



UW Extension Waupaca County

Master Gardener Newsletter

May 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*



May 11 – Wild Ones: Native Plants, Natural Landscapes Presentation

Want to know more about an organization in our area
that works to preserve our native plant species? Come
join Dan Dieterich, President of the Central Wisconsin
Chapter of Wild Ones, for an introduction to the Wild
Ones organization and activities in our area.

May 11 – 6:00 p.m. Plant Sale Committee Meeting



The refreshment committee is no longer providing
soda, juice, etc. to drink. Bring your own beverage.
A pot of coffee will be made for the Courthouse
meetings.



Happy
Mother's Day!

May in the Garden

Yard

- Seed new lawns while nights are still cool and spring precipitation is still on the way.
- Control dandelions and creeping Charlie by applying herbicide before seed heads are formed.
- Convert lawn clippings to compost.
- Apply a crabgrass preventative to your lawn before crabgrass emerges, which is typically when lilacs are in bloom (normally early May).

Garden

- Apply a pre-emergent weed control in your shrub and perennial planting beds to control weed growth.
- Work fertilizer into vegetable and flower beds before they are planted.
- Prune lilacs after they have flowered.
- Begin apple tree spray program after blossoms drop.
- Control Birch Leaf Miner after bud break.
- Fertilize roses and begin weekly preventative maintenance program against black spot and powdery mildew.
- Plant bedding plants and tender vegetables after danger of frost.
- Mulch flower gardens to conserve moisture, reduce weed growth and maintenance.
- Dig and divide fall blooming perennials before top growth gets too tall. Move perennials every three years to prevent them from overcrowding. (Good time to think about our June Plant Sale!)

Bulbs

- Deadhead spring bulbs when they are done flowering; this directs energy back into the bulb.
- Discard tulips that only produced large leaves and no flowers.

Pinch Now

- Pinch the tips off garden phlox, asters, and mums to encourage the stems to branch for bushy growth and even more bloom. Repeat before July 1.
- Basil should be pinched to encourage branching and the flowers removed as they form. The best time to harvest herbs for drying is shortly before bloom.

Vegetables

- Plant onion sets, carrots, beets, chard, leaf lettuce, peas, potatoes, radishes, and spinach.



President's Letter

Submitted by Susan Finkel

Welcome to May!

I'm working on spring cleaning this month. Last weekend I cleaned out my bedroom closet and discovered a long lost pair of shoes. At one point in my life, it was necessary for me to buy a pair of suede turquoise pumps. Of course, I bought them on clearance! And, I also had at the time, what seemed to be the perfect outfit to wear them with. That was before I was a master gardener! I'm sure many of you have made those same sorts of purchases. I find myself still making them, only for plants in my garden.

This weekend, I'll work on cleaning out more of my garden beds, and while I can guarantee I won't find any turquoise pairs of shoes, I don't know if I'll remember which perennials I planted in which spots either. (Note to self: Buy garden markers at the plant sale and use them.)

Hey, have you bought a cookbook yet? This is the time of year when I get really bored with all of the stuff I usually make...I'm on the hunt for new recipes. I know all of the MG's are great cooks... so I'll just pull out that cookbook and find something! Jolene tells me we have 300 cookbooks left to sell... while that may seem like a lot (ok it is), we are close to the breakeven point in terms of making a profit. Let's make this a goal for the coming month... if each member sold only THREE cookbooks we'd be EVEN. (And, Mother's Day is coming up...buy one for your mother-in-law, or daughter-in-law!) (And one for yourself!) Have a great May!

Susan



Give Seeds to the Hungry

Submitted by Carol Spiegelberg

We need a lot of seeds so it's essential we get everyone's help.



The County Food Pantry Clients Garden Project is currently underway. Flyers have been distributed, tomato and pepper plants are growing, information booklets are ready, and the compost and fertilizer have been ordered. What we need are lots of donated seeds. We need at least 300 packets of direct sown vegetable and flower seeds, plus onion sets and flower bulbs/tubers.

Urgently needed are: bush beans, green or yellow, carrots, squash, winter and summer, lettuce, cucumber, beets, sweet corn, watermelon, muskmelon, radish, and flower seeds such as zinnias, marigolds, aster, etc.

The distribution dates are the last full week of May so please bring your donations to the May meeting. Your help will benefit so many in our county.



Spring Plant Sale, June 4

Submitted by Lyle Mork,
Spring Plant Sale Chairperson

Reminder:

We still need volunteers for Saturday, June 3, to help with setting up the tables, setting plants on tables, pricing plants, etc.

Please bring your potted plants, garden accents, books, etc., for this sale to the Waupaca County Fairgrounds by 4:00 p.m. Enter the fairgrounds at the southern gate on South Street.

Anyone needing pots please call me at 715-445-5795 and we will get them to you. We have all sizes from 4" up through 3 gallons.

We also need additional volunteers for the sale on Sunday, June 4.

Everyone's cooperation is greatly appreciated and thanks in advance

to everyone for all the help, plants, and other sale items donated. This is truly a group effort.

There will be a Plant Sale Committee meeting at 6:00 p.m., prior to the May meeting. All committee members are asked to attend.



Help Wanted

Historian... Barb Lamb needs someone to work with her on compiling news items and pictures for our WCMG historian books. Contact Barb at 920-982-5762, blam1@athenet.net.

Newsletter... Barbara Koehnke would like someone to back her up when the need occurs, or to help in getting the newsletter ready for mailing. If you are interested, contact her at 920-667-4985 or blupine@centurytel.net

Spring Plant Sale ...Lyle Mork needs more workers for the Spring Plant Sale for set-up on Saturday, June 3, and for the day of the sale, Sunday, June 4. Sign up at the May meeting or call Lyle at 715-445-5795.

Waupaca Children's Garden... Volunteering is essential to the program's success. Contact Kathy Erickson, 715-258-8407 or Pam Nitke after 5 p.m. at 715-258-3641.

New London Children's Garden...

Volunteers are needed. Contact Sue King at 920-982-7696.

New London's Friday Garden Group...

Contact Judy or Lee Shaw at 920-982-9800 if you can volunteer your time.

Iola Children's Garden...

Volunteers are needed. Contact Chris Ross at 715-445-4686 if you are able to help.



April Meeting Notes

Submitted by Rebecca
Weber Schmoll,
Secretary



Attendance: Leigh Braatz, Lorry Brace, Dorethy DeWild, Joleen Diley, Kathy Erickson, Susan Finkel, Gloria Gruer, Steve Hart, Becky Hinz, Bill Johnson, Carol Johnson, Nancy Johnson, Sue King, Barbara Koehnke, Peggy Kramer, Terry Kramer, Barb Lamb, Patti Leiskau, Sally Marchel Handrich, Colleen McCoy, Jan Mead, Michelle Molenda-Schroth, Lyle Mork, Pam Nitke, Barb Nollenberg, Pat Ritchie, Katherine Saunders, Joan Schmitt, Judy Shaw, Lee Shaw, Carol Spiegelberg, Jeff Weasner, Nancy Weasner, Rebecca Weber Schmoll, Carol West-Dahl, Suzanne Wozniak, Connie Jess Zolkoske

A program on the various Children's Gardens was presented by members who volunteer at Iola, Waupaca, and New London, including the new garden being developed for older children. Gloria Gruer also shared various annual flower seeds.

President Susan Finkel called the meeting to order after the presentation. After her welcoming remarks, Susan reminded members of the parking lot idea for any matters needing more discussion. Members were asked to write their name on a slip of paper when a motion was made or seconded. Giving this information to the secretary at the end of the meeting will help assure accuracy of meeting minutes. The secretary read the executive meeting minutes. March minutes were approved by Gloria Gruer and seconded by Dort DeWild.

Colleen McCoy gave the **treasurer report** in the checking account.

Pat Ritchie gave the **state rep report**. She reported on the state conference. Twenty-nine counties had members attending the conference. Between twenty-five to thirty Waupaca MGs were at the conference. Attendance was about 440 people. The silent auction

raised approximately \$3,900, and the raffle raised approximately \$3,000. There is not yet a total dollar amount on income from this conference. Approximately \$400 worth of cookbooks and promotional items were sold. Thank you notes were sent to all those who donated items for the silent auction.

Pat reported that the Eau Claire Master Gardener Club would be hosting the conference in the fall of 2007. There will be a gourd contest then. Members should grow their gourds this gardening season to use them for the decorated gourd contest. More details will be forthcoming. It is hoped this conference will attract 600 people and 150 exhibitors. Those interested in sending hurricane relief money to MGs in the South can do so.

Mini fact sheets will be shared at the spring plant sale. These fact sheets are also on the Master Gardener web site.

Pat also reported that on May 13 in Weyauwega there will be a sale in the Educational Building. Groups are invited to sell items with a \$10 rental charge for three feet of selling space.

Committee Reports:

Cookbooks: Cookbooks were sold at the conference. There are still some cookbooks remaining to be sold.

Getting to Know You: The Program Committee (Nancy Johnson and Suzanne Wozniak) reported on activities planned for the future. May's meeting will be the "Wild Ones," June's meeting will be held at Lorry Brace's home with a tour of her gardens, July's meeting will be held at Lyle Mork's home with a tour of his gardens, The August meeting will be at the Waupaca Children's Garden, and September's meeting will have as guest speaker, Susan Mahr. Other activities are in planning stages.

Refreshments: Names of those members responsible for bringing

treats to the meeting will be listed in the newsletter. Four members will be asked for each month. Members are reminded to bring their own beverage to the meeting. Coffee will usually be made for the meetings held at the courthouse.

Courthouse Planter: Because of security concerns, members working on the courthouse planters must work at the courthouse. Planters are outside the buildings' doors facing the parking lot. There is also a cacti planter on the third floor of the courthouse.

Book Review: Not available this month.

Old Business:

Plant Sale Guidelines: Lyle Mork is the chairman of this year's spring plant sale. Sign-up sheets for working the plant sale were passed out, along with posters advertising the sale. These posters should be posted in businesses and other prominent locations. Labels for marking the potted plants were also available. Guidelines from the Plant Sale Policies and Guidelines should be followed when potting up plants. Pot your plants two weeks ahead of the sale and water. Put your member number on your plant label. Remember to put packaging tape on your plant label to seal out moisture. New pricing guidelines are in place. Nothing will be priced less than one dollar.

Member Survey: Members were asked to return their completed surveys. Kathy Akey will tabulate the results of these surveys.

New Business:

Tri-county: Discussion was held on our continued involvement with the tri-county group. These are Master Gardener groups from Outagamie, Winnebago, and Waupaca counties. After holding the state conference last month, discussion followed as to whether we will continue in this partnership. It was moved by Barb Lamb and

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Meeting Notes *(Continued)*

seconded by Patti Leiskau to put this issue in the parking lot.

Executive Meeting Schedule:

The executive meeting will be held April 26 at the Coffee Klatsch in Weyauwega at 6:30 p.m.

Program Approval: The Friday Garden Goup in New London is a new children's garden geared for the older children. Additional money is needed for this project. Approval was given to provide \$200 to this project. Motion was carried with Lorrie Brace moving and Sue King seconding.

Summer Project Sign Up Sheets:

Please sign up to help Carol Spiegelberg with seeds for the hungry and the food pantries.

Another project discussed was the Invasive Plant Project by Bill Johnson. There are three elements to this project: education, identification (30 species invasive plants in Wisconsin), and management.

June 24 is the Waupaca Art Stroll. Workers are needed in the nine gardens on this garden stroll. Volunteer hours can be earned for working at this event.

Other New Business: A co-chairman is needed for the fall plant sale. Barb Lamb has volunteered to be the chairman for this sale.

The scholarship committee has mailed applications to all schools.

To Do List: The web page needs to be updated and should be done by September.

Faye Wilson is working on the by-law revisions. The rental agreement has been typed up and discussed at the executive meeting.

Correspondence: Thank you notes were received from the River Road Community Gardens in Iola, the Waupaca Area Food Bank, and the Clintonville Area Food Bank for money donated.

Lee Shaw made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Joan Schmitt.

Respectfully, Rebecca Weber Schmall



June Is Invasive Species Awareness Month

Submitted by Bill Johnson

The Wisconsin State Legislature created the Wisconsin Council on Invasive Species in 2005. Governor James Doyle appointed 13 members and declared June as "Invasive Species Awareness Month (ISAM)." This emphasis continues in June 2006 as the 2nd Annual event. The Council's mission is to prevent and reduce the harmful impacts of invasive species on Wisconsin's environment and economy, as well as on human well-being.

During ISAM, numerous field trips, workshops, presentations and work parties will be held throughout the state. The goal is to create a statewide alliance of non-profit conservation groups who will work together to inundate Wisconsin citizens with the message "the presence of invasive species is an important issue to confront!"

So, GET INVOLVED! Check out the statewide calendar of events, by county, at the following website and consider participating: www.invasivespecies.wi.gov/awareness.

Additional awareness resources: Invasive Plants Association of Wisconsin (IPAW) – www.ipaw.org/invaders Wisconsin DNR – www.dnr.state.wi.us/invasives



Purple Loosestrife Wetland Field Trip

Submitted by Bill Johnson

The WDNR and UW Extension offer free public field trips in May and June to encourage everyone to visit a local wetland infested with purple loosestrife (PL) and recovering through the use of

biocontrol. On Wednesday, May 17, a field trip is scheduled starting at 3:00 p.m. and ending at 6:00 p.m. at South Park in Waupaca, meeting in the parking lot at the south end of Main Street.

Participants can learn about this invasive plant and how to distinguish PL from a variety of native plants. Also, participants can see biocontrol beetles and/or the damage they do to PL and ask questions about the biocontrol program. They may also be able to personally help to collect beetles for local PL biocontrol work.

Participants are required to register by contacting Brock Woods, DNR, by phone or e-mail, and leaving your name, trip date/place, and e-mail address or phone number. Contact Brock Woods at 608-221-6349, or by e-mail address brock.woods@dnr.state.wi.us Pre-registration is required. Clothing and boots suitable for spring weather in wet habitats should be worn.



Member Survey

Submitted by Kathy Akey

To date, we have received only 26 surveys. As a reminder, if you haven't already done so, please return your survey to me by the May meeting. Send to Kathy Akey, N2741 Forest View Lane, Clintonville, WI 54929. I will also have copies at the May meeting for those who need them.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



May Birthdays

*Submitted by
Connie Jess Zolkoske*

- 5/5 Carol Spiegelberg
- 5/13 Bill Johnson
- 5/20 Trish Feldman
- 5/21 Candy Hilker



Iola Children's Garden – 2006 Schedule

Classes are held at the River Road Community Gardens located across from the new Wastewater Treatment Plant on River Road in Iola. Weekly gardening days are on Fridays from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. Contact person: Chris Ross, 715-445-4686.

- June 9..... Orientation & Planting
- June 16..... Plant Those Seeds
- June 23..... Mmmm-Dirt Cake
- June 30..... Let's Build Scarecrows
- July 7..... Worms & Compost
- July 14..... Garden Magic/Party!
- July 21..... Let's Hunt Bugs
- July 28..... The Water Cycle
- August 4..... Container Gardening
- August 11... Let's Make Bird Feeders
- August 18... Garden Arrangements
- August 25... Harvest Day/Party!



Waupaca Children's Garden – 2006 Schedule

Gardening days are held at Swan Park, located off Hwy 49 north (Harrison Street). Prior to crossing over the bridge, turn left onto Timber Drive to stop sign. Turn right onto Brainerd Road and watch for the sign to Swan Park. Weekly gardening days are Wednesdays, 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. Contact people are Kathy Erickson, 715-258-8407 and Pam Nitke after 5:00 p.m., 715-258-3641.

- 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
- July 5..... Leap Frog Contest!
- July 12..... Tea Party in the Garden
- July 19..... Celebrate our Scarecrow's Birthday
- July 26..... Home "Tweet" Home
- August 2.... Let's go on a Worm Hunt & Eat Dirt Cake
- August 9.... Good Morning Solar Energy
- August 16... Watermelon Seed Spitting Contest
- August 23... Who Wants to Bean a Billionaire?
- August 30... Harvest Day: Let's Make Stone Soup with Vegetables From our Gardens. Family Day with Awards & Certificates!



New London Children's Garden – 2006 Schedule

Gardening Days for the youth are held at Pfeifer Park on Fridays from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. Contact Sue King or the Parks & Rec. Department, 920-982-8521.

- 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"
- July 7..... Tea Party in the Garden
- July 14..... Let's go on a Worm Hunt
- July 21..... Celebrate our Scarecrow's Birthday
- July 28..... Fiesta Day – OLE
- August 4... Watermelon Seed Spitting Contest
- August 11.. "Tweet Tweet" Making a Bird Feeder
- August 18... You're Full of Beans or Who Wants to Bean a Billionaire?
- August 25... Harvest Day: Let's Make Stone Soup. Family Day with Awards & Certificates!



PLANT SALE

Sunday, June 4, 2006
8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The Master Gardener Spring Plant Sale will be held at the Waupaca County Fairgrounds in Weyauwega.

- Bring your plants and garden items for the sale to the fairgrounds by 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 3, 2006.
- Enter the grounds at the south gate.
- Leftover plants and other items must be picked up at the end of the sale. A written request must be made asking for the return of those plants and items; otherwise anything left over will be given to Waupaca County Master Gardener garden projects such as children's gardens, Courthouse planters, fairground gardens, etc. If you don't want your items marked down in price, please state so in writing.
- Be sure to pot up your plants far enough in advance of the sale so they will look attractive and healthy.
- Remove any weeds from around the plants before you pot them up.
- Make sure all pertinent information, along with the plants common and botanical name is on the plant label. Our goal is to have the appropriate plant in the appropriate pot.
- More help is needed both on Saturday and Sunday... please contact Lyle Mork if you haven't signed up yet. The sign-up sheet will be at the May meeting!



Waupaca Are Garden Walk

Source, Shelly Graziano Christie

The Waupaca Area Garden Walk & Art Stroll will be held June 24, 2006. Six to eight homes in the Waupaca area will be featuring beautiful landscapes and charming art. Tickets are \$8 in advance, \$10 the day of the event. Tickets will be available in May and June at Waupaca Area Chamber office, Thompson's Nursery, and Silver Mist Garden Center.

Volunteers are needed to help the day of the event from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 pm.

Please contact Shelly if you are interested in helping.
shellychristie@sbcglobal.net
Home phone & fax: 715-256-4145
Cell phone: 920-427-8700



Waupaca Library Volunteer Opportunity

Each spring the Waupaca Area Public Library puts bedding plants in the outdoor planter in front of the library. If any member(s) would be interested in planting and caring for this small bed as a community service, please contact Sue Abrahamson at the library.
sabraham@mail.owls.lib.wi.us



Gardeners Calendar

May 6, 2006

Wood County MGs Plant Sale, Wisconsin Rapids
9-12:00 Noon. 715-421-8440

May 13, 2006

Plant Sale, Winneconne
10th Annual Perennial Plant Sale.
8:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m. 318 N. 5th St. Winneconne. Perennials for sun and shade, hostas daylilies, wild flowers, shrubs, sedum, succulents, bulbs, amaryllis, cannas and more. More gardeners, more plants, more selection. Phone 920-582-7159

May 19, 2006 (12:00 noon)

Planning Hedge Plantings for the Landscape - Brown Bag Program
(contact your local UW County Extension Office for access).

Hedges can be an attractive and functional part of a home landscape. Hedges may be used to mark boundaries, provide barriers, privacy, and screening, or serve as a windbreak. Herbaceous plants, grasses, trees and shrubs are well suited for hedges, but the selection of specific plant materials should be made by considering the particular purpose of the hedge, potential beauty and growing conditions at the desired site. Join Bob Tomesh, UW-Extension Specialist in a discussion of the different aspects of hedge plantings.

May 20, 2006

Wood County MGs Plant Sale, Marshfield
9-12:00 Noon. 715-421-8440

May 20, 2006

SEW MGs Plant Sale, Milwaukee
Held at the State Fair Park, 8-1:00 p.m. 414-290-2400

May 20, 2006

Barron County MGs Plant Sale, Rice Lake
Starts at 8:00 a.m. 715-637-1307

May 20, 2006

Portage County MGs Plant Sale, Stevens Point
Held Rettler Corp., 8-11:00 a.m. 715-345-9776

May 20, 2006

Festival of Spring, Oshkosh
Held at the Paine Art Center and Gardens., 8-4:00 p.m.

May 28, 2006 (2:00 p.m. Central)
Gardening and Cooking with Herbs, WPT

Shelley Ryan takes a tour of an herb garden designed for cooking and teas. We learn about designing an herb garden and steeping herbs to use in tea and a variety of desserts. Susan Beno in Green Bay creates herb butters, chutneys and salsas. Herbs aren't just for cooking. Learn how to use herbs to dye silk scarves.

June 3, 2006

Outagamie County MGs Plant Sale, Appleton
Held at the UWEX Building 8-5:00 p.m. Call Carol at 920-766-2961.

June 4, 2006

Waupaca County MGs Plant Sale, Weyauwega
8-2:00 p.m.. Call Lyle at 715-445-5795. See page in this newsletter.

Song Sparrow Tour – June 17

Submitted by Meg Hunsader, Outagamie Master Gardener

We have been invited to Klehm's Song Sparrow in Avalon for a morning of shopping. They are opening specially for us since Dave Wanninger presented at our state conference in March. They are not normally open to the public. I have catalogs for people who are 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. For more information, go to www.songsparrow.com.

We plan to be at Song Sparrow from 9:00 to 10:30. In order to have more time to shop, everyone should bring their own lunch. If people have special plastic crates for their plants it would be great. They can also bring water for their plants. They should have their name marked on their crates.



UW Plant Disease Diagnostics:

www.plantpath.wisc.edu/pddc/

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

UW Publications Web Site:

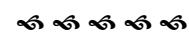
<http://www1.uwex.edu/ces/pubs/>

MG Web Site:

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

UW Garden Facts:

www.wihort.uwex.edu/



Web Site Update

Submitted by Susan Finkel

Hey folks, we're still looking for someone to update our website. The site does not need to be created, just updated... perhaps you have a college or high school person living at your house this summer who needs a "project"...this would be great! If interested, please contact Susan at finkel@uwosh.edu.



Compost Bin & Kitchen Pail

Bins and pails are being offered at the Waupaca County PTF & Waupaca County Courthouse.

Bins cost \$43, handbook is included. 13 cu. ft., easy to assemble, locking lid, 2 access doors.

Pails cost \$18 and have a heavy-duty handle and lid. 5 qt. stainless steel, easy to clean, attractive. Does not absorb food odors.

Available at the Processing & Transfer Facility on E4981 Swan Road in Manawa, or the Waupaca County Courthouse starting May 1 until sold out



Over Time, You'll Change, Too

Source, Gardener Magazine

As your garden matures over the years, you will too. Someday you won't have as much strength and stamina for heavy work such as digging beds, spreading loads of mulch, dividing and relocating plants, or making and using big piles of compost. Fortunately, established gardens don't require as much of this work as new ones do, and you can always get help if you need it. But if you foresee diminished energy as a problem, plan ahead and start filling more and more of your garden with long-term, low-maintenance plantings of shrubs, ground covers, and carefree perennials.

Harder to predict but just as likely are changes in interest. You may get bored or discontented with plants you used to love, and decide you don't want to bother with them anymore. You might want everything else to 'take care of itself' while you pursue an obsession with lilies, bonsai, gold foliage, flowers for hummingbirds, or the ultimate tomato.

Who knows, now that so many Americans have discovered the joys of gardening, it's fun to watch how we diverge and develop, and it will be fascinating to see where we end up.



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