



Master Gardener News



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Plant a Flower for Mom



On Saturday, May 9th from 11AM - 1PM, Ace of Adams, along with the Adams County Master Gardeners is sponsoring an event "Plant a Flower for Mom"

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 or Donna Bruno 608.403.6603



Tour of Cypress Greenhouse

On Tuesday, May 26th, 6:30 PM Robin Gabriel, owner of Cypress Greenhouse at 1560 Cypress Avenue will host a tour of her facilities. Refreshments will be served. Come see all the new and beautiful flower and vegetable plants for 2015



Spears R Us

The garden tour for June will be at Spears R Us on Tuesday, June 23rd at 6PM. Please bring a dish to pass.

This is an asparagus farm owned by Steve and Karen Stalker. They will explain the process from planting, picking to processing for shipment to stores.

The address location is 1026 County Road E, Adams WI

Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or the present are certain to miss the future. ~John F. Kennedy~

Tree ID, Diseases & Forest Management Techniques

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

On August 25th, Dr. Teresa Barta from the Micrology Group of the Biology Department at UW Stevens Point will present "Mushroom Identification". The meeting will start at 6PM at the Community Center. Dr. Barta will spend some time identifying your mush-

room samples and present other information on mushrooms. After the meeting, we will proceed to Julseths' to tour their mushroom collection, some native and some grown. Watch for more details in the July/August newsletter.

Reminder! Brat Fry

MAY 23RD, BRAT AND BURGER FRY, 8AM - 3:30PM, AF COUNTY MARKET



*No Matter how long the winter,
Spring is sure to follow*





News on Kid's Day Program by Della Julseth, Kids Day chairperson

Adams County Master Gardeners had a booth at the Adams-Friendship High School for the annual Kid's Day Program on April 11th.

ACE Hardware donated flower pots, soil and green bean plants. We would like to thank them for their generous contribution.

Master Gardener members, Joanne Elliott, Donna Bruno, Dana Diorio, Betsy Olson, Florence Johnson, Dennis & Della Julseth all volunteered to plant and give instructions how to plant and how to grow the beans. Since there was a large turn-out of children we ended up planting onion sets when the beans were gone.

We had information on growing vegetables and some recipes pertaining to garden vegetables and fruits for them to take home.

We also had information on joining Master Gardeners. All of this information was provided by the UW Extension office.



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

Elementary School Garden by Angela DeSmith, BS, DTR, CLC

We are off to a great start at the elementary school garden. Master gardeners did an excellent job of spring cleaning in the garden. We discovered one plant was lost over the winter. We plan to add top soil, fertilizer, and peat moss to the garden beds, in addition to along the fence line.

During the second week in May, four groups of children attending the after school program will be planting seeds in the garden. The plan is to plant a variety of vegetables such as carrots, green beans, squash, lettuce, beets, tomatoes, and of course sunflowers.

The garden is in need of mulch- it has been several years since mulch was put in the garden. Next time the land fill is offering free mulch we would like to obtain a load for the garden. However, we are in need of someone to haul the mulch, if anyone could help out with the hauling it would be greatly appreciated.

Also, we hope that the nutrition educators from UW Extension can utilize some of the produce for nutrition education sessions for summer school classes, and when classes resume in the fall, as they have done in past years. I will contact them regarding the garden produce.

If you are interested in volunteering at the elementary school garden please give me a call at 339-2028.

2015 WIMGA Annual Conference

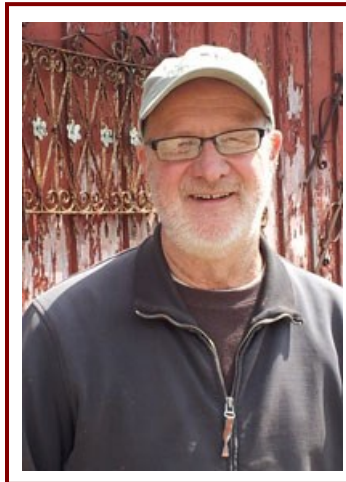
Bluff County Master Gardener Association will host the 2015 Wisconsin Master Gardener Association Conference in LaCrosse, WI this summer. The dates are July 31st and August 2nd, 2015.

The theme of this year's event is "**Life is Gardening: Learn from the Past, Plant for the Future**". The conferences will be held at the LaCrosse Center and Radisson Hotel.

New this year are 12 off-site outdoor workshops from noon to 2PM on Saturday. You can find more info on the Bluff County Master Gardener website at:

www.bluffcountymastergardeners.org

The featured presenter on Friday night is Roy Diblik, Author of "The Know Maintenance Perennial Garden".



Roy Diblik

Noted Plantsman & Designer



Karen Oberhauser

Ph. D. University of Minnesota, Dept of Ecology, Evolution and Behavior

The keynote speaker on Saturday is Dr. Karen Oberhauser of the University of Minnesota. Karen developed national programs for the Monarch Larva Monitoring Project, and Monarchs in the Classroom.

Early registration is April 1, 2015 - May 25, 2015, registration is \$70.00

Upcoming Events

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| May 9 | Plant a Flower for Mom , 11 am - 1 pm, Ace Hardware Greenhouse |
| May 12 | Board Meeting, Community Center, 4:30PM, members welcome. |
| May 26 | Tour of Cypress Garden Greenhouse , 6:30pm |
| June 9 | Board Meeting, Community Center, 4:30PM, members welcome. |
| June 23 | Tour of Spears R Us , 6pm |
| July 14 | Board Meeting, Community Center, 4:30PM, members welcome. |
| July 23-26 | Adams County Fair, "Birds, Blooms, & Butterflies" |
| 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 11 | Board Meeting, Community Center, 4:30PM, members welcome. |
| Aug 25 | Introduction to Mushroom ID , presented by Dr. Terese Barta, Biology Dept., Stevens Point University, starts at 6:00pm |

MAY 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9  Plant a Flower for Mom - ACE Hardware
10  Mother's Day	11	12 Board Meeting, 4:30 PM	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24/31	25	26  Cypress Greenhouse Tour 6:30PM	27	28	29	30

JUNE 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 Board Meeting, 4:30 PM	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21  Father's Day	22	23  Spears R Us Tour 6PM	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

VOLUNTEER NEWS

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 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 & 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



1 or Limited Days Volunteer Opportunities

- Brat Fry, A-F County Market, 8AM-3:30PM, May 23, 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).

GOOD BOOK READ

By Mary Anne Keul

I am one of those “environmentalists” who believe in preserving our natural resources for our and future generations. I also believe we have become a “throw away” society when we could just as easily be a “reuse” and “recycle” one. Whether we believe in global warming or not, only after a resource is gone or on the brink of extinction, do we notice how valuable it was, and then, sometimes our efforts to restore it may be too late or impossible.

Recently a friend suggested I read **Paradise Found**, by Steve Nichols. It explores the natural resources, including animals of North America from the time of the early European settlements, approximately 500 years ago to the present. There are hundreds of scientific and historical references. I knew of the abundance of the natural resources at the time of the early settlements in North America, but I was amazed at the magnitude of them. “Nature was far more abundant in the past than most people realize”.

The book is not an easy read, as it describes in detail, how we, the human population, have destroyed this abundance, often in a very cruel and uncaring manner.

The book is available through the Adams County Library network. I suggest if you read it, to read Chapter 20 (the last chapter) first and then the rest. I hope to have some quotes from it, space permitting, in our upcoming newsletters. I'll start with these:

“North America was infinitely abundant. Nature was so indomitable and abundant that nothing humans could do would affect it”. This was “an attitude prevalent throughout much of North America’s exploration and one that still pervades to much thinking today, is that as soon as any one particular resource was used up, another would be found to take its place”.

We can’t pick and choose which animals and plants we want in our world and which we don’t. Most of the time we have no idea what role these obscure creatures are playing in their ecosystems”.

HELP THE PLANET WITH GARDENING

WI State Journal by Katherine Roth

As gardeners we can help with climate change by creating gardens with a more natural look and with more emphasis on drought tolerant and wildlife friendly plants. Because of global warming and habitat destruction its no longer enough for a garden to just look pretty. Earth friendly gardens consist mostly of native species on which local wildlife depends, especially birds. Today, gardens need to support life, sequester carbon, feed pollinators, and manage water.

Here are a few ways we can make our gardens work harder for the planet:

1. Feed the pollinators. 80 to 90 percent of all plants would be lost without them. Focus on plants that feed the 4,000 species of native bees and the native flowering plants that bloom from April-September. Native mint, sunflowers, goldenrod, blazing star, and milk-week are some good choices.
2. Minimize lawn, concrete, and non-native ornamental species. Asian plant varieties have little to offer native wildlife.
3. Avoid pesticides. If you are planting a garden for bees and butterflies don't use pesticides that will kill bees and butterflies!

Master Gardeners, lets all try to do more and work harder to make our gardens help the environment.



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