

# Master Gardener News

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## New Adams County Agricultural Agent on the Beat

Hello Everyone, I'm the new Adams County Agricultural Agent! Before I introduce myself, I wanted to start out by saying thank you to everyone that have been so helpful and instrumental with my smooth transition into this position. I have encountered nothing short of warm welcomes and positive encouragement from the wonderful staff in the Adams County extension office and the CWAS team that I am so glad to be a part of. I would also like to extend my gratitude out to all the community members and associations, like the Master Gardeners, that have visited with me and welcomed me into this wonderful community.



My name is Kenneth Cleveland but most people just call me Ken. I am a true blue Wisconsinite and I am very fond of Wisconsin and its people as I was born and raised in the Western part of the state in the Coulee region.

I attended UW-Madison for both my graduate and undergraduate work in Plant Pathology. During that time I worked in the Extension Vegetable Pathology laboratory for Associate Professor Dr. Amanda J. Gevens. While I was there, I worked on various duties such as analyzing plant disease samples. However, some of the most exciting work I was involved in was field research in the Central Sands region that was conducted at the Hancock Agricultural Research Station. Much of my involvement revolved around fungicide efficacy trials for vegetable crops to manage disease.

My educational background and specialty is geared towards Plant Pathology. However, I do have a general horticultural background as I have worked in greenhouses and I love to garden. I very much enjoy horticulture, agriculture and education; working through Extension allows me to combine these aspects. I believe that developing educational Extension programs for not only those who farm, work the land and garden, but all of us, is crucial as we continually address present and future concerns. Today, with some of the confusion surrounding our daily lives it is important that we bridge the gaps so that we may all be on the same page of understanding when it comes to our food production and well-being. So, it is my hopes that these programs will facilitate an environment where we can all learn together, collaborate and move confidently into our future.

As the new Adams County Agricultural Agent, I am very much looking forward to working with everyone and I encourage you to stop into my office at 569 N. Cedar Street Adams, WI 53910. If you have any questions or just want to chat about plants, agriculture, water concerns or other things of that nature, give me a call at 608-339-4237 or email me at [ken.cleveland@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:ken.cleveland@ces.uwex.edu).

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## Tree ID, Diseases & Forest Management

Our meeting on July 28 “Tree ID, Diseases & Forest Management Techniques, will be presented by Austin Felts from the Friendship DNR. It will start at the Community Center at 6:30PM. At approximately 7PM a tour will be held at the Adams County 4H forest, northeast of the airport on Deerborn Ave. This area contains many native trees, some may be diseased, and has a sample of forest management technique. Be sure to wear comfortable walking shoes, wear long pants, and have any mosquito and/or tick preventative as needed. Austin welcomes any questions you may have, either at the meeting or on the tour. If you would like please do not hesitate to bring a guest.



## Mushroom ID - CANCELLED



The August 25th meeting with Dr. Teresa Barta from the Micrology Group of the Biology Department at UW Stevens Point presenting “Mushroom Identification”, had to be cancelled. Dr. Barta apologized for having to cancel, which they were forced to do because of the budget cuts to the university and the attacks on faculty academic freedom which was part of their community outreach programs.

However. . .the Julseths will host a tour of their mushroom collection, some which are native, some home grown. This will be a “bring a dish to pass event! More information below.

## Mushroom Tour & Potluck

On Tuesday, August 25th at 6PM Dennis & Della Julseth will host a tour and potluck dinner at their home, 2166 West 10th Drive, Adams.

Dennis has been growing a variety of mushrooms in his outdoor gardens for a couple of years. He will be explaining how he started each variety, the process of growing them, the difference in each variety, and answering any questions. This will also be a potluck, so please bring a dish to pass and your own chairs. A beverage will be provided.

Dennis & Della live about 1½ miles south of downtown Adams. Directions are: From the Cenex gas station, take Cty Rd M east approx. 1 mile, turn right, go south on 11th Avenue about ¼ mile, turn left, go east on Dixie Ct. (edge of Town Acres), go to 2d road to the right which is W 10th Drive, proceed to end of dead-end road next to the RR tracks. Hope to see you soon!!





## News on Scholarship Recipients

by Roger Conrad

Adams County Master Gardeners received two applications for college scholarships. Both of them met all of the qualifications. Therefore the Adams County Master Gardeners board voted to present them each with a \$500.00 scholarship. One was Zachary Olson. The other one was Nick Theisen. It was an honor to send the \$500.00 checks to the schools in the name of the students who received them.

## Adams County Fair Time!

YEP!! Fair time is here. The fair will be in July this year. It's only about a month away and we need some VOLUNTEERS! If you enjoy talking to people you need to help us. You can do 3 or 4 hours at our fair booth answering questions mostly about Adams County Master Gardeners. The time you spend there goes towards your Master Gardener volunteer hours.

Please let Roger Conrad 608-584-4419 or Gary Thompson 414-303-1750 know so we can set up time schedules to your benefit. Our fair theme this year is BIRDS-BLOOMS & BUTTERFLIES. Now doesn't that sound like fun. Call us.

Open to the Public Fair Hours:

- Thursday, 7/23 4PM - 10PM
- Friday, 7/24 4PM - 10PM
- Saturday, 7/25 11AM - 10PM
- Sunday, 7/26 11AM - 4PM

## Renew Your Membership

You can renew your ACMGA membership at any of our general meetings, board meetings, or garden tours. Dues are \$10.00/yr. per person. You can also send your dues to our treasurer, Roger Conrad at 671 Cty Rd A, Grand Marsh, WI 53936

*“Most people respond to the world primarily at an emotional level, and that leads to some serious misconceptions about nature. We should see nature and all it’s species as products of natural selection and not judged by human standards. Nothing in nature is evil. Good and evil, fairness and unfairness have no meaning at all in a world shaped by natural selection. This is a hard, even frightening concept, so we continue to judge by our own moral criteria, which is pointless”.* **Paradise Found** by Steve Nichols

Steve Nichols

# TOUR OWEN ROCK CRANBERRY

561 County Road W, Hancock WI

Come and join us for a tour at Owen Rock Cranberry on October 20, 2015 at 1PM.

Watch the actual harvest of cranberries. Did you know the five largest producers of cranberries? They are Wisconsin, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Oregon, and Washington. Together they harvest almost five million barrels, 100 lbs = 1 barrel.

We will need to know the numbers attending. RSVP to Florence Johnson, 608-339-6570 by September 1, 2015.

## Upcoming Events

- July 14 Board Meeting, Community Center, 4:30PM, members welcome.
- July 23-26 Adams County Fair, "Birds, Blooms, & Butterflies"
- July 28 **Tree ID, Diseases & Forest Management Technology**, meeting & tour presented by Austin Felts, DNR, starts at 6:30pm, Community Center, tour after at the Adams County 4H forest, near the airport.
- July 31-Aug 1 Annual WIMGA Conference, **Life is Gardening, Learn from the Past, Plan for the Future**, LaCrosse, WI
- Aug 11 Board Meeting, Community Center, 4:30PM, members welcome.
- Aug 25 **Mushroom Garden Tour**, at Dennis & Della Julseth's, 2166 W. 10th Drive, Adams at **6:00pm**
- Sept 8 Board Meeting, Community Center, 4:30pm members welcome
- Sept 22 Annual Meeting, 6:30-9PM, Friendship Village Hall, 507 W. Lake Street (Hwy J)
- Oct 13 Board Meeting, Community Center, 4:30PM, members welcome
- Oct 20 **Cranberry Bog Tour**, 1 PM, registration required, (see pg 7 of this newsletter).
- Nov ? Women's Night Out (more info to follow)
- Nov 10 Board Meeting, Community Center, 4:30PM, members welcome
- Nov 24 General Meeting, 6:30PM, Community Center, "Hydroponic Gardening", presented by Certified Master Gardener, Sharon Hartz

NO MEETINGS IN DECEMBER. Have a safe and happy holiday season.

# JULY 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	UWEX Closed Holiday 3	Happy 4th of July 4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	Board Mtg 4:30PM 14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
				Adams County Fair		
26	27	Tree ID, Diseases & Forest Mngt 28	29	30	31 WIGMA	

# AUGUST 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 WIGMA
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	Board Mtg 4:30PM 11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23/30	24/31	Mushroom Garden Tour 25	26	27	28	29

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# VOLUNTEER NEWS

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## Volunteers Make a Difference

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 are in full swing. 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.




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### Ongoing Volunteer Opportunities

- Moundview Memorial Hospital Planters & Fairground Planters, Betty Conrad, 608.584.4419 and Donna Diori, 202.443.3521
- Library Plants, Betty Conrad, 608.584.4419
- Adopt-a-Highway, Sharon Hartz, 608.564.2430
- Community Center Planters, Donna Bruno, 608.403.6603, Lynn Dolata, 608-339-4237
- Elementary School Garden, Angela DeSmith, 608.339.2028 & Betty Conrad, 608.584.4419
- Flagpole Garden at the Community Center, Donna Bruno, 608.403.6603
- Villa Pines, Mike Boucher, 608.339.3361




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### 1 or Limited Days Volunteer Opportunities

- Women's Night Out, Date, Time, etc. TBA
- Adams County Fair, Roger Conrad, 608-584-4419 & Gary Thompson, 414-303-1750

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.





## Coleus from Cuttings

Coleus have become one of the popular summer annuals. They come in a variety of colors and sizes and it seems it is relatively easy to take cuttings and grow your own for the next year. Here are a few steps from Melinda Myers, a gardening expert writing for [Birds & Blooms](#).

- Start the process in late summer or early fall
- Make 4" cuttings from healthy growth
- Remove any flowers or bulbs and the lowest set of leaves
- Stick cuttings in moist, nondusty vermiculite, perlite or a well drained potting mix
- Set in a loose plastic bag to increase the humidity around the cuttings
- Once they root, you can pot and grow them in a sunny window or under artificial lights throughout the winter
- Water as needed and pinch to maintain compact growth.

## ATTENTION!

The Adams County Master Gardeners Association by-laws require that the association's by-laws be reviewed on a regular basis and any suggested changes be submitted to the members for a vote at the annual meeting. In accordance with this the Board asks that you review the bi-laws and submit suggestions for possible changes. Current changes are capitalized or underlined.

Please read them and submit any changes you feel are needed. Change suggestions can be dropped at the extension office, or brought to the July meeting.

# By-laws of the Adams County Master Gardeners Association

## Article I Name and Location

Section 1. The name of this organization is the **Adams County Master Gardeners VOLUNTEERS Association**. The official address is: University Wisconsin-Extension Adams, 569 North Cedar Street, Adams, Wisconsin 53910.

## Article II Objectives

1. The goals of this organization shall be:
2. To educate its members in all aspects of gardening.
3. To encourage, foster, support, and promote horticulture for all residents of Adams County.
4. To promote the conservation of natural resources, in partnership with the University Wisconsin-Extension.
5. Carry out public service projects. **REMOVE?**
6. The educational purposes will be within the meaning of Section 501 (CX3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

## Article III Membership

Section 1. The Board of Directors will prescribe the terms and conditions of the membership of this association in compliance with the guidelines set by the WI Master Gardeners Assoc and the University of Wisconsin-Extension.

Section 2. Membership in this organization consists of the following:

### A. Voting Members

1. Certified Master Gardener Volunteers- those persons certified by UW- Extension who are in good standing of this association. Good standing of this association is accomplished by completing the yearly training and service required by the UW-Extension for maintenance of certification as a Master Gardener as determined by the state association and after paying yearly dues.
2. Non-Certified Members- those persons who wish to support the Association and pay their yearly dues but have not completed the Master Gardener Training Course. They may record volunteer **AND CONTINUING EDUCATION** hours for local program evaluation if they wish, and are encouraged to do so.

### B. Non-Voting individuals (Guests)

1. Persons who have not paid the yearly dues.

Section 3. The annual dues will be set by the Board of Directors and are payable at the time of applying for membership ~~and there after due September 1<sup>st</sup> - January 1<sup>st</sup> - each year in order to be included in WIMGA for the following year.~~

Section 4. WIMGA dues shall be paid for those members who are current on January 1<sup>st</sup> each year. Those paying after January 1<sup>st</sup> shall not be included in WIMGA for that year.

## Article IV Meetings

Section 1. An annual meeting will be held ~~in September of~~ each year.

Section 2. Regular association meetings will be held as designated by the Board of Directors.

Section 3. Each member will be entitled to cast one vote at any election or on any motion at these meetings. A motion or election will be passed by a majority of the voting members present.

## Article V Board of Directors

Section 1. The Board shall consist of **AT LEAST 3 AND** no more than 13 members, including the four officers. The President will vote only in the event of a tie.

Section 2. All members of the Board of Directors must be in good standing in this association, and must actively participate in one or more committees. The board members shall be elected **ANNUALLY** by the Association Members ~~at the annual meeting~~, and shall take office on January 1<sup>st</sup> following election.

Section 3. The Association members will elect four (4) officers to include President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. ~~These officers must be Certified Master Gardeners.~~

Section 4. The term of office shall be two (2) years. Alternating as follows:

A. Even years- Vice President, Secretary and Board Members who joined the board in an even numbered year.



B. Odd years- President, Treasurer and Board Members who joined the board in an odd numbered year.

Section 5. Any Board member who does not meet the requirements set forth in these by-laws can be removed by a majority vote of the Board of Directors present at any meeting.

Section 6. In case of vacancy on the Board of Directors the remaining Directors may ~~elect~~ APPOINT a successor to serve the unexpired portion of the term.

Section 7. The Adams County UW-Extension Agricultural Agent is an ex-officio member of the Board. This position does not hold voting rights.

Section 8. Term Limits

Before eligible for re-election,

For Officers: 2 consecutive terms and then at least 2 years off.

For Board Members: 3 consecutive two year terms and then at least 2 years off.

#### **Article VI Officers**

The duties of the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer will be as follows:

A. President-Preside at all meetings of the organization ~~and the Board of Directors~~, keep order, be fair and impartial and protect the rights of all members, facilitate committee appointments, set the agenda for all meetings, and generally supervise activities of the association.

~~B. Vice President-Take over the duties of the President if he or she is unable to be at a meeting, or if that office is vacated for any reason. The Vice President shall communicate with committee chairs and report to the board on committee activities.~~

C. Secretary-Maintain all the records of the organization, prepare the agenda for meetings (unless President prefers to do this), take and record the minutes of meetings, keep an up-to-date list of members, and take over the duties of the President IF ~~he~~ or she or the Vice President are unable to do so.

D. Treasurer-Receive and disburse the monies of the organization. This includes: depositing all monies in the organization's bank account (s), paying the bills, giving a report at the board meetings, keep records of all of the above and balancing and reconciling the organization's bank accounts.

#### **Article VII Committees**

The Board of Directors will re-evaluate committees on a yearly basis. COMMITTEE CHAIRS SHALL REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THEIR COMMITTEES.

Section 1. Standing committees for regular events ~~with the chair reporting to the board through the VP as needed~~ shall be: Bi-Laws, Nominations, Annual Meeting, and Scholarships.

Section 2. Individual activity committees for example (Hospital Flowers, School Garden, Fruit Sale, County Fair, Kids Day, etc.) shall have a specific chair, ~~and will report to the VP.~~

#### **Article VIII Finances**

Section 1. Funds may be solicited for purposes previously approved by the Board of Directors. The Board will approve only such purposes as are not in conflict with the stated purpose of the association.

Section 2. In case of dissolution of the association, monies, assets and records will be handed over to the Adams County UW-Extension office.

Section 3. The Association's fiscal year is defined as beginning JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup> THRU DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup> ~~August 1 and ending July 31~~ of each year.

Section 4. The final budget will be presented for approval at the Annual Meeting.

#### **Article IX Amendments**

These bi-laws may be amended at the annual meeting by a majority of the voting members present.

Bi-laws are available upon request from the Board Secretary.



# MASTER GARDENER ALERT!

If you don't want to see us come to an end, we need your help and we need it NOW! Some of the current officers and board member's terms are due to expire. If there are no other Master Gardeners willing to step up and take some responsibility for these positions our Master Gardener group will fail.



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