



PCMGV May 2016

Monday, May 9, 6 pm at the Annex Building

May 2016



Success Growing Asparagus and Rhubarb with Bob Koca



Our May 9 meeting will offer a lecture on two of our beloved perennial crops— asparagus and rhubarb.

Two of the he earliest crops of the season are asparagus and rhubarb. Learn more about establishing these May favorites in Wisconsin and how to ensure your efforts are successful.

Bob Koca will provide insight about growing both at the Monday meeting. He has established asparagus and rhubarb beds and will share tips for a thriving harvest long-term.

Bob owns KLM Services, LLC, Bancroft. He has worked in the landscape design, installation and

maintenance business for 40 years. He provides professional pruning and consultation services and has led several Master Gardener for pruning seminars.

-Nick Schultz, PCMGV



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2016 Portage County Master Gardener Meeting Dates

Board of Directors:

(Portage County Annex Small Conference room)

June 13

Jul. 11

Aug. 8

Sept. 12

Oct. 10

Nov, 14

General Membership:

(Portage County Annex Conference Rooms 1 & 2, 6 pm)

May 9

June 27(outdoors)

July 25 (outdoors)

Aug. 22 (outdoors)

Sept 26

Oct. 24 (outdoors)

Nov. 28

May 14, Master Gardener Plant Sale Details HERE!

Before the meeting on Monday May 9th, Walt and I will be handing out the plant sticks and labels. We will also be passing around sign-up sheets for volunteers to help with the Plant Sale Set-up, Check out, Carry out, Clean-up, and Wagons/ Sleds. If you can't make it to Monday's meeting to sign-up, we still welcome any help on Friday's set-up and Saturday's sale.

2016 Plant Sale Guidelines

Friday May 13th:

Set-up begins at 3 p.m. Please have your dozen (or more) plants labeled so they can be placed in the appropriate row. Plants need to be arranged according to genus and species, then by cultivar and color. Pricing will begin when a good number of plants have arrived. When ALL the plants are priced, we can begin buying. To be fair to everyone, no plants may be set aside ahead of the time of purchase. Any plants that are found sitting out will be put back.

Saturday May 14th:

Please arrive around 6:30 a.m. Park at the WIAA lot, not on the street, or at the Biolife Plasma Services lot as they work on Saturday. We have tables to set up for the checkout, vegetables, and other plants, as well as other last minute details that need to be attended to. If you are assigned a

row, familiarize yourself with the plants in it. Make sure that all of the plants are priced and labeled. If possible bring a garden catalog or book with pictures to show prospective buyers what particular plants look like in bloom. Remember to wear your logo clothes or hats if you have them, and name tags.

Plants may be purchased before the sale begins, but please get them to your vehicle right away (in the WIAA lot). No plants are to be stored in the shed for later purchase. When it is time to sell for half-price, a sign will be put up and a whistle will be blown. **Please don't tell buyers we go to half-price at a certain time, as that is variable.** Half-price will be taken at the checkout on donated plants only. If you work the checkout, do not give the customers the pricing sticks or sales slips. We need the sales slips for accounting purposes, and the pricing sticks are reused each year. After all sales are completed, any plants needed for community projects can be taken. If you should want any of your own unsold plants back, they can be taken at clean-up.

For those of you that bring sleds or wagons, PCMGV signs will be supplied for identification.

THANK YOU to all who will donate plants or help out in any way for this event.

Chere, Walt and the Plant Sale Committee

Helpful Resources on Asparagus

For more information on growing asparagus, here are additional resources:

<http://counties.uwex.edu/clark/files/2010/10/Asparagus.pdf>

<http://dodge.uwex.edu/2013/11/growing-asparagus- in-the- home-garden/>

<http://labs.russell.wisc.edu/vegento/files/2012/05/aspUWHort3.pdf>

<https://attra.ncat.org/attra-pub/summaries/summary.php?pub=377>



2016 Presenter Schedule

(All meetings held at 6 pm)

May 9	Plant Sale Prep, Bob Koca, Asparagus
June 27	Diane Somers Garden
July 25	Nick Schultz Garden
August 22	Margaret Bau Garden
September 26	Plant Exchange, Show and Tell
October 24	Boston School Forest (Field Trip)
November 28	Christmas Party, Scholarship Recipients



Committee Co-Chairpersons

Bylaws

Cindy Bredow
Open

Chicago Bus Trip

Bob Rausch
Sally Prideaux

Display

Rita Kozlowski
Open

Educational Programs

Lynn Caine
Dianne Somers

Farmers Market

Lori Teuchert
Sandy O'Brien

Flower Beds

Margaret Parsons
Deb Kunst

Golden Sands Home Show

Sharon Omernick
Lynn Ligman

Membership

Chrismary Pacyna
Sandy O'Brien

Newsletter

Alicia Razvi
Open

Plant Sale

Chere Schmit
Walt Rasmussen

Publicity (Facebook)

Shelley Binder
Jen Young

Rosholt Fair

Todd Teuchert
Lori Teuchert

Garden Dreams

Sally Prideaux

YMCA Giving Gardens

Lynn Caine
Open

Garden Parade

Carole Jansing
Katie Rettler

Funds/Grants

Cindy Bredow
Open

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WANTED

Articles and Photos you would like to share in the MGV monthly newsletter! Please send items to **Alicia Razvi** (aliciarazvi@gmail.com) by the tenth of the month to be included in the next newsletter. I would love to include seasonal pictures and area specific tips!

**Submission deadline:
June 10, 2016**

Please send any address or e-mail changes to:
Denise Rocha:

denise.rocha@ces.uwex.edu
or 715-346-1316

Portage County Master Gardener Volunteers Meeting Minutes

April, 25, 2016

The April 25, 2016 meeting of the Portage County Master Gardener Volunteers was called to order by Lynn Caine at 6:00 P.M. at the Portage County Annex.

Those present were: Cindy Bredow, Lynn Caine, Ginny Carlton, Michelle Daniels, Jean

Danielson, Diane Dieterich, Deanna Gertsch-Pozorski, Daniel Goulet, Rose Grych, Jen Haas, Angie Hauer, Carole Jansing, Jane Kellerman, Ellen Kiedrowski, Char Kolinski, John Kolinski, Rita Kozlowski, Kathy Kruthoff, Debbie Kunst, Lynn Ligman, Pat Mrozinski, Sandra Newby, Sandy O'Brien, Terri Offerman, Sharon Omernick, Chrismary Pacyna, Margaret Parsons, Rose Marie, Piekarski, Jan Pierson, Sally Prideaux, Walt Rasmussen, Bob Rausch, Alicia Razvi, Katie Rettler,

Rebecca Roberts, Chere Schmit, Don Schmit, Nick Schultz, Dianne Somers, Dorothy Steuerwald, Lori Teuchert, Kirby Throckmorton, Jill Trochlell-Ziehr, Judy Yenter, Jennifer Young, and Richard Zimmerman.

The Minutes from March were approved.

The Treasurer's report was given by Lori Teuchert. She announced that the PCMGVs have received a grant of \$250 from Associated Bank. It was suggested to use the funds to purchase a display board for educational purposes.

Old Business:

Jill Trochlell-Ziehr reported on the success of the recent pruning workshop led by Bob Koca and held at the Plover Library. Anyone interested in helping to "complete the pruning" should contact Jill to organize a group work day and time.

Committee Reports:

- **By-Laws:** Cindy Bredow reported that the proposed by-law changes and updates will be published in the May and June newsletters. Discussion is encouraged. PCMGV members will discuss and then vote on these at the June meeting.
 - **Display:** Rita Kozlowski will serve as our display coordinator. She and Denise Rocha from the UW-Extension office are willing to help with displays as needed. Members were encouraged to contact Rita when developing horticultural education displays. Rita and Pat Mrozinski recently presented "10 Ways to Bring Gardening Into Your Life" to a convention group.
 - **Face Book:** Jennifer Young asked members to submit pictures and information to her to be posted on our Face-Book page.
 - **Farmer's Market:** Lori Teuchert reported on possible expansion plans for the Farmer's Market. Our area will remain
- the same. Contact Lori if interested in volunteering at this event held on Saturdays from 8-noon (June to September).
 - **Flower Beds:** Requests for private landscape help were denied. A request for help with a Rosholt High School garden project was shared. Margaret Parsons had new signs and holders ready for the Flower Beds. She also met with Carl Hurrish to coordinate the flower bed care and needs throughout Portage County. Members may help with flower beds either by attending a scheduled "flower bed work day" or by working independently on any flower bed. Contact Debbie Kunst or Margaret Parsons for more information on the flower beds.
 - **Funds/Grants:** Cindy Bredow reported the UW-SP Biology Awards banquet will be held on April 29. Char Kolinski and Cindy will attend to present our two scholarships.
 - **Garden Dreams:** A Co-Chairperson is needed for the January 21, 2017 event to be held at the Jensen Center in Amherst. Sally Prideaux will continue as Co-Chairperson.
 - **Garden Parade:** Sign-up sheets were passed around. Margaret Parsons reported on the container raffle that will be held in connection with this event. Rose Grych had tickets available for the quilt raffle. She encouraged members to sell tickets throughout the community. If interested in working at this event, contact Katie Rettler or Carole Jansing. Chairpersons are needed for the 2017 Garden Parade.
 - **Newsletter:** Please send any articles or photos to Alicia Razvi by May 2 for inclusion in the PCMGV Newsletter.
 - **Plant Sale:** Chere Schmit had members sign up to work at the Plant sale on May 13 and/or May 14. Pots were provided for members to take for "potting-up" their plants. Plant labels will be available at the May meeting. Flyers should be distributed around the community. Yard signs may be put up on Sunday, May 7. Information about the Emerald Ash Borer and blight resistant tomatoes will be on display at the Plant Sale.
 - **YMCA Gardens:** Lynn Caine reported that a "Big Work Day" is scheduled for Saturday, April 30. Throughout the summer help is needed with "drop-in

weeding and watering, teaching a pre-school lesson one time, and assisting with the school-age lesson and activities. Contact Lynn if interested. Dan Goulet shared how one project like this has led to many other projects within the community.

New Business:

- Lynn Caine reported that the Master Gardener Program Office has redone their website. <http://wimastergardener.org> Their goal is to have an impact that is relevant, digital and flexible!
- The Midwest Regional MG Conference will be held in Wisconsin Dells on September 14 - 17. Information is at www.midwestmgconference.wordpress.com
- Emerald Ash Borer: Sally Prideaux shared information, handouts, wood samples useful in identifying affected ash trees, and specimens of the Emerald Ash Borer.
- Shulfer's Landscaping is looking for MG to work at their facility in Plover.
- Our next meeting will be on **Monday, May 9, at 6:00 at the Portage County Annex.** The program will include preparation for the Plant Sale and information on "Growing Asparagus" by Bob Koca.
- WIMGA Report: Lynn Caine reported on the recent meeting. WIMGA is developing a three-year plan and their own website designed to support MG volunteers throughout the state.

Extension Report: Ken Schroeder reported on the reorganization of the UW-Extension program. Portage, Wood Marathon and Clark counties will share services and personnel in many areas.

The business meeting was adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

Christelle Guedot presented a webinar on "Bees and Other Pollinators". She shared information about and photographs of the many different species of bees that are found in Wisconsin. Food sources, habitats, and life cycles were explained. Christelle listed the many different factors and conditions that contribute to the decline of the bee population. Members were given suggestions about how to facilitate the important work of these bees in horticulture and agriculture here in Wisconsin.

Continuing Education: Christelle Guedot: "Bees and Other Pollinators" -- 60 minutes.

Submitted by, Chrismary Pacyna, PCMGV Secretary Approved / Corrected on _____

From the By-laws Committee: Proposed Changes to the PCMGV By-laws

The next three pages of the newsletter include the work that the Master Gardener By-laws committee have completed. Please take a few moments to look over the pages. Proposed changes are highlighted and new language is in red. Additions to the form are in blue. Special thanks to the by-laws committee for taking this responsibility and for their hard work.



OLD VERSION (proposed changes are highlighted)

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BYLAWS OF THE PORTAGE COUNTY MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION

April 27, 2015

I. Name and Location:

The name of this organization shall be the UW-Extension Portage County Master Gardener Volunteer Association. Its location and chief place of business shall be the County of Portage in the State of Wisconsin. Its mailing address shall be: Portage County UW-Extension, 1462 Strongs Avenue, Stevens Point WI 54481.

II. Purpose:

The purpose of this association is to 1) provide, in conjunction with University of Wisconsin Extension (UWEX), horticultural information and education and community service to Portage County area residents; 2) provide continuing horticultural education to its members; 3) facilitate the exchange of ideas, information, and experiences among members. The educational purposes shall be within the meaning of Section 501(C)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue.

III. Membership:

Section 1 The membership of the association shall consist of **founding members and such additional members as shall be admitted by the Board of Directors.**

Section 2 Membership in this organization shall consist of the following categories:

A. Voting Members

1. Certified Master Gardeners - those persons certified by UWEX who are in good standing of this association. Good standing of this association is accomplished by completing the yearly training and service required by UWEX for maintenance of certification as a Master Gardener as determined by the local association and after paying yearly dues.

2. Intern Master Gardeners – those persons who have completed the UW-Extension Master Gardener Training Program, but who have not satisfied the service requirement for certification.

B. Non-voting Members

1. Inactive Master Gardeners – Those persons who have been active Master Gardeners but who have not accomplished the yearly training and service required by UWEX as determined by the local association.

2. Student Master Gardeners – those persons currently taking MG training but who have not completed the Training Program.

Must work with a certified or intern MG on any MG project.

Must not represent themselves as a UW-Extension MG or give advice representing UW-Extension until they become Intern MGs certified MGV.

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3. Student Master Gardeners – those persons currently taking MG training but who have not completed the Training Program.

3. Associate Member – anyone who joins the association during the period when Master Gardener training is not available and who intends to comply with the standards set for the Certified Master Gardeners and take the next available training opportunity. An Associate member:

- 1. Must work with a certified or Intern MG on any MG project.
- 2. Must not represent themselves as a UW-Extension MG or give advice representing UW-Extension until they become Intern MGs.

4. Honorary Master Gardeners – Those persons previously certified in good standing with 10 or more years of service that are no longer physically able to meet the volunteer hours requirement for annual certification. Impairments may be from physical disabilities or aging. Honorary Master Gardeners must have acquired 1,000 hours of volunteer service. Honorary Master Gardeners will be excused from the annual volunteer hours requirement. Annual local membership dues and educational hours will be required. The designation of Honorary Master Gardener may be granted by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. The minutes of the Board meeting when such title was granted shall record the person and the reason(s) for the action.

5. Friends of Master Gardeners: Those persons who wish to support the association from industry, business or the community but who do not plan to take MG training. Friends also include persons who take the MG Training for a higher fee with the understanding that there will be no volunteer service hours required.

Section 3 The Board of Directors shall prescribe the terms and conditions of membership to the association in compliance with the guidelines set by the Wisconsin Master Gardeners Association and UWEX.

Section 4 The annual dues shall be set by the membership payable at the time of applying for membership and thereafter by November 1 of each year, to be reviewed as needed by the membership. Friends Members pay local dues or provide an in-kind service of equal or greater value.

IV Meetings

Section 1 An annual meeting shall be held in October of each year.

Section 2 The general meeting schedule shall be decided upon by the membership.

Section 3 Each voting member shall be entitled to cast one vote at any election or on any motion at annual and general meetings.

Section 4 The conduct of all meetings of the membership shall be governed by the provisions of Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised. Page 3 of 4

Section 5 At any meeting of the membership of the association, 30 members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

V Board of Directors

Section 1 The Board of Directors of the association shall have all the powers and duties necessary for the management and administration of the affairs of the association. All powers of the association, except those specifically granted or reserved to the membership by law, or by these Bylaws, shall be vested in the Board of Directors.

Section 2 The Board of Directors shall at any one time consist of not less than four and no more than eight Directors elected at the annual meeting from active Master Gardeners. Three board members shall be elected each year to serve 2 year terms, with a maximum of 3 consecutive terms. Each newly elected member of the Board will begin their term immediately following elections. The immediate past chairpersons can choose to serve in an advisory capacity for 1 (one) year.

Section 3 The Board of Directors shall elect from among themselves four officers to include the treasurer, secretary, and two co-chairpersons. The officers shall be elected by the Board of Directors prior to the first general meeting of the year.

Section 4 In case of vacancy on the Board of Directors, the remaining Directors may elect a successor to serve the unexpired portion of the term. Any director elected or appointed may be removed by the Board of Directors if the removal is in the best interest of group.

Section 5 The Portage County UW-Extension Agriculture Agent is an ex-officio member of the Board.

Section 6 The Portage County Master Gardeners representative and/or alternate to the Wisconsin Master Gardener Association (WIMGA) is a member of the Board and has a single vote.

Section 7 The Board of Directors shall supervise activities of the Association.

VI Officers

Section 1 The duties of the co-chairpersons, , secretary and treasurer shall be such as are usually imposed upon such officials of associations, and as are required by law, and such as may be assigned to them respectively by the Board of Directors or the membership.

Section 2 The chairpersons shall:
- Preside at all the meetings of the organization and of the Board of Directors
- Facilitate committee appointments

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Section 2 The chairpersons shall:
- Preside at all the meetings of the organization and of the Board of Directors
- Facilitate committee appointments
- Be central point for information
- monitor budget and expenses

Section 3 The secretary shall:

- Keep written records of general membership meetings and Board of Directors meetings, including attendance
- Maintain a membership list
- Maintain historical records of the association, including newsletters

Section 4 The treasurer shall:

- Receive, disburse, and keep account of all monies, as approved at the general business meetings
- Report the financial conditions of the organization at the meetings
- Assist in developing an annual budget

Section 5 Checks upon the bank account of the association shall be signed by one of two such officers appointed by the Board of Directors.

VII Committees

Committees will be formed on a yearly basis by the Board of Directors.

VIII Finances

Section 1 Funds may be solicited for purposes previously approved by the Board of Directors. The Board shall approve only such purposes not in conflict with the stated purpose of the association.

Section 2 In Case of dissolution of the association, monies, assets and records shall be handed over to the Portage County UWEX office.

Section 3 At the end of each accounting year an audit of the finances of the association shall be made by the audit committee, appointed by the Board of Directors.

Section 4 The Association's accounting year is defined as beginning January 1 and ending December 31 of each year.

IX Amendments

These Bylaws may be amended at any business meeting provided that the proposed changes have been printed in the newsletter seven days prior and distributed to the membership prior to the meeting and approved by a 2/3 majority of the voting membership present.

Everything on this page is OK.

Sharing Our Gardens...

Thank you to the members who have kindly submitted photos for our PCMGV newsletter. Each month, a couple members have shared shots from their peaceful spots, and it has enlivened the pages of our newsletter. Please consider sending more in. This month, several garden shots were submitted and are combined below. Special thanks to Margaret Parsons, Lynn Caine, Becci Roberts and Alicia Razvi for sharing their photos. Keep them coming!





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May Gardening Guide

* **Average last frost date is May 15 in Zone 4 ***

- **Fertilize bulbs** Spring blooming bulbs should be fertilized in April or early May
- **Plant bare root trees** Bare root trees, shrubs and roses should be planted as soon as the soil is thawed and dried. Sometimes the weather hasn't cooperated until early May, but now time is running out
- **Transplant** Move shrubs and trees after the soil thaws out and dries up if it hasn't been done already, before new growth begins, and the weather is cool. Transplant shock will be minimized.
- **Spray fruit trees** Apply dormant spray to fruit trees before the buds swell, if you didn't do in April.
- **Tune up the mower** It may be too late to beat the rush, take it in early in the month.
- **Clean up** Finish any perennial cleanup and removal of winter mulch.
- **Divide perennials** As soon as the ground has thawed and dried in April or early May, you can divide and move perennials. Do not divide the very early spring bloomers such as bleeding heart until after blooming or in fall.
- **Plant bulbs** Plant summer and fall flowering bulbs as soon as the soil has thawed and dried. Hopefully you were able to do this in April, but you can still plant them early in May.
- **Plant perennial seeds** as soon as the soil has thawed, dried, and begun to warm up in April or May. Some seeds however will not germinate until the soil is quite warm, so check directions on your seed pack.
- **Prune roses** Early in May before growth begins, prune dead, broken and wayward branches from hybrid tea, grandiflora and floribunda roses. Cut back to about 6 inches tall. When the forsythia blooms, it is time to prune roses.
- **Harden off seedlings** Seedlings started earlier in the year can be set out early in the month on warm sunny days to harden them off. The process is long, setting them out each day for longer periods of time until they are strong enough to be out all day and over night.