

DOOR COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS ASSOCIATION, INC. NEWSLETTER

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President's Message



Dorry Wilner

DCMGA

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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.

Dear Gardening Friends,

As 2018 begins, I'm starting a new adventure as your President. I've been a gardener of all sorts for many years but a Master Gardener volunteer for only two years. For a long time while I was still gainfully employed, I admired the contributions made to the community by Master Gardeners in Winnebago County. My work with youth development programs included summer employment for teens. The local Master Gardeners often welcomed our students into their gardening projects for both learning and employment experiences. I love native plants. I grow vegetables in a home garden and in four raised beds at the Algoma Community Garden.

Before moving to Algoma (actually the Town of Ahnapee along County Rd. U), my family lived in Oshkosh, Wisconsin for about 22 years. I have also lived in a variety of other places including Florida, Illinois, Indiana, California, North Carolina and Iowa. I find it interesting that in other times of our lives, people get to know us through our children or our jobs. Here in Door County (for those of us who are not natives) we get to know each other through volunteer activities. I want you to know a little about my background so that you might have confidence in my ability to serve as your president for this year. Most of my employment background has been in communications, program and curriculum development and grant writing and administration. I've worked for Habitat for Humanity, the Oshkosh Police Department, the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh and General Electric (oh yes, and Dunkin' Donuts, but that was during college). As a lifelong volunteer, I've been affiliated with League of Women Voters, the United Church of Christ, the Women's Fund of the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation and various philanthropic and non-profit organizations. I've served in various capacities on boards and committees since the mid-1980's. I've always enjoyed the opportunity to serve as a volunteer and have gained more than I've given in doing so. As 2018 begins, we are financially sound and have a strong membership (119 volunteers in active, inactive and friend status). The past couple of years have presented some challenges that include policy and procedural changes. As part of a much larger system – the UW Extension and Wisconsin Master Gardeners, we are bound to adhere to practices that we may be unfamiliar with but are in place to serve the best interest of all involved.

Although some of us may be unhappy with these changes, I believe the benefits we derive are greater than the burden of adherence. I realize that may be arguable but I don't believe that there is room in the garden for conflict. I hope that we can put our resistance (and general grumpiness) to these changes behind us and remember why we gather to share and learn and enjoy gardening. With all that said, we do face some challenges in the area of leadership. Over the past two years, new members have stepped up to take on many of the tasks needed to keep the organization running smoothly. Most of our Committees have strong leadership, are well-organized and moving forward with all the programs and activities for 2018. However, many of us are involved in a number of activities outside of Master Gardeners (or within it for that matter) and can be asked to do only so much. Everyone needs to be involved in the way best suited to the time and energy they have.

The Board of Directors are inviting more members to help with key functions at the Garden Door, the annual Open House, the newsletter, marketing and publicity, outreach, youth programs and member engagement. If any of these areas are of interest to you and you have ideas and some time to devote, please contact me or any other member of the Board to discuss what needs to be done and how you can help. You won't work alone and we will help in recruiting additional members with like interests. We are developing "job descriptions" for unfilled volunteer opportunities and welcome your input.

In closing, I want to thank you for the opportunity to be a part of this well-respected organization and look forward to working with you to continue our contributions to the beauty of Door County with every flower, plant, garden and tree we tend.

With warm regards,

Dorry Wilner

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 by President Mike VanEss.

Board Members present: Linda Zolnosky, Marsha Krzyzsanowski, Wendy Woldt, Dorry Wilner, Jim Friedrichs, and new members Jeanne Vogel and Cliff White. **Also present**: Annie Deutsch.

Welcome: On behalf of the DCMGA membership and board, new board members Jeanne Vogel and Cliff White were welcomed.

Secretary's report: The minutes of the previous meeting were approved (motion by Dorry W., seconded by Linda Z.) Also presented were the minutes of the Annual Meeting, with some information to be added. Approval tabled until next Annual Meeting.

Treasurer's report: The Accounts report had been discussed and approved at the Annual Meeting.

Election of Officers: After a discussion of leadership training and the Presidential Responsibilities report that Mike V. had distributed, a slate of officers was assembled:

President: Dorry Wilner (motion to nominate by Jeanne V./ seconded by Jim F.)

Vice-President: Jeanne Vogel (""" Jim F./ sec. Holly G.)
Treasurer: Wendy Woldt (""" Jeanne V./ sec. Jim F.)
Secretary: Holly Green (""" Jeanne V./ sec. Jim F.)

Vote to confirm all candidates (motion Linda Z./sec. Jim F.) with unanimous Board

approval.

Old Business

Flower Power Fundraising: Total sales \$892. DCMGA gets half (\$446).

Annual Meeting and Banquet: Held at Mr.G's Logan Creek Grill. Restaurant was easy to work with and the food was good. Suggestion made to possibly subsidize meals if prices go up or venue changes. Noted: Money budgeted last year not used due to timing of banquet and financial year. Could seating be assigned so that current members are mixed with new members?

New Business

What can be done to assist new President? Previous President, Board, and VP should assist.

Leadership Openings: Committee to explore ways to promote opportunities and recognize leader candidates? How do other organizations find new candidates for leadership roles?

Open House: Signs are to be reserved Dec. 1. July 14 is the suggested date for event, with an earlier time of 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Penny Wilson will promote the event and others on Facebook. All other publicity will go through Mike V. Note: A new Open House Chairperson is needed.

Annual Committee Report Form: No changes needed to form.

Committee Reports

The Garden Door: New Grounds Coordinator needed. Plant colors next year are

"grenadine", purple, and yellow.

Education: Tuesday night lectures at Crossroads being arranged. **Training**: Three applicants so far. November 21 is the deadline.

Annual Meeting: See above.

Plant Sale: No Report. **Open House**: See above.

Outreach: N/R

Merchandise Sales: N/R

Newsletter: N/R Publicity: N/R Youth: N/R Social: N/R

Sunshine: Donation sent to Crossroads in memory of Kathie Vavra. Sympathy card

sent to Kerry Vavra

Christmas Party: To be held December 15, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the Sevastopol town hall. It will be a potluck, with DCMGA supplying the chicken. Signup is on the website.

State Report: County budget was passed, all positions safe at Extension Office. Dues deadline is January 15. Background check questions passed on to Annie D.

State Conference: Online reporting of hours discussed, new training levels may be developed. Leadership concerns discussed, mentoring of local reps at the state level, grants as related to community projects.

WIMGA conference to be Sept. 22, 2018 in Eau Claire, regional conference to be June 13-16, 2018 at the University of Minnesota Arboretum, and the international conference to be held June 17-21, 2019 in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania.

Announcements: The next Board Meeting will be held January 17, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. at PARS.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m. (motion Linda Z./ sec. Marsha K.)

Present: Dorry Wilner, Jim Fredrichs, Mike VanEss, Jeanne Vogel, Cliff White, Wendy Woldt, Linda Zolnosky and guests: John Werblow (member) and Jenny Spude, Sturgeon Bay High School.

Excused: Holly Green and Marsha Krzyzasanowski,

The meeting was called to order by Dorry Wilner at 5:32 pm

The agenda was adjusted due to absences.

Secretary's report: The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. (motion by Linda Zolnosky and seconded by Jeanne Vogel)

Eventually all meeting minutes will be posted on our website in Members Info section. Committee and event chairs will email minutes to Mike VanEss who will post them. Mike is working to finalize the membership roster.

Treasurer's report: Wendy Woldt explained the monthly report of checking and money market amounts. Nearly all of the dues are in. She noted the donation from Hatco (earned as a match from Kaylynn Litersky's service hours) and the Door County Community Foundation (from Kathy Vavra Memorials) **The board directs Holly Green to send a note to Hatco and Door County Community Foundation for donations received.**

A \$25.00 donation in honor of Mary Moster's husband, Lou Williams, was sent to Birch Creek.

DCMGA member Mary Moster's husband, Lou Williams, passed away on Wednesday. According to information provided by Barb & Doug Henderson, there will be a celebration of Lou's life for family and friends on Saturday January 20th. The celebration will be held at Birch Creek Performance Center, <u>3821 County Road E</u>, <u>Egg Harbor</u> in Juniper Hall ...1:00-3-00.

His obituary can be found at https://www.huehnsfuneralhome.com/notices/Louis-Williams]r

Sunshine Report: Sympathy card sent to Mary Moster.

Review of goals: Jeanne Vogel and Cliff White will meet in February, inviting members to review present goals, post revised goals for general membership review, and report at March board meeting. Goals have been reviewed every other year in the past. Bill Freyman will be contacted to assist.

Membership list and volunteer recruitment: Discussion to define inactive membership as it impacts our association and particularly The Garden Door and Youth program. Points discussed: inactive members may not take leadership positions, have no voting rights, and must complete the background check and hours of education and service to be reinstated as full members. The board will continue to monitor this issue.

Membership status will be discussed at the March Board meeting.

Sturgeon Bay School District request: Jenny Spude, Director of Food Services, shared information regarding the construction of a greenhouse at the high school. September through June, she hopes to have volunteers to work with students to

plant and maintain the greenhouse, perhaps 20 minutes, two times a week. More Information was requested to put on our website to discern interest in this project. Interested members are encouraged to contact Jenny for more information. A "Outreach Project" request is required from a member for this to move forward as a DCMGA project. (jspude@sturbay.k12.wi.us).

Committee Reports: In the future, reports could be submitted in advance and reviewed by the Board prior to the meeting to expedite this discussion. Points of interest and/or concern would still be brought to the Board for review.

The Garden Door: The Board briefly reviewed the Strategic Plan and Area Supervisor job description presented by TGD Committee.

Newsletter: Jeanne White will complete the Winter, 2018 issue (due out early February) and then a new editor needs to be identified.

Current open leadership positions: Newsletter Editor, TGD Area Supervisors, TGD Maintenance and Grounds Team, Outreach, Youth Programs, Open House. The addition of a Membership/Volunteer Coordinator position was discussed. The President is responsible to assemble an "ad hoc" recruitment committee to identify members who might fill the vacant positions. Job descriptions are needed for some vacant positions.

Membership of Committees: Jeanne Vogel assembled and shared the list of all committees and their current members. The Risk Management Committee will be deleted from the Committee List.

Education: The first program was January 9 and the schedule is complete for this winter/spring at Crossroads. Program schedule is posted on the website and promoted on our Facebook page (Penne Wilson).

Direction to Education Committee: forward program info to Penne Wilson and she will post on the DCMGA Facebook page.

Upcoming events:

DCMGA Marketing Workshop on Friday, January 19, 10:00 - 12:00 at Crossroads. Penny Wilson will lead the discussion.

Meet and Greet (current members and members of training class) to be at the Sevastopol Town Hall on January 28 from 2:00-4:00 pm

(A great opportunity for education hours). Kewaunee County Garden Club is sponsoring a bus to the WPT Garden Expo on Saturday February 10th. Sign up by February 6th. Details at http://www.kcgardenclub.org/

Next Board meeting: March 21 at 5:30pm at CROSSROADS.

Adjourned at 8:00 pm

Minutes submitted by Linda Zolnoski



THE GARDEN DOOR COMMITTEE MEETING January 8, 2018

Present: Jim Baxter, Jeanne Vogel, Linda Zolnosky, Jim Friedrichs, Dorry Wilner, Barbara and Doug Henderson, Wendy Woldt, Vicki Dirst, Nancy Anschutz, Barb Henkelmann, Deborah Javurek, Carrie Sherrill.

The minutes of the November 12, 2017 meeting were approved.

Wendy reported that we have received two donations, one for \$400 from the Hatch Company, the other from the Door County Community Foundation in memory of Kathy Vavra.

The 11/12/17 draft of the proposed strategic plan for The Garden Door was extensively discussed. The 1/8/18 draft of the strategic plan, a copy of which is attached, will be acted on at the next meeting.

Jim advised that producing Tuesday In The Garden Door this year will be much more time consuming because non-repetitive speakers and topics will be more difficult to find. He would appreciate a few partners to share the load. There were no immediate volunteers.

Jim advised that Penne Wilson has agreed to coordinate Face Book activities for the organization and would appreciate receiving material from TGD supervisors about their gardens. Penne has also agreed to speak to the Committee about PR and publicity issues.

Dorry announced that there will be a meeting of committee heads and other interested individuals on the marketing needs of the organization at Crossroads on January 19 at 10:00 a.m. All members are welcome to attend.

Jim advised that having an agreed upon job description for garden area supervisors would assist in recruiting for these positions. Not understanding what's involved in the job, and concern about being stuck in the job, have been significant barriers. An 11/10/14 draft job description was extensively discussed. The 1/8/18 draft of the job description, a copy of which is attached, will be acted on at the next meeting. Jim advised that some of TGD furniture is in need of refinishing and enquired if anyone was interested in this project. There were no immediate volunteers. The Committee has agreed in the past that a more visible donation box would be a good idea. Research by Mike VanEss has not revealed good prospects. Jim inquired if anyone would be interested in designing a new box. There were no immediate volunteers. Barbara Henderson volunteered to do some additional research.

Jim and Carrie explained how the coordinators and the training staff are working together to educate the training class about TGD and the opportunities for working in TGD. Carrie will be circulating to the supervisors of each garden the names of the students that have expressed an interest in that garden. Each supervisor should make contact with the interested students.

REMINDER: The Meet & Greet is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on January 28 at the Sevastopol Town Hall.

REMINDER: Plant list updates are due and should be sent to Mike VanEss. Annual garden supervisor reports are due and should be sent to Jim Baxter.

A discussion of what worked and what didn't work last year regarding maintenance of TGD yielded these insights and suggestions:

- (1) with Monday coffee and donuts being popular, the scheduled cleanups and weed & feeds (other than during greenhouse operations) should be scheduled on Saturday;
- (2) the failure of supervisors to use the work assignment sheets in the shack may have been attributable to concern about turning gardens over to unknown persons.

Jeanne advised that she is working on a prospect for one of the grounds coordinator positions but has no commitment yet. Next meeting: March 12, 2018

THE GARDEN DOOR AREA SUPERVISOR JOB DESCRIPTION Draft 01/08/18

The following are guidelines for those members who take on the job of being a garden area supervisor in The Garden Door ("TGD"):

- * Design the garden area. When contemplating major changes, consult with TGD Coordinator and present a plan to TGD Committee for advice, consensus or approval, as appropriate.
- * Develop and annually update the plant list for the garden area.
- * Plant and maintain the garden area.
- * Label the plants in the garden area.
- * Attend scheduled clean-up activities when feasible.
- * Provide a proposed annual budget amount for the garden to TGD Coordinator.
- * Spend no more than the approved budgeted amount for the garden unless a special request has been approved by TGD Coordinator or the Board.
- * Provide all expense receipts for reimbursement to TGD Coordinator.
- * Prepare an educational information sheet on the garden for the website.
- * Attend TGD Committee meetings when feasible.
- * Share ideas, concerns and problems with TGD Committee.
- * Fill out the annual Committee Report Form for the garden and provide the form to TGD Coordinator.
- * Seek to be a good will ambassador for TGD, both internally and externally.
- * Expertise is not expected of a supervisor—only willingness to work, enthusiasm and an interest in learning.
- * The term of a supervisor is one year, from January 1 to December 31, renewable at the option of the supervisor, and with no expectation that the supervisor will remain in the position until a replacement is found.
- * Advise TGD Coordinator by the end of the term whether the supervisor intends to continue in the position for the next year.

THE GARDEN DOOR STRATEGIC PLAN FOR 2018-2020 Draft 01/08/18

Goal 1: Participation—Increase participation in maintaining The Garden Door ("TGD").

Action Steps:

- 1. Create opportunities to volunteer in TGD.
- (a) Maintain area supervisor structure, but supervisors should seek to add a second person who could succeed them.
- (b) Continue Monday mornings (coffee and donuts) in the garden.
- (c) Continue regularly scheduled cleanups (spring and fall cleanups and weed & feeds).
- (d) Continue recruiting volunteers from the new class members with the help of TGD Coordinators and the training staff.
- (e) Solicit new ideas from members to encourage volunteering in TGD.
- (f) Adopt an expectations statement re garden supervisors.

Goal 2: Education—Enhance TGD as an educational tool and teaching instrument.

Action Steps:

- 1. Enhance the use of our website.
- (a) Maintain and update information about plants in TGD.
- (b) Submit descriptions of garden areas. (c) Update "aerial" view of TGD with boundaries of each garden area shown and labeled to eliminate uncertainty and include problem areas.
- 2. Develop static educational tools for visitors to learn more about plants and garden-related topics.
- (a) Maintain and add labels as needed.
- (b) Create new ways to display information for visitors.
- (c) Post signs naming the garden areas.
- 3. Continue Tuesdays In The Garden Door.
- 4. Increase public awareness of TGD
- (a) Investigate advertising opportunities at Visitors' Center (e.g. listing in visitor booklet), newspapers, etc.;
- (b) Seek to beef up presence on Trip Advisor;
- (c) More use of Face Book;
- (d) Participation in events like home and garden tour;
- (e) Find a member to handle PR/advertising.
- 5. Seek to increase donations with a more aggressive donation box and signage.

Goal 3: Eliminate All Invasive Plants From TGD.



New Board Member - Cliff White

Born and Raised in the far southwestern suburbs of Chicago, Cliff grew up with an interest in all sports. He enjoyed hunting and fishing, along with sandlot baseball, football, pond hockey and golf.

Cliff's career path led him into combining his environmental, infrastructure and utility interests, which he bolstered by evening attendance at Community Colleges and The DePaul School for New Learning with a focus on Environmental Studies.

Moving to St. Charles IL in 1991, Cliff accepted a position with the City of St. Charles as their Environmental Services Manager, becoming active in many professional groups Including: Past President, Illinois Association of Wastewater Agencies; Past President, Kane County Water Association; Water Environment Federation Local Arrangements Committee, and was also a founding member of the Fox River Study Group.

Moving to Door County in 2007, Cliff joined Sturgeon Bay Utilities in the capacity of Operations Manager and currently serves on the board of the Municipal Electrical Utilities of Wisconsin.

Cliff resides in Egg Harbor with wonderful wife Jeanne and a variety of pets and wildlife. Cliff and Jeanne are both Master Gardeners and have spent the last six years designing and planting gardens, planting bushes and trees, installing stone pathways and fence, and stacking the fieldstone on 1,000' of rock wall.

Door County Master Gardener Website

Please spend some time investigating the DCMGA website.

The plan for the future is to post more information on the "Member" Section. 70% of our members have already established an account providing them access to the "Members" section. It's time to jump on board! You will need your email address and a password (you create it) to set up an account.

If you have any problems creating an account, please contact Mike VanEss. He will be happy to assist!

WDOR - RADIO SHOW with Carrie Sherrill and DCMGA Guests Tune in on Thursdays at 10:20am

Each week will feature Carrie and a DCMGA guest that will tell folks about a specific area of the Garden Door along with other gardening information.

The Heritage Garden at Crossroads celebrates 20 years in 2017!

In 1997, under the supervision of Marilyn Cunningham and to honor two members of the Sturgeon Bay Home and Garden Club, ground was broken for a heritage garden. Crossroads generously gave the land along the East side of the General store at the Heritage village for this purpose. Since then, members of the Garden Club and the Door County Master Gardeners have tended the garden.

In 2017, planning began early as decisions had to be made for a new fence and an expanded garden with the demise of the rustic fence and the removal of hydrangeas that had been overtaking the area along the General Store wall. With the expanded space, a new plan was developed. The perennial herb garden was placed on the north side and was bordered by Door County rock to separate it from the vegetables. The garden was planted in mid-June on completion of the fence.

This vintage garden closely resembles what was typical in the era 1890-1910. Heirloom plants from that era are grown. No pesticides or modern-era fertilizers are used. Outside the garden fence, the beds combine perennial and annual flowers with medicinal plants. The effect has the look of a cottage garden. It blooms continuously through the season offering visitors to Crossroads a vibrant show of color. The gate to the garden merges morning glories with hops as they intertwine over the archway. A birdhouse on the General Store wall is often occupied in the spring by a wren and her brood.

A crew tends the garden twice a week, with some members coming at other times to garden in solitude. The produce is shared with the local food pantries. The garden is a frequent backdrop for photo ops by locals and visitors to Crossroads.

Anyone is welcome to come, sit on the bench and enjoy the rustic garden. Visitors can get up close to varieties of vegetables not often grown today, and get reacquainted with flowers reminiscent of grandmother's garden.

Nancy Goldberg







DCMGA Meet & Greet - Sunday, January 28, 2018

About 50 people attended the Meet and Greet which was held at the Sevastopol Town Hall. Dorry Wilner, President of DCMGA provided the welcome to the group. She also spoke briefly about the many opportunities that the organization has to offer. A skills inventory was distributed and completed by those in attendance.

As always, there were introductions of the students and also of those in attendance. There was plenty of food and many prizes! A PowerPoint presentation about the Garden Door was running in the background throughout the afternoon thanks to Nancy Anschutz. An enjoyable time was had by all.

Big thanks to those who assisted Carrie Sherrill with this event: Karen and Joe Kidd, Marsha and Steve Kryzsanowski, Shirley and Rudy Ziman, Nancy Goldberg, Nancy Anschutz, Dorry Wilner and Peter Sherrill.

The new class members are: Laura Clampett, Annette Heck, Daniel Waszak, Shawn Mathys, Jeanine Brennan, Karen Newbern, Lonnie Vitse, Marty Ross, Kris Lewis, and Sue Kunz. I am confident that they will be an asset to our organization. **Carrie Sherrill**







What's New for 2018 Korí Zawojskí Sunnypoint Gardens



Each year the first in a series of educational programs is always devoted to Kori Zawojski, co-owner of Sunnypoint Gardens & Gift Shop and her colorful presentation of what's new for the coming year.

Even though Door County gardens are buried in snow and ice, and the temperatures are frigid, gardeners realize that spring is around the corner and it's time to think about all the new varieties of annuals and perennials that can be added to their gardens.

On Tuesday January 9th, at 7pm, Door County Master Gardeners and members of the public gathered in the Collins Learning Center at Crossroads at Big Creek to learn about the newest garden trends.

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Education Opportunities

2018 Free Public Programs - Crossroads at Big Creek - Tues at 7pm

2/13	Whitefish Dunes 50th Anniversary	Dale Goodner Naturalist
2/20	Wild Orchids of Door County, a Tribute to Honor Roy Lukes, & Spring in Door County	Charlotte Lukes Door Cty Naturalist
3/13	Native Plant Restoration, Learning from the Natural Areas of Door County	Terri Cooper DC Land Trust
3/20	Jumping Worms	Bernie Williams WDNR
3/27	Different Daffs - Overview of an Addiction	George Dorner Midwest Daffodil Society
4/10	Role of Turf in Landscaping	Tom Luebker DCMG
4/17	Holistic Garden Design	Mark Konlock GBBG
4/24	Ornamental Edibles	Mark Dwyer Rotary Gardens



Brown County UW-Extension & NEW Master Gardeners 2018 Horticulture Classes



Beginning Beekeeping – Tuesday, February 6; 6-7:30 PM, Green Bay Botanical Garden: Learn the basics of backyard beekeeping! Ken Sikora of the Brown County Beekeepers Association will share his valuable knowledge. Cost to attend is \$10 payable to NEW Master Gardeners. Pre-register by sending your contact information and payment to: Hort Dept., Brown County UW-Extension, 210 Museum Place, Green Bay, WI 54303.

Shade Gardening with Hostas – Thursday, March 22; 6-7:30 PM, Green Bay Botanical Garden: Kyle Gigot, Master Gardener Volunteer, will discuss the basics of shade gardening, centering on hostas. Learn about the different hosta cultivars available for your shady environment. Cost is \$7 payable to NEW Master Gardeners for preregistration (\$10 at the door). Pre-register by sending your contact information and payment to: Hort Dept., Brown County UW-Extension, 210 Museum Place, Green Bay, WI 54303.

Seed Starting 101 – Tuesday, March 27; 6-7:30 PM, Green Bay Botanical Garden: Join Lynn Clark, Master Gardener Volunteer, to learn the art of growing your own vegetable plants from seeds. Class will include planning, seed selection, growing mix, equipment, and general knowledge to increase your seed germination success. Cost of the program is \$7 payable to NEW Master Gardeners for preregistration (\$10 at the door). Pre-register by sending your contact information and payment to: Hort Dept., Brown County UW-Extension, 210 Museum Place, Green Bay, WI 54303.

Pruning Fruit Trees – Saturday, March 31; 10-11:30 AM, Green Bay Schools Head Start (former UW-Extension Office), 1150 Bellevue St.: Vijai Pandian, Horticulture Educator, will demonstrate the proper pruning techniques for fruit trees. Cost is \$7 payable to NEW Master Gardeners for preregistration (\$10 at the door). Pre-register by sending your contact information and payment to: Hort Dept., Brown County UW-Extension, 210 Museum Place, Green Bay, WI 54303.

Vegetable Gardening for Beginners – Wednesday, April 4; 6-7:30 PM, Green Bay Botanical Garden: This class will cover the basics of vegetable gardening including planning your garden, prepping your garden soil, selecting vegetables, and growing requirements. Cost is \$7 payable to NEW Master Gardeners for preregistration (\$10 at the door). Pre-register by sending your contact information and payment to: Hort Dept., Brown County UW-Extension, 210 Museum Place, Green Bay, WI 54303.

Pruning Shade Trees – Thursday, April 12; 6-7:30 PM, Green Bay Botanical Garden: Doug Hartman, Master Gardener Volunteer, along with Vijai Pandian, Horticulture Educator, will demonstrate the basics of pruning shade trees. Cost is \$7 payable to NEW Master Gardeners for preregistration (\$10 at the door). Pre-register by sending your contact information and payment to: Hort Dept., Brown County UW-Extension, 210 Museum Place, Green Bay, WI 54303.

Pruning Shrubs – Thursday, April 19; 6-7:30 PM, Green Bay Botanical Garden: Dan Mitchell, Master Gardener Volunteer, along with Vijai Pandian, Horticulture Educator, will demonstrate the basics of a variety of shrubs. Cost is \$7 payable to NEW Master Gardeners for preregistration (\$10 at the door). Pre-register by sending your contact information and payment to: Hort Dept., Brown County UW-Extension, 210 Museum Place, Green Bay, WI 54303.

Composting 101 – Thursday, April 26; 6-7:30 PM, Green Bay Botanical Garden: Shirley Triest-Robertson and Dan Mitchell, Master Gardener Volunteers, will discuss how to effectively manage yard trimmings, food wastes, and other organic materials generated at home. Cost of the program is \$7 payable to NEW Master Gardeners for preregistration (\$10 at the door). Pre-register by sending your contact information and payment to: Hort Dept., Brown County UW-Extension, 210 Museum Place, Green Bay, WI 54303.

Advanced Vegetable Gardening – Tuesday, May 1; 6-7:30 PM, Green Bay Botanical Garden: Join Lynn Clark and Jim Fameree, Master Gardener Volunteers, along with Vijai Pandian, Horticulture Educator, during this class designed for the experienced vegetable gardener. Learn the next steps in successful vegetable gardening! Cost is \$7 payable at NEW Master Gardeners for preregistration (\$10 at the door). Pre-register by sending your contact information and payment to: Hort Dept., Brown County UW-Extension, 210 Museum Place, Green Bay, WI 54303.

Native Prairie Plants to Attract Pollinators – Tuesday, May 8; 6-7:30 PM, Green Bay Botanical Garden: Join Master Gardener Volunteers Claudia Schultz, Alan Nass, and Annette Weissbach as they introduce you to using native plants to attract pollinators in your landscape. Cost to attend is \$7 payable to NEW Master Gardeners for preregistration (\$10 at the door). Pre-register by sending your contact information and payment to: Hort Dept., Brown County UW-Extension, 210 Museum Place, Green Bay, WI 54303.

Growing Blueberries in Containers – Tuesday, June 5; 6-7:30 PM, Green Bay Botanical Garden: Our soil in Northeast Wisconsin generally is too basic to successfully grow blueberries. Contained blueberries offer the chance to keep the medium blueberries are in at a level they can thrive. Vijai Pandian, Horticulture Educator, will help guide us to tasty results. Cost to attend is \$7 payable to NEW Master Gardeners for preregistration (\$10 at the door). Pre-register by sending your contact information and payment to: Hort Dept., Brown County UW-Extension, 210 Museum Place, Green Bay, WI 54303.

To pay your class fees online, go to www.browncountyextension.org and click on "Pay Your Class Fees Online." Choose "Horticulture" as the Program Area.

For more information, contact:Brown County UW-Extension Horticulture Department at 920-391-4650

University of Wisconsin-Extension provides equal opportunities in employment and programming, including Title IX and ADA. To ensure equal access,

The following is an email from Jenny Spude to Dorry Wilner regarding an Outreach Project opportunity.

Hi Dorry

We are building a greenhouse at Sturgeon Bay Schools. We would like to partner with the DCMG or a MG who is passionate about working with students and wants to work outside of the DCMG parameters. Starting in School Year (SY)18-19 we are requesting support of a vegetable gardener with some idea of indoor growing who would help a few key staff by helping to plan planting, lay out supplies before students arrive to help and guide students in planting for correct depth and growth. Time expectations would be more intense in the beginning of the SY with about 2 hours twice a week, the first few weeks of school, which would level off to 45 minutes twice a week for most of the SY. Contact Natalie Townsend (SBHS Family & Consumer Sciences.746-3850) or Jenny Spude (SBS Food Services Director.746-3877) at Sturgeon Bay School District. General mission & objectives listed below

Thank you

Jenny

Mission Statement:

Our greenhouse will provide an outdoor learning classroom for teaching real-life experiences in growing and eating food, environmental sustainability with technology integration.

Objectives:

A greenhouse will provide the opportunity to grow food while school is in session.

By growing food students will:

- be exposed to agricultural practices on a small scale.
- learn about impacts on land cultivation.
- explore the web of life-sustaining interactions between living and nonliving players.
- provide tactile environmental education enhancement for students in the areas of Health/Nutrition, Business, Art, Foods, Technology and Engineering, and Life Sciences.

be more likely to eat fresh produce that they've had a role in cultivating.

PLANT SALE - PLANT DONATIONS FROM MEMBERS

Please contact Lucy Kile at Ikile1@wildblue.net or at 920-743-6827 if you are planning to donate any plants to the DCMGA plant sale this spring. She would like to compile an inventory of what to expect from members. If you need help with digging and potting, please give her a call. She has a team that can assist.

Greenhouse and Plant Sale Preparation

We are getting closer to Spring!! All the signs are here – days are getting longer, seed catalogs are appearing in our mail and email boxes, and the Master Gardeners are planning greenhouse activities in preparation for the plant sale!!!

The preliminary seed list has been completed and orders will take place soon.

We are looking forward to having as many folks as possible help in the green house this year. There are many jobs at different times from March 17 when we first meet at the Greenhouse until the Plant sale on May 26.

We want to better organize these activities, So, if you are interested in giving any time to the greenhouse, please respond to Nancy Goldberg – nancy.goldberg50@gmail.com. We will put together a listing and send out regular emails.

Stay tuned...

DCMGA COMMITTEES



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MANY THANKS TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS!

Please consider volunteering for one of the open positions.

FEB 2018						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4	5	6 Education Committee 1-2pm PARS	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 Whitefish Dunes 50th Anniversary 7pm CRBC	14	15 WDOR DCMGA Radio Show 10:20am	16	17
18	19	20 Wild Orchids of DC 7pm CRBC	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28			

Event: PARS=Research Station Classroom, CRBC=Crossroads at Big Creek, TGD = The Garden Door

MAR 2018						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
TC = Training	Class			1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 TC Plant Propagation 5:30-8:30pm Mass Floral Greenhouse	9	10 TC Greenhouse Orientation 9am-11am PARS Grnhse
11	12 TGD Committee Meeting	13 Native Plant Restoration 7pm CRBC	14	15 WDOR DCMGA Radio Show 10:20am	16	17 9am Greenhouse Work
18	19	20 Jumping Worms 7pm CRBC	21 DCMGA Board Mtg 5:30pm CRBC	22	23	24 9am Greenhouse Work
25	26	27 Different Daffs 7pm CRBC	28	29	30	31 9am Greenhouse Work

APR 2018						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 9m Greenhouse Work
8	9	10 Role of Turf in Landscaping 7pm CRBC	11	12	13	14 9am Greenhouse Work
15	16	17 Holistic Garden Design 7pm CRBC	18	19 WDOR DCMGA Radio Show 10:20am	20	21 9am Greenhouse Work
22	23	24 Ornamental Edibles 7pm CRBC	25	26	27	28 9am Greenhouse Work
29	30					

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Saturday, 5/26 Door County Master Gardener Plant Sale - 9am to 12N Saturday, 7/14 The Garden Door Open House - Hours TBD

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