

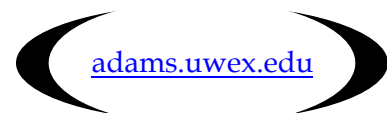


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Each year the ACMGAV publishes a list of volunteer opportunities. Some are on-going throughout the year, and others are one-time dates. All of these activities qualify for your volunteer hours. We will add to the list as opportunities become available. If you have any questions, wish to chair or be a co-chairperson for any events, want to volunteer, or need additional information, please contact the chairperson(s) listed after the event. Our volunteer activities will be starting soon. We always need volunteers, chairs and co-chairs. If you have a volunteer activity you wish to promote, please contact any officer or board member.

ONGOING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- Moundview Memorial Hospital Planters, Betty Conrad, 608-584-4419 & Dana Diorio, 202-443-3521
- Library Plants, Betty Conrad, 608-584-4419

1 OR LIMITED DAY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- Brat Frys, A-F County Market, 8AM –3:30PM Joanne Elliott, 608-584-5216 & Mary Anne Keul, 608-339-0420, dates to be announced.
- Kids' Day, Della Julseth, 608-339-0128, April 4, 2015

If you know of anyone who you think would like to speak at any of our General Meetings on a subject in horticulture, or sponsor a Garden Tour, please contact an officer or board member with information for consideration. You are always welcome to come to our board meetings and submit your ideas or suggestions. Board meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Community Center, 4:30PM. General meetings and garden tours are usually held the 4th Tuesday of the month, February through April or May and possibly 1 or 2 dates in the fall. We still need speakers for general meetings or garden tour hosts for 2015. (April, June, July, August, October & November are still open)



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MASTER GARDENER NEWSLETTER

January/February 2015
Volume 5, Issue 1

Words From Our President

THIS ISSUE:



RECOGNITION
*Congratulations to
ACMGA Members who
recertified for 2015*

YEAR END
*Major accomplishments
and projects*

UPCOMING
EVENTS
Mark your calendars

SCHOLARSHIPS
Deadline April 1, 2015

VOLUNTEERS
*Opportunities starting
soon!*

Hello Master Gardeners. I hope you had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Due to the uncertainty of the weather in Wisconsin in January, we will not have a General meeting for the month of January. This will give us time to look through all those catalogues that came and make out our wish lists for this year.

The Board has gone over the things you picked as reasons for being interested in the Master Gardener Organization. Pruning was at the top of the list and I am happy to say that Don Genrich will be holding a "Pruning" class at his "summer retreat", 1070 Ember Avenue, the last Saturday in February, the 28th at 1PM, weather permitting. Bring your ??'s and your pruning shears.

Our March 24th General Meeting will feature Craig Saxe, the Juneau County Ag. Agent. He will be speaking about his trip to Costa Rica. The meeting starts at 6:30 pm at the Community Center. Hope you can join us.

Now. . .on to other business, we really need people to step up to chair and/or co-chair the things that keep our group going and growing in Adams County. We do Kids' Day, Scholarship Drives, the Hospital Flowers, AFE Garden, Brat Frys, the Adams County Fair Booth, Library plants, Adopt-A-Highway, the container pots at the Community Center entry way, and now the new area around the flag pole.

All of these projects take people to make them successful. It takes YOU willing to volunteer your time and input. Yes, we have fun, but we also have to be willing to do some of the work. If we can't or won't, we all lose. Call an Officer or Board member, let them know how or when you can help. We have a great group! Let's keep it that way. All of our projects, Garden Tours, General meetings, and board meetings count toward your volunteer or continuing education hours.

Looking forward to seeing you at our meetings, tours and projects.



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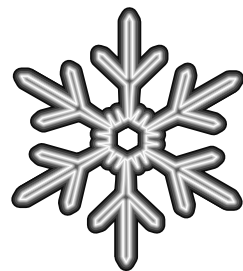


During the 2014 Adams County Fair ACMGA along with our local Ace Hardware, provided pots, plants and soil for children to plant flowers for free during their visit to the ACMGA fair booth. The kids picked out the plants and pots and were helped by a Master Gardener volunteer who helped them plant their plants. It was a huge success with more than 500 plants given out. Thanks to Ace Hardware for providing the materials and all the ACMG volunteers for helping to man the booth!

MEMBERS

We now have 37 members, with 14 certified for 2015.

In 2014 we volunteered 108.0 in youth education, 26.0 hours in Community Education, 778.55 hours in Support Service



RECOG

The following 14 people have re-certified for 2015: Linda Bailey, Betty Conrad, Roger Joanne Elliott, Sharon Hartz, Pat Jodarski, Florence Johnson, Mary Anne Keul, Dan R. Wollmer. They completed at least 24 hours of volunteer service, and at least 10 hours of continuing education.

Congratulations to Ron Dakter for completing 150 hours of volunteer service. Member Volunteer completed a total of 108 hours of youth education, 26 hours of community work for a total of 912½ hours of volunteer work and 405 hours of continuing education.

Please join us in 2015 by volunteering to help with our community projects, and be sure to intend to certify) as they all count for our county.

ADAMS COUNTY MG

Education is the main emphasis of the Adams County Master Gardener Volunteers. During the summer months we hold tours of member's individual gardens. Programs included Organic Gardening, Native Tree Diseases & Pests, Medicinal Plants; as You Think, Beekeeping, and Monarch Butterflies.

Major Accomplishments or Projects:

- * The Adams County MG volunteers help maintain plantings at various locations in Hospital. We also volunteer in the gardening section of the Adams County Library.
- * We have a small fruit, plant and tree sale as a major fundraiser every other year. Events allowed the MGVA to offer scholarships to area youth as well as other community events.
- * We promote the MG program through articles in our newsletter which comes out quarterly.
- * The Adams County MGVA also maintains three 2 mile sections of highway for Adopt-A-Highway.
- * Every year ACMGA volunteers donate money to the local 4-H program for their "Kids Day" celebration.
- * This year we are proud to award a scholarship of \$1500.00. Our requirements are:

1. Major in a science/horticulture related field
2. Community service volunteer hours
3. Academic excellence

This year's winner exhibited those characteristics. The winner is Katie Chipman from Platteville and major in Plant Genetics.



With our general meetings & volunteer opportunity starting soon, this is a good time to start recording your hours. Recording your hours is important. To become a certified Master Gardener Volunteer, or to recertify, you need 24 hours of volunteer service and 10 hours of continuing education. Even if you do not wish to become certified, your volunteer hours, as part of our organization, count toward our total for Adams County. If you need a recording sheet, please pick one up at the Extension Office or print one off of our MG Blog site. Please be sure to print both sides, as the back gives a very detailed explanation of what is needed to become a certified master gardener volunteer, or to recertify. It also gives an explanation of the three categories for volunteer hours: Youth Education, Community Education, or Support Services, as well as a very detailed explanation of what qualifies as "Continuing Education hours", and a list of examples for volunteer hours. Be sure to note that travel time to and from a **volunteer project** can be included in your hours, but travel time to a Continuing Education program cannot. You can also include preparation and research time on volunteer projects and programs. ALL of the volunteer projects, garden tours and general meetings sponsored by our organization can be included in either your volunteer or continuing education hours. (general meetings and garden tours are continuing education, attending board meetings and helping with projects, such as the Brat Fry or the Fair are volunteer hours).

There is a general overall requirement by the state organization that the time spent in some way must be related to growing or caring for plants or care of the environment. For example, helping residents at Villa Pines care for plants qualifies, but reading to them does not. Helping a friend or neighbor with their lawn or garden counts, but helping them clean their house does not. Picking up trash along a highway or road qualifies, but cleaning up your yard does not. Helping with the upkeep of the grounds at the Humane Society, cutting the lawn, pulling invasive weeds, or picking up trash qualifies, walking a dog does not.

There are many ways to volunteer or get continuing education hours. If you are not sure if a program or project qualifies, jot it down so you don't forget and ask Lynn Dolata for verification.

I hope this answers the many questions that have come up on this subject. **Remember, if in doubt, record and ask!**

You can renew your Adams County Master Gardener Association membership at any of our general meetings, board meetings, or garden tours. Dues are \$10.00/person per year. You can also send your dues to our treasurer, Roger Conrad, along with your name, address, phone number and an email address. Send to: 671 County Road A,

Grand Marsh, WI 53936



ONGOING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Researched by Mary Anne Keul with verification by Don Genrich

SCHOLARSHIPS

The information on our scholarships went out in December 2014 & January 2015 to the six area high schools with Adams County students. Please see your guidance counselor or Agriculture teacher for an application, print one directly from our website, or stop at the UWExtension Office in the Community Center or call Roger Conrad at 608-584-4419 for one to be sent to you.

The general requirements are:

- * Adams County resident
- * 3.0 grade point
- * 25 volunteer community service in the last 2 years
- * Pursue a career in horticulture related fields, listed on application.
- * Submit application to Adams County UWEX office by April 1, 2015

If you know anyone who is eligible, please let them know that we are taking applications.

Note: You do not have to be a senior in high school to qualify.

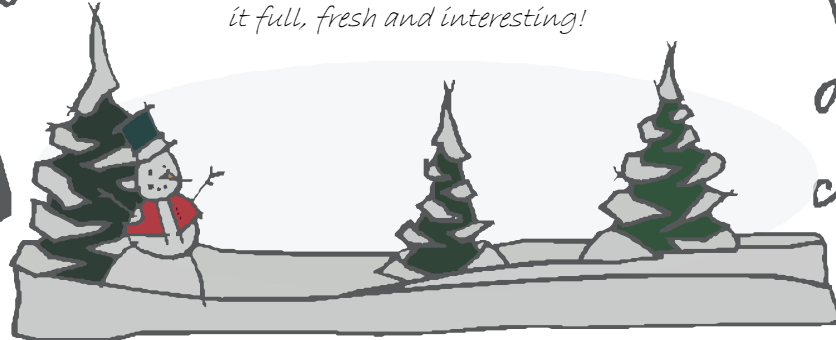
KEEPING IT NEW

To keep our newsletter fresh, interesting, and full of useable info, we depend on our members to submit articles. It is always better to have a wide range of articles submitted by as many different people as possible. The articles are reviewed by the newsletter committee, edited if necessary, and published in a timely manner. Rarely is an article rejected.

These articles qualify for volunteer hours under "Community Education". Some ideas to write about:

- * Favorite flower, veggie, tree, shrub, fruit
- * A funny occurrence in your life as a gardener
- * Your own personal recipes, (not taken from publication)
- * An upcoming event that would qualify for volunteer or continuing education hours

The sky is the limit! This is your newsletter please help keep it full, fresh and interesting!



EDUCATION

Mr. Conrad, Ron Dakter, Carole Dziegielewski, Laura Reger, Cynthia Snyder, Gloria and others completed their continuing education in 2014.

Members of the Adams County Master Gardener Society received 778½ hours of other volunteer education.

Be sure to record your hours, (even if you do not

3 YEAR END REPORT

We always invite the general public to participate in our monthly educational programs including touring the plantings of numerous nurseries. Our winter educational programs include: What they are; What they do; and How to Use Them, Plant Propagation Isn't as Hard

including the Adams County McGowen House and the planters at Moundview Memorial Park as well as maintaining their plants.

We also have an annual Brat Fry to raise additional funds. The profits from these fund-raising activities.

Meet us six times a year as well as staffing a booth at the Adams County Fair.

Adopt-A-Highway.

Excellence Awards Program. We also participate in interactive activities at the yearly

are:

Grand Marsh and is a senior at Adams-Friendship High School. She will attend UW/

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COMING EVENTS

- * **Jan 13**-Board Mtg., Community Center, 4:30PM, Members Welcome
- * **Jan 27**- NO GENERAL MEETING
- * **Feb 10**-Board Mtg., Community Center, 4:30PM, Members Welcome
- * **Feb 13-15**-WPT's Garden Expo, Madison, WI
- * **Feb 28**- "Pruning" presented by Don Genrich at 1070 Ember Ave., 1PM
- * **Mar 10**-Board Mtg., Community Center, 4:30PM, Members Welcome
- * **Mar 24**-General Mtg., "Costa Rica" presented by Craig Saxe, Juneau County Ag Agent, 6:30 PM, Community Center
- * **Apr 4**-Kid's Day, A-F High School, more info to follow

NOTE: ACMGA has adopted the policy used by many organizations for weather related event cancellations. If Adams County schools close, ACMGV events for that day are cancelled



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Check your newsletter & blog for changes & updates.

*Time spent qualifies for volunteer hrs., **Time spent qualifies for continuing education hrs.

Upcoming Events

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

- * **Garden Expo February 13-15th, Alliant Energy Center** Garden Expo is a midwinter oasis for people ready to venture out and dig their hands in the dirt. Now in it's 22nd year, this three-day event celebrates the latest trends in gardening and landscaping and attracts more than 20,000 people from across the Midwest. Join other gardening enthusiasts to share ideas, gain inspiration and create something new. All proceeds support Wisconsin Public Television. **One-day ticket** – \$7 in advance/\$8 at the door **Two-day ticket** – \$11 in advance/\$12 at the door **Three-day ticket** – \$16 in advance/\$17 at the door. Visit <http://www.wigardenexpo.com> for a complete listing of seminars/demo times and places.
- * ACMGA will be hosting a program on **Pruning, Saturday, February 28, 2015 at 1PM** at Don Genrich's property located at 1070 Ember Avenue, Adams, and presented by Don Genrich
- * ACMGA will be hosting a program on **Costa Rica, March 24, 2015 at 6:30PM** at the Community Center. Our presenter will be Craig Saxe, Juneau County Ag Agent.
- * The Green County Wisconsin Master Gardeners Association is presenting their annual Gardening Inspirations For All Seasons Symposium. This year's topic is **Heirloom Gardening: Yesterday's Plants for Today's Gardener**. Join us for a relaxed, educational day as we discover gardening practices from the past, on **Saturday, March 8, 2014, from 8:00am – 3:30pm. Cost is \$35 per person (registered before March 1st) and \$40 per person (registered after March 1st).** For more info check the ACMGA Blog at <http://fyi.uwex.edu/acmga/>
- * **March 7, Beaver Creek Reserve, Falls Creek, WI "Learn the Art of Bee Keeping", 9AM-4PM.** If you have heard about the pollinator shortage and want to make a difference, then become a backyard beekeeper. This informative class teaches you the basics to get started. Learn beekeeping from a former professor who also caught the first swarm of African "killer bees" in the state of Arizona. Bring a sack lunch and wear a hat, long-sleeved shirt and long pants to learn the art of bee keeping. *Registration and full payment required by Feb. 28, 2014. For more info and to register go to https://www-beavercreekreserve-org.site.atfni.com/explore/event_registration.phtml?id=40660C98

