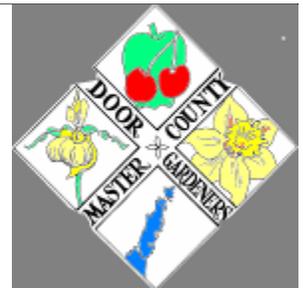




# Door County Master Gardeners Association, Inc.

*A Volunteer Organization of the UW-Cooperative Extension Service*



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## *Kathie's Note*

We have been blessed with 26 students in the DCMGA 2013 Training Class! Rod, Char, Michelle and Gary have welcomed Allen Miller, Kerry Vavra, Jim McFarlin, and Gary Farber onto the committee. Bill, Sarah, Coggin and I are also helping out. The class is very enthusiastic. We have invited everyone to a Mid-Winter Meet and Greet at the Sevastopol Town Hall on Saturday, February 16th at 5:30pm. The class has only met about a dozen of us! Be sure to wear your name tags! I will bring extras for the husbands and wives/significant others. Some of the new class members would like mentors; keep that in mind when you're talking to them! The Class of 2013 project is going to be the two annual beds in The Garden Door. The class will be selecting their seeds and flowers in the next few weeks. Carol Berglund chose that area this year; she will share her expertise and help the class design, plant and enjoy the experience. We'll be dividing them for the greenhouse work. It's a wonderful problem to tackle. If anyone wants to see the class schedule go to the website – training class tab. The schedule is posted under Class of 2013. If you want to attend a class, please tip toe in and quietly join a group. The class members have to hear the speakers. The committee has done a wonderful job with the schedule.

Rod delivered the *Volunteers in Horticulture* Report from the state. It shows that in 2012 DCMGA had 97 returning members and seven new members who completed training; 104 members in 2012. We volunteered 6,725 hours in supportive service and youth education. We had 1,181 hours in continuing education and 289 in community education.

In 2012, 67 Wisconsin counties had Master Gardener Programs and 14 had more than 100 members. Milwaukee is the largest with 465 members and 19,786 total volunteer hours. Dane County had 375 members who worked 14,602 hours. Door County is one of the smallest counties geographically, but we are in seventh place with 101 state members and 7014 total volunteer hours. Wow! I was amazed that Waukesha County had 147 members and 5011 volunteer hours.

For 2013, we have 79 certified members returning and a class of 26. That puts us at 105 members. There are 124 on the roster. The state does not count the inactive and friend classifications. I think there are actually 81 certified. We had a few people send in their hours *after* the **2012** report was printed. As dedicated members of our organization, I hope you had fun playing in the dirt with your friends!

If you did not have the thrill of reading the Newnan Coweta (Georgia) article about The Garden Door, go to [dcmga.org](http://dcmga.org) and select the Garden Door article from the drop down GD menu. I posted the six page article so that everyone could read it. This article was written by a complete stranger!

I think 2013 is going to be a fantastic year. We sure are off to a running start! In the next few weeks I'll be working on the Volunteer Opportunities tab on the website. Let me know if your status or area has changed! I'm going to streamline it. I look forward to hearing any of your suggestions or ideas!

Hope to see you Saturday, February 16th at 5:30 pm at the Sevastopol Town Hall!

*Kathie*

### Your Door County Master Gardener Association Board of Directors and Officers:

President..... Kathie Vavra  
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**MISSION STATEMENT: The Door County Master Gardeners Association, Inc., in partnership with UW-Extension, shall strive to make a positive impact on horticulture in our community through education, community outreach, and stewardship of our environment.**



## Door County Master Gardeners . . . "taking care of business!"

DCMGA Board Meeting — January 16, 2013  
Bill Freyman, Substitute Secretary

Board Members Present: Martha Burris, Kathie Vavra, Tom Luebker, Jim McFarlin, Michelle Kemp, Bill Freyman  
Others Present: Jane Luebker, Jan Ziemann, Rod Bohn, Allen Miller, Jim Baxter, Dick Allmann

Meeting called to order at 5:30 pm. Motion to approve minutes of November 14<sup>th</sup> offered by Tom Luebker. Jim McFarlin second. Motion approved.

### Correspondence

Kathie announced that we received a thank you on behalf of the Research Station from Matt. All of the money will be used in Sturgeon Bay to support the Station.

Brian Holz and Jan Ziemann prepared the state membership cards, which are now ready for distribution along with Hours of Service cards. Thanks to them both.

Carol Berglund requested that we use the \$25 Sunshine Fund memorial donation for Belle Vreeland to buy a book for the library. There was some discussion about using the funds to purchase a memorial plant for the Garden Door. The consensus of the Board was to follow the Sunshine Policy as written, find the family's requested donation site and send the memorial donation to that site.

A question was raised about how long someone may remain an "inactive" member of the Master Gardeners. The bylaws are not clear. Several members thought they remembered the number to be five years. Kathie will check into the issue.

We received one copy of the state Annual Report from Madison. It is available on the state website. Kathie will maintain our copy.

New membership rosters are complete and available.

Lori Bednars who is new to the area and a Wisconsin Master Gardener from the Marinette area has been invited to join after requesting to be added to our newsletter distribution list. We will continue to limit our distribution list to current members. Others can read it on line after it's posted to the website.

### Treasurer's Report.

Martha reported on membership status reporting strong renewals and the names of several members who missed the deadline for the submission of state dues. She distributed a written monthly financial report which was placed on file.

### Old Business

Kathie announced that she is keeping the Volunteer Opportunities section of the website up to date as she receives information. If anyone has further information or changes, please let her know.

Tom Luebker spoke to Jesse Shartner concerning expanding the research station's WIFI network to the classroom. It appears possible with expenses probably not exceeding \$500. Kathie and others will be meeting with Matt soon regarding our activities at the station and will add the WIFI expansion to that agenda. Matt would naturally have to approve any changes to their system.

Char Rowe is preparing to order new badges for the class of 2013 and will give current members a chance to order replacement badges for themselves. The badges will cost each member roughly \$15 and a magnetic fastener option will be available.

We reviewed Organizational Goal #3. Following discussion, Tom Luebker offered a motion to eliminate the position of Community Outreach Coordinator and the Stewardship Committee and to fold the stewardship efforts into the Education Committee. Bill Freyman provided a second. The motion passed. Outreach opportunities are listed now on our website. The Stewardship Committee has not met in 4 years, portions of our education programs contain stewardship material, and we regularly approve volunteer hours for members who participate in stewardship activities across the peninsula. Further discussion continued focusing on the balance of the goal. The Board will consider a policy regarding community outreach projects and hours in May. The policy will try to balance the need to provide volunteer opportunities across the county giving members convenient access to them with the need to encourage members to volunteer in the organization's core activities, committee work and The Garden Door, most of which occur in Sturgeon Bay.

Kathie announced again that she and others will meet with Matt in February. Garden Door activities and the plant sale will be major topics.

### **New Business**

We again touched on the issue of "inactive" membership and its restrictions. Kathie will check the idea that it's limited to five years.

We discussed a mid-winter Meet and Greet or Mixer. Kathie and Martha have taken the lead with this. Possibilities included using the Sturgeon Bay Yacht Club or the Log Den. After discussion, we concluded that in order to keep costs for members down, we look into using the Sevastopol Town Hall, as we did for Christmas. Martha will see if February 16<sup>th</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup> is available. The plan would be for the organization to provide drinks and have members contribute the food. That works well for us.

Jan Ziemann suggested that we consider formally partnering with the Land Trust. She reviewed the Land Trust's goals and pointed out their suggestions for volunteering. The Board was concerned about formalizing a partnership noting that encouraging members to volunteer for the Land Trust might actually harm our efforts to encourage members to work in our core activities. We noted that members who do volunteer for the Land Trust currently receive volunteer hours credit and that we do attempt to share notices of educational programs in support of one another informally. Further discussion will be held in March.

### **State Association Report**

Rod Bohn announced that the state meeting in April will focus on treasurers and that he had already talked to Martha about it. He mentioned that the State Conference will be held in Janesville on August 15 – 17, 2013. Rod also mentioned that he is a candidate for the open state representative position and that if anyone cared to vote for him the ballot is available in the latest state newsletter.

### **Committee Reports**

Bill Freyman reported on the activities of the Education Committee and distributed the latest grid. Programming is nearly complete for the spring.

The Garden Door cleanup is scheduled for April 20<sup>th</sup>. The committee is working on a presentation for the new training class.

There was no newsletter report.

The Open House planning is continuing. The first publicity notice for Door County Magazine ended up containing errors.

The Plant Sale seed selection is underway.

The Training Committee reports that we have 26 members in the class and plenty of veteran master gardener volunteers helping out. Consensus is that we have a terrific group of new members.

**The next meeting will be March 20, 2013 at 5:30 at the Research Station.**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.



*The Garden Door*

## Garden Door Notes

By Vicki Dirst

### The Garden Door Committee Meeting, January 14, 2013

**Present:** Barb and Dick Allmann (co-chairs), Vicki Dirst, Jo Ann Tarczewski, Allen Miller, Kathie Vavra, Doug Henderson, Jim McFarlin, Jim Friedrichs, Chriss Daubner, DD Knutson, Barb Ottum

**Call to order:** Dick called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

**Open House:** Vicki read the Door County 2013 Official Visitor Guide listing for the Open House.

**Taste of the Garden Door:** Doug had nothing to report.

**Area Supervisor Reports:** Jim M. reported that Allen put a heater in the pond.

**Spring Cleanup April 20<sup>th</sup>:** Dick explained that an early date has been chosen to involve the training class.

**Garden Door Presentation to Training Class Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 – 8:00 pm:** Barb A. read an invitation from Char Rowe to give a one hour Garden Door presentation to the training class. The thought is to use Kathie's photos of the different areas and have area supervisors talk about how class members can contribute. Allen said he is enthused about the training class and will work to match area leaders with members of the training class. The training committee has designated him the liaison between the training class and TGD. The photos can be projected on the screen in the classroom. DD said the station owns a projector but you have to know how to set it up. We would also need a laptop to run the presentation.

**Other Discussion:** Barb A. asked if we need to have someone take responsibility for the pots. Chriss said we can leave the situation the same as last year, with people taking care of the pots in their areas. Allen reported that the class will be taking over the two annual beds for their class project, working with Carol Berglund. Doug and Barbara Henderson would be happy to have someone assume responsibility for the herb spiral area. They could help that person make hypertufa pots to add to that area. Jim M. asked if the agenda could be sent out to the masses before each GD committee meeting. He would find it helpful and felt it would also benefit the training class. Chriss said the seed selection meeting will be Jan. 24<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting adjourned at 6:12 pm. The next meeting will be March 11<sup>th</sup>.



### *2013 Colors in The Garden Door*

This year's color scheme will feature blue/purple, yellow/chartreuse, and red/magenta. People responsible for areas in The Garden Door are requested to consider these colors when designing their areas and selecting plants for the gardens.

It should be another stunning year for the senses in the Garden!



## **Spring Clean Up at The Garden Door**

You know that you want to get out in the sun and play in the dirt when winter departs, so mark your calendars to come to The Garden Door on **Saturday morning, April 20th** and help get The Garden Door ready for spring and summer. There will be plenty of opportunities to dig, rake, chop, pull, lop, snip or even get your feet wet in the pond, so come and join your fellow MG's for a morning of spring cleaning.

Bring your favorite gloves and tools, or use the MG's tools, and help wake up the Garden for Spring 2013!



<b>Education Committee:</b>
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## Continuing Education Programs Sponsored by the Door County Master Gardeners

In January, the Door County Master Gardeners Association presented its first two continuing education programs of 2013. These programs are free and open to the public and are typically held at the Collins Learning Center at Crossroads at Big Creek, 2041 Michigan Street, Sturgeon Bay at 7:00 PM.

### Introspective on Lawn Care

We opened the new season on **January 22** with a discussion about lawns by Jack “JP” Peterson. With a changing climate and new understanding about the manner in which we design and maintain lawns, it’s important to reflect upon our home gardens and consider the latest information we have about them. Our first program traced the social and biological history of lawns, reviewed chemical solutions to common pests and lawn problems, considered organic solutions for those same problems, and introduced some alternatives to the use of turf grass. That included a lot of material that is important if you’re interested in having the background to allow you to make informed decisions about your yard. About 60 people attended the event.

Our speaker, Jack “JP” Peterson is a landscape designer and has been maintenance operations manager for 12 years at Lakeshores Landscape and Design in Carlsville. JP has an associate degree in landscape horticulture from NWTC and is a certified pesticide applicator. His licensing with DATCP has prepared him well to discuss best management practices, to weigh all available options, “green” and otherwise, and to be receptive to innovative horticultural activities. His passion is to share his knowledge with his fellow citizens of Door County and to promote realistic environmentally beneficial practices featuring ecologically sensitive techniques and products. JP is a resident of Baileys Harbor.

Thanks to Marne Kaeske who was the coordinator for this program and to the DCMGA members who brought treats to share during the break.

### A History of Gardens and Landscape

Time travel is great, and our second program on **January 29** provided that opportunity on a night when a winter storm was heading our way. Our speaker, Kathleen Blankenship was our guide to exploring gardens and landscapes through the ages beginning with the Garden of Eden, transporting us through the centuries from the Middle East to ancient Greece, the Roman Empire, and the Dark Ages and Renaissance in Europe, and landing comfortably in the 21<sup>st</sup> century’s latest trends. Along the way, Kathleen pointed out common gardening themes and features that are important to the various cultures.

Kathleen Blankenship is owner of The Gardening Angel, a garden design firm located in Door County that specializes in small space/raised bed and accessible gardens for individuals with physical disabilities. While living in Milwaukee, Kathleen designed the Arthritis booth exhibit at the Milwaukee Home & Garden Show. A graduate of Milwaukee Area Technical College with a degree in Landscape Horticulture and Design, she moved to Sister Bay in 2000. In 2013, she “retired” from the business of landscape maintenance, preferring to consult and teach. Kathleen teaches the Horticulture Certificate program for Northeast Wisconsin Technical College (NWTC) in Sturgeon Bay and northern Door. She presents workshops and seminars to garden clubs, long-term care facilities and therapy professionals.

Thanks to Martha Burriss who was the coordinator for this program and to the DCMGA members who brought treats to share during the break.

## **February and March 2013 Continuing Education Programs**

These programs are free and open to the public.

### **What's Hot in 2013, Sunnypoint Garden's 40<sup>th</sup> Year**

The Door County Master Gardeners Association announces a free public program on **Tuesday, February 19 at 7:00 PM** in the Collins Learning Center at Crossroads at Big Creek. Spring is just around the corner and even though Door County gardens may be buried in snow and ice, now is the time for gardeners to start planning for next summer.

What does the world of gardening have to offer new this year? Members of the public are invited to come and discover the finest new gardening trends, from color and container ideas to new garden styles. Attendees will take a look at the new varieties for 2013 and see what's "hot" this year. Gardeners won't want to miss the new annuals and perennials offered for the new gardening season. Kori Zawojski, co-owner of Sunnypoint Gardens & Gift Shop returns this year to point out what's new and exciting! Not only will she assure that Door County's gardeners are displaying the latest and greatest, but she'll take everyone for a stroll down memory lane as Sunnypoint Gardens celebrates 40 years and counting. Kori will help us relive some past garden trends and compare them to today's gardens. Things have changed! Kori's program last year was standing room only, so guests should arrive early.

### **Your Community Garden Update**

On **Tuesday, February 26, 2013 at 7:00 PM** at the Crossroads at Big Creek, the Door County Master Gardeners present an update on The Community Garden of Sturgeon Bay. The community garden movement in America is strong and growing, and Sturgeon Bay's community garden is no exception. Located on 16<sup>th</sup> Place near Ministry Door County Medical Center, The Community Garden has made terrific progress since its founding. The public is invited to join the Master Gardeners for an update on the project and a look at its future. Attendees will learn why a community garden was started in Door County, what other community gardens are available in neighboring communities, and what benefits a community garden adds to a community's infrastructure. The update will include a discussion of the educational offerings available at the garden site as well as policies for garden plot renters. Leading the program will be Jenny Spude, a member of the Community Garden board of directors and UW Extension nutritionist, board member John Meredith of Lakeshores Landscape, and Rob Burke, UW Extension Community Development Educator.

### **March Educational Programs**

The DCMGA Education Committee will host three programs in March. On **March 5**, Mike Draney, Spiderman of UW-Green Bay, will talk about 8-legged visitors to the garden. On **March 19**, DCMG Tom Luebker will talk about how to start a veggie garden. On **March 26**, DCMG Jason Feldman will tell us about small projects to fix big gardening problems. Watch for e-mails and postings at the [dcmga.org](http://dcmga.org) web site for more details on these programs. All programs will be at 7:00 PM at the Crossroads at Big Creek.

### ***GIVE US YOUR FEEDBACK ON DCMGA's EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS***

Have you noticed that we no longer hand out paper sheets for comments at our programs? We still welcome and value your comments on the events, but we've gone paperless! After you attend one of our programs, please take a moment to send an e-mail with your thoughts on the event to: [doorgardener@gmail.com](mailto:doorgardener@gmail.com) We use your feedback in planning future programs, so let us know what you think.

## Meet the Master Gardener Training Class of 2013

The Door County Master Gardeners are delighted to have 26 people in the Class of 2013. Everyone is invited to a mid-winter gathering to meet the 2013 Class members and provide them with an opportunity to meet the Master Gardeners at a relaxing event. Spouses and special friends are invited to attend also, but this event will not be open to the public.

**This mid-winter gathering will be held on**

**Saturday, February 16, 2013 at 5:30 PM**

**at the Sevastopol Town Hall  
located at 4550 Highway 57**

Master Gardeners are requested to bring a light appetizer to share. Soft drinks and coffee will be available. Feel free to bring your favorite flavor of wine, beer or mixed drinks.

Our Training Class of 2013 includes Jim Baxter, Phil Block, George Cassidy, Pat Christman, Zachary Christman, Melissa Emminger, Holly Green, Donna Hake, Paul Hamlin, Tim Kazmierczak, Dora Leonardson, Sue May, Andrea Rank, Bonnie Rankin, Deborah Javurek, Linda Lambert, Marie Larson, Jerry Saballus, Vikki Saballus, Scott Thies, Lynn Truckey, Sandy Vandertie, Zoe Wesolowski, Shirley Ziman, Linda Zolnosky and Mike Zolnosky. Please welcome them and get to know them better by coming to this event.

***Please wear your name tag!***



The Class of 2013 is an avid group of learners as shown at left during their botany and entomology course taught by Coggin Heeringa and Sarah Freyman. The lab section of the course included dissection of flowers and grasshoppers.

## MASTER GARDENERS' HOLIDAY GATHERING & DINNER

On December 14, 2012, Master Gardeners and their guests attended the annual holiday party, held at the Sevastopol Town Hall, located on Highway 57 in Institute. Thirty-five people enjoyed the festive decorations provided by Larry Maas, who donated beautiful poinsettias in many colors, and Carl Scholz, who brought fresh evergreen boughs and Yule logs cut from birch trees. These decorations were door prizes for the lucky people chosen at random and for the talented bean bag throwers. Carl also provided his bean bag toss game that brings out a competitive spirit in some of our members! (*Hint: practice precision tossing if you want to be in the competition at a future event.*) Dinner was ham provided by the DCMGA with many wonderful appetizers, side dishes and desserts brought to share by the MG's. Thanks to all who helped make this an event to enjoy and remember!



Nobody goes home hungry from a DCMGA affair with all of our talented cooks and bakers.



Can you tell who has the best bean bag tossing technique?



Some unusual botanical hybrids were discussed after dinner, but they probably will not show up in the annual Plant Sale.

### Master Composter Program Workshops for 2013

The locations for the Wisconsin Master Composter Program initial training workshops have been set for the Spring of 2013. Workshops will be held in four locations this year around the state. The Master Composter program is a train-the-trainer program that aims to build the capacity of composters to share their knowledge and enthusiasm for composting with others. To become a certified Master Composter trainees must attend the one-day workshop and complete three outreach activities.

The composters who participate in the program will gain a more thorough understanding of the composting process as well as common uses for compost. The program provides an introduction to vermicomposting and techniques to reduce the amount of waste generated. Most importantly Master Composter trainees will learn strategies that will enable them to share their knowledge and interest in composting with others.

Workshops are held in partnership with the following County Extension Offices on the dates indicated.

**Polk County, Saturday, March 16th - Jennifer Blazek**

**Iron County, Saturday, March 23rd - Joy Schelble**

**Columbia County, Saturday April 13th - George Koepf**

**Kewaunee County, Saturday April 27th - Claire Thompson**

The local workshop host will be handling registrations and selecting the location for the program in their counties.

For additional information about the scheduled workshops or the Master Composter Program please contact Joe Van Rossum, SHWEC Recycling Specialist at: [vanrossum@epd.engr.wisc.edu](mailto:vanrossum@epd.engr.wisc.edu).

### “Basic Winter Tree Identification Webinar” from the Illinois Forestry Association

While winter is one of the best times to improve your trees, it's difficult to identify trees without their leaves. Yet, the work that you do out in the cold should be directed at the trees that you want to keep. Join us for this webinar on identifying trees during the winter months.

This subject is broad, has been taught as an entire semester course in college, and usually takes one day of indoor and outdoor sessions. However, University of Illinois Extension Forester Jay Hayek promises to condense the basics into this one hour webinar. Once you understand the most basic botanical structures, as seen in winter--the twigs, bark and fruit--identification becomes much easier. If you are interested in woody plants and want to hone your identification skills, join us.

**The webinar is provided for free.** It will only cost you one hour of your time and might save you from making mistakes.

Date: **Tuesday, February 19th, at 11 am.**

Duration: **approximately one hour**, possibly longer depending on the number of questions.

To Register: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/263965601707835392>

Monica A David, University of IL Extension Master Gardener Coordinator  
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## More Spring Seminars & Workshops

### 2013 Garden Series Programs in Green Bay

The Brown County UW-Extension and the Master Gardeners organizations of Brown and Manitowoc Counties are hosting a 2013 Garden Series. The series is comprised of three different sessions, each with a renowned garden speaker who will share their expertise to enhance your gardening experience. The series will be held at the Agriculture & Extension Service Center, 1150 Bellevue Street, Green Bay 54302-2259. This program is open to the general public. You may choose to attend one, two, or all of the sessions in the Series.

Session 1: Attracting Beneficial Insects and Pollinators in the Landscape

**Saturday, February 2, 2013 from 10 am to 12 noon**

*Guest speaker: Phil Pellitteri, Entomology Specialist, University of Wisconsin*

Session 2: Gardening in the Shade

**Saturday, March 2, 2013 from 10 am to 12 noon**

*Guest speaker: Dave Wanninger, Horticulture Director, Boerner Botanical Garden*

Session 3: Designing with Annuals & Perennials in Your Home Garden

**Saturday, April 6, 2013 from 10 am to 12 noon**

*Guest speaker: Mark Dwyer, Horticulture Director, Rotary Garden*

Please register by **Monday, January 28**, for the full series, or **no later than one week before each individual session**. The cost for the full series is \$40 per person, and for each individual session is \$15 per person. An electronic copy of the full brochure with the registration form for the Series is posted at the Door County Master Gardeners web site ([dcmga.org](http://dcmga.org)). **For more information, contact:** the Brown County Extension Office at 920-391-4653 or Vijai Pandian, Horticulture Educator at 920-391-4611 or via email to [vijai.pandian@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:vijai.pandian@ces.uwex.edu)

### Think Spring Garden Seminar in Chippewa Falls February 23, 2013

On Saturday, February 23, 2013, the Chippewa County UW-Extension and Chippewa Valley Master Gardeners Association are sponsoring a full day seminar to be held at Chippewa Falls Middle School, 750 Tropicana Blvd., Chippewa Falls, WI 54729. The program schedule includes registration beginning at 8:00 AM, followed by a welcoming address and morning Keynote session presented by Dick Zondag on "Vegetable Gardens." After the morning break, participants may attend one of the Breakout Sessions on Pruning Trees, the Buzz on Bees, Seed Starting, or a Bluebird House Workshop. After lunch (included in the registration), there will be a second Keynote Session with Dick Zondag speaking on "Annuals and Perennials." Then, participants may attend one of the afternoon Breakout Sessions on Preserving Tomatoes, Shrubs for Garden Beauty, Metal Detecting, or a Bluebird House Workshop.

**Early Bird Registrations (MUST be received by February 18, 2013)** cost \$20 per person (includes lunch).

**After February 18**, the registration cost is \$25 per person. Make checks payable to CVMGA and mail to: Chippewa County Extension Office, Gardening Seminar, Courthouse, Room 13, Chippewa Falls, WI 54729. Indicate which breakout sessions you want to attend. **For more information please contact the Chippewa County Extension Office at 715-726-7950.** An electronic copy of the brochure and registration form may be found at the Door County Master Gardeners web site: [dcmga.org](http://dcmga.org)

## And More Spring Seminars ...

### ***Winter Escape - Summer Dreams Conference in Oshkosh***

On **Saturday, February 2, 2013** the Winnebago County Master Gardeners will host a full day conference at Reeve Memorial Union on the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh campus. This day of gardening education includes knowledgeable speakers, a continental breakfast, lunch and vendors.

Keynote speaker Michael Yanny is an expert in the field of plant propagation. He has worked with Johnson's Nursery in Menomonee Falls for over 30 years and managed the Research and Development Department before purchasing the R&D materials to form JN Plant Selections, LLC in 2012. Yanny selected and introduced numerous new varieties of trees and shrubs during his career. He promises lively and humorous presentations on *Native Trees and Shrubs for Use in Wisconsin Landscapes* and *The Stories Behind the Plants from Johnson's Nursery*.

Sharon Morrisey, a Consumer Horticulture Agent and Master Gardener Advisor for the UW-Extension in Milwaukee County, will present *Small Space/Small Budget Vegetable Gardening*. A healthful, bountiful harvest is possible even in small city lots and Morrisey has a special interest in teaching the techniques that make it possible.

Registration for this event after January 18 costs \$40 per person. Parking is free. For a registration form and more information, go to [www.winnebagomastgardener.org](http://www.winnebagomastgardener.org) or call (920) 231-5745.

### **Garden Expo! In Madison, February 8 to 10**

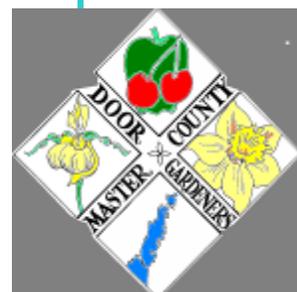
The annual Garden Expo Event will be held February 8 to 10 at the Madison Alliant Center. Garden Expo is presented by Wisconsin Public Television and the UW-Extension. The event —now in its 20th year— celebrates the latest trends in gardening and landscaping and attracts more than 20,000 people from throughout the Midwest. It offers seminars and demonstrations on a variety of topics from Perennials to Vegetable Gardens. Join gardening enthusiasts to share ideas, gain inspiration and create something new. For more information, go to [www.wigardenexpo.com](http://www.wigardenexpo.com).

### **THANKS FOR VOLUNTEERING!**

#### **Check [dcmga.org](http://dcmga.org) Website for Volunteer Opportunities**

Thanks to all DCMG's who participate in events throughout the year, from the spring planting, tending and sale, the Open House and Taste of the Garden Door events, all of our educational events that inspire and educate gardeners, and for contributing to the social culture at our events. Everyone who volunteers helps make our organization better.

Please check notices for information on volunteer opportunities at our web site, [dcmga.org](http://dcmga.org).





### Events to Remember!

**Feb. 16 — Meet & Greet the Class of 2013, Sevastopol Town Hall, 5:30 pm**

**Feb. 19 — “Whats New for 2013” Program, Crossroads, 7:00 pm**

**Feb. 26 — “Your Community Garden” Program, Crossroads, 7:00 pm**

**March 5 — “Spiderman of UW-Green Bay” Program, Crossroads, 7:00 pm**

**March 16 — Master Composter Program Workshop, Polk County**

**March 19 — “How to Start a Veggie Garden” Program, Crossroads, 7:00 pm**

**March 23 — Master Composter Program Workshop, Iron County**

### WI Master Gardener Board Member-At-Large Election is Now!

Our fellow member, **Rod Bohn**, is on the ballot for re-election to the Wisconsin Master Gardener Board as the incumbent for the member-at-large position. Rod has served as an at-large board member and as vice-president.

Please vote before the **Friday, April 12 deadline** by emailing Susan Mahr ([semahr@wisc.edu](mailto:semahr@wisc.edu)). Those of you who are unable to email, may send the paper ballot found on page 5 of the most recent WIMGA newsletter.

Thank you!  
Jan Ziemann

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17	18	19 Ed. Program Crossroads, 7pm	20 TGD Presentation to 2013 Class Res. Stn, 7 pm	21	22	23
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Remember The Garden Door Spring Clean Up, Saturday morning, April 20th