

**DOOR COUNTY
MASTER GARDENERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
NEWSLETTER**

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"Nature chose for a tool, not the earthquake or lightning to rend and split asunder, not the stormy torrent or eroding rain, but the tender snow-flowers noiselessly falling through unnumbered centuries."

- John Muir

President's Message

Dear Fellow Master Gardeners,

As my year as president of the DCMGA begins, I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you for all that you do to support our organization. Many of you volunteer numerous hours serving on the board, committees, community projects, and working in The Garden Door to meet our mission. Time is precious and the time that you give is your gift to the community. Again, thank you!

DCMGA

Board of Directors & Officers

President - Jeanne Vogel
Vice President - Mary Moster
Treasurer - Shawn Mathys
Secretary - Holly Green
Past President - Dorry Wilner

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Lee Ann Casper
Sunny MacLachlan
Carrie Sherrill
Linda Zolnosky

UW-Extension Agent

Annie Deutsch

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.

The winter education programs are now all scheduled and will take place at Crossroads. Next time you see Coggin, please thank her for partnering with us again this year. This is your opportunity to obtain education hours, so please attend as many as you can. Why not bring a friend? Use the words "free" and "treat" to encourage them! It's truly a special treat on a cold winters night!

Carrie and Sue mentioned that we are still in need of two area supervisors, one for the Pond Garden and the other for The Garden Next Door. It has been a rewarding experience for me, talking and laughing while working with my Master Gardener friends in TGD. In the spirit of volunteerism, please call or email Carrie or Sue if you are willing to help.

The Training Class will begin in January with thirteen eager students. Please make a note to attend the Meet and Greet on February 17, 2019 to welcome the new class.

There is no doubt that 2019 will be a year of change and transition. The Master Gardener Volunteer Program is now under the UW Madison system. The meeting with Annie Deutsch and Mike Maddox presented us with some idea of the possible changes that will affect all of us as Master Gardener Volunteers. Please know that your president as well as the entire Board of DCMGA will do our very best to provide you with information as it presented to us. So let us go forward with a positive attitude that change can be good!

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If you have any concerns or questions, please call or email me. I value your opinions, thoughts and ideas. Communicating and working together is my goal. I hope it will be yours as well.

So let us plant the 'seeds of respect', 'grow our friendships' and 'reap the benefits' of living as one caring community for the greater good of all!!

Best wishes for a Joyous New Year!

Jeanne Vogel, President

P.S. Be sure to attend the Winter Gathering in January. The theme is 'Birch and Berries.' Check out the details in this newsletter. It sounds like a great way to spend a winter evening!



2019 DCMGA Committee Chairs/Coordinators

Awards - Nancy Anschutz

Annual Meeting - Mary Moster

Community Projects - Carrie Sherrill

Education - Chris Holicek

Garden Door:

 Operations - Dale Vogel

 Plants - Carrie Sherrill and Sue Kunz

 Financial - Nancy Anschutz

The Garden Next Door - **OPEN**

Marketing Coordinator - Dorry Wilner

Membership - Linda Zolnosky

Newsletter Editors - Lee Ann Casper and Karen Newbern

Nominating - President (ad hoc)

Open House - Dorry Wilner

Outreach/Speakers Bureau - Sunny MacLachlan

Plant Sale - Karen Kidd and John Werblow

Social - Coggin Heeringa

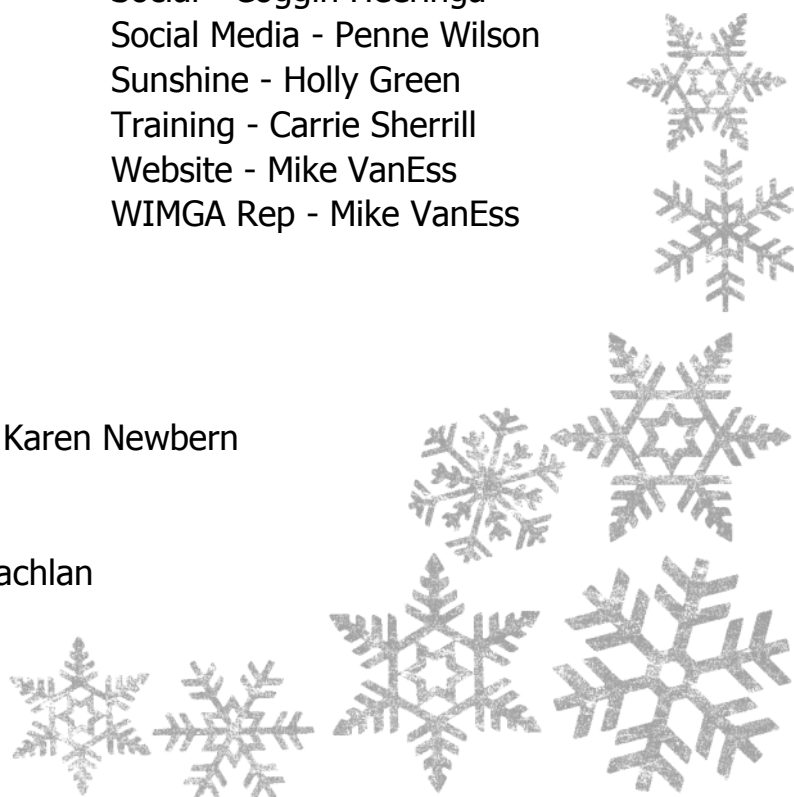
Social Media - Penne Wilson

Sunshine - Holly Green

Training - Carrie Sherrill

Website - Mike VanEss

WIMGA Rep - Mike VanEss



Notes from the Board of Directors

Here are some decisions, reports and discussions from the **November 14** Board Meeting. For complete minutes, see the Members section of the website.

New Officers were elected. (See list on p. 1 of the Newsletter.)

Community projects: Carrie S. reported that we now have 21-22 projects, with six dropped. New projects are the Seed Library, the High School greenhouse, the garden at the Aging and Disability Resource Center, and the vegetable garden at Southern Door School.

Membership: There are 27 members to contact regarding inactive status.

Plant Sale: The annuals and vegetable lists are complete and seeds have been ordered. The greenhouse use has been arranged.

A new agreement for use of the PARS facilities was approved by the Board. Matt (superintendent at station) will be retiring and he offered a file cabinet in the conference room for our materials.

Discussion of possible placement of signs for The Garden Door on Highway 42 and new signs on PARS property. This topic originated in TGD Committee. Volunteers for this committee are needed.

Discussion of whether continuing the placement of DCMGA brochures in Welcome packages for new residents is effective and cost worthy. Dorry will do research.

In 2019, meetings will be held the third Monday of January, March, May, July, September and November. The next meeting will be January 21, 2019 at Crossroads.

Check Out the "Members" section of the Door County Master Gardener Website

The DCMGA website, www.dcmga.org, has a section just for members! Here you can read complete minutes of the Board and committees, download forms such as the Volunteer Hours Record Sheet, or view the current membership roster. Even more information will be posted in the future.

However, in order to access all this great information, you will need to create an account using your email address and a password you create. 79% of our members have already established an account providing them access to the "Members" section. If you haven't already done so, it's time to jump on board!

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

Notes from the Education Committee

Here are a few notes from the December 4 meeting. Complete minutes may be viewed on the website in the Members section. The schedule for the Winter Education series is shown on page 8.

~ Winter Programs are ready to begin!

~There will be a program about Horticultural Therapy presented in two sessions, Friday, May 31 and Saturday, June 1, given by Mike Maddox. No other details yet.

~There was general discussion about 2019 field trips. All responded favorably to the idea of a trip to Rotary Gardens in Janesville.

~Mary Moster presented a draft of a feedback form to be handed out at the winter programs. The goal is to have some form of measurement for the effectiveness of our outreach programs.

Training of 2019 Class Begins

A group of 13 new students began their Master Gardener education on January 2. Carrie Sherrill is the new training coordinator after the retirement of Gary and Michelle Kemp. She will be assisted by Sue Kunz, who will coordinate the student projects. Many Master Gardener Volunteers have agreed to share their expertise by speaking to the class this year. The Training Committee extends a big thank you.

New this year, Garden Door supervisors will attend the training class to talk about the individual garden areas. Each week, 10 minutes at the beginning of class will highlight the supervisor of the week. Thanks to those who have volunteered to visit.

In addition to classroom training, the students will have an opportunity to work in the Greenhouse this spring, assist with the plant sale and The Garden Door activities, attend lectures on landscaping in June, and garden art/shade gardening in July. There will be a new unit on invasive plants.

The Meet and Greet Event will be held on Sunday, February 17 at 2 pm at the Sevastopol Town Hall. More details to come soon! The student garden tours will be held on Sunday, July 28.



Notes from The Garden Door

This Committee continues its work into the winter. Here is some information from the **November 12** meeting.

Mike VanEss reported that the donation box in the Garden took in \$1018 for the season, compared to \$511 last year.

The educational sign in the garden next year will be "Invasives in the Garden". The Pollinator sign will be stored for future use. There is interest in having two or three more signs to help reinforce the MG mission of education. Grants will be pursued.

The Gazebo roof is intact for now. Its condition will be assessed every six months.

A new lawnmower was purchased and the old one will be for sale next spring.

The rose arbor will be constructed this spring.

Most of the grasses from the Grass Annex area will be dug and sold this spring, to Master Gardeners only.

Carrie Sherrill outlined a small change to the Monday mornings in the Garden schedule. Those that have a designated garden to maintain will do that for about 45 minutes; then everyone will work in a specified garden area to ensure that the entire Garden is cared for.



Mark Your
Calendar!
You & a Guest
are Invited...

DCMGA Volunteers Winter Gathering

"Birch, Berries and Candlelight"

Potluck & Fellowship

Friday, January 18, 2019 5:00pm-8:00pm

Sevastopol Town Hall on Hwy. 57 in Institute

Bring appetizer, side dish or dessert to share.

Baked/broasted chicken, cider, tea & coffee provided

BYOB

DCMGA Winter Events/Meetings

Winter educational programs are listed on page 8.

Monday, January 14 5:30 PM	The Garden Door Committee Meeting PARS Classroom
Friday, January 18 5:00 PM -8:00 PM	"Birches and Berries" Winter Social Event and Potluck Sevastopol Town Hall
Monday, January 21 6:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting Crossroads
Tuesday, February 5 11:00 AM	Education Committee Meeting PARS Classroom
Sunday, February 17 2:00 PM	Meet and Greet 2019 Training Class Sevastopol Town Hall
Monday, March 11 5:30 PM	The Garden Door Committee Meeting PARS Classroom
Monday, March 18 6:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting Crossroads



NEW Master Gardeners Association Programs

The Northeast Wisconsin Master Gardeners Association is offering a series of programs this winter that may be of interest.

Saturday, February 2	Dale Seivert, <i>Mosses and Shade Plants</i>
Saturday, March 2	Brent Heath, <i>Spring Bulbs and Tropical Summer Bulbs</i>
Saturday, April 6	Dr. Dan Mahr, <i>Cacti and Succulents</i>

All programs run from 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM and are held at the Neville Public Museum, 210 Museum Place, Green Bay. For a brochure and registration information, visit www.newmastergardeners.org.

DCMGA Winter Education Programs

All winter education programs are held at 7:00 PM at Crossroads at Big Creek, Sturgeon Bay. The perfect opportunity to get those all-important education hours!

- January 15** What's New for 2019?
Kori Zawojski, Owner, Sunnypoint Gardens, Egg Harbor, WI
- January 22** Woody Peonies – The Little Shrub with Big Flowers
Nate Bremer, Owner, Solaris Farms, Reedsville, WI
- January 29** Animals of Land and Water
Charlotte Lukes, Naturalist/Author, Egg Harbor, WI
- February 5** Wisconsin's State Fruit: The Cranberry
Annie Deutsch, Agriculture Agent, UW Extension
- February 19** Next Century Vision for Door County Parks
Ben Nelson, Parks Superintendent, Door County Parks & Facilities Dept.
- March 5** Sustainable Vegetable Gardens
Kristina Beuning, Owner, Sunbow Farm, Eau Claire, WI
- March 19** The Ecological Garden
Ben Futa, Director, Allen Centennial Garden, UW-Madison, WI
- April 9** Bulbalicious
Mark Konlock, Director of Horticulture, Green Bay Botanical Garden
- April 23** Garden Mistakes
Mark Dwyer, Director of Horticulture, Rotary Gardens, Janesville, WI



And, looking ahead, mark your calendar now for these special events!

- Saturday, May 18** Door County Master Gardener Plant Sale
- Saturday, July 13** Garden Door Open House

Spotlight On Community Projects

Kohlrabi, kale and leeks, oh my!

Kids encountered some unusual vegetables last summer at the Boys and Girls Club on Third Avenue in Sturgeon Bay. Following a curriculum called "Got Veggies?", the first graders on up learned about the vegetables, watched them grow, harvested them and tasted them.

This program was supported by DCMG Volunteers. Vickie Daoust designed the garden layout. Lonnie Vitse and other Volunteers planted seeds and put in the transplants grown by the staff coordinator, after which Lonnie diligently watered and weeded all summer. (That worked better than having kids do the weeding!)

In the morning once a week, a small group of kids went out to investigate the four raised beds and additional garden area. In the afternoon, a group examined the harvested vegetables and incorporated them into something to eat. There were also lessons in composting.

Lonnie says the kids seemed really interested. Watching the vegetables grow was interesting to her too, as it had been awhile since she'd had a vegetable garden. Other crops were eggplant, tomatoes, beans, carrots, onions, potatoes radishes, broccoli, lettuce, cucumbers, and herbs, like dill. They tried peas, but the spring cold did them in.

Although the program was managed by the Healthy Lifestyle coordinator, Lonnie did have opportunities to interact with the children. She recounts how one day when it was time to go out in the garden, a couple of kids elected to play dodge ball instead. At the conclusion of the garden time, one little girl remarked, "This was really much better than playing dodge ball!"

For the program to continue as it has for some years, it is important that we support The Boys and Girls Club gardens as a community project. We know that beginning to learn early about growing food and eating it can impact these kids' lives in a positive way. Please consider this as a meaningful project for 2019.



Annual Meeting Recap

Fifty-three members attended the DCMGA Annual Meeting held November 14 at Crossroads at Big Creek. During the meeting, the membership voted to increase annual dues from \$12 to \$20. Board candidates were presented and approved, and a number of service awards were presented.



For Service Above and Beyond -
Dorry Wilner (left)



Outstanding Service to DCMGA -
Gary and Michelle Kemp (right),
Chris Holicek, Nancy Goldberg,
Mary Moster



Service to The Garden Door: Holly
Green and Sue Kunz (left), Ronda
Shomburg, Gene Kenny

A special floral gift was presented to Carol Berglund (right) for her many years of service to DCMGA and The Garden Door.



Annual Meeting Recap cont'd



Wendy Woldt (left) was recognized for her years of service as DCMGA Treasurer.

Members reaching total hour milestones since the 2017 Annual Meeting were also recognized.

150 Hours: Christine Holicek (below), Karen Isensee, Eugene Kenny, Linda Kolberg, Susan Morgan, Susan MacLachlan, John Werblow, Penne Wilson



250 Hours: Carole Connelly, Steven Krzyzanowski, Mary Moster, Dale Vogel

500 Hours: Nancy Goldberg, Holly Green, Connie Mathey, Barbara Henkelmann, Dorry Wilner

750 Hours: Penny Beerntsen, Marie Cady

1000 Hours: Linda Monahan, Marian Schlise, Carrie Sherrill

Ten Years Service to DCMGA: Richard Allmann, Gary and Michelle Kemp, Sarah Freyman, Pauline Leist

After the meeting, members enjoyed a social hour with delicious hors d'oeuvres catered by Door County Creamery in Sister Bay.



Fall Clean Up at The Garden Door

A large hard-working group of DCMG Volunteers gathered on October 18 to prepare The Garden Door for winter. It was a beautiful autumn morning, spirits were high and many tasks were accomplished.



Lee Ann Casper and Karen Isensee working round the gazebo.

Susan Morgan and Jeanne Vogel get down to earth in the perennial garden.



Wendy Woldt, outstanding in the garden.

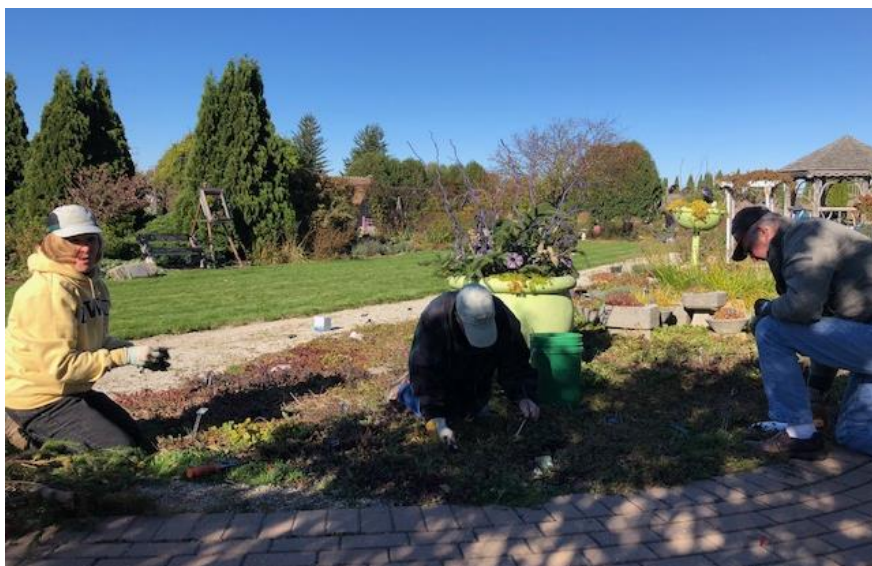


Garden Door Clean Up cont'd.



Chriss Daubner with one of many wheelbarrow loads destined for the compost pile.

Lynn Polacek, Doug Henderson and John Kierstyn hard at work in the succulent garden. "Get out those blades of grass!"



Karen Kidd surveys the situation near the tunnel garden.



We Can Save the Seeds!

Door County Master Gardener Volunteers are spearheading a project to launch a Door County Seed Library at the Sturgeon Bay Library. **It is scheduled to open in February 2019.** Collaborators include the Door County Library, Community Gardens, Wild Ones, Sturgeon Bay High School Greenhouse, and UW-Extension. MG Volunteer Penne Wilson explains the project:

What is a seed library?

A seed library promotes the saving and sharing of certain seeds. A seed library works much the same as a traditional library, but with seeds instead of books. People 'check out' seeds, grow them, maybe let some plants go to seed, then save some seeds to plant again or share. Seed libraries typically focus on heirloom varieties. There are over 500 seed lending libraries open world-wide.

Why are seed libraries important?

Over 75% of plant genetic diversity has been lost over the last century. Farmers are moving to high yielding seeds that can be grown on a massive scale and survive transportation. At the same time, seed companies have been consolidating and dropping older open-pollinated varieties in favor of hybrids and patented seeds. **Once a seed is dropped from a catalog, it is typically lost forever.** By working diligently to save these important seeds, seed libraries help conserve genetic plant diversity. They prevent the loss of unique varieties. They also develop an inventory of seeds adapted to the local environment.

The Door County Seed Library

In addition to providing access to free vegetable, flower, herb, and native plant seeds, we will support gardeners and seed savers through the process of growing, harvesting, and saving. Additionally, we will be documenting and sharing "seed stories" associated with seeds that have historically been grown in Door County. These stories will help to preserve heirloom seeds as cultural documents.

Interested in helping out?

We need volunteers to help with seed sorting and repacking, developing program materials, facilitating seed library orientations and much more! Please reach out to Penne Wilson at penne@pobox.com. Also, make sure to like us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/DCSeedLibrary so that you can follow our progress!



Heritage Garden at Crossroads - 2018

The Heritage Garden at Crossroads at Big Creek is a showcase of heirloom varieties of plants developed before 1910 (preferably those commonly grown between 1890-1910). In previous years, plants were arranged in orderly rows, typical of English gardens. This year, our format was changed to squares, more like a German garden.



In addition to vegetables like Bull's Blood beets, Golden Bantam corn and Brandywine tomatoes, annual and perennial flowers were planted to attract bees, butterflies and other pollinators.



During various festivals at the Heritage Village and Crossroads, we taught adults and children how to harvest the crops and they took home those freshly picked vegetables. A portion of the harvest was also distributed between the two food pantries in Sturgeon Bay.

A complete report on the Heritage Garden is posted on the DCMGA website.

An Award Well Deserved

For 23 years, Carol Berglund has been a DCMG Volunteer *par excellence*. From the time she completed her training class in 1995, to her recent work as tour guide in The Garden Door, she has contributed in a myriad of ways. She has helped the organization grow and flourish.

Carol grew up in Manitowoc. Her mother was a gardener, so she came by her love of gardening “organically”, as she puts it. In 1972, Carol and her husband moved to Door County. For 30 years she drove a school bus! When she saw the announcement of the first Master Gardener class in the county, she was overjoyed and signed up immediately. She says she didn’t know that there were others who loved gardening like she did.

Jumping into the organization with both feet, trowel in hand, Carol gave flower arrangement demos, made pesto for the festo, baked a lot of cookies, and was ensconced in The Garden Door as soon as it was established. She was the designer and first supervisor of the butterfly garden and became the rose garden supervisor. She says the rose garden is so important because it is the first thing people see in the Garden, a place of welcome. Adjectives she uses for roses are “enchancing, intoxicating” and “hypnotic”.

Carol did not just get her hands dirty. She was also a Board Director from 1995 to 1999 and again in 2011, and was Vice-President of the organization from 2009 to 2010. She was a member of the Education Committee, coordinating public programs. She was co-chair of the Plant Sale. Carol was the main proof reader for the plant lists because she knew all the botanical names and how to spell them! She served as the main tour guide for The Garden Door for almost 20 years. This was probably her favorite Volunteer job. She says she has loved to tell stories about the plants and help people understand and appreciate the garden.

When asked if she has a favorite plant, Carol says she loves them all, perennials and annuals alike. She does have a special appreciation for hostas, though. Their yard has only partial sun, so hostas are a natural choice. She says they have many varieties, which, however, are not marked. She likes the way they can be sited to complement each others’ colors and characteristics.

Other MG Volunteers say that the contributions mentioned above are only part of what Carol has done for the organization. In addition, she is described as an always enthusiastic and caring member, willing to share her knowledge of all things horticultural. At the Annual Meeting in October, Carol received an award for her many years of service to the DCMGA and The Garden Door. It is easy to see why.



Compliments from a Fellow Master Gardener

This past summer we received a wonderful compliment on The Garden Door from a fellow Master Gardener.

"Hello. My name is Marilyn Mannhard and I am the Facebook administrator for Baldwin County Master Gardeners on the Alabama Gulf Coast. My friend Mike and I have been vacationing in Door County since 2010 and every time we come we visit your garden. It is so spectacular that I am awed by the beauty and hard work that go into it. When we were there in August I took a lot of pictures and shared one on our Facebook page with the notation that it was your garden. I hope you don't mind the sharing. We do not have a demonstration garden, though our office is located on the grounds of the Gulf Coast Research and Extension Center in Fairhope, Alabama. We would love to emulate your garden but so far have not been able to do so. We are one of the largest Master Gardener organizations in the state with close to 150 paid members. As you can imagine our growing conditions are totally different. We deal with heat, humidity, insects, and diseases but we can garden year 'round and we are able to grow semi-tropical plants. We would like to invite you to like our page, Baldwin County Master Gardeners, and follow our activities. Also if any of your members winter in our area we extend a warm welcome to our monthly meetings."





- * **Volunteers needed to assist with beautification and maintenance of local showcase garden (The Garden Door)**
- * **Must be current Master Gardener Volunteer or Master Gardener student**
- * **Previous experience helpful, but not essential**
- * **Jobs available for any Master Gardener Volunteer**

BENEFITS

- * **Excellent learning opportunities as well as teaching opportunities**
- * **Great socialization with like-minded people**
- * **Exercise program included free of charge 😊**
- * **Leadership opportunities available - please inquire!**
- * **Feeling of pride in your work**
- * **Fun way to give back to the community**
- * **Plenty of opportunities to show off your workplace to visitors and family**
- * **1:1 mentoring available if desired**
- * **Coffee and treats on Monday mornings throughout the growing season**

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT

- * **Garden Door Coordinators: Nancy Anschutz, Dale Vogel, Carrie Sherrill/
Sue Kunz, Doug Henderson (The Water Guy)**
- * **or any Garden Door Area Supervisor**

