Save The Date

The Annual Dinner

When: April 25, 2014

Where: Machut’s Supper Club

Family Style Sit-Down Dinner
Broasted Chicken & Beef Tips

6:00 pm

$15.75 per person

Speaker: Rob Zimmer
Post-Crescent Newspaper

Topic: Hostas

Make checks out to:
Master Gardeners of Manitowoc County

Send checks to:
Renee Lemberger
11704 County Road K
Reedsville, WI 54230

Deadline: April 9, 2014

NEW AND UNDERUSED INTRODUCTIONS OF COLD HARDY PLANTS

Presented by Mark Konlock, Director of Horticulture, Green Bay Botanical Gardens

Make a splash in your home garden with a new or underused perennial, tree or shrub

Free and open to the public....bring a friend!

Monday, March 24, 7 p.m.
UW-Extension Office
4319 Expo Drive
Manitowoc WI

Mandated Reporter Training

http://fyi.uwex.edu/wimastergardener/2013/12/03/mandatory-reporter-online-training/

This is the link to take the MANDATED Reporter Training

This must be done by October 1, 2014

Turn in certificate in at any monthly meeting.
Monthly Meeting Dates

**March 24, 2014**
Meeting starts at 5:30 pm
7:00 pm Presentation by
Mark Konlock
Manitowoc Co. Office Complex

**April 25, 2014**
Annual Dinner
See info on page 1

**May 19, 2014**
Cleanup at Zoo Gazebo with a potluck supper
Time: TBA

2014 Garden Series — To learn, experience, & enjoy

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

3) Saturday, April 5—10 am to 12:30 pm
“Integrating Native Prairies in the Urban Landscape”
Guest speaker: Neil Diboll, Senior Ecologist & President, Prairie 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

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 Brown County UW-Extension, 1150 Bellevue St., Green Bay, WI 54302-2259).

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.

Get Ready...Get Set...Garden Sauk County Master Gardeners

April 5, 2014 -- 8:30am - 3pm
505 Broadway, Baraboo
Registration due Monday, March 24

Topics include:
Hoop Houses and Greenhouses
Why Garden? For the health of it...
Vegetable Diseases
Seed Savers
Yard MD blog: Master Gardener classes underway

All spring and summer, I'll be showing you what it takes to become a Master Gardener volunteer in Wisconsin.

Outagamie County Master Gardener classes for 2014 are underway.

The certification program, which runs through July, focuses on education, along with developing volunteers willing, able and excited to sharing their love and passion for gardening, plants, soils, fruits, vegetables and more with friends, neighbors and strangers.

I’ll be following, and participating in, the class, and showing you, step-by-step, all along the way, what it takes to become a certified Master Gardener in Wisconsin.

The revamped program focuses on hands-on gardening activities that help to cement the knowledge more effectively than straight lecture.

In addition to completing the classroom certification program, master gardeners are required to do a certain number of both education hours and service hours each year to keep their membership current.

In exchange for the education they receive, class members are expected to give back in the form of time spent in any number of sanctioned projects, meetings and activities that allow them to earn experience, grow and assist the organization.

First up, those interested in becoming a master gardener complete paperwork and application and attend an interview to give facilitators their input, expectations and goals from the program.

The introductory session allows class members to meet most, if not all of the facilitators they will be working with, as well as provide information on the program, locations of classes, background on the UW Extension system, snacks, surprises and more.

What exactly is a master gardener? It might be easier to explain what they are not.

A master gardener is not someone who is expected to know everything about gardening, plants, soils, pests and more.

Even the professionals don’t have that deep a knowledge base. But you’ll definitely learn where to find the answers through a well-organized system of resources at your disposal.

A master gardener is also not one who soaks up all of the knowledge they receive, then goes home and gardens all on their own without ever sharing their knowledge and experience.

Instead, plenty of opportunities are provided to share the wealth of knowledge you receive with others in the community, whether they are family, friends or even complete strangers. There are also ample opportunities to continue your education for years, even decades to come.

In fact, continued education is such an important part of the program, that master gardeners are required to complete 10 hours of continued education each year. And there are many ways to do this.

— Rob Zimmer
Date: February 24, 2014  
Time: 6:00 p.m.  
Place: Manitowoc County Office Complex  
Attendance: 19  
Education: Jeff Edgar of Silver Creek Nursery - 90 min.

President Pat Hollen called the February meeting to order. Minutes were read and the treasurer provided her report. Pat began by asking that we remember Vickie Mayer who passed recently and also Sandy Stock who is recovering from a fall.

Old Business
Renee informed us that the Annual Dinner Meeting will be held at Machut’s Supper Club in Two Rivers on Friday, April 25th at 6:00 p.m. Meal Choices were discussed and it was decided that the menu would be chicken and beef tips at $15.75 per person. Checks payable to Master Gardeners of Manitowoc County need to be mailed to Renee by April 8th. The speaker will be Rob Zimmer, staff writer with the Post Crescent, discussing hostas.

Pat advised us that those wishing to vote in the WIMGA Member-At-Large election have until March 26th to do so.

Chelle had copies of handouts and press releases available for the March 24th presentation by Mark Konlock. This event will be open to the public and will begin at 7:00 p.m. The regular MG monthly meeting will be held at 5:30 that evening.

Rosie would like us to donate money for plants at the Veteran’s Memorial in memory of Karen Seipel. She made a motion to donate $25 for Karen and use $25 from Eugene Piette’s memorial fund to also purchase plants in his memory. Judy Yanda seconded the motion; the motion carried. She would like us to regularly send $25 from the MG group to the family of a member who dies.

New Business
Marilyn recently spoke with Mike Maddox regarding the Level I training. This year there are 14 counties who have set up a program and offer a price range from $225 in Dane County to $60 in Marinette County. Mike told Marilyn that the class will consist of 36 hours of videos on line, and he suggested charging $40 for each enrollee. Classes need to include hands-on activities, and class members should meet every couple weeks to do volunteer work together in the area. He also suggests starting the training in late spring. The education committee will need to discuss this further, but we possibly will not be offering the training until 2015.

The Fond du Lac Master Gardeners will be holding their “Day in the Garden” this Saturday, March 1st.

Chris Hamburg of the Lester Public Library would like a Master Gardener to give a presentation on how to start a vegetable garden. Kelly Vanderstelt offered to speak with Chris.

Chelle informed us that the nominating committee will be sending out emails asking for members who would be interested in being nominated for three open board member positions. Carol Lallensack (who is filling Pat Wiegert’s term), Marilyn Starzewski, and Judy Tisler will have completed their 3 year terms. Only members in good standing are eligible to serve on the board. Response is needed by April 1st.

Earth Day activities are scheduled for April 26th from 10 until 2. We have been asked to do a presentation on invasive species. Doris, Gladwyn, and Rosie volunteered to do this.

Pat explained the state mandated reporter-training certification. It is mandatory that everyone completes this hour-long course on the computer prior to October 1st and turns in the certificate to be kept on file at the Extension Offices. There are no exceptions to this, and it is required for anyone wishing to remain a Master Gardener Volunteer.

Toni informed us that Don Koeser, the School to Work Coordinator at Two Rivers High School, is planning to add another 8 x4 raised bed for vegetables and was wondering if we could help him. This will be discussed further next month.
Gladwyn stated that he received very little help with his scheduled invasive weed pulls last year. He will try it one more year and hopes that more volunteers will assist in the removal of the invasive weeds.

Doris reminded us of the upcoming Annual WIMGA Conference in Appleton on March 28-29.

Rosie recently attended a very interesting Proven Winners Seminar.

Bernie made a motion to adjourn, with a second from Connie. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Tisler, Secretary

MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEERS OF MANITOWOC COUNTY
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Date: February 6, 2014
Time: 4:00 p.m.
Place: Manitowoc County Office Complex
Board Members Present: Chelle Blaszczyk, Pat Hollen, Carol Lallensack, Renee Lemberger, Doris Magyar, Marilyn Starzewski, Judy Tisler. Also Present: Judy Lango

The first order of business was the discussion of speakers for the months of February, March, and April. Chelle has contacted Jeff Edgar of Silver Creek Nursery as a speaker for February's meeting. He will be discussing trees and shrubs for landscaping as well as the Tree Research and Endowment Fund and heritage trees and historic fruit trees. The February 24th meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m.

Mark Konlock will be the speaker for the March 24th meeting with a presentation titled "New and Underused – Introductions of Cold Hardy Plants." His fee is $200, which includes his mileage, and he is scheduled for 7:00 that evening in Room 300. The recommendation of the board is that this will be free to the public as an educational service to the community. Publicity will include the HTR and Lakeshore Chronicle, Valders Journal, Facebook, radio stations, and possibly the marquee in the Farmer's Market area. Chelle will do the press release and a few 8 ½ x 11 posters. We will provide information on the Master Gardener program and a signup sheet for those interested in taking the basic class. Doris will confirm the date and time with Mark.

Renee has the Annual Dinner Banquet set for 6:00 on April 25th at Machut's Supper Club. The speaker for the evening will be Rob Zimmer, staff writer with the Post-Crescent. The club will pay for his meal, and the menu and prices for the family-style dinner will be discussed at the February meeting. Renee will also confirm with Rob the subject matter for his presentation.

Marilyn will be attending the Garden Expo in Madison and hopes to speak with Mike Maddox and will provide us with an update on the Level 1 training.

Pat has been corresponding with Suzanne Lawrence from the UW-Manitowoc. The University would like to offer a "Garden Expo" in March of 2015, which would include educational courses and speakers for the general public. Suzanne would be interested in our ideas and input, and it would be good publicity for the Master Gardener program. This is just in the planning stages as yet.

Pat discussed the mandated reporter certification. This is mandated from the state and everyone must take the hour-long course on the computer prior to October 1st to remain a Master Gardener. There are no exceptions regarding this. The copies of these certificates will be kept on file at the Extension Office. This will be discussed at February's meeting.

The May meeting will be the spring cleanup at the Lincoln Park Zoo gazebo area followed by a potluck, and the June meeting will be at Phyllis Schipper’s home. The July meeting may possibly be a tour of a vineyard, which Doris will confirm. Bookworm Gardens is the site for the August meeting, and Gary Sydow will be speaking to us in September on beekeeping. Renee will be contacting a photographer for the October meeting, which will be open to the public. Ivy Trails Garden Center is the destination for the November meeting.

In early March, the nominating committee will be contacting members interested in serving on the board.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Judy Tisler, Secretary
Spring is nature's way of saying, "Let's party!"
~ Robin Williams