

# Master Gardener News

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## ACMGA ANNUAL MEETING

By Cynthia Snyder

Twenty-one of us gathered at the Friendship Village Hall on a lovely Tuesday evening. Many members had arrived early to help set up for this event. As in years past, it was a festive occasion. The tables were nicely adorned with green coverings and centerpieces put together by volunteer involvement, right down to the donated silver dollar leaves one of our members grows.

We each brought a dish to share and was it yummy! A variety of delicious foods including meatballs, vegetable stew and (as usual) desserts to rival fine dining were available. If anyone left the pot-luck meal hungry, it was their own fault!!

Door prizes were available for all, some hand crafted, some in the form of gift certificates. The providers of these prizes were generous and each prize was related to gardening in one way or another. It appeared that much time and consideration went into collecting these gifts. This is not unusual either!

We moved into business as required: new board members, new seats to be filled. It quickly became obvious that each area of interest shares one common thread: the need for volunteers. Regardless of committee, there just aren't enough of us Gardeners to cover the needed help. This also is not unusual and this unfortunate situation has been manifesting for many years. Each chairperson asked for more volunteer help. It appears a few of our past involvements may fall away due to this very reason. Yet one committee did excel this year - The Tree and Fruit Sale.

The election ended as: Joanne Elliott, President; Della Julseth, Vice President; Cyndee Snyder, Secretary and Roger Conrad, Treasurer. All seats run until December 2018.

The evening was wrapped up, many worked together putting chairs and tables away, taking out the trash and ensuring we left the building as we found it. All in all it was a great time. There was only one thing missing: You! Maybe next year then???

### 2016 BOARD MEMBERS

PRESIDENT: Joanne Elliott  
608-584-5216

VICE PRESIDENT: Della Julseth  
608-339-0128

SECRETARY: Cynthia Snyder  
608-403-1337

TREASURER: Roger Conrad  
608-584-4419

### BOARD MEMBERS

Betty Conrad  
608-584-4419

Ron Dakter  
608-254-6022

Carole Dziegielewski  
608-339-2253

Donna Bruno  
608-403-6603

Robyn Gabriel  
608-403-1854

### EXTENSION COMMITTEE

Chairman— Barb Morgan  
Vice Chair—Florence Johnson  
Committee - Fred Nickel  
Committee - Paul Pisellini  
Committee—Dan Wysocki

### NEWSLETTER COORDINATORS

Lynn Dolata—608-339-8284  
Mary Anne Keul—608-339-0420  
Della Julseth - 608-339-0128







Thank  
You

The Master Gardeners are thankful for the community support we receive each year! Our members provide hundreds of hours of volunteer service to Adams County. We are very thankful for the generous donation of time our members provide.

We are also very thankful for the gifts and materials donated by local businesses and families. Our organization has limited funds. So these donations are especially welcome. Please extend your personal thanks when shopping at these local businesses along with the thanks of the Adams Co. Master Gardener Association.

- Ace of Adams
- A-F County Market
- Bucky's Brick Oven Eatery
- Papa's Pizza
- Country Skillet
- Carole's Fashions
- Green's Garden Center
- Twin Creeks Nursery
- Pfeiffer Auto Repair
- Prairie Nursery
- Adams County Landfill Recycling
- Cypress Avenue Greenhouse
- Kwik Trip
- Subway
- Family Affair
- Becky's Sugar Shack
- Brew Heaven
- A-F Motors
- Lampert's Lumber & Bldg.
- Thiesen's Lumber Co.
- The General Store
- Fawn Creek Nursery
- Anchor Floral
- Blackburn's Greenhouse

*“Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in”. ~Author Unknown*

## NOVEMBER 2016

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## DECEMBER 2016

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23/30	24/31	25	26	27	28	29

### Upcoming Events

Nov 22      General Meeting, Topic, Time & Place TBA

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

Jan 10      Board Meeting, Community Center, 9:30AM. Members welcome.

2017

Feb 28      General Meeting, Mike Hartz, Soil Amendment



### 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



The Master Gardener Program in Adams County started in 1997. Over 172 people have been trained since that time, and there are currently 12 certified Master Gardener Volunteers (MGVs) for 2017. The UW-Extension staff member facilitating the MG Program is Lynn Dolata.

**Teaching Children About Planting Plants**

Each spring the local Ace Hardware store invites children from the county to draw a picture of a flower and bring it to a workshop where they can receive and plant a free flower in a pot to take to their mother for Mother’s Day. MGVs teach the children how to plant a flower of their choosing. This year approximately 300 children took part.

**Students Learn in School Garden**

The Adams-Friendship Elementary School has a Student Garden where students plant and care for a variety of plants such as green beans, squash, strawberries, and many types of flowers. MGVs help guide the students in planting, mulching, weeding, and maintenance throughout the growing season, helping them learn about where their food comes from and how plants grow.

**Plantings Improve Quality of Life**

MGVs, in cooperation with several local groups, plant and maintain decorative flower planting throughout the Adams/Friendship community including at Moundview Memorial Hospital, Adams County Community Center, The Hazel Street Farmers Market, Villa Pines Senior Living Center, Adams County Senior Center, Adams County Library, and the Adams County Fairgrounds to make the areas more inviting and pleasant for residents.

**Scholarships Encourage Students in Horticulture**

This year we provided three \$500 college scholarships to local students who are pursuing degrees in Horticulture, Agriculture, or other related fields.

The Master Gardener Program in Adams County

Adams County UWEX Office  
 569 North Cedar Street, Suite 3  
 Adams, WI 53910  
 adams.uwex.edu

**Volunteer Service in 2016**

Youth Ed	44 hours
Adult Ed	67 hours
Support	761 hours
Total	829 hours
Value*	\$18,636

Since 2000: 19,778 hours at a value of over \$353,431

\* using the current estimated dollar value of volunteer time in Wisconsin of \$22.48 per hour, from Independent Sector. Cumulative value based on previous annual estimates.



Where you can find activities by MGVs in Adams Co.

- Adams County Community Center
- Hazel Street Farmers Market
- AF Elementary School Garden
- Kids Day at AF Middle School
- Adams-Friendship County Library
- Adams-Friendship County Fairgrounds
- Women’s Night Out Activity Fair
- Villa Pines Living Center



# 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 & Clinics, Betty Conrad 608-584-4419
- Fairground Planters, Betty Conrad 608-584-4419
- Community Center Plants, Betty Conrad 608-584-4419
- Villa Pines, Mike Boucher, 608-339-3361
- Adopt-A-Highway, Sharon Hartz 608-564-2430
- Elementary School Garden, Heather Grabarski, 608-339-0150, Carol Dziegielewski 608-339-2253
- Tree & Plant Sale, Cynthia Snyder 608-403-1337
- Library Plants, Betty Conrad, 608-584-4419
- Weed and care for Community Center planters & Flag Pole Garden area at Community Center, starting June 14th after Board Meetings



### 1 or Limited Days Volunteer Opportunities

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, 9:30AM. General meetings and Garden Tours are usually held the 4th Tuesday of the month, January through November.

*"I think having land and not ruining it is the most beautiful art that anybody could ever want to own"*

*~Andy Warhol*

## ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

By Mike Hartz



The Adopt-a-Highway program is a state-wide effort for volunteers to assist the counties in maintaining our roadsides. The Adams County Highway Department is instrumental in making this program work. The volunteers provide the labor in making the Adopt-a-Highway program successful.

The Master Gardeners adopted three sections of county roads to maintain over seven years ago. Each is a two mile section on Highways B, J, and Z. What our teams do is pick up trash on each roadway section

2 to 3 times a year. The highway department provides orange caution signs, safety vests and plastic trash bags. After a pickup, we notify the highway department, and they pick up the trash bags soon after.

The state Adopt-a-Highway program defines the guidelines that we follow to ensure that volunteers are safe during our pickups. Our teams schedule a day that is convenient to do the work. The program starts on the first of April and ends at the end of October each season.

The Master Gardeners Adopt-a-Highway committee is ongoing. We are looking for volunteers to make it successful for another season. Each pickup takes 1-1 ½ hours to complete, gives you healthy exercise and volunteer hours, and is an excellent way to make new friends. Our goal is to help beautify Adams County roadways, as well as promote community awareness of keeping our environment clean.

Please consider joining the Adopt-a-Highway Committee. We appreciate our volunteers and ask that you join us. Please contact Sharon Hartz for more information or to volunteer for this valuable committee—608-564-2430.

**Sometimes your joy is the  
source of your smile,  
but sometimes your smile is the  
source of your joy.**

Thich Nhat Hanh

# CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS 2017-18

<b>President:</b>	Joanne Elliott	2017	608-584-5216
<b>Vice President:</b>	Della Julseth	2017-2018	608-339-0128
<b>Secretary:</b>	Cynthia Snyder	2017-2018	608-403-1337
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Roger Conrad	2017	608-584-4419

## Board Members:

Betty Conrad	2017	608-584-4419
Donna Bruno	2017	608-339-9190
Robin Gabriel	2017	608-403-1854
Linda Bailey	2017-18	608-584-6551
Ron Dakter	2017	608-254-6022
Donna Buhalog	2017-18	715-416-3646

## UW Extension Advisor:

Alana Voss 608-339-4237

## Extension Committee:

- Chairman - Barb Morgan
- Vice Chair - Florence Johnson
- Committee - Fred Nickel
- Committee - Paul Pisellini
- Committee - Dan Wysocki

## Newsletter Coordinators:

- Lynn Dolata
- Mary Anne
- Della Julseth



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