring and harvest others later in the fall. Join Bill Wright in a review of possibilities for extending the growing season in our cool climate.

June 24

Rotary's Home Garden Tour, Janesville

Great Gardens! Call for more information 608-752-3885.

June 24, 2006

Waupaca Area Garden Walk & Art Stroll

9:00 -5:00 p.m. Nine homes in the Waupaca area will be featuring beautiful landscapes and charming art will be displayed and available to purchase. Tickets are available at the Waupaca Area Chamber of Commerce, Silver Mist Garden Center, Thompson's Nursery, Golden Country Gifts, and also at the gardens the day of the event. The cost for the tickets is \$8 in advance and \$10 on the day of the event.

This is a non-profit organization seeking to bring together all who enjoy gardens and art. This year's proceeds will go to Creative Caring Hearts.

June 29, 7:30 PM/central and

July 2, 2:00 PM/central, WPT -

NEW! "Secret Gardens & Living Fences" Host Shelley Ryan visits an exquisite secret garden in Madison and travels to Willow Glen Nursery in Iowa to learn how to grow a living willow fence. Also on the program some unusual early blooming clematis, and we learn a new, better way to plant trees.

July 14 - 16, 2006

North American Lily Society is presenting its 59th International Lily Show and Symposium. Hosted by the Wisconsin Regional Lily Society, Ramada Convention Center, 205 South Barstow St., Eau Claire. Judged lily show is open for competition. (Membership in a regional or national lily organization is not required). No fee to enter lily stems - genus liliium (scale bulbs) - July 13, 2005. Registration Fee required for seminars, tours, and special events. For sow packet and to register, contact Laurie Prasnicky, lprasnicky@centurytel.net

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Some Nice Places to Visit

If you are in the area, stop in at one of these Wisconsin Public Gardens.

Cofrin Arboretum

UW – Green Bay, 2420 Nicolet Drive, Green Bay, WI 54311-7001
Admission: None

Hours: All year

The 290-acre arboretum surrounds the campus of UW-Green Bay. It features over 500 different plant species in a prairie, sedge meadow, dry and mesic forests and sand barrens, as well as many birds, butterflies, mammals, and amphibians.

Green Bay Botanical Garden

2600 Larsen Road, Green Bay, WI 54307-2644, (920) 490-9457.

Admission: \$5 adults, \$3 children ages 5-12, free for GBBG members (different rates may apply during special events)

Hours: May 1 - October 31 Open Daily 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

November 1 - April 30 Open Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Over 47 acres of beautiful gardens and natural areas capture the beauty of Northeastern Wisconsin's four distinct and wonderful seasons. Visit www.gbbg.org for a complete listing of gardens, programs, and special events.



UW Plant Disease Diagnostics:

www.plantpath.wisc.edu/pddc/

InfoSource: <http://infosource.uwex.edu>

UW Publications Web Site:

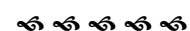
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UW Garden Facts:

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Bloom Time: summer through fall

Light: Sun to partial shade

Plant Spacing: 8 - 10 inches



SPRING PLANT SALE

DATE: Sunday, June 4, 2006

PLACE: Waupaca County Fairgrounds,
Multipurpose Building, South Street
in Weyauwega.

FEATURING: Perennials, annuals,
houseplants, vegetable plants,
native plants, garden accents.

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