

President's Corner

by Pat Adrian

The Twentieth annual Perennial Plant Sale is history! And it was one of the most successful sales ever! Hundreds of MGVs dug, potted, labeled, trimmed, transported, priced and SOLD almost 17,000 plants, trees and shrubs. Thank you, everyone, for everything you did to help our only fund raising event. The proceeds fund the support of 40+ gardens in Milwaukee and Waukesha counties at places including schools, hospital and historical sites. They make possible the training of Horticulture Help Line folks, advanced training for Master Gardeners, demonstrations and displays at the Home Show and State Fair and more.

I'd like to highlight the contributions of the many Master Gardeners who support our community gardens and still manage to attend Pot-A-Thons and Plant Sale week events. Spring is busy for gardeners anyway, but SEWMG volunteers work to clean up and plant community gardens, too. Special thanks to the four community gardens that came "full circle" by donating plants to the Plant Sale:

- ☼ Fox 6 Gardens donated Joe Pye Weed and Karl Forester Feather Reed Grass and more!

- ☼ The Zoo Butterfly Gardens donated Black Snakeroot and Pearly Everlasting.
- ☼ Longfellow School donated native plants and edible fruits like elderberry and currant bushes.
- ☼ Kindred Garden donated Bergenia - great foliage - as well as Liatris and Monarda.

For those of you who have asked how to donate plants for 2016, please start by checking out the Web site list of "Encouraged/Discouraged/Limited Quantity" plants. Photograph plants of unknown variety as they bloom during the year. Sales are so much easier if we have photos. Contact Patty Witt with your proposed list of donations so that she can help with digging decisions. For those of you who are not familiar with our practices, we use special potting mix, new pots and special labels for the plants.

Now that all of your Plant Sale purchases have been situated in your gardens, you may be wondering about upcoming SEWMG events. Our next two monthly business meetings will be held on July 8th and August 12th at 9:30 a.m. at Boerner. Please come and find out how you can win a

Quote of the day:

"Gardening requires lots of water - most of it in the form of perspiration." (Lou Erickson)

fabulous prize by answering the monthly quiz! August really heats up with two events. Four gardens will host a Public Garden Tour on August 8th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. See details in this newsletter and on our Web site. The Annual SEWMG Picnic will be held at Brookfield's Mitchell Park Pavilion on August 20th from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. We look forward to seeing you there!

One more plug for the annual WIMGA conference: it is being held in La Crosse on July 31st - August 1st. Registration closes on July 15th for what looks like a fabulous conference. Some workshops will be held outdoors, weather permitting, in a beautiful part of the state!

Remember to keep track of your community service and education hours. If you are a Garden Chairperson, please turn in your receipts as you incur expenses. This makes it easier to track budgets and send out timely reimbursements to you. Have a great summer!

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In-House Education Committee

by MGV Rita Piper, Committee Chair

The In-House Education programs are on hiatus until September, giving you time to focus on volunteering with our SEWMG projects, plus beautifying your own backyard gardens. In addition, abundant educational opportunities exist throughout the summer. If you hear an excellent speaker that would be appropriate for SEWMGV, please e-mail me with contact information and topic. Piperz2@sbcglobal.net.

In April, MGVs were treated to a seminar on Straw Bale Gardening by Mike Paik. We hope that some of you are trying out this different gardening style this summer.

In May, our own Lifelong Gardening Committee facilitated a hands-on session, teaching us proper use of adaptable garden tools. Many positive reviews were given for both sessions.

Upcoming Programs:

September

Thursday, September 10, 2015 - 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. at Boerner Botanical Gardens

Fall Gardening - "Preparing for Winter and Improvements for Next Year's Garden."

Patti Nagai, Ph.D. - Horticulture



Educator for Racine County UW-Ext.

Gardeners tend to be perfectionists and visionaries, but then a hefty dose of reality sets in once the garden season begins. Plans, designs, glorious catalog photos, and exciting new plants attract us, and we race to gather and plant in the spring. As the season progresses and Mother Nature rains us out, dries up our dreams, or sends swarms of insects, diseases, or some new invasive plant our way, gardening can be tiring. It is easy to get a little disenchanted. Fall is the best time to plan for the coming year, and for many plants, the best time to plant them. It is the season for gardeners to take a critical, loving look at their gardens and decide what changes can be made for a beautiful and healthy garden for next year. Patti will review traditional fall gardening tasks, and teach new ways of evaluating and improving our yard and garden areas.

October

Butterfly Gardening (not yet confirmed)

November

Saturday, November 7, 2015 - 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. at Shady Lane Greenhouses, W172 N7388 Shady Lane. Menomonee Falls



"Caring for Houseplants."

Heidi Hornung, Landscape Architect and Retail Manager of Shady Lane Greenhouses

Heidi will talk to us about houseplants. We will be at the greenhouses and will be able to see many plant varieties. She will discuss types of houseplants and their care, how to overwinter plants that have been outdoors, and ideas for houseplants for the holidays. She is an engaging speaker, who has presented to our group several times in the past. Heidi was born into the business and started working at the greenhouse when she was 10 or 11 years old. Her father, Karl, has been a big influence on her career choice, but her grandmother's garden in Germany was another inspiration.

In lieu of charging a speaker's fee, Heidi has asked that those attending the presentation bring five nonperishable food items that will be donated to Hunger Task Force.

The registration links for these programs will be sent out one month prior to the event.

2016 Dues News *by MGV Patty Witt, Membership Chair*

September 15th is coming up quickly and your 2016 SEWMG membership dues are due again. Please note that your dues are to be made payable to SEWMG, but mailed directly to Patty Witt. Please use the dues application when making your payment. The form can be found on the Master Gardener website under Documents (<http://fyi.uwex.edu/sewmg/documents>) or below.



SouthEast Wisconsin Master Gardeners, Inc.

Annual Dues Application

2016 DUES

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone: [home] _____

Telephone: [cell] _____

e-mail address: _____

Please share with us your skills, special talents, or areas of interest

- Graphics/Displays Finances/Accounting Other (list below): _____
- Computer Skills Teaching/Education _____
- Project Management Administrative/Support
- Event Planning Writing/Editing

SEWMG Dues is \$10.00 Per Year and

Includes Membership Dues for WIMGA

Please make check payable to **SEWMG** and mail to:

Patty Witt
16508 West Melody Court
New Berlin, WI 53151-9243

DUES ARE PAYABLE BY NOVEMBER 1, 2015

Garden Support Committee Update

by MGVs Patty Witt and Ken Loeffel, Garden Support Committee Co-Chairs

The Garden Support Committee (GSC) lends support to approved gardens through events and visits to the gardens. We always welcome MGVs to join us at our GSC meetings. Our next meeting is Wednesday, September 9th, 2015, right after the MGV Business Meeting (about 10:45 a.m.) at the Waukesha County Courthouse.

2015 Garden Tours. Susan Ratkowski and Liz Burke have planned wonderful visits to four approved gardens for Public Garden Tours on Saturday, August 8th, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Master Gardener Volunteers will be available at each garden to guide you and answer any of your questions. Following is a brief description for each garden:

Historic Dousman Stagecoach Inn - Brookfield--1075 Pilgrim Parkway Brookfield WI

The stately home, built in 1843 by the Dousman family, is on the National Historic Registry. Enjoy a quarter-acre prairie, filled with native plants. Adjacent to the Inn itself is an herb/kitchen garden with many vegetables grown during the era. The cottage garden of perennials and a butterfly garden typify the times. A raised bed holds many native Wisconsin plants, all of which are identified. A newly planted monarch garden features varied milkweeds. The gardens are replicas of those in the late 1800s. For more information, visit http://www.elmbrookhistoricalsociety.org/images/elmbrook_04.jpg

Eble Park Flower and Herb & Vegetable Gardens -19400 W Bluemound Road Brookfield WI
Perennials, herbs and vegetables call this patch of paradise home. Eble Park is part of the Waukesha County Park System. All produce grown in the space is donated to the Waukesha Food Pantry during the growing season. Stop by and smell the roses.

Pewaukee Public Library Rain Garden--201 Main St Pewaukee WI
The rain garden at the Pewaukee

Public Library celebrated its ninth year in May. With help from Pewaukee Middle School students and guidance from the Pewaukee River Partnership crew, approximately 1,100 native plant seedlings were planted over two days in early May 2006. The garden is planted in an area designated by the village planner as a retention pond for collecting/draining the rainwater and snow melt from the parking lot as well as large parts of the building roof.

Nugenesis Farm N 68 W 33208 County Road K Oconomowoc WI (At the intersection of County K and County C)

Nugenesis Farm has over 5,000 square feet (including over 70 raised garden beds) dedicated to hands-on garden education and vegetable production. NuGenesis is dedicated to teaching people how to grow, cook and understand the health benefits of specific garden vegetables. NuGenesis provides fresh produce to the Oconomowoc Food Pantry. There is a hoop house for year 'round vegetable production. For more information visit <http://www.nugenesisfarm.org/>

The public visits will take place on Saturday, August 8th, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. So --Save the date and tell your friends about this free event. See what other Master Gardener volunteers are doing at approved garden sites.

Mission Statement and Goals for Garden Support Committee

For the last several meetings the GSC has been refining a Mission Statement. We hope to finalize this in time for it to be included in the next newsletter. The GSC has started to prepare a Goals Statement. More information on this in future newsletter articles.

Please contact Patty Witt at pattywitt8@gmail.com or Ken Loeffel at kloeffel@wi.rr.com with any ideas or comments for the GSC.



Save the Date!
2015 Garden Tours
Saturday, August 8th
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



News from the County Offices *by Ann Wied, UWEX-Waukesha County Hort. Educator*

Capitol Connection - Trip to Madison

A big thank you to all of you who attended the "Capitol Connections" trip to Madison with the Milwaukee and Waukesha County Extension offices on April 30th. Those who attended were able to briefly explain the value of UWEX to their elected officials and/or staff. We appreciated the time you took to attend. Each county office had a bus filled with UW-



Extension program participants. In addition to the master gardeners on the bus, we also had 4-H youth, teens, and parents; community gardeners; county supervisors and other local elected officials; and a number of community development partners. Again, many thanks for taking the time to participate!

A Waukesha County Thank You!

A big thank you to a several master gardeners who have helped me on some smaller or short-term gardening projects.

Projects include: helping a senior raised bed garden project get up and running, staking the Waukesha County Community Gardens for the gardening season, getting a small community garden's raised beds ready for planting, maintaining a small neighborhood rain garden, and assisting at a neighborhood beautification program. Your help is greatly appreciated!

Want to learn more about any of these projects? Contact Ann Wied

Earning Those Hours *by MGJ Janet Wintersberger*

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the plant sale! SEWMG's only fundraiser is a huge effort and provided many opportunities to earn volunteer hours.

The plant sale is over and there are no in-house education programs scheduled for the summer. So how can you earn those volunteer and continuing education hours?

Volunteer Service Hours

There are 40+ approved gardens to choose from, as well as many youth activities. Several gardens are participating in tours this summer and need extra primping. Vegetable gardens in Milwaukee and Waukesha counties need care and will begin harvesting and donating produce to food pantries.

You can volunteer at a farmer's market having an Extension booth, or talk with visitors to the Zoo's Butterfly Habitat and Ethnic Gardens on special event days. In August, take a shift or two at our gardens at the State Fair. The fair runs from August 6th through 16th and morning, afternoon and evening shifts are available. You will interact with people who stop in the gardens.

Or volunteer for the Hort help lines in Milwaukee and Waukesha counties or at Boerner Botanical Gardens.

Or respond to one of Ann Wied's or Nancy Lehrer's e-mail requests for help.

Continuing Education on your own

Listen to the Larry Meiller broadcasts (on-air or on-line) featuring UW staff. On Wednesday evenings, take a garden

walk at Boerner Botanical Gardens. Attend a workshop or talk at a local garden center or nursery. Take a guided tour at a botanical garden. Listen to a presentation by a master gardener volunteer. Attend the state master gardener conference on July 31st - August 1st. Go on the trip to the gardens of Craig Bergmann and Cantigny with the SEW Trips & Tours committee on July 17th.

Time sheets are due September 15th.



WIMGA Conference, July 31st–August 1st, 2015

The 2015 WIMGA Annual Conference, hosted this year by the Bluff Country Master Gardener Association, will be held in La Crosse, Wisconsin. Bluff Country Master Gardeners are providing a great learning experience for anyone who wants to learn some new things about gardening, natives, urban homesteading, and more.

Conference organizers said, “We open the conference on Friday evening with a Social Hour, followed by our first keynote speaker, Roy Diblik (of Northwind Perennial Farm in Burlington, WI), introducing us to a thoughtful way to design perennial plantings to reduce maintenance and water use.

Saturday morning, we move to the La Crosse Center, where, for the next eight hours, you can hear our second keynote address, attend three different breakout sessions, shop our vendors, bid on our silent auction, view the Photography Contest entrants and winners, and—somewhere in the day—have lunch.

One new feature we are providing this year is off-site workshops. Several locations are Master Gardener Volunteer project sites; others are a short walk to the park across the street. Why not learn about trees, outside, with the trees! During the noon hour, ten sessions will be offered outside of the La Crosse Center, plus two will be inside. Participants will walk or ride a bus to these workshops, plus take their box lunch and enjoy a picnic!”

Choose from a variety of topics in the morning and afternoon breakout sessions to learn about hydrangeas, butterfly gardens, encouraging pollinators, growing grapes, children’s gardening, adaptive gardening, and other options.

To learn about the entire program, all the speakers, the detailed schedule, more about the Photography Contest, and to find out who the vendors will be, what exciting items you can try to win, where to stay and how to register, please

visit the website which will be continually updated until the conference, so visit it often. Online and mailed-in registration is now open and available! <http://www.bluffcountrymastergardeners.org/wimga-2015.html>



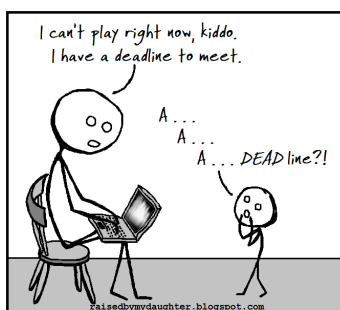
Riverside International Friendship Gardens, in Riverside Park, La Crosse. Learn how these gardens were designed and built—the challenges of creating a garden representing another part of the world.

Annual Reports & Budget Requests—September 15th Deadline

by MGJ Joy Towell, Finance Committee Chair

The Annual Garden Report form is required to retain approved garden project status for volunteer service hours. If funding is needed, the SEWMG Budget Request form must be submitted with the Annual Garden Report form. Both forms are due by September 15th, 2015.

The forms can be found on the Master Gardener website under Documents (<http://fyi.uwex.edu/sewmg/documents>) or from the UW-Extension office in Milwaukee. Follow the directions on the forms.



Deadlines.
Yeah, they're bad.

Please mail hardcopies of these reports to:
SEWMG Finance Committee
Milwaukee County Extension Office
9501 W. Watertown Plank Road, Bldg A
Wauwatosa, WI 53226

The Finance Committee will use these forms to prepare the 2016 Budget. To help us in this process, please submit the forms by the deadline, September 15th

Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

Volunteer Opportunities *by Nancy Lehrer, UW-Extension MGV Volunteer Coordinator*

The spring and early summer was a busy time for our speakers. Thank you to everyone for volunteering!

Many MGVs have been receiving personal requests for speaking or staffing booths. It is always gratifying to share our gardening knowledge. Please remember to send me a Program Request form two weeks before an event. I often need to make copies of the requested handouts. If Flip (Wilson) [our copy machines are named after comedians] or Betty (White) is needed by other Extension staff, I need to allow access to the copy machines. This can add significant time to the printing process. Thanks for your attention to this detail.

Consider attending a Plant Health Update this summer. Every other week, Sharon presents information on all the current pests and diseases that are visiting local gardens. Upcoming dates: July 1st, 15th & 29th and August 5th & 19th. All Plant Health Updates are scheduled at Boerner Botanical Garden, from 2:30 - 4:00 p.m. until September 30th.

July 2015

July 8th - 9:30 a.m. at Boerner Botanical Gardens
SEWMG Monthly Committee & Business Meeting.

July 11th - 8:00 a.m.- noon -
Greendale Garden Gazing.
SEWMGs will have a booth.

July 17th - Greg Bergman and Cantigny Gardens in Lake Forest Illinois
SEWMG Bus Trip. (see article on Trips & Tours)

July 31st - August 1st - *WIMGA Annual Conference.* in La Crosse, Wisconsin.
Registration required

August 2015

August 8th - 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
SEWMG Garden Tour. (Free)
Tour Locations will include: Pewaukee Public Library Garden, NuGenesis Farm, Historic Dousman Stagecoach Inn Museum and Eble Gardens
Open to the public

August 12th - 9:30 a.m. at Boerner Botanical Gardens
SEWMG Monthly Committee & Business Meeting

August 20th - 23rd at the Milwaukee County Zoo Gardens
Zoo Ala Carte Volunteers will be needed!

August 20th - 5:00. - 9:00 p.m. at Mitchell Park Pavilion in Brookfield
19900 River Road
MGV Annual Picnic.
Appetizers from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Entrees served at 6:00 p.m.
Main entrees and beverages provided by SEWMG officers
Members are asked to bring a dish to share.

September 2015

Level 1 Training begins

September 4th - Senior Celebration at the Zoo. Volunteers are needed.

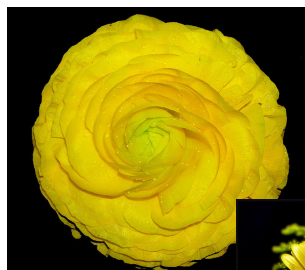
September 15th - *Volunteer hours and dues are due.*

Approved gardens chairs need to submit annual garden reports and budget requests. Approved project chairs need to submit budget requests.

Mark these dates on your calendar!
August 20th - *MGV Annual Picnic.*
Main entrees and beverages provided by SEWMG officers
Members are asked to bring a dish to share.

September 15th - *Volunteer hours and dues are due.*
Approved gardens chairs need to submit annual garden reports and budget requests.
Approved project chairs need to submit budget requests.

December 2nd - *SEWMG Holiday Party & Annual Meeting.*



Trips and Tours *by MGV Doris Fons, Chair Trips & Tours Committee*

On July 17th, we will be going to visit the gardens of Craig Bergmann, a landscape architect in Lake Forest, Illinois and then go to Cantigny. We will have lunch there and then see the gardens and mansion built by Robert R. McCormick, former editor/publisher of the Chicago Tribune. You can google the websites for both of these stops to check out the gardens we will visit. These are both very special gardens that you will enjoy.

Cost of the trip is \$42 for SEWMG members and \$47 for non-members.

Registration will began on June 9th at 6 a.m. by e-mail to Doris Fons at dorisann@wi.rr.com or phone 414-425-6072. Registrations are taken by time received. Contact Doris to be added to the wait list if the trip is full.

Departure will be from the State Fair Park & Ride at 7:30 a.m. and a second pick up at the College Ave. South West Park & Ride at 8:00 a.m. We will be returning about 5:30 p.m. There will be one bus for 55 people. All information will be in the letter sent to you if you are one the bus.

We are hoping for a beautiful sunny day to enjoy these great gardens so fun can be had by all. But, rain or shine, it will be a splendid day.

July 17th Trip

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Plant Sale Recap *by Patricia Adrian, President*

The SEWMG Perennial Plant Sale of 2015 was a rousing success from many perspectives! Hundreds of volunteers turned out to help with our fundraiser. Weather cooperated and, by 8:00 a.m., there were many people waiting at the gates to select from a fabulous variety of locally grown plants, shrubs and trees.

We celebrated 20 years of plant sales by giving each shopper a gift: many received a Milorganite sample (courtesy of MMSD); some received large and small garden gnomes sewn by MGV Alysia Owscarski; and the grand prize was a television set. Sales of SEWMG 20-Year Commemorative T-shirts paid for the purchased prizes and provided a profit.

We set records:

- ⊗ highest sale total to an individual,



- ⊗ highest sale total for the Silent Auction,
- ⊗ most (89) individual and SEWMG garden donors.

Saturday's plant sales equaled last year's sales on Friday, Saturday and Monday. I worked as a Tally person and we could barely take a breath from about 8:30 until after 10:00 a.m. One person purchased four sleds of plants!

Volunteers were very visible in neon yellow shirts. I'm sure they answered thousands of questions and helped our customer's select appropriate plants for their gardens. There were educational displays on invasive plants and lifelong gardening tools. Everyone was still smiling as the gates were closed in the early afternoon.

Thank you again, to the Plant Sale Committee and to our entire SEWMG membership for all you do.

Feedback please

We want your impressions of this year's sale and welcome constructive ideas for making next year's sale be even better. Send your thoughts to Ed Kraus, Plant Sale Committee at egkraus@sbcglobal.net

Take On a New Role

Two new Plant Sale positions are looking for "owners" for 2016. Would you be interested?

Help with Silent Auction - transport and set up Silent Auction items for Friday's Silent Auction and perhaps store them for a few days until the winning bidder can claim them.

Become a "Sign Coordinator" - organize and store existing plant sale photographs; create additional signs needed for plant varieties offered in 2016 sale. Locate, print and laminate new photographs. *Printing facilities are available at the UW-Extension offices and SEWMG owns a laminator.*

If you are interested in filling one of these new positions, please call Pat Adrian (262-560-9520) or send an e-mail to patadrian@sbcglobal.net.

MGVs @ Work Town Hall Library in Merton *by MGV Marilyn Guenther*

The Town Hall Library building was originally constructed to house the town hall for the town of Merton in NW Waukesha County. When the town outgrew the building, a library for the town residents was started in the space. Soon the stacks were overflowing and two additions have been built in the last 20 years. When the last was completed, it was decided to landscape the building with native Wisconsin wild flowers. At this time, the head librarian applied for UWEX-SEWMG approved garden status that was granted in 2011.

Surrounding the library are two rain gardens, one accepting water from the

roof gutters and the other holding water from parking lot runoff. A shade garden is on one side of the building with full sun gardens on the other. An area enclosed on three sides by entrance sidewalk and ramp features a wet garden. An herb garden for the community is on one side of the building and is cared for by the Friends of the Library.

Every spring the Kettle Moraine Garden Club plants a curbside annual garden in the parking area. A pollinator garden is being installed this month by the ecology club from Arrowhead High School and will be part of our varied garden projects.

Inside the library, a bulletin board has a plat of the plant layout and a binder with plant identification, pictures, and cultural care. The binder of all the native plants, pictures, and growing characteristics was developed for community use, because library patrons often ask the staff what plant is blooming in the garden. It's a well-used reference book.

We have held workshops for the community and fellow MGVs on pruning and also held a summer garden walk when blooming was at its height.

Come visit us just east of the corner of Highways 83 and VV in North Lake.





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Our Mission Statement

To support and assist UW-Extension in community horticulture programs through volunteerism, education and environmental stewardship.