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President's Message

"There can be no other occupation like gardening, in which, if you were to creep up behind someone at their work, you would find them smiling."

-Mirabel Osler

MOST of the time when I'm working in my garden I'm smiling. But in the last couple weeks, Japanese Beetles have made their presence known, and I am fighting a losing battle. My Autumn Joy Sedum, Calla Lilies, Creeping Jenny, and others are victims of this unjust war they have declared on me. I'm not going to lie, I'm still a little squeamish in the garden, so hand-picking them off doesn't come easy to me. So I try to flick them off (they don't let go) or shake the plant (boy, do they hang on tight) and when that doesn't work (it never does) I go inside. I think I can count on one hand the number of beetles that will never bother ME again!

Justin Kroening of Stone Silo Prairie Gardens posted a wonderful video of a walk he took in Voyageur Park along the Locktender's Garden. This garden is a must-see for everyone, and this is the best time of the summer to see all that is going on there. The butterflies are a magnificent sight to see right now!

I am truly amazed by all of the hard work, dedication, and expertise that you all put into creating and maintaining our Master Gardener projects. We really have a great group of volunteers who give their best to these worthwhile gardens.

This is also the time of year when we have to make sure we are caught up on volunteer and education hours. I'm short on my education hours, so I will need to catch a class or two pretty soon. Vijai will give a class on Tuesday, September 11th at the Botanical Gardens - *Best Ornamental Trees for Your Landscape*. Then on September 25th, Dr. Craig Brabant will give a talk entitled *Explore Wisconsin's Native Bee Diversity*. You can call the extension office for more information at (920) 391-4650.



Plant more gardens!

Birdie Schantz, President



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NEWMG Board Meeting Minutes: 07/11/2018

Present: Birdie Schantz, Julie Cole, Lee Richardson, Al Nass, Barbara Brown, Kyle Gigot, Karla Parmentier, Trisha Linssen, Steve Herro, Crystal Brown, Tim Freeman, Barb Brum, Eileen Rueden, Carri Benzow, and Nancy Fictum. Others Present: Vijai Pandian, Jim Radey and 15 other Master Gardeners

Absent: Jill Sobieck, Linda Gustke, Mary Sprangers, and Rob Dreher

President's Welcome -A short meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Birdie Schantz. This was our Summer Event, visiting the Rose Hill Gardens (472 Rose Hill Drive, Hobart, WI).

Secretary's Report – The minutes from the May 9, 2018, meeting had been sent electronically for review by board members. No additions or corrections were noted. *A motion was made by Tim Freeman and seconded by Crystal Brown to approve the minutes. Motion carried.*

No reports were given.

Old Business:

- Plant Sale – Linda Gustke/Jim Radey. Was a success but not as big as prior years. Took in \$2539.50, profit of \$1851. May try a different date next year.
- Website Update- Trisha Linssen/Deb Rodrigues. They have cut down on the information given on the website and added links instead to the related County Extension website.

New Business:

- **Volunteer Coordinator hours:** A motion and vote will be taken by email to Board members to increase the hours of our Volunteer Coordinator to 200 hours per year this year.

Vijai gave an update on the new building on UWGB campus. Groundbreaking in August and completed in one year. We will have a Bob Mongin Memorial Garden. Training for new Master Gardeners will be at Green Bay Botanical Gardens this fall.

Newsletter – any additional articles for the newsletter should be sent to Trisha Linssen, bluewaters2626@protonmail.com by July 31, 2018.

Next Board Meeting - September 11, 2018. *A motion was made at 6:25 PM by Dan Mitchell and seconded by Barb Brown to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.*

Submitted by Julie Cole, Secretary

2018 Horticulture Classes



Brown County UW-Extension & NEW Master Gardeners



2018 Horticulture Classes



Best Ornamental Trees for Your Landscape – Tuesday, September 11; 6-7:30 PM, Green Bay Botanical Garden, 2600 Larsen Rd, Green Bay: Take a walk through the Green Bay Botanical Garden with Vijai Pandian, UW-Extension Horticulture Educator, to learn about trees that you can include in your own landscape. Cost is \$7 payable to NEW Master Gardeners for preregistration (\$10 at the door). Pre-register by sending your contact information and payment to: Hort Dept., Brown County UW-Extension, 210 Museum Place, Green Bay, WI 54303.

To pay your class fees online, go to www.browncountyextension.org and click on "Pay Your Class Fees Online." Choose "Horticulture" as the Program Area.

For more information, contact:

Brown County UW-Extension Horticulture Department at 920-391-4650



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Neville Museum Native Garden

Submitted by Claudia Schultz



We added some stepping stones to help us get around in the garden and weed. All these first year plants are strong and healthy because we are doing weekly maintenance. Next year this garden will be a showstopper. Even the parking lot Islands are looking good. The only thing that survived over last winter were the gaillardias so we gave in to them.



Small Spaces Garden Project at GBBG

Submitted by Jim Radey

The Small Space Gardening Project at the Green Bay Botanical Garden is going well this year. The Green Bay Botanical Garden is showcasing Nature Connects this summer which offers life size or larger than life sculptures made entirely out of LEGO blocks. Green Bay Botanical Garden is the first and only venue in Wisconsin to host Nature Connects. One of the most enjoyable sculptures is located right in the Master Gardeners' project garden. This LEGO sculpture of a grandfather gardening with his granddaughter in front of a wheelbarrow has been attracting more visitors to our project.

One of the best opportunities for volunteers with the Small Space Gardening Project is the interaction we get with Botanical Garden visitors. This gives us an opportunity to educate beginning gardeners, discuss garden techniques with experienced gardeners, and provide information on the Master Gardener Program.



The Small Space Gardening Project demonstrates how to grow vegetables, flowers, and herbs in a variety of containers and raised beds. Thanks to Master Gardener Shirley Maenner and her husband Jim, we have a new table planting bed this year that shows how individuals can garden from a standing position or from a wheel chair.

Despite some blossom end rot on the summer squash and cabbage loopers attacking the kohlrabi and kale, vegetable production has begun with harvest of radishes, lettuce, Swiss chard, kale, summer squash, herbs, and kohlrabi. Some of the produce is used for the Botanical Garden public lunch events and for taste testing with children's programs.

The Children's Edible Garden

Submitted by Children's Edible Garden Volunteer and Recent Green Bay "transplant" Patrick Browne

*"We may think we are nurturing our garden, but of course it's our garden that is really nurturing us."
- Jenny Uglow*



Waiting for the midget melon to ripen!



Community members harvesting the cucumbers!

As recent transplants to Green Bay from the Chicago area, my wife and I have been avid gardeners who have, for many years rented community garden space, tirelessly toiling in our former backyard micro-farm and once had over forty house plants. Our move to Green Bay necessitated many changes. It wasn't the cramped space, the paring down of our furniture or the potentially loud neighbors that worried us. It was the sadness of not having a place to garden, to explore a common passion and reap the benefits of so many wonderful varieties of annuals, perennials and vegetables. After sharing a random comment with a dear friend about our passion for gardening and fear of having a 'gardenless' year, an invitation was issued to assist in the Children's Edible Garden. It took no time at all to accept the invitation and the journey began.

Over the past three months the team which cares for the garden directly in front of the main branch of the Brown County Library has worked daily to create a botanical masterpiece. With over twenty different varieties of vegetables, a spattering of multi-colored annuals and a dozen perennials donated by the team at the Locktender's Garden, the Children's Edible Garden has come to life and brought children, parents, school groups, library patrons and even a couple of local politicians to the site. The staff at the library utilizes the garden as an outdoor classroom for young children, and on a recent occasion, when we dropped by to work while a class was taking place, we were overjoyed to hear children's voices, indistinct 'oohs' and 'ahhhs' and genuine delight, which had resulted from the quiet steady work of a team that wanted to create a space for children and their parents to enjoy. Although in our past lives we had worked on our own, out of the way of onlookers and for our own benefit, the Children's Edible Garden has brought forth the joy of creating a space for others to find delight.

The library has an 'all are welcome' policy which allows residents to harvest when vegetables ripen. Bags are placed conveniently in a cottage style basket at the entrance and although we won't see each moment of harvest we know from the many comments of our friends at the library that the Master Gardeners are making a difference in many, many lives.

Locktender's Garden

Submitted by Claudia Schultz

The Locktender's Project added an additional 1500 square feet to the already established 3,000 square feet project this summer. This time the City of De Pere helped by prepping and amending the soil and giving us funds to buy plants. We are hoping to have an educational workshop for the public this August and a seed collecting workshop in October.



Rose Garden

Submitted by Anita Mueller

Our rose garden is looking good this year, but the Japanese beetle has just showed up. We use the soapy water method to get rid of them. The rose garden volunteers are being very diligent to take care of them.

We have a drip irrigation system in place at the rose garden that we installed a few years ago, and this year we added a timer to water three times a week for a few hours each time. It is working very well so far.

We have tried to add a few new roses every year. Last year, Schroeder's donated roses for the garden that have really performed well. Some of them were from the Oso Easy series, and they have been doing very well. We have also added the Olympia, Sunshine Happy Trails, In the Mood, and Candy Cane Cocktail.

Come out to see the garden this summer and ENJOY!



Open House - Locktender's Garden

Submitted by Claudia Schultz

We had our meeting Wednesday and talked about the plans for the PopUp Locktender Garden open house. This is what we decided. **The Open House will be held Wednesday, August 22 from 5:30-7:30pm -**

We will have "Fast Fact" stations manned by two or more people at each station. Each station will provide facts related to native gardening and its benefits.

1. Native gardening what does it mean? Two people to talk about two different aspects. What exactly is a native plant? Why is it important to include natives in our landscape? How do they benefit pollinators? (**I nominated Annette W for this subject**). Second aspect: Natives are adapted to local environmental conditions. Require less water after establishment, need no fertilization. They provide habitat for birds and beneficial wildlife species (**need a volunteer to step up and work with Annette on this....anyone interested?**)

2. Second station: Pollinators. 2 people needed (**I nominated Al Nass as one**) which insects or animals are good pollination agents (insects, bees, moths, butterflies, birds, bats, wind)? What do they need for habitat? Second person should talk about "how pollination occurs". The physical aspect of how it occurs, how insects gather pollen. Al can work with you on these facts. Anyone interested in assisting Al? More Volunteers welcome to assist.

3. Third station: monarch butterfly conservation. 2 people-one talks about life cycle from egg to butterfly, second person talks about importance of specific host plants and need for nectar. (Mary Mullins and Crystal Brown have volunteered). Other volunteers welcome to join.

4. Fourth station: specific native plants. Introduce plants and describe the growing needs and benefits to pollinators. Explain to attendees how these plants are good for urban gardens, easy to care for, blooming time, height, width, sunlight needs, etc. Give Fun Facts about how the plant got its common name and/or its botanical Latin name. Dave's Garden website is a good place to learn about meaning of botanical Latin names.

- Yvonne Lied - picked Big fruit Evening Primrose and Echinacea; Bill Stevens - picked Rudbeckia family and Aster; Mary Mullins - picked Blazing Star and Ironweed; Dave Bonham - picked Rattlesnake master and Butterfly Weed
- Need someone to cover grasses. Little/big bluestem, switch grasses or Prairie Dropseed. Need someone to cover Wild Senna and Wild Quinine. Need someone to cover Showy goldenrod and Mountain mint.
- Each speaker should limit facts to 3 minutes at most. We are not trying to lecture, we are giving fun facts and people will want to move on. Kids' scavenger hunt will be on info we give to attendees so please keep it short and sweet. You will be notified on the scavenger hunt answers so you can include them in your talk.
- Dave Bonham and Crystal Brown will work together on questions for the kids to answer for the scavenger hunt. Prizes will be bee finger puppets. Hiroko Allcox and Kathy Amenson will be greeters, hosts, guides, administrators. Crystal Brown will make signs with graphics to identify each station. She will also make a welcome sign for entry to the event and will bring Locktender Plant Guidebook to event.
- Advertising will be through Definitely DePere and De Pere Chamber of Commerce online newsletters - I will contact them. We are trying to stay small this year to test the waters; if we are successful we will possibly go bigger next year. Mary Mullins will call Wisconsin Butterfly Gardens in Appleton to see about getting brochures for a giveaway about pollinators. I will contact Stone Silo Prairie Gardens to see if they will offer a fall plant discount to purchase native plants for open house attendees. Crystal will make a handout for event attendees with event facts, scavenger hunt questions, and possible Stone Silo coupons.
- We will provide bottled water and homemade cookies. Need cookie making volunteers. We will bring coolers, ice, MG banana sign and tables. Wear MG name tags. Everyone volunteering needs to send me their commentary for review by Aug 10. I will send to Crystal on Aug 11 so she can work on it.

More info to follow as plan develops. Please contact me if you are interested in participating and tell me what you want to do.

Horticulture Help Desk

Submitted by Beth Coel

It is never boring at the Help Desk. After helping at the Horticulture Help Desk for the past several years I am comfortable answering quite a few of the common questions. Among those are powdery mildew, Japanese beetle issues, tomato blights and diseases, lawn care, apple and raspberry questions and pruning timing. I am still working on weed and plant I.D. Vijai is always ready to lend support and answer any questions. This year Vijai showed me how to identify ant and grub species. Things sure look different when you look at them under a microscope. Working at the Help Desk is very interesting and I continue to learn more and more every year.

Submitted by Doug Hartman

The UW-Extension Horticulture Help Desk is a community resource for area gardeners and landscape professionals. Vijai Pandian, Horticulture Educator, manages this free service and relies upon a part-time/seasonal Horticulture Assistant position as well as Master Gardener Volunteers to answer a wide variety of landscape-related questions.

Throughout a typical season, the Help Desk receives approximately 2,750 walk-in clients, e-mails and phone calls from the general public on a myriad of topics including soil test interpretation, plant and insect identification, fruit tree management, vegetable gardening techniques, insect/disease diagnosis, pruning, and turf issues - just to name a few. In fact, one of the most interesting aspects of working the Help Desk is that you never know what is going to come through the door or show up in a picture via e-mail! Our client base is quite diverse – from new homeowners interested in basic information regarding their landscape to experienced gardeners who just can't figure out what is causing those black spots on their tomatoes!

While the array of questions can seem daunting, as a volunteer you don't have to know all the answers. After discussing the situation with the client to get all of the pertinent information and then some research and consultation with staff will often solve the problem for the customer. Working at the Help Desk is like Horticulture C.S.I. with you being the lead detective! To help educate/train our new volunteers, Vijai Pandian offers an annual Level II training session that focuses on plant diagnostics where you can gain valuable information. You are also encouraged to shadow staff to see the Help Desk in action and get acquainted with the services provided.

As a Help Desk volunteer, you will become very knowledgeable on a wide variety of landscape issues that will help you become a better gardener, but most importantly will allow you to help others solve their gardening problems.

Horticulture Questions?

Have questions regarding your lawn, garden, trees or shrubs? Have an insect you would like to identify? Call the Horticulture Help Desk at 920-391-4615 or e-mail:

bc_uw_extension_horticulture@co.brown.wi.us

Unity Hospice Meditation Garden

Submitted by Diana Butz - Director of Development - Unity Hospice

Thank you all for making this such a special place for those facing end of life. This truly is a serene and tranquil space and means so much to patients and families.



ANNUAL DAYLILY SALE

Bay Area Daylily Club (B.A.D Buds)

Saturday, September 8, 2018

Location:

ZZQ'S Restaurant

1035 Vanderbraack St.

Green Bay, WI 54302

(This is just off N. Webster Ave., near Paul's Pantry)

Hours:

9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

REASONABLY PRICED DAYLILIES

*Come shop around lunchtime and enjoy some
delicious barbecue at ZZQ's!*

Mention this ad and receive a bonus with your plant purchase!!

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!!

2018 Master Gardener Projects Contact List

Name of Project	Team Coordinator	Contact Info
NEWMG Spring Plant Sale	Linda Gustke & Jim Radey	Linda: 906-424-0995, lgustke@gbbg.org Jim: 920-360-3891, james.radey@co.brown.wi.us
Garden Clippings newsletter	Trisha Linssen	920-819-7370, bluewaters2626@protonmail.com
Small Space Garden at GBBG	Shirley Maenner & Jim Radey	Shirley: 920-434-0291, smaenner@gmail.com Jim: 920-360-3891, james.radey@co.brown.wi.us
MG Facebook	Crystal Brown	715-292-0380, malakarcry@yahoo.com
St. Philip Garden	Barb Brumm & Dave Bonham	Barb: 920-499-2559; barbrumm@new.rr.com Dave: 920-469-5696; dbonham@new.rr.com
Square Foot Garden at St. Mark Church	Mary Sprangers	920-680-2546, sprangers3@gmail.com
Square Foot Garden at YMCA (West)	Jo Ann Holloway	920-336-7988, joannholloway@att.net
Native Garden at Locktender's House	Claudia Schultz	920-336-0030, csch5677@gmail.com
Native Garden at Neville Museum	Claudia Schultz	920-336-0030, csch5677@gmail.com
Square Foot Garden at UWEX	Carri Benzow	920-863-6375, c.benzow@centurytel.net
Perennial Garden at UWEX	Lee Richardson & Rob Dreher	Lee: 920-336-5331; benrich1789@sbcglobal.net Rob: 920-339-3247, rdreher624@gmail.com
Plant Diagnostic Help	Doug Hartman	920-445-9530, hartman.doug@gmail.com
Rose Trial at UWEX	Anita Mueller	920-845-2647, muellanit@gmail.com
Annual Banquet assistance	Eileen Rueden	920-470-5562, erueden@tds.net
NEW Master Gardener website	Debbie Rodriguez	920-664-2720, cybermex@flash.net
BC Central Library Children's Garden	Steve Herro	920-217-8213, steve.herro@snc.edu
Heritage Hill Tank Garden	Karla Parmentier	920-327-3158, karla.parmentier@gmail.com
ADRC Raised Bed Gardens	Lee Richardson	920- 336-5331, benrich1789@sbcglobal.net
Garden Series	Barb Brown	920-336-6098, utschigbrown@gmail.com
WI Master Gardener & UWEX (State)		
WI Farm Tech Days – MG Booth	WIMGA	http://wimastergardener.org/
WI Garden Expo – MG Booth	WIMGA	http://wimastergardener.org/



MG VOLUNTEER AND CONTINUING EDUCATION HOURS FOR THE YEAR 2018

MGV-in-Training must turn in required volunteer hours within one year of completing training.
Recertifying MGVs must turn in volunteer and C.E. hours by **October 1, 2018** to their local county recordkeeper.
Do NOT send this form to the Master Gardener Program Office in Madison. **Send your timesheets to:**

**Local Recordkeeper: Hort. Dept.
 Brown County UW-Extension
 210 Museum Place
 Green Bay, WI 54303**

MGV Name: _____ Phone (____) _____
 Address: _____ email: _____
 City, State, ZIP: _____

Date	Project Name, Work Accomplished or Continuing Education Topic	Volunteer Hours			Continuing Education Hours <i>(I learned something)</i>
		Youth Ed <i>(I worked with kids)</i>	Comm. Ed <i>(I taught something)</i>	Support Services <i>(I helped with...)</i>	
TOTAL HOURS					

PLEASE CHOOSE ONE:
 I intend to participate in the MG Program next year.
 I am moving on to other things.

Under the Wisconsin Public Records Law, UW-Extension ordinarily must release lists in its custody to the public upon request. Your name, address, telephone number or email address may be included on such a list unless you request confidentiality in writing. The UW-Extension will, to the extent possible under the Wisconsin Public Records Law, withhold client names from lists when requested.



If you want your name, address, phone and email withheld from lists that are released upon request, please sign and date the following statement (this must be submitted annually):

I do not want the University of Wisconsin-Extension to reveal my name, address, or telephone number to the public as part of a record or list.

Signed _____ Date _____

Use the first page of this form to record your Master Gardener volunteer activities and C.E. hours. *Keep a copy for your files*, then turn in hours to the recordkeeper listed by the deadline, unless an earlier date is specified by your training facilitator.

- Intern MGVs** – record volunteer hours for initial certification. Additional Continuing Education hours are **NOT** required the first year (but you can record them anyway). A minimum of 24 hours of volunteer service are required.
- MGVs recertifying** – record both volunteer and continuing education hours. A minimum of 24 hours of volunteer service and 10 hours of continuing education are required annually.
- MGVs inactive for 5 or more years** – record volunteer and continuing education hours. A minimum of 24 hours of volunteer service and 20 hours CE are required. Recertification for the next year returns to 10 hours CE.
- Out-of-State MG seeking WI certification** – contact your local Extension office or the MG Program Office for guidelines.

All volunteer projects and C.E. should be for UW-Extension sponsored programs or projects or community or civic group projects or programs, and **should be approved by the local sponsoring UW-Extension Agent**. **Travel time** based on the time a MGV leaves home until returning home, minus personal errands, and **preparation and research time** on projects or programs can be included in volunteer service hours. (Travel time to CE programs **cannot be counted**.)

Record volunteer hours by the following categories:		
Youth Education (Youth Ed) – volunteer hours dedicated to youth education e.g. 4-H projects & activities, county fair, youth clubs & organizations, school classroom presentations,		
Community Education (Comm. Ed) – volunteer hours dedicated to adult/community education e.g. recycling, water quality & environmental displays & presentations, Farmer’s Market, Gardenline, trips or tours for the public, group presentations, writing articles for newspapers, newsletters or websites, etc. This includes researching and preparing for presentations.		
Support Services – volunteer hours dedicated to service projects e.g. community beautification, water quality and environmental projects, community committees, and research projects. Also coordinating MG activities, newsletters, or UW-Ext. office projects, meetings by officers, committees and board members of local MG associations and the WIMGA and local MG meetings, <u>but only</u> for portions of meetings dedicated to planning or working on Extension approved programs or projects.		
Continuing Education (CE) – education hours from attending programs offered by:		
<input type="checkbox"/> UW-Extension.....		
Level 2 MG Training	Horticulture webinars	Research Station Field days
Weekly summer Hort Update programs	Plants Plus & Articles on the MG website	International MG Conference
Advanced Hort programs	WIMGA Annual Conference	Other Ext. programs
Public Radio Show hosting Ext. Specialists	Regional MG Conference	Other states’ Ext. programs
<input type="checkbox"/> Groups or businesses that focus on horticulture topics or leadership skill development, such as		
Master Gardeners	Tech Schools	Guided Garden Tours
Garden Centers	Universities or Colleges	WI Gardener on Public TV
Botanical Gardens	Trade Shows	WI DNR or other state agencies

YMCA Garden Update

Submitted by Jo Ann Holloway

After a rocky start with the water not having been turned on, the garden is now taking shape. While at Schroeder's Flowers I was talking to the owner, Charles, and he was nice enough to donate some plants for the children's garden. They wrote him a thank you card and I took a picture of the children in their garden and sent it along with the card. We have 16 children, or there about, attending each Wednesday.

On June 19th the YMCA had a block party event which included the garden (we were right in the middle of the action). It was well attended and we were busy until 8:00 p.m. I made a quarter sheet pan of rhubarb cake, from the garden, to give out to the children who came into the garden. Three of us answered questions from adults and children alike. They also planted seeds to take home, ate raw rhubarb and rhubarb cake, and played a game on knowing where fruits and vegetables grow (on trees, underground, on plants or on vines).

We are now dealing with Japanese beetles on basil and rhubarb, cabbage worms on the cauliflower and rabbits eating the new green bean plants after they already ate the first batch. We have also planted tomatoes, yellow wax beans, squash, onions, Swiss chard, lettuce, beets, carrots, eggplant, cucumbers, spinach and a few flowers.

Between now and next summer, the two gates to the garden need to be rebuilt as the paint is peeling and some of the wood is rotting. The deer fence string was restrung by the after-school group of children in May.



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