Congratulations !!
The following were recognized for achieving milestone hours:

150 Hours
Mary Kiel and Judy Lango

250 Hours
Marilyn Kroening and Paula Radl

750 Hours
Pat Hollen

1000 Hours
Judy Tisler

Save The Date
The Annual Dinner
When:  April 25, 2014
Where:  Machut’s Supper Club
Family Style Sit-Down Dinner
6:00 pm

More details to come....

Hello everyone –

My name is Teri Zuege-Halvorsen and I am the new Family Living Educator for Manitowoc UW-Extension. I transferred from Calumet County UW-Extension where I was the Family Living Educator for 6 ½ years. I also had previous experience with UW-Extension as I was the nutrition educator for the Wisconsin Nutrition Education Program in Manitowoc County from 1999-2001.

I was born in Kewaunee, WI and moved to Manitowoc County when I was 15 years old. I have lived in Manitowoc County most of my adult life. My home is located on the northeast side of the City of Manitowoc where I can see and hear Lake Michigan. I love the lake and really appreciate the beauty it provides to our community.

My educational background includes a Bachelor of Science degree from UW-Green Bay in Human Biology with an emphasis in Nutritional Science and in Psychology and a Master of Science degree in Management and Organizational Behavior from Silver Lake College. I have worked in both private and public organizations which I feel helps me understand our community and issues that it faces from a variety of perspectives.

I have been married for 25 years to Halvor Halvorsen. My son Cody is 23 years old and he is a sophomore at UW-Manitowoc. Our family really enjoys all of the outdoor activities this area has to offer. In the summer we enjoy biking, kayaking and jet skiing and in the winter we love to ski and snowshoe. I also love to read and garden.

Since arriving at the Manitowoc UW-Extension office on October 7th, 2013 I have been conducting a needs assessment to determine where I will focus my programming efforts. I look forward to meeting all of you and hopefully working on future projects together. Have a wonderful holiday season and a Happy New Year!

Sincerely,
Teri Zuege-Halvorsen
Family Living Educator
UW-Extension
Master Gardener Volunteer Diagnostic Training

Do you need a brush up on plant diagnostic resources? Sign up for a 6-week training program! The cost to attend is $10 per person (payable to Brown County Treasurer).

Friday, March 7: 2 PM – 4 PM
Intro to Diagnostics – Step-by-Step Approach
What Resources do I Utilize?

Friday, March 14: 2 PM – 4 PM
What Bug is it? Learn to Identify Bugs & Control Strategies

Friday, March 21: 2 PM – 4 PM
Common Landscape Diseases & Management

Friday, March 28: 2 PM – 4 PM
Soil Test & Nutrient Deficiency

Friday, April 4: 2 PM – 4 PM
Tree & Shrub Info

Friday, April 11: 2 PM – 4 PM
Lawn & Vegetable Info

All classes will be held at the Ag & Extension Service Center, 1150 Bellevue Street, Green Bay.

Level 2 Training: Branching Out
Copied from Mike’s newsletter

◦ There will be at least 12 hours of continuing education available
◦ Dr. Laura Jull is slated to present on tree diversity and selection.
◦ Dr. Chris Williamson will update us about EAB; we’ll have a piece added on how MGVs should respond to EAB inquiries.
◦ Kimberly Miller is working with the WI DNR Urban Foresters for a module on the benefits of trees.
◦ I will do a module on tree identification. I’m also hosting 4 optional tree identification workshops at a couple awesome arboreta in the area.
◦ MGVs will have an opportunity to earn community education volunteer hours by opting to participate in a virtual leaf collection.

Cost: Approx. $30.00

Registration will be available in mid-January with the class being online by the end of March/early April.
2014 Garden Series —
To learn, experience, & enjoy

February 1, March 1, & April 5
Ag & Extension Service Center, 1150 Bellevue St., Green Bay

1) Saturday, February 1—10 am to 12:30 pm
“New & Improved Vegetable Cultivars for Home Gardeners” and "Organic Management Options for Gardeners"
Guest speaker: Erin M. Silva, PhD, Organic Production Scientist, University of Wisconsin

2) Saturday, March 2—10 am to 12:30 pm
“Edible Landscape for Urban Environment”
Guest speaker: Brian R. Smith, PhD, State Extension Commercial Fruit Specialist, University of Wisconsin-River Falls

3) Saturday, April 5—10 am to 12:30 pm
“Integrating Native Prairies in the Urban Landscape”
Guest speaker: Neil Diboll, Senior Ecologist & President, Priarie Nursery, Inc. - Westfield, WI

Individual sessions—$15 each: Register no later than one week before the session.

Checks payable to: NEW Master Gardener Assn.
Send to:
Horticulture Program
Brown County UW-Extension
1150 Bellevue St.
Green Bay, WI 54302-2259

Garden Expectations
State Conference 2014

Join us at the beautiful Radisson Paper Valley Hotel and Conference Center in downtown Appleton on March 28 and 29, 2014 for the Garden Expectations Annual WIMGA Conference. Each year, the Outagamie County Masters Gardener Association hosts a Garden Expectations conference and, in 2014, will combine the event with the annual Wisconsin Master Gardeners conference. The 2-day event will be jam-packed with wonderful speakers on a wide variety of topics, and you'll have the opportunity to visit with vendors introducing some interesting and exciting products.

Dan Heim, Terra Nova Nurseries, will be the keynote speaker on both Friday night and Saturday morning. His presentations will be "Right Plant-Right Place" on Friday night, and "Perennials for Containers" on Saturday morning.

Saturday break-out sessions:
•Mushroom Hunting
•Growing and Using Herbs
•Permaculture
•Bees and Beekeeping
•Native Plants
•Innovations in Indoor Gardening
•Trash to Treasure Garden Accents
•Hostas

Registration fees will include all sessions and speakers, access to the myriad of vendors that will be in attendance, refreshments at Friday night's social hour (cash bar), continental breakfast on Saturday morning, and lunch on Saturday. All events will be held at the Radisson Paper Valley Hotel and Conference Center, and a block of rooms has been set aside for our use. Registration fees will be:
•Registration before February 1: $65
•Registration between February 1 and February 28: $70
•Registration after February 28: $75
Date: November 25, 2013
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Place: Manitowoc County Office Complex
Attendance: 15
Education: Robin Loritz of the Flower Gallery – 20-min.

President Pat Hollen called the November meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The October minutes were approved as published in the newsletter. The Treasurer provided her report.

Old Business
Pat stated that with Pat Wiegert’s recent resignation from the Board of Directors it was necessary to choose a replacement for her. According to the by-laws, the other six members of the board met and then asked Carol Lallensack to fill Pat’s term.

The Christmas Potluck will be held at the Extension Offices on December 9th at 6:00 p.m. Bring a dish to pass and there is also an optional $10 gift exchange. Sandy, Marilyn Starzewski, and Annette are on the committee.

Membership dues of $10 are to be paid to Doris by January 1st.

Chelle informed us that on November 9th the Urban Green Gang pulled all the downtown planters with the exception of four which were to be filled with decorations for winter interest.

Early registration is November 29th for the 2014 Garden Series.

New Business
The WIMGA report from Judy Lango was not available.

Our member, Eugene Piette, passed away in September, and $215 was designated as a memorial to the Manitowoc Master Gardeners. Pat would appreciate ideas by spring on how best to use this money.

Renee questioned what date we should set for our Annual Dinner in April. After a brief discussion, it was decided that it would be held on April 25th at Machut’s Supper Club. Renee will reserve that date.

Level 2 Training will begin live on March 25th, April 1st, 8th, and 15th. The topic for the 2014 training session is Woody Plants.

We received notification from Woodland Dunes that our membership of $100 is up for renewal. Annette made a motion that we send them a check for the $100. Toni seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Judy Yanda made a motion to adjourn, with a second from Marilyn. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Tisler
Secretary
Date: December 9, 2013
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Place: Manitowoc County Office Complex
Attendance: 19 members, 1 guest
Education: 15 minutes – “Guess the Seed” game

The Master Gardener’s annual Holiday Potluck was held at the Manitowoc County Office Complex. The organization provided broasted chicken, and each attendee brought a dish to pass. After the meal, several games were played, prizes awarded and gifts were exchanged. Appreciation was given to the planning committee of Sandy Stock, Marilyn Starzewski, and Annette Paul for a fun filled evening.

Our WIMGA representative, Judy Lango, distributed Member-In-Good-Standing cards and stickers to the 33 members (out of a total of 44) who attained recertification for 2014. Congratulations to Mary Kiel and Judy Lango for 150 hours, Marilyn Kroening and Paula Radl for 250 hours, Pat Hollen for 750 hours, and Judy Tisler for 1000 hours.

An update was given on the WIMGA State Convention to be held in Appleton on March 28-29, 2014. The Outagamie Co. Master Gardeners are requesting silent auction items or a cash donation from other MG organizations in the state. Rosie Bugs made a motion to send a cash donation of $50 for the silent auction. Pat Hollen seconded and the motion was carried. Tickets were also available for a quilt raffle to be held at the convention.

In 2016 the Upper Midwest Master Gardener Conference will be held in Wisconsin. Local groups are encouraged to discuss any possible interest they might have in hosting the conference.

Respectfully submitted,

Renee Lemberger
Acting Secretary
I always thought of plants as little lives in a pot, just like books were like minds on a shelf.

-- Ann Hazelwood