



**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. 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



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



October 12 – Make & Take, Meeting

See Suzanne's article in this newsletter regarding additional sessions available.



November 9 –Election of Officers

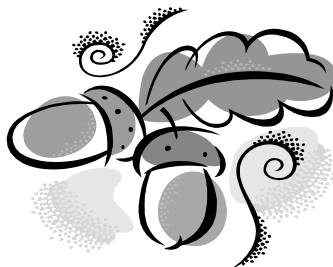


December 14 - Christmas Party!



Some Simple Pleasures...

- A walk through the woods in October.
- Receiving a letter from a faraway friend.
- Playing board games on a cool fall night.
- Tapping your foot to a favorite tune.
- A hot fudge sundae.



October in the Garden

Home

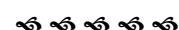
- Water indoor plants less frequently and discontinue fertilizing. Plants slow down growing for the winter.
- Poinsettias saved from last year can be encouraged to reflower for this year's holiday season by providing complete darkness for 15 hours daily beginning about October 11 until about December 10.

Yard

- Keep plants, especially newly planted ones, well watered until the ground freezes.
- Rake large leaves such as maple and oak, to prevent them from matting down and smothering the grass. Run the mower over them a couple of times.
- Have soil ready for mounding over roses for winter protection. Do not mound or cover the roses until about November 10.
- Weedkiller to kill creeping Charlie and dandelions will be more effective now than at any other time of the year. Spot treat only where it's needed unless weeds are widespread. Then use a combination weed and feed product early in the month to fertilize and control weeds. This is actually the only time of year when the timing is acceptable for both the weed killer and the fertilizer in these products.

Garden

- Harvest root crops and store.
- Harvest brussel sprouts as they develop.
- Harvest pumpkins and winter squash when the rind is hard and fully colored but before frost. Store in a cool location.
- Harvest gourds when stem begins to brown and dry. Cure at 70-80 degrees for 2-4 weeks.
- Let asparagus fronds stand to collect snow unless insects or disease were a problem, then remove.
- Dig and store tender flowering bulbs and tubers for the winter.
- Remove debris from the vegetable garden. Compost the debris.
- Have garden soil tested for fertilizer needs every 3-5 years.
- Plant spring flowering bulbs.



President's Letter

Submitted by Susan Finkel

Welcome to October.



The sun is shining today but there is a definite chill to the air. Folks, we have to face it, fall is here...and you know what that means! Back in the "olden days" as I always tell my students, when I taught preschool, October was one of my favorite months! I know more October-related songs and fingerplays than most folks I know...don't ask me to demonstrate, cuz you know I will!

I want to tell you about my Dad this month, who taught me many wise lessons in life. My Dad was a farmer almost his whole life who was lucky enough to be able to go to ninth grade because he broke his arm that fall and wouldn't have been any help! He still is one of the smartest people I know! My parents raised five kids on a small dairy farm...we always had enough food, enough clothes and enough books! We learned important lessons about the difference between WANT and NEED... I might have WANTED those Calvin Klein jeans so I would look just like Brooke Shields (remember, this was the 70's folks!) but what I NEEDED were pants to wear to school. I was thinking about my Dad and the lessons he taught us as I drove home from our meeting last month.

Our group of Master Gardeners faces some big challenges in the coming months and years. It wasn't too long ago that we were a small group, who didn't have much money in our budget, who didn't know a lot about writing and receiving grants. Our group is very different today. We are larger, both in number and in dollar! We need to keep our members connected and active in the group, and we need to establish better systems for managing our budgets! We had a very good discussion about budgets and grant writing and procedures at our executive

committee meeting, and we'll be sharing those decisions at our October meeting.

October and November are big months for us! The slate of officers will be presented at the October meeting, and we'll have elections in November. We'll sign up for committees and projects in October and budgets will need to be proposed in November. The executive committee will review proposed budgets in December and formalize a budget to be presented to the group in January.

I really appreciate the opportunities we have for open conversation in our group! I'm looking forward to seeing all of you in October!

Susan



Happy Birthday to the
October Birthday People!

*Submitted by Connie Jess
Zolkoske*



- 10/6 Lynn Owen
- 10/16 Michelle Molenda-Schroth
- 10/16....Dorrie Hipschman
- 10/17....Leigh Braatz
- 10/18....Colleen McCoy
- 10/21....Kathy Erickson
- 10/24....Carol Johnson



By-Law Revisions

Submitted by Faye Wilson

The following revisions made to the by-laws are to be printed in the October newsletter, open for discussion at our meeting, and then voted on at the November meeting.

Article IX. Committees

~~Section 6. Funding for Special Committees shall be by contribution. Shortfalls may be covered by the General fund.~~
Funding for the additional committees/projects identified in Section 5 will be a part of the annual budget. All unused budgeted funds not used during the fiscal year shall revert

back to the general fund. Grant project funds would follow the project and not be bound by the fiscal year unless specified by the grant funder.

Section 7. The Board may form special committees as needed. Funding for special committees shall be by contribution. Shortfalls may be covered by the General Fund.



Fall Plant Sale Report

Submitted by Barb Lamb, Chairperson

Thank you to all for the tremendous response, we had a great selection of items, wonderful setup, sales and cleanup participation with a great blend of experienced and beginning helpers.

Please remember to always sign in on these projects. This is one of those insurance things, and it helps determine our coverage and participation.

Re: Bulbs. The supplier had problems with his shipments and sale materials being tied up in New York. The quality was good and well received by our customers. However more pictures and open stock will be the only way to sell next time.

The manual prepared by Lyle is great and I plan to add some recommendations for the next chairperson.

Total: about \$2400 net.



Helpful Hints

Barb Lamb says the containers for scoopable kitty litter are great for transporting water, mixing fertilizer, etc. for areas without water, but she finds them really handy for storing bird food. She says the "critters" can't chew a hole and get in and if the bird food has those nasty moths, they won't get out.



August Meeting Notes

*Submitted by Rebecca Weber Schmoll,
Secretary*

Attendance: Leigh Braatz, Lorry Brace, Alice Brown, Melanie DeRoche, Dort DeWild, Joleen Diley, Kathy Erickson, Susan Finkel, Gloria Gruer, Dorrie Hipschman, Cynthia Holly, Bill Johnson, Carol Johnson, Nancy Johnson, Sue King, Barbara Koehnke, Peggy Kramer, Terry Kramer, Patti Leiskau, Sally Marchel Handrich, Colleen McCoy, Lyle Mork, Pam Nitke, Barb Nollenberg, Pat Ritchie, Ila Sanders, Tom Sanders, Katherine Saunders, Judy Shaw, Lee Shaw, Carol Spiegelberg, Susan D. Thomas, Jeff Weasner, Nancy Weasner, Rebecca Weber Schmoll, Carol West-Dahl, Faye Wilson, Suzanne Wozniak, Karen Zahn, Connie Zolkoske. Guests: Kim Hutchinson, and special guest/speaker, Susan Mahr.



The meeting began with a potluck meal. Dr. Susan Mahr, Master Gardener program coordinator, then gave a presentation, "Let's Talk Bugs: Good or Bad."

President Susan Finkel called the meeting to order. There were no guests to introduce.

The August meeting minutes that were printed in the newsletter were approved by Pat Ritchie and seconded by Katherine Saunders. Secretary Rebecca Weber Schmoll read the August executive board meeting minutes.

Treasury Colleen McCoy gave her treasurers report. The fall plant sale generated an estimated \$2,435.50. The shipment of fall flowering bulbs needs to be paid for yet.

Pat Ritchie gave the state representative report. Hours sheets are due at the September meeting. Pat is taking orders for the 2007 Wisconsin Garden Journal. Cost is \$12.50. Grants are due October 1.

Committee Reports:

The by-law committee spent much time discussing and working on the by-law changes. Discussion was held on various changes. Article X, Section 3 Finances by-law changes generated much conversation and many questions. After lengthy discussion on this particular by-law, President Sue Finkel sent this by-law revision to the parking lot. Discussion was tabled. This by-law change will then be discussed at the executive board meeting on September 18.

Old Business:

The results of the member surveys will be published in the October newsletter. The next executive meeting is September 18 at Sugar Bush.

New Business:

There are boxes of tulip bulbs left over from the fall plant sale. Members will pay the full-face amount. There will then be a reimbursement after the exact cost of the bulbs is determined. Shirt orders are here; see Tom and Patti to pick up your shirt. The next classes for training will only be in Clintonville at the high school. Classes will not be offered in Waupaca because of a schedule conflict. Classes begin in January, with enrollment beginning December 1. Class size is limited to twenty-five people.

Up-coming events include the October Make and Take. This event will happen at the regular meeting night at the courthouse. Different projects will be offered, and there will be cost of \$5 to cover expenses. The October meeting will also be approval of the bylaws, sign-up for 2007 projects/committees, and the slate of candidates for 2007 offices will be presented. Voting on the by-law revisions will also be in October. The November meeting will be election of officers. The December meeting will be our holiday party.

The Waupaca City Library is requesting a Master Gardener to present at noon October 3 a thirty minute presentation on preparing to garden. Contact Peg at 258-4414 if interested.

A chairman is still needed for the spring plant sale. Barb Lamb, chairman of the fall plant sale, will co-chair the spring plant sale.

The meeting was adjourned, moved by Lee Shaw and seconded by Terry Kramer.

Respectfully, Rebecca Weber Schmoll



Make & Take - October Meeting

Submitted by Suzanne Wozniak

Two new projects have been added to our October 12 meeting "Make & Take" program.

An amusing garden ornament made with a paving brick is offered by Rene Lehman, a Waupaca High School horticulture teacher. Rene will have two designs, one for all year around, and one a Halloween decoration.

In addition, MG Candy Hilker will teach a Fall floral arrangement based on a small pumpkin. All materials will be provided. Please e-mail Suzanne at berliners2@sbcglobal.net, to indicate your interest in taking either of these programs, or one of those offered already at our September meeting. (Or phone 715-258-2025.)

Space is still available for the following:

- "Make a Bracelet" with Dort DeWild.
- Lorry Brace has a few spaces remaining for "Intro to Quilting-- make a hot pad." Participants will need to bring a sewing machine, rotary cutter and cutting mat, and a scissors.
- Bring your own pre-washed T-shirt for Sue Finkel's "Decorate a T-Shirt" session.
- "Preserving Flowers", with Judy Shaw and Patti Leiskau, will

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Make and Take *Continued*

demonstrate flower drying techniques, enabling us to hang onto our flowers longer.

- Dorothy Shaver's "witch craft" is filled.

Cost of the programs offered is \$5. Please let Suzanne know of your interests ahead of time, so the presenters can be prepared with sufficient supplies and materials.



Waupaca County Fair Congratulations To...

Submitted by Sue King

Deb Calmes: Fruit and Flower Arrangement, Grand Champion

Deb Calmes: Artist Arrangement Reserve, Grand Champion

Deb Calmes: Cactus Desert Type, Grand Champion

Lee Shaw: Cut Flowers/White Gladiolus, Grand Champion

Alice Brown: Field Crops/Sunflower, Grand Champion

Lorry Brace: Quilting, Grand and Reserve Champion



Please Update Your Roster

Barbara Koehnke's new email:
bmagnolia@sbcglobal.net



Newsletter Editor Needed

Submitted by Barbara Koehnke

Because I have moved to Appleton, the December 2006 newsletter will be the last issue I will be doing... consequently; our group is in need of a new editor.

If you are computer literate and interested in working on the newsletter, contact Susan Finkel, or one of the board members. This is one of the best ways to accumulate service hours, and to keep up with what's happening within our association.

I have thoroughly enjoyed being the WCMG newsletter editor for the past 7 years and would go over all the details with the next editor to help the transition go smoothly.



Gardeners Calendar

Oct 7, 2006

Bulbs: Selection, Planting & Care, Green Bay

The time is here for planting spring-flowering bulbs. Learn the basics needed for proper planting and care. Storage of and forcing bulbs will be covered. Discover new tools, new bulbs, and new planting methods in this class from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. Class hosted by N.E.W. MGs will be held at Schroeder's Flowers, 1530 S. Webster Ave., Green Bay. Free with non-perishable food item for local food pantry. For more information or to register, contact Deb Nitka at 465-8512.

Oct 7, 2006

Garden Trends & Tool Symposium, Boerner Botanical Gardens, Hales Corner

This day-long symposium with numerous speakers is one of the premier events at the Gardens. Cost includes lunch. For more info or to register contact Friends of Boerner Botanical Gardens, 9400 Boerner Drive, Suite 1, Hales Corners, WI 53130 at (414) 525-5676.

Oct 10, 2006

Putting Your Garden to Bed, Green Bay Botanical Garden.

Learn what Green Bay gardener Lisa Stubbe, Landscape Artisans, does to put her garden to bed before a blanket of winter cold drapes the landscape. Share her experience gardening and landscaping in the Green Bay area, on topics from cutting back perennials to cleaning tools to winter mulching in this class from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. \$14 (\$8 members). Green Bay Botanical Garden, (920) 490-9457.

Oct 14, 2006

Fall Harvest Festival Gardens of the Fox Cities, Appleton

Family-friendly fall fun! Fall market, hayrides, music, demonstrations, food and more from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Enter your unique creation in

the Scarecrow Contest. \$3 adults, \$2 teens, and \$1 children. For more information, contact the Gardens of the Fox Cities, 1313 E. Witzke Blvd., Appleton, WI at (920) 993-1900.

Oct 14, 2006

Garden Design Walk Olbrich Botanical Gardens, Madison

Join landscape architect and Olbrich Horticulturist Whit Connors from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. for a walk highlighting Olbrich's garden design. Learn how Olbrich uses shapes, color, hardscaping, paths, water features, and other design elements to create a desired look and feel. The walk will also feature use of fall color in the garden. Pre-registration by Oct 5 required. \$8 (\$6 members). For more information contact Olbrich Botanical Gardens, 3330 Atwood Ave., Madison, WI 53704; phone (608) 246-4550.

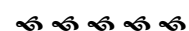
Oct 18, 2006

Fall Color Tree Walk, Green Bay Botanical Garden,

Fall is the perfect time to examine the trees in our yards, parks and forests and appreciate them for their individual strengths. GBBG's Sarah Pingel teaches easy ways to recognize Wisconsin trees in the midst of fall color in this class from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Dress for the outdoors. \$14 (\$8 members). Green Bay Botanical Garden, Green Bay.

Oct 27, 2006 (12:00 noon) Brown Bag Program

Champion Trees of Wisconsin, (contact your local UW County Extension Office for access) Champion trees have been officially recorded in Wisconsin since 1941. This book (Wisconsin's Champion Trees) contains the location and measurements of 153 species of Wisconsin champion trees. Also, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources keeps records of the largest trees in Wisconsin. This register of Wisconsin's champion trees lists the top ten records of each species and contains a wealth of information about each tree's dimension, rank, and location. Join R. Bruce Allison (author) and Paul Hartman in a discussion about champion trees and to list large specimen trees.



WAUPACA COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS SURVEY

COMMITTEES (*More information needed)

AUDITING

BY-LAWS

Jeff Weasner
Nancy Weasner
Faye Wilson

CALLING

Chris Dittman
Sally Marchel Handrich
Jan Mead
Pam Nitke

CHILDREN'S GARDENS

Joleen Diley
Kathy Erickson
Gloria Gruer
Becky Hinz
Cynthia Holly
Sue King
Barb Lamb
Lyle Mork
Pam Nitke
Barb Nollenberg
Dorothy Shaver
Judy Shaw
Lee Shaw
Carol Spiegelberg
Rebecca Weber Schmoll
Suzanne Wozniak
Connie Zolkoske

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Kathy Akey
Becky Hinz
Colleen McCoy
Rebecca Weber Schmoll

COUNTY FAIR

Leigh Braatz *
Debra Calmes
Becky Hinz
Sue King
Colleen McCoy
Lee Shaw
Nancy Weasner
Rebecca Weber Schmoll

MOSQUITO HILL GARDEN

Debra Calmes *
Chris Dittman
Barb Lamb
Rebecca Weber Schmoll

FAIR GROUNDS GARDENS

Debra Calmes
Connie Zolkoske

FOOD BANK GARDENS

Leigh Braatz *
Sue King
Jan Mead
Carol Spiegelberg – Chr.
Lee Shaw
Jeff Weasner
Nancy Weasner

HOLLY CENTER GARDEN

Cynthia Holly
Pam Nitke
Jeff Weasner
Nancy Weasner – Chr.

LIBRARY RESOURCES

Kathy Akey
Barb Lamb
Patti Leiskau
Jan Mead
Glenda Rhodes – Chr.
Carol Spiegelberg
Jeff Weasner
Suzanne Wozniak

MEMBERSHIP

Becky Hinz
Barb Lamb
Sally Marchel Handrich
Dorothy Shaver
Nancy Weasner
Connie Zolkoske – Chr.

MENTORING

Becky Hinz
Patti Leiskau
Connie Zolkoske – Chr.

MONTHLY CALENDAR

PUBLICITY

Becky Hinz

REFRESHMENTS AT MEETINGS

Kathy Akey
Joleen Diley
Lynn Owen
Nancy Weasner

NEWSLETTER

Chris Dittman
Kathy Erickson
Barbara Koehnke

NOMINATING

Becky Hinz
Jeff Weasner
Connie Zolkoske - Chr.

PLANT SALE - SPRING

Leigh Braatz
Joleen Diley
Gloria Gruer
Becky Hinz
Cynthia Holly
Barb Lamb - Co-Chr.
Pam Nitke
Barb Nollenberg
Lynn Owen
Carol Spiegelberg
Jeff Weasner
Nancy Weasner
Connie Zolkoske

PLANT SALE - FALL

Joleen Diley
Gloria Gruer
Cynthia Holly
Becky Hinz
Barb Lamb - Chr.
Pam Nitke
Barb Nollenberg
Lynn Owen
Carol Spiegelberg
Jeff Weasner
Nancy Weasner
Connie Zolkoske

PROGRAMS FOR MEETINGS

Suzanne Wozniak

PROMOTIONAL/DISPLAYS

Chris Dittman
Becky Hinz
Colleen McCoy

SCHOLARSHIP

Kathy Erickson

TRIPS/TOURS

Debra Calmes*
Barbara Koehnke
Barb Lamb
Sally Marchel Handrich
Jan Mead

WEB PAGE

Barbara Koehnke

WOMEN'S WELLNESS DAY

Dorothy Shaver

KNOWLEDGE/INTEREST AREAS:

**KEY: A – Annuals; P – Perennials; V – Vegetables;
L – Landscaping; S – Shrubs; O – Other**

**If member willing to write newsletter article about
topic ***

If member willing to give a presentation at a meeting

Kathy Akey - AP
Leigh Braatz - PVO (herbs)
Debra Calmes -A (from seed) *, **
Joleen Diley - P
Chris Dittman - P
Kathy Erickson - P
Gloria Gruer - APV*
Becky Hinz - P*,**
Cynthia Holly - AP
Sue King - AVO (children's gardening)*
Barbara Koehnke - P*
Barb Lamb - PO (basket weaving)**
Patti Leiskau - PSO (mushrooms; wild flowers;
butterflies)*,**
Colleen McCoy - VO (herbs)*,**
Sally Marche Handrich - APLO (containers; troughs;
hypertufa)*,**
Jan Mead - P*
Lyle Mork - PLO (hostas)*,**
Pam Nitke - APVL
Barb Nollenberg
Lynn Owen - PL*
Glenda Rhodes - PLSO (garden books; famous gardens;
native plants; wildflowers)
Dorothy Shaver - O (garden art)**
Judy Shaw - O (activities for children)
Lee Shaw - APVLS
Carol Spiegelberg - PV
Jeff Weasner -APVLO (fertilization)
Nancy Weasner - APVLO (houseplants)
Rebecca Weber Schmoll - AV
Faye Wilson -V
Suzanne Wozniak
ConnieZolkoske - P

TYPES OF PROGRAMS

- Succulents
- Soft wood cuttings
- Composting
- Organic gardening
- 501 c3 (to provide opportunities and money)
- Fall floral arrangements
- Speakers from commercial garden centers to speak on their areas of expertise
- Speakers from *Wild Ones*
- Utilizing our own MG experts
- Member's garden tours or slide presentations on annuals, perennials, vegetables, landscaping, shrubs

- Field trips via car pools
- Marilyn Herman – choosing fresh veggies and fruits and caring for them at home
- Marilyn Herman on herbs
- Beekeepers - Marcy
- Landscaping, rain gardens, small garden plants, plants for shade
- Steve Schulte from *Foxfire* on the story of its creation
- Tree identification
- Beginning landscaping design
- Pond management/plants
- Occasional gardener's round table to learn special interests of each member
- Dividing plants
- Cheap and practical tips to use in the garden
- Pruning
- Gardening warm exercises
- Gardening for the aging and physically challenged
- "Members with Expertise" days e.g. 3 short programs at one meeting
- Using shrubs and conifers in perennial/annual garden plantings
- "How to" on container/pot gardening

GARDEN CENTERS AND MEMBER'S GARDENS

- Thistledown (South of Shawano off Hwy. 47)
- Flower Factory – Stoughton
- Large public gardens – Green Bay
- Hancock Research Center
- Oberstadt
- Lectures or classes offered in evenings
- Rotary Gardens
- University Gardens in Madison
- Foxfire Gardens in Marshfield
- GB Arboretum
- Olbrich Botanical Gardens in Madison
- Allen Centennial, Madison
- Boerner Botanical Gardens in Hales Corners
- West of the Lake Gardens in Manitowoc
- House of Hosta – Green Bay
- Chicago Botanical Gardens
- Japanese Garden and Hosta Gardens at Anderson Gardens in Rockford, IL
- Large landscaping establishment
- Farm produce stands
- Children's gardens
- Renaissance Gardens near Milwaukee
- Paine Art Center in Oshkosh
- Solaris Gardens
- Members' gardens

SUGGESTIONS TO MAKE OUR CLUB MORE WELCOMING OR PRODUCTIVE

- More explanations – new members don't have the same history
- Don't understand the language (parking lot)
- Sometimes more people with less getting done
- Stay on timely schedule at meetings and use Robert's Rules of Order
- Survey a good idea
- Everyone should choose an area of interest and participate
- Wear nametags and have greeters at the door
- Potluck dinner celebrating our members
- Mentoring program a good idea – special outing or get together with the new members and their mentors
- More fun things like the Fantasy Gardens and the Quiz Show
- Need some social time at meetings just to talk to each other
- Time at meetings for members to pose gardening questions to rest of group
- Why loss of members? Do we send a follow up letter asking former members why they left WCMG?
- Activities that encourage people to interact with new folks
- Develop relationships with new members
- By-law or rule that says every members has to contribute something (plants, garden accents, time, etc.) to our plant sales
- Do more things together
- Ice breakers

SUGGESTIONS FOR CLUB TO BECOME MORE INVOLVED IN OUR COMMUNITY

- More signage and newspaper articles
- Stress that the primary purpose of MG is volunteerism not just own garden usage/knowledge gains
- Tending gardens of municipal and historical buildings with a sign
- Volunteer at the Extension Office to answer questions
- Children's gardens
- Help Waupaca Garden Club at Rasmussen Park on N. Main St.
- Need more publicity in newspapers, local TV, radio spots, etc.
- Sponsor a speaker for the public on gardening topic
- Maybe a column on "Ask your Master Gardener"
- Articles on our meetings, events, community involvements
- Photos in newspapers
- "Advertise" that MG members have expertise in certain areas and would be available to the community to answer questions and consult
- Every member should donate seeds, plants, food or time to the Food Banks
- Plan one event for the community to attend
- Presence at the NL Women's Wellness Day
- Projects at St. Joseph's or Washington Center in NL

Notes:

Handy Household Uses for Salt

Source, Irene Zundel, Freelance Writer

As a Grooming Aid:

- Soothe rough, chapped skin on knees, feet and elbows by making a cream from 1/4 cup salt, 1/4 cup Epsom salts, and 1/4 cup vegetable oil. Massage the paste into your skin and leave it on for 15 minutes. Then bathe or shower to remove it.
- Use salt as an exfoliating scrub to remove dead skin cells. Simply sprinkle salt on a sponge, washcloth, or loofah and rub it on your wet skin.
- Make a gentle homemade mouthwash by combining 1 teaspoon salt, and 1 teaspoon baking soda in 1/2 cup of water. If you prefer a flavored mouthwash, add a drop of peppermint extract. This mouthwash is especially good after dental work.



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/



Rose Care

- Tender rose bushes are usually pruned to about 24 inches. Place an 8-12 inch mound of soil over the crown. Place mulching over the plants after the ground freezes (around Thanksgiving). This will help prevent the alternate freezing and thawing of the ground that does so much harm.

Raking Leaves

- You don't have to rake all your leaves. If there is just a thin layer of fallen leaves, simply mow them over. The shredded leaves will filter down to the soil. Thick layers of leaves such as under maple and elm trees need to be raked.
- Run the lawn mower with bag attachment over your leaf-covered yard. It's faster than raking and the chopped leaves make great winter mulch.
- Leaves will eventually drift into piles on the lawn. Chop them right in place by mowing frequently. Where they are deep, they may need to go through the mower a couple of times. Chopped with a mower and bagged, this leaf and grass mixture is a great soil conditioner in the vegetable garden so don't let it go to waste.



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