



^{UW} **Extension** Waupaca County

Master Gardener Newsletter

June 2007

**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

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.



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



June 9 - Mosquito Hill Planting. See Nancy Johnson's article in this newsletter for more information.



June 14 - 6:00 Tour, meeting to follow - At the home of Donna and Lyn Swanson. View the Swanson's perennial gardens and heirloom tomato and pepper plants. See Rebecca's write-up in this newsletter. Bring a lawn chair.



June 23 - Waupaca Area Garden Walk and Art Stroll. See Bill Johnson's write-up in this newsletter.



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<http://www.hort.wisc.edu/mastergardener>



Happy Father's Day



June in the Garden

Houseplants

- Place houseplants outdoors in the shade and move to more light gradually.
- Plant stored geraniums.

Perennials

- Put second application of fertilizer on perennial beds.
- Pinch off chrysanthemums when plants are six inches tall and continue pinching until July 1.
- Stake delphiniums and tall lilies.
- Mulch flower gardens to conserve moisture and to reduce weed growth.
- Thin clumps of summer phlox, leaving three to six strong shoots. The better air circulation that results will reduce mildew infection.
- Spray aphids with insecticidal soap solution, or knock them off plants with a strong stream of water from a hose nozzle.

Bulbs

- Remove faded flowers from spring flowering bulbs, cut off stalks but leave leaves until they naturally die down.
- Large-flowered dahlias should be staked at planting time. Cannas, caladiums, callas, and gladioli can also be planted now.

Prune

- Prune hedges and spring-flowering shrubs after flowering such as lilac, spirea, and forsythia. Apply annual fertilizer.
- Prune evergreens and lilac seed heads.

Fruit Trees

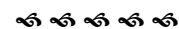
- Start fruit tree spray program after blossoms drop.
- Spread netting over cherry trees and strawberries.

Garlic Plants

- Remove the flower heads from garlic plants to promote larger bulbs. The garlic will be ready to harvest when one-third of the plant has turned yellow.

Roses

- Deadhead roses by cutting back to the first five-leaflet leaf. Avoid overhead irrigation when watering, to reduce the incidence of black spot.



Every Gardener's Dream

Jan Mead and her husband have been busy packing in anticipation for their move to Appleton mid June. With every move comes "downsizing" and the Mead's are no exception.

One of Jan's most pleasurable collections is all the *Garden Gate* magazine issues from the Premier issue to present, including an Index for all issues and their contents. Unfortunately for Jan, but great for a WCMG, Jan has to leave her collection behind and will give it to anyone who is interested in it.

If you are interested in this volume of garden knowledge, please contact Jan by June 7, or after June 7 please call Barbara Koehnke, 920-734-3140, or email bmagnolia@sbcglobal.net soon as first taker gets the prize!



Happy Birthday to the June Birthday People!



- 6/5 Diane Fuhrmann
- 6/7 Barb Lamb
- 6/16 Cynthia Holly
- 6/21 Lorry Brace
- 6/22 Pat Ritchie
- 6/22 Jeff Weasner
- 6/29 Nancy Johnson



June Program and Tour

Submitted by Rebecca Weber Schmoll

June's Master Gardener Volunteer's meeting will be held at Peppers from Around the World, the business of Donna and Lyn Swanson of New London. Lyn began his heirloom tomato and pepper business two years ago after he retired. He said he needed something to keep himself busy so his wife wouldn't tell him to go out and get a job.

Lyn carries the largest variety of hot peppers and heirloom tomatoes sold in the area, over twenty different varieties of tomatoes and over seventy varieties of peppers. He also grows herbs, and his wife raises flowers and has hanging baskets for sale.

Touring the gardens, you will also note many whimsical pieces of artwork and a few antiques. Lyn is very knowledgeable about his plants and was a member of the Master Gardener class in Clintonville this early spring.

Peppers from Around the World is located off Highway 54 between Northport and Royalton. Coming from New London, turn right on Otto Road by the wayside and the round barn. Then turn left on Stage Road. At the stop sign, turn right on Bleier Road. Turn right on Hathorne Road and go to the end of the road.

Coming from Waupaca, go through Royalton and then turn left on Depot Road, turn right on Mousecreek Road, left on Bleier Road, and right on Hathorne Road to E7362 Hathorne Road.

The map to the Swanson place is in the Buyer's Guide and other local shopping papers. Be sure to bring your lawn chair to the meeting.



Mosquito Hill Garden

Submitted by Nancy Johnson

At our May meeting, we discussed plans to renovate the garden at Mosquito Hill Nature Center to include species native to Wisconsin. Together with the staff at Mosquito Hill, a planting plan is currently being developed, but we need your help! Please review the wish list of plants and let me know if you have any you would be able to donate. I would be willing to make arrangements to pick up any plants at your home.

I will also be volunteering at the plant sale on Saturday and Sunday and would be available to accept

any plants you may have at that time. Even if you don't have any plants on the list, bring your shovel and join us on Saturday, June 9 at 8:00 a.m. at Mosquito Hill for our planting party!

If you have any questions, please contact me at (920) 982-9413 or send me an e-mail at plantsrfun@gmail.com.

Wish List of plants needed:

- * Pasque Flower - Anemone patens
- * Cream or Wild (White) Indigo - Baptisia bracteata or Baptisia alba
- * Shooting Star - Dodecatheon meadia
- * Prairie Smoke - Geum triflorum
- * Butterfly Weed - Asclepia tuberosa
- * Prairie Gayfeather - Liatris pycnostachya
- * Showy Goldenrod - Solidago speciosa
- * Side Oats Gramma - Bouteloua curtipendula
- * Prairie Dropseed - Sporobolus heterolepis
- * Ohio Goldenrod - Solidago ohioensis
- * Wild Quinine - Parthenium integrifolium
- * Dense Blazingstar - Liatris spicata
- * Meadow Blazingstar - Liatris ligulistylis
- * False Aster - Boltonia asteroides
- * Prairie Spiderwort - Tradescantia occidentalis
- * Rattlesnake Master - Eryngium yuccifolium
- * Wild Geranium - Geranium maculatum
- * Plantain-leaved Pussytoes - Antennaria plantaginifolia or neglecta



Address Change

Verna Radtke has moved back to Weyauwega and can now be reached at the following address.

Verna Radtke
Weyauwega Health Care Center
717 East Alfred Street
Weyauwega WI 54983



May Meeting Notes

Submitted by Rebecca
Weber Schmoll,
Secretary



Attendance: Kathleen Akey, Greg Blonde, Leigh Braatz, Lorry Brace, Dort DeWild, Joleen Diley, Chris Dittman, Kay Durrant, Diane Fuhrmann, Gloria Gruer, Cynthia Holly, Bill Johnson, Carol Johnson, Nancy Johnson, Peggy Kramer, Terry Kramer, Debbie Krogwold, Patti Leiskau, Hope MacIntyre, Sally Marchel Handrich, Colleen McCoy, Jan Mead, Lyle Mork, Barb Nollenberg, Glenda Rhodes, Ila Sanders, Tom Sanders, Katherine Saunders, Joan Schmitt, Judy Shaw, Lee Shaw, Jeff Weasner, Nancy Weasner, Rebecca Weber Schmoll, Carol West-Dahl, Connie Zolkoske, Bonita Gillespie, guest, and new members-in-training, Donna Bedord, Gerald Oestreich, Susan Young.

Call to order: Kate Saunders called the meeting to order.

Welcome to Visitors: One visitor was welcomed to the meeting. New members-in-training from the Clintonville class were also welcomed to the May meeting.

Minutes: April meeting minutes were approved, moved by Dort DeWild and seconded by Joan Schmitt. Kate read the April executive meeting minutes.

Treasurer's Report: Terry Kramer gave the treasurer's report. The Mantis tiller has been ordered and delivered to his house.

State Representative Report: There was no state representative report because Pat Ritchie was participating in the Leadership Waupaca County Graduation Banquet.

Old Business:

Community Garden: Terry Kramer gave the update on the Community Garden project. Manure has been spread on the garden, three sides of the fence is up, wood chips received, and planting will begin in about two weeks. Letters were written to

various seed companies requesting free seeds, and many seeds have been donated. There is a garden layout plan. More volunteers are needed for the summer months. All crops raised will be donated to the food pantries.

Scholarship Committee: Ila Sanders reports that there were two very worthy scholarship applications from the seven high schools in Waupaca County. Danielle Diermeyer from Little Wolf High School in Manawa was awarded the \$500 scholarship. Because both scholarship applications were so worthy, it was moved by Gloria Gruer and seconded by Connie Zolkoske to grant a \$250 scholarship to the other application. Following our by-laws, this request will be published in the June newsletter and then voted on at the June meeting.

Children's Gardens Presentations:

Iola: Lyle Mork reported that the garden would begin its season on Saturday, June 7. Thirty-six children are involved in this garden. Normal summer hours for this children's garden is 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Fridays. The community garden in Iola has six people involved in garden plots.

New London: A video all about the New London Children's Garden was shared.

New London Friday's Garden Group: This garden for the older children will again have theme gardens. To promote ownership in the garden, the fifteen children will decide what they want to explore and learn. This garden project will begin June 15 and run until August 24 with Friday morning hours of 10:30 a.m. until 12 noon.

Waupaca: This garden project will run for eleven weeks, beginning June 13 until August 29 from 9 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. Twenty children ranging in age from three to eleven are enrolled. This summer a mural and the garden's mission statement will be painted on the garden shed.

Book Review: There was no book report, as everyone is too busy working outside to find time to read a book!

New Business:

Refreshment Committee: Joan Schmitt thanked members who have been graciously providing treats and goodies at the meetings. Volunteers for refreshments for the June meeting will be published in the next newsletter.

Program Committee: The June meeting will be a garden tour at the home of Donna and Lyn Swanson. Lyn raises heirloom tomatoes and peppers for retail.

Other:

A mistake was made in the Waupaca County Fair book. There is no listing for open class in flowers and vegetables. There will be an open class for flowers and vegetables.

Barbara Koehnke is resigning from editor of the newsletter in August. We need someone willing to take over the newsletter. Tom and Ila Sanders will continue to print, assemble, and mail the newsletter to members.

Mosquito Hill is renovating a garden for a native plant garden. Members are asked to donate native plants. A "wish" list of plants was passed around. June 9 will be a planting date for this garden at Mosquito Hill. The Executive committee approved \$199 for purchasing native plants.

Bill Johnson needs volunteers for the Waupaca Area Garden Walk and Art Stroll June 23 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Jeff Weasner will have metal plant markers and permanent garden markers for sale at the plant sale.

Hope MacIntyre was a winner in the March spring bulb puzzler published in the Wisconsin Master Gardener Association newsletter.

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May Meeting Notes *(Continued)*

Deb Krogwold reminded members of the spring plant sale and the guidelines for the plant sale. Sale posters and window blinds for plant markers were passed out. The plant sale is held at the fair grounds in Weyauwega. Plants should be brought to the Multipurpose Building/Showing at the Waupaca County Fairgrounds on June 2 from 1 to 4 p.m. The plant sale is Sunday, June 3 starting at 8 a.m. Volunteers are needed for the sale.

Executive Meeting: No meeting is scheduled for June.

The meeting was adjourned, moved by Lyle Mork and seconded by Patty Leiskau.



Newsletter Editor Needed

Submitted by Barbara Koehnke

One of the greatest joys of being a Waupaca County Master Gardener member for the past 8 years was being the editor of our newsletter for the last 7-1/2 years.

I enjoyed the computer work, seeking out horticulture articles to fill in 'white space', reading first-hand articles that members submitted, and working closely with Greg Blonde and the board members. In 1999 when I mentioned to one of our 26 members that I would gladly help out with any typing needed... those words of volunteerism promptly promoted me to editor of our newsletter. I had grown to like what I was doing more and more each year.

Since moving to Appleton last September, attending monthly meetings and remaining active in the WCMG hasn't worked out for me and I feel too much 'out of the loop' to do justice to our great organization. Consequently, the August issue will be my last (unless someone comes forward before).

If you prefer not to do physical labor to get your hours in, if you like working on the computer, are

flexible but organized (to some degree!!), then taking over as editor is one of the best ways to accumulate service hours and to keep up with what's happening within our association.

The duties of newsletter editor have been divided nicely, and presently Tom and Ila Sanders are doing the printing, assembling and mailing after I send them via email, the master file. They have most graciously agreed to continue doing this part if someone else will take over the editor part.

Contact a board member if you have an interest in working on the newsletter. It can easily be done by one person, but if two or more people are willing to work together that would just double the fun!



June is Invasive Species Awareness Month

Submitted by Bill Johnson

June 2007 marks the 3rd Annual Invasive Species Awareness Month (ISAM). The emphasis is to recognize the opportunities we all have to join forces and "take action against the introduction and spread of invasive species."

Visit the Wisconsin Council on Invasive Species website (<http://invasivespecies.wi.gov>) for ISAM information, including scheduled events and details about the Woodland Field Days. Click on "Complete Event Listing" on the right-hand side bar. The Woodland Field Days are new this year and will highlight invasive species threatening Wisconsin's woodlands. They will be held throughout the state and will show landowners, recreational users and forest workers the damage invasive species can cause forests.

Also, our Waupaca County Master Gardener "Invasive Plant Species" project is working during May and June on a Garlic Mustard survey to determine the location of infestations of this invasive plant in the southern and eastern

townships of Waupaca County. These townships are adjacent to Outagamie, Winnebago and Waushara Counties where Garlic Mustard is more common and spreading in our direction. Already we have identified a number of Garlic Mustard infestations in the Hartman Creek State Park and Chain O' Lakes areas.



2007 Waupaca Area Garden Walk and Art Stroll

Submitted by Bill Johnson

Ten local gardens (nine private and one public) will be opened to visitors during the annual Waupaca Area Garden Walk and Art Stroll on Saturday, June 23. From 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., participants can stroll through gardens and meet with the gardeners, viewing their annuals, perennials, garden structures, fountains and ponds. Several area artists will also be displaying and demonstrating their work at the gardens. Art and plants will be on sale at some of the sites.

Tickets to the Garden Walk and Art Stroll are \$8 in advance and \$10 on the day of the event. Advance tickets are available at the Waupaca Area Chamber of Commerce, Silver Mist Garden Center, Gold'n Country Gifts, and White Lake Greenhouse and Nursery. Tickets will also be available at the private gardens on the day of the event.

Proceeds from the 2007 Garden Walk and Art Stroll will benefit four Waupaca area Garden Clubs: Waupaca, Scandinavia, Iola and Ogdensburg.

Master Gardener Volunteers have an opportunity to volunteer and serve at one of the nine private gardens. Time periods are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. This is an approved project for community service. If you want to volunteer, but have not as yet signed up, please contact Sally Marchel Handrich, Kate Saunders or Bill Johnson.



Gardeners Calendar

June 2007

Invasive Species Awareness Month, Wisconsin

Governor Doyle has declared June as the third annual Invasive Species Awareness Month and has recognized this as an opportunity for all of us to join forces and "take action against the introduction and spread of invasive species". For more info contact Rachel Orwan, Invasive Species Awareness Month Coordinator, at (715) 462-9614.

June 7, 7:30 p.m. central and June 24, 2:30 p.m. central - NEW! "Healthy Weeds"

Learn how to physically remove dandelions from the backyard without the use of chemicals. Also on the program, learn why you might not want to get rid of dandelions. From soup to salad to fritters, dandelions are delicious and good for you. Gardeners are excited about a new hot plant for shady gardens, hardy ornamental bamboo. We'll learn more about this exciting import from China with Glenn Spevacek of Green Bay. The program also features step-by-step instructions for installing a rain barrel. It's good for the environment and for the garden.

June 23, 2007

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June 29, 2007 (12:00 noon) Mycorrhizas in the Urban Landscape

Brown Bag Program (contact your local UW County Extension Office for access). What are mycorrhizas and why are they important? Dr. Kevin Kosola, Assistant Professor, UW

Department of Horticulture, discusses the associations between the fine feeder roots of plants and certain soil borne fungi (mycorrhiza). The association may result in a nutritional benefit to both the host plant and fungus. With the recognition of the benefits of mycorrhiza, including nutrition assistance and aid in battling harmful pathogens, artificial inoculations have been suggested. But often the soils may be impoverished and cannot support mycorrhiza due to soil compaction, poor organic content, and a lack of soil nutrients. Join us for a discussion about mycorrhiza and what you can do to enhance the success of there survival.

July 9-11, 2007

Art in the Garden -- The Garden in Art, Marshfield

Take one, two or more classes during this three day hands-on program at Foxfire Gardens. Some of the classes scheduled include: wreath topiaries, large perennial sale, edible flower luncheon, waterfall construction and more. For more information or to be placed on the mailing list, contact The Office of Continuing Education at UW-Marshfield at (715) 389-6520.

July 13-14, 2007

Garden Parade, Stevens Point

The Portage Co. MGA along with Children's Service Society of WI will showcase 7 gardens in the Portage Co. area in their 10th annual Garden Parade from 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Friday and 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday. Entertainment, demonstrations and a Quilt Raffle, (donated by the Piecemaker's Living Room Group). For more information contact Joanne West.

July 13-14, 2007

6th Annual Garden Walk, Wausau

The North Central Wisconsin MGA will have 5 beautiful gardens in Wausau (2), Marathon (1) and Athens (2) on their 6th annual Garden Walk from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Friday and 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday. \$8 advance, \$10 day of event. For a complete listing of gardens and advance ticket sales locations visit the Marathon Co. UWEX's webpage on the Garden

Walk. For more information contact Mary Slagoski at (715) 261-1231.

July 14, 2007

Manitowoc County Garden Walk, Northern Manitowoc Co.,

The Manitowoc County UW-Extension MGs present this bi-annual event featuring six gardens, showcasing Northern Manitowoc County, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Adults and children over 12 are welcome. \$5 tickets will be sold at the gardens, with proceeds going toward educational programs. For more information contact Judy Vogel at (920) 732-3864.

July 14, 2007

Garden Walk, Wisconsin Rapids

This walk, organized by the Wood Co. MGA, is from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For more information contact Denise Larson at (715) 887-3706 or Linda Baer at (715) 384-3024.



A Tussie Mussie for the June Bride

In Victorian times, every bride had to have a tussie mussie to symbolize all her hopes and dreams for her marriage.



A tussie mussie is a little bouquet with bound stems, made of traditional flowers and herbs with symbolic meanings. To make one, begin with a rosebud in the middle (red for passion, white for purity). Surround it with meaningful plants such as rosemary for remembrance, sage for virtue, lavender for devotion, myrtle for everlasting love, ivy for friendship.

Tuck in a few orange blossoms for fertility and carnations for love. Bind the stems with florist's tape, add a pretty bow, and place in a special tussie mussie holder, a fancy paper doily, or a lovely, lacy, antique hanky.



Keep plastic wrap in the refrigerator to prevent it from ever sticking together.

Summer Potato Salad

8 medium sized potatoes, peeled or unpeeled, quartered, cooked until tender. (Do not overcook.)

4 boiled eggs

1/3 c. diced red or green onion

1/2 c. diced celery

1/2 c. diced cucumber or pickles

Dressing

3/4 c. mayonnaise or salad dressing

1/4 cup sour cream

1/4 c. vinegar

1-1/2 tsp. sugar

1/2 tsp. salt

Pepper to taste

1/2 tsp. prepared mustard

1/2 tsp. basil

1/2 tsp. garlic powder

Paprika and parsley flakes

In a large bowl, dice the cooked potatoes and eggs, add the onion, celery and cucumber.

In a small bowl, combine all the dressing ingredients until well blended. Pour dressing on the potato mixture.

Sprinkle with paprika and parsley. Cover and chill.



Rhubarb Stalks Exposed to Frost Can be Toxic

Source, Dr Barbara Ingham, Associate Professor Food Science, UW Madison

Rhubarb is a popular vegetable grown for its leaf stalks which are very tart and sought after for making jams, jellies and especially pies. The leaves are very large and showy in the garden but are inedible due to oxalic acid and oxalic content which can cause poisoning.

Given the late hard freezes in the area this April, there has been damage to rhubarb plantings across the state. Rhubarb emerges early in the spring, and frost or hard-freeze damage is a common occurrence. Gardeners can take some steps to protect plants by covering them. In response to freezing temperatures, the oxalic acid in the leaves will translocate (move) to the rhubarb stalk. Once frozen, the leaf tissue will initially appear 'water soaked' and then wilt, and eventually blacken along the edges or where tissue was damaged. Once the plant experiences a damaging freeze, the stalks should not be eaten, and should be removed from the plant. Eventually a new set of leaves will emerge, and no permanent damage is done to the plant. A mature plant should yield another crop of stalks within four to six weeks.



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