Floating Row Cover

Floating row cover is a spun-bonded or woven plastic, polyester or polypropylene material that is placed over plants to exclude pests, act as a windbreak or extend the growing season by retaining heat — all while still being permeable to light, water and air.

For Pest Control

Covering crops can eliminate many pests on a variety of plants, including:

caterpillars (imported cabbageworm, cabbage looper and diamondback moth) on cabbage, broccoli, and cauliflower
fleabeetles on cabbage, potato, eggplant or salad greens
onion maggot on onion
seedcorn maggot on beans, corn and other crops
early season cucumber beetles on cucurbits
thrips on a variety of plants
aster yellows (a disease transmitted by aster leafhopper) on carrot, celery, lettuce and many flowers.

The row cover prevents the insects from getting to the plants, so it must be put on at planting. Adult fleabeetles and onion and seedcorn maggots, however, emerge from the soil so you must be careful not to enclose plants over an infested area. It is therefore important to practice crop rotation and not plant related crops or those crops susceptible to a particular pest such as seed corn maggot, in the same location in successive years.

Also, you must remove row covers from insect-pollinated crops, such as cucumbers or squash, during bloom to allow for pollination — which obviously limits its use for pest exclusion on those crops.

As Season Extenders

Depending on the weight of the covering you choose, you can gain between 2 and 8 degrees of frost protection, or warm the local environment sufficiently to harvest certain crops a week or two early. You’ll get the maximum benefit if the crop is planted on a south-facing slope.

Types of Covers

There are several weights of these covers for different uses. Lightweight covers tend to be the least expensive and are suitable for most crops. They will protect plants from desiccating wind, but there is only a minimal increase in temperature beneath the cover. Because of the light weight they don’t require supports.

Mediumweight covers help speed up crop maturation and increase yield. They are useful for extending the season in both spring and fall by retaining some heat. These types are suitable for use over cucurbits, lettuce, peas, carrots, radishes, potatoes, sweet corn and blueberries.

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The National Garden Bureau has declared 2011 the "Year of the Zinnia". These annual flowers (along with tomatoes) were chosen because they are popular, easy-to-grow, widely adaptable, genetically diverse and versatile.

Zinnias are one of the most popular bedding plants world-wide. The 13 species in the genus Zinnia are all native to Mexico and adjacent areas, and many have been used to develop a diversity of different types of ornamental plants. Ranging from 8" mounds to rangy 3-4 foot tall bushes, and with flowers in a rainbow of colors, there is something for everyone among the hundreds of cultivars and hybrids that are now available. Flowers may be single, double or semi-double to produce blooms that look like dahlias, cactus flowers, or beehives.

With large seeds that germinate quickly into rather sturdy plants that require little care, zinnias are often suggested as a good crop for children and beginners. They are fairly quick to flower and provide long-lasting color throughout the summer. Zinnias thrive in hot conditions, are attractive to butterflies, and most make excellent cut flowers.

Zinnias do best in full sun, in well-drained soil. They can be seeded directly where you want them to grow once the soil warms, or young transplants can be set out to get a jump on the season. You can include them in borders, annual beds, mixed beds or cutting gardens. Many cultivars work wonderfully in containers, while the taller types make a good backdrop for shorter bedding plants.

Many zinnias are affected by powdery mildew, especially when humid conditions prevail. Spacing to allow plenty of air circulation will help reduce this problem, and these days there are some resistant varieties to choose from.

Zinnia elegans is a tall, upright type with wide, coarse leaves and large flowers. Z. angustifolia (narrow-leaf zinnia) is a low-growing species with flower color limited to orange, yellow and white. These two species have been crossed to create the popular ‘Profusion’ and ‘Zahara’ series, as well as other hybrids that exhibit some of the best traits of both parents (given the species name Z. marylandica because they were developed at the University of Maryland).

‘Profusion’ has been one of my favorites for several years. The ‘Profusion’ Series offers compact plants in a variety of bright colors. My favorite is the cherry or rose color (a 1999 AAS winner), but they also come in orange (also a 1999 AAS winner), white (2001 AAS winner, as well as winner of the AAS Gold Medal Flower Award), and other colors including apricot and the two-tone ‘Fire’. The plants are rather low-growing, only getting 12 inches high, but branch readily with dense, narrow leaves, spreading about 15 inches wide. They are covered with small, single flowers all season long. What makes these plants extra special is that they are highly tolerant of mildew and other foliage diseases. They’re great along the edge of plantings with taller annuals or perennials behind them, and work well in containers.

Now the ‘Zahara’ series is poised to take over ‘Profusion’s spot in my garden. These plants are also award-winning, disease resistant cultivars but have larger flowers and come in a wider range of colors, as well as offering double flowers in some colors. ‘Double Zahara Fire,’ ‘Double Zahara Cherry,’ and ‘Zahara Starlight Rose’ were 2010 AAS winners, but there are also coral rose, scarlet, yellow and white in the series. I was least impressed with ‘Starlight Rose’ which didn’t consistently have the rose markings, and the white petals seemed to show disease or decay spots much more readily than the other cultivars.

Another cultivar that became an instant favorite after I grew it for the first time this past year is Z. elegans ‘Zowie! Flame Yellow’. This 2006 AAS winner is a semi-tall (2-3 feet) cultivar with a unique bicolor flower pattern. The promotional literature states that it has a scarlet-rose center and yellow petals edges, but I found it was hard to describe the almost glowing magenta-pink color of the central color on young flowers. As the 2-5" layered, semi-double blooms age they become more of a rich red and yellow, but still very attractive. The plants were very florific (even though I didn’t do much deadheading) and produced plenty of blooms right up to frost. I had planted them in drifts in the mixed garden next to the driveway, interspersed among tall ornamental kale (both blue-green ‘Nero Di Toscana’ and purple ‘Redbor’), and clumps of ornamental millet that filled in the spaces between a couple of shrub roses and perennials including fountain grass, iris and other plants. The spaces between all of the plants were filled with airy sprays of purple Verbena bonariensis, which was a great combination with the yellow and red zinnia flowers.

And finally, another bicolor zinnia that I really liked when I grew it several years ago was ‘Sombrero’. This older variety of Z. haageana may not be readily available these days, but I was really impressed with its bicolor flowers. The single blooms were supposed to have deep red centers and defined yellow petal tips, but in my yard they were more rose-colored in shading to red, a combination I really liked. This is a shorter cultivar, growing only 15-18" tall and didn’t seem to be as florific as the ‘Zowie! Yellow Flame’ plants, but were still a butterfly magnet.

– Susan Mahr, University of Wisconsin - Madison
Heavyweight covers provide frost and freeze protection up to 4-8°F, so are particularly good for early and late season extension for cool season crops. They can enhance crop growth, particularly for warm-season crops, since they raise ambient daytime temperatures 10°F or more. But be aware that tomatoes and peppers may get blossom drop if the temperature beneath the cover exceeds 86°F. Also, transmission of sunlight and water is reduced by these heavy covers. They are the most expensive, but can be reused.

Using Row Covers

Floating row covers can be laid directly over low-growing, flexible crops. Just be sure to leave enough slack when covering rows so the cover can “expand” as the crop grows. You have to bury the edges completely if you’re using floating row cover for pest exclusion. If you are not using it to keep bugs out, you may use rough lumber or rebar to hold down the edges.

It may be necessary to support the cover material on hoops for taller crops or sensitive plants, such as spinach, that can be abraded by the material if it sits directly on the leaves. PVC pipes are easy to bend and stick in the soil to create a framework over which to drape the row cover.

Remove covers gradually to harden off the crop. Choose a cloudy day to do the final removal. Store row covers out of direct sunlight, as UV rays will cause breakdown of the material.

Row covers provide a mini-greenhouse for the plants that grow beneath — this include weeds. Periodically you will have to remove the row covers to eliminate weed seedlings that have germinated.

Floating row covers generally aren’t used in flower gardens because of their utilitarian appearance, but you might want to consider using them over ornamental plants for limited uses, such as early in the season for starting seedlings outdoors, or for temporary protection of valuable plants.

Floating row cover can be purchased at larger garden centers or from specialty mail order catalogs.

— Susan Mahr, University of Wisconsin – Madison

The Manitowoc County Garden Walk Information

The Manitowoc County University Extension Master Gardeners will be hosting the Manitowoc County Garden Walk on Saturday, July 16, 2011. Mark your calendars and set the whole day aside to discover our “country gardens”. Each one is charming and shares its very own uniqueness. There’s something for everyone to enjoy—from bold and beautiful to quiet and peaceful—full shade to full sun. Fill up your gas tank and your picnic basket because this garden walk will be a “road trip” throughout Manitowoc County. There are NINE gardens to explore—from Maribel to Two Rivers to Whitelaw to Collins Marsh area to almost Newton.

Here are the names and addresses of the very generous country gardeners that will share their personal garden haven: 1. Patricia Blakeslee, 17139 Cty Rd R, Maribel. 2. Bill & Donna Ney, 6716 Sunset Dr., Two Rivers. 3. Rick & Pat Herman, 7115 Village Dr., Whitelaw. 4. Michael & Gail Miller, 4906 Danmar Rd., Whitelaw. 5. Randy & Mary Siebold, 270 W. Circle Dr., Whitelaw. 6. Wayne & Joyce Draheim, 3208 Hickory Hills Rd., Chilton. 7. Ralph & Nancy Berge, 22610 Boot Lake Rd., Reedsville. 8. Bill & Betsy Salm, 1820 Old Wooden Bridge Rd., Manitowoc. 9. Jeanne Miller, 4502 Cty Rd CR, Manitowoc. Please show your gratitude for the generosity of these gardeners by participating in this day long event.
State News....... 

*** Sheboygan has sent a check to WIGMA for $2,075.40 from the 2010 WIMGA Annual Conference. There is a 75/25 split with WIMGA holding the 75% and the hosting association(s) receiving the 25%. This not only works with profits; but, it works with losses as well. There was some discussion of having a contract put together for future conferences to help clarify how the conference works. This is the only fundraiser that WIMGA has. It helps keep dues down by offsetting the costs of newsletters and other expenses.

Submitted by Dorothy
State Rep

All-American Selections For 2011
http://www.all-americaselections.org/Winners.asp

Tomato ‘Terenzo’ F1
AAS Vegetable Award Winner

“Terenzo” is a high yielding red cherry fruited ‘Tumbler’ type of tomato that is a prolific producer on a tidy low-growing, trailing plant. The round fruit is a standard size cherry having an approximate size of 1¼ inches and an average weight of 0.7 ounces. A brix sugar content of 6.0% ensures this is sweet tasting tomato. With a plant height of only 16 to 20 inches, this compact variety is suitable for growing in hanging baskets or containers as a patio type tomato. This very easy-to-grow determinate bush variety requires little maintenance and produces fruits that are more resistant to cracking. ‘Terenzo’ is loaded with a bountiful harvest of flavorful, easy-to-pick fruits throughout the summer heat. Bred by Pro-Veg Seeds Ltd.

AAS® Winner Data
Genus species: Solanum lycopersicum
Unique qualities: Tidy trailing plant, easy-to-grow, little maintenance
Fruit size: 0.7 ounces
Fruit color: Red
Plant type: Determinate cherry, trailing habit
Plant height: 16 to 20 inches
Plant width: 20 inches
Garden location: Full sun
Garden spacing: 20 inches apart
Length of time to harvest: 56 days from transplant
Closest comparisons on market: ‘Tumbler’ and ‘Tumbling Tom Red’

Viola ‘Shangri-La Marina’ F1
AAS Cool Season Bedding Plant Award Winner

This winning Viola cornuta is an early-flowering, mounding viola in a vibrant new color for this type. In trials, the 6-inch tall plants kept a low-growing mounding habit. Colorful and prolific 1¼ inch blooms have light blue petals with a velvety dark blue face that is surrounded by a narrow white border. Judges noted earlier (70 days from sowing to first flower) and showier blooms with noticeable drive-by flower power. Flower color was a consistent deep Marina blue throughout the season. This vigorous frost-tolerant biennial provides a solid mat of fall color until covered with snow followed by a great recovery in spring. Grow in full sun as a low edging in the garden or in hanging baskets and pots. Bred by Tokita Seed Co., Ltd.

AAS® Winner Data
Genus species: Viola cornuta
Common name: Viola
Unique qualities: Early flowering, new color
Flower color: Marina (light blue with baby face)
Flower size: 1.25 inches
Flower form: Single flower
Foliage color: Green
Plant type: Low growing, mounding habit
Plant height: 6 inches
Plant width: 12 inches
Garden location: Full sun
Garden spacing: 8 inches apart
Length of time from sowing seed to flower: 70 days Frost tolerant
Closest comparison on market: ‘Four Seasons Cooler Improved’
A listing of the current active committees will give members an opportunity to choose something of interest. You may contact the Chairperson of that committee if you would like to participate.

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* These are temporary committees and will be disbanded when project is completed.
** These represent individual tasks performed for the group.

Submitted by Pat Hollen

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**Monthly Program Updates**

- **March 21** -- Wisconsin Gardener  
  *note date change*  6pm

- **April 25** --- Annual Meeting  
  Potluck Supper 6pm  
  **Bring a dish to pass**

- **May 23** -- Louise Trickel  
  Gardening with Arthritis  6:15pm  
  Spring Plant Exchange

- **August 22** -- Steinie’s Ponds

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A reminder for all members to read the revised bylaws as a discussion will be held at the March Meeting.

At the March meeting, orders will be taken for yellow t-shirts with the state logo on the upper left side.
The January meeting was called to order by President Pat Hollen. The November minutes were considered for approval as published in the recent newsletter. No business was conducted at the December Christmas Party. Kari Alice objected to the last sentence of item 3 under New Business and asked that it be removed. The corrected minutes were then approved, as was the report from the treasurer.

OLD BUSINESS
1) Plant Sale drafts were collected and this will be voted on in February.
2) Woodland Dunes sent a ‘thank you’ for our donation to support membership.
3) Judy Lango discussed the Garden Walk and the recent committee meeting. She asked that we consider raising the price of the tickets to $10. Kari Alice felt it should remain at $7 for this year because of the economy. Dorothy made a motion that the ticket price be raised to $10. Bernie Zimmer seconded it. Judy stated that there will be a great deal of advertising, even as far south as Milwaukee. This will include cable, local TV, Internet, fliers, etc. Signs and banners are also being considered. One quote would provide 30 signs at $23 each or 50 for $15 each. A banner (4’x8’) is $225 and would hang on the fence at HTR. Cost to change the date for future Garden Walks would be $10 for the banner and $2.50 for each sign. Frames for the signs would either be $2 for the lightweight frame or $3 for the heavyweight one. A discussion took place regarding these prices and Kari Alice suggested possibly going with smaller signs made out of wood, and Rosie felt that we need additional advertising and that the HTR banner is a must. Kelly suggested that the HTR might do some sponsorship. Judy Yanda suggested looking into Leade Research. The committee is in need of someone artistic to design fliers and tickets — Chelle volunteered for this. Pat felt that we need more quotes and to remember that these signs will be reusable and the cost will be spread out over future Garden Walks. She also reminded us that Judy Vogel worked very hard to keep the Garden Walk costs down. Gladwyn will have 10 plaques made for the hosts. Judy Lango will be designing the map for the fliers and tickets. The committee will meet again on February 17th.
4) Chelle stated that Mad Dog & Merrill have us on their calendar for August 11. Her committee will meet on February 11.
5) Rosie stated that the bus trip is now set for July 22 leaving Manitowoc at 6:30 a.m. and returning approximately 7:30 p.m. The fee will be $70, tax and tip included.

NEW BUSINESS
1) Pat read the email sent to members regarding the recent SWOT meetings.
2) A committee to study and suggest revisions to the by-laws will include: Dorothy Bugs, Pat Hollen, Kari Alice Lynn, Doris Magyar, Marilyn Starzewski, Sandy Stock, Judy Tisler, and Bernie Zimmer.
3) Carol Lallensack and Judy Lango will conduct an audit of the books.
4) Gladwyn is taking orders for onion plants and needs to know by the February meeting.
5) Kari Alice presented an idea to donate garden books, possibly six, on an annual basis to the Manitowoc, Two Rivers, and Kiel libraries. They could be identified as being donated by our group. These books could be some of those suggested in the WIMGA newsletter and be purchased through Amazon. A discussion followed and Doris thought this would be a good idea and suggested we think about it and discuss it further in February.
6) Toni was wondering if we are still thinking about having t-shirts printed with our logo. She offered to check into this and present us with some information at the February meeting.
7) Marilyn reminded us that the WPT Garden Expo is taking place beginning on Feb. 11 in Madison.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Tisler
Secretary
Following Judy Lango’s presentation, President Pat Hollen called the February meeting to order. The reports from the secretary and treasurer were read and approved.

OLD BUSINESS
1. Chelle, chairperson for the Mad Dog & Merrill presentation, distributed a handout listing a breakdown of various subcommittees required for that day. Volunteers for these committees are as follows: Location Helper – Pat & Carol; Sponsorship Solicitation – Chelle & Renee; Marketing Coordinator – Renee & Judy Lango; Beverage Coordinator – Toni; Ticket Sales – Judy Lango (Coordinating with Garden Walk); Talent Coordinator – Chelle; Raffle/Door Prizes Sponsorship – Marilyn Starzewski; MG Booth Coordinator (Earth Day) – Marilyn Starzewski. The Garden Walk ticket will include advertising for the Mad Dog & Merrill presentation. Also it was discussed to have Garden Walk attendees use their ticket for an extra chance on door prizes on August 11th. The next committee meeting will be on March 15th at 3:30 p.m.
2. Toni provided us with information on purchasing Master Gardener T-shirts with our logo. After a brief discussion it was decided to choose short sleeve shirts in yellow. Costs are approximately $7 per shirt or $9 for larger sizes. These will be ordered at the March meeting and the information will also be in the newsletter.
3. Judy Lango reported for the Garden Walk committee. Various prices and designs have been obtained for the banners and signs. The committee will decide on this and present it at the March meeting. Chelle showed the ticket she had designed for the Walk. Judy thought she might contact Solaris Farms and include their information on the ticket or on a separate flier. The next committee meeting will be at 4:00 p.m. on March 17th.
4. The report on a possible plant sale was unavailable.
5. Pat reported for Bernie Zimmer on the By-Law’s committee, which consisted of eight people who met for two – 2 ½ hour meetings. By-Laws from Master Gardeners from Fond du Lac, NEW Green Bay, Sheboygan, and WIMGA served as guidelines for the committee. All members will be mailed a copy of our old and the new by-laws prior to our March 21st monthly meeting. The main change will be the election of the board of directors, which will be done at the annual meeting in April. A nominating committee of Sandy Stock, Chelle, and Marilyn Starzewski will nominate 10 – 12 people for the director positions to be voted on in April. We will not have a dinner at this meeting but will have a potluck supper here at the extension offices. This will be discussed further at the March meeting.
6. Kari Alice gave us a report regarding donating one or more garden books to a local public library. The Manitowoc Public Library suggested that we provide them with the title of a book we would choose, and he would purchase it and bill us. Celeste suggested that, in addition, if any book were purchased for the Plant Clinic, we would duplicate this book and donate it to the library so that we all can utilize it. Doris made a motion that we should donate at least one book a year to the library. Pat seconded it. Motion carried. This will be done in April of each year. Celeste made a motion that when a book is added to the Plant Clinic, we should ask the library if they could also use this book and donate it. Gladwyn seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS
1. Changes to the monthly programs are as follows: WI Gardener video for March; Potluck Supper and elections for April; Plant Exchange & Louise Trichel in May; Steinie’s Water Garden in August.
2. Pat also advised us of the reminders on the February agenda.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Tisler
Secretary
March 16, 2011  Plant Companions & Groupings  Gardens of the Fox Cities, Appleton, WI
Learn simple, basic landscape design concepts. In this class from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. participants will learn how the use of color, texture and form can be applied to create groupings that are attractive for long periods of time, and in a variety of locations. $14 ($8 members). For more information or to register, contact the Gardens of the Fox Cities, 1313 E. Witzke Blvd., Appleton, at (920) 993-1900

March 16, 2011  Wake Up Your Garden  Green Bay Botanical Garden, Green Bay, WI
The gardening season is here again, how will you be getting your garden ready for spring planting and summer beauty? Lisa Stubbe of Landscape Artisans has been prepping gardens for years and would love to share her suggestions. Join her at NWTC Landscape Horticulture building from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. for discussions and demonstrations of the methods that will bring your garden up to speed for the growing season. $14 (member $7) pre-registration required. For more information, contact the Green Bay Botanical Garden, 2600 Larsen Road, P.O. Box 12644, Green Bay, WI 54307-2644 at (920) 490-9457

March 19, 2011  Garden Expectations  Kimberly, WI
Sponsored by the Outagamie Co. MGA from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Liberty Hall. Speakers include Mark Dwyer, Director of Rotary Gardens in Janesville, on Edible Gardening; Jim Beard and Roxann Rusch, horticulture teachers at FVTC, speaking about "putting it all together" (garden design); Roy Diblik, owner of North Wind Perennial Farm, on perennial gardening; and Dave Wanniger, sales representative at Beaver Creek Nursery ( wholesale nursery ) in IL, speaking on new and underused hardy shrubs. $30, includes continental breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack.

March 21, 2011  Monthly Meeting Manitowoc Co. MGV  Note the Date change
  Location: Manitowoc County Office Complex; 6:30pm
  Speaker: Wisconsin Gardener DVD

March 25, 2011 (12:00 noon)  Beekeeping  Brown Bag Program  Manitowoc Co. Office Complex
This discussion will focus on the life of a beekeeper and the honeybees throughout the year. The presentation will include: the life cycle of the honeybee, how to set up a hive, where to access beekeeping equipment, and other apiary information. Harris Byers will be guest speaker for the program.

April 2, 2011  11th Annual Day in the Garden  Fond du Lac, Wisconsin
This seminar from 8:50 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. is hosted by the Fond du Lac MGA. Keynote speaker Mark Dwyer - Edible Landscaping. Speakers include Neil Diboll - Prairie Plants for Urban Gardens, Phil Pellitteri - Control of Insects in an Organic Garden, Linda Hersey - Herbs, Seed to Salad, Patrick Creed - Unique Flower Arrangement, and Brian Hudelson - Disease Control in the Organic Garden. $40, includes gourmet lunch. For more information call Kathy Schneider at (920) 929-3171

April 9, 2011  Fruit Tree Grafting  Green Bay, WI
Tony Dembski is a master when it comes to the art of grafting. Demonstrations will include how to repair a tree that may have been damaged by either injury or animal damage, a variety of grafting techniques and then move on to fruit tree grafting. Grafting of scion wood on to rootstock is the only technique that will give you a true apple from the original tree – planting a seed will not! Scion wood and rootstocks of apple and pear will be available to purchase or you may bring your own. An informational sheet on proper collection and storage of scion wood is available at the UW-Extension or by calling Linda at 391-4653. From 9:00 a.m. to noon at the Ag & Extension Service Center, 1150 Belvue St., Green Bay. $2 donation suggested, preregistration required. For more information or to register contact Debi Nitka at (920) 465-8512
April 12-14, 2011  Garden Study School  Sheboygan, WI
Course 1 of the Wisconsin Garden Club Federation gardening study school will be held at Elwood May Environmental Park in Sheboygan, WI. Curriculum will include basic botany for gardeners, soils, houseplant basics and plant propagation. To register contact RoseMarie Hassman or for more information contact Julie Schoenike, Chairman at (715) 823-6742

April 13, 2011  Resurrecting the Herbal Garden in Spring  Cedarburg, WI
Second of three sessions in the eighth “All About Herbs” Lecture Series co-sponsored by The Herb Society of America – Wisconsin Unit and the Ozaukee Master Gardeners. Kathleen Awe, MGV, and Nino Ridgway, owner of Herbs & Everlastings in Mequon, will be the presenters for this talk that begins at 7:00 p.m. in the 4H Youth Building at the Ozaukee Co. Fairgrounds in Cedarburg. $5, includes herbal refreshments. For more information contact Kathleen at (262) 377-3276  or Annie at (262) 238-8610

April 25, 2011  Manitowoc Co. MGV Annual Meeting
Location:  Manitowoc Co. Office Complex
Potluck Supper 6:00pm -- Bring a dish to pass

April 29, 2011 (12:00 noon)  Organic Backyard Fruit Tree Management
Brown Bag Program  Manitowoc Office Complex
Training and maintaining small statured fruit trees has many benefits for backyard gardeners. It can also support organic production which involves a system that uses a combination of management techniques to maintain soil quality and fertility, and control weeds, pests and diseases. These are not without challenges; apple scab, rusts, apple maggot, coddling moth, and curculio all have an impact on whether organic production is feasible. Each year these pests present themselves during the growing season and degrade fruit. Newer cultivars, with improved quality and hardiness, protectant products, and physical barriers are making organic growing ventures less risky. At present, organic production should be considered only on a trial basis. Join Bob Tomesh and Judy Rozell in a review of an organic system plan for a homeowner organic apple production.

May 5, 2011  Chocoholic Garden Delight  Cedarburg, WI
Last of three sessions in the eighth “All About Herbs” Lecture Series co-sponsored by The Herb Society of America – Wisconsin Unit and the Ozaukee Master Gardeners. Laurie Weiss, Landscape Horticulture, MATC, Mequon, will be the presenter for this talk that begins at 7:00 p.m. in the 4H Youth Building at the Ozaukee Co. Fairgrounds in Cedarburg. $5, includes herbal refreshments. For more information contact Kathleen at (262) 377-3276  or Annie at (262) 238-8610

May 20, 2011 (12:00 noon)
Trellising Vegetables to Save Space and Other Benefits
Brown Bag Program  Manitowoc Office Complex
Vine-type fruits and vegetables are some of the most popular produce grown in home gardens, in community gardens, and by small-scale growers for farmers' markets and other distribution. While others have the space and inclination to let their vines roam free on the ground, others find clear advantages to production techniques such as trellising and staking their vines. Join Bob Tomesh to review the benefits of trellising vegetables.
It's spring fever. That is what the name of it is.

~Mark Twain

makes your heart ache, you want it so!

quite know what it is you do want, but it just fairly

And when you've got it, you want—oh, you don't

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