

Portage County MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEERS



June 2013



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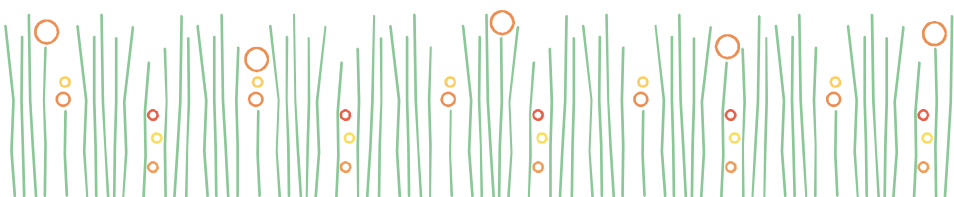
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Take a Tour of *Jennifer, Charles and Kate Young's Garden* at June 24th Meeting

Lots has happened in the past 11 years since we moved into a house where woods tightly surrounded the house on every side. Every year the entire family is involved in creative projects of one type or another and we are still a work in progress.

As a family of artists, we're always looking to make "the most from the least." Most of these projects came from materials on our property, were made by us, or were purchased very inexpensively nearby. Highlights include a labyrinth, small water feature, an extensive dry stream bed with a bridge, and home-made natural wood arbors and trellises. The property also contains numerous stone walls, cairns, natural wood planters, natural wood benches, and fun garden art. Our newest fun creative project we affectionately call "Leaf-henge." All of these are connected by a network of trails.

Our ongoing battle with wildlife means all vegetable gardening is done in containers, and many of our flowerbeds are as deer resistant as we can reasonably make them. We only fight with the deer on phlox and lilies! The hostas in our yard were either free or cheap so if they get eaten we don't get too upset...

We hope you'll stop by – Jennifer, Charles and Kate Young



Take Hwy 66/Stanley Street to Torun Road. TURN onto Torun road (there's only one way you can go on Torun so it doesn't matter if you are coming from East or West). There is a Town of Hull sign there. Go for 9/10 of a mile and TURN RIGHT on Fairview. Go one block (one house) and TURN RIGHT onto Larry's Drive. The house is the first one on the LEFT. **Address: 1495 Larry's Drive**
Kindly park on the street to avoid blocking everybody else in.

*"Live in each season as
it passes: breathe the
air, drink the drink,
taste the fruit."*

Henry David Thoreau

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Open

Garden Line

Open

KMart Potting Day

Open

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VOLUNTEERS WANTED

GOT A SATURDAY FREE THIS SUMMER? LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEER HOURS?

Try out the MGV booth at the Stevens Point Farmer's Market

We are looking for 2 to 4 volunteers on Saturday mornings starting June 22nd through August 31st. While manning the booth, you'll answer questions about gardening and the MGV program.

All you need to bring is a chair - we provide everything else (canopy, books, brochures, signs).

If you'd like to sign up, please contact Lori Teuchert at teuchert01@wi-net.com or 715-677-4838.



Container/Art Showcase Raffle

For the sixth year we will offer a Showcase Raffle as part of the Garden Parade on July 12th and 13th. Each year our garden guests look forward to viewing and purchasing tickets for their favorite items.

In addition to the flower /herb containers, we would like to offer some garden art. If interested in making either a container or piece of garden art, please contact me at **715-341-0622** or dpozorki722@charter.net

Have fun and thank for volunteering!

Deanna Gertsch-Pozorski, Garden Parade Committee

FROM THE BOARD

WELL, IF AT FIRST YOU DON'T SUCCEED, TRY, TRY, AGAIN!

That's how it feels with getting a website up and working for PCMGV. We do now have a new URL for our website but have nobody to develop and maintain it. So, if you have the skills to develop and maintain our website, the Board would love to hear from you! If interested contact: ***Chairperson Shelley Binder or Vice Chairperson Rick Jansing***

9-11 – WI Farm Technology Days – Barron Co. – This premier exposition – the largest agricultural show in WI– is also one of the largest in the nation. The three-day outdoor event showcases the latest improvements in production agriculture, including many practical applications of recent research findings and technological developments. For more info see the [WI Farm Technology Days website](#).

10 – Growing Organic Tomatoes – Olbrich Botanical Gardens, Madison – This hands-on class from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. is all about tomatoes and held at Troy Community Farm and the adjacent community gardens. Kelly Humphry and Claire Strader from Community Groundworks will focus on growing a successful crop of organic tomatoes. You will learn how to prune tomatoes correctly by practicing on the farm crop, see our favorite types of tomato trellising, and learn about our favorite tomato varieties for this region. Class is at Troy Gardens, 502 Troy Drive, Madison. Meet at the tent at the front of the land. Dress for work in the garden – closed shoes/gloves. \$18 (\$15 members).

11 – Lower-maintenance Alternatives for Your Home Landscape Walk – Olbrich Botanical Gardens – Madison – Join Director of Horticulture Jeff Epping from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. for a walk through the gardens. Learn about lower-maintenance garden alternatives for both sun and shade. He'll highlight plantings that you can incorporate into your home garden-- from small- and large-scale serene ground-cover plantings to brilliantly-colored, drought-tolerant perennial combinations in gravel gardens. \$15 (\$12 members).

11-14 – Woodlander's Gathering – Mineral Point – More than 50 rustic arts and nature crafts workshops, nature excursions, and presentations. Various costs. Sponsored by Shake Rag Alley, Mineral Point. For info contact [Shake Rag Alley](#) or see the [Woodland Workshops webpage](#).

13 – Natural Beauty: Natives & Ornamentals – Northwind Perennial Farm – Burlington – Ed Lyon, Director of Allen Centennial Garden at UW-Madison, will talk about the use of natives and ornamentals. "Sustainable" and "Native" have become buzzwords among gardeners; so much so that "ornamental" has developed negative connotations. But what does native mean? What makes a plant native? Are native plants always the best choices in a home landscape? Is the urban landscape the same as the rural landscape? Can good plants go bad? Ed draws from his experience to dispel myths and demonstrate the differences in both plants and gardens. What might work in one setting may become a nightmare in another. Learn plant traits & how to combine the best of all choices. At 10:30 a.m.

17 – Shade Gardens Walk – Olbrich Botanical Gardens, Madison – A shade garden can be a wonderful, cool, restful oasis in the heat of summer. Join Olbrich Horticulturist Christina Akinlosotu from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. for a walk through the outdoor gardens to learn about the selection and care of shade plants, including annuals, perennials, trees, and shrubs. \$15 (\$12 members).

19-21 – Art en Fleurs – Milwaukee – This is a major show of Flowers, Horticulture, Photography and Botanical Arts. "The World At Our Fingertips" will take place at the Milwaukee Public Museum. For info contact [Kathy Palmer](#).

20 – Accessorize Your Garden – Northwind Perennial Farm – Burlington – Julie Siegel, owner of J. Siegel Designs, will show you how to integrate great objects with plants. Good design is much more than just sticking things out in the garden. Julie will demonstrate design concepts to help you create a cohesive landscape. At 10:30 a.m.

23 – Sustainable Landscaping - Beauty Today ... and a Green Tomorrow – Olbrich Botanical Gardens, Madison – Join John J. Gishnock III, landscape architect and owner of Formecology, LLC, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. to learn how you can create a personal outdoor environment tailored to your individual aesthetic style that is also environmentally beneficial. You'll discover many innovative and sustainable landscape techniques that can be applied to any site. We'll explore a variety of design, installation, and care techniques to maximize beauty, erosion control, cleaner air and water, human well-being & wildlife habitats. \$15 (\$12 members).

24 – Rose Garden Walk – Olbrich Botanical Gardens, Madison – Enjoy one of the longest days of the year in Olbrich's Rose Garden! Olbrich Horticulturist Christian Harper will show you the Rose Garden and discuss the wide variety of roses available to the home gardener from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Learn about the care involved in growing roses, along with tips on companion planting & how to duplicate the multi-textured effect found in the Rose Garden. \$15 (\$12 members).

27 – The Gravel Garden – Northwind Perennial Farm – Burlington – Roy Diblik, co-owner of Northwind, will lead a tour of the gravel garden that he installed at Northwind in 2007. It is modeled after Cassian Schmidt's garden in Germany. This garden thrives without extra watering (once established) or without weeding. Free, but pre-registration required. At 6:00 p.m.

NOTE: A separate listing of Garden Parades follows on the next page...

Gardens Around the Midwest

BOERNER BOTANICAL GARDENS: For info or to register contact Friends of Boerner Botanical Gardens, 9400 Boerner Drive, Hales Corners, WI 53130 at (414)525-5659 or email scheduling@fbbg.org.

CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDENS: 1000 Lake Cook Rd., Glencoe IL 60022. Phone: (847)835-5440.

GARDENS OF THE FOX CITIES: Register for classes on the [Event Calendar](#). For info contact [Gardens of the Fox Cities](#), 1313 E. Witzke Blvd. Appleton, WI 54911 at (920)993-1900.

GREEN BAY BOTANICAL GARDEN: For more information, contact the [Green Bay Botanical Garden](#), 2600 Larsen Road, P.O. Box 12644, Green Bay, WI 54307-2644 at (920)491-3691 ext 103

MN LANDSCAPE ARBORETUM: For info contact the [Education Department](#), Minnesota Arboretum, P.O. Box 39, Chansassen, MN 5531-0039 at (952)443-1422.

NORTHWIND PERENNIAL FARM: For info contact Northwind Perennial Farm, 7047 Hospital Rd, Burlington, WI 53105 at (262)248-8229 or info@northwindperennialfarm.com.

OLBRICH BOTANICAL GARDENS: For info contact Olbrich Botanical Gardens, 3330 Atwood Ave., Madison, WI 53704; phone (608)246-4550 or download the [Classes and Workshops Brochure](#). Pre-registration required, including online registration from the OBG website.

July — The Month to Tour Gardens!

Master Gardener Volunteer groups and other garden clubs throughout the state are holding their annual tours of gardens in their communities in the month of July. **The PCMGV will host its 16th annual Garden Parade of Portage County Gardens the weekend of July 12-13.** Entertainment, flower container raffles and education will again add to the program. “**Art bloom**” will also be back. Local artists will display their work, and floral designs inspired by the art will be created by amateur and professional arrangers including MGVs and a local 4-H Club.

Here is a list of the garden walks taking place around the state during the month of July. The list includes walks at private homes as well as some at public gardens:

12-13 – Garden Tour – DeForest – By Windsor Area Garden Club featuring 7 local gardens, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. \$10. For more information contact [Nancy Schoenmann](#) or call Monique at (608) 846-5299.

12-13 – Olbrich Home Garden Tour – [Olbrich Botanical Gardens, Madison](#) – This tour showcases exceptional gardens. Talk with homeowners, landscape designers, MGVs, and other Olbrich volunteers, and learn some of the techniques used to transform these ordinary yards into extraordinary retreats. Friday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. \$14 (\$12 members).

13 – Garden Walk – Manitowoc – Sponsored by the Manitowoc Co. MGA, this bi-annual event will feature 9 gardens in the city of Manitowoc. More details later. For more information contact [Judy Lango](#).

13 – Garden Walk – Mukwonago – Four private garden within driving distance of Mukwonago, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. One property encompasses 9 acres of rolling hills with a windmill aerated pond, another has a naturally sloping terrain that sits on 40 acres of wetland conservancy on Willow Springs Lake, another is the sprawling Mukwonago Greenwald Gardens which are predominately statuary, and the last is a home in a subdivision in which the owners have dedicated the yard to a comprehensive railroad set up with a water feature. For more information contact [Carol Mainwaring](#), Vernon Ev Lutheran Church Dry Creek Gardeners, at (262) 271-7076 or see [the Church website](#).

13 – Secret Gardens of Wauwatosa Tour – Wauwatosa Presented by the Wauwatosa Beautification Committee, Inc. Tour seven gardens including two in “Lost ‘Tosa”, the area just east of 60th Street that was the last part of old Wauwatosa annexed by the city of Milwaukee. Included are the gardens at the Kneeland-Walker house. Ticket holders will have an opportunity to meet Melinda Myers, the “Plant Doctor”, sponsored by Kanavas Landscape Management. She

will be happy to answer your gardening questions. Also on hand will be MGVs and plant societies, as well as vendors selling plants and garden items. \$10 (\$12 day of tour at the Kneeland-Walker House, 7406 Hillcrest Drive, Wauwatosa). For more information call (414) 807-5652 or see the [Wauwatosa Beautification Committee garden tour web-page](#).

13 – Ring Around Wild Rose Garden Tour – Wild Rose By the Waushara Co. MGA from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. rain or shine. Six gardens. \$7. For more information call Celine Pitzen at (920) 787-0795.

13 – Garden Walk – Wisconsin Rapids/Rudolph area – The 14th annual walk offered by the Wood Co. MGA from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Six gardens will be featured along with an artist in each garden and Garden Treasures Sale of 'gently-used' garden items. \$10. For more information contact Barb at (715) 325-2075.

13 – Garden Door Open House – Sturgeon Bay – This event from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. is offered by the Door Co. MGA to showcase this free public garden at its very best. Brief programs on garden topics will be held throughout the day. At the [University of Wisconsin Peninsular Agricultural Research Station](#) on Hwy 42 near Sturgeon Bay. For more information call (920) 743-2083 or see the [Door Co. MGA website](#).

20 – Home Garden Tour – [Rotary Botanical Gardens, Janesville](#) – Visit 9 beautiful gardens (rain or shine) from 9:00 to 3:00 p.m. and enjoy local musicians at each location. \$12 (\$10 advance). For more information contact [Kris Koch](#) at (608) 752-3885 ext. 17.

27 – Walk About the Hoard Museum Gardens – Fort Atkinson – Join Jefferson Co. MGVs for a guided walk through the Museum’s 5 gardens: a perennial garden, rain garden, intersectional peony garden, entry garden, and herb garden from 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. Free. At the Hoard Historical Museum, 401 Whitewater Ave, Fort Atkinson, WI. For more information contact the [Hoard Historical Museum](#) at (920) 563-7769.



Present: Sue Baldischwiler, Tom Baldischwiler, Margaret Bau, Shelley Binder, Sandy Boehm, Cindy Bredow, Donald Caine, Lynn Caine, Eric Ecklund, Deanna Gertsh-Pozorski, Timothy Goskowitz, Angie Hauer, Kathy Herbert, Carole Jansing, Rita Kozlowski, Kathy Kruthoff, Tina Lechner, Marily Malcolm, Deb McGill, Ellie Mendyke, Pat Mrozinski, Sandra Newby, Stephanie Olson, Carole Olson, RoseMarie Piekarski, Walt Rasmussen, Robert Rausch, Katie Rettler, Rebecca Roberts, Leanna Rusch, Chere Schmit, Don Schmit, Nick Schultz, Donna Smith, Patti Soik, Kathy Stanke, Todd Teuchert, Judith Thies, Kirby Throckmorton, Jill Trochlell-Ziehr, Joanne West, Gail Zalewski, Linda Zick and Portage County Ag Agent Ken Schroeder.

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 by Shelley Binder at Robert and Sally Freckmann's home.

Minutes from the April meeting correction: \$250 grant money was given to the Lettie Jensen Library and to the Portage County 4-H.

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Kathy Stanke.

Committee Reports:

Plant Sale: Chere Schmit distributed plant sticks. A volunteer sign-up sheet circulated. Tim Goskowitz reported on the many County, City and State regulations for putting up signs along roadways. Bonnie will be asked to send out this information.

Funds: Cindy Bredow presented scholarship awards at the Biology Awards Banquet. The two recipients will give a presentation at our Nov. meeting.

Flower Beds: Carole Jansing-Watch emails for work days.

Garden Parade: Katie Rettler—A volunteer sign-up sheet circulated for the July 12-13 GP. Katie had quilt raffle tickets available. The quilt and tickets will be at the Plant Sale. Deanna Gertsh-Pozorski stated that more containers are needed for the raffle.

Hunger Prevention: Pat Mrozinski met with the Head Start teacher. There may be community help with the garden. Planting will take place late May with the 3-5 year olds. Watch your e-mail.

Y Garden: Don Caine—The area had been too wet for clean-up. Work will take place May 14 at 6:00 p.m. Beans will also be planted. Kathy Kruthoff—MGV help would be appreciated on Thursday mornings with the school age children.

Farmer's Market: Todd Teuchert—Volunteers are needed beginning June 22 through Labor Day weekend.

WIMGA: Lynn Caine—Special reports following on pages 6 and 7.

Extension Report: Ken Schroeder—A summer Horticulturist will begin May 22. Questions are coming in.

Old Business: Board positions remain open.

New Business: Chere Schmit gave a report on the status of the Portage County Web site. Looking for a MGV to take over the new Web site.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Friends of the Little Plover River met Thurs., May 16 at 6:00p.m. at Barb G's.
- Bob is looking for Prairie Dropseed. There is a new greenhouse on Hwy. B.
- Cindy brought Soloman Seal plants.
- Don Caine brought bean seed.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Continuing Education: Robert & Sally Freckman: 1.5 hrs.

Submitted by Sandra Newby, PCMGV Secretary

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Sophie Demchik is the summer horticulture assistant at the Extension. Her hours are Tues.—Fri 9:00am-1:00pm. Any **GARDEN LINE** questions can be referred to her, the email address is: mastergardener@co.portage.wi.us



REMINDER:

Portage Co. will be hosting **Farm Technology Days in 2014**. Information on this year's event in July, 2013 can be found at : www.barronfarmtech.com

The LARGEST OUTDOOR FARM SHOW in the state!
 This is Wisconsin's only event in the state that connects farmers with the latest in technology through live Demonstrations.
2013 Barron County Farm Technology Days
 Tuesday, July 9th 9:00 am—5:00 pm
 Wednesday, July 10th 9:00 am—5:00 pm
 Thursday, July 11th 9:00 am—4:00 pm

THIS YEARS HOSTS:
 Breezy Hill Dairy
 Alex and Mary Olson
 147 16th Street
 Dallas, WI 54733
www.barronfarmtech.com

Garden Parade 2013

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Friday, July 12 — 2pm—7pm

Saturday, July 13 — 10am - 4pm

Please join us as a PCMGV in one of the six Stevens Point gardens. As a volunteer you will be asked to preview your assigned garden so that you are able to provide information and give tours to the public.

We will also need assistance with the Garden Showcase Raffle. All volunteers receive a complimentary Garden Parade Ticket along with an inspiring experience and volunteer hours!

To sign up contact: Katie Rettler
715-347-2312 or krettler@rettler.com

Help is needed to distribute posters for the Garden Parade!

Garden Parade posters will be available in the conference room next to the main entrance at **the Rettler Corporation** building in the Portage County Business Park (off of I-39, Hwy HH exit), on Friday afternoon, June 7, 2013.

Please be sure to sign out on the “**Business Drop-Off List**” for the group of locations (or individual location) you will be distributing posters to. Please add any new poster locations.

Please also distribute the “**2013-2014 Schedule of Events**” sheets as you visit the poster sites, so people are aware of all the PCMGV events we will be hosting in the upcoming months.

If you can think of any other places that would like to display the posters, feel free to take some extra posters with you, and if you have access to email, please email the new name and address to Carole Jansing at carolejansing@att.net in order to update the master “Business Drop-Off List”.

This is a good way to accumulate 2013 volunteer hours!
Thank you, Elfri Goskowicz

The 6 Gardens in the Parade are:

Judy and Wally Bemke
534 Fourth Avenue
Stevens Point, WI 54481

Jen and Ray Haas
3532 Regent St.
Stevens Point, WI 54481

Char and John Kolinski
5565 Riverview Ct.
Stevens Point, WI 54482

Patt Loecher
1000 N. Wilshire Dr.
Stevens Point, WI 54482

Sandy Plaza
525 Washington Avenue
Stevens Point, WI 54481

Y Community Garden / Dan Goulet
1000 Division St.
Stevens Point, WI 54481

And After the Parade...



Garden Parade Reception
7 - 9 p.m., Saturday, July 13

Village Gardens
2811 Porter Rd, Plover

Master Gardeners, Invited Guests,
Volunteers, and a special thanks
to the 2013 Garden Hosts:

Char & John Kolinski
Patt Loecher
Jen & Ray Haas
Y Community Garden
Judy & Wally Bemke
Sandy Plaza

Entertainment by Tony Albrecht & Friends
Beverages & snacks provided.
Please bring a lawn chair
and wear your name tag.

Important WIMGA News

CHANGES IN TRAINING

Based on current feedback from colleagues, emerging trends in volunteerism, interests of participants, and competing avenues for the same information (TV, internet, other organizations) proposed changes aim to define the UWEX MG program niche:

- Align MG program and volunteerism with UWEX mission
- Align MG program and volunteerism with NIFA priorities
- Increase number of hours volunteered in community and youth education
- Better justify volunteerism in support services
- Increase number of educational contacts (provide additional horticulture education to general public, commercial entities, and non-volunteer track)
- Increase participant diversity
- Increase overall retention of MG participants
- Have value added component (credits, access to exclusive programming)

The MG Program office is considering some shifts in training to emphasize volunteerism by providing volunteer development and skills rather than just focusing on gardening. This would entail having participants take an exam to get into the program (with the horticulture content learned prior to this- available in a variety of ways, including traditional training, study groups or independent learning), and the MG training would build participant skills in delivering horticulture information. This volunteer development piece is something county educators are very deficient in; they have not been provided training in this area. This is something the state office should be providing.

PROPOSED MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEER CERTIFICATION TRAINING

Prerequisites to get into the program:

- pass entrance exam with score of 70% or better
- pass background check
- sign volunteer behavior agreement

TRAINING SESSIONS (DELIVERY TO BE DETERMINED) AIM TO:

- Emphasize volunteerism
- Teach communication strategies, leadership styles, conflict resolution, team building
- Provide necessary skills for volunteer management
- Align projects with UWEX mission & values; NIFA priorities
- Build participant skills in delivering UWEX horticulture educational resources.
- Building garden based education program
- Answering garden-related questions
- Appropriately working with youth and other target-audiences in garden based programming

COUNTY FAIR JUDGES TRAINING

UW-Extension in cooperation with DATCP and WI Fairs Association will be sponsoring a judges training webinar on May 22, from 7-9 p.m. The Fair Judges Training Webinar is geared for new county fair judges as well as judges that would like to be updated on the general principles of what it takes to judge at Wisconsin County Fairs.

Some of the topics to be covered are: The Basics of Judging at the County Fair, Steps to becoming a Judge, Expectations of Judges, and the Types of Judging such as conference and face-to-face. There will also be time for any questions you may have regarding judging at Wisconsin county Fairs! See the registration form for more information.

FUTURE TRAINING

Mark Renz received a grant to develop a First Detector's program, with MGVs being the primary audience initially, but expanding to a broader audience in the future.

YOUTH GARDENING PROGRAM

Community Ground Works, Dane Co. UWEX and the MG Program are partnering to develop a statewide program to train MGVs on working with youth in school garden projects. CGW has obtained a Department of Health grant to implement this. The MG Program office is hoping to partner with Iowa and Minnesota to expand resources and programming reach for future Level 2 trainings.

EXECUTIVE ORDER 54--IMPLICATIONS FOR MANDATORY BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR VOLUNTEERS

The conversation regarding the implementation of E054 has now moved to Cooperative Extension (CE). An initial meeting between Dean's office, 4-H, Family Living, and the MG Program occurred in March. UW-Systems is requiring mandatory background checks of all volunteers, repeated every 4 years.

USDA-NIFA REPORTING AND MGVS

The National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) is the USDA agency that administers Extension funding. The MG program office is attempting to align MG activities with NIFA priorities as requested by UWEX administration (so they can more easily include MG impacts in their reports). All MG projects should be able to fit into three main categories as indicated on the handout. These are categories to help organize what MGVs are already doing -not to direct their projects. This information can also be used to help new UWEX staff to focus projects that will benefit their local programs and personal plans of work.

CIVIL RIGHTS AUDIT / DIVERSITY

The Dean's office has prompted CE to brace for a required federal audit to take place any day. There is no dispute that the audience of the MG educational programs is diverse; it is the composition of MGVs themselves that needs to be considered. The potential pool of candidates is NOT the entire adult population - it is those interested in plants and gardening and those that are interested in volunteering. Since races other than white don't generally participate in gardening or volunteering, a smaller percentage than the entire population of non-whites should be the target audience. According to the numbers, white males are underrepresented in the MG Program. *The question becomes:* Is the current structure of the program difficult for inclusion and diversity? How the program is promoted can influence who decides to join.

The MG Program will be coming up with a diversity plan to try to address this issue. The first step is determining who is currently in the program (limited statistics are available from demographic info collected from background checks). For the MGAs it is important to start thinking about diversity by discussing the issue, reporting any discrimination, & thinking how to be more inclusive.

MGAS AND MEMORANDUM-OF-UNDERSTANDING WITH UW-EXTENSION

Because there were some issues with the 2012 WIMGA conference accounting and funds, Daniel Malacara of the UWEX Budget Office was contacted to inform him of the issue. In response, he strongly recommended we adopt a memorandum-of understanding (MOU) policy similar to 4-H's regarding association's accounts. As WIMGA is currently working on a document on best management practices for treasurers, it was recommended that WIMGA take this into consideration as they move forward.

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Return Service Requested



July Garden Guide

- Water gladiolus/dahlias weekly to a depth of 6-8 inches.
- Water flower beds at least once a week during dry spells. Remove old lily blooms.
- Peony bushes should be mulched; seedpods removed.
- Take cuttings from roses and spring flowering shrubs for new plant propagation when stems are no longer succulent but not yet hardened.
- Cut old canes of climbing roses so those new shoots can grow.
- Control rust on hollyhock by removing infected leaves.
- Divide iris and day lily when done blooming. Cut leaves back to about 8 inches.
- Thin and transplant perennials sown in June.
- Complete outdoor sowing of perennial seed.
- Inspect vegetables and herbs for pests daily and treat if necessary.
- Control garden weeds to prevent them from going to seed.
- Harvest onions and early potatoes when tops begin to shrivel.
- In early July, plant lettuce and spinach for fall crop. Pre-germinate on moist towel or plant deeper than in spring. Plant kale, bunching onions, cucumbers, beets, rutabagas and turnips, cabbage family seedlings and peas for fall harvest.
- Keep tomatoes mulched and watered to prevent blossom end rot.
- Keep ripe vegetables picked to maintain productivity.
- Watch for spider mites during hot, dry weather. Juniper and spruce needles turn rusty colored if infested.
- Water newly planted trees weekly if needed throughout the summer and apply a mulch (3 inches or less) to maintain even soil moisture.
- During dry spells, water all trees deeply every 2-3 weeks.
- Remove suckers from grafted plants. Water fruit trees during dry spells or they may abort fruit. Trees need 1 inch of water weekly during fruit growth.
- Prune yews, junipers and arborvitae by mid-July.
- Remove old canes of summer bearing red raspberries after harvest. Thin new canes to 3-4 canes per foot of row or 9-10 canes per hill. For black raspberries, thin new canes to 10 per hill. Cut tips of new canes back around July 1. Cut back raspberry tips back to two feet above the soil level and blackberry tips back to four feet above soil level. Cut purple and yellow raspberry tips to 30-36 inches above the soil.
- Keep orchard grass mowed and raked to discourage fungal pathogens harbored in tall grass and plant debris.
- Hang baited red sticky ball traps in apple trees for apple maggot control.