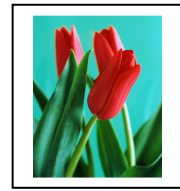


Wolf River Current



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Words from our County Agent

Hello Master Gardeners!

Spring is almost here! This means enjoying the tulips, mowing the lawn, and planting the garden. It also means that calls will soon be coming in to the Master Gardener Garden Line.

Whether it is in your own garden or when helping with a homeowner's question, even the most experienced Master Gardener will occasionally encounter the unknown. As a refresher, here are some of the services offered by UW-Extension which you may find helpful in the upcoming growing season.

UW Plant Disease Diagnostics Clinic – The clinic provides assistance in identifying plant diseases and provides information about diseases and their control. Samples can be analyzed for \$20.00.

UW Insect Diagnostic Lab – The lab can identify insects and insect damaged plant materials. Samples can be mailed in or send as digital photos via email. There is no charge for this service.

UW Turfgrass Diagnostic Lab – The lab provides diagnostic information and management recommendations for all turf health issues concerning both commercial turfgrass managers and homeowners. The fee for homeowners is \$20.00.

For more information about any of these services contact the Shawano County UW-Extension office or check out the WIMGA website.

Katie Behnke
UW-Extension Agriculture Agent



Hosta of the Year

By Josh Spece Source: www.inthecountrygardenandgifts.com

2011 Hosta of the Year - Hosta 'Praying Hands'

With the overwhelming number of new Hosta varieties introduced every year, it is a daunting task for nurseries and gardeners alike to decide what varieties to grow. The American Hosta Growers Association tries to make this decision easier and has chosen a Hosta of the Year every year since 1996. Part of the AHGA's goal is to recognize Hosta varieties that are all around great plants. The hosta chosen as Hosta of the Year is a variety that makes a good garden plant in all regions of the country, is widely available, and retails for about \$15 the year it is selected. The Hosta of the Year plants are aimed more toward the general gardener rather than Hosta collectors. In fact, many collectors have grown Hosta of the Year selections for years before they are designated Hosta of the Year. Plants awarded Hosta of the Year are not the latest and greatest Hosta introductions. One of the major factors when selecting HOTY is that it must perform well in all areas of the United States where Hostas will grow. For this to be known, Hosta of the Year will always be a variety that has been around long enough to have been grown in a wide variety of gardens and climates. Only after a Hosta has proven itself in the gardens of collectors across the country will it be considered as a potential Hosta of the Year.

Menominee-Shawano County Master Gardener Officers	
President	Karen Childs
Vice President	Patricia Gwidt
Secretary	Kris Doan
Treasurer	Pat Pamperin
State Representative	Lorin Preston
At Large Members	Joanne Meisner/Gail Wiley
County Agent	Katie Behnke
Historian	Brenda Bartz
Editors	Brenda Bartz & Renee Elertson

Club Volunteer Opportunities

Starting your own seeds this spring?

Remember that misting the seedlings with a mixture of 1 cup 3% hydrogen peroxide & 1 gallon of distilled water is helpful in preventing damping off disease.

2011 Core Activities: Our Organization Sponsored Activities for All Members to Participate In

Farmers Market	Chair: Lorin Preston	Answer questions at the Farmers Market. Mid June-Mid October.
Garden Line	Chair: Becky Reich	Assist UW Extension-Shawano. June through October.
Shawano Co. Fair	Chair: Pat Gwidt	Assist the judges with plant check in, handling, etc.

2011 Affiliated Activities: Activities Our Organization Has Been Requested To Participate In

Apple Tasting	Chair: Gail Wiley & Pat Gwidt	Assist with setting up, cutting, serving, clean up.
Community Garden	Chair: Lorin Preston & Pat Gwidt	Provide assistance at a local community garden.
Gibson Island	Chair: Kris Doan	Assist with plant identification.
Huber Garden	Chair: Lorin Preston	Assist with production garden for the Huber Facility.
Educational Seminars	Chair: Pat Gwidt	Organize schedule for Seminars at Menominee and Shawano County UW Extension Offices

2011 Qualifying Activities: Activities Our Members Participate In On an Individual Basis

Courthouse Memorial	Chair: Amy Damveld
Heritage Park Gardens	Chair: Karen Childs
Marion Library Gardens	Chair: Pat Pamperin
Mielke Theater Gardens	Chair: Joanne Meisner
Navarino Wildlife Center Gardens	Chair: Joanne Meisner
Sacred Heart Catholic Church	Chair: Joanne Meisner
St Michael's Gardens, Keshena	Chair: Pat Gwidt
ThedaCare Physicians Courtyard	Chair: Reneé Elertson
Tigerton Gardens	Chair: Todd Pamperin
Wolf River Lutheran High School	Chair: Kathy Braun



(Note: All Core, Affiliated, and Qualifying Activities must meet the requirements of the UW-Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Program).

2011 Club Educational Growth Opportunities

May 23: Container Gardening at 6 p.m. at Mason Woods.

June 27: Arbor View Educational Tour at 6 p.m.

July 25: Lorin Preston Educational Tour at 6 p.m.

August 22: Patricia Gwidt Educational Tour at 6 p.m.

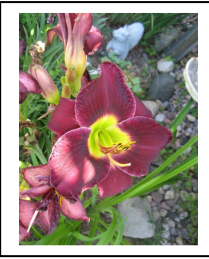
Club Fundraising Events

September 8 Apple Tasting, Keshena-6:00 p.m.

October 6 Apple Tasting, Qualheim's True Value, Shawano-6:00 p.m.

Did you know?

When using daffodils in bouquets with other flowers, keep the daffodils in water by themselves for six hours first. Sap from daffodils can clog other flowers' stems. Keep cool and out of direct sunlight. Check water level often. Daffodils drink water quickly



Club Meeting Calendar For 2011



March

3/28/11 Monthly meeting at 6 p.m. at Qualheim's True Value, 1345 E Green Bay St, Shawano, WI.

April

4/25/11 Monthly meeting at 6 p.m. at Qualheim's True Value, 1345 E Green Bay St, Shawano, WI.

May

5/23/11 Container Gardening at 6 p.m. at Mason Woods.

June

6/27/11 Arbor View Educational Tour at 6 p.m., Embarrass.

July

7/25/11 Lorin Preston Educational Tour at 6 p.m.-vegetables.

August

8/22/11 Patricia Gwidt Educational Tour at 6 p.m.-hostas.

September

9/26/11 Monthly meeting at 6 p.m. at Qualheim's True Value, 1345 E Green Bay St, Shawano-hours and dues due.

October

10/24/11 2012 Planning Meeting at 6 p.m. at Qualheim's True Value, 1345 E. Green Bay St. Shawano, WI.

November

11/21/11 Monthly Meeting at 6 p.m. at Qualheim's True Value, 1345 E. Green Bay St. Shawano, WI.

December

No meeting due to the holiday season.

Board Meetings

May 9: Shawano UW Extension Office 6 p.m.

September 12: Shawano UW Extension Office 6 p.m.

Educational Fun Nite Feb 28, 2011

DVD: *Squirrel Wars and How to Win Them*

Present: Karen Sojka, Kathy Braun, Joanne Meisner, Todd Pamperin, Pat Pamperin, Pat Gwidt, Renee Elertson

Door Prize-Ceramic Turtle: Made & Donated by Brenda Bartz



**Prize Winner:
Karen Sojka**

Community Events & Educational Calendar

- March 17** Qualheim's True Value Seminar 6 p.m. – Chocolate Gardens for Wisconsin Gardeners, Laurie Weiss
March 19 Apple Valley Nursery and Orchards -10 a.m. – Retaining wall patio installation 101 workshop
March 22 Green Bay Botanical Garden – Celebrate Spring Solstice! River Rock & Mosaic Birdhouse 6-9 p.m.; David Calhoun
Swanstone Gardens
March 26 Cedar Creek Mall Garden Seminars, Wausau
March 30 Fruit Tree Seminar, Keshena 5 p.m. Scott Ruess
April 9 Green Bay Botanical Garden – Spring Thaw Symposium: Luscious Landscapes; 9 am to 3 pm
April 11 Rain Barrels, Keshena 5 p.m. Todd and Pat Pamperin
April 12 Green Bay Botanical Garden – Hardscape Materials for the Homeowner; 6-7:30 p.m.; Bob Klovas – Unilock Territory
Manager & Ed Frommung – Halquist Stone Sales Representative
April 14, May 12, June 9 Green Bay Botanical Garden – Guided Photography Workshop; 10:30-noon OR 12:30-2 pm OR 6-7:30 pm
Paul Manke - Paul D. Manke Photography (www.mankestudios.com)
April 16 Green Bay Botanical Garden – Sustainable Lawn Care 10:30-12 pm Vijai Pandian - UW Extension Horticulture Educator
April 19 Green Bay Botanical Garden – Seed Starting; 6-7:30 pm Lynn Clark - Wisconsin Master Gardener Volunteer
April 26 Green Bay Botanical Garden – BATS! BATS! BATS! 6-7:30 pm; Richard Novy - Bat Ecologist
April 27 Green Bay Botanical Garden – Herbs of the Bible; 6-7:30 pm Jackie Johnson and Kristin Urban - Northeast Wisconsin Unit
of the Herb Society of America
April 27 Living Wreath, Keshena 5 p.m. Patricia Gwidt and Karen Childs
May 2 Living Wreath, Shawano 6 p.m. Karen Childs and Patricia Gwidt
May 3 Green Bay Botanical Garden – Glass on Glass: Butterfly Garden Stake; 6-8 pm David Calhoun - Swanstone Gardens
May 6 Green Bay Botanical Garden – National Public Gardens Day; 9 am - 5 pm. Free admission for all!
May 7 Green Bay Botanical Garden – A Gardener's Guide to Soil; 10:30-12 pm
May 8 Green Bay Botanical Garden – Mother's Day Open House; 9 am - 5 pm. All moms receive free admission.
May 17 Green Bay Botanical Garden – Spring Mushrooms; 6-7:30 pm; Matt Welter - Mushroom Enthusiast; Curator of Education
at Neville Public Museum
May 17 Living Wreath, Pulaski 5:30 p.m. Karen Childs and Patricia Gwidt
May 19 Green Bay Botanical Garden – Taste Bud: Outdoor Culinary Experience & Silent Auction; 5:30-8:30 pm
May 21 Green Bay Botanical Garden – Family Gardening: Peas In A Pod Planting Orientations (choose one): 9-10:30 am OR 10:30
am-noon OR Tuesday, May 24 · 4:30-6 pm
May 21 Green Bay Botanical Garden – Family Gardening: Grow and Learn Garden Containers Planting Orientations (choose one):
11:30 am-noon OR Tuesday, May 24 · 6-6:30 pm
May 23 Container Gardening 6 p.m. Mason Woods
May 24 Green Bay Botanical Garden – Phenology – The Best Kept Secret in Plant Health Care; 6-7:30 pm Dan Traas –
Ranger Services; Adjunct NWTC Horticulture Instructor
May 26 Green Bay Botanical Garden – Rose Selection and Care; May 26 · 6-7:30 pm Lee Hansen - American Rose Society
Consulting Rosarian; Adjunct NWTC Horticulture Instructor
May 30 Green Bay Botanical Garden – Memorial Day Open House · Monday, May 30 · 9 am to 5 pm. All veterans receive
free admission.
June 4, 5 Green Bay Botanical Garden – 27th Annual Garden Fair; Saturday · 8 am to 4 pm; Sunday · 9 am to 3 pm
June 27 Arbor View Tour, Embarrass 6 p.m.
July 12, 13, 14 Farm Technology Days
July 25 Lori Preston Education Tour 6 p.m.- vegetables
August 5-7 Annual WIMGA Conference, Madison
August 22 Patricia Gwidt Education Tour 6 p.m.- hostas
August 30-Sept 5 – Shawano County Fair
September 8 Appleton tasting 6 p.m., Keshena
October 4 Composting, Pulaski 5:30 p.m. Becky Reich and Patricia Gwidt
October 6 Apple Tasting 6 p.m. Qualheim's True Value
October 18 Putting Your Garden to Bed, Pulaski 5:30 p.m. Lorin Preston



Ctrl +click on the following link to access more educational events listed on the WIMGA site: <http://wimastgardener.org/?q=EventsList>