MGV Meetings

There will be NO January Meeting

Feb 25, 2013
Monthly Meeting
6:30 pm

Location: Manitowoc Co. Office Complex
Speaker: Kevin Palmer/MGV Website/ Plant Clinic

2013 Garden Series

To learn, experience, and enjoy

Saturday Feb. 2 -- 10 am - 12 pm
“Attracting Beneficial Insects and Pollinators in the Landscape”
Speaker: Phil Pellitteri

Saturday, March 2 -- 10 am - 12 pm
“Gardening in the Shade”
Speaker: Dave Wanninger

Saturday, April 6 -- 10 am - 12 pm
“Designing with Annuals & Perennials in Your Home Garden”
Speaker: Mark Dwyer

Full Series
Register December 1 or later: $40

Individual Sessions:
Register December 1 or later: $15

Checks Payable to: Brown Co. Treasurer

Location & Send Registration to:
Horticulture Program
Brown County UW-Extension
1150 Bellevue St
Green Bay, WI 54302-2259

Plant Diagnostician Series -- 2013

Do you need a brush up on plant diagnostic resources? Sign up for a 4-week training program! The cost to attend is $10 per person and has a minimum volunteer requirement of 2 hours at the Horticulture Help Desk during the 2013 growing season. Participants will be teamed with experienced staff at the Help Desk.

Friday, March 15: 2 PM – 4 PM Intro to Diagnostics – Step-by-Step Approach in Diagnosing Plant Problems
What Resources do I Utilize?

Friday, March 22: 2 PM – 4 PM What Bug is It? Learn to Identify Bugs & Control Strategies

Friday, April 5: 2 PM – 4 PM Common Landscape Diseases & Management

Friday, April 12: 2 PM – 4 PM Plant I.D. & Plant Nutrient Deficiency Disorders

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

Jan 21, 2013  Planning For Your Garden  Green Bay Botanical Garden, Green Bay, WI
Tired of being bundled up in winter garb? Sick of being cooped up? Let’s grab the seed catalogs and dream! NEW MGV Lynn Clark will share insights on selecting annuals and vegetables for your garden in this class from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. She’ll cover what to look for in selecting your seeds, discuss resources including horticultural bulletins, and share tips learned through plant trials at the Garden. $14 ($7 member).

Jan 26, 2013  17th Annual Toward Harmony with Nature Conference  Oshkosh, WI
Offered by the Wild Ones, this day-long conference features the keynote address Ecological Restoration: Extending Leopold’s Legacy in the 21st Century by Curt Meine, Senior Fellow at the Aldo Leopold Foundation. Nine breakout sessions cover topics including woodland species, native plants for wet places, bird friendly yards, State Natural Areas. Also a silent auction and vendors. At the Oshkosh Convention Center. For more information see http://www.towardharmonywithnature.org

Feb 2, 2013  Winter Escape ~ Summer Dreams Conference  Oshkosh, WI
The Winnebago Co. MGA is hosting their annual seminar from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Reeve Memorial Union on the UW-Oshkosh Campus. Featured speakers are Michael Yanny, plant propagator from Johnson’s Nursery in Menominee Falls, and Sharon Morrisey, Consumer Horticulture Agent and MG advisor with UW-Extension, Milwaukee Co. Topics include native trees and shrubs, small space vegetable gardening and the development of new trees and shrubs. $35 through January 18, includes continental breakfast and lunch. For more information and a registration form, go to www.winnebagomastergardeners.org or call (920) 231-5745.

Feb 5, 2013  A Little Bit of Old and a Little Bit of New... Plants That Is!
Green Bay Botanical Garden, Green Bay, WI
Tired of using the same old annual plants in your garden? Are you looking to recreate something you saw at your local botanical garden? Want to spice things up with some new varieties, but don’t know where to start? Join Sarah Pingel from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. as she explores some of the newer varieties of annuals along with some of the tried and true favorites from years past. $14 ($7 member).

Feb 8-10, 2013  WPT’s Garden Expo  Madison, WI
Sponsored by Wisconsin Public Television, Friends of WHA-TV, and the UW-Extension Horticulture Team, this event draws nearly 16,000 people to view 400 booths, provided by numerous exhibitors over 100,000 square feet. Certified Master Gardeners will assist UW-Extension Specialists and Agents in answering questions in the UW-Extension booth. Numerous educational seminars, demonstrations, and workshops are offered on a variety of horticultural topics. Hours are Fri 4:00-9:00, Sat 8:00-6:00, and Sun 10:00-4:00.

Feb 26, 2013  The Colorful Truth About Fruits & Vegetables  Green Bay Botanical Garden
What makes the deep blue of blueberries, or the vibrant yellow-orange-red of marigold flowers? The numerous phytochemicals in fruits, vegetables, herbs and flowers create the vibrant rainbow of colors in our gardens and on our dinner plates. These phytochemicals play critical roles in the life cycle of plants and when we eat phytochemical-laden fruits and vegetables, they provide many health benefits, such as improving brain function and eye sight and decreasing the risk of Alzheimer’s disease and heart disease. Join Dr. Debra Pearson from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. for a beautiful look at the color palette of fruits and vegetables. $14 ($7 member).

March 23, 2013  Day in the Garden  Fond du Lac, WI
Offered by the Fond du Lac Co. MGA at UW-FLD. Scheduled speakers are Noel Valdez - Organic Gardening; Patti Nagai - Brighten your Living Space with Indoor Plants; and Janet Macunovich - Continuous Color in the Garden. Registration starts at 8:00 a.m., program from 8:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. $35 before March 1 ($40 after), includes lunch. For more information contact Kathy Schneider at (920) 929-3171.

March 23, 2013  Spring Thaw Symposium  Green Bay Botanical Garden, Green Bay, WI
Details TBD
Hosta of the Year 2013: ‘Rainforest Sunrise’

Hosta are among the most popular of perennials for shady areas, with hundreds of varieties now readily available. Each year the American Hosta Growers Association selects its Hosta of the Year to recognize hosta plants that are good garden plants in all regions of the country, are widely available, and retail for no more than $15 in the year of selection. Since 1996 they have chosen great varieties that have exceptionally decorative foliage, showy or fragrant flowers, and perform well throughout USDA hardiness zones 3-9. Their choice for 2013 is ‘Rainforest Sunrise’.

This attractive sport of the all-gold Hosta ‘Maui Buttercups’ (a hybrid of H. ‘August Moon’ x H. ‘Frances Williams’) was released by Jim Anderson of Winterberry Farms in 2003. It has lightly cupped leaves that are heavily puckered or corrugated. The glossy leaves emerge light green, but soon develop golden centers with dark green margins. The centers gradually lighten as the season progresses. It has the best color when planted in an area that receives morning sun.

‘Rainforest Sunrise’ has a moderate growth rate, forming a clump 10" high and about 2 feet across when mature. The foliage has good substance so it remains fresh-looking all summer and well into fall for a distinctive garden presence, as well as making it rather slug resistant. The textured oval leaves make a good contrast to other smooth-leaved hostas, particularly blue types.

White to light lavender flowers are borne on 18-24" scapes in mid-summer.

This variety is fairly sun resistant, especially in cooler climates. The related variety ‘Tropical Storm’ is a green centered, gold margined sport of ‘Rainforest Sunrise’, so it is essentially the reverse of ‘Rainforest Sunrise’.

http://wimastergardener.org/?q=Hosta2013-RainforestSunrise

From The Don’t Do That File........

Don't call shrubs "bushes."

The gyrating vernacular within gardening seems daunting to new gardeners, what with all the scientific terms one encounters in books and university papers (mycorrhizal, genera), not to mention the Botanical Latin names of plants that snobs such as I insist all gardeners learn and use. So this mild correction is relatively easy. New and non-gardeners often refer to those woody, mid-sized things growing, precariously, on their properties as “bushes.” They are, of course, shrubs.

Calling them bushes is similar to calling a quilt a blanket, or a Navy ship a boat. Yes, you will hear an astute gardener use the terms “rose bush” and “tomato bush,” but those have been grandfathered in. “Boat” may be used by a person in the Navy as a slang term for ship, allowable only because the person is in the know.

So, understanding that everything you grow that is not a tree, an annual, or a perennial, is a shrub, you may call a shrub a bush as a derogatory slight. For instance, purchasing a new home with a property edged in front with fifty-year-old Cotoneasters, it is perfectly permissible to mutter, “First thing I’m doing is tearing out all those miserable bushes.”

http://www.renegadegardener.com/
Peonies
Herbaceous peonies are an old-fashioned favorite that are easy to grow and often live 50 years or more. These shrub-like plants grow to 3-4' tall and wide. Large, full double-flowering peonies may be the most popular, but several other forms are available, including single, anemone, and semidouble, in colors ranging from pinks, reds, white and even yellow. The best time to plant peonies is in early fall — September and October are ideal. Plant in full sun in a fertile, well-drained site. Planting depth is critical to flowering. The “eyes” at the top of the roots should be planted about 1½ inches below the soil surface; if planted deeper the plants will not flower. It may take 2-3 years for the plants to flower after transplanting as they establish their extensive root system. After the leaves die back in fall, cut the plant to the ground to control diseases.

Verticillium Wilt
Verticillium wilt is a disease caused by a soil-borne fungus with a very wide host range. It commonly affects maple, ash, redbud and smokebush as well as various vegetable crops. The fungus typically enters plants through wounds in the root tissue, but can also get into intact roots that are under drought stress or located in overly wet soil. The fungus grows and reproduces in the tree’s vascular system, eventually blocking it so water can no longer reach the leaves. This causes wilting or flagging of foliage. Leaves may drop while they are still green, especially in ash. Symptoms typically progress from the top of the tree downward.

Control
• There is no cure for verticillium wilt. To keep an infected plant alive as long as possible, prune out the infected branches.
• Use plants resistant to the fungus.

http://wimastergardener.org/?q=MiniFactSheets
Date: November 26, 2012
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Place: Caan’s Floral, Sheboygan
Attendance: 20 members, 2 guests
Education: Tour of the Greenhouses – 60-min.

President Pat Hollen called the November meeting to order at 6:56 p.m. The report from the secretary was approved as printed in the recent newsletter. The treasurer provided her report.

Doris clarified that our membership at the Green Bay Botanical Gardens is just for the group as a whole, and individuals may not use this card for programs they attend there. They must purchase their own memberships.

Pat reported that she and Carol were the only ones who did the fall cleanup at the zoo gardens. We will need to consider if we want to continue with this project for next year.

Pat reminded us that discounted registrations for the 2013 Garden Series in Green Bay are due by November 30. There is also a Plant Diagnostitian Series to be held in March and April at the Extension Office in Green Bay as well as a workshop for raising bees in January. There are also educational opportunities available through Madison which will count toward your educational hours.

Chelle reported that she and Paula, along with the help of Girl Scouts, recently did the downtown planters. They also were in need of more people to help with this project.

Our yearly membership of $60 for the Green Bay Botanical Gardens is due. Judy Lango made a motion to pay the membership fee with a second from Sue Elliot. The motion carried.

Judy Lango needs to know who will be attending the Christmas party at her home on December 3rd. This will be a potluck with an optional $10 gift exchange. There will be no January meeting.

An updated membership list will be published in the newsletter. Dues of $10 need to be paid to Doris no later than December 31st to retain your MG membership.

Guests at the meeting were introduced.

Rosie has the catalog to order onions for next year.

The meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Tisler
Secretary
Don’t judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds you plant.

― Robert Louis Stevenson