

Master Gardener News

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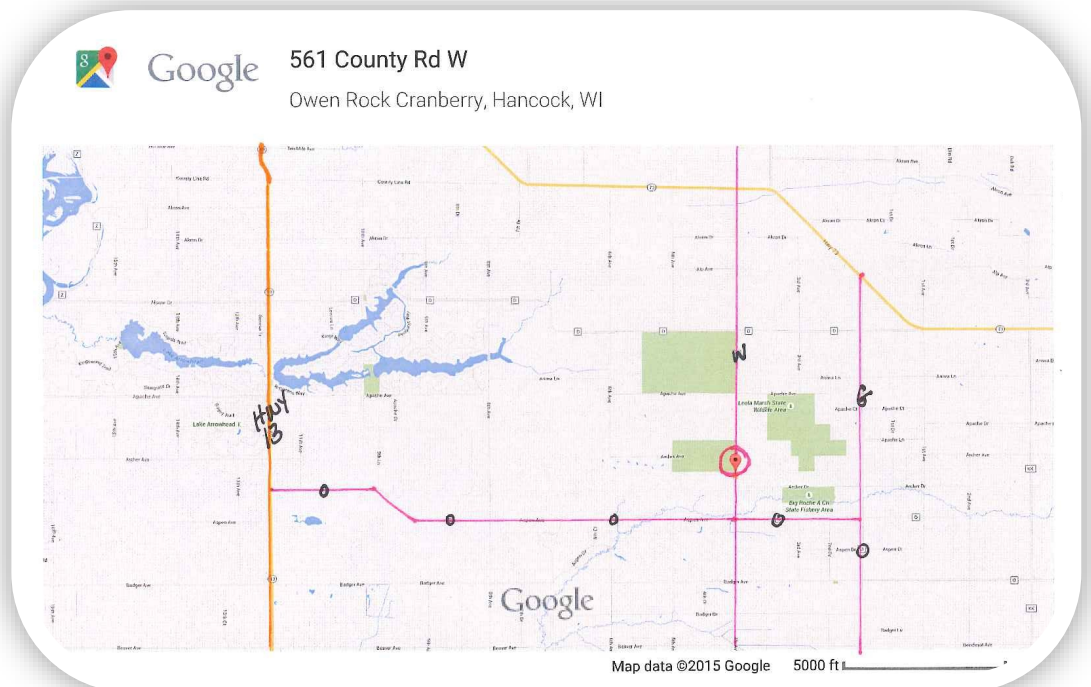
TOUR OWEN ROCK

561 County Road W, Hancock WI

Come and join us for a tour at Owen Rock Cranberry on either Wednesday, October 5, 2016 or Wednesday, October 12th, 2016 at 1PM. (We will only accept 15 for each day).

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.

Please confirm your attendance by Thursday, September 15th as we will need to know the numbers attending. RSVP to Florence Johnson, 608-339-6570. No additional sign-ups after September 15th



Directions: Hwy 13 north to Cty O (East), turn right (east), to to Cty W, turn left (north), 1/2 mile left side. **OR** Cty G north to Cty O (west), turn left, go to Cty W (north), turn right, 1/2 mile-left side.

October 18 Annual Meeting Reminder

The ACMG will hold their annual meeting on Tuesday, October 18, 2016 at the Friendship Village Hall, 507 W. Lake Street, (Hwy J across from the fairgrounds). It will begin at 6:00 PM and conclude at approximately 9:00PM. All members, their friends, relatives, and any other guests they would like to bring are invited. Please bring a dish to share.

There is much to do that day, elections to be held, dues to be paid, and a good time to be had.

Don't forget there is no entrée this year. It is strictly a dish to pass meal. Following the meal, we will be conducting our business meeting.

Mike Hartz will be doing the picture slide presentation as he has in the past years.

NOTE: Help is needed to set up tables and chairs. Call Donna Bruno if you would be able to help with this. 608-403-6603

“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

REMINDER!

Master Gardener Hours are
due Friday, September 30th.
Please have your hours com-
pleted by this date and turned
into
Lynn Dolata at the Extension
office.

2017 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 a year. You can also send your dues to our treasurer, Roger Conrad along with your name, address, phone number, and e-mail address at:

671 County Road A
Grand Marsh, WI 53936

If attending our annual meeting on October 18th, that is a great time to renew for 2017.

Master Gardeners Need Your Help!!

HELP

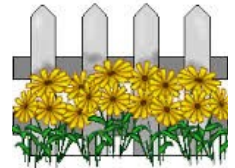
We need members of the Master Gardener's Association to become more active in the planning of our activities for the coming 2 years. Some of our current Board members terms are expiring and will have to be replaced. As of this month, we will be needing a Secretary, a Vice-President, and a Treasurer. We also need members to be on the

Board. These members help in planning for future events of our organization. You do not need to be a certified Master Gardener to serve on the Board or become an officer. We meet the 2nd Tuesday of every month, 9:30 AM at the Community Center. Meetings last 1 hour or less.

We will be voting on the nominations at our Annual Meeting/potluck dinner at the Friendship Village Hall, October 18th at 6:00 PM.

Please consider serving on the ACMG committee.

For more information or questions, please contact Della Julseth 339-0128 or Joanne Elliott 608-584-5216



Master Gardener Training In Adams County Announced

Training to become a Master Gardener Volunteer will be put on in Adams County from January 14th. Through April 29th. 2017. The course includes 36 hours of training, a training manual, and one year memberships at the state and local level. Classes will meet Saturday mornings from 9am to Noon at the Adams County Community Center, 569 N. Cedar St., Adams, WI 53910.



A flipped classroom approach will be used for training. Students will watch video lectures at home (or during class time), and then students will discuss lecture content, test their skills in applying knowledge, and interact with one another in hands-on activities. For students who do not have access to a computer, accommodations to watch the videos can be made at the Adams County Library during normal business hours.

Topics include: botany, soils, woody ornamentals, herbaceous ornamentals, entomology, plant pathology, weeds, lawn care, vegetables, fruits, and backyard wildlife.

To earn Master Gardener certification, individuals will volunteer a minimum of 24 hours at one of our selected projects.

Interested participants are required to attend a short orientation about the Master Gardener Volunteer program on **December 14th**. From 6:30 to 7:30 pm, or **December 17th**. From 9 to 10am, at the Community Center. Registration material (which includes a Volunteer Agreement, Consent to Background Check, and course fee not yet determined) can be obtained and submitted at those times.

SEPTEMBER 2016

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OCTOBER 2016

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Upcoming Events

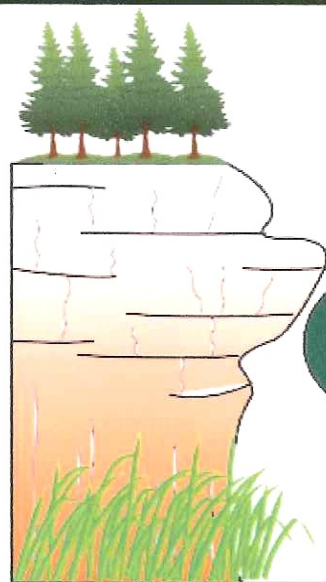
- Sept 13 Board Meeting, Community Center, 9:30AM, weed flagpole garden after meeting.
- Sept 14-17 Upper Midwest Regional Master Gardener Conference, **Helping Nature Thrive: Gardeners at the Dells**, Chula Vista Resort, WI Dells www.midwestmgconference.wordpress.com
- Sept 27 General Meeting Cancelled
- Oct 5 Cranberry Bog Tour, 1PM, registration required, (see front of this newsletter)
- Oct 11 Board Meeting, Community Center, 9:30AM. Members welcome.
- Oct 12 Cranberry Bog Tour, 1PM, registration required, (see front of this newsletter)
- Oct 18 Annual Meeting, 6:00—9PM, Friendship Village Hall, 507 W. Lake Street (Hwy J)
- Nov ? Women's Night Out (more information to follow)
- Nov 8 Board Meeting, Community Center, 9:30AM. Members welcome.
- Nov 22 General Meeting, Topic, Time & Place TBA

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

2017

- Feb 28 General Meeting, Mike Hartz, Soil Amendment

AUTUMN
*The year's last,
 loveliest smile*



Helping Nature Thrive Gardeners at the Dells

2016 Upper Midwest Regional Master Gardener Conference

September 14-17, 2016

Chula Vista Resort • Wisconsin Dells, WI

Keynote Speakers:



Jerry Apps - born and raised on a Wisconsin farm, is Professor Emeritus at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the author of more than 30 books, many of them on rural history and country life.



Dr. Stanley A. Temple - Beers-Bascom Professor Emeritus in Conservation at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and Senior Fellow at the Aldo Leopold Foundation.

SAVE THE DATE

Raffles

Waterpark

Silent Auction

Prizes

Vendor Showcase

September 14 - Registration and welcome reception

September 15 - Tour Day - Six tour options

September 16 - Three educational breakout sessions, six choices per session

September 17 - Educational breakout session with six choices and closing

www.midwestmgconference.wordpress.com

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

GET YOUR GARDEN READY FOR THE SEASON

By Olbrich Botanical Gardens

September

- Fall is the time for planting and transplanting - sunny days, cool temperatures, and warm soil promote root development. Divide spring and early summer blooming perennials like iris and peonies.
- Take cuttings of geraniums, begonias, scented geraniums, coleus, lantana, fuchsia, and other tender plants for over-wintering in a windowsill.
- Tropical plants may be brought indoors and over-wintered as houseplants in a bright sunny location.
- Lift elephant ears, gladiolus, dahlias, cannas, caladiums, and tuberous begonias after frost. Cut back, remove soil, and store in peat moss, newspaper, or sawdust in a cool, dark area for winter. Keep on weeding! Weeds are still trying to set seed or store energy for the coming winter.

October

- This year try planting 'minor bulbs' in addition to tulips and daffodils like Siberian squill, glory of the snow, snowdrops, and puschkinia.
- Impress your neighbors by adding bulbs to your spring containers. It's a great way to tie your spring landscape to your containers.
- After a killing frost, cut perennials to the ground and remove 'melted' annuals. Remove plant material to reduce the over-wintering of insects and diseases.
- Leave some plant material standing for winter interest. Birds and other wildlife will enjoy standing black-eyed Susan, purple coneflower, gayfeather, and little bluestem. Keep a journal of which plants attract songbirds into your garden.
- If you are considering planting new beds or changing bed outlines, take advantage of this precious time. Spring leaves little time for this activity. You will thank yourself next April, especially if we're having a wet spring.
- Collect dried material for winter decorations. Dried peppers threaded on a string of fishing line make a beautiful garland. Basil flowers, grass seed heads, strawflowers, amaranthus, statice, and celosia all dry well and can later be used to decorate a holiday tree with natural plant material.
- Don't forget to drain the water from garden hoses at the end of the season. Coil and store in a location where they won't freeze.

Renew Your Membership



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