

Master Gardener News

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Horticulture in Costa Rica



Flowers of Costa Rica, photo courtesy of Nomadicholtz

On Tuesday, March 24th, Craig Saxe, the Juneau County Ag Agent will present "Horticulture in Costa Rica". His information will be based around his recent visit to that country. After our long winter, with spring just around the corner, this should be a welcome divergence.

Event begins at 6:30PM at the Community Center. Light refreshments will be served. Join us and bring guests.



We will help the kids plant the beans in the containers and also provide information on growing vegetables.

If you would like to volunteer to help, please call Della Julseth at (608-339-0128).

This would be a good opportunity to get your needed volunteer hours.

Get Your Body Ready to Garden

On Tuesday, April 28th, just in time for spring planting, Kevin Beaver, Physical Therapist from Moundview Memorial Hospital & Clinics will show us how to "Get Your Body Ready for Gardening".

Event begins at 6:30PM at the Community Center. Light refreshments will be served. Join us and bring guests.



Kids Day

Adams County Master Gardeners will have a booth again this year at the Adams Friendship High School, 1109 E. North Street. The hours are 10AM - 2PM, on April 4th. The theme will be "The Great Garden Detective Adventure".

We will be distributing green bean pods, cup containers & potting soil donated to us by Ace Hardware.

Adopt-a-Highway

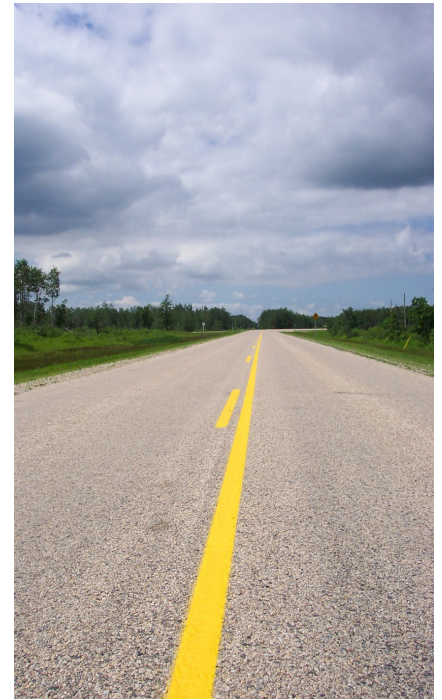
The Adams County Master Gardener Association is an educational and service organization of volunteers. One way we serve Adams County is through the Adopt-a-Highway program.

Have you seen the Adopt-a-Highway road signs on our local highways? We are proud of our participation in this program!

Our committees help keep three different two mile sections of county roads beautiful. This is our sixth year participating in the program along with the Adams County Highway Department.

Join our team! We have a number of Master Gardener volunteers working on the Adopt-a-Highway committee and need more

help. It only takes an hour or two on a couple of days to make a difference in the beauty of our county roads. We like to do a spring, summer, and fall clean up each year. Please contact committee chair Sharon Hartz at 608.564.2430 for more information.



The strength of the team is each individual member. The strength of each member is the team.

Phil Jackson

Botanical Bucks Are Back!

Botanical Bucks are coming back again this year! This is a coupon worth \$10.00 on a plant purchase at Twin Creek Nursery and Greenhouses at 1884 County Road N, Friendship. The coupon will expire on June 30,

2015. I will be giving out coupons to ACMG **paid** members only, starting at the general meeting on Saturday, February 28th. Please see Betty Conrad at future meetings to get your botanical bucks coupon.

Plant a Flower for Mom

Ace of Adams, along with the ACMGA is sponsoring a "Plant a Flower for Mom" on Saturday, May 9th from 11AM-1PM. This event will be held at the Ace Hardware Greenhouse and is free for all children. If you would like to volunteer or have questions about this fantastic event, contact:

Florence Johnson 608.339.6570

Donna Bruno 608.403.6603



Duckcreek Watershed Advisory Group



The following letter is reprinted in this newsletter with permission from the Duck Creek Watershed.

Open letter to Adams County Residents:

We wish to address a serious concern that has been developing over the past few years.

The concern is the removal of vast amounts of trees from the lands of our county with no forest regeneration planned. We have witnessed thousands of acres of woods being clear-cut and not re-planted, or allowed to regenerate. We also, understand that this process has accelerated in the past few years, with more acres being cut in the past 2-3 years than the previous 8 combined. We believe this trend if allowed to continue unchecked, will create a serious threat to the waters of Adams County, the Duck Creek Water Shed and to the goals of our group.

Trees are a critical resource that provide environmental, economic and aesthetic benefits for the citizens and wildlife for our area. Trees act as a sound barrier and provide protection against crowding and noise pollution which is one of the reasons so many people visit our county for their vacations and make this area their choice for retirement.

Trees play a major role in purifying the air we breathe and the water we drink. The air is filtered by the trees and returned to the atmosphere at the time of photosynthesis. Trees provide us with oxygen, which are essential for the existence of life. The dust particles and other pollutants, which cause major diseases like asthma and lung cancer, get stuck on the leaves of the trees resulting in fresh air reaching us. Leaves absorb pollutants such as ozone, carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide and sulfur dioxide and give off oxygen. A part of water taken by plants roots is given out by the leaves in the form of water vapor by a process called transpiration. This vapor then forms clouds resulting in rain, which is a direct benefit for agriculture in our area.

Trees intercept water, store some of it, reduce storm runoff/erosion and the possibility of flooding. The leaves from trees provide a composted barrier that helps retain moisture and improves the soil quality. Without the wooded areas of our county, life as we know it would be greatly changed. We should also keep in mind that our forest must be protected, not only for ourselves, but our children, grandchildren and their children. If something is not done soon it may be too late. Because of these concerns the Duck Creek Watershed Advisory Group believes everything possible should be done to protect our forested lands. We strongly urge movement toward a Woodland/Forest Protection Zoning Ordinance, or conditional use permitting process. Plus, we ask that the Adams County Board investigate the possible advantages of adopting a program that would set aside penalty monies paid to the county from managed forest land owners that are removed early from the program and that money be used to fund a county forester position and/or purchase county forest land. That forest land could become part of a sustainable county forest program that could be used to provide public recreational/hunting lands for individuals that live in, or visit our county. If managed properly, those county forest lands will also provide income and jobs for the county and its citizens through timber production and sales. We ask for your full consideration of the points we have addressed in this letter. Thank you for your cooperation.

Flagpole Garden at the Community Center

The ACMGA volunteers will be weeding and attending to the plants in the new flagpole garden at the Community Center. Starting on May 12 at 4PM the board members and volunteers will meet

at the Community Center and take care of any upkeep needed. This will be done before every board meeting, which is the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Anyone who would like to help is welcome. Stay for

the board meeting at 4:30 if you would like. Call Donna Bruno, 608.403.6603 to volunteer or ask any questions regarding this great, new volunteer opportunity!



ACMG Scholarship Offer

The Adams County Master Gardeners are offering scholarships once again this year to qualifying Adams County resident seniors. Applications are available in the school office or on the Adams County Master Gardener website at <http://fyi.uwex.edu/acmga/scholarships>. All requirements and qualifying course can be found at this website as well as an application that can be filled out online and one that can be printed out.




Completed applications are to be submitted to the Adams County UW Extension office in the Community Center by April 1, 2015.




Upcoming Events

- March 24 **Horticulture in Costa Rica**, presented by Craig Saxe, Juneau County Ag Agent, 6:30pm, Community Center
- April 4 Kid's Day, A-F High School, 10am - 2pm
- April 28 General Meeting, **Get Your Body Ready for Gardening**, presented by Physical Therapist Kevin Beaver from Moundview Memorial Hospital & Clinics
- May 9 **Plant a Flower for Mom**, 11am - 1pm, Ace Hardware Greenhouse
- May 26 Tour of **Cypress Garden Greenhouse**, 6:30pm
- June 23 Tour of **Spears R Us**, 6pm
- July 23-26 Adams County Fair
- July 25 Kids Day at the Fair
- July 28 **Tree ID, Diseases & Forest Management Technology**, meeting & tour presented by Austin Felts, DNR, starts at 6:30pm, Community Center
- July 31-Aug 1 Annual WIMGA Conference, **Life is Gardening, Learn from the Past, Plan for the Future**, LaCrosse, WI
- Aug 25 **Introduction to Mushroom ID**, presented by Dr. Terese Barta, Biology Dept., Stevens Point University, starts at **6:00pm**

MARCH 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
 8 Daylight Savings	9	10 Board Meeting, 4:30 PM	11	12	13	14
15	16	 St. Pats Day	18	19	 Spring Begins	21
22	23	24 Horticulture in Costa Rica 6:30 PM	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

APRIL 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 Good Friday	4 Kid's Day AF High School
Easter 	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Board Meeting, 4:30 PM	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 Get Your Body Ready for Gardening 6:30 PM	29	30		



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 & Farigrounds Planter, 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
- 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

1 or Limited Days - Volunteer Opportunities

- Kid's Day, April 4, A-F High School, Della Julseth, 608.339.0128
- Brat Frys, A-F County Market, 8AM-3:30PM, (dates TBA). Scott Christianson, 608.296.4747, and Mary Anne Keul, 608.339.0420
- ACE Hardware - Mothers Day Flowers, Florence Johnson, 608.339.6570
- Women's Night Out, date & time TBA
- Adams County Fair, Roger Conrad, 608.584.4419 and Gary Thompson, 414.303.1750
- Kids Day at the Fair, July 25, Roger Conrad, 608.584.4419

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. (June, October & November are still open)

Community Center Planters

The Community Center Planters will be planted by Donna Bruno and friends. Two new planters and flowers for them will be purchased by the ACMGA. The old planters will be refurbished by Lynn Dolata. Call Donna Bruno, 608.403.6603 or Lynn Dolata at 608.339.4237 to help plant, water and maintain these planters.

**"NO ACT OF KINDNESS,
NO MATTER HOW SMALL,
IS EVER WASTED."**

-AESOP-



Membership 100%

Membership Renewal

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. You can also send your dues to our treasurer, Roger Conrad, along with your name, address, phone number, and email address at: 671 County Road A, Grand Marsh, WI 53936

Sauk County's 15th Annual Get Ready... Get Set... Garden!



Sauk County's 15th annual "Get Ready...Get Set...Garden!" event will be held on Saturday, March 28, 2015, from 8:30 – 3:00 PM, in the West Square Building in Baraboo. The popular conference is sponsored by UW Extension, HCE (Home Community Education) and Master Gardeners.

It features classes, an optional lunch, garden vendors, and the Master Gardeners' popular silent auction. The cost of classes range from \$10.00 to \$35.00 with the proceeds benefitting HCE scholarships to local students.

This year, *The Gourd Girl* (Terri Schmit) will present two classes, one on growing gourds from seed to cleaning for gourd art, and the second will be a hands-on class making decorative pins from pieces of gourd. Branden Byers, author of *The Everyday Fermentation Handbook*, will teach a class on making kombucha and everyone will leave with a slice of SCOBY to make their own kombucha at home.

Other class topics are: Dehydrating Garden Produce, Beginning Beekeeping, Container Gardening, Fun for Kids in Nature, Foraging, a floral arranging class, Home Freezing of Foods and Starting Seeds Indoors.

Pre-registration for the classes is required and some classes have limited capacities. The last date to register for classes is March 16, 2015 on a first-come, first-serve basis. However, all are welcome to stop in that day and shop at the bake sale and silent auction. For more information go to :<https://www.co.sauk.wi.us/uwextensionpage/get-readyget-setgarden-0> for the event brochure and registration.

Call Sue Nagelkerk at the UW Extension office with questions, 355-3256.



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