

# Portage County MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEERS



July 2014



## Next PCMGV Meeting — Monday, July 28, 6 pm Wildflower Woods

The July 28th meeting will be at Wildflower Woods, 1861 Ridge Road, Junction City, the home of Margaret Parsons. Margaret and her husband, Felix Grutzik, own forty acres a half mile west of the Wisconsin River. In front of the house is a perennial cottage garden, which is thirteen years old. There is also a vegetable garden, which is being managed this year as a no-till garden. The garden shed was built from pine logs salvaged from a



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## PCMGV Meeting Minutes – June 23, 2014

The **June 23, 2014** meeting of the Portage County Master Gardener Volunteers was called to order by the President, Shelley Binder, at 6:15 P.M. at Antiquity Acres Greenhouse and General Store in Amherst, WI.

Those present were: Sue Baldischwiler, Tom Baldischwiler, Margaret Bau, Shelley Binder, Sandy Boehm, Cindy Bredow, Donald Caine, Lynn Caine, Jean Danielson, Eric Ecklund, Dan Goulet, Kathy Goulet, Rose Grych, Jen Haas, Kathy Herbert, Carole Jansing, Rick Jansing, Tina Lechner, Lynn Ligman, Marily Malcolm, Carole Olson, Sharon Omernick, Margaret Parsons, Jan Pierson, Sally Prideaux, Walt Rasmussen, Robert Rausch, Katie Rettler, Rebecca Roberts, Chere Schmit, Don Schmit, Donna Smith, Patti Soik, Kathy Stanke, Lori Teuchert, Todd Teuchert, Judy Thies, Steve Treankler, Jill Trochiell-Ziehr, Gail Zalewski, Nancy Sander, Intern. Jo Krogwold, Guest.

The **minutes** from May were approved.

The **Treasurer's Report**, given by Kathy Stanke, was approved.

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Articles for the newsletter should be submitted by the **10th of the month** for publication that month.

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### Committee Reports:

- **Farmers' Market:** Todd and Lori Teuchert thanked those who have already signed up. All slots are filled except for two on July 5.
- **Farm Technology Days:** Lynn Caine and Gail Zalewski will attend the Media Day on June 24. Volunteers are needed for set-up on Saturday and Sunday (August 9-10), for working on the Exhibit days (August 12, 13, 14), and for take-down on August 14 and 15. Lori Teuchert has the sign-up sheets. Amanda Baldischwiler is the Volunteer Development Coordinator for Farm Tech Days and may be contacted at 715-343-6286. All volunteers must complete the Volunteer Form and submit it to Ken Schroeder.
- **Flower Beds:** Nancy Sander has ordered compost for the gardens. The Stevens Point Forestry Department would like more help for local flower beds. Nancy's phone number is 715-343-5445 and e-mail address is [sanderfam@gmail.com](mailto:sanderfam@gmail.com). A Co-Chairperson is still needed.
- **Funds / Grants:** Grant money was provided for the Rosholt Library Flower Beds. Stop by and see the results!
- **Garden Parade:** Volunteers received information about this event. Remember that education is an important component of the Garden Parade. Encourage and support the sale of raffle tickets for both the quilt and containers. Invitations were passed out to the Garden Parade Reception to be held at Village Gardens from 7-9:00 P.M. on Saturday, July 12.
- **Newsletter:** Get information, photos, and articles to Gail Zalewski by July 10. It was recommended that K-Mart Planting, Arbor Day, and Hunger Prevention be removed from the active list of committees. Additions should include: Tim Goskowicz as Publicity Chairperson and Nancy Sander as Flower Bed Chairperson.
- **Plant Sale:** Chere Schmit reminded gardeners to turn in expense vouchers soon so that a final report may be compiled.
- **Rosholt Fair:** Todd Teuchert requested help on Thursday, August 28 in setting up, Friday, August 29, in assisting with judging 4H entries, and Saturday through Monday (August 30, 31, and September 1) in monitoring the displays.
- **WIMGA:** Lynn Caine reported that the Training Manuals are being rewritten. Mike Maddox asked MGs to read through the Introduction to the University of Wisconsin – Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Program, Chapter 1. Any input in welcome.
- **YMCA Gardens:** Dan Goulet reported that the garden is planted and growing. Help is needed to install the irrigation system. Everyone is invited to visit these gardens. The education component is coordinated with YMCA staff.

**Old Business:** The new shirts were passed out to MGs. Wear them proudly at PCMGV events.

### New Business:

- Shelley Binder announced that there should always be two persons involved with money and deposits.
- Bob Rausch's gardens at the Amherst Inn were chosen to be featured by Channel 7. Filming and an interview took place. Bob will let us know when the show will air on TV. The Village Gardens in Plover will also be featured.

**Extension Report:** Walt Rasmussen, summer Horticulture Assistant, reported receiving numerous inquiries regarding dead conifers and other dieback on shrubs. He shared information regarding the Crazy Worm (*amyntas agrestis*), an invasive species that is beginning to be found in Wisconsin. Books donated to the Extension were made available to interested MGs.

**Announcements:** A question was raised regarding the existence of any memorial gardens in the area.

The next meeting will be on **Monday, July 28, at 6:00 at Margaret Parson's home**. The July PCMGV Newsletter will have specific information on location and directions.

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### Garden Line

Open

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### Rosholt Fair

Todd Teuchert

### Website

Lynn Caine



August 12 -14

It's going to be  
**BIG!**

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The business meeting was **adjourned** at 7:00 P.M.

Following the meeting, Bob Rausch introduced Lou and Mary LeCount from Antiquity Acres Greenhouses and General Store. They purchased the property in 2003-04 but didn't add the greenhouses until 2012. It is currently a work in progress. A tour of the area took place, and plants were available for purchase.



**Continuing Education:** Antiquity Acres – 30 minutes.

*Submitted by Chrismary Pacyna, PCMGV Secretary*

## Great Gardens: The Amherst Inn Bed and Breakfast

The Amherst Inn Bed and Breakfast, co-owned by Master Gardener Bob Rausch, was featured on Jeff Thelen's "Great Garden" segment on WSAW Channel 7 on Sunday night July 6th at 10 pm.

Bob explained how the building was transformed into the Bed and Breakfast, and how he took the Master Gardener class so that the ground could also be improved and improve the B & B experience. Today, the Inn's gardens are filled with hostas, irises, lilies, ferns and peonies. The pond, of course, is the favorite feature, because guests love to hear the constantly moving water.

Here's the link to the WSAW web site to view the segment in its entirety in case you missed it:

<http://www.wsaw.com/home/headlines/Great-Gardens--266068441.html#.U7rcnSudnW0.facebook>



Picture from  
WSAW.com —  
"Great Garden"  
segment

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wildfire on the property in 2005. The property also includes pine plantations and hardwood tree stands, which are being managed for sustainable forestry.

From the corner of Clark Street and County Road HH (old Highway 10) on the west side of Stevens Point, drive west 5.5 miles to County Road E (Northbound). North (right) on County E 2.3 miles to Ridge Road. East (right) 0.6 miles on Ridge Road. 1861 is on the right side; sign on the driveway says "Wildflower Woods." Please drive in on the driveway, turn around and park on the east side of the driveway facing out (parking assistance will be available). Phone is 715-457-2470.

*Submitted by Margaret Parsons*



Scenes from Wildflower Woods



## Extension Update — July 2014

What's been happening in the Master Gardener's corner at the UW-Extension? Last month at the Master Gardener meeting I told you about the 'Crazy Worm'. That is just one of the issues dogging us this spring and summer. There have been a lot of inquiries about dead or dying trees and shrubs, especially conifers and fruit trees. Yews and boxwood are looking as though they have been painted brown on the top half. Juniper, pines and spruce have dead branches. Some of these might recover but pruning them out may be necessary. Fruit trees are leafing out, then some of the branches die back or half of the tree. Numerous branch and leaf samples have been sent to Madison for analysis and for the most part few diseases or pests are found. It appears to be a factor of the 2012-13 droughts and the 2014 winter. A number of tomato/Solanaceae problems are coming in, wilting, yellowing leaves and die back. One bacterial canker was found but no blight has been confirmed in Portage County or for that matter even in Wisconsin as of July 8. The closest late blight to be confirmed is in northern Indiana. Conditions are ripe for blight to appear.

Some interesting insects have crawled across my desk. Last week someone called saying they had a purple lady beetle. It turns out to be either a 'Fifteen-spotted lady beetle' or an 'Eye-spotted lady beetle'. Earlier this year a Japanese beetle look-a-like came in; that was a 'Sand chafer'. They are not too damaging to plants.

Numerous weed and flower I.D.s (Black medic, Yellow wood-sorrel, Curly dock, Swamp milkweed and an Ozark sundrop to name a few) came in and the question of should they be pulled or not or how to get them out of the lawn.

See you at the next meeting!

Walt Rasmussen  
Portage County Horticultural Assistant  
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Walt gives the group an update on the "Crazy Worm" at the June PCMGV meeting.

## Volunteer Opportunities Available at Rosholt Fair

The Portage County/Rosholt fair is coming soon! Come get some fun volunteer hours in, enjoy some fair food, plus get a free pass to the fair when you volunteer.

Volunteers are needed on the following dates:

### Thursday – August 28<sup>th</sup> 4pm to 9pm

- During this time, you'll help children and parents check in their exhibits and assist with organizing exhibits within judging category.

### Friday – August 29<sup>th</sup> – 8:45am - ? Judges Assistants

- Help judges while they review each category. Typically 2 to 3 assistants are assigned to a judge.
- You'll move items to the judging area for review, complete paperwork/record prizes, pin ribbons on the entries, and help the judge out with whatever they need.
- You'll work until with your judge until they are finished judging their category. At that time you can leave or stay to help out other categories. Enjoy some fair food during your lunch break.
- Typically smaller judging categories such as art, food, science, and flowers, are finished by noon, however, larger categories, such as veggies, are not completed until later in the afternoon.

Friday – August 29<sup>th</sup> -4pm to 10pm, or

Saturday - August 30<sup>th</sup> – 9am to 10pm, or

Sunday – August 31<sup>st</sup> – 9am to 10pm, or

Monday – September 1<sup>st</sup> – 9am to 4pm, or

- Sign up for as many one hour shifts as you'd like to monitor the Exhibit building. During this time, you'll keep an eye on the exhibits, sweep/tidy up the building, and complete other duties as assigned (paperwork/displays/inventory).

To sign up to volunteer, please contact Todd or Lori Teuchert at [teuchert01@wi-net.com](mailto:teuchert01@wi-net.com) or 715-677-4838. After you sign up, someone from the 4-H group will get you more information later this summer to confirm your assignment(s).



— Submitted by Lori Teuchert

The Rosholt Exhibit Building  
after judging in 2013

## Art Bloom 2014



Jen Selwyn, Artist  
Mallory Madison &  
Marcie Barabee,  
Rosholt Pioneers  
4-H, Floral



Mary Lee Reineking,  
Artist  
Central Rivers  
Farmshed,  
Floral



John Hartman,  
Artist  
Becci Roberts,  
Floral



Eric Kruthoff, Artist  
Kathy Kruthoff, Floral

## Responsibilities of a UW-Extension Master Gardener Volunteer

1. To represent the University of Wisconsin-Extension in a professional manner.
2. To accept only realistic assignments.
3. To be acquainted with County Extension Office procedures, Extension publications and personnel.
4. To respect confidences and clientele information.
5. To remain calm and courteous at all times.
6. To follow guidelines outlined by the Wisconsin MG Program and/or the local UW-Extension agent, and adhere to the behavior policies in the Volunteer Agreement.
7. To know your limitations; to be able to say "I don't know"; to admit you can't provide everything to everyone. Appropriately refer complex calls to Extension educators.
8. To acquire and retain the knowledge, and to become familiar with the resources necessary to accomplish the assigned tasks.
9. To follow through on commitments.
10. To provide unbiased, research-based information from the University of Wisconsin, other Land Grant institutions, or the United States Department of Agriculture.
11. To ensure that Master Gardener programs and outreach efforts do not discriminate on the basis of any of the legally prohibited categories of discrimination, based on Civil Rights laws. These categories include: race, color, gender/sex, creed, disability, religion, national origin, ancestry, age, sexual orientation, pregnancy, marital or parental status, arrest or conviction record, or membership in the national guard, state defense force or any other reserve component of the military service.
12. To follow published University of Wisconsin-Extension recommendations.
13. To refer all commercial horticulture calls to the respective Extension Agent.
14. To always use tact and to give constructive advice; never be disparaging of opinions or procedures.

*Submitted by Lynn Caine*

*Note: This list of responsibilities is taken from Chapter 1, Introduction to the University of Wisconsin-Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Program, in the Level I MGVT Training Manual*

### YOUR WEBSITES:

PCMGV: <http://portagecountymastergardeners.org>

Portage County UW-Extension: <http://portage.uwex.edu>

UW-Extension: <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/>

UW-Extension Publications: <http://learningstore.uwex.edu>

WI Master Gardener Blog :  
<http://fyi.uwex.edu/wimastergardener/>

WI State Master Gardener: <http://wimastergardener.org>

## August 2014 Calendar of Events

**6 – Ornamental Grasses – Boerner Botanical Garden, Hales Corners** – Learn about a variety of grasses with Heidi Hornung, Shady Lane Greenhouses, from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. on a Garden Walk, rain or shine. \$5.

**9 – Water-Wise Garden – Northwind Perennial Farm, Burlington** – The Water-Wise Garden Lecture with Roy Diblik. From 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Free.

**12-14 – WI Farm Tech Days – Portage Co.** – This premier exposition – the largest Ag show in WI – is one of the largest in the nation. The three-day event showcases the latest improvements in production agriculture, including many practical applications of recent research findings and tech developments. For info see the [WI Farm Tech Days website](#).

**16-17 – Daylily Plant Sale – Olbrich Botanical Gardens, Madison** – The [WI Daylily Society](#) offers the largest daylily plant sale in the area, rain or shine! Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For info call [Rosemary](#) at (608)221-1933 or [download a flyer](#).

**16-17 – Dahlia Show – Olbrich Botanical Gardens, Madison** – Sponsored by the Badger State Dahlia Society from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For info call (608) 577-1924.

**19 – Harvesting Herbs and Tasting Too! – Marinette** – Deb Doubek, owner of Peterman Brook Herb Farm, will show you how to harvest the herbs in your garden. Then taste some examples of how to use the herbs you have grown. Free. At Harmony Demo Gardens from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. For info contact the Marinette Co. UW-Ext. office at (715) 732-7510.

**19 – Twilight Garden Tour – Spooner ARS, Spooner** – The Teaching and Display Garden at the Spooner Ag Research Station, including the award-winning All American Selections (AAS) display garden, will be at their peak. There will be a number of exhibits and experts attending to answer questions starting at 4:00 p.m. At the Spooner Ag Research Station, 3/4 mile east of the intersection of 253-63 and 70 on Hwy. 70. For info see [the website](#) or call (715) 635-3735.

**21 – Prairie Walk – Marinette** – Stroll the 17-acre prairie at Harmony Arboretum with local native plant enthusiasts to learn what constitutes a prairie and why people are creating or restoring them. At Harmony Demonstration Gardens from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Free. For info call (715) 732-7780.

**21 – Vertical Vines in the Garden – Olbrich Botanical Gardens, Madison** – Vines are amazingly versatile, giving our landscapes a vertical component. They can provide dense screening and elevate delightful flowers to eye level.

Underlined events qualify for continuing educational hours.

Dane County UWEX Horticulture Educator Lisa Johnson will discuss the wonderful world of vertical vines in the home landscape and some outstanding perennial, annual, and woody ornamental vines for sun and shade in this class from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. \$15 (\$12 members).

**23 – Plants Don't Die, We Kill Them – Northwind Perennial Farm, Burlington** – Just what does hardiness mean? Gardeners have been ingrained into believing that Growth Zone is the end-all determination of how hardy a plant will be in their garden. Even if the zone is accurate for winter survival, there are other factors that may cause its' winter demise. Find out many other factors that will determine healthy, long-lived plants and a happy gardener. 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Free.

**27 – Potato Harvest – Marinette** – Taste testing of main crop potatoes, harvest and storage methodology, and late season management to get the most out of fall growing conditions will all be featured. At Harmony Demo Gardens from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Free. For info contact the Marinette Co. UW-Ext. Office at (715) 732-7510.

**30 – Landscape Design – Northwind Perennial Farm, Burlington** – Perhaps you have been to the Lurie Garden in Chicago, had lunch in the court yard at the Chicago Art Institute or wandered through the display gardens at Northwind Perennial Farm? Sam Carlson, landscape designer at Northwind, will show you how these gardens can be "scaled down" to fit residential borders and landscape beds. From 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Free.

**BOERNER BOTANICAL GARDENS:** For info or to register contact Friends of Boerner Botanical Gardens, 9400 Boerner Drive, Hales Corners, WI 53130 9400 Boerner Drive, Hales Corners, WI at (414) 525-5653 or see the [BBG events calendar](#).

**CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDENS:** 1000 Lake Cook Rd., Glencoe IL 60022. Phone: (847) 835-5440.

**GARDENS OF THE FOX CITIES:** Register for classes on the [Event Calendar](#). For info contact [Gardens of the Fox Cities](#), 1313 E. Witzke Blvd. Appleton, WI 54911 at (920) 993-1900.

**GREEN BAY BOTANICAL GARDEN:** For more information, contact the [Green Bay Botanical Garden](#), 2600 Larsen Road, P.O. Box 12644, Green Bay, WI 54307-2644 at (920) 491-3691 ext. 103

**MN LANDSCAPE ARBORETUM:** For info contact the [Education Department](#), Minnesota Arboretum, P.O. Box 39, Chanhassen, MN 5531-0039 at (952) 443-1422.

**NORTHWIND PERENNIAL FARM:** For info contact Northwind Perennial Farm, 7047 Hospital Rd, Burlington, WI 53105 at (262) 248-8229, see the website at [Northwind Perennial Farm](#) or email [info@northwindretail@wi.rr.com](mailto:info@northwindretail@wi.rr.com).

**OLBRICH BOTANICAL GARDENS:** For info contact [Olbrich Botanical Gardens](#), 3330 Atwood Ave., Madison, WI 53704; phone (608) 246-4550. Pre-registration required, including online registration from the OBG website.

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## August Garden Guide



- Mulch dahlias to conserve moisture and eliminate weeds.
- Stake plants with heavy blooms.
- Order spring-flowering bulbs for fall planting.
- Keep phlox plants deadheaded. Never let phlox go to seed if you want to keep colors true.
- Start seeds of Daisy, Coreopsis, Sweet William and Pansy in peat pots or nursery beds. Transfer to permanent beds in late September or early October.
- Cut gladiolus blooms leaving maximum amount of foliage on plants.
- Transplant and divide iris and day lily.
- Watch for red spider mites on phlox.
- In mid-month, take cuttings of coleus, geraniums and other plants for winter houseplants.
- Plant chrysanthemums for fall color. Fall planted chrysanthemums need extra winter protection.
- Plant Madonna lily and Japanese and Siberian iris.
- Continue watering flowerbeds at least once a week during dry periods.
- Plant or transplant oriental poppies. Do not mulch, as they prefer hot, sun-baked ground.
- Bring poinsettias indoors.
- By the end of the month, start withholding water from amaryllis. Amaryllis requires an eight-week period of drought to bloom. Place in cool basement for three-month rest.
- Sow cover crops in vegetable garden areas not in use.
- Cut and dry or freeze herbs. Pick herbs just before blossoms open for best flavor.
- Inspect corn regularly. Corn pests become abundant in mid-August.
- Keep eggplant and peppers picked so younger fruit develops.
- Plant late crops of radishes, lettuce, spinach and beets.
- Mid-August to mid-September is the best time to establish grass seed. Keep soil moist at all times or seed will dry and die.
- Plant evergreens now through mid-September so they are well established before winter.
- Remove thatch from lawn if more than one-half inch thick.
- Tip layer black and purple raspberries for replacement.
- Fertilize strawberries with 10-10-10 fertilizer applied at 2-3 pounds per 100 square feet. Thin plants if needed.
- Maintain lime-sulfur spray program on tree fruit to control apple and pear scab and certain other diseases.
- Collect and bury diseased, mummified plums for future brown-rot control.