



JUNEAU COUNTY
MASTER GARDENERS ✨

NEWSLETTER

November 2008

UW-Extension Juneau County



This day is mainly centered on a harvest meal with family and friends gathering for camaraderie and to give thanks. One of the images that are associated with this holiday is a cornucopia filled to the overflowing with fruits and vegetables.

The annual observances of thanksgiving began casually in American colonial times a time to be thankful after the season of harvest. Traditionally the menus usually included turkey, bread-stuffing, cranberry sauce, squash, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes and pumpkin pie. These simple foods recall the rustic values of the Pilgrim lifestyle. Added is the fact that most of these foods are native to North America, highlighting the natural bounty that greeted these early settlers in their adopted homeland.

Enjoy this day, remembering and giving thanks for our current bounty blessings, freedoms and way of life. And let us all pray that it will continue.

Juneau County Master Gardener Meeting Minutes
October 27, 2008 6:30 pm Boorman House
Secretary: Rich Milgrom

Meet and Greet

Magazine and catalog swap

Meeting was brought to order by Acting President Sally Spangler.

Approval of September 22nd meeting minutes

A Big Thank You to the Boorman House for their hospitality and very informative tour by Gail Carlson.

There were 30 people in attendance and we have 53 total members.

Treasurer's Report -

Previous Balance: \$ 1956.19

Expenses: \$128.89 Marsha L., \$9.00 Debby Bollig, mulch, fertilizer (Mauston Community Sharing Pantry),
\$221.00 journals, \$500 donations to food pantries.

Total Expenses: \$858.89

Income: \$12.00 membership, \$52.75 Boorman House

Total Income: \$64.75

Current Balance: \$ 1162.05

Correspondence: - Received thank you notes from Elroy, Wonewoc-Union Center, New Lisbon and Necedah food pantries. Craig received a verbal thank you from the Mauston Community Sharing Pantry. Also, received a thank you from the Boorman House for all the work that's been done and what will be done. Our September meeting brought 103.5 lbs of food items and \$11 cash to the Mauston Community Food Pantry.

Membership Chair Update - Jan Brendle We have 53 members, 28 certified. (22 certified last year). The total volunteer hours for 2007 were 1104.5 and for 2008 it's 2152.50. Almost double, good work.

Historian Report - Getting some pictures of vegetable gardens but, still needs more.

Unfinished Business:

- ❖ 2009 WIMGA Conference Update: Next meeting Oct. 29th.
- ❖ WIMGA Face to Face Meeting (Oct. 18th)
 - Costs of mailing and printing newsletter are about \$15,000 a year. If you are not receiving it by email send an email to Susan Mahr at semahr@wisc.edu. You must be a certified MGV and dues paid to receive the WIMGA newsletter.
 - Election of new officers - Joan Korger, President and Rod Bohn, Vice President. Laura Franta, Secretary and Bryan Hacker, Treasurer will remain in their offices. President and Vice President are limited to 3 terms; there is no term limit on secretary or treasurer.
 - The spring face-to-face meeting will be April 4, 2009.
- ❖ WIMGA Central District Meeting (September 27th)
 - Annual accomplishment report is due Nov. 1st. New group - Wolf River MGV, Shawano County. Reports of activities were given by attending counties - Waushara, Marquette, Portage, Adams, Marathon, Wood, and Juneau counties.

New Business:

- ❖ Presentation of Certified MGV's certificates - Craig presented certificates to 8 new MGVs - Rosemary Aney, Mary Jo Coleman, Gail Hitchcock, Bev Kozlowski, Lutrelle Manna, Vada Olson, Dwayne Olson, and Mathilda Schumacher.
- ❖ Healing Garden at Hess Hospital - New MGV Elaine Vanderslice (she will be at the 4/09 meeting) will help us with a communication contact at the hospital. Garden needs weeding. Looking for volunteers.
- ❖ Buckhorn State Park - Rich Mazzoni - There were 5 days of work done and many plants were donated by MGVs. Next year there is work that needs to be done around flag pole and the handicap cabin. "Friends of the Buckhorn" said we were doing a very good job.
- ❖ Boorman House - Irene - Need help decorating the sunroom for Christmas, contact Kathryn Bantens at 462-5035. Sunroom for Christmas decorating dates are November 4th, 11th, 18th, 19th and 20th. Theme is floral fantasy - fresh, dried or whatever flowers, let your imagination go. Needs to be setup by weekend before Thanksgiving. Boorman house is putting patio pavers from the house to the O'Brian building. Possible newspaper article asking for help and/or donations. Poison ivy on property needs to be killed.
- ❖ Community Garden Project (Bible Baptist Church) - Next meeting at the church is Thursday, November 6th at 3 pm. April Martel from the extension office the committee (Arris, Brigitte and Irene). Need more people.
- ❖ Spring Event - Jean Morton - Held in New Lisbon at the high school, tentatively 5/2/09. HCE to spearhead. MGV, 4H, face painting, lunch. Jean will advise as to next meeting date.
- ❖ Presentation of check was made to Mauston Community Sharing Pantry for a photo op. Gail Boehm came and took a picture of the officers with Irene presenting a check to Evelyn Gray, member of the Sharing Pantry Board.

Upcoming Events:- 2009 Master Gardener Training in Adams County



Let's have some fun !!!!

Turkey Trivia Quiz

How much do you know about the turkey?

Take Aristotle's Turkey Trivia Quiz and find out!

1. When was the first Thanksgiving celebration?
1492
1567
1621
1777
2. Where was the turkey first domesticated?
Canada
Mexico and Central America
New Zealand
India
3. What is a female turkey called?
a rooster
a cuckoo
a chick
a hen
4. What is a male turkey called?
a larry
a clark
a harry
a tom
5. What great American statesman lobbied to make the turkey the national symbol?
Benjamin Franklin
Thomas Jefferson
John Adams
Andrew Jackson
6. What sound does a female turkey make?
gobble
cluck
chirp
peep
7. What sound does a male turkey make?
gobble
click
chirp
peep
8. About how many feathers does a mature turkey have?
1,500
2,000
3,500
5,000
9. Which state produces the most turkeys annually?
Kansas
Ohio
Arkansas
Minnesota
10. How fast can wild turkeys run?
5 mph
15 mph
25 mph
45 mph
11. How does Arkansas rank among the other states in turkey production?
first
third
12. What Native American tribe celebrated the first Thanksgiving with the colonists?
the Wampanoag tribe
the Sioux tribe
the Choctaw tribe
the Arapaho tribe
13. Can wild turkeys fly? If so, how fast?
No.
Yes, up to 25 mph
Yes, up to 40 mph
Yes, up to 55 mph
14. Approximately what percentage of American homes eats turkey on Thanksgiving?
49%
67%
82%
90%
15. Approximately what percentage of American homes eats turkey on Christmas?
34%
50%
67%
89%
16. What is the name of the skin that hangs from a turkey's neck?
snark
wattle
garble
swag
17. Which U.S. president specified that Thanksgiving would fall on the last Thursday of November?
Martin Van Buren
Andrew Jackson
William H. Taft
Abraham Lincoln
18. Which president attempted to move the Thanksgiving holiday to the fourth Thursday in November to create a longer Christmas shopping season?
Franklin D. Roosevelt
Dwight D. Eisenhower
Harry S. Truman
Gerald R. Ford
19. Which country consumes the most turkey per year per capita?
The United States
Israel
Spain
The United Kingdom
20. What is the best way to defrost a turkey?
with a hair dryer
in the refrigerator
in cold water
in the microwave oven

COME SLEEP

Mud-splattered yellow canoe
glides through November morning.
Mist, heavy with silence,
shrouds grey-green slough
where iridescent mallards
raised their floating families
under a mothering sun.
North Wind waits while
Nature crawls inside herself.
When she is ready
he will cover his bride
with a thick quilt
of December's snow.



By Lincoln Hartford

Request from Rich Milgrom

Please save pop-tops from cans for Rich. His camping group, The Jack Pine Travelers and most of the rest of the Good Sam Organization are saving them for the Ronald McDonald House. Each pop-top is worth one minute of dialysis for a child.

Please save until our next regular meeting.

*Thanks
Rich*



Note from Gypsy

Dear Friends

Those of you that know me know I do not rush into anything. It must be my "laid back southern roots"!

First you must dream about it, and then plan it and of course you must "ponder" on it a long while.

When we moved here six years ago, we wanted to do something with the granary and now we are. First we must have windows and that is happening as I write - it's very nice to have a handyman husband. And now we will "ponder" some more -----

It can be the same with your garden. Sometimes a change is good. You have a whole winter to "ponder" about it. Just be like me --- go slow and "Heaven Forbid" don't rush into anything-----



Until next time

Gypsy Jean

aka Jean Morton

November Gardening Tips

Tips Repeated

- Finish planting spring bulbs if you haven't done so yet and the ground isn't hard frozen.
- Cut to the ground any summer bearing raspberry or blackberry canes that have fruited this summer.
- Mow over and mulch asparagus bed with chopped leaves or straw.
- Clean and repair garden tools. Coat metal parts with vegetable oil before storing.
- Recommendation is to drain gas from mowers, tillers, trimmers, etc.
- After ground freezes, mulch perennial beds with coarse material such as marsh hay or chopped leaves. Lightly mulch self-sowing annual beds.
- Now is a good time to prepare new beds for spring planting for perennials or annuals.
 1. One way is by a technique called 'lasagna gardening' or 'sheet mulching'.
 2. Begin by marking the perimeter of the new bed.
 3. Smother the area by placing overlapping pieces of cardboard or thick pads of newspaper.
 4. Thoroughly soak this area.
 5. Add 2-3 inch layer of compost.
 6. Add 4-8 inch thick layer of shredded leaves, grass clippings, straw, or any other decomposable matter.
 7. Could repeat steps 5 and 6 - the more the merrier.
 8. These layers will break down over winter and by spring there will be rich soil ready for planting.

Information from Organic Gardening article by Patricia Lanza

- Reduce watering and feeding of houseplants.
- Plant paper-white narcissus by mid November for blooming at Christmas time. One suggestion is to use a clear shallow vases or high-sided dish filled with glass beads and give them plenty of water.
- Another bulb that can be forced is the Hyacinth. They need a cold spell - refrigerating them will do but keep them away from fruit (they give off a gas that may harm bulbs). Then root in potting soil or special hourglass-shaped hyacinth jars, place in warm spot out of direct sunlight and should flower in three to four weeks.
- For forcing Poinsettias to bloom for Christmas:
 1. They should be placed in total darkness for 14 hours then 10 hours of light in a sunny location such as near a window with a southern exposure. The flowery bracts however will last longer if shielded from intense light and heat
 2. Water thoroughly when the surface soil is dry to the touch. Pour off any excess so the plants never sit in water. Keep consistently moist. If the plant becomes dry, only once, the leaves will begin to turn yellow and drop off
 3. Remember that the poinsettia color, what might be thought of as the petals are actually leaves or bracts. The flower is actually the very center of these colored leaves or bracts.
 4. To prolong poinsettia color, keep the plants in rooms where the temperature is around 60 degrees at night and 72 degrees during the daytime and protect from drafts.
- As for Christmas Cactus: Note that most of these cactus are actually Thanksgiving cactus and are easily forced for blooming around this time. Thanksgiving cactus have pointed tooth-like notches on the margins, Christmas cactus have rounded notches, and Easter cactus again have the tooth-like notches but with tiny spines or hairs on the stem segments. Regardless of which type you have, caring for these plants is simple.
 1. Cactus needs either cool night temperatures (between 55 and 60 degrees for 6 weeks) or extended periods of darkness to set flower buds. If you cannot meet the temperature requirement, give the plant 13 hours of total darkness each night for several weeks.
 2. Place plant in bright but indirect light. Direct light and excessive heat will scorch the leaves and cause the flower buds to drop
 3. When in bloom these plants should be watered about once a week or when the top half of the soil in the container becomes dry. Lack of water will cause the flower buds to drop
 4. Fertilize with an all-purpose houseplant food mixed at half strength once a month.
 5. Again many people wonder why buds will drop from their plants before the flowers open. This can be caused by excessive heat, too much light, cold drafts, over watering, under watering or a sudden change in light or temperature



Editor's note: I must be doing something right for my cactus because the four that I have are blooming right now – one white, one red, one pale salmon and one deep salmon colored.

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.

Nov 28 - Dec 28, 2008 - Olbrich's Holiday Express - Flower and Model Train Show - Olbrich Botanical Gardens, Madison, WI - Twinkling lights, festive poinsettias, tiny landscapes, and large-scale model trains: all aboard for Olbrich's Holiday Express! Trains travel through miniature evergreen forests and colorful poinsettias as they make their way through a detailed landscape made of natural materials by Olbrich's horticulture staff. Mondays through Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sundays from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children ages 3 – 12 (OBS members free) and includes admission to the tropical Bolz Conservatory. Admission is free each Wednesday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon.

Dec 11, 2008 - Evergreen Wreaths with Natural Materials - Olbrich Botanical Gardens, Madison, WI - Evergreen wreaths smell wonderful and add charm to your winter decorating scheme. Join Olbrich Horticulturists and decorate your own unique evergreen wreath with natural materials from Olbrich's gardens in this class from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. \$56 (\$45 members).

Dec 19, 2008 (12:00 noon) - Pruning Shrubs for a Reason - Brown Bag Program - contact UW Ext Office for access - Proper pruning is one of the most essential of all management practices for shrubs in the home landscape. Correct pruning procedures will help keep shrubs vigorous, maintain them in proper shape and form for a desirable landscape effect, and add years to their usefulness. Pruning will help maintain natural habit of growth; remove dead, diseased or broken branches; promote flower and fruit development; encourage vigorous growth of plants with colored twigs; and improve chances of survival at transplanting time.

Jan 30, 2009 (12:00 noon) - 2008 - Fruit Production Update: The Year In Review - Brown Bag Program - contact UW Ext Office for access - Dick Weidman, Superintendent Peninsular Agricultural Research Station will share his observations on the performance of various fruit crops during the 2006 growing season. He will also share the observed effects and impacts of the wet spring, followed by the drought of 2006 on certain fruit cultivars. The Peninsular ARS has been testing and evaluating cultivars for Wisconsin for years. Join us for an update on fruit crop performance.

Jan 31-Feb 1, 2009 - Orchid Quest 2009 - Madison, WI - The annual mid-winter show and sale of the Madison Orchid Growers Guild will be from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily in the Exhibition Hall of the Alliant Energy Center. Educational seminars each day and many vendors. For more information see the Orchid Grower's Guild Orchid Quest webpage.

Feb 13-15, 2009 - WPT's Garden Expo - Madison, WI - Sponsored by Wisconsin Public Television, Friends of WHA-TV, and the UW-Extension Horticulture Team, this event draws nearly 16,000 people to view 400 booths, provided by numerous exhibitors over 100,000 square-feet. The Madison Area Master Gardeners will staff their own booth. Numerous educational seminars, demonstrations, and workshops are offered on a variety of horticultural topics. Hours are Fri 4:00-9:00, Sat 8:00-6:00, and Sun 10:00-4:00. In the Exhibition Hall, Alliant Energy Center. An admission fee is charged to this fundraiser to support WI Public TV programming (including The WI Gardener). For more information visit WPT's Garden Expo website.

Feb 27, 2009 (12:00 noon) - Community Gardens - Brown Bag Program - contact UW Ext Office for access - A community garden is a collaborative greenspace in which the participants share in both the maintenance and the rewards. There is a long tradition of community gardening in various parts of the United States and around the world. Individual plot management often is used for vegetable gardening. In the common greenspace approach, garden members cooperate in managing one area and may include ornamental landscapes or pocket parks, community beautification, clean-up of degraded urban landscapes, for job training, horticultural demonstrations, outdoor classrooms or food production. Join us in discussion about starting a community garden.

March 7, 2009 - Spring into Gardening - La Crosse, WI - Sponsored by Bluff Country Master Gardeners, this workshop from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. features afternoon keynote speaker Mark Dwyer of Rotary Gardens. A choice of breakout sessions with local experts will be offered in the morning. More details will be available in January 2009. For more information contact bluffcountrymg@yahoo.com

March 27, 2009 (12:00 noon) - Vegetable Garden Planning and Site Preparation - Brown Bag Program - contact UW Ext Office for access - Vegetable gardening is a rewarding opportunity in which the whole family can become involved. Planning is a cold weather task, but a well planned garden provides opportunity to select plant types and varieties, extended seasonal produce, choice of seed verses transplant establishment, and much more. Proper site preparation will result in better soil conditions, fewer weeds and increased production. Join Dr. Robert Tomesh in a review of tactics to increase your gardens production potential.

April 24, 2009 (12:00 noon) - Fruits and Vegetables: Ready, Set, and Preserve - Brown Bag Program - contact UW Ext Office for access - Nothing is more enjoyable than home preserved food that is safe and of high quality. Beginning with jams and jellies and extending to canned potatoes, there are several basic steps to preparing for a season of preserving the bounty of your garden and orchard. This program will highlight tips and hints on getting ready to preserve safe, high quality fruits and vegetables. Join Dr. Barb Ingham in a review of safe food preservation tactics.

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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| <u>LANDSCAPING</u> | | <u>FRUITS</u> | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GROUND COVERS | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> SMALL FRUITS | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> HERBS | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> CONTAINER GARDENING | <input type="checkbox"/> |

❖ 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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Or email – note new address klingermstn@wildblue.net

Some website for you to check on

The University of Wisconsin-Madison has a new online weed identification tool to help with weed and invasive plant identification. The database contains 280 of the most common weeds/invasive plants commonly found.

The database can be accessed (for free) on the website <http://www.weedid.wisc.edu/> Click on the Weed ID Tool on the left column. The database is organized to ask questions about the unknown plant and based on the user's input, produce a list of plants (scientific and common names) that match the information entered.

Another of interest - <http://www.freetreesandplants.com/>

**In the 60's, people took acid to make the world weird.
Now the world is weird and people take Prozac to make it normal.**

Submitted by Rich Milgrom

Turkey Trivia Answers

1. 1621
2. Mexico and Central America
3. a hen
4. a tom
5. Benjamin Franklin
6. cluck
7. gobble
8. 3,500
9. Minnesota
10. 25 mph
11. third
12. the Wampanoag tribe
13. Yes, up to 55 mph
14. 90%
15. 50%
16. wattle
17. Abraham Lincoln
18. Franklin D. Roosevelt
19. Israel
20. in cold water



No cheating – so how did you do?
<http://home.aristotle.net/Thanksgiving/trivia.asp>



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REMINDERS



- ◆ If you have not done so, don't forget to send your Master Gardener Volunteer Hours in to Jan Brendle, N8420 19th Ave, Necedah WI 54646 or janbrendle@tds.net or call 608-565-7290 as soon as possible.
- ◆ If you have not done so yet, keep your membership up-to-date and the newsletters coming, fill out and mail your JCMG membership form for 2009 along with \$12.00 - form is on page 7 - if not paid up for 2009, your last newsletter will be in December.
- ◆ **Note** that for Certified JCMG members only, \$5.00 of this goes towards membership in WIMGA and the WIMGA newsletter. Remember, there is a promotion to go electronic and receive the newsletter by e-mail to save on time, cost, postage, and paper.....**and most importantly save a tree.**
- ◆ Those who ordered a Wisconsin Garden Journal for 2009 and if you haven't received them yet, they are at the UW Extension office, opened Monday thru Friday 8 to 4:30. The cost is \$13.00 this year.
- ◆ The next JCMG meeting will be in April of 2009, details to follow in March/April newsletter.
- ◆ Those interested in Master Gardener Training, classes will be in Adams County for 2009. Please contact Don Genrich, Agriculture Agent, Adams County Extension Office, 608-339-4237 for more information and to verify dates and to register.
- ◆ **Oh and yes, Happy Thanksgiving, and Happy and Safe Hunting.**