

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

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*A Volunteer Organization of the
UW-Cooperative Extension Service*



*“The care of the Earth is our most ancient and most worthy, and after all our most pleasing responsibility. To cherish what remains of it and to foster its renewal is our only hope.”
-- Wendell Berry*

DCMGA

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MISSION STATEMENT

The Door County Master Gardeners Association, Inc., in partnership with UW-Extension, shall strive to make a positive impact on horticulture in our community through education, community outreach, and stewardship of our environment.

Dear Friends,

As we move into summer and its long days, we find ourselves spending more and more time in our gardens or out in nature in this beautiful place we call home...Door County. Our attention to the renewal of nature each spring and summer gives us a sense of peace and hope.

It's the busiest time of year here in Door County whether it is our gardens, visitors, family or friends. That is no different for the Door County Master Gardeners. We have just wrapped up another stupendous annual Plant Sale thanks to our Plant Sale Chairperson, Karen Kidd and her amazing team! It was started in the deepest part of winter by the Research and Selection Team. Then the project was gently handed over to the Greenhouse and Watering Team who, starting in March, invited all able members to help mix soil, nurture and transplant hundreds of seedlings as they were grown for the sale on May 26 when the Logistics Team moved into high gear. It is an amazing process and as I overheard one of our newest members exclaim, "You have to see it to believe it!" A full report will be coming out in July.

And just as the plant sale wrapped up, work in the Garden Door public garden began. Jim Baxter and his team have scheduled weekly work days and "Evening in the Garden" programs throughout the summer. We encourage every member to participate in the care of the garden (you don't have to be assigned to an area, just come anytime and help as you are able). We hope you plan to enjoy our Tuesday evening programs. Bring a chair and relax in our garden. In addition to our responsibility to care for the Garden Door, many of our members have chosen to be involved in 27 community-based garden projects from Southern Door School District to the Boys and Girls Club in Sturgeon Bay to the beautification project in Ellison Bay. Watch for new signs that will appear in these garden projects and point them out to your visitors as you travel throughout the county. Carrie Sherrill is coordinating these projects and securing the signs that will let everyone know how DCMGA contributes to the beauty of our county. Other good news is that the Garden Next Door is full this year so when you visit the Garden Door be sure to peek into the vegetable gardens as well.

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President's Message cont'd.

Be sure to open the emails from the DCMGA BUZZ. These emails contain important member information about activities, events and organizational announcements. Mike VanEss continues to update our website with information for members and the general public. And, thanks to our Social Media Coordinator, Penne Wilson, we have two Facebook pages, one for Door County Master Gardeners and one for the Garden Door. If you are a Facebook user, please like, follow and share these pages. Also encourage visitors to the Garden Door to post a review on Trip Advisor. The Garden Door is rated one of the top ten things to see and do in Door County!

Reminder that the Garden Door Open House is scheduled for Saturday, July 14, 10:00 am-1:00 pm. A great time to bring visitors to the Garden to enjoy music and refreshments.

See you in the Garden,

Dorry Wilner, President



2018 DCMGA Committee Chairs/Coordinators

Awards - Nancy Anschutz
Annual Meeting - Jeanne Vogel
Community Projects - Carrie Sherrill
Education - Chris Holicek
Garden Door:
 Grounds - Dale Vogel
 Plants - Jim Baxter
 Financial - Nancy Anschutz
 The Garden Next Door -
 Ronda Schomburg
Marketing Coordinator - **OPEN**
Membership - Linda Zolnosky
Newsletter Editors - Lee Ann Casper
 and Karen Newbern
Nominating - President (ad hoc)
Open House - **OPEN**
Outreach/Speakers Bureau -
 Sunny MacLachlan
Plant Sale - Karen Kidd
Social - Coggin Heeringa

Social Media - Penne Wilson
Sunshine - Holly Green
Training - Michelle and Gary Kemp
Website - Mike VanEss
WIMGA Rep - **OPEN**

\$\$\$ MONEY MATTERS \$\$\$

DCMGA is seeking a member who is willing to take on the role of treasurer starting this Fall. A finance or business background is NOT required. We need someone who can add and subtract, write checks, balance a checkbook and has a computer. Currently the organization uses QuickBooks that is easy to learn. There are members who can mentor or coach you on the use of QuickBooks. If you think you might want to earn all or part of your service hours as our treasurer, please contact Dorry Wilner at dorrywilner@gmail.com or call to discuss it further at 920-487-0043.



Notes from the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors take care of business for our 120+ member organization. **Meetings are on the third Wednesday of odd numbered months at 6:00 pm at Crossroads. Attendance at meetings is open to all members.**

Summary of March 21 Meeting: The Board voted to add another position, expanding the Board to ten. (Eleven positions are permitted). **In the fall, several Board positions will be opening.**

New Community Projects approved: assisting at the Sturgeon Bay High School greenhouse (Deb Javurek) and plantings at Stella Maris Church in Egg Harbor (Annette Heck). Youth projects have become part of Community Projects.

People newly approved for positions are: Dale Vogel- Garden Door Coordinator (grounds); Sunny MacLachlan – Outreach Chair for Speaker’s Bureau and External Recruitment; Carrie Sherrill - Community Projects Coordinator.

Summary of May 16 meeting:

Next year’s Plant sale: discussion of budget for advertising, tasks and event insurance.

Annual Meeting - Should it remain as a business **and** social event?

Community projects: Discussion of number of projects. What about criteria for such projects? Check with UW Extension.

New Community Project approved in Egg Harbor (Shawn Mathys). Assurance from Egg Harbor needed that DCMGA will not be held responsible for maintaining the project in the future.

Lee Ann Casper and Karen Newbern approved as Newsletter Editors and Linda Zolnosky as Membership Coordinator.

To read the complete minutes of the Board and committees, visit the “Members Only” section of the DCMGA website at <http://www.dcmga.org/boardcommittee-minutes.html>. You will need to log in to your account to view the minutes. If you don’t have an account, you can easily set one up using your email address and a password you create.

Notes from the Education Committee

The Education Committee provides DC Master Gardeners and the community with opportunities to learn about horticulture, all year long.

Highlights from **February 6 committee meeting**: There will be a Master Gardener program year-round on WDOR, as Carrie Sherrill has developed a full-year schedule. Winter programs at Crossroads have begun.

May 15: Planning for the **November 3 Fall Seminar** is well underway. Two authors of books on heritage gardens will be presenting. There will be a catered box lunch. Interested community groups such as the Door County Historical Society will be contacted.

Data from three years of Crossroads winter programs tell us: attendance in 2018 was about the same as 2017; 2016 was higher. Many programs drew between 55-70 attendees (fifty-eight percent). The highest attendance each year was in April.

Planning for the 2019 winter series has begun. Mark Konlock from Green Bay Botanical Garden will return, as will Mark Dwyer of Rotary Gardens, either for the winter series or a fall seminar. It was agreed that Kori Zawojski should be a lead-off speaker again.

Other possible speakers: on water issues, composting and soil testing, rain gardens, Japanese gardens, bonsai, daylilies (Solaris gardens), intersectional peonies with Sue Zimmerman. A field trip to Bjorkunden for a guided hike in summer was also mentioned.



Upcoming WDOR 93.9 FM Programs:

Thursday, July 19 – Annie Deutsch will talk about the Plant Advisor Program; invasive plants in Door County (pending); John Werblow and either Dorry Wilner or Barb Henkleman will speak about raised bed gardening.

Thursday, August 16 – will feature Master Gardener updates (how to become a Master Gardener, Tuesdays in The Garden Door); harvesting crops and freezing/canning tips with UWEX representative; the pond and pond garden with Steve Krzyzanowski as featured guest.

Winter Program Recap

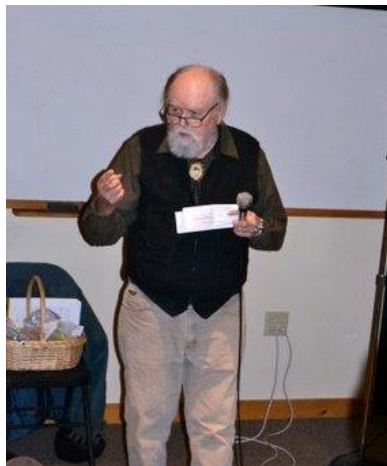


Kudos to the Education Committee for organizing an outstanding slate of winter programs for 2018! We learned a lot about native plants and pollinators, were immersed into the world of daffodils, were startled by information about the new menace, jumping worms, learned about the newest plants and ways to use them, picked up tips for managing our lawns, and much more. We heard from experts from two major botanical gardens, an amusing young woman from the DNR, naturalists associated with the Ridges and Whitefish Dunes, and one of our own DCMG experts.

This will be remembered as the year that Charlotte Lukes finally got to do her presentation, 'Wild Orchids of Door County' and 'Spring in Door County'. After snowstorms in February and April (!) twice cancelled her appearance, we were graced with her presentation in May.



Clockwise from above: a slide from Mark Konlock's program on "Holistic Garden Design"; Mark Dwyer from Rotary Gardens in Janesville spoke on "Ornamental Edibles"; Mark Konlock from the Green Bay Botanical Gardens; Charlotte Lukes; Dale Goodner speaking on "50 Years of Whitefish Dunes."



Notes from The Garden Door

The work of The Garden Door Committee blooms and comes to fruition during the summer, but seeds are planted well ahead. Here are highlights of meetings earlier this year:



Artists' rendition of the design for the new donation box. Use your imagination.

April 9: Doug and Barbara Henderson announced that they and fellow MG's would design and fabricate a metal garden art/donation box, to be located in the vicinity of the rock garden. The artists will be able to use the equipment and materials in an art class they attend together.

The Strategic Plan and the Garden Supervisor Job Descriptions were approved.

Plans for a less elaborate but still enjoyable open house in the garden got underway. Six volunteers volunteered to wear 'Ask Me' buttons so as to engage with visitors. There will be live music and summer refreshments.

May 14: The design and placement of a new sign or signs for the Garden Door is still on the horizon. The goal is for signage that is bigger and more eye catching so that visitors can find us or spot us as they pass by.

A Facebook page for The Garden Door has been launched by Penne Wilson. Garden Supervisors and anyone who visits the garden are asked to forward photos with a brief explanation to her. The goal is to post new photos frequently.

All Through the Summer in The Garden Door

Coffee in the Garden takes place each week on Mondays at 8 am. There are doughnuts and coffee by the shed and plenty of people to chat with about gardening while helping to maintain the Garden. Many hands are needed to make the gardens shine for visitors.

Weed and Feeds will be Thursday, July 12 at 4:00 (**two days before the OPEN HOUSE**) and August 11 from 10 am to noon. After volunteers spruce up the gardens, food will be served at the Gazebo. This is your opportunity to take part in the beautification of our special garden.

The annual *Open House at The Garden Door* is July 14 from 10 am to 1:00. This is an opportunity to show off our gardens and educate the community. See next page for details.

Educational Tuesdays at The Garden Door are programs offered in the garden or classroom each second Tuesday at 6 pm. The evening consists of a trio of 30 minute presentations. The next two Tuesdays at the Garden Door will be July 10 and August 14. A beautiful garden setting at day's end, horticultural topics of special interest, what could be more inviting? Open to the public.

*The Door County Master Gardeners
present the*

Annual Open House in The Garden Door

Saturday, July 14

10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Free



- ◆ Tour the beautiful gardens
- ◆ Eclectic Irish music provided by Bubble & Squeak
- ◆ Master Gardener Volunteers available to answer your gardening questions
- ◆ Refreshments available



The Garden Door is located at the University of Wisconsin Peninsular Research Station at 4312 North Highway 42, just north of Sturgeon Bay. Parking is available.



The Garden Door Staffing

Updated 5/24/18

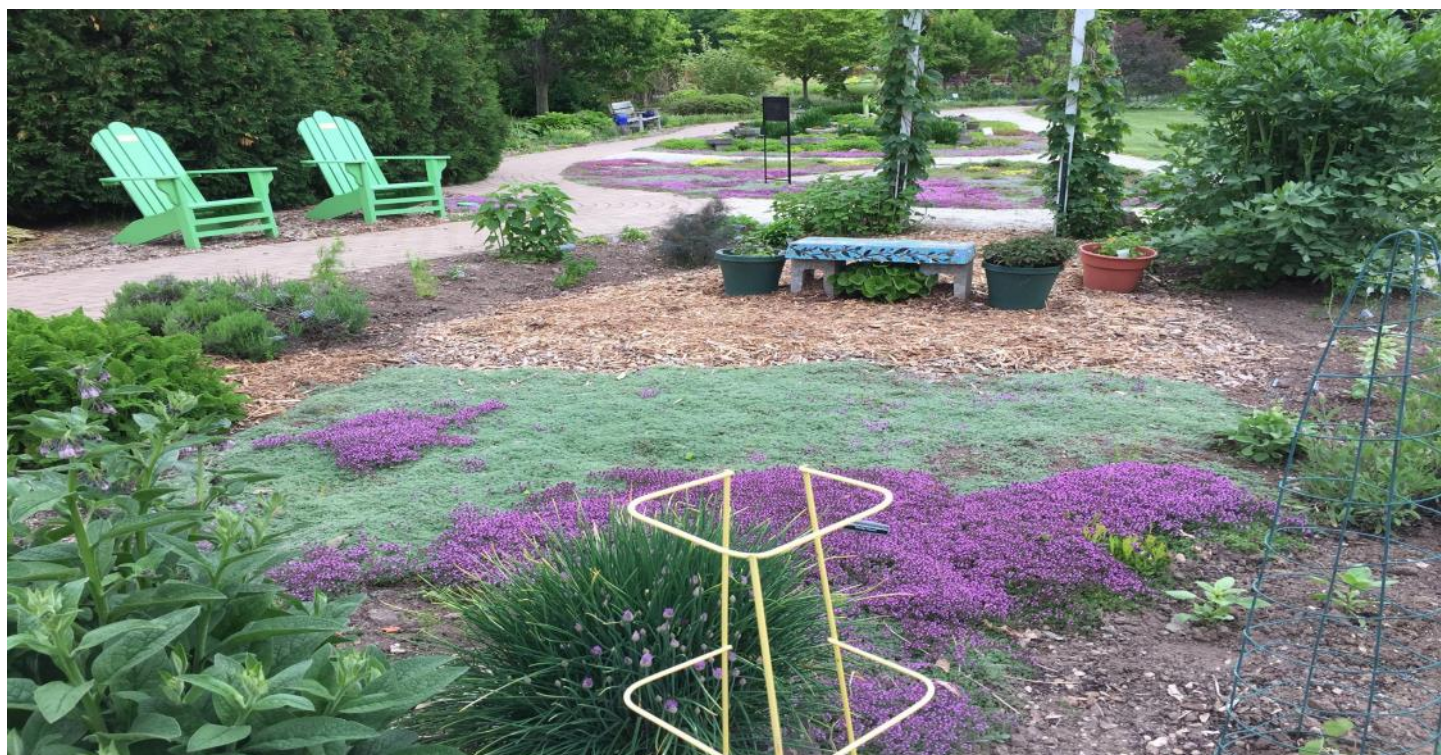
Coordinators	
Nancy Anschutz	Finance
Jim Baxter	Plants
Dale Vogel	Grounds

Beds & Gardens	Supervisors
Annual Beds	Carrie Sherrill
Butterfly	Chriss Daubner
Cactus	Jim Friedrichs
Children's Area	Barb Henkelmann
Entrance GD - East and Dwarf Conifer	Barb & Dick Allmann (Resigning end of 2018)
Entrance GD - West	Vickie Daoust
Entrance Research Station	Jane & Tom Luebker
Fairie Garden	Linda Kolberg, Sunny MacLachlan, Penny Beernstein
Gazebo Garden	Lee Ann Casper
Herb	Kathy Green, Deb Javurek, Holly Green
Kaleidoscope	JoAnn Tarczewski, Barb Henderson & Barb Allmann (for 2018)
Ornamental Grasses	Jim Baxter
Peony Garden	Jeanne Vogel & Linda Zolnosky
Perennial Garden - West	Nancy Anschutz
Pond & Pond Garden	Cliff White, Jeanne White, Steve Krzyzanowski, John Werblow
Raised Bed	Barb Henkelmann
Rock	Lee Ann Casper
Rose Garden	Nick "Alger" Doane
Shade	Kaylynn Litersky
Sundial	Barb & Doug Henderson
Succulent	Barb & Doug Henderson
Tunnel and Gardens	Wendy Woldt

Individual Responsibilities

Budget	Nancy Anschutz
Committee Meetings	Jim Baxter
Garden Next Door	Ronda Schomburg
Irrigation	Rod Schlise
Label Maker - Tape & Markers	Holly Green
Monday Coffee	Jim Baxter
Mulch	Dale Vogel
Notices	Nancy Anschutz
PARS Liaison	Dale Vogel
Paths	Vicki Dirst
Porta Potty	Dale Vogel
Reimbursements	Nancy Anschutz
Scheduling	Coordinators
Shed and Tools	Dale Vogel
TITGD	Jim Baxter
Tours	Carol Berglund
Turf	Dale Vogel
Weed & Feeds, Cleanups	Coordinators

Wouldn't you just love to sit on the bench in the herb garden?





2018 Plant Sale in Review

Work actually began many months before the actual event. A selection committee reviewed seed catalogs and plant lists and determined the varieties to be purchased and grown for the sale.



In early March the seeds arrived, and volunteers filled trays (thanks dirt baggers!) and carefully planted various flowers, vegetables and herbs.



Over the following weeks the seed trays were watered and fertilized, then as seedlings grew they were transplanted into individual pots to continue growing.



By mid May the greenhouse was overflowing and plants were moved into the mud hut to harden off.

As sale day approached, there were signs to prepare, flyers to post around the county, sale areas to be set up, volunteers to schedule for various tasks, and plant orders to be received and organized. Donated plants were labeled and priced, and pre-ordered plants were set aside for their buyers.



Sale day dawned hot and muggy, but the dozens of volunteers were organized and ready! Customers were already lining up well before opening time.

One of hundreds of satisfied customers!



Karen Kidd, Master Gardener Volunteer extraordinaire, coordinated the Plant Sale again this year. Thank you, Karen, for your hundreds of volunteer hours making our biggest fundraiser a huge success!



DCMGA Summer Events

Mondays in July 8 am	Coffee & Camaraderie in The Garden Door
Tuesday, July 10 7 pm	Tuesday evening program in The Garden Door
Thursday, July 12 4 pm to 6 pm	Weed and Feed in The Garden Door Supper provided.
Saturday, July 14 10 am to 1 pm	Annual Open House in The Garden Door
Thursday, July 19 10:40 am	DCMG's on the Air – WDOR radio
Sunday, July 29 10 am	Tours of student gardens – Visit nine unique gardens.
Mondays in August 8 am	Coffee and camaraderie in The Garden Door
Saturday, Aug. 11 10 am to noon	Weed and Feed in The Garden Door Lunch provided.
Sunday, Aug 12 2 pm	Graduation party for 2018 MG students at Carrie Sherrill's and Chriss Daubner's
Tuesday, Aug. 14 7 pm	Tuesday evening program in The Garden Door
Thursday, July 19 10:40 am	DCMG's on the Air – WDOR radio



Other Summer Events of Interest

Tuesday, July 31 9 am to 5 pm	Door County House & Garden Walk (DCMG's are helping at gardens.)
July 30-31	Winnebago Co. MG's are visiting Door County, including Garden Door & Research Station

Educational Tuesday in The Garden Door July 10, 2018, 7:00 pm

Featured speakers at July's Tuesday in The Garden Door:

- **Carrie Sherrill**, a Master Gardener Volunteer, will speak on edible flowers.
- **Karen Newbern**, a Master Gardener Volunteer, employee of Door Landscape and previously a naturalist at Ridges Sanctuary, will speak on using native plants.
- **Dan Waszak**, a Master Gardener Volunteer, will speak on evolving garden design.

DCMGA Fall Seminar Saturday, November 3 Crossroads at Big Creek

Featured speakers will be Marcia Carmichael of the Wisconsin Historical Society and author of "Putting down Roots: Heritage Gardening in Wisconsin," and Lee Sommerville, former DCMGA member and author of "Vintage Wisconsin Gardens." Both speakers will offer their books for sale at the seminar.



AUTUMN AT THE RIVER

Sept. 21-22, 2018. Wisconsin Master Gardener Association Conference, Eau Claire, WI

WIMGA - Wisconsin Master Gardener Association
Conference at The Lismore Hotel in Eau Claire
www.WIMGAconference.com

Spotlight on Ellison Bay Community Projects

Michelle and Gary Kemp and a horticultural troupe of 20 people, including twelve Master Gardeners, spend their summers doing amazing things up in beautiful Ellison Bay.

Throughout the town, they have about 40 containers and seven large planters to plant, water and fertilize all through the summer. Michelle herself creates the beauty at one special landmark along Highway 42.

Her planter is the back of an ancient rusting pick-up truck parked by Gus Klenke's long empty Standard Station. Michelle, using hay bales and crates as a base, creates an artfully arranged display of flowers: petunias, purple fountain grass, lantana, coleus, salvia and more, different every year. This tableau has become a favorite subject of photographers, plein air painters and postcards.

Michelle and Gary began working on this project in conjunction with the Ellison Bay Service Club in 2008, and secured DCMGA approval in 2014. When the growing season ends, an Ellison Bay creative artist, Marcy Farber, continues the truck display with artificial flowers and props to mark the seasons and holidays.



**“Arty Surprise”
courtesy of Adam Casper**

There are currently 27 community projects. The plan is to visit each site and obtain current photos of each project. I also hope to obtain some signs to place at each site to inform the public that Master Gardeners are assisting with these projects. ---Carrie Sherrill

Carl Scholz, Master Gardener Emeritus

There is much to know and admire about Carl Scholz, DCMGA emeritus.



As a teenager, he trained as a paratrooper in the 11th Airborne and served in Japan during World War II. At age 26, he became the youngest person ever hired as a school superintendent in Wisconsin, a distinction he still holds. Carl and his wife along with friends, founded The Farm, known as a living museum of rural America, here in Door County.

A Sevastopol Schools article in April and an on-line interview from last December show Carl to be a respected educator and dedicated environmentalist. He began as a vocational agriculture teacher and was superintendent of the Sevastopol school district until 1989. One of his many accomplishments was introducing a kindergarten in the 1950's. Interestingly, under his tutelage Sevastopol became the first Wisconsin public school district to have a no smoking policy, also in the 1950's.

People and places helped strengthen Carl's bent for nature. As a child growing up on a farm, he says he usually had wet feet from checking out the river. He had the fortune to meet Aldo Leopold, who was on the staff of a youth conservation camp that Carl attended. Later, he and his wife had a "great friend" in Emma Toft. Roy Lukes was a strong influence on him.

Carl was President of the Ridges Sanctuary, has been active with the Land Trust, Environmental Stewardship Council, the Lake Shore Community Action Program and more. He founded The Conservation Club at Sevastopol Schools which helped decades of students expand their knowledge and appreciation of the outdoors.

As a Master Gardener, Carl worked with kids at the Children's Garden, which used to be at the Research Station. Although he is not accumulating MG hours now, he continues to attend Education Committee meetings. In fact, he was one of two members who showed up for a meeting scheduled right after the heavy snow of April!

One of Carl's current special interests is vertical gardening. He knows many techniques for growing vine type plants vertically. Right now he is waiting for his morning glories to cover an old Christmas tree before he takes a photo.

He thinks that lawns should contain more than grass and favors such plants as violets and scilla (siberica). Carl would like to see the medians of Highway 57 filled with plants, not grass that must be dangerously mowed. He laments the roadside mowing that destroyed the showy lady's slippers along one county road.

It is obvious that this remarkable nonagenarian has been a life-long learner and doer. We can learn from his example and he has a lot to teach us!

