

Outagamie County UWEX

MASTER GARDNER NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

by Mary Learman

- In 2009 Outagamie County had 128 members, with 103 recertified for 2010.
- In 2009 we volunteered 416 hours in youth education, 840 hours in community education, 6,436 hours in support service and participated in 2,246 hours in continuing education.
- This has been quite a memorable year as we celebrated our 10th anniversary! Congratulations to Lynn Coffeen, Sally Teasdale and Kathy Baum, who have been active members since the inception of the program.
- Horticulture Advisor Kevin Jarek gained tenure at the same time and a celebratory pot luck party was enjoyed by all.
- We were very sorry to lose long-time member Sally Jaeger-Altekruse in October 2009. A stone commemorating her has been placed in our Memory Garden at the UW-Extension Office.
- We registered a total of 51 sanctioned projects for the year.
- We instituted a Permanent Sanction status designation for certain community projects including schools, community gardens, public gardens and nature conservancies. This gives our members the freedom to earn hours by working on these projects at any time without recourse to a project manager. This change is reflected on our website (www.ocmga.net). A continuing goal is to have photographs and a short report on the site for every project.

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Area Garden Events Calendar

- December—No Meeting
- January 21, 2010; Perennial Care and Propagation; Roxanne; FVTC
- February 18, 2010; Vermi Composting & Using Compost Tea; Jim Beard; FVTC

Major Accomplishments And Projects

- Melinda Myers was our featured speaker at the Annual Garden Expectations Conference held in March. Approximately 145 people heard her talk on *Small Space Gardening*. There were also presentations on *Don't Disturb the Soil*, *Dwarf Conifers* and *Water Features* by other speakers.
- Our major fund raising event is our Plant Sale, which is held on the extension grounds the last Saturday in May. The weather was beautiful and the event was well attended by both members and the public. We had fewer leftover plants this year than in previous years, and they were donated to local schools and community gardens as well as the UW-Extension Office gardens.
- We have maintained an information booth at the local farmer's market each summer and this year added a free seminar once a month for the general public. These have been quite well attended, and we plan on continuing to offer these seminars next year.
- With the interest in surface and ground water quality programs, we continue to offer workshops and presentations on these topics. Rod Sternhagen's rain barrel demonstration is always in great demand, and he maintains a small supply to fill requests. Several classes were also taught on water conservation and rain gardens.
- In these uncertain times, more people have turned to growing their own foods, and interest in any related topics has been high. We have worked hard this year to meet the demands for education, grants and hands-on training for schools and community gardens. We plan on continuing this endeavor throughout the coming year.



Kathy Baum and members

Highlighted Project: Garden Discoveries Walk

This project was initiated in 2009 with four of our members generously opening their gardens to the public. Each garden was selected for its individual character and included a shade garden, natural plants, roses and water features. MGVs gave tours and distributed handouts listing plants, problems, and features.

Fortunately the weather cooperated and the roses were in fine bloom, so the day was much enjoyed by all. Admission was \$5 per person and two non-perishable food items. We were able to make a donation of almost \$1,000 to the local Community Gardens Project. The 2nd Annual Garden Discoveries walk is already being planned and two gardens have been selected so far.



Brian Carney from October's meeting on "Putting your garden to bed"



Judy Peters and Lucy Valitchka

Community Garden Tribute

Submitted by: Susan Richardson,
Community Garden Partnership

Sally Jaeger-Altekruse was a teacher, student, gardener, environmentalist, dreamer, and most importantly a woman who served both her family and community in deep and meaningful ways. Among her many community roles, Sally acted as the Chairperson for the Community Garden Partnership Education Committee for three years. She established (with other educators) a commitment to providing gardening education that enabled people to respect the environment in which they worked and grew their food.



Our gratitude for her work will live on at her Community Garden site in the UW-Fox Valley Community Garden. Her site will be named “Sally’s Garden” and will be dedicated to growing food, people and community for years to come. Her family will be the primary gardeners, educators for the site....but, we will all take immense satisfaction knowing that the heart of her legacy, education, will be at work with Mother Earth (and that will be just as she would have liked it!).

Spring Has Just Begun – Life Lessons from the Garden

By: Tammy Borden

In summer, the trees in front of my home shelter me from the view of the road, and I don’t even notice the cars passing by. But now, only a few stubborn leaves remain tethered to a maze of branches and twigs. Not only can I see the road, but I can see beyond the hay field across the street, all the way to the neighbor’s house a half mile away, a neighbor I’ve never even met. The dark silhouettes of tree trunks are a stark contrast against the gray winter sky beyond. It leaves me feeling somewhat exposed to the outside world. I much prefer my sanctuary in the heat of summer when passers-by have a difficult time even realizing a house exists beyond the expanse of maple, hickory and oak trees.

The long afternoon strolls through my yard have long since been a thing of the past. From my window I can see that the once glorious bed of hostas and Japanese painted ferns has faded into the landscape, now covered with a thick layer of fallen leaves. The only sign of a garden ever existing there are the random plant markers that occasionally pop up through the leaves, but those will soon be covered up by snow. Next to my driveway, I’ve cleared away the beautiful zinnias that drew so many compliments from visitors only a few months ago. All that remains is plain earth with a smattering of mulch.

Winter is here; another season has passed. All that once seemed so vibrant and full of life feels only like a memory now. The earth seems to have fallen asleep. As winter continues, I know I’ll start to forget what green grass even looks like, or what the scent of a fresh rain smells like. I must confess that as autumn turns to winter I feel a sense of loss, almost mourning and grieving the beauty that no longer can be seen. All I can feel is an absence of what used to fill my life with so much joy. Winter reminds me that things of this earth are only temporary. Life is temporary.

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Or is it? It seems that way, doesn't it, and especially in the midst of winter when everything is still and a shroud of darkness covers the earth? But we know that in the natural world there are seasons, and we've come to trust that there will always be spring, and that with it will come new life, and that life will be more beautiful and more magnificent than the season before. Despite the struggle to watch those things we love fade away and die... there's hope. It's that hope that sustains us through winter. But there's not only hope, but a belief and trust that when spring arrives, we'll see life again, and it will be more beautiful than before.



It is winter, not only in the garden, but in many hearts that have experienced the loss of someone they love. Our hearts mourn what once was, and as time passes, we try to not forget the memories. But all too soon, we forget the sound of their laugh or the smell of their hair. The little quirks that once annoyed us are now what we sometimes miss the most, and we wish they were here to experience them together again with renewed appreciation and affection. But like watching a garden fade away, all we can feel is an absence of what used to fill our lives with so much joy. Our hearts feel exposed to the outside world that passes by, unaware of the ache inside our soul.

Winter seems to come early for some, as it did for our friend, Sally, who served faithfully as an Outagamie County Master Gardener volunteer for so many years. Sally's winter came when she succumbed to Leukemia in early October at the age of 53. She brought joy to so many with her serving heart, her unending zeal for life and a beauty that went beyond what anyone could see on the outside. But I believe that in the midst of such sadness there is still hope. You see, I believe that for those who remain, the winter will pass and there will be a spring, and we will get to see those we love again, more beautiful than before. Let that hope sustain you through the winter. The time in between is difficult; waiting and wondering what the next season will bring. We will still go through the mourning and grieving that winter brings. Meanwhile, we'll wait with hope, trust and a belief that one day soon, our paths will cross again and we'll enjoy new life together. But for me, I believe that for those who have gone on, a season of new life has already begun. Hmm... maybe winter didn't come early for Sally after all; maybe her spring has just begun.

Written in Loving Memory of Sally Jaeger-Altekruse



Sharing Your Wealth—Sharing Your Experience

Mary Learman



After enjoying the bounty of harvest at Thanksgiving I am asking you all to share the wealth. No, not money. Your expertise. We are looking at the MG Speakers list which is sadly out of date. Please let me know what you are particularly interested in and if you would be willing to do a presentation that is approximately 45 minutes in length.

You DON'T have to be the definitive expert on your subject, just plain interested. Most of the requests we get come from groups who want to hear how we do it and get some ideas from local folks who understand their problems/points of view. You don't get paid but can ask for travel reimbursement if it is a distance for you. What you do get is great satisfaction from sharing what you have learned and experienced.

We have such a talented group of gardeners with wide-ranging interests—how can we not share?? Help is available to show you how to put a Power Point together if you want and all your time, including preparation, is counted.

If I can stand up in front of all of you every month, you know you can do it for one short meeting to a group of interested strangers. I'm counting on you to step up to the plate.

Lasagna Gardening

By Patricia Lanza

Reviewed by Karen DesJarlais, Excerpt from Fine Gardening submitted by Marcie Burrows



If you haven't visited the Extension Office resource room to check out the Master Gardener lending library lately, you're missing out. There are hundreds of books for check out covering many different topics. Here's a title---Lasagna Gardening--- that can save you some work and according to this author, create a bountiful harvest.

Maybe you've heard the term lasagna gardening but never really understood what it meant. It's the method of layering for bountiful gardens without digging, tilling or weeding. Sounds too good to be true doesn't it? If you know someone who already clearly understands how to do it, you can affirm or expand what you'll find in this book.

It's not too late to try the method now before snow falls. We have an abundance of leaves which is the most important component. Here's how we do the layering. Sod is first, followed by newspaper, peat moss, barn litter if you have it, peat moss again, compost, peat moss, grass clippings, peat moss, chopped leaves, peat moss and finally wood ashes.

Lanza shares success stories about her gardens which should inspire us to try lasagna gardening. But there's good advice about gardening in general, like cradling your cucumbers. Drawings of all kinds make it easy to pick up and use her advice.

Of special interest is the chapter on Lasagna Gardening in Fall and Winter. You'll find crop ideas listed by zone. This includes flowers and herbs, berries and plants for a winter garden.

My favorite chapter is the one called Ignoring Problems. Use the hands off approach, she says, and many problems will take care of themselves. Basically, she says lasagna gardens aren't troubled by

pests and disease as much as traditional gardens are. That means that you'll have healthy soil with plenty of earthworms. Companion planting is presented in an easily readable fashion which makes it easy to follow.

Finishing Touches is another chapter with clever ideas. The chapter on containers offers more useful advice.

Learn what lasagna garden actually involves and you may be harvesting more than you imagined.

Check out and read one of the many wonderful books at the UW-Extension Master Gardener resource library.

Note from the Treasurer



In the future I would appreciate that any payments made to Outagamie Master Gardener's from the members be made in the

form of a check. This will allow for accurate recording and accountability. Plant sale purchases can still be made with cash.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

Pam Hagen



Kevin Jarek at the 10 year/tenure celebration in September.

News from the Fundraising Committee



Save the Date — June 5, 2010 OCMGA 2010 Plant Sale

Though we are months away from the OCMGA 2010 Plant Sale, the committee has accomplished a few basic tasks. We have already started to order some of our plugs, and will continue to look for some new and exciting plants for next year. We have also ordered the necessary supplies to keep and maintain the plugs once they arrive next spring.

The Yard Dig sub-committee has caught wind of an awesome opportunity..... almost a complete yard that needs to have the perennials removed! This dig was actually scheduled for the end of the October, but wouldn't you know that Old Man Weather did not cooperate.... Too muddy and we were all too busy trying to catch up in our gardens. We will definitely want to take advantage of this yard and all it has to offer come spring. Keep in mind that all of the plants we get from yard digs and from members are all profit for us at our sale.

While activity from the Plant Sale Committee is kind of low right now as we move into more cold weather months, there is actually much as Master Gardeners we can do. We can begin to think about our plants that did well and need to divide come this spring. Or perhaps we simply want to make room for something new.

As we move into 2010, the Plant Sale Committee will become more active with its need for volunteers. We will provide information on the various subcommittees that support this major fundraising event for our organization.

If anyone has questions or fundraising ideas, contact Jackie Rickel (Jackie_Rickel@uhc.com or jmrickel@gmail.com).

Have a Great Holiday Season

Project Sanctioning Update

Submitted by Kate Lagner
Project Chair



The soil isn't even crusty on the shovels that we've put away for the season and already some of our gardeners are thinking and planning for next season! Would you believe that we already have several projects sanctioned for the coming season???? Just check out the web site under "projects" and

you'll be surprised at what has already been posted. If you want to get a jump on the season (and get it off your plate before the holidays arrive), complete your project sanctioning request and e-mail it to me for approval at the next board meeting.

You'll also see some permanently sanctioned projects on the website. These projects don't need a special "sponsor" and all hours worked on these projects will count towards recertification. Speaking of hours, don't forget the words of our prez Mary: "**You may count ALL your hours on all your projects, regardless of what duties you performed.**" Now, if the state sees fit in the future to change this ruling, we will need to follow suit at the county level but for this next season, at least, count all hours.

You'll also notice that the website is "wiped clean" with regard to last season's projects and new ones are posted as they are approved for the new gardening season. This is because our hours are reported to the state for October 1st through September 30th of any given year. However, if your project isn't yet complete by September 30th of a year, you may certainly ask to have that project sanctioned again for the coming year and count those hours in the new gardening season.

So kick back and relax from the "digging" but don't let the ole brain relax. Start planning for next gardening season and get those projects sanctioned so we can all be ready to go when spring arrives next year!

Improve Your Soil by Raking Less

by Terry Ettinger

If you dread the annual fall leaf-raking marathon, I have good news for you: Raking and collecting leaves every autumn is a tradition without scientific basis. Research has proven that mowing leaves into your lawn can improve its vigor, and observation shows that unraked leaves in planting beds don't smother shade-tolerant perennials.



Based upon research at several universities, the organic matter and nutrients from leaves mown into lawn areas has been proven to improve turf quality. At Michigan State, researchers set a rotary mower to cut at a height of 3 inches and then mowed an 18-inch-deep layer of leaves into test plots. That's the equivalent of 450 pounds of leaves per 1,000 square feet. The tests resulted in improved soil and healthy lawns with few remnant leaves visible the following spring.

You can achieve similar results if you set your mower to cut at the same height as in the Michigan State study, and mow at least once a week during peak leaf fall when your lawn reaches a height of 4 inches. Leaves shred most efficiently when slightly damp, so mow after a light dew. If you follow these simple guidelines, you will never rake another leaf and improve the quality of your soil.

Build planting beds with leaves

Under trees or in other shady spots where a lawn won't grow, you can create planting beds from fallen leaves as a source of soil-building organic matter. Shredded leaves applied as mulch protect tree roots from heat and cold and retain soil moisture during dry spells. Some gardeners believe that excess leaves can harbor insects or disease, but I have experienced no such problems in my garden.

After we bought our property, I created planting beds where the leaves would naturally collect on our densely shaded and sparse front lawn. It's been 15 years since I've raked a single leaf dropped by these trees. Instead, the leaves settle among the hellebores, epimediums, Japanese forest grass, hostas, and spring-flowering bulbs, where they decompose over time, just like on the forest floor.

Easy, ecological, and fiscally responsible

To treat leaves as trash is both environmentally foolish and financially ruinous. Currently, many municipalities encourage residents to rake leaves to the curb for collection, but before they are collected, heavy rains often wash the leaves into catch basins. There, they decompose and release phosphorus and nitrogen into streams and rivers that flow through the community. These excess nutrients contribute to algae blooms during the summer, which result in lower oxygen levels, making it difficult for fish and other aquatic species to survive.

Rake your leaves into the empty beds, and shred them with a lawn mower. Sprinkle the leaves with a 1-pound coffee can's worth of 5-10-5 fertilizer per 100 square feet of garden. Turn the leaves, and water thoroughly to disperse the fertilizer, which speeds decay. Turn the leaves again in spring, and plant right through the remaining clumps, which will provide nutrients as they decompose.

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Municipalities, both large and small, spend thousands, even millions, of dollars each year to collect, transport, and process autumn leaves, tying up resources that could be used elsewhere in our communities. If we all keep our leaves on our properties, we will improve our gardens, save money, and enhance the environment we all share.

Your own source of free fertilizer

A little effort can supply an organic source of nutrients for your plants. Here are two ways to use your leaves.

1. Pile composting for mixed borders

- Rake the leaves into loose piles or in wire bins about 4 feet square within your borders.
- Mix in a few shovelfuls of soil, and add 20 to 30 gallons of water to aid decomposition.
- Pull the piles or bins apart in the spring, and spread the decayed leaves throughout the border
- Cover the decayed leaves with a 1-inch-deep layer of fresh mulch.

2. Sheet composting for annual beds

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Are You Willing to Help Us Out????



We are still looking for a Recording Secretary. (We have a nibble but not a definite commitment yet) Is anyone interesting in sharing the position? You do not have to attend board meetings. Just take notes at the regular monthly member meetings.

As always your Board has your best interests in mind. We have the best group in the State but we need your input to help to keep it that way. So, please, let us know any ideas (either comment or criticism) you have.

Master Gardeners Name Badges

Submitted by Lynn Coffeen

Several MGV's have asked about "when will we get our name badges"? Badges are ordered about twice a year when there is a large quantity. Otherwise small orders are charged extra for each badge. There is no set date for ordering. If you are a new MGV your badges are ordered after you turn in your volunteer hours on October 1. If you have misplaced or just need a new badge that order is sent in twice a year. The cost this year is \$6.50. Hopefully I have made it clearer for you and we should see the new badges soon!!!!!!!!!!

“WHY DO ROSES BEHAVE LIKE KIDS?”

Submitted by Laurel Marchinowski, Committee Member

It's FALL! Our roses are suppose to be looking like this – forming beautiful red hips for winter interest if we have the type that can be left unprotected. However, most of mine looked like this picture, even on Halloween - more growth in September and October than all the summer months combined.



This is mostly from the poor rain season we had and, while the roses are slowing down in the size of blooms as they head towards dormancy, many did surge with new growth, hopefully, mostly in their roots systems. This has happened each year in my garden, even though I stop fertilizing in early August. When in doubt, I tend to put the blame on Garden Elves. Like my

kids, they tend to do what I never ever expected them to do and turned out gloriously, anyway!



This year was our first adventurous experiment in creating the UW-Extension OMG Rose Garden. The ground was prepared by the committee last fall, planned by Lynn Coffeen, complete with sundial, arbors and gravel flagstone paths. I had the easy part, researching and picking out our first plants. We planted 24 roses, and four clematis, consisting of climbers, shrubs, floribundas and teas. Our committee planted this spring on a windy, 45 degree day! Mulching, (see picture) underground watering system signs, and lavender

donated by Lynn Coffeen, was completed this summer. Our plants battled much wind and little rain - it was probably the poorest rose-growing first season possible, but, the great news - everything lived and grew - SO FAR!

Our plants will be winterized using mounded dirt around the base, mulch and corrugated rose cones to extra-protect from the wind. Next year, a boxwood border will be added with some more new rose specimens, and hopefully, all our new babes will survive.

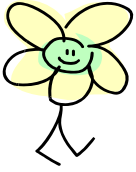


I would like to introduce one of my favorite roses at your garden, “Betty Boop.” This is a virtually indestructible floribunda, shrub-looking behaving plant. Blooms starts out orange and yellow, turns to this wonderfully red edged bloom, and as it fades, turns mostly white, so it is always interesting. It's self-cleaning and very disease resistant. Not much fragrance, but re-flowers constantly up until the snow flies.

Thank you to all member of our committee - Lynn , Julie Buchanan, Pat Stefancic, LuAnne Adank, Ruth DeBruin, Cindy Golie, Sue Folwe, Deb Neuman, Kathy Baum, who helped throughout the season. We hope you can return next spring to continue the work on this beautiful project.



Remember - no one USUALLY ever complains if you bring them roses.



The Story of Black Eyed Sue

By Anne Garde & Alan Okagaki,
National Public Radio - 1986

I rose early, at four o'clock, the morning glory still iris away. I was worried. Anemone of mine, Johnny Jump Up, was looking for me, and I'd heard he was carrying a pistil, a 357 magnolia. I ironed a periwinkle blouse, got dressed, and took a sprig of a dusty Miller's beer. Johnny Jump Up was one of several rhizomes who'd gone to seed in Forsythia, Montana. He was convicted of graft in 1984, arrested again in '85 for digging up coreopsis. Johnny then drifted on the wind up to my neighborhood, the corner of Hollyhock & Vine. He was a petal pusher in a phloxhouse nearby.

I knew he was trouble when he rode-a-dendron to my house and said, "Hey, little Black-Eyed Susan, wanna come over to my place and take a look at my vetches?" I didn't want to tell him in all the cosmos, there was no one for me but Sweet William, so I said no, I was taking care of a pet dogwood that had a litter of poppies, which was weird cause she was just spade. Johnny had no sense of humus. He stamped his foot with impatiens. "You'll rue the day you turned me down," he snapped. Then he spit a wad of salvia into the petunia on my portulaca and stalked away. "Forget me not, Sue, cause I'll be zinnia."

Ever since then, he'd cultivated a relationship with Lily of the Valley, a self-sowing biennial. One day, I aster what she seed in him. "Mum's the word on this" she said, "He's got a trillium dollars in the bank."

"A trillium?" I snorted. "He's lime to you. Besides, what about love?"

"Alyssum," Lily said. "You bleeding hearts are all alike. Kid, you can go for a guy who'll azalea with affection, orchid you can be like me and try to marigold". "Now begonia."

I was in my kitchen, mullein over these past events. It was thyme to quit dilly-dahliaing. The calendula read August 3rd, and Johnny had sworn to propagate vengeance before the snowdrop.

I hopped into my autolobelia and drove over to Daisy's for help. Daisy was a pretty little transplant from Florida, who had wilted in the humidity there, but was now rooted in the well-drained soil of Bloom County. Daisy mostly took care of her baby's breath, but lately she had branched out and was columbining work with home life. "We're all sick today, I think it's gaillardia. Even the cat has got harebells. If we could take a knapweed be o.k." Daisy's face was blight yellow. She would not be of any help.

I beetled feet over to Sweet William's garden plot. "Will, am I gladiolus to see you."

"Black Eyed Sue, I've been praying mantis see you. Let's lilac in the snow on the mountain before it all melts down the geranium. Let's ride a sage to Tansynia. It's only a chamomile away."

"Don't be fritillary, honeysuckle," I said, clinging to him. "Look, here comes the clematis of the story."

Oh, oh. Johnny had hired Pete Moss, a bearded iris-man to do me in. He was wearing a blue nectar and larkspurs. He had a larva men with him. The pests! They began to charge. In all the confuchsia, I said to Will, "Stem still and give me some ground cover." I ran down the primrose path in my lady slippers, right towards Pete. "Don't gimme any flax, bud, or I'll slug ya. You'll look dandelion in the alley."

"Don't gimme any flax, bud," Pete quoted me verbena. It nettled me. I clovered him with a 2X4.

"Sound the timpansy," we sang "We won."

Pete moaned, "Curses, foliaged again. I noticed Johnny Jump Up planted on the border. I've sunk pretty loam, Sue, but now I'm be turning over a new leaf."

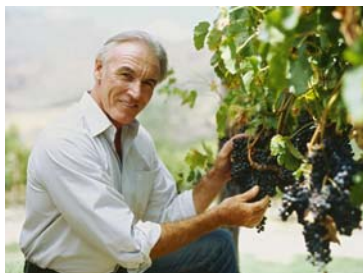
"Bouquet," I said. And he did. Will & I lived pearly everlasting.

13th Annual WPS Garden of Lights Green Bay Botanical Gardens

A holiday favorite featuring over 250,000 lights crafted in flowers, butterflies, and other botanical themes. See the area's tallest and brightest tree and walk through a 60 foot long caterpillar dressed in 20,000 energy-saving LED lights. Walk the trail or take a horse-drawn wagon ride.



- Dates: Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays • November 27th-December 27th (Closed Christmas Day)
- Hours: Fridays and Saturdays • 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm (Wagon rides: 5:00pm – 8:00pm)
- Sundays • 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm (Wagon rides: 5:00pm – 8:00pm)
- Horse drawn wagon rides: \$10 adults
- \$6 children 5-12; Children 4 and under: FREE
 - ◇ Tickets may be purchased in advance at any Festival Foods location and Green Bay Botanical Garden.
 - ◇ FREE Shuttles from NWTC Parking Lot G



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Keep up to date with Master Gardener events, opportunities and the calendar by logging on to www.ocmga.net.

