

# Master Gardener News

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## Straw Bale Gardening

Straw Bale Gardening is exactly that—gardening in a straw bale! Come to the March 22 Master Gardener meeting to learn how to use straw (instead of soil) to produce healthy vegetables, herbs, flowers, and small fruits.

The unique feature of straw bale gardening is that it is easy! It requires less effort, less water, is inexpensive to set up, yields more, and it allows gardeners to plant earlier in the spring and produce later in the fall. Another unique feature is that there is no weeding when you grow in a straw bale!

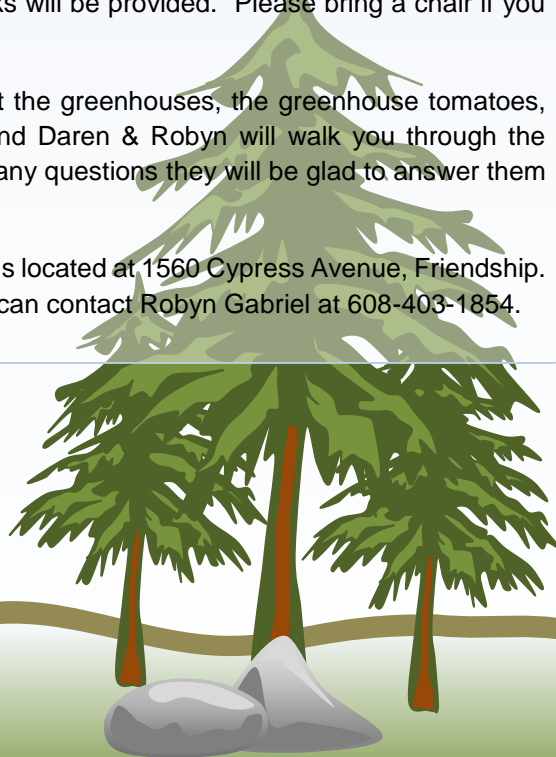
Join us on March 22 at 6:00 PM at the Adams Community Center for an introduction to straw bale gardening. Sharon Hartz, Certified Master Gardener, will share the details in her presentation at the regularly scheduled March meeting.

## Cypress Avenue Greenhouse

Cypress Avenue Greenhouse will be hosting a garden tour on May 24th. The tour will start at 6:30PM, snacks will be provided. Please bring a chair if you need one.

You are welcome to check out the greenhouses, the greenhouse tomatoes, the grow & transition room, and Daren & Robyn will walk you through the strawberry patch. If you have any questions they will be glad to answer them for you.

Cypress Avenue Greenhouse is located at 1560 Cypress Avenue, Friendship. If you have any questions you can contact Robyn Gabriel at 608-403-1854.





## Adopt A Highway

The Adopt-a-Highway Committee is made up of Master Gardener volunteers. Each volunteer spends a couple of hours two or three times a year helping to clean up Adams County roadsides.

We have adopted two mile sections of Highways J, B and Z. The committee gets together at a convenient time for the group members and helps to beautify the countryside. The community benefits from our efforts, and the group members benefit too. We get some exercise, get to know other Master Gardeners, and help clean up our environment, besides accumulating volunteer hours.

Won't you join our committee? To help make this successful program continue, we need more volunteers. It's only a couple of hours several times a year! Please contact Sharon Hartz, chairman, at 608-564-2430 for more information.



## Kids Day

Adams County Master Gardeners will have a booth once more this year at the Adams-Friendship High School, 1109 East North Street, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 10AM to 2PM. Our Master Gardener theme this year at Kids Day is "Kids Can be Great Gardeners"

We will be distributing Red Pine tree saplings donated by Griffin State Nursery in Wisconsin Rapids. There will be information for helping them to plant these trees successfully.

If you would like to volunteer to help please call Della Julseth at 608-339-0128, or Florence Johnson at 608-339-6570. This would be a great opportunity to get some of those needed volunteer hours and also help a child become a "Great Gardener"!

## ACMG New 2016 Theme

Adams County Master Gardeners have a new theme for 2016. "How do you Garden in Adams County"? If you would like to share a story or experience related to this new theme send your articles to [lynn.dolata@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:lynn.dolata@ces.uwex.edu) or mail them to 569 N. Cedar Street, Adams, WI 53910.

It's a great way to add to your volunteer hours!



*"No matter how long the winter, spring is sure to follow". ~Proverb*

**UPCOMING  
EVENTS**  
MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**March 8**

Board Mtg., Community Center,  
9:30AM, members welcome

**March 22**

General Mtg., 6:30PM, Community  
Center, "Straw Bale Gardening"

**April 12**

Board Mtg., Community Center,  
9:30AM, members welcome

**April 23**

Kids Day, A-F High-School

**April 30**

"The Glory of the Gardens in  
England" film at Adams Community  
Theater, 2:30PM

**May 7**

"Plant a Flower for Mom", ACE  
Hardware

**May 10**

Board Mtg., Community Center,  
9:30AM, members welcome

**May 24**

Tour at Cypress Gardens, 6:00PM

**June 14**

Board Mtg., Community Center,  
9:30AM, members welcome

**June 28**

General Mtg., TBA

**July 12**

Garden Tour at Mike & Sharon Hartz,  
6:00PM, more info to follow

**MARCH**  
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 Board Mtg.	9	10	11	12
13 Daylight savings	14	15	16	17 St. Pats Day	18	19
20 Spring Begins	21	22 General Mtg.	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

**APRIL**  
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 Board Mtg.	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 Kids Day
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 Film at Theater



*Spring is Nature's way of saying "Lets Party"! -Robin Williams*





# Word from the President

## Read the Newsletter Thoroughly

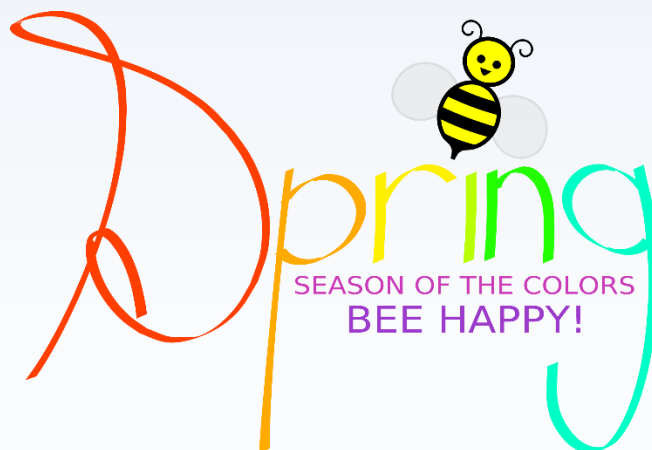
Valentines Day is over and St. Patricks Day is coming. This means a change in the seasons!

I am hopeful that you read this newsletter carefully, as there are some important date changes in it. Board meetings are being held at 9:30AM instead of 4:30PM on the second Tuesday of the month. Dates of events are ever changing due to conflicts of events, weather, etc. so it is important to read through the Calendar of Events each month. Take note that the general meeting for the month of April will be at the Adams Community Theater on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>. We have been offered a chance to watch "The Glory of the Gardens", a film on the gardens of the Rothchild Family in England. The time of the showing is 2:30PM, hope to see you there!



## Protecting your Home & Property from Wild Fire

On Tuesday, February 23rd the Adams County Master Gardeners is having speakers from the Department of Natural Resources on keeping your home & property safe from wildfires. This is open to the public. Coffee and light refreshments will be served. Come join us and see all the great things Master Gardeners do!!



*"The true meaning of life is to plant trees, under whose shade you do not expect to sit". -Nelson Henderson*



## Interested in a Greenhouse?

It's easy to get a greenhouse. All you have to do is open up a catalog and order one. But will it be right for what you want to do? That is the question. . . .

Well I built a greenhouse, and learned a lot about them in the process. I spent a month looking, planning, and talking to the "Gardener" who would be using it. What you see below are some of the things I learned, and some hints for ending up with the RIGHT greenhouse for me.

### BEFORE YOU BUY

**Think about why you want one.** You need it for your gardening or you have always wanted. One. Both are valid reasons for getting one, but what you really need may be very different.

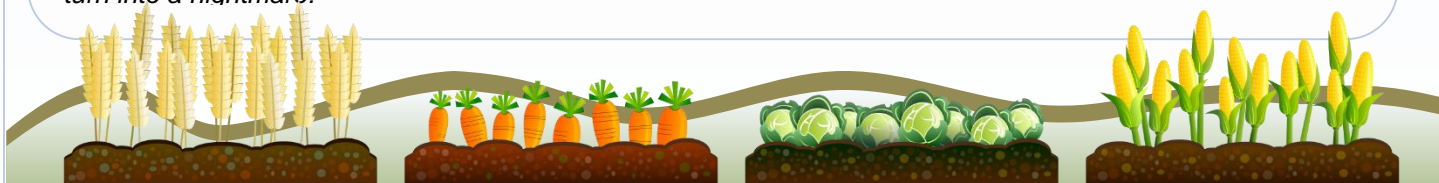
**Do some research on shapes, sizes, features, costs, etc.** This should include talking to friends who have one (they will all want to show you theirs). Look online at what others have done. Look at what suppliers and contractors have to sell. (This is almost unlimited in size, design, features and costs).

**Think about what you really need.** Be realistic, and plan ahead. You can have anything you can afford, but not being honest with yourself can result in getting something that may cost much more than you thought and still not meet your needs.

Below are some thoughts about what to consider:

- What do you plan to do?
- Do you have enough sunlight?
- Build it yourself or contract it out?
- Do you need water piped in?
- How will you control the temperature?
- Will it be a permanent or seasonal set up?
- Where will you put it? Do you have room for it?
- Buy a kit or pre-built and delivered?
- Need electricity?
- 1, 2, or 3 season use?
- Can you afford what you want?

Once you have considered all of this then you can move ahead with your dream. *Just make sure it doesn't turn into a nightmare!*



*Hazel Street Farmers Market starts Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> - October 26<sup>th</sup>, Noon - 5:00PM  
Contact Joan Kronstedt for more information at 608-339-3957. New Vendors Welcome!*




## Elementary School Garden


There are lots of new and exciting happenings at the AFE garden. First we want to say a big THANK YOU to Angela DeSmith for her years of chairing the garden project for the Master Gardeners. Next we want to give a big welcome to Heather Grabarski, 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at AFE who will guide us onward and be the new coordinator for the garden. She has taken initiative to write grants for the garden and garden type projects, she is full of vim, vigor and vitality with many great ideas for the future of the garden.

There is now a greenhouse next to the garden with a heater... if you look carefully you can see it behind all the snow banks! The children will be able to start seeds there in March. Summer school will be at the elementary school so the after school program and the summer school children will be able to do much of the gardening with some assistance from the master gardeners. Robin Gabriel (master gardener and owner of Cypress Gardens) will also be assisting with the program.

Angela DeSmith will continue to be involved in the garden as master gardener, putting in volunteer hours, and in her role as Wisconsin Nutrition Education Program Coordinator for Adams County. The nutrition program will be implementing nutrition/garden based lessons to the students who will be working on garden projects in Heather's classes, plus we will continue to utilize the produce for nutrition lessons provided at the schools.



*There is a garden  
in every childhood,  
an enchanted place  
where colors are brighter,  
the air softer,  
and the morning  
more fragrant than ever again*  
Elizabeth Lawrence







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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

- Library Plants, Betty Conrad, 608-584-4419
- Villa Pines, Mike Boucher, 608-339-3361
- Tree & Plant Sale, Mike Hartz, 608-564-2430
- Adopt-A-Highway, Sharon Hartz, 608-564-2430
- Elementary School Garden, Heather Grabarski 608-339-0150, Carol Dziegielewski 608-339-2253

### 1 OR LIMITED DAY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- Kids Day – April 23, Della Julseth 608-339-0128
- Plant a Flower for Mom at ACE Hardware, May 7 more info to follow
- Brat Fry, A-F County Market, 8AM-3:30PM more info to follow

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-November 9:30AM. General meetings and garden tours are usually held the 4th Tuesday of the month.

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/year, per person. You can also send your dues to our treasurer: Roger Conrad, 671 Cty Rd A, Grand Marsh, WI 53936. Please include your name, address and phone number.



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