



Northern Gardener

A little to catch up on....

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It's amazing what a little rain could do to a dry summer. Grasses have really begun greening up in response to the wet weather. Gardens have exploded with new growth, flowering, ripening!

A couple of items to make note of are a significant change in the programming schedule. We all anticipated the Master Gardener General Training again this Fall, but UW has switched the program to Mid-Winter through Early Spring

Beginning Tuesday Jan. 23 and for 12 additional weeks, we will be hosting the Master Gardener General Train-

ing for new Master Gardeners and those wishing to revisit this training here in Antigo.



In place of the General Training, UW is offering a Specialized training this fall with the theme "Outdoor Flowers and Houseplants" (see page 2.) I'm genuinely excited about the

topic and hope you are too. Please express your interest to me by our September 7th general meeting.

Check inside for special programs and offerings in the near future. Please fill out the attached survey and indicate your interests, it will help us determine our programming and community service interests.

Finally see my short biography for those that haven't gotten to meet me yet. I look forward to digging in the dirt with you.

Regards,
Alex Crockford
UW Extension

Interest points...

- MG General Meeting September 7th
- Gift a MG Training for the holidays
- Have hours for 2006? Bring them Sept. 7th
- Got a service idea? Call 627-6313
- Our early summer Organic Gardening workshop drew 20 gardeners!

Apples! A Fruit-full General Meeting on Sept. 7

We will be meeting out at Grandview Orchard on September 7 at 6 pm for a general meeting and also to hear about the operation of the orchard. We'll be getting some apple growing and pest management tips as part of our evening program.



Naturally, there will be trees and apples available for purchase.

In addition we'll be talking about several community service opportunities where we can be of an impact.

Come join us! Info? Contact Alex at 627-6313.

Already a Master? Take it to the next level!

The Fall 2006 Specialized Master Gardener Program will be delivered by UW Specialists and other presenters with this year's theme "Outdoor Flowers and Houseplants." The program runs Tuesday evenings 5:45 - 9:00 p.m. from September 19th-December 12th. The programs will be broadcast live from the UW-Extension Pyle Center on the UW- Madison campus to a number of sites

throughout the state via fiber-optics, DSL, or Wireline/CD power-point. The program is scheduled on Tuesday evenings from 6 - 9 PM beginning September 19th and continuing weekly through December 12th .

Call Alex (627-6313) by September 7th to indicate your interest in this opportunity.

The participant cost will be \$100 and class participants

are expected to return 24 hours of volunteer service to their community in exchange for the 36 hours of training they receive. This fee will be used to cover materials, electronic and other overhead costs.

The programs will be brought to you with live speakers who will be delivered by power-point presentations. Sites will have opportunity for interaction (Q/A) with the speakers.



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| September 19 | Flowerbed Preparation | Robert Tomesh |
| September 26 | Houseplant Care and Culture | Lisa Johnson |
| October 3 | Gardening with Bulbs | Steve Lesch |
| October 10 | Propagation of Annuals Perennials and Houseplants | Mike Maddox |
| October 17 | Winning Combinations with Grasses | Mary Myer (UMN) |
| | Gardening Under Trees | Mary Myer (UMN) |
| October 24 | Water Gardening | Bob Rieser (The Frog Bog) |
| October 31 | No Program | |
| November 7 | Annuals and Large Tropical Plants | Mark Dwyer |
| November 14 | Hardy Shrub Roses for Wisconsin | |
| | Container Gardening | Jeff Epping |
| November 21 | Topic and Speaker pending | |
| November 28 | Topic and Speaker pending | |
| December 5 | Garden Design | Diana Alfuth |
| | Home Landscape Irrigation | Robert Tomesh |
| December 12 | Native Perennials and Wildflowers | Dr. Evelyn Howell |



Mark your calendars!

Upcoming Events

Hancock Research Station Fruit, Vegetable and Flower Twilight Tour

August 14, 4:30 - 8:00 PM
N3909 County Hwy V
Hancock, WI 54943-7547 at (715) 249-5961.

Shrub Identification and Selection

Sept 11, 2006 Rhinelander, WI
Melinda Meyers will be teaching this one-day, basic-level DNR-sponsored workshop. The workshop announcement

& registration form will be posted on the DNR Urban & Community Forestry website's News & Events page as soon as it is available. Registration deadline is Sept 1. More info call Don Kissinger 715-359-5793.

Survey for Master Gardeners and Friends

My hobbies/interests are:

- Flower gardening
- Landscaping
- Fruit tree/bush/bramble
- Vegetable gardens
- Market gardening
- Container gardening
- Trellising/garden crafts
- Gardening for wildlife
- _____
- _____

I could share expertise in:

- Flower gardening
- Landscaping
- Fruit tree/bush/bramble
- Vegetable gardens
- Market gardening
- Container gardening
- Trellising/garden crafts
- Gardening for wildlife
- _____
- _____

I'd really like to grow in:

- Flower gardening
- Landscaping
- Fruit tree/bush/bramble
- Vegetable gardens
- Market gardening
- Container gardening
- Trellising/garden crafts
- Gardening for wildlife
- _____
- _____

Gardening is civil and social, but it wants the vigor and freedom of the forest and the outlaw.
-Henry David Thoreau

Here are my ideas for community service projects:

I have a interest in these on going Master Gardener topics:

- Downtown planters
- Food pantry/benevolence garden
- Community garden
- Landscaping for disabled
- Farmers Market
- Demonstration garden



Brown Bag Programs

Brown Bag Programs are held from 12:00 -1:00 p.m. monthly generally the last Friday of each month. The programs are designed for statewide Master Gardeners and other persons interested in horticultural topics.

Join us at the Langelade County Resource building for an hour of learning.

AUGUST 25... Curing and Storage of Vegetables... Tomesh
Many home-grown vegetables lend themselves to storage. Storing vegetables can be quicker, easier and more economical than fermenting, canning, freezing or dehydrating. Storage facilities can be constructed at little or no cost. Stored vegetables can represent considerable savings in food dollars.

SEPTEMBER 29... Mulches and Benefits to Plants and Soil... Tomesh and Hartman
The selection of mulch depends on its intended use. Then there are a host of mulch related issues for consideration: when to apply, depth, dealing with nitrogen deficiency, organic verses non-organic, fungal problems, moisture management, fertilizing, and improving soil structure.

Thanks to those who helped advise AHS on the changes to the landscaping at the High School. Many of your suggestions have been implemented.





Langlade County



Caption describing picture or graphic.

Who is this guy anyway?

My own background in gardening comes from my English born parents, who grew up in a premier vegetable growing area. My ancestors were greenhouse and field vegetable producers for the port towns of southern England. My family immigrated to the US in 1969 and my parents have continued to raise vegetables and flowers, but purely for hobby.

I took this childhood inter-

est to the fields after college as a fieldsman on an organic vegetable and cut flower CSA farm in Barron County (Community Supported Agriculture.) We raised 5 acres of over 50 varieties of vegetables. After my work there I grew 1/2 acre of cut flowers as an experiment and marketed them through two weddings.

Since then we've had gardens wherever we've lived and our older daughter (3

years) is participating more actively this year. In a small garden this year we have grown herbs, tomatoes, peppers, peas, and broccoli. I'm also paying more attention to the apple trees, with apple maggot traps, thinning and mulching.

I bring varied interests to my work in Extension with the hopes of supporting the gardening interests of the county.

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