

The Green Thumb



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Master Gardener Volunteers
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Prez Corner....

Greetings Fellow Gardeners ---

Mary, Mary, How does your garden grow?? My garden is growing like a 'weed' even after all the rain in June. Cabbage, bigger than dinner plates, onions, makes one cry peeling 'em, and \$1.00 clearance red dahalia tuber flowers, now three years old, are the size of a luncheon plate. Some items got affected big time while others were just soaking in all the water to provide us with a bountiful food harvest or colorful flowers.

The MGV's recently received publicity in the August 17th, *Herald Times Reporter* highlighting the work we do at the Zoo gardens along with other area gardening clubs.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the fall seminar on October 4 at 9 am. A morning of education and laughter will be presented.

Please submit your thoughts on the question of the garden:

What do you like about rain gardens and maintaining them?

Email your answers to: blackbeauty102@tm.net

Answers will appear in the next issue of *The Green Thumb*.

Until the next flower or weed appears,

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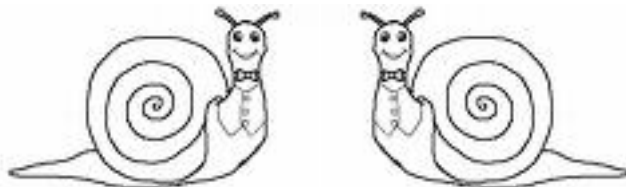




Gardener Events....

- August 22 Brown Bag Wisline -
Growing Tender Bulbs: Glad, Canna, Dahlia
Join Bob Tomesh to learn more about growing and
storing these wonderful additions to the summer garden.
Manitowoc Co. Office Complex; Noon - 1pm
Call 683.4169 to pre-register.
- August 25 Manitowoc Co Master Gardener Volunteer
Monthly Meeting at Chris Boeder's Home 6:30 pm
Parking is available in the area of 925 & 931 S. 36th Street
and walk through from there.
- Sept 11 Manitowoc Co Master Gardener Volunteer
Board Meeting. 6 pm Manitowoc Co. Office Complex.
- Sept 17 All MGV Hours are **DUE** to Dorothy by mail, email, or hand delivery

Newsletter Deadline -- All articles, ideas, or photos
email to blackbeauty102@tm.net
- Sept 22 Manitowoc Co Master Gardener Volunteer
Monthly Meeting
- Sept 26 Brown Bag Wisline -
Managing Invasive Woody Plants
Join Bob Tomesh to learn more about how to deal with certain plants
that have invaded our yards and woodlands.
Manitowoc Co. Office Complex; Noon - 1pm
Call 683.4169 to pre-register.
- October 4 Manitowoc Co. Master Gardener Volunteer Fall Seminar
Featuring John and Liz Katalinich and Richard "Dick" Zondag, president of
J.W. Jung Seed Company of Randolph.





News & Notes



MGV Hours: It is time to start adding up your volunteer and education hours. They need to be turned in to Dorothy by Sept. 17th at the latest. Please, if you have not had all of your hours, send in whatever you have. It is important. This year, Dorothy **will not** be calling to remind you to get them turned in. So help her get them in on time. Turn in your completed form of how you earned and the number of hours by mail, email, or hand delivery.

Fall Seminar: Mark your calendar for Sept 11 at 6 pm as final plans will be discussed for the seminar. Also, monthly meeting speakers and bus trips for next year will be decided.

Food Preservation Publications: The UW-Extension Family Living Office has numerous 2008 food preservation publications which can be downloaded online at <http://learningstore.uwex.edu> or purchased at the UW-Extension Office weekdays from 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Some of the titles include: Canning Fruits Safely, Canning Vegetables Safely, Freezing Fruits and Vegetables, Homeade Pickles and Relishes, and Tomatoes, Tart and Tangy. Contact Faye Malek, (683.4171) Manitowoc County UW-Extension Family Living Educator if you have questions or need the dial gauge on your pressure canner tested.

LILIES ORINTAL AND ASIATIC: When the lily stalks ave matured and turned yellow, you can cut them back. When completely dry, they can be pulled out easily. Careful though.. don't pull up the bulb. One way to do this and reap your stem bulblet harvest at the same time is: Plant your feet firmly on either side of the stalk. Take hold of the stalk with both hands..low down near the ground. Then, with a wuich twist, jerk out the old stem...with all the little bulblets attached. Even if you do not plan to propaget the bulblets, it is a good idea to pull them away from the mother where they would only compete for food and moisture and require the clump needing transplanting sooner. Old lily stems should always be removed in the fall..and any other odds and ends of debris that could harbor diseases. Do not add to the compost pile.

TRANSPLANTING: When many spindly short stems indicate crowding, the clump should be lifted, carefully pulled apart, and divisions planted elsewhere. If you must replant in the same spot, replace or reinforce the soil first with additional fertilizer and organic material.

Early fall is the best time to transplant lilies, but with care, they may be moved at any time. Water just as soon as your bulbs are planted, even if it is raining to be sure there are no air pockets. There is only a short time before the ground freezes and most growing ceases. The more growing and becoming established the bulb will do before it freezes, the better it will be able to withstand the a long cold winter.

PLANTING: Good drainage is a must. In clay soil, try making a planting hill. The addition of large quantities of humus or gravel will, when mixed thoroughly with the original soil , raise a planting spot to the required height for surface wate to drain away . One can use stones or bricks to hold soil into a hill. Dorothy is going to try this and will let you know next year how this works.

Information from Jerry Nelson at the annual convention

EAB: There was a confirmed sighting of the Emerald Ash Borer that occurred in Ozuakee County near Newburg, WI. A delimitation survey will be conducted by state and federal authorities to assess the distribution of EAB in the respective area. Although, continued monitoring and inspections of ash trees for the presence of EAB is encouraged. The Wisconsin EAB Portal website at www.emeraldashborer.wi.gov will provide the latest information. Should you suspect any symptomatic trees or discover an EAB adult, larva, or pupa, call 1-800-462-2803 (or contact your county extension office). For people within a 10-12 mile radius of the confirmed EAB find, insecticide treatments may be considered. Below is a puzzle to enhance your knowledge of the EAB.

MASTER GARDENERS OF MANITOWOC COUNTY

Monthly Meeting

DATE July 28, 2008
TIME: 6:30 p.m.
PLACE: Aurora Medical Center Healing Gardens, Two Rivers
ATTENDANCE: 19
EDUCATION: Garden Tour with Shirley Scriver – 40 min.

Following a tour of the Healing Gardens at the Aurora Medical Center, our July meeting was called to order by President, Renee Lemberger. The minutes of the June meeting were approved as read and the treasurer reported no activity for this past month.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1) Pat Hollen provided an update on the Chamber of Commerce and Manitowoc Zoo gardens. She recommended that we discontinue planting annuals near the Chamber building because of the size of the hostas and plant only in the area of the sign. Plantings at the zoo garden should be considered for the area near the flagpole and building, and we should consider giving up the butterfly gardens.
- 2) The Garden Tour committee met on July 31st to view the gardens and finalize the selection for the 2009 Garden Walk. Seven gardens have been selected for the walk.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Rosie Bugs read correspondence forwarded to her from Ruth at the Extension Offices. Ruth would also like a list of the sites where members have volunteer opportunities. In addition, she would also appreciate copies of the March/April newsletter and other previous newsletters.
- 2) The East Twin Garden Club of Cleveland is hosting an event for August 3rd to include speakers on herbs, shade gardens and shrub gardens.
- 3) The DNR will be holding classes on the identification of invasive species.
- 4) Rosie reported that the WIMGA conference in Milwaukee was very good. She was given three books from Melinda Myers to be used in the plant clinic library. The 2009 conference will be held in Wisconsin Dells.
- 5) Dorothy Bugs needs our volunteer hours to be turned in to her prior to September 17.
- 6) The Manitowoc Health Care Center is in need of volunteers to help with weeding.
- 7) The Fall Seminar will be held on October 4th. Speakers that day will be John and Liz Katalinich, owners of Gardening by Nature Landscape Design, Green Bay, and Richard Zondag, president of J.W. Jung Seed Company of Randolph.
- 8) The fall specialized classes will be six weeks of vegetables and six weeks of fruit.
- 9) The August 25th meeting will be held at Chris Boeder's home at 930 S. 35th Street. Because of street construction, she advises that we park in the area of 925 & 931 S. 36th Street and walk through from there.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m. No door prize drawing was held.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Tisler
Secretary

MASTER GARDENERS OF MANITOWOC COUNTY

Monthly Meeting Dates and Education

Oct. 27, 2007	Mary McLean – Pruning	30 Min.
Nov. 26, 2007	Sandy Livermore – Bookworm Gardens	45 Min.
Jan. 11, 2008	Carol Rommelfanger – Old Mills of Manitowoc County	60 Min.
Feb. 25, 2008	Sue Crowley – Forester	60 Min.
March 17, 2008	Andercraft Woods – Mishicot	30 Min.
April 28, 2008	Bob Kellner of Roorbach’s – Container Gardening	45 Min.
May 19, 2008	Gladwyn Doughman – Invasive Weeds	45 Min.
June 23, 2008	Sister Lorita – Bog Presentation & Convent Garden Tour	90 Min.
July 28, 2008	Shirley Scriver – Aurora Medical Center Healing Gardens Tour	40 Min
Aug. 25, 2008	Chris Boeder’s Home – Garden Tour	????



Photo Entitled: Rock Gardens in Black and White

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September Flower of the Month:

Aster



October Flower of the Month:

Calendula

