

## Member Spotlight

### Anne Anderson Class of 2014



I have enjoyed the potting of the plants the last two years at Kathy's. It's a nice time to meet other master gardeners and talk garden stuff. The garden/plant ideas that one gets from others is priceless.

My favorite gardening activity is getting the gardens ready in early spring. I'm at my strongest and energetic time of the year with the gardens. I feel great when I can amend my soil for the little plants that are eager to come out of the ground. OK, I don't know why I like this, but another favorite activity I enjoy with gardening is after a heavy rain I like to go out to the gardens and pull the weeds. I feel I have outwitted the weed if I can pull the whole weed out without the root breaking.

In the summer, I love to go for motorcycle rides and also love to go 4-wheeling up north at my sisters' cabins. In the winter months, I love to snowmobile, downhill ski as well as opening weekend of sturgeon spearing. I also enjoy spending time with my sisters. I have four-sisters and we try to get together as much as possible.

I have a husband and his name is Joe. We have been married since 2006. Joe is an Appleton mailman. I'm also a step-mother to Joe's two girls Melanie and Candice and a grandmother to Kaylee, Zaiden and AleReese. Joe's children live out of state so we don't see them very often. Joe and I also have three cats Deja, Louie and Prince and a tank full of fish.



I love to get on the back of the motorcycle and travel around the state. My husband and I take off on the Harley and just drive to unknown places. Wisconsin is a beautiful state with many things to offer.

In 2012, with our friends, Joe and I drove the motorcycles out to Sturgis. We stayed in Custer and "Wow" what a sightseeing time. Joe and I were riding in the park and came upon the buffalo not one, but a herd of buffalo, mind you we were on the motorcycle. They surrounded all sides of us... it was frightening and at the same time very cool.

I wanted to get away from Wisconsin when I was young so right out of high school I moved to Florida for many years. It was not until my father got sick did I fancy the idea to move back to Wisconsin. It was not until I moved back to Wisconsin that I started to appreciate this beautiful state. I love all the seasons and what they have to offer. If I had to pick a favorite season, it would be early/mid fall. I love all the colors, the crisp air and the Packer party's with friends and family.

If I could have one wish granted, Cancer would be a thing of the past.....

I love cottage gardening, the more flowers the better. At my home, my husband and I made a pack. I have to keep the front yard fairly simple, but the back yard is wide open for my ideas. I love to bring in old items into the garden and watch it light up with flower color.

I'm a city girl and it was not until I bought my home did I start to garden. The previous owner dug up all the gardens and left me an empty mess. My very first idea to fill the gardens was to plant wild flower seeds. I wanted my gardens to look like the seed package. (LOL) I have come a long way since 2003.

Lowes is one of my favorite gardening stores. I pick up a lot of my annuals for great prices. I mainly shop the stress plant racks. I bring the plants home and bring them back to life. I also have become a fan of the Plant Station. In late winter, early spring they offer Groupons. I buy these Groupons and then once the last frost has gone by, I buy the fancy annuals and combine all my annuals and make some pretty nice containers. Two pictures of my containers are shown.

