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No winter
wind shall
chill my
gardening
heart.



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

- Library Plants, Betty Conrad, 608-584-4419
- Villa Pines, Mike Boucher, 608-339-3361
- Tree & Plant Sale, Mike Hartz, 608-564-2430

1 OR LIMITED DAY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- 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 (except December) at the Community Center, January-March 9:30AM, April-November 4:30PM. General meetings and garden tours are usually held the 4th Tuesday of the month.

MASTER GARDENER NEWSLETTER

January/February 2016
Volume 1, Issue 2

THIS ISSUE:



RECOGNITION
Congratulations to
ACMGA Members who
recertified for 2016

PRESIDENT
Words from our
President

UPCOMING
EVENTS
Mark your calendars

SCHOLARSHIPS
Deadline April 1,
2016

RECIPES
Cranberry Tour—
Florence Johnson

VOLUNTEERS
Opportunities start-
ing soon!

Upcoming Meetings for the New Year!

January - How to Build a Greenhouse - January 26

At our January general meeting Mike Hartz will present a program on building your own Garden Shop or Greenhouse. Mike has built a heated "grow room" shop in his garage, and last summer designed and built a 10 x 20 foot greenhouse.

The Hartzs can now do gardening all year round and save by propagating cuttings from one year to the next. You will also see some examples of how others are doing gardening year-round.

Come to the general meeting on January 26th at the Community Center, 6:30 and hear how Mike was able to build these two spaces without buying an expensive "kit", on a budget, and doing almost all of the work himself.

February - Protecting Your Home from Wildfires - February 23

At our February general meeting held at the Community Center, 6:30, How to Protect your Property from Fire will be presented by Melissa Gillaums-Coppaert and Amy

Luebke from the DNR. They will be there to answer questions such as, what kinds of plants should you use to make your landscape more fire resistant? Are some perennials are better than others for this purpose? Are maples more fire-resistant than spruces?

In addition to talking about fire-resistant plants, they will speak about how to design a firewise landscape. A firewise landscape divides your yard into specific zones. They will talk about these zones and how you should manage them to ensure that your landscape is lean, clean and green and less vulnerable to fire.



Be the first to know. Join the Master Gardener Blog at: <http://fyi.uwex.edu/acmga/>

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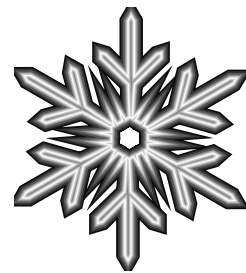
*Nature is full of
genius, full of the
divinity; so that
not a snowflake
escapes its fash-
ioning hand.*

*~Henry David
Thoreau*

MEMBERS

We now have 27 members,
with 15 certified for 2016.

In 2015 we volunteered
69.3 in youth education,
40.2 hours in Community
Education, 757.15 hours in
Support Service



RECOG

*The following 15 people have re-certified for 2015: Linda Bailey, Donna Bruno, B
Carole Dziegielewski, Joanne Elliott, Mike Hartz, Sharon Hartz, Florence Johnson,
Dinah Short, Cynthia Snyder. They completed at least 24 hours of volunteer serv
tion in 2014.*

Congratulations to Linda Bailey, Donna Bruno, Dinah Short for completing 150 h

*Please join un in 2016 by volunteering to help with our community projects, and
not intend to certify) as they all count for our county.*

WORD FROM C

Greetings & Happy New Year!

I hope you all had a safe, and Merry Christmas.

*Looking over the survey questionnaires you filled out, most of you would like to see
time to teach us something we might not have known or seen.*

*Do you have a special design layout, or some unusual plants. . .OR maybe you know
gether we may have some new and wonderful places to visit. To contact me, call 60*

FRUIT TREE SALE IS E

*The Adams County Master Gardeners will again hold a Fruit Plant Sale in 2016 to
for Adams County residents.*

*We will feature a selection of fruit trees, berry bushes, asparagus and grape plant
in Adams County's climate.*

Mike Hartz is also looking for some folks to help with the sale for a couple c

More information will be coming in January.

*If you are interested in ordering fruit plants and trees. . .well then you have come
your order form on the Master Gardener blog site <http://fyi.uwex.edu/acmga/2>
[back/](#) Deadlines for orders is February 5, 2016, and plant pickup is Saturday, Ap
Adams County Fairgrounds.*



The Master Gardener Program in Adams County started in 1997. Over 170 people have been trained since that time, and there are currently 15 certified Master Gardener Volunteers (MGVs) for 2016. The UWEX Educator facilitating the MG Program is Agriculture Agent Ken Cleveland.

Elementary School Learning Garden

MGVs provided seeds and training to help educate local elementary school students on proper garden preparation and seed planting in their seasonal garden. Vegetables included cherry tomatoes, carrots, squash and pumpkins. Once harvested, the vegetables were displayed in the principal's office to show the success of the garden. Afterwards, the students could pick and take home their favorite vegetables to enjoy with their families. 40 students gained better access to healthy food and learned how to grow their own plants.

Tree and Fruit Sale Educates Consumers

Our fruit and tree sale, with pricing that makes these plants affordable to a wide range of people, raises funds for our student scholarship program and encourages people to grow their own food. Over 250 families purchased more than 300 fruit trees and over 1,980 asparagus, blackberry, blueberry, strawberry and grape plants. Many families with children participated and MGVs answered questions about the plants so each family would have a better chance to reap the benefits of a fruitful garden.

Adams Co. Fair Booth

The focus of the fair booth was all about flowering plants. Parents and children were allowed to pick out small annual plants and pots, and then MGVs showed them how to properly plant them. These activities were supported and paid for by our local partner Ace Hardware. More than 500 plants were potted and given away along with 100's of free seed packets. It was a huge success and we hope to continue this as an annual event to reach and excite more people and children about horticulture.

University of Wisconsin, U.S. Department of Agriculture and Wisconsin counties cooperating. UW-Extension provides equal opportunities in employment and programming including Title IX and ADA.

The Master Gardener Program in Adams County

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Volunteer Service in 2015

Youth Ed	66	hours
Adult Ed	35	hours
Support	726	hours
Total	827	hours
Value*	\$18,404	

Since 2000: 18,949 hours at a value of
over \$334,795

* using the current estimated dollar value of volunteer time in Wisconsin of \$22.24 per hour, from Independent Sector. Cumulative value based on previous annual estimates.



Where you can find activities by MGVs in Adams Co.

- Public Library/Community Center
- Semi-annual fruit tree sale
- Adams County Fair Booth
- Adams County Hospital flower pots
- Community Center flagpole landscaping
- County fair grounds garden
- Annual Brat Fry
- Highway trash pickup



2016

Adams County Master Gardener

Spring Master Gardener Training

On Wednesdays (6-9 PM)

February, March, April, & May

at Adams County Community Center

<u>Date</u>	<u>*Topic</u>
Feb 17	Introductions
Feb 24	Introductions to Plants
Mar 2	Introductions to Soils
Mar 9	Integrated Pest Management
Mar 16	Weeds & Wildlife
Mar 23	Entomology
Mar 30	Plant Pathology
Apr 6	General Gardening Practices
Apr 13	Herbaceous Ornamentals
Apr 20	Woody Ornamentals
Apr 27	Vegetables
May 4	Fruits
May 11	Lawns

Master Gardener Training
Registration Form

Please fill out & return this form to register.

Course fee of \$100 includes the “Master Gardener Program Manual”, membership dues for 2016 Adams County Master Gardeners and Wisconsin Master Gardener Association.

The “Handbook for Wisconsin Gardeners” must be requested, and is a separate fee.

Multiple family members may participate with an additional \$20 fee.

Please make checks payable to:

UW-Extension

Mail to:

UW-Extension

Master Gardener Training

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Adams, WI 53910

Name (s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

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Mary Anne Keul, Dan Reger, Laura Reger,
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ours of volunteer service.

be sure to record your hours, (even if you do

OUR PRESIDENT

more garden tours. Have you ever done a tour at your home? This could be the perfect

of an out of the ordinary place to visit. Please let me or a board member know. To-
8-584-5216

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raise money for college scholarships

s. All selected for high performance

of hours on April 14, 15, & 16.

to the right spot. You can print out
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ril 16, 2016 from 9AM-Noon at the



2016 BOARD MEMBERS

PRESIDENT: Joanne Elliott

608-584-5216

VICE PRESIDENT: Della Julseth

608-339-0128

SECRETARY: Dinah Short

608-339-4911

TREASURER: Roger Conrad

608-584-4419

BOARD MEMBERS

Betty Conrad

608-584-4419

Ron Dakter

608-254-7960

Carole Dziegielewski

608-339-2253

Donna Bruno

608-403-6603

Gary Thompson

414-303-1750

Robyn Gabriel

608-403-1854

Cynthia Snyder

608-403-1337

EXTENSION COMMITTEE

Chairman—Florence Johnson

Vice Chair—Heidi Roekle

Secretary—Robin Skala

Committee—Larry Borud

Committee-Dan Wysocki

NEWSLETTER COORDINATORS

Lynn Dolata—608-339-8284

Mary Anne Keul—608-339-0420

COMING EVENTS

- ***Jan 12**-Board Mtg., Community Center, **9:30AM**, Members Welcome
- ****Jan22-23**-"Garden Visions Conference", presented by NCWMG & UW Extension
- ****Jan 26**- "How to Build a Greenhouse", presented by Mike Hartz
- ***Feb 9**-Board Mtg., Community Center, **9:30AM**, Members Welcome
- ****Feb 12-14**-WPT's Garden Expo, Madison, WI
- ****Feb 23**-"How to Protect your Property from Fire" presented by M. Gillaums-Coppaert & Amy Luebke, DNR., 1PM
- ***Mar 8**-Board Mtg., Community Center, **9:30AM**, Members Welcome
- ****Mar 22**-General Mtg., "Straw Bale Gardening" presented by Sharon Hartz, 6:30 PM, Community Center
- ***Apr 12**-Board Mtg., Community Center, 4:30PM, Members Welcome
- ***Apr 23**-Kid's Day, A-F High School, more info to follow
- ****Apr 26**-General Mtg., TBA, 6:30 PM, Community Center
- ***May 10**-Board Mtg., Community Center, **4:30PM**, Members Welcome

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*



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 *Board Mtg	13	14	15	16
17	18 	19	20	21	22 **Garden Visions Conference	23
24/31	25	26 **General Mtg	27	28	29	30



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 *Board Mtg	10	11	12 **WPT Garden Expo, Madison	13 **WPT Garden Expo, Madison
14 **WPT Garden Expo, Madison	15 	16	17	18	19	20
21/28	22/29	23 **Protect Your Property from Fire	24	25	26	27

Check your newsletter & blog for changes & updates.
*Time spent qualifies for volunteer hrs., **Time spent qualifies for continuing education hrs.

ONGOING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



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

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 Ken Cleveland or 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!**

Some programs that qualify as Continuing Education:

Victory Garden, P. Allen Smith, Wisconsin Gardener, the Master Composter Home Study Course at <http://learningstore.uwex.edu/Master-Composter-Home-Study-Course-P1780.aspx>

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

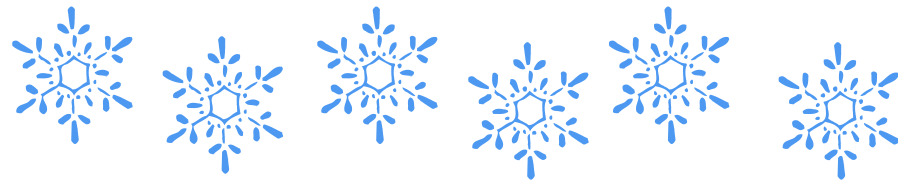


SCHOLARSHIPS

The information on our scholarships will go out in January 2016 to the six area high schools with Adams County students. Please see your guidance counselor or Ag teacher for an application, print one directly from our website, or stop at the UW Extension Office in the Community Center or call Sandy Euclide at 608-339-6140 or Mary Anne Keul, 608-339-0420 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, 2016

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.



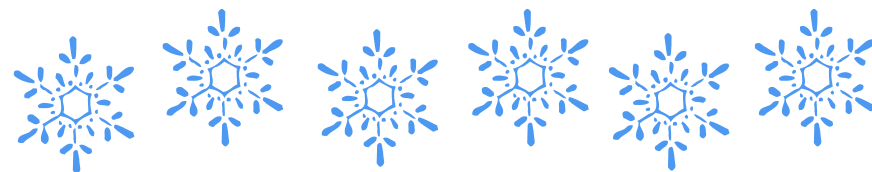
NEWSLETTER ARTICLES WANTED

We need articles to be used in the future Master Gardner newsletters. If we have a wide range of articles and information pertaining to gardening in our community, it will make our newsletters interesting and informative for everyone. What to submit? Here are some ideas:

- *Some plants or flowers you planted and how they grew. Would you recommend them to others?*
- *Have you planted any trees, how and when did you prune them?*
- *Do you have some favorite shrubs you have planted? Can you give some advice on which ones grow well in this area?*
- *How is your vegetable garden doing? Did you plant anything unusual?*
- *What are some of your tips on keeping "critters" small and large out of your area?*
- *Why not submit a personal recipe using vegetables? Maybe you have a family favorite one. (Please do not use recipes from magazines, books, or other publications...they are copyrighted).*
- *If you know of any upcoming events - write an article on these.*
- *Maybe you have had an unusual or funny experience as a gardener you could share.*

All of these would qualify for volunteer hours under "Community Education". Articles are reviewed by the Newsletter Committee, edited if necessary, and published in as timely a manner as possible.

Please submit all articles to, Mary Anne Keul, 608-339-0420, Della Julseth, 608-339-0128, or Lynn Dolata, 608-339-4237.



Upcoming Events

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

- **Garden Dreams** presentation by the Portage County Master Gardener Volunteers, join them for the day on Saturday, January 9, 2016. Hear four great presentations, Creating a Pollinator's Paradise with Mark Dwyer; Indoor Gardening and Houseplants with Diana Alfuth; Sensation Shrubbery with Mark Dwyer; and Pond Magic with Ray Campbell, (Dr. Pond). 7:30A—2:45P at the Lettie W. Jensen Community Center, 487 N. Main Street, Amherst, WI. Cost is \$30.00 including a hot catered lunch. Registration deadline is Wednesday, January 6, 2016. For more information, email mhrice@charter.net or visit portage.uwex.edu/garden-dreams-2/
- **Garden Expo February 12-14th, 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 23rd 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 **Straw Bale Gardening**, Tuesday, March 22, 2016 at 6:30PM at the Community Center, and presented by Sharon Hartz, Certified MG Volunteer.
- The Green County Wisconsin Master Gardeners Association is presenting their annual Gardening Inspirations For All Seasons Symposium. This year's topic is **Gardening With a Purpose**. Garden Inspirations for All Seasons, Ludlow Mansion, 1421 Mansion Drive, Monroe, WI; Join us for a relaxed, educational day on **Saturday, March 12, 2016, from 8:00am – 3:30pm. Cost is \$35 per person (registered before March 6th) and \$40 per person (registered after March 6th).** For more info check the link <http://greencountymga.org/gardening-with-a-purpose-event>
- **Garden Visions 2016** The North Central Wisconsin Master Gardener Association (NCWMG) & UW Extension present Garden Visions Conference - January 22-23, 2016, a conference for Northern Climate Gardeners. All events are at Northcentral Technical College. Registration opens December 1st. Pre-registrations must be postmarked or submitted on line by Monday, January 18, 2016. Mike and Sharon Hartz went to this last year and had a great time looking at displays and learning in presentations sessions. Go to <http://www.gardenvisions.org> for more information.
- **Helping Nature Thrive: Gardeners at the Dells** Please save the date for the 2016 Upper Midwest Regional Master Gardener Conference taking place at the Chula Vista Resort in scenic Wisconsin Dells, September 14-17, 2016. The conference's theme is "Helping Nature Thrive," and will feature area garden tours, educational sessions, expert speakers, and the Wisconsin Master Gardener Association annual meeting and ice cream social. Registration information will be available soon. Mark your calendar for this great event!



RECIPES FROM ACMG CRANBERRY TOUR

Orange Cranberry Cookies

- 1 pkg. of Duncan Hines orange cake mix
- 1/2 C margarine or butter softened
- 1 egg
- 2 TBSP water
- 1 C whole & chopped dried cranberries

Heat oven to 350°F. In large bowl, combine all ingredients, except cranberries. Mix until thoroughly moistened. Stir in cranberries. Spoon teaspoons, 2" apart on ungreased cookie sheets.

Bake at 350°F for 9 to 12 minutes or until top appears cracked. Cool 2 minutes, remove from cookie sheets.



*He who owns a garden,
However small it be,
Whose hands who have
planted in it,
Flower or bush or tree;
He who watches patiently
The growth from nurtured
sod,
Who thrills at newly
opened bloom,
Is very close to God.*

~Kaherine Edelman



Banana/Cranberry Nut Cake

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| • 2 C Sugar | • 2/3 C Milk |
| • ½ C Shortening | • 3 Bananas, mashed |
| • 2 eggs | • ½ C Chopped Nuts |
| • 3 C Flour | • 1 C Cranberries (some chopped-some whole) |
| • Pinch of Salt | |
| • 1 ½ TSP Soda | |

Mix in order given. Add soda to milk. Bake in two greased and floured loaf or tube pans at 350°F for 1 hour.



Yummy Cranberry Nut Bars

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| • 1½ C Sugar | • 1 TSP Vanilla |
| • ½ C Margarine | • ½ C Chopped Nuts |
| • 2 Eggs | • 2 C Cranberries (some chopped-some whole) |
| • 1½ C Flour | • 1 TSP Baking Powder |
| • ½ TSP Salt | |

Stir in order given. Bake in greased and floured 9x13 pan for 40-45 minutes at 350°. Frost when cool with cream cheese frosting.

Frosting:

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| • 3-4oz cream cheese, softened | • 1 TBSP Milk |
| • 1/3 C Butter, softened | • 1 TSP Vanilla |
| • 1 TBSP Milk | |

Cream together, then add 2 cups powdered sugar. Spread over bars.



Adams County Master Gardeners

November 10, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes

Called to order at 4:31PM. Members present included Joanne Elliott, Carole Dziegielewski, Robin Gabriel, Cynthia Snyder, Della Julseth, Mike Hartz, Betty and Roger Conrad and Donna Bruno. Others present were Mary Anne Kuel, Jim Schneider, Gary Thompson, and Ken Cleveland.

No minutes were available from the October meeting.

Roger Conrad provided the Treasurer's report. Mary Anne requested detail in this reporting.

No WIMGA report was available.

Ken reported that classes for Master Gardener training will begin in Adams County in February 2016. This will be advertised on the MG website, local radio and our word of mouth. Classes will be more hands on training and will be available as continuing education hours for current certified members.

Mike Hartz commented on the tree and plant sale. He asked if it were acceptable to make the primary purchase with his own credit card, to affect a savings percentage. Motion was made and seconded; all voted yea. Motion carried.

Joanne questioned the lack of attendance by board members, if non-attendance warranted dismissal from the board. Discussion of by-laws concluded that two missed board meetings, without notice or explanation, would result in a letter stating that a third absence would result in removal from MG board. Motion was made and seconded; all voted yea. Motion carried.

The cranberry tour was a great success and attendance. Joanne will research other tour possibilities and will contact Pam Barnes for other options.

Joanne suggested that MG board meetings be held during daytime hours during the months of November through March. Motion was made and seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried that during those months, the MG board meeting will be held at 9:30AM in the Community Center, on the second Tuesday of the month, as always.

Joanne reminds all that the flag pole area is MG responsibility to upkeep, weed and water. She asks us to come to board meetings early, during the growing months, to help with this area.

The MG group has been charged to refurbish the planter pots at the Community Center. There are 7, and we will do 2 a year to keep them nice. We receive a discount from Twin Creeks for the plants. Thanks Robin!

Mary Ann would like to update the chair activities listed in our newsletter. We need a theme for our 2016 season. There will be another article explaining continuing education opportunities, including PBS programs. Other info to be included are the Garden Expo in Madison, the upcoming Gardeners at the Dells next year held at Chula Vista Resort, Ron Dakter's report (WIGMA)?

An article from Joanne expressing Master Gardener's public opportunity will appear in an upcoming edition of the Adams County newspaper.

Meeting adjourned at 5:20PM