



JUNEAU COUNTY
MASTER
GARDENERS *
NEWSLETTER
May 2009



M A Y T I M E

MASTER GARDEN MEETING

WHEN: Monday May 18, 2009
6:30 – 8:30 pm

WHERE: Brigitte Varga
N5901 Brown Road
Mauston WI 53948
608-847-4239

Car pool when you can
Bring along lawn or folding chair
Reminder to those that signed up for
refreshments and
snacks for this meeting.



AGENDA:

- Meet & Greet
- Approval of April 27, 2009 meeting
- Treasurer's Report: Irene
- Correspondence:

REPORTS:

- Historian – Duane and Pat
- Membership – Jan Brendle
- Nominating Committee – Jan Brendle
- UW Extension Update – Craig Saxe

OLD BUSINESS:

- WIMGA Conference Update - Rich
- Mauston Sign at Hwy 83 & 58 – Lutrelle
- Name Tags – Irene
- HCE Jumping Juneau Jamboree -Jean

DIRECTIONS: from Mauston

- Take Hwy 12/16 East out of Mauston toward Lyndon Station
- Turn right on Hwy K going South for approx 6 miles
- Stay on Hwy K past Hwy O (approx 2 more miles) until Brown Road – it's on a real sharp curve.
- Turn right on Brown Road
- Half mile on Brown Road – W5901 – turn left down long driveway.
- Look for balloons

2009 PROJECTS:

- Boorman House – Irene
- Buckhorn State Park Project – Rich Mazzoni.
- CWNAS Plant sale – Jan
- Dolly Fleming Plant sale - Dolly
- Dave Brendle Park – Jan
- Juneau County Fair – Jan, Sharon & Pat
- Elroy Fair – Gail & Bev
- Mauston Walk-About – Beautification Project – Arris
- New Lisbon Planters- Arris
- Grayside Community Gardens

NEW BUSINESS

- New Lisbon – Elderly assistance projects
- Adopt-a-Highway – Maureen
- Hess Hospital Healing garden – Elaine Vanderslice
- Any other business

Juneau County Master Gardener Meeting Minutes
April 27, 2009 6:30 pm - Extension Office
Secretary: Rich Milgrom

Meet and Greet

Magazine and catalog swap

Meeting was brought to order by Acting President Sally Spangler

Approval of October 27, 2008 minutes.

Motion made by Maureen and seconded by Gail.

Thank you Craig for use of the extension offices.

There were 27 people in attendance and we have 39 total members.

We had 3 new members introductions were done all around.

Treasurer's Report: - Previous Balance: \$ 1162.05

Expenses: \$ 260.00 [20 journals @\$13 ea]

8 Badges @ 6.50 - \$52.00

27 WIMGA Memberships @ \$5 = \$135.00

\$89.95 Tractor Scoot for WIMGA 2009 Convention

Total Expenses: \$ 536.95

Income: \$ 221.00 Journals [ret. Check]

37 @ 12 Dues = \$444.00

18 Journals @ \$13 = 223.00

Total Income: \$ 888.00

Current Balance: \$ 1513.10

Motion made to approve treasurer's report by Maureen and seconded by Duane, motion carried.

Correspondence: - Request made by HCE for books for the head start program. \$28 buys 8 books for a student.

Sharon made a motion that the MGV make a donation of \$112 (4 kids), seconded by Maureen. Motion carried. Head start serves Necedah, Mauston and Wonewoc.

Historian Report - Duane and Pat: - History books are up to date. Need a new section for the Grayside Garden. 42 - 10x30 plots. Will advise when available. We will have cabbage, cauliflower, tomatoes, and peppers for sale at 25¢ per plant which are being grown by Bev, Marsha and Lutrelle at the Mauston High School Greenhouse.

UW Extension Update - Craig - Lutrelle gave the ext. office a CD on Olbrich Gardens. Tuesday, May 5th at 7pm there will be information on the Emerald Ash Borer at the ext. office.

WIMGA Exec. Board Update - Rich - Spring Face-to-Face meeting was April 4th in Hancock. Covered the WIMGA 2009 convention details. Received a DVD on invasive plants. Will be available for viewing at the extension office.

Unfinished Business:

- ❖ 2009 WIMGA Conference, October 2-3 at Ho-Chunk Convention Center- Arris/Rich: - 16 vendors locked in, speakers are set, flyer and brochure being finalized. Deposit has been given for bags. Cost for attendees still needs to be settled on. Rooms can be reserved now at \$62 + tax - when reserving the room use special group rate IMG09. Phone number is 800-746-2486 or www.ho-chunk.com. Tickets for the raffle are available for sale (6 for \$5.00). Prizes are a handmade quilt depicting Wisconsin gardening, framed stain glass hanging, a garden scoot, potting bench, stained glass solar garden light and a grape vine wreath.
- ❖ Food Pantry Donation Designation by month (Proceeds from plant sales, etc.) - Mauston [May], Necedah [June], New Lisbon [July], Elroy [August], Union Center-Wonewoc [September]. Money made from plant sales at each meeting will be donated to the appropriate food pantry. Note: each dollar received buys six dollars worth of food from the state. Non-perishable food may be brought to each meeting.
- ❖ Juneau County MGV signs for projects. - Arris has all signs. Arris will make a check list so we know where signs are located.
- ❖ Hess Hospital Healing garden - Elaine Vanderslice - Elaine will contact person at Hess. Garden is in bad need of weeding. Will have something by the May 18th meeting.
- ❖ Meet and Greet (and/or eat) - Decision on food at meetings - Sign up list for food at meetings. Appetizers and/or desserts only. This will ease the burden of entertaining for the host.

April 27 Minutes continued

2009 Projects:

- ❖ Boorman House - Margarete - Getting geraniums ready for planting. There is a possible school project for planting around Boorman House. We are signed up for decorating the same room next Christmas. There is a possible high school landscaping project for new work around the Boorman house - still has to be OK'd by the Historical Society. Moving hibiscus by sign. Shade bed is available in rear of house. More help is needed - add to your volunteer hours. Craig suggested planting wild hops, grow on a trellis and need full sun.
- ❖ Buckhorn State Park Project - Rich Mazzoni - Joe Stecker-Kochanski has no definite plans and states we can schedule work as we see fit. Work needs to be done around the handicap cabin but, should be done when it's unoccupied. Any interested MGVS will meet May 12th at 1 pm. Areas need weeding, finish around flag pole. Daffodils and ground roses are coming up.
- ❖ CWNAS Plant Sale - Jan Brendle - presented by Arris - Memorial weekend - May 22, 23, 24 and following weekend May 29, 30, 31. Jan can pick up or bring to next meeting (Brigitte's) on May 18th.
- ❖ Dolly Fleming Plant Sale: - May 23, 24 29, 30 - Dolly Fleming's Plant Sale Bring plants to her home by May 15th or call her and she will pick up - 562-6269.
- ❖ Dave Brendle Park - Dee - Dee Smith is doing the planning. 10 acres off 38th in Germantown. Germantown Township will remove some trees and brush.
- ❖ Juneau County Fair - August 12th - 16th Jan, Sharon and Pat will co-chair.
- ❖ Elroy Fair June 25th - 28th - Gail Hitchcock and Bev Kozlowski will co-chair. Jean Morton will also help.
- ❖ Mauston Walk-About - Beautification Project - In draft phase - can't do much at this time, mostly commercial.
- ❖ New Lisbon Planters - Arris, Maureen, Sharon, Mary Jo, Rich, Bev and Jan are handling. Plans are being made and plants are being ordered. Meeting May 19th at 8:30 am.

New Business:

- ❖ Grayside Community Garden recap - Irene - 55 people attended the 1st meeting. 32 of 42 (10'x30') lots have been spoken for. They need plants - tomatoes, cabbage, and peppers. The greenhouse is available at the high school - Lutrelle Manna, Bev Kozlowski, Marsha Lubinski and Tillie Schumacher have volunteered to plant these items. Need to reimburse Marsha for seeds and soil. Plants can be sold for 25 cents each. Sign up sheet for MGVS circulated for garden - 9am - 10 am, Saturdays. Set up schedule for MGVS to answer questions. Set up a bulletin board for notes. Information is needed on growing gourds - Jean and Bev will investigate.
- ❖ Silent auction prize (WIMGA Convention) - \$50 - Money will be used to make up baskets. A motion was made by Lutrelle and seconded by Maureen to send the money. Motion carried. Sign-up sheet was sent around.
- ❖ Maureen is looking into Adopt-a-Highway. Hwy 58 or 12/16 or County Roads K, G, B, or N. They would like it completed by Memorial Day. Move to Adopt-a-Highway. Sign-up sheet was sent around.
- ❖ Lutrelle is looking into plantings at intersection of Hwy 58 and 82 in Mauston.
- ❖ The Juneau County Home & Community Education (HCE) and Master Gardeners are having an event at the New Lisbon High School, 10am to 2pm on Saturday, May 2. The event is called Jumping Juneau Jamboree. If anyone would be interested in giving a 30 to 40 minute talk or presentation (it can be simple project like starting plants) please contact Jean Morton at 462-2257 or Kathy Metzenbauer at 847-9329 or email kathleen.metzenbauer@ces.uwex.edu. Brigitte Varga is planning on doing her garlic presentation but more people are needed to fill all the slots. Lutrelle and Bev are also doing presentations. This is a good opportunity to get some volunteer hours in for 2009. They would like the JCMGV's to set up a table and answer questions and bring/sell plants too.
- ❖ Help is needed with gardening for the elderly in the New Lisbon area. More to follow in the newsletter.
- ❖ Jean Morton said Mary Waarvik - Kids will grow something that will grow fast and tie to photography - 2nd week of June for 4 - 6 weeks need pots and plants.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOTE: Be sure to call & check times & dates to verify event

Contact for more information on any event at [Olbrich Botanical Gardens](#), 3330 Atwood Ave., Madison, WI 53704; phone (608) 246-4550.

May 14 - Parks & Gardens of Paris - [Rotary Botanical Gardens](#), Janesville, WI - With Mari Ann Menager, MG. 7:00 p.m., \$5 donation. For more information call Rotary Botanical Gardens at (608) 752-3885.

May 15-16 - MG Plant Sale - Green Bay, WI - The Northeast Wisconsin MGA and the Gardeners Club of Green Bay will offer perennials for sun and shade; small trees & shrubs; plants for native landscapes; rain gardens; vegetable and herb gardens including a variety of heirloom tomatoes and peppers from noon to 7:00 p.m. on Friday and 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday. At the Ag & Extension Service Center, 1150 Bellevue Street, Green Bay. For more information contact [Debi](#) at (920) 465-8512.

May 15-17 - Spring Plant Sale - [Rotary Botanical Gardens](#), Janesville, WI - For more information call Rotary Botanical Gardens at (608) 752-3885 or visit the [RBG website](#).

May 16 - Perennial Garden Design 10am and Pond Seminar 2pm, Rockwood Gardens 608-783-5839

May 16 - Third Annual Plant Sale Roncalli Newman Parish Parking Lot, 1732 State St, La Crosse, Hr. 9-1, 608-787-8165 or 784-4994

May 16 - Portage Co. MG Annual Plant Sale - Stevens Point, WI - A wide variety of hardy perennials, herbs, vegetables, compost bins, compost pails, and rain barrels will be available from 8:00 to 11:00a.m. at the Rettler Corporation parking lot at 3317 Business Park Drive which is located in the Portage County Business Park. MGVs will be on hand to answer gardening questions. Checks or cash only. For more information contact the UWEX office at (715) 346-1316.

May 16 - MGs of North Central Wisconsin Plant Sale - Wausau, WI - Plants and gardening supplies including annuals, perennials, vegetables, herbs, compost, mulches, soils, organics, starter supplies and more will be offered from 8:00 a.m. to noon. MGVs and reference table will be available to answer questions and help with selections. Cash and checks only. Marathon Park Cattle Barns, Wausau. For more information contact Barb at (715) 842-1825.

May 21 - Ornamental Container Gardens - [Olbrich Botanical Gardens](#), Madison, WI - Loved by small and large space gardeners alike, 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 Olbrich Horticulturist, Mark Shimasaki, will guide participants to plant containers overflowing with beauty. Upon registration, please indicate whether you prefer sun or shade plants. You'll go home with a finished container appropriate for the lighting conditions you indicated. \$60 (\$48 members).

May 21-23, 30 - Flowerbeds' 11th Annual Perennial Plant and Garden Art Sale by Caroline Olson and Jeanne Quick - 1mi S of Woods Sales & Service, Black River Falls at junction of Hwys P and C - hrs. 10-6 May 21-22, 8-1 May 23 and 8-1 May 30

May 27 - Flower Hanging Basket - [Olbrich Botanical Gardens](#), Madison, WI - Moss baskets, European gardens, or hanging gardens ...whatever you call them they're gorgeous! Learn how to use moss to make hanging containers, as well as which plants you should use, and how to keep them looking beautiful all summer long in this class from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Olbrich's Director of Horticulture, Jeff Epping, and Olbrich Horticulturist, Samara Eisner, will give you all the information, guidance, and plant material you'll need to make a massive display of hanging beauty! Upon registration, please indicate whether you prefer sun or shade plants. You'll go home with a finished basket appropriate for the lighting conditions you indicated. \$60 (\$48 members).

May 29 - (12:00 noon) - Managing Tomatoes and other Vining Vegetable Crops for Better Production - Brown Bag Program contact UW Ext Office for access - Soil management, mulches, irrigation, pruning and trellising are requirements of any successful vegetable operation. It is also critical to the production of quality vegetables that grow on vines. Most vegetables are 85 to 95 percent water, so any loss in water weight is equal to a loss in production. Trellising tomatoes improves fruit quality by keeping plants and fruits off the ground and by providing better pesticide coverage. Join Dr. Robert Tomesh in a discussion of managing tomato vines during the growing season.

June 6-7 - YWCA Gardenfest, South Side Octoberfest Grounds, LaCrosse, - 9am to 4pm, \$4 adults, \$1 ages 5 to 12 and free for younger than 5. www.ywcagardenfest.com

June 11 - New Tree Planting - [Rotary Botanical Gardens](#), Janesville, WI - With Joanne Ekena, MG. 7:00 p.m., \$5 donation. For more information call Rotary Botanical Gardens at (608) 752-3885.

June 19 - Citizen Science Invasive Species Program, Irvine Park, Chippewa Falls. - Chippewa Valley Master Gardener Association, UW-Extension Chippewa County, and the Chippewa Falls Parks & Rec Department are sponsoring this program to train citizens to help identify, locate, and monitor invasive species.

June 19-20 - Collector's Hostas and Perennials Sale, 609 North Fourth St, LaCrescent Minnesota - 8am to 2 pm both days

June 20 - Country Garden Tour - Mineral Point www.shakeragalley.com

June 23 - Evening Walk: *Insects in the Garden* - [West Madison Ag Research Station](#), Verona, WI - Join Phil Pellitteri, Extension Entomology Specialist, UW-Madison from 6:00 to 7:30 to learn about insects. 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 23 - The Laureate Phi Sorority's annual Garden Walk in Tomah - Tour is 4:30 to 8pm with ticket sales at the Tomah Public Library starting at 4:30pm with six to eight gardens.

June 25 - Sparta's Tilling Thyme Garden Club Garden Tour, 4 to 8pm \$5 includes tours of four gardens and refreshments, held rain or shine.

June 25 - Third Annual Holmen Area Garden Tour, sponsored by the women of Holmen Lutheran Church, - 4 to 8pm rain or shine, food, music, vendors, crafts, farmer's market, perennial sale and flower show. Tour tickets are \$5 and will be available at Ethel's Attic and the Holmen Meat Market, tickets will not be available at the gardens. (608) 781-2238 or ehesselberg@gmail.com

June 26 - (12:00 noon) - Late Plantings of Cool- and Warm-Season Vegetables - Brown Bag Program contact UW Ext Office for access - Though often overlooked by the gardener, planting vegetables in July and August for fall production is an excellent practice. Most cool-season vegetables grow as well as or better than those planted in the spring as they mature during shorter, cooler days: flavors are often sweeter and milder than those grown during hot summer weather. Join us for a discussion for planning a fall crop of vegetables

June 30 - 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 Peckham from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. You'll learn about garden design elements such as shapes, colors, hardscaping, paths, and water features. \$7 (\$5 members).

July 4 - Art on the Farm - Oxford, WI - Fine arts show, with a MG booth by the Thyme Shares MGV & Friends (Marquette Co.) from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. At Doc & Pam Hines Farm, W8632 County Rd I, Oxford. For more information contact jahdvm@maqs.net or call (608) 586-5489.

July 7 - Evening Walk: Perennials for Shade and Sun - West Madison Ag Research Station, Verona, WI - Join Eileen Nelson, Extension Ornamentals Specialist, UW-Madison from 6:00 to 7:30 to learn about what to use in your garden. Free. For more information contact Asst. Superintendent [Judy Reith-Rozelle](mailto:Judy.Reith-Rozelle), 8502 Mineral Point Rd., Verona, WI 53593-9689 at (608) 262-2257 or fax (608) 829-3074.

July 10-13 - Woodlanders Fathering - Mineral Point
www.shakeragalley.com

July 11 - Tour of WestWind Estates between County Hwy A and Main Street in Black River Falls - along with more than 20 homes in Black River Falls, Tickets will be on sale at entrances to WestWind from 11 to 2pm with gardens open from 11am to 2pm Tickets are \$8 - No rain date (715) 284-4708.

Jul 18 - Summer Garden Dessert Tea "The Natural Garden" 4 to 8pm Meadowview School, 1225 N Water St, Sparta. A virtual tour every hour on the continuous monthly progression of the extensive "natural" gardens and grounds of Master Gardener Karen Caldwell. Simultaneous workshops by Cozette Haefs on succulents, dessert buffet, garden crafters' booths and ideas. Sponsored by the Deke Slayton Memorial Space and Bicycle Museum \$8 at the door. (608) 269-0033

July 23 - Native Plants - Rotary Botanical Gardens, Janesville, WI - With Chrissy Regester, Walworth Co. UW-Extension Horticulture Educator. 7:00 p.m., \$5 donation. For more information call Rotary Botanical Gardens at (608) 752-3885.

July 31 - (12:00 noon) - Managing Your Garden Bounty - Brown Bag Program contact UW Ext Office for access - What to do with all those tomatoes that are ripening on the vine? Is it safe use great-grandma's pickle recipe? Many other questions will be the topic of our discussion as we highlight tips to get you safely through the processing season. Join Barb Ingham for a discussion on managing the produce from your fruit and vegetable garden.

October 2 & 3 - WIMGA 2009 Convention at the Ho Chunk Convention Center, Baraboo, WI - Gardening is a Gamble - But Worth It - Keynote Speaker - Neil Diboll, Prairie Nursery - Playing Your Wild Card - Gardening With Native Prairie Plants, plus many other speakers, vendors, raffles, silent auction. More detail to follow.

" Send articles and other ideas for the Master Gardeners Newsletter "
" to: Irene Klingemann "
" W5805 Brown Rd "
" Mauston WI 53948 "
" Or email klingermstn@wildblue.net "
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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 W. Nelson Animal Shelter on Memorial Day weekend, May 23-24 and 29-31, at Jan's yard next to Buckhorn Cafe, N8420 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 6th 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 23-24 and 29-30 at the Fleming yard, W8108 Ceylon Road, Mauston.

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/>

- Fertilizing established strawberry beds during the spring is not recommended unless of course the plants lack vigor. Too much nitrogen may stimulate excessive vegetative growth, resulting in reduced yields, and poorly colored and soft berries susceptible to fruit rot. Promptly after harvest, you can renew the planting for another year if it is reasonably free of weeds and disease and is still vigorous. Side dress or broadcast 1/2 pound (1 1/2 cups) of urea or 3/4 pound (1 cup) of ammonium nitrate per 100 foot of row, and water the planting thoroughly. Repeat the same application in early August. Do not fertilize strawberries after Labor Day. For more detailed fertilization suggestions, refer to Extension publication A2307, "Fertilizing Small Fruits in the Home Garden".
- Although rhubarb can be grown from seed, this is not recommended. Instead, buy divisions or divide your own rhubarb in the spring about four to six weeks before the average date of the last spring frost. When replanting divided plants, be sure the crowns are free of disease. Use a sharp spade or shovel to cut crowns into pieces with at least one strong bud for each piece. Instead of digging up the entire plant to divide it, you can just leave a portion with three to four buds undisturbed in the old location, and remove the remainder.
- Soil nesting ants are beneficial to the turfgrass ecosystem and their present should not be needlessly discouraged. However there are times when they create enough annoyance that it may be desirable to reduce their numbers. One of those situations is when the normal, run-of-the-mill garden ant gets visions of grandeur and become a mound builder. Phil Pellitteri, UW Extension Entomologist says control is all about getting the insecticide deep enough to get to the Queen. Phil recommends using Sevin, but the mistake people make is they put a little chemical dust on top and think that will do. If the Queen is 2 feet deep she never sees the stuff. Use a metal rod to poke holes in each individual ant nest, put three or four channels in, and then mix the chemical up in a bucket and drench it on. Plan to go back and spot treat areas if necessary.
- Robins and other birds establish their breeding and feeding territories in the spring. If they see their reflection on the window they may perceive this reflection as a competitor and aggressively attack to try to drive it away. To get rid of the reflection, you can cover the outside of the window with fabric, newspaper, or smear soap streaks on the glass. Helium filled Mylar balloons on 3 to 4 foot strings make movements and cast glaring light that birds find confusing. Setting a few near a window will frighten away most birds. You can also try draping some black plastic bird netting over the window. That might keep the bird near a window while preventing him from actually getting to the glass. Make sure to suspend the netting a few inches from the glass.

2009 JUNEAU COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS MEMBERSHIP FORM

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | LANDSCAPING | <input type="checkbox"/> | FRUITS |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | SHRUBS & TREES | <input type="checkbox"/> | WILD FRUITS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | LAWN CARE | <input type="checkbox"/> | OTHER _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | GARDEN PLANNING | <input type="checkbox"/> | ORGANIC GARDENING |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | PHOTOGRAPHY | <input type="checkbox"/> | VEGETABLES |
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❖ 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 _____

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ANNUAL DUES: **\$12.00** from January thru December 2009
CHECK PAYABLE TO: **Juneau County Master Gardeners**

MAIL THIS FORM AND CHECK TO:

Irene Klingemann, W5805 Brown Rd, Mauston WI 53948



Gardening Tips

The merry month of May, at last. Although the chance of frost is still fifty percent, the world has turned green with spring flowers everywhere. The lawn mowing season has begun. Raise the mower deck because taller grass shades the soil and keeps it cooler and moist. This favors grass growth while discouraging weed growth.

Vegetable gardening starts as soon as the soil is dry enough to be worked. You can sow seeds directly into the garden for beets, carrots, chard, kohlrabi, late cabbage, leaf lettuce, mustard, collards, turnips, radish, spinach, onion sets, and onion seeds for bunching onions, peas, and potatoes. Started plants of broccoli, cauliflower, early cabbage, Brussels sprouts, and parsley can tolerate some frost and can be moved to the garden now. Select smaller rather than larger plants of the cole crops (broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage, Brussels sprouts) since overly mature plants exposed to low temperatures early in the season tend to bolt into flower too early. Begin hardening-off by setting in sheltered areas frost tender plants but wait to plant tomato and pepper plants until the soil is warm and all danger of frost has passed.

Easter lily plants can be planted once they have finished flowering. Remove the spent flower but do not cut off the stem and leaves. Plant bulbs 6 - 8" deep in a well-drained, sunny, protected site. Gladiolus corms may be planted now. Plant a few every 7 - 10 days until early July to assure a continuous cutting. Cannas can also be plant outside now.



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Note from Gypsy

Dear Friends,

Spring has sprung and so have my "Prairie Flowers"! You know the one I mean – the ones with the bright yellow heads and spiny, pointed leaves. The ones you can eat, use for dye, and even make wine from them! The ones your neighbor loves to share with you --- it even scatters its seed like fairy dust on the wind. I had them in the South, but don't blame me for bringing them north of the Mason-Dixon Line. They know no boundaries.

Yes, I'm talking about the long enduring, prehistoric, everlasting and ever blooming DANDELION!!!!

Don't curse it; just embrace it like I do. It's going to keep on reproducing long after you and I have past this world. So just enjoy their bright yellow blooms against your green, green grass-----



Until next time

Gypsy Jean

aka Jean Morton



*Request from
 Rich Milgrom*

*Keep save pop-tops
 from cans for Rich.
 Each pop-top is
 worth one minute of
 dialysis for a child.*

*Please bring to
 meeting.*

Thanks Rich

