



JUNEAU COUNTY
MASTER GARDENERS *

NEWSLETTER

May 2008

UW-Extension Juneau County



May Blooms

Master Gardener Meeting

Note date

When: Monday May 19, 2008
6:30 – 8:30 pm

Where: Duane & Pat Weisenhaus
N9656 19th Avenue
Necedah WI 54646
608 565-7350

Car pool when you can
Bring along lawn or folding chair

Directions: From Mauston

- Take Hwy 58 toward Necedah.
- Turn right on County Hwy G toward Buckhorn State Park
- **NOTE** – This is the second Hwy G intersection – **not** the one at Cedar Springs BP Gas Station.
- Turn left on 19th Ave. at Buckhorn Cafe
- Continue approximately 3 miles.
- Look for balloons – long driveway, can't see house

Agenda:

- Meet and Greet
- Garden Tour
- Magazine and Catalog Swap
- Plant Sale (See notes on page 5)
- Approval of April 28, 2008 Minutes
- Treasurer's Report



From New Lisbon:

- Take Hwy 80 toward Necedah.
- Turn right on Cty Hwy A.
- Left on Hwy 58.
- Right on County Hwy G. toward Buckhorn State Park follow above directions from Mauston

From Necedah:

- Take Hwy 58 toward Mauston
- Turn left on County Hwy G toward Buckhorn State Park
- Continue as above.

Unfinished Business:

- 2009 WIMGA Conference Update
- Thank Brigitte for Library presentation on Container Planting on April 22
- Master Gardener History Book - Duane Weisenhaus
- Projects for 2008
 - Boorman House
 - New Lisbon Planters
 - Chamber of Commerce – Mauston
 - Juneau County Fair
 - Mauston Hospital Project
 - Prairie Flower Restoration at Buckhorn State Park

New Business:

- Award ceremony for new JCMG Volunteers (must complete test), pass out certificates and membership cards.

Upcoming Events

- Plant Sale May 24, 25, and May 27 thru June 1 – Dolly Fleming Residence
- Plant Sale May 23, 24, and 25 – Jan Brendle Residence
 - Note: See details for both on page 5
- June Meeting – Election of Officers – Vice President and Secretary
- July – Audit of Books

Juneau County Master Gardener Meeting Minutes
Apr. 28, 2008 6:30 pm Arris & Al Sullivan Residence
Secretary: Rich Milgrom

Meet and Greet

Magazine and catalog swap

Meeting was brought to order by President Ann Howard.

Approval of October meeting minutes

There were 35 people in attendance and we have 41 total members.

Treasurer's Report - Previous Balance: \$ 1236.28

Expenses: WIMGA Memberships 21 cert. members @ \$5 = \$105.00

4 name tags @ \$6.00 = \$24.00

Income: Memberships 35 @ \$12 = \$420.00

Reimbursement for WIMGA garden journals 19 @ \$12.50 = \$237.50

Reimbursement for 3 name tags @ \$6.00 = \$18.00

Donations/Thank You from Necedah Bank - \$50.00

Current Balance: \$ 1832.78

Membership Chair Update - Jan Brendle

Cards for new master gardener volunteers to be handed out at next meeting.

Unfinished Business:

- 2009 WIMGA Conference Update - Arris
 - Volunteers needed. Irene Klingemann, Jan Brendle, Marsha Lubinski, Lutrelle Manna, and Maureen Fox have volunteered.
- NOTE: Due to weather and trouble hearing meeting was suspended and everything else will be covered at the next meeting.
- We took in \$119.00 from our plant sale which was divided equally between Dolly Fleming (Relay for Life and Fishing for a Cure (Diabetes)) and Jan Brendle (Carl T. Nelson Animal Shelter). See events below.
- **Garden Meeting Dates and Locations:**
 - May 19th - Duane and Pat Weisenhaus
 - Original meeting date (May 26th - Memorial Day) was changed.
 - June 23rd - Sue Rattunde
 - July 28th - Maureen Fox
 - August 25th - Gail Hitchcock
 - September 22nd - Sally Spangler
 - October 27th - Library
- **Events/Important Dates:**
 - Plant Sale at Dolly Fleming's W8108 Ceylon Road, Mauston (562-6269) May 24, 25, (not 26) 27, 28, 29, 30, 31 and June 1 - 9 to 5 She is looking for plant (including vegetables) donations and would like them by May 15.
 - Plant Sale at Brendle home, N8420 19th Ave, Necedah next to the Buckhorn Café. Dates are May 23, 24, 25 (plant donations appreciated - 565-7290) or drop plants off when going to the next meeting which is just past the Brendle Home.
 - June - Election of Officers - Vice President and Secretary
 - July - Audit of books
 - July 16-19 - 2008 Midwestern Regional Conference - MilwaukeeSee State MG Website for more events <http://www.hort.wisc.edu/mastergardener/>

Next meeting -

May 19th - Duane and Pat Weisenhaus.

What Makes Plants Wake Up in the Spring?

by Dr. Brent McCown, UW-Madison, Department of Horticulture
from WIMGA Newsletter, January 2007 issue



One of the most invigorating events in Wisconsin is the incredible rush of new shoot growth in the spring. Besides the personal enjoyment we all gain from watching this annual reawakening, have you wondered how plants 'know' when to start growing?

To fully understand, we first have to know how plants 'go to sleep' in the fall. Two major processes are involved: dormancy and hardening. Both are initiated by the shortening day-lengths (photoperiod) of the fall. When the leaves sense the shortening photoperiods, any new shoot growth stops and the large, dense overwintering buds are formed. For the spring and early summer flowering plants, these buds will contain the flower primordia for next season. For some plants, such as mature oaks and peonies, all the nodes for the total shoot growth for next season are also present inside the bud. Thus it is definitely in the plant's (and ours!) best interest to protect these overwintering buds from damage.

Once a plant senses the shortening photoperiods of fall, its hormone status changes dramatically. Less of the growth promoting hormones (such as gibberellins) are made and large amounts of the hormone ABA (abscisic acid) are deposited in the bud. ABA can act to stop rapid shoot growth. Once the overwintering bud is fully developed, this hormone balance is so strong that the shoot will not assume growth again even if the plant is moved into a warm, well lighted greenhouse. In other words, the plant is now fully dormant.

After dormancy, plants in temperate regions undergo cold-hardening. This involves specific changes in individual cells so that ice crystals do not form in the cells (intracellular ice formation is always lethal in nature). The hardening process is multistage and after the first stage, is mediated by exposure to colder and colder temperatures. After extended hard freezes, the cells are now fully hardened to cold and can survive freezing.

For shoot growth to resume, the bud dormancy has to be 'broken.' This means that the hormone balance in the bud has to change. The signal to do this is exposure to temperatures that are near or below 40°F, in other words winter. The longer the winter season in which a plant has evolved, the longer the time (weeks) of such cold temperatures that are needed to overcome dormancy. Native plants in Wisconsin may require 1,000 hours or more of cold exposure or 'chilling.' As the buds receive the chilling, the ABA is gradually broken down and eventually reaches a point that if the plant experiences good growing conditions, new hormones are synthesized and the buds begin to expand. Such increased activity in the bud is also associated with a loss of some or all of the cold hardiness.

As we all have observed, problems with this complex process can occur:

- If a plant has been exposed to most of its chilling requirement, then it can be quite sensitive to early warm spells. A quick resumption of winter cold can lead to winter injury, especially to the overwintering flower buds.
- Most root-systems appear to not undergo deep dormancy or cold hardening. Thus roots may grow for much of the fall and early spring even though the shoots are fully inactive. In addition, a normally very hardy plant if potted and left on the patio can be killed as the roots in the pot are exposed to temperatures that never occur in the garden soil.
- Plants adapted to different regions, such as lower latitudes than Wisconsin, can have a shorter chilling requirement and thus be even more troubled by premature winter warm spells. So during the doldrums of this winter, when you look out upon those non-growing plants in your garden, think of what's going-on in all those overwintering buds. Hopefully, this will lead you into thinking of spring and you can look yet again at all those garden catalogues.

NOTICE

Rotary Botanical Gardens, Janesville

All Saturdays in April and May, Mushroom Compost Sale

8 am until 2 pm, Horticulture Center

This organic material is aged horse manure, peat moss and bark fines, all blended and pulverized. A great amendment incorporated in to garden soil or used as a "topdressing."

1.5 cubic foot bags (40 lbs.) - \$5.50 plus tax

Rotary Gardens Members and Volunteers – 10%

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

For more information on any event or to register contact:

For: [Rotary Botanical Gardens](#), Janesville, WI, 608-752-3885

For [Olbrich Botanical Gardens](#), Madison, WI, 608-246-4550

May 15, 2008 - Ornamental Grasses - [Rotary Botanical Gardens](#), Janesville, WI - With Mark Dwyer, Director of Horticulture at Rotary Botanical Gardens, begins at 7:00 p.m. \$5 donation.

May 17, 2008 - Homeowner Turf Field Day - Madison, WI - At the OJ Noer Turfgrass Research Facility at 3101 Hwy M, Verona Call Aurda Anderson for more information 608-845-6536.

May 17, 2008 - SEW MGA Perennial Plant Sale - Milwaukee, WI - The Southeast Wisconsin MGA will be holding their 13th Annual Perennial Plant Sale at State Fair Park from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., rain or shine. New this year by customer request will be pre-made perennial plant groupings that will offer plant interest through flowers or foliage throughout the seasons. For more information visit the [Milwaukee County Extension website](#) or call the Milwaukee County Extension Office at (414) 290-2400.

May 21, 2008 - Candy & Colored Foliage - [Olbrich Botanical Gardens](#), Madison, WI - Enjoy fine chocolate and join Olbrich Horticulturist Christian Harper from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. for a garden stroll focusing on plants with colored foliage. Harper will highlight trees, shrubs, perennials, and vines that display foliage colors such as yellow, white, and purple during the growing season. Dress appropriately for the weather. \$10 (\$8 members).

May 22, 2008 - Flowering Hanging Basket - [Olbrich Botanical Gardens](#), Madison, WI - Moss baskets, European gardens, or hanging gardens ... they're gorgeous! Learn how to use moss in containers, as well as which plants to use, and how to keep them looking beautiful all summer long - workshop 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. by Olbrich's Director of Horticulture Jeff Epping and Horticulturist Samara Eisner. Upon registration, please indicate sun or shade plants. You will go home with a finished basket appropriate for the lighting conditions you indicated. \$60 (\$48 members).

May 27, 2008 - Developing and Designing a Successful Shade Garden - [Rotary Botanical Gardens](#), Janesville, WI - With Ed Lyon, Executive Director of Rotary Botanical Gardens, beginning at 7:00 p.m. \$5 donation.

May 28, 2008 - Ornamental Container Gardens - [Olbrich Botanical Gardens](#), Madison, WI - Love of small and large space, containers are a fabulous way to dress up your patio, deck, or balcony. In this workshop from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Olbrich's Director of Horticulture Jeff Epping and Horticulturist Mark Shimasaki will guide participants to plant containers overflowing with beauty. Upon registration, please indicate sun or shade plants. You will go home with a finished container appropriate for the lighting conditions you indicated. \$60 (\$48 members).

May 29, 2008 - Invasive Species & Wisconsin Root Beer - [Olbrich Botanical Gardens](#), Madison, WI - Come sip Wisconsin-made root beer and learn about invasive species that threaten both gardens and natural areas. Olbrich Director Roberta Sladky will take participants on a short hike from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. to property, behind Olbrich, to view examples of aggressive invasives such as garlic mustard and buckthorn. Learn about these problematic plants and what can be done to control them. Dress for walking through brush and on uneven surfaces. \$7 (\$5 members).

May 30, 2008 - Responding to Horticulture Inquiries - Madison, WI - This program from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., hosted by members of the UW-Extension Horticulture Team for Extension Office staff and Master Gardener Volunteers on horticulture questions with various diagnostic services, resources for research based data. At the Dane Co. UW-Extension Office, 1 Fen Oak Ct., Madison. Reservations required by May 23. For more information or to register, contact [Robert Tomesh](#) at (608) 265-4536.

May 30, 2008 (12:00 noon) - Growing the Giant Pumpkin - Brown Bag Program (contact UW County Ext Office for access) - Growing giant pumpkins can be a fascinating experience. Before one can master the art of growing a giant, however, one must be familiar with the basic principles of growing pumpkins and the 'Giant Pumpkin'.

May 31-June 1 9am-4pm - GardenFest 2008 - LaCrosse Southside Oktoberfest Grounds \$3 proceeds benefit YWCA programs. www.ywcagardenfest.com

June 3, 2008 - Making Silk Scarves with Botanical Dyes - [Rotary Botanical Gardens](#), Janesville, WI - Shelley Ryan, gardening nut, takes grass stains to the next level. Begins at 1:00 p.m. to approximately 4:00 p.m. \$30 (includes up to 4 scarves).

June 5, 2008 - Gazing Globes, Not Crystal Balls: 2008 Possible Pest Review - [Rotary Botanical Gardens](#), Janesville, WI - With Mike Maddox, Horticulture Educator, Rock Co. UWEX, beginning at 7:00 p.m. \$5 donation.

June 10, 2008 - Clutter, Chaos or Class: Using Creativity Effectively in Garden Design - [Rotary Botanical Gardens](#), Janesville, WI - With Ed Lyon, Executive Director of Rotary Botanical Gardens, beginning at 7:00 p.m. \$5 donation.

June 12, 2008 - Roses & Ice Cream - [Olbrich Botanical Gardens](#), Madison, WI - Enjoy creamy bliss as you walk Olbrich's innovative Rose Garden with Olbrich Horticulture Director Jeff Epping from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Learn about both shrub and garden roses, as well as sustainable garden elements such as drain tiles, rain gardens, pest resistance, local hardscaping materials and low-maintenance plant varieties. \$10 (\$8 members).

June 17, 2008 - Insects in the Garden - [West Madison Ag Research Station](#), Verona, WI - Join Phil Pellitteri, Extension Entomology Specialist, at 6:00 p.m. to explore the insects you encounter on a walk through the flower and vegetable gardens. Free. For more information contact Asst. Superintendent [Judy Reith-Rozelle](#), 8502 Mineral Point Rd., Verona, WI 53593-9689 at (608) 262-2257 or fax (608) 829-3074.

June 19 - Le Jardiniste Garden Tour - Onalaska area, 4 to 8pm Tickets \$5 advance \$7 at the gardens. Tickets available at Edwardo's, Rockwood Gardens and Christen Farm Nursery. Featuring five Onalaska gardens; artists on site at the Keffe Garden selling stained glass and jewelry. www.cherylkeeffe.com

June 24, 2008 - Garden Design & Ice Cream - [Olbrich Botanical Gardens](#), Madison, WI - Dive into our ice cream freezer and then head into the garden with Olbrich Horticulturist Samantha Egan from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. You'll learn about garden design elements such as shapes, colors, hardscaping, paths, and water features. \$10 (\$8 members).

June 27, 2008 (12:00 noon) - Problem Insects: Gypsy Moth, Japanese Beetle and Asian Lady Beetle - Brown Bag Program (contact UW County Ext Office for access) Join Phil Pellitteri to learn more about these pests of the landscape in Wisconsin.

AREA NURSERY & GREENHOUSE

Reprinted from last year. This list may not be completely up-to-date, but this would be a good starting point

1. New Era Nursery, E14854 Cty P, Hillsboro, 608-489-3657 or 800565-3657
2. Mrs. Gingerich, E11298 W. Norwegian Valley Road, Ontario
3. Esther Peterson, 5427 Norwegian Valley Road, Ontario, 608-337-4416 – Daylilies
4. V-Greenhouse, 8 miles West of Hillsboro on Hwy 82, Turn left on Hwy V, go ½ mile.
5. County Market, Hwy 33 E, Hillsboro, 608-489-2423
6. Twin Bluff Nursery/Greenhouse, W9085 Hwy A, New Lisbon, 608-562-3194 - Hours 9-5
7. Circle Drive Nursery, N6764 O'Connor Road, New Lisbon, 608-562-6280
8. Winding Rivers Garden Center, N7481 Hwy 58, New Lisbon, 608-562-3890
9. North Woods, (was Brux Orchard), W7428 Hwy 82, Mauston, 608-847-7028
10. Rhoda's Perennials, N2156 Hwy 58, Mauston, 608-857-7693
11. Viking Greenhouses, 150 Viking Drive, Reedsburg
12. Twin Creeks Nursery & Greenhouse, 1884 Cty N, Friendship, 608-339-9427
13. Baraboo Floral Co & Greenhouse, 1406 East St, Baraboo, 608-356-5336
14. Toddle-In Nursery, S2556 Hwy 12, Baraboo, 608-356-8196
15. Landscape Techniques Country Garden Center, Hwy 12, Baraboo, 608-355-0617
16. LaCrosse Rockwood Gardens, Past Walmart on Theatre Rd, 608-781-3355
17. Cottage Grove Nursery, West Salem, 608-786-3535
18. Foxfire Gardens, M220 Sugarbush Lane (4 miles north off Hwy 97 & off Hwy E), Marshfield, 715-387-3050
19. Prairie Nursery, Dyke Ave, Westfield, WI 800-476-9453
20. Jungs, 335 S. High St, Randolph, WI, 800-247-5864
21. The Bruce Company, 2830 Parmenter Street, Middleton, 608-836-7041
22. The Flower Factory, 4062 County Hwy A, Stoughton, 608-873-8329



PLANT SALES



Rosemary Aney and Jan Brendle would appreciate everybody saving a few plants for the Plant Sale they are giving for the benefit of Carl Nelson Animal Shelter on Memorial Day weekend, May 23, 24 and 25, at Jan's yard next to Buckhorn Cafe, N8484 19th Ave, Necedah. If anybody wants to help that would be appreciated also. If you need information, call Jan at 565-7290 or email at jbrendle@tds.net or Rosemary at theaneys@mchsi.com.

Another plant sale coming up is the 5th annual fund raiser done by Dolly Fleming that benefits the Relay for Life/Diabetes Fund Raiser. Donations of plants, pots, etc welcomed. Call Dolly at 562-6269 and leave a message. She is willing to furnish pots, divide, and pick up plants. Deadline will be May 15th. The planned dates for the sale are May 24 & 25 and May 27 thru June 1 at the Fleming yard, W8108 Ceylon Road, Mauston.

PLEASE NOTE: Plants sale are regularly held at our monthly meetings. Proceeds will be divided between these two fund raisers.

A big **thank you** to Sally Spangler for doing the April newsletter in my absence.



Send articles and other ideas for the Master Gardeners newsletter to:
Irene Klingemann, W5805 Brown Rd, Mauston WI 53948
Or email: klingermstn@jvl.net and please add in the subject line Master Gardeners.

Craig's Corner

Agriculture Agent 608-847-9329
Juneau County UW-Extension



Ever wonder what people are asking (or sharing with) the Juneau County Extension Agricultural Agent? Below is a sample of the latest horticultural related issues. Have a question or comment just call 608-847-9329 or email craig.saxe@ces.uwex.edu Extension publications mentioned can be found at: <http://learningstore.uwex.edu/>

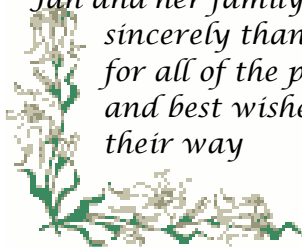
- Although **pear slugs** resemble slugs, they are actually the larva of shiny black flies called sawflies. They infest pears, cherries, plums, and some ornamental trees. The sawfly larva hatches from eggs and feed on foliage for about a month, then drop to the ground, burrow into the soil, and pupate. To control pear slugs simply wash off minor infestations with a strong water spray from a garden hose. For problem infestations most any insecticide approved for homeowner use should do, but be sure to follow the labeled instructions. (May 2008)
- This winter many evergreens became victim to hungry deer. In some cases all green growth on evergreens were stripped off as high as the animals could reach. The key to determining damage with evergreens is to look for the presence of growing points or buds on the injured branches. Branches that have had all their buds devoured will not produce new growth. As a result, some small evergreens may have been completely destroyed. Larger evergreens may have permanently lost their lower branches. Since buds on many evergreens are difficult to see, you may want to wait until late spring before taking any action. Branches that don't produce new growth by mid-June most likely have been destroyed and can be removed. (May 2008)
- Should I add **lime**? Maintaining soil pH in the optimum range makes good gardening sense, but only a soil test can indicate whether liming is needed. Most horticultural and economic crops grow best if soil pH is between 6 to 7. Nutrients including phosphorous and several trace elements such as iron and manganese are most available in this pH range. It may take one to two years for pH to completely change, so don't get anxious. Maximum effectiveness of lime depends on thorough mixing and repeated tillage. Top dressing or spreading lime on the surface without working it in will be slower at changing the pH. (May 2008)
- Applying **wood ash** to soil can increase soil pH. Approximately 4 cups of wood ash can be substituted for each 1 pound of agricultural limestone. Apply any liming product like wood ash only if it's recommended on your soil test report. Wood ash applications are generally limited to 15 to 20 pounds or approximately a 5 gallon pail per 1000 ft.² per year. Liming effectiveness depends on repeated tillage and mixing of ash into the soil. Do not use larger than recommended amounts of wood ash, as toxicity problems or nutrient deficiencies may develop. If applying ash, the best approach is to spread the ash evenly over the ground during the winter and work it into the soil in early spring. (May 2008)

Sympathy



We offer our sympathy to Jan Brendle, JCMGV Membership on the death of her husband David, and a fellow JCMGV who passed away on April 3, 2008. There was a celebration of his life with family and friends on April 26 at the Dirty Turtle. The family requested memorials to be directed to the Carl Nelson Animal Shelter or St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

Jan and her family are sincerely thankful for all of the prayers and best wishes sent their way



Propagating Herbs

It is SPRING! Time to plan and plant that herb garden. But how to do it?

There are several ways to propagate herbs. Depending upon the type of herb that you want, you may need to propagate it by planting seeds, splitting the roots, take cuttings, or using runners. So you need to do some research about the herb you want to grow.

If your herb is an annual, such as dill, parsley or savory, chances are you can start it with seeds. Plant these in good potting soil according to package directions. Thin out the seedlings to one per pot. When the danger of frost is gone, plant in your herb garden. Or keep in pots which you will take into your house in the fall.

If your herb is a perennial, such as mint, you need to start with a plant. Once your plant has been established, you can divide the plant or layer a runner to produce another plant.

Herbs, like any garden is sometimes trial and error. However, through propagation, you will have a garden full of herbs for many years to come.

-----The Herb Lady
-Kathy Metzzenbauer

2008 JUNEAU COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS MEMBERSHIP FORM

AREAS OF INTEREST THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO LEARN ABOUT- Check all that Apply

- | | |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPING | <input type="checkbox"/> FRUITS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GROUND COVERS | <input type="checkbox"/> SMALL FRUITS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SHRUBS & TREES | <input type="checkbox"/> WILD FRUITS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LAWN CARE | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> WATER GARDENING | <input type="checkbox"/> PESTS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DESIGN | <input type="checkbox"/> INSECTS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NATIVE PLANTS | <input type="checkbox"/> WILDLIFE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GRASSES | <input type="checkbox"/> CONTROL |
| <input type="checkbox"/> VINES | <input type="checkbox"/> PESTICIDES |
| <input type="checkbox"/> HOUSEPLANTS | <input type="checkbox"/> DISEASES |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CACTI & SUCCULENTS | <input type="checkbox"/> FLOWERS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ORCHIDS | <input type="checkbox"/> PERENNIALS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> ANNUALS |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> ROSES |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> WILD FLOWERS |

OTHER AREAS OF INTEREST

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| <input type="checkbox"/> COMPOSTING | <input type="checkbox"/> IRRIGATION SYSTEMS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GARDEN PLANNING | <input type="checkbox"/> ORGANIC GARDENING |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PHOTOGRAPHY | <input type="checkbox"/> VEGETABLES |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PRUNING | <input type="checkbox"/> SEED STARTING |
| <input type="checkbox"/> HERBS | <input type="checkbox"/> CONTAINER GARDENING |

❖ If you would like to host a garden tour list two months of your choice: _____

❖ If you are a current Master Gardener List the year you took your training: _____

❖ If not, would you like information on becoming a Master Gardener? _____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE () _____

E-MAIL _____

ANNUAL DUES: **\$12.00** from January thru December 2008
CHECK PAYABLE TO: **Juneau County Master Gardeners**

MAIL THIS FORM AND CHECK TO:

Irene Klingemann, W5805 Brown Rd, Mauston WI 53948

Note from GYPSY



Dear Friends,

I was talking to "MN" yesterday (since we've become such good friends, Mother Nature said I could call her "MN" for short). As usual I was complaining about the frost and the rain - rain - rain !!!!

She said, "Gypsy, it's no different each year. Get out your Master Garden Journal from last year and read it." She was right, as she always is. There were rainy days and my last recorded heavy frost was on May 18. - We didn't finish planting our vegetable garden until June 9. - So all gardeners should learn to have more patience. Just go play in the dirt and weed - weed - weed!!



until next time

Gypsy Jean

aka Jean Morton

On WI Public Television



(check local listing for date and time).

May 15 (7:30 p.m.) The Good, the Bad and the Ugly
Get a jump on the growing season with epiphytes, plants that don't need soil to grow. Visit the UW-Madison Arboretum to look at trees to plant instead of ash which is at risk from the Emerald Ash Borer. Learn about the Slow Food movement at Troy Gardens in Madison, and take a close look at a very unpopular Wisconsin native, poison ivy.

May 17 (10:00 a.m.) The Good, the Bad and the Ugly
Repeated - See description above.

Check out the following website:

Wisconsin Master Gardeners
<http://www.hort.wisc.edu/mastergardener/>

UW Horticulture Outreach - Update
www.wisconsinornamentals.com/

For information on rhubarb
<http://www.rhubarbinfo.com/>

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