

# PCMGV News — June 2017

PCMGV Meeting  
June 26, 2017 6 pm  
Laurie Kosmalski's Home  
2527 N. Hamilton Rd., Rosholt

Laurie and Dennis have been living in the Rosholt area for 36 years. When they bought their 2 acres it was an old, old hay field. Laurie said the only thing living on the property were wood ticks. "There were so many they even crawled on the steps," she said. They lived in a mobile home for 10 years and had a few beds but nothing like today. They moved the trailer to the hay field and built a house. Laurie says "That is when my SPIRITS began to speak to me, I just love to add different things to my beds. I love the hostas that you will be able to see through the yard. I do have a good collection of frogs in the yard." They also have a big garden – Dennis is in charge of that. Dennis plants, and Laurie processes the produce that they get. "I feel so grateful to have Dennis help me with my creations. I always say to him 'don't say no -- just listen to my ideas' and then the next project starts!" she said. The picture below is a 54 Ford pickup. Laurie said she always wanted an old truck to display things she enjoys.

Directions to Laurie Kosmalski's house: 2527 N Hamilton Rd., Rosholt .

Take Hwy 66 east toward Rosholt, but before Rosholt turn right on St. Adalbert Rd. Go past the church. Continue for 1 1/2 miles. Go to stop sign. Turn right on Hamilton. Go around 3 SHARP curves. House is on the left – 2527 – it is a grey house. There will be signs at the road ways. If you are coming from the Amherst area, take Hwy 161 to Cty A left, go to Cty OO. Turn left and continue on Cty OO until you get to Hamilton. It is a 1/2 intersection -- turn right. Please park on the driveway & yard. There will be a sign for parking.

-- info submitted by  
Laurie Kosmalski



Laurie's 1954 Ford



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## 2017 Upcoming Portage County Master Gardener Meeting Dates & Events

Saturdays through Sept. 3, 7 a.m.-noon — Stevens Point Farmers' Market: Ask a Master Gardener  
July 14-15 — Garden Parade, 2-7 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday  
July 24, 6:00 p.m. — PCMGV meeting — Tour garden of Nina Cass/ Linda Cook  
August 28, 6:00 p.m. — PCMGV meeting — Schmeckle Reserve — Jill Trochlell-Ziehr, Monarch Gardens  
September 1-3 — Rosholt Fair, 4-H judging  
September 25, 6:00 p.m. — PCMGV meeting – Portage County Annex — Dr. Aleman (herbal preparations)

For more on these or future events or the Master Gardener Volunteers, visit: <https://goo.gl/Crc3nv>.

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## Portage County Master Gardener Volunteers

### Meeting Minutes — May 15, 2017

The May 15, 2017 meeting of the Portage County Master Gardener Volunteers began at 6:00 at the home of Don and Lynn Caine.

Our speaker for this evening was Mike Maddox from the Wisconsin Master Gardener Program office in Madison. Mike's topic was "Healing Gardens" or Horticultural Therapy. He spoke of the benefits of gardening from a physical, mental and emotional perspective. Mike also shared background information about how gardening is being used in various ways to "help" people live a happier and more meaningful life. Mike then demonstrated ways that gardening tools may (and should) be adapted to make gardening more accessible for all and less stressful for individuals with special needs. Stand up straight, stretch, and make a fist – get working!

The general business meeting was called to order by Margaret Parsons.

Those present were: Sue Baldischwiler, Tom Baldischwiler, Margaret Bau, Cindy Bredow, Shelley Binder, Don Caine, Lynn Caine, Jean Danielson, Ann Galbraith, Daniel Goulet, Kathleen Goulet, Rose Grych, Jen Haas, Angie Hauer, Jane Kellerman, Ellen Kiedrowski, Charlotte Kolinski, John Kolinski, Rita Kozlowski, Kathy Kruthoff, Debbie Kunst, Lynn Ligman, Sylvia Masters, Pat Mrozinski, Sandra Newby, Carole Olson, Sharon Omernick, Jack Overgaard, Chrismary Pacyna, Margaret Parsons, Rose Marie Piekarski, Jan Pierson, Sally Prideau, Heather Podeszwa, Walt Rasmussen, Bob Rausch, Katie Rettler, Chere Schmit, Don Schmit, Nick Schultz, Lori Teuchert, Kirby Throckmorton, Jill Trochell-Ziehr, Gail Zalewski, and Ken Schroeder.

The **Minutes** from April were approved.

The **Treasurer's** report was given by Lori Teuchert. Cindy Bredow shared the results of the 2016 audit that she and Rose Grych recently completed. All is in good order.

#### Old Business:

**Criminal Background Check (CBC) Requirement:** This process continues. Individuals will receive e-mail notification regarding completing this. PCMGVs should contact Denise in the UW-Extension office IF they would like to do this via a paper copy. Any information provided will be inputted on-line by UW-Human Resources' staff. The CBC is mandated by the UW-Board of Regents. The effective date for this is October 1, 2017.

**Plant Sale:** Chere Schmit and Walt Rasmussen had plant sticks available along with yard signs to display for the upcoming May 20 sale. Members signed on to help on Friday with set-up and on Saturday for the sale. Specific directions were included in the May PCMGV Newsletter. All are encouraged to participate to make this a success.

#### Committees:

**Display:** Rita Kozlowski announced that this committee has completed an inventory of currently available materials that might be used by PCMGVs for youth or community education. All materials are housed at the UW-Extension office, and may be checked out from there.

**Education / Programs:** We are still working on a speaker for October's meeting.

**Face Book:** Send any information or photos to be posted to Gail Zalewski or Nick Schultz.

**Farmer's Market:** A sign-up sheet was circulated. Contact Lori Teuchert if interested in volunteering at this event held on Saturday mornings.

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**Flower Beds:** Margaret Parsons announced that a donation was received to purchase flowers at Veterans Memorial Park in memory of a friend of the donor. Work days are being scheduled. Watch your e-mail for specific days and times. Interns are welcome to volunteer and work under the direction of a certified Master Gardener. Contact any of the garden coordinators listed in the April PCMGV Newsletter. They continue to work on educational signs to place at the gardens.

**Funds/Grants:** Cindy Bredow shared the thank you notes recently received from McKinley School and Boston School Forest for our recent donations. She reported on the UW-SP Scholarship recipients for 2017.

**Garden Dreams:** This will be held on February 3, 2018. New committee members are welcome. Contact Sally Prideau or Becci Roberts about this committee. Sally Prideau also asked for help on a variety of gardening tasks that need to be completed around the Jenson Center in Amherst. The “work” done there will be logged and used to reduce the facilities rental fee for 2018 Garden Dreams. If willing to volunteer with this, contact Jodi at 715-824-5202.

**Garden Parade:** Planning meetings continue. Contact Jen Haas or Dorothy Steuerwald to volunteer for this event scheduled for July 14-15. Jane Kellerman has raffle tickets available for us to sell for the quilt raffle. The quilt itself is also available to be displayed at community events. Jen Haas announced that proceeds from Garden Parade’s quilt and container raffle will be donated to “Backpacks for Hope” this year. Katie Rettler encouraged members to participate in the flower arranging inspired by the art displayed at Gallery Q during Garden Parade. If anyone is willing to donate “something” for the container raffle held during Garden Parade, please contact Margaret Parsons (mparsons@tds.net).

**Newsletter:** Gail Zalewski asked that articles and photos for the June Newsletter be submitted to her by June 10.

**YMCA Gardens:** Contact Lynn Caine if interested in helping with the Wednesday morning (9:30) educational component of this during the August sessions. Planting has begun and should be completed within the next two weeks depending on the weather.

### New Business:

A special **WELCOME** was extended to Ann Galbraith and Heather Podeszwa who attended this evening and recently completed the Level 1 Training. Notes of welcome were sent to all those who completed the training this April.

**Grant Usage:** Lynn Caine reported that Don Caine and Dan Goulet are working on building raised garden beds at the Interfaith Food Pantry in Plover. Funding was provided from a grant through UW-Extension. Vegetables will be planted as an educational experience for those utilizing the food pantry.

**Next meeting:** This will be held on Monday, June 26, at 6:00 at the home of Laurie Kosmalski. Information and directions will be included in the June Newsletter.

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Mike Maddox introduces Horticultural Therapy

**UW-Extension Report:** Ken Schroeder reported that Walt Rasmussen will again be the summer horticulturalist for Portage County, working on Tuesdays through Fridays from 9-12. They will be designing and assembling kits to be used in evaluating lawn sprinkler systems. Information on the "lily beetle" was also shared.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30.

**Continuing Education:** Healing Gardens by Mike Maddox = 1 hour (60 minutes)

Submitted by,  
Chrismary Pacyna, PCMGV Secretary



Mike Maddox talks about the proper use of tools

**Extension Update June 13, 2017**



Japanese Beetle —  
[fyi.uwex.edu](http://fyi.uwex.edu)

The past couple of weeks have been rather busy. The Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (BMSB) is now here in Portage County. Rose chafers are starting to appear. No Japanese beetles yet. The Lily Leaf Beetle is around, so keep an eye on your lilies, only the true lilies though. There has been one case of Septoria Leaf Spot on tomato. Brown and dying leaves on Maple, probably Anthracnose. Rhubarb with an interesting yellow slime on the underside of the leaf, sent to Madison for analysis. Crab apple leaves with interesting purple fungal fruiting bodies, again sent to Madison. Some likely hail damage from earlier storms, showed up looking like dead and dying leaves and branches on willow but a closer look revealed the branches rebudding. The most common weed I.D. thus far has been Corn-speedwell and Chickweed. With the cool

wet spring, turf issues are popping up. Dead and dying spots, browning, probably fungal problems. Other than that, it has been pretty quiet at the Extension.

-- submitted by Walt Rasmussen



BMSB —  
[en.wikipedia.org](http://en.wikipedia.org)

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## Garden Parade — July 14 & 15

The 20th Annual PCMGV Garden Parade will be held on July 14 and 15. Hours on Friday, July 14 are from 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm and on Saturday, July 15 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$12 if you purchase your ticket at one of the gardens when you begin the tour.

Here are the highlights of this year's tour:

- Art Bloom @ the Q — Gallery Q
- Whitefeather Organics LLC
- Victory Giving Gardens
- 4 private gardens

### Quilt Raffle: "Texas Two Step"

This Queen Size quilt was made and donated by the Piecemakers, a quilting living-room group. It will be on display at one of the private gardens. Raffle tickets may be purchased at every garden. The winning ticket will be drawn on Saturday at 8:00p.m. The winner will be notified.

### Garden Showcase Raffle

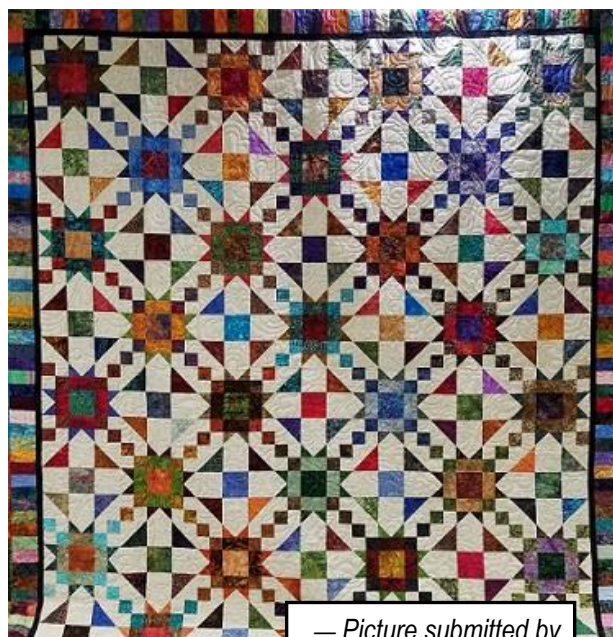
The Garden Showcase Raffle will also take place at one of the private gardens. One of a kind containers and garden art are just a few of the items donated. Proceeds from both raffles will benefit "Backpacks for Hope", an organization that helps furnish needed food for young school children for the weekend.

### Gallery Q — Art Bloom @ the Q

This is the fourth year that Q Artist Cooperative will pair up with the PCMGV Garden Parade, bringing together local visual and floral artists to collaborate in this one of a kind event. Stop in and enjoy floral arrangements inspired by original works of Art.

Other events at the private gardens:

- Katie Rettler — Leaf Casting demo, 3:00 to 4:00 pm on Friday, on display on Saturday
- Lynn Caine — Straw bale planting demo, 12:00 to 2:00 pm on Saturday
- Kent Hall – Attracting cavity nesting song birds 10:00 am, 11:00 am, 1:00 pm and 2:00 pm on Saturday



— Picture submitted by  
Jan Pierson



— Pictures from PCMGV  
Garden Parade ticket 2017

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## Wanted – WIMGA Board Member at Large

WIMGA (Wisconsin Master Gardener Association) is looking for an at large member to be on the board. Below is the job description. If you are interested in serving on the board please contact

Becky Guzman at [buckhill@centurylink.net](mailto:buckhill@centurylink.net) or Lynn Caine at [djed@charter.net](mailto:djed@charter.net)

### JOB DESCRIPTIONS FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES

The WIMGA Board of Directors is the governing body for the Wisconsin Master Gardeners Association. It consists of fifteen (15) Directors, with twelve (12) District Directors chosen based on the former six (6) UW-Extension Districts/Urban Clusters and three (3) Directors At-Large elected from the entire membership. Each member Association must assign a Local Representative to maintain a connection to the Board.

- **District directors** give regional, geographic representation and represent those Associations in that District. District Directors are chosen from MGVs in their respective Associations.
- **Directors At-Large** are elected by the membership of WIMGA as a whole and represent all MGVs in the State, especially those who are independent of any member Association of WIMGA.
- **Local Representatives** are selected by each member Association to represent their Association in all official business with regard to WIMGA – they are the one recognized contact person for their Association. If an Association feels a need to have an alternate, the Local Representative can forward all the information to the alternate.

### Key Roles/ Responsibilities of All District Directors and Directors At-Large

1. Attend WIMGA Board Meetings and Face-to-Face WIMGA Board and Local Representatives Meetings. Board members need to notify the WIMGA Secretary in advance if unable to attend.
2. Participate in Wisline calls between Board meetings as needed. This is in the event of something that is time sensitive and requires immediate Board input/action. Notify the WIMGA Secretary in advance if you are unable to participate.
3. Serve as chair or member of at least one WIMGA Committee and one of WIMGA's strategic initiatives.
4. Assist in the design and implementation of WIMGA's three-year strategic plan.
5. Review all strategic initiatives brought to the Board for its approval and implementation.
6. Attend WIMGA-sponsored conferences as a WIMGA Board member and host.

### Additional Responsibilities for District Directors:

7. Fulfill all the responsibilities of the Local Representative for the Association you represent.
8. Represent the MGVs and Associations in your district at the WIMGA Board.
9. Keep Associations in the district informed regarding the WIMGA's current activities; conversely, bring to the attention of the WIMGA Board any issues/concerns/help needed from the associations.
10. District Directors along with Local Representatives may conduct meetings in their respective districts prior to the quarterly WIMGA Board meetings.

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11. A summary report of each meeting of the WIMGA Board will be posted on WIMGA's website for use at District meetings. If an item is time sensitive, it is the District Director's responsibility to contact the Local Representatives and officers of the Associations to make them aware of the issue and obtain responses.

**Key Roles/ Responsibilities for Local Representatives**

1. Attend the two Face-to-Face Meetings with the WIMGA Board held each year.
2. Participate on any of the WIMGA committees and/or strategic initiatives as a member with full rights on that committee.
3. Download a summary report of each meeting of the WIMGA Board as posted on WIMGA's Website and relay the information to your Association.
4. Respond promptly to requests for input from the WIMGA Board.
5. Bring to the attention of your District Directors any issues you or your Association would like the WIMGA Board or the Master Gardener Advisory Committee to address with UW-Extension.
6. Make sure your local treasurer sends both dues and addresses of Association members to the WIMGA Treasurer by the deadline.
7. Make sure the **Annual Accomplishment Report** for your Association is submitted to the UW-Extension MG Program Office by the deadline. Who actually writes the report is left up to the group – in many cases it is the Local Representative who writes it, but in other Associations, the President/Chair, a committee or even the UW-Extension Agent handles this responsibility.
8. Make sure your Local Association's Calendar of Events on the WIMGA Website is up-to-date. Who actually submits the updates is up to the group, but the material for updates must be sent to the Web Page Coordinator.
9. Provide the WIMGA Secretary with a current list of your local Association's officers and changes as they occur due to elections or resignation.
10. Notify the WIMGA Secretary of any changes in your address, phone number and/or e-mail address.
11. Provide the WIMGA Secretary with a copy of updated Association by-laws when changes are made.
12. Assist in District-wide communication in conjunction with the District Directors. This can be done by attending District meetings (either in person or by WisLine) and/or through District newsletters.

*Note:* Meetings and driving time to Board Meetings; Board and Local Representatives Joint Meetings and District Meetings count as volunteer time.

Revised 4/21/17 BG

*-- submitted by Lynn Caine*



## PCMGV Alicia Razvi becomes Wood/Portage/Waupaca Wisconsin Farmers Union President

In 2012, Alicia's husband Shabbar was battling Leukemia and recovering from a bone marrow transplant. His recovery required 100 days of isolation in which he could not be with their three children. Alicia was still nursing their infant son, and therefore couldn't attend to anyone's caregiving needs fully. "Being unable to care for everyone the way they needed me, and the sheer lack of control I had over life, led to lots of insomnia and anxiety." It was on one of those nights, that a small idea began forming in Alicia's heart. If she could take a seed, give it water, soil and sun, she could literally control the life of the plant and provide food for her family at the same time. "I realized I could take life, in my hands and control it, even a tiny bit. And that feeling of control gave me incredible hope."



— Pictures submitted by  
Alicia Razvi

That epiphany led Alicia to diving elbows deep into her little victory garden once the family moved home after the transplant. It also led her to obtain her Master Gardener certification, move to a 2-acre ag-zoned property in Hull, and walk into her first Farmers Union meeting.

Wisconsin Farmers Union is a 115-year-old advocacy group created to support the Family Farm. And you need not be a farmer to apply-- that and a beginning youth program is what drew Alicia to her first meeting. Quickly, Alicia took on the role of Secretary/treasurer of the local chapter and remained in that position for two years.

Within those two years, the Wisconsin Farmers Union and area small farmers took on a very significant role in Alicia's life. "Each winter, the Farmers Union holds a state-wide convention that offers some education, and a large open meeting to discuss and adopt the Union's policy for the year. This display of democracy and respectful decision making on each line of the Farmers Union policy book, made an amazing impression on me." As Alicia moved forward in the group, that first convention served as a great jumping off point. In November 2016, Alicia was elected as the president of the Wisconsin Farmers Union -Wood/Portage/Waupaca chapter. With her election, Alicia became the first female, Muslim chapter president in the National Farmers Union! It has led to attending Farm and Rural Policy Day at the state capitol and in March 2017, attending her first National Farmers Union Convention in San Diego California.



Election Night

As time marched on, farmer friends in the area were so welcoming and encouraging of Alicia's food-growing interests that the idea that she could take on the title 'farmer' felt more possible. In terms of education, Alicia has maintained her Master Gardener volunteer status since 2014, and took a sustainable farming course through the Farmshed in 2016, she worked on a local farm in exchange for vegetables last summer, she asked every question she could think of to every farmer who would give her a minute, and recently attended the MOSES conference in 2017.

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In 2016, Alicia and her (healthy) husband Shabbar decided to take the plunge into small farming. They started a CSA farm-- Wooly Thyme Micro Farm--with 16 members on their two acres. This allowed them to grow vegetables, fruits and herbs for clients and send 'shares' home every other week with them. In their second year, they have signed 20 CSA clients, sell many dozen eggs each week and are growing chickens for meat this summer. "Becoming Micro-farmers on our tiny two-acre plot is hard work. But it is incredibly rewarding! The job gets me outside with my hands in the dirt, my family spends every weekend morning together in the garden--harvesting, cleaning and packing vegetables that we grew ourselves. Gathering eggs, feeding chickens, moving their fence, or handing bags full of vegetables to our clients -- it all brings me such joy. We have really come a long way in the five years since that middle-of-the-night-epiphany to grow food."

As the president of the local Farmers Union chapter, Alicia hopes to grow support - for and with -the Farmers and Farm Advocates in the community. The group holds monthly gatherings. They include- meetings, potlucks at local farms, state-wide convention, lobby day in Madison, and dinners/book discussions. To find out where they are meeting next, check out the Wood/Portage/Waupaca Wisconsin Farmers Union Facebook page.

— submitted by Alicia Razvi



Alicia at a speaking engagement  
— Photo submitted by  
Alicia Razvi



Tickets will be available at the Waupaca Chamber of Commerce office the first part of June and in the gardens on the day of the event.

**Cost: \$10**

## Throughout Waupaca

Enjoy 6 Waupaca gardens featuring beautiful landscapes and colorful sparks of originality.

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**Saturday, June 24, 2017**  
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The Garden Walk is a fund raiser for the Waupaca County Master Gardener Association. Proceeds will be used to fund garden education and beautification projects throughout Waupaca County.

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## Plant Sale — Thank You All So Very Much!

When we all looked at the weather forecasts for Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, it seemed that once again mother nature was not going to be on our side for the Plant Sale...so thanks to all of you that did a “NO-RAIN DANCE”....it didn't start to sprinkle until we had pretty much cleaned up and were heading home around noon Saturday.

Thank you to everyone who helped to set-up on Friday afternoon, and many thanks to all of you that tolerated the blustery wind on Saturday....next year we'll have to budget for Kleenex, mittens, ski hats, and parkas for everyone!

Thanks to those that donated plants... and remember to be reimbursed for potting soil please get your vouchers to Walt or myself for authorization. (We will get them to Lori so she can reimburse you.)

When you fill out your hours for 2017 the time you used for potting up plants should be counted as Support Service Hours and the time on Saturday should be counted as Community Education Hours.

Again, thank you so much for helping with the Plant Sale!

Chere, Walt and the Plant Sale Committee



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## Busy Bee Gardens/Compost

For your information.....

Many of you will remember attending a PCMGV meeting and having a tour of **Busy Bee Gardens / Compost** in Mosinee. Also, many of us use their compost in our own and community gardens. Carl and Dorothy Belohlavek, the owners, are retiring and have sold the business. They will remain on site and stay on as mentors to the new owner. He is Marcus Gamoke, and expects the service and products to remain the same. Contact information is included on business card.

— Submitted by *Chrismary Pacyna*



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## Committee Co-Chairpersons

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### Golden Sands Home Show

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Lynn Ligman

### Garden Dreams

Sally Prideaux  
Open

### PCMGV Trips

Sally Prideaux

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Sandy O'Brien

### YMCA Giving

Gardens  
Lynn Caine  
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### Display

Rita Kozlowski  
Open

### Newsletter

Gail Zalewski  
Nick Schultz

### Garden Parade

Dorothy Steuerwald  
Jen Haas

### Educational Programs

Lynn Caine  
Dianne Somers

### Plant Sale

Chere Schmit  
Walt Rasmussen

### Funds/Grants

Cindy Bredow  
Open

### Farmers Market

Lori Teuchert  
Sandy O'Brien

### Publicity (Facebook)

Nick Schultz  
Gail Zalewski

### Flower Beds

Margaret Parsons  
Deb Kunst

### Rosholt Fair

Todd Teuchert  
Lori Teuchert



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PCMGV Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pcmgv/>

Portage County UW-Extension: <http://portage.uwex.edu>

WI State Master Gardener: <http://wimastergardener.org>

UW-Extension Publications: <http://learningstore.uwex.edu>

UW-Extension: <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/>

UW-Extension Horticulture: <http://hort.uwex.edu/>



Lily Leaf Beetle

— Lisa Tewksbury, U of RI

## WANTED

Articles and Photos you would like to share in the MGTV monthly newsletter. Please send items to Gail Zalewski by the **10th** of the month to be included in the next newsletter.

[gailzale@mwwb.net](mailto:gailzale@mwwb.net)

**Submission deadline:**  
**July 10, 2017**



Please send address or e-mail changes to:

Denise Rocha:

[denise.rocha@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:denise.rocha@ces.uwex.edu)

or 715-346-1316

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## July Garden Guide

- Water gladiolus and dahlias weekly to a depth of 6-8 inches.
- Water flower beds at least once a week during dry spells. Remove old lily blooms.
- Peony bushes should be mulched and seedpods removed.
- Take cuttings from roses and spring flowering shrubs for new plant propagation when stems are no longer succulent but not yet hardened.
- Cut old canes of climbing roses so those new shoots can grow.
- Control rust on hollyhock by removing infected leaves.
- Divide iris and day lily when done blooming. Cut leaves back to about 8 inches.
- Thin and transplant perennials sown in June.
- Complete outdoor sowing of perennial seed.
- Inspect vegetables and herbs for pests daily and treat if necessary.
- Control garden weeds to prevent them from going to seed.
- Harvest onions and early potatoes when tops begin to shrivel.
- In early July, plant lettuce and spinach for fall crop. Pre-germinate on moist towel or plant deeper than in spring. Plant kale, bunching onions, cucumbers, beets, rutabagas and turnips, cabbage family seedlings and peas for fall harvest.
- Keep tomatoes mulched and watered to prevent blossom end rot.
- Keep ripe vegetables picked to maintain productivity.
- Watch for spider mites during hot, dry weather. Juniper and spruce needles turn rusty colored if infested.
- Water newly planted trees weekly if needed throughout the summer and apply a mulch (3 inches or less) to maintain even soil moisture.
- During dry spells, water all trees deeply every 2-3 weeks.
- Remove suckers from grafted plants. Water fruit trees during dry spells or they may abort fruit. Trees need 1 inch of water weekly during fruit growth.
- Prune yews, junipers and arborvitae by mid-July.
- Remove old canes of summer bearing red raspberries after harvest. Thin new canes to 3-4 canes per foot of row or 9-10 canes per hill. For black raspberries, thin new canes to 10 per hill. Cut tips of new canes back around July 1. Cut back raspberry tips back to two feet above the soil level and blackberry tips back to four feet above soil level. Cut purple and yellow raspberry tips to 30-36 inches above the soil.
- Keep orchard grass mowed and raked to discourage fungal pathogens harbored in tall grass and plant debris. Hang baited red sticky ball traps in apple trees for apple maggot control.



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