



February 2017

PCMGV February 2017



Garlic, Wine, and Straw Bales

February 27, 2017 at 6pm in the Courthouse Annex

Two talks with Todd Teuchert. Todd has been a Master Gardener for many years. Many of you will remember his fantastic vegetables in pots from the Farm Technology Days. Todd will be explaining how to grow garlic. His talk will include when to plant, types to buy, and care of the garlic plant throughout its season. Secondly, Todd will share his hobby of winemaking. Learn all about supplies, timeline for production and the fermentation process.

In between Todd's talks, Lynn Caine, another seasoned Master Gardener, will teach us about Straw Bale Gardening. You may also remember her demonstrations from Farm Tech Days. Lynn had straw bales in her garden for the last two years. Learn about supplies, seasoning the bales, maintenance, and tips for success.

As always, ALL MGV are welcome to join the meeting. From those who have been with us for many years all the way through those who are currently in training. We will also have coffee, tea and flavored water with some treats. Please join us for education and information.



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**Portage County Master Gardener Volunteers
Membership Report for 2017**

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES:

- 53 Certified Master Gardeners / PCMGV members
- 3 Newly certified Interns / PCMGV members (Ellen Kiedrowski, Jamie Kreuziger, Jack Overgaard) – WELCOME!
- 3 Inactive Master Gardeners / PCMGV members
- 2 Honorary PCMGV members
- 3 Associate members / PCMGV members (taking Level 1 Training)

Certified Master Gardeners = 56	PCMGV Members = 64
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HOURS for 2016 REPORTED TO STATE:

Youth Involvement	396 hours
Community Education	1,434 hours
Support Services	<u>1,144.5 hours</u>
Total Volunteer Hours	2,974.5 hours

CONTINUING EDUCATION HOURS: 943 hours

For your information:

1. ALL PCMGV members receive information from PCMGVs and WIMGA.
2. All Certified Master Gardeners receive information from the Wisconsin Master Gardener Program in Madison in addition to information from PCMGVs and WIMGA.

Great work, PCMGVs!

Submitted by: Chrismary Pacyna, Membership

Chairperson

CONGRATULATIONS!!

At the January 23 PCMGV meeting, certified Master Gardeners were recognized for their 2016 volunteer hours. Awards were given for local achievement along with cumulative awards from the Wisconsin Master Gardener Program.

The "Top Ten" received certificates for their **Volunteer Hours** in 2016:

1. Lynn Caine (215.5)
2. Chrismary Pacyna (175.5)
3. Chere Schmit (129.5)
4. Lori Teuchert (109.5)
5. Jan Pierson (100)
6. Jill Ziehr (88)
7. Sandra Newby (77.5)
8. Sally Prideau (75.5)
9. Margaret Parsons (71)
10. Diane Dieterich (69.5)

The "Top Five" received certificates for their **Continuing Education Hours**:

1. Cindy Bredow (58)
2. Lynn Caine (40)
3. Alicia Razvi (30)
4. Rose Grych (27)
5. Ginny Carlton (27)

The **Wisconsin Master Gardener Program** recognized the following individuals:

- 150 Hours --- Jane Kellerman, Sandra O'Brien
- 250 Hours --- Donald Caine, Diane Dieterich, Sharon Omernick, Margaret Parsons
- 500 Hours --- Patti Soik, Todd Teuchert, Kirby Throckmorton
- 750 Hours --- Shelley Binder, Lynn Caine, Chrismary Pacyna, Lori Teuchert
- 1,000 Hours --- Carole Olson

Also recognized were those **members of our association** for **15 years**: Rose Grych, Gail Zalewski, and Jill Ziehr. A SPECIAL award was given to Pat Mrozinski for having been an active member of the PCMGV for **25 years!!** A book, Growing Beautiful Food, by Matthew Benson, was donated to the Portage County Public Library in her honor.

We also welcome 3 recently certified Master Gardeners to our membership: Ellen Kiedrowski, Jamie Kreuziger, and Jack Overgaard.

Committee Co-Chairpersons

<u>Bylaws</u> Cindy Bredlow Open	<u>Golden Sands Home Show</u> Sharon Omernick Lynn Ligman	<u>Garden Dreams</u> Sally Prideaux Diane Dietrich
<u>Chicago Bus Trip</u> Sally Prideaux	<u>Membership</u> Chrismary Pacyna Sandy O'Brien	<u>YMCA Giving Gardens</u> Lynn Caine
<u>Display</u> Rita Kozlowski	<u>Newsletter</u> Open	<u>Garden Parade</u> Dorothy Steuerwald Jen Haas
<u>Educational Programs</u> Lynn Caine Dianne Somers	<u>Plant Sale</u> Chere Schmit Walt Rasmussen	<u>Funds/Grants</u> Cindy Bredlow Open
<u>Farmer's Market</u> Lori Teuchert	<u>Publicity (Facebook)</u> Shelley Binder	<u>Flower Beds</u> Margaret Parsons Deb Kunst
<u>Rosholt Fair</u> Todd Teuchert		

PCMGV Board Members

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2017 Educational Programming UWEX Portage Co Master Gardener Volunteers

27-Feb	Todd Teuchert Lynn Caine	Garlic/ wine making Straw Bale
27-Mar	National Junior Hort Mbr Scholarship Recipient	Suzanna Viau Caitlyn Fleischman
24-Apr	4H/Sherry	Flower arrangement
15-May	Mike Maddox/ Caine Home	Healing Gardens
26-Jun	Whitefeather	CSA Farm
24-Jul	Nina Cass and Lisa Cook	gardens Schmeekle/ Monarch project/ Master Naturalist/
28-Aug	Jill Ziehr	Master Naturalist/
25-Sep	Dr Aleman	Herbal Preparations
23-Oct		Roses
27-Nov	Holiday Party/ Scholarship Presentation	

**Please submit changes, pictures, articles and suggestions to by
March 10, 2017
For the March newsletter.**



Photos taken at Olbrich Botanical Gardens



2017 Events

- February 17-19 Golden Sands Home Show, SentryWorld, PCMGV display
27 PCMGV meeting – 6 p.m., Teuchert(garlic/wine) Caine(straw bale)
- March 27 PCMGV meeting – 6 p.m., National Junior Hort member, Suzanna Viau, and scholarship recipient, Caitlyn Fleischman
- April 25 PCMGV meeting – 6 p.m., 4H (Flower Arrangement)
- May 15 PCMGV meeting – 6 p.m., Caine Home (Mike Maddox, Healing Gardens)
20 Plant Sale – 8-11 a.m. Rettler Corp. parking lot, Portage Co Business Park
- June 17 Saturdays through Sept. 3, 7 a.m.-noon, St Point Farmers' Market:
Ask a Master Gardener
26 PCMGV meeting – 6 p.m., Tour Whitefeather CSA farm
- July 14-15 Garden Parade, 2-7 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday
24 PCMGV meeting – 6 p.m., Tour garden Nina Cass/ Linda Cook
- August 28 PCMGV meeting – 6 p.m., Tour Schmeekle, Jill Ziehr (monarch garden)
- September 1-3 Rosholt Fair, 4-H judging
25 PCMGV meeting – 6 p.m., Dr Aleman (herbal preparations)
- October 23 PCMGV meeting – 6 p.m., Roses
- November 27 PCMGV meeting – 6 p.m., Courthouse Annex. Holiday party, Scholarship winners

For more on these events or Master Gardener Volunteers, visit:

<http://portage.uwex.edu/category/master-gardener-2/> or <https://www.facebook.com/pcmgv/>

Portage County Master Gardener Volunteers Meeting Minutes ----- January 23, 2017

The January 23, 2017, meeting of the Portage County Master Gardener Volunteers began at 6:00 in the Portage County Annex.

Members and guests were treated to a “pizza party” before the presentation and meeting.

Henning and Ruth Hempel, owners of Forth Floral in Rhinelander, Wisconsin, were the evening’s presenters. Ruth gave a brief history of their floral business spanning four generations of her family. Henning explained the basics of growing orchids here in Wisconsin, along with many tips for prolonging flower growth, encouraging new growth, choosing soil and fertilizers, dealing with pests and diseases, and re-growing the beautiful flowers. The Hempels also brought examples of different orchid species. More information about their “orchid show” in March and their business may be found at their website: www.forthfloral.com.

The general business meeting was called to order by Lynn Caine at 7:15.

Those present were: Sue Baldischwiler, Tom Baldischwiler, Cindy Bredow, Donald Caine, Lynn Caine, Michelle Daniels, Jean Danielson, Jen Haas, Angie Hauer, Jane Kellerman, Charlotte Kolinski, Kathleen Kruthoff, Debbie Kunst, Lynn Ligman, Marily Malcolm, Sylvia Masters, Pat Mrozinski, Sandra Newby, Carole Olson, Sharon Omernick, Chrismary Pacyna, Rose Marie Piekarski, Jan Pierson, Sally Prideaux, Walt Rasmussen, Katie Rettler, Rebecca Roberts, Chere Schmit, Dorothy Steuerwald, Lori Teuchert, Jill Ziehr, and Gail Zalewski.

The **Minutes** from November were approved.

The **Treasurer’s** report was given by Lori Teuchert. Volunteers are needed to conduct the annual Audit. Thank you notes for our 2016 donations were shared.

Old Business:

2017 Budget: A one-time transfer of \$1000 from our savings account was proposed. This would enable PCMGV to provide \$2000 in scholarships to UW-SP students. Discussion occurred. The vote passed. Cindy Bredow will contact the University with this information.

Training Schedule Presentations: Those who signed up to present at the upcoming 2017 training sessions will receive an e-mail reminder from Lynn Caine.

Committee Reports:

- **Education / Programs:** These are set for 2017. March will include a presentation by our scholarship winner.
- **Face Book:** Please send any pictures or information to be posted to Shelley Binder, Nick Schultz or Gail Zalewski. Gail announced that we are part of a group of Face Book Administrators in Wisconsin whose purpose is to share and promote educational opportunities through the site.
- **Garden Dreams:** Sally thanked all the volunteers who worked on the planning committee and those who volunteered on Friday and/or Saturday. She also listed the

contributing sponsors and asked members to support them. Many positive comments were received on the topics and variety of the speakers.

- **Garden Parade:** Dorothy Steuerwald thanked Katie Rettler and the previous committee members for all of their past work on this event. It is much appreciated. She also gave an update on the 2017 committee's work so far this year. They hope to incorporate more education into the Garden Parade. Dorothy encouraged anyone interested in helping out with this PCMGV major event to contact her or co-chairperson, Jen Haas. It is scheduled for July 14 and 15. Jane Kellerman announced that the quilt is complete and raffle tickets will be available at the February meeting.
- **Golden Sands Home and Garden Show:** This is scheduled for February 17, 18, and 19 at Sentry World. Contact Sharon Omernick or Lynn Ligman if you are willing to help out.
- **Membership:** 2017 certified members will receive stickers for their name badges.
- **Newsletter:** Please send any articles or photos to Alicia Razvi by February 10 for inclusion in the February newsletter.
- **Plant Sale:** Chere Schmit announced that plants have been ordered from Heath Farms. The Plant Sale is scheduled for May 20.
- **YMCA Gardens:** Lynn Caine gave an update on this garden's role in Hunger Prevention in Portage County.

New Business:

- **Officers for 2017:** Co-Chairpersons: Margaret Parsons and Sylvia Masters; Secretary: Chrismary Pacyna; Treasurer: Lori Teuchert; Members-at-Large: Todd Teuchert, Debbie Kunst; WIMGA Representative (and past chairperson): Lynn Caine.
- **Next PCMGV meeting** will be on **Monday, February 27 at 6:00** at the Portage County Annex. Lynn Caine will speak about straw-bale gardening and Todd Teuchert will speak about wine-making and growing garlic.

WIMGA report: Lynn Caine reported WIMGA continues to work on its philosophy, goals, and organization.

UW-Extension Report: Ken thanked members for their volunteer hours in 2016. Copies of the Annual Report were given out. Local and State Awards for volunteer and continuing education hours were also given out. Recognition of 25 years of membership and service to the PCMGVs was given to Pat Mrozinski. The book, Growing Beautiful Food, by Matthew Benson, will be donated to the Stevens Point Public Library in her honor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45.

Continuing Education: Henning and Rose Hempel from Forth Floral in Rhinelander, speaking on orchids = 60 minutes (1 hour)

Submitted by, Chrismary Pacyna, PCMGV Secretary

Composting and Soils: Level 2 registration now open

Join us for Level 2 Training: Compost and Soils. Some of you will be excited for this topic -- we know this because you tell us this is an important subject you want to know more about. Others might be a little less thrilled to learn about... er, dirt... but this training has a breadth of intriguing topics from advanced composting to cover crops for small scale gardens to soil's relationship to human prosperity. The course is 100% online, interactive, and you can do it whenever it works for your schedule. You have from March 1, 2017 until October 1, 2017 to complete the course. The hours you put into the course count toward your yearly continuing education requirement.



You register online from link in the Volunteer Vibe. Course registration is \$35.00. We hope you'll join us!

Plant Propagation for Master Gardener Volunteers

Plant propagation combines the science of plant biology with the art of the practices to multiply plants. Participants will apply biological principles to various asexual propagation techniques in a hands-on experience with herbaceous leaf and stem cuttings, hardwood cuttings, bulb division and tissue culture. Skills learned in the program can be applicable to home garden management and as volunteer activities with groups. Taught by Mike Maddox, Master Gardener Program Director. Approximately 6 hours continuing education.

Saturday March 11, 2016
8:30am to 3:30pm
DC Smith Greenhouse, UW-Madison

Registration:

- [ONLINE REGISTRATION](#)
- \$35 per person. Open to any certified Wisconsin Master Gardener Volunteer.
- Please contact kristina.crapp@ecc.uwex.edu (608-262-2451) if you have problems with the on-line registration.
- Refunds less processing fee

