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*A Volunteer Organization of the
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*“Hot July brings
cooling showers,
Apricots, and gillyflowers.”
–Sara Coleridge (1802–52)*

DCMGA

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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.

President's Message

Greetings!

Thanks to the efforts of Karen Kidd, the team and all the volunteers, we had another very successful Plant Sale. The 1st Pick Event was well received by our guests and a fun place to be on a Friday night!

Tuesdays in the Garden are well underway. Thank you to Carrie Sherrill for planning this event and all the MG Volunteers who have done presentations and tours.

On Tuesday, July 30th MG Volunteers will again partner with the DC Hospital Auxiliary for the annual House and Garden Walk. Thank you to Linda Zolnosky, LeeAnn Casper, Kathy Green and Chriss Daubner for volunteering for this event.

As summer progresses we have budgets to create and the Annual Meeting and Banquet to plan. And, if you haven't heard, 2020 is DCMGA 25th Anniversary! We want to make the entire year a celebration of our silver anniversary. If you have any "shiny" ideas to offer, please share them with me. I will be looking to form a committee to "polish" our anniversary plans!

This organization is great because of all of you! Thank you and have a Happy Summer!!

Jeanne Vogel, President

P.S. I just returned from the Open House where our visitors were greeted with lovely melodies preformed by musicians who seemed to play in perfect harmony with the plants and trees in our beautiful Garden Door. Many of our guests purchased bouquets of flowers provided by and arranged in vases by our members. Thank you to all the members that provided flowers and worked the event. A special thank you to Dorry Wilner who chaired the event again this year!! Extra kudos to Dorry for flying back from Colorado just for the event!!

A Glorious Day in The Garden Door: 2019 Open House, July 13



Above: Carol and Bill Berglund were the first to arrive. Carol was one of the earliest MGVs to work on the rose garden.

Below: There were about 150 guests in attendance, plus a cadre of about 30 MGVs.

Below Right: Bouquets of flowers donated by MGVs proved to be very popular with visitors.

Above: The Wisconsin Spudmobile is a mobile education center focused on potato and vegetable production. Visitors got the inside story about potatoes, and also learned about the potato gene bank housed at the Peninsular Research Station.



Guitarola, with John Lewis and fellow musician Doug, provided soft jazzy music perfectly matching the ambience of the gardens.



Left: A budding photographer, captivated by the fairy garden.

Below: MG Volunteers Vickie Daoust, Patsy Stierna, Sue Kunz, MaryBeth Cleary-Phipps and Fran Frommherz created charming bouquets of local flowers provided by members.



Notes from the Board of Directors

From the meetings of May 20 and July 15: Look for complete minutes on the website.

Conferences: There will be no State Conference this year but three leadership conferences: Wausau on Sept. 12, Madison on Sept. 14 are the closest. The Annual Conference for the business of the Association will be held in Stevens Point on Oct. 26 to make changes to membership by-laws, membership categories, etc.

Community Projects: Several families have volunteered to assist at the Southern Door school garden, and two members of the 2019 class.

Outreach: Tours of the Garden Door have been scheduled on June 17, July 23 and August 12.

Training: The class will continue in the same format with applications going through the Extension Office and a limit of 12 people. A new cost for the course must be decided.

Seed Library: Penne Wilson sent a thank you card to the Board in recognition of its help in launching the DC Seed Library and becoming its fiscal sponsor. They have received a \$1000 grant from the Door County Community Fund. Currently there are 151 members and 198 followers on Facebook. Almost 2300 seed packets have been given out.

Succession Task Force Report: This group has worked hard to define the roles and terms of officers. The committee includes Mary Moster (chair), Doug Henderson, Sue Kunz, Shawn Mathys, Janet Uteg, and Linda Zolnosky. The Board voted to recommend to the membership that the by-laws be amended to include the new job descriptions for officers. Voting will take place at the Annual Meeting in the fall.

Membership Dues Deadline: The current December 31 deadline is problematic. The Board voted to recommend to the membership that the by-laws be amended to require dues be paid by November 15.



25th Anniversary Celebration of DCMGA:

A committee will be formed to plan events for 2020. This will include volunteers from the membership. A number of celebratory ideas were brainstormed, including a special logo, uses of silver and white, special publicity for the group, a trivia contest with a \$25 prize to use at the Plant Sale, etc.

Notes from the Education Committee

Some key points from the May 7 Meeting:

2019 Education Series: Audience feedback gave speakers an overall rating of 4.3 or better (out of 5). Five of the nine speakers received a rating of 4.9. Attendance is trending upward. Feedback confirmed that programs are drawing a significant number of the general public.

There was thorough discussion of the recommendations made on the surveys. It was decided to keep the same successful format, with treats, but schedule fewer programs in January and February because of weather issues.

2020 Education Series:

Initial plans are already underway for several of the most popular speakers to return next year. There are new speakers to consider as well. The committee is open to suggestions!

Field Trip: A trip to Rotary Gardens is still being considered for 2020 with other stops such as Olbrich Gardens and The Flower Factory.

Education Programs continue with Tuesday evenings in the Garden Door and the WDOR Radio series.

NOTE: The Education Committee is in need of new members!! Volunteer and Education Hours can be earned in the quiet winter months before the hectic summer.

Tuesdays in The Garden Door

August 13 at 7:00 PM

Pam Flanders, Master Gardener student & plein air artist, "Painting in the Garden"

Door County Master Gardeners, "Using the Garden for Artistic Inspiration"

Peter Sherrill, "Practical Tips for Photography in the Garden"

September 10 at 6:00 PM

Brian Sheehy, Havegaard Bird Seed, "Birds in the Garden"

Barb Henkelmann & Penne Wilson, Master Gardener Volunteers, "Seed Library Test Plot"

Wendy Woldt, Master Gardener Volunteer, "Extending the Season: Fall Planters"



Notes from The Garden Door

The May 13 and July 8 meetings included these updates and decisions.

The trifold brochures are finished. Brochure holders will be installed at the entrance of TGD and on the garden shed.

The gazebo roof is currently fine, per Dale Vogel. Water system: Charts in the shed indicate the location of the water heads and define the watering zones.

Doug and Barb Henderson have compiled photos of the artwork in the garden with descriptions of each piece. There is a binder in the shed to serve as a resource.

Donations in the boxes are exceeding last year's: \$395 so far.

New invasives and limestone rock signs will be displayed during the Open House. There may be a garden gathering with Carl Scholz at a later date.

Small nameplates will be added to various garden structures to recognize the people who built them.

Silver and white will be the anniversary colors for TGD next year.

The Himalayan white birch in the rock garden appears to be infected with bronze birch borers.

Fran Frommherz volunteered to be in charge of the conifer garden. Yea!

Pumpkins are being planted in the empty plot in the Garden Next Door.



May 17 & 18 - A Very Successful Plant Sale!



The debut of the 1st Pick Sale on Friday evening was a winner, with very good attendance and sales almost equal to those on Saturday morning. Together, the sales totaled about \$35,000 with more than half of that in profit. Through all their time in the Greenhouse, hard work before the sale, and can-do attitude in the cold, many Volunteers together provided great plants to the public as well as a fun event on Friday and funding for the winter education programs and other needs.

Left: These customers had their pick of annuals in the garage.

Below: The barn served as a respite place from the cold as Volunteers huddled around the coffee pot and the heat.



Above: The Sale was a family affair for many customers.

Right: A view from above of the many perennials available.



Plant Sale cont'd.



Left: Sale organizers Karen Kidd and John Werblow, and logistics assistant Steve Krzysanowski. We thank Karen for her years of service coordinating the sale, and lament that she was injured in the line of duty (tripped over a tray of tomatoes).



Left: Marty Ross, Shawn Mathys and others were ready to take people's money.
Above: There was an abundance of veggie plants in the classroom.



Going Buggy with Annie

Even though it seemed like summer weather would never arrive, it did! It's been amazing how plants seem to be growing right before our eyes. And of course, with plants, come pests!

As Master Gardener Volunteers, not only will you come across your own pest challenges, but you will likely get questions from other people as well. I just wanted to remind you of some of the amazing resources that we have available at just the click of a button.

When trying to figure out "Who done it?" remember to start with the 7 S's to gather all the information you need: **S**ymptom, **S**ign, **S**pecies (host plant), **S**ite, **S**pread, **S**eaSon, and **hiS**tory. From there, you can start to narrow down the culprit. There are tons of great websites out there, but as MGVs, use information from University or Government sites (.edu, .gov, etc.) when giving formal recommendations, and always use an integrated pest management approach. The resources listed below should help guide you to some good sites.

As the season progresses and you notice insects or plant pathogens 'sharing' your produce or flowers, use that as a great opportunity to put on your detective hat and find a solution. And chances are, that solution will help many other people who are dealing with the same thing.

Fruit Team Website- <http://fruit.wisc.edu>

- A great source of tons of fruit related information for largescale farms or backyard growers
- Sign up for the Fruit Newsletter to get a biweekly newsletter regarding pertinent topics related to growing fruit.

Wisconsin Horticulture Website- <http://hort.uwex.edu/>

- Informational publications and articles on basically everything gardening related
- UW-Extension Learning Store (<https://learningstore.uwex.edu/Default.aspx>) has a lot of the same information, just use very broad terms in the search box or it might tell you the publication doesn't exist when it really does. Publications on the Learning Store say they have a cost, but that is only for printed versions. PDFs are generally free, the link is right below the article.



University of Minnesota Extension Backyard Fruit- <https://extension.umn.edu/find-plants/fruit>

- Excellent, easy to navigate, information about growing fruit and other crops for the general public
- As you navigate through the website, there is information about pests and how to combat other issues that may arise.

UW Plant Disease Diagnostic Clinic- <https://pddc.wisc.edu/>

- Countless fact sheets on various plant diseases
- You can submit samples to get them diagnosed (typically ~ \$20 plus shipping). If you want to submit anything, follow the instructions on the website about how to take a good sample and how to package it. You can bring the sample to the Extension office to be mailed in.
- The Wisconsin Disease Almanac tab on the home page directs you to a week-by-week update of samples that have been submitted to the clinic so you can get an idea of diseases other people are finding around the state.

UW-Insect Diagnostic Lab- <http://labs.russell.wisc.edu/insectlab/>

- Many insect-related fact sheets and a running blog of timely insect information.
- Free insect identification. If you can send me a picture first, that will help, but make sure it isn't blurry! If you need to submit a sample, mail it to their lab. Email photos to annie.deutsch@wisc.edu.

Weed ID tool- <http://weedid.wisc.edu/>

- When using this tool, only select traits of your unknown plant that you are POSITIVE about. It is better to leave questions blank than to pick the wrong option. Less is more when it comes to this tool.
- Many of the websites listed above include information on how to control these weeds once you have them identified.
- If you are really stuck, feel free to send me (not-blurry) photos or bring the plant into the Extension office.

DATCP Pest Bulletin - <http://datcpservices.wisconsin.gov/pb/index.jsp>

- Weekly reports on insects from around the state. It is geared for commercial producers, but some information is relevant for a backyard gardener
- Sign up to have the reports sent straight to you or view them online

Excellent information on "Gardening Myths": <https://puyallup.wsu.edu/lcs/>

Everything you would ever want to know about planting vegetables:

<http://extension.illinois.edu/veggies/directory.cfm>

Wildflower ID (from Missouri, but still a good website): <http://www.missouriplants.com/>

The Missouri Botanical Garden has good info too: <http://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/>

Wisconsin Butterflies: <https://wisconsinbutterflies.org/butterfly>

And remember, if you are looking for something that you can't find a fact sheet for, Google search " _____ Extension" and it will pull Extension factsheets to the top of your search. (e.g. search "black rot extension" rather than "black rot"). Then look through the hits and find information from a near-by state. Minnesota, Michigan, Purdue, and Cornell Extension services all have excellent information.

Student Garden Designs

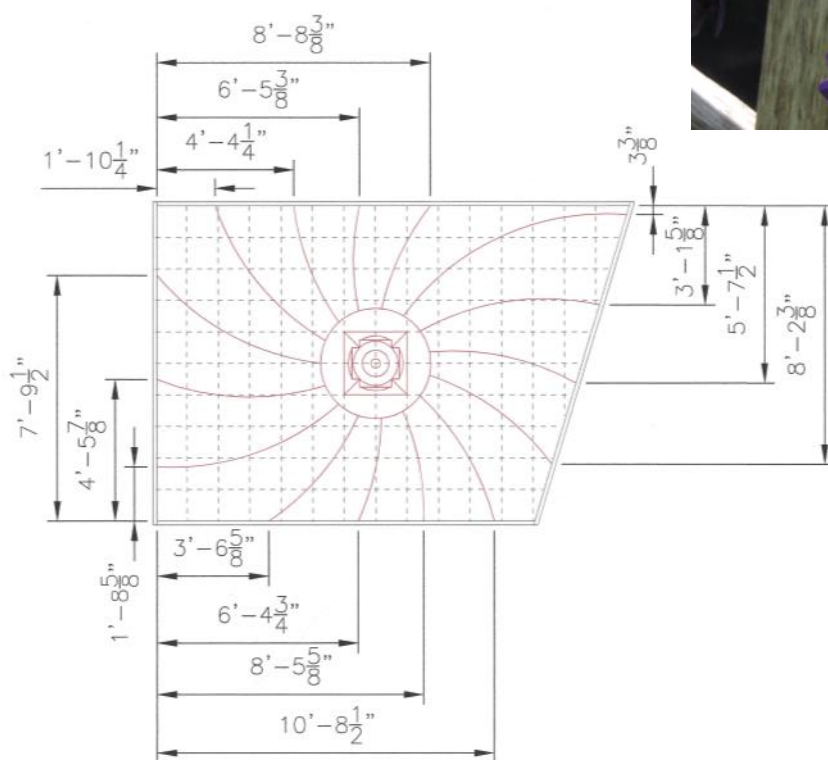
Two gardens at The Garden Door have been designed by the 2019 DCMGA student class. One is a flowering annual garden and the other a vegetable garden. For the flowering garden, the class decided on a design that honors some of the maritime history of Door County, namely the Cana Island Lighthouse, which began operations in 1869, and the Range Lights at The Ridges Sanctuary, built in 1869. 2019 marks the 150th anniversary of both.

Class members submitted designs for the annual garden, which they then voted on. The final design is the result of taking several popular ideas and combining them into one. At its center is a lighthouse surrounded by blue waves of *Salpiglossis* Kew Blue. The surrounding area is divided into 15 different "waves" circling the center, each one of which is planted with a different flowering annual. They literally covered A to Z, from *Asclepias* to *Zinnia*.

The winning design for the vegetable garden is based on a traditional French kitchen garden, known as a potager. It blends a variety of vegetables and herbs, and may include fruits and berries as well as a cutting garden. All are arranged in attractive and repetitive geometric patterns.

Congratulations to the 2019 class for coming up with two creative and innovative designs!

- Article submitted by MaryBeth Cleary-Phipps



DCMGA Spring/Summer Events & Meetings

Saturday, July 27	Student Garden Tours - southern area	10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Sunday, July 28	Student Garden Tours - northern area	10:00 AM - 2:30 PM
Mondays in August	Coffee and Work in the Garden Door	8:00 - 9:30 AM
Sunday, August 11	Student Graduation Party	2:00 - 5:00 PM
Tuesday, August 13	Tuesday in The Garden Door	7:00 - 8:30 PM
Thursday, August 15	WDOR Broadcast	10:20 - 11:00 AM
Thursday, August 22	Weed & Feed in TGD (rain date Aug. 23)	8:00 - 9:30 AM
Monday, Sept. 9	The Garden Door Committee Meeting	5:30 PM
Tuesday, Sept. 10	Education Committee	11:00 AM
Tuesday, Sept. 10	Tuesday in the Garden Door	6:00 - 7:30 PM

Also of Interest...

Wednesday, July 17	Diagnosing Plant Problems: Why Does My Plant Look Like That? Held at ADRC of Door County, 916 N 14th Ave, Sturgeon Bay	1:00 PM
Saturday, July 20	Let's Get Composting Sponsored by the Door County Seed Library and held at the Sturgeon Bay Library	12 noon - 1:00 PM
Tuesday, July 30	Door County House & Garden Walk	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM



Spotlight On Community Projects: Península and Potawatomi State Parks

Creating beauty at Potawatomi State Park is second nature to Marian Schlise and her husband Rod. The two Master Gardener Volunteers have been managing the entrance garden and the Daisy Field campground garden for 15 years.

It all began when the Friends of the Park asked Marian to take over the garden work that another woman had been doing. Now every third week of May, the routine begins. Rod adds a bit of Milorganite and peat moss to the approximately 6' x 15' area and tills it.

Marian and another Friend of the Park shop for annuals using a nice donation from a small local garden club, the Peninsula Planters. Keeping to the budget, the two women pick out bedding annuals that will cover the two areas with color and design. The routine is to plant the annuals the weekend after Memorial Day.

The entrance bed by the office has tall plants in the middle such as cleome, then somewhat shorter plants such as tall salvia and zinnias, and a progression of shorter plants down to alyssum as an edging. The campground sign planting is smaller, perhaps 3' x 10', and often features marigolds. If the display needs perking up during the popular fall event "Run Wild in the Park", Marian may add some fall mums. All plants are labelled.

Marian and Rod are 20 -year members of the DCMGA. They used to live close to the Park. They enjoy what they do there and get lots of compliments from passersby and the staff!





The entrance to Peninsula State Park is looking good these days. That is thanks to MGV's Marsha and Steve Krzyzanowski, who are in their fourth season of working on plantings seen by thousands of visitors each year.

When Marsha and Steve finished their MG training in 2016, their instructors asked if they would be interested in the Park project. Marsha says she and Steve "didn't think twice."

The Krzyzanowski's live in the Fish Creek area only three miles from

the park and love it for the opportunities to hike, bike, ski and snowshoe. They camped there for decades. It was a natural step to use their interest in horticulture to beautify the park.

The first year involved tearing out overgrown spirea and all other neglected plants by the park sign. A pick ax was needed. Removing the landscape fabric that had been used was "a nightmare." They also removed buckets of weeds from the marigold edging along the highway curb, but that decades-long Fish Creek floral display has ceased.

The DNR wanted perennial native plants to be used by the park sign. After some research, the team selected coreopsis, gray headed coneflowers, purple coneflowers, prairie smoke, New England asters, wild geraniums, Jacob's ladder, liatris, butterfly weed, and black-eyed Susans.

Two other areas they plan and plant are for annuals. Around the flag pole they always have a red, white and blue combination. This year they have white cosmos, red dahlias and blue lobelias. They have been using begonias in the shaded wooden sided flower boxes by the main check-in. In winter, they create a winter "planting" with evergreen boughs, dogwood and birchwood.

Marsha and Steve estimate that after all is in place, they spend a couple of hours a week weeding and mulching. Fortunately, they have now "trained" some willing park staff members to help water the annuals. If other MGV's are interested in lending a hand to this project, they are welcome to inquire.



Meet the MG^V Class of 2019

In the last newsletter we introduced you to some of the members of this year's MG^V training class. Now let's meet the remaining students.

Before moving to Sturgeon Bay with her husband three years ago, **MaryBeth Cleary-Phipps** was limited to container gardens. Now that she has garden space, it seemed a natural progression to become a Master Gardener. She says it's also a great way to give something to the community. In Connecticut, where she lived prior to Door County, she was a copy editor in the promotion department of a magazine/book publisher. (*Fine Gardening!*) MaryBeth likes working outside, seeing the results of growing from seed, and growing some of her food. She would like to work at The Garden Door, and make other contributions as projects/opportunities arise, while continuing to build her skills. MaryBeth likes to paint and draw, and she's never far from a good book!

Tyler Ullman was born and raised in Door County. He lives in Sturgeon Bay but works for the Village of Egg Harbor Public Works Department. When the Village wanted someone to take the Master Gardener course, Tyler was a likely candidate. He has relevant background, with botany classes in college and work as a landscaper. Tyler finds gardening to be peaceful and relaxing. His gardening opportunities have been limited since he does not own property. Typically, he grows a few vegetables and maintains a raised garden in his front yard. He will use his new knowledge in the Village's parks and gardens, and to help friends and family. During the summer, Tyler likes to spend time at the family cottage on Clark Lake, playing water volleyball and boating.

Jeff MacDonald "Mac" lives way up the Peninsula in the Gills Rock area, on Europe Lake. He was an elementary school teacher and recently retired. He also taught for many years in China. Jeff has developed a new passion for gardening. He likes it because of the connection with the land, and favors veggie gardening. Now that he has completed the course, he wants to keep expanding on his knowledge. Sharing that knowledge with kids is a possibility. In his free time, he enjoys paddling, swimming and traveling.



MGV Class of 2019 cont'd.

Laurie Connell is a Door County native who lives near Brussels with her husband of 41 years. Their household includes three special German Shepherds and a cat "who rules the house." Laurie retired after 36 years as an educator, the last 30 years as a teacher and an elementary school principal at Southern Door School. Some of her earliest memories are of gardening among the flowers, vegetables and strawberries at her parents' home. At Southern Door School, there were teachers who became Master Gardeners and she wanted to do that, too. Laurie would like to help bring back the Southern Door School Yard garden to what it was, as well as work at the Garden Door before branching out. She and Dale like to drive the dirt roads, hike the back country, and see the sights on adventures with the dogs. She is also a reader.

Laura Maloney and her husband have had their property since 1990 but just moved to Sister Bay 1-½ years ago. They lived in Connecticut for 19 years but she is originally from Chicago. Their children live in Los Angeles and New York City. Laura used to work as an accountant and system analyst. For her, completing the Master Gardener class was another way she could volunteer and contribute to the community as well as learn about gardening and plants in Door County. She likes to be outdoors and is interested in learning more about native plants which she can use in her garden. With her new gardening knowledge, she hopes to be able to work in the community and The Garden Door as well as grow her own home garden. To keep active, Laura enjoys hiking, biking, kayaking, skiing and playing tennis.

Karen Smith and her husband Mark are transitioning into retirement in Baileys Harbor. Karen is a pharmacist and worked in hospitals for 36 years. Now she is doing some consulting and volunteering in the community. She wanted the Master Gardener education to gain more practical and scientific knowledge of best gardening practices. Karen enjoys gardens that support and encourage bird and pollinator activity. With her new gardening knowledge, she would like to be a resource to her community. She and her husband enjoy travel and riding their motorcycles.



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

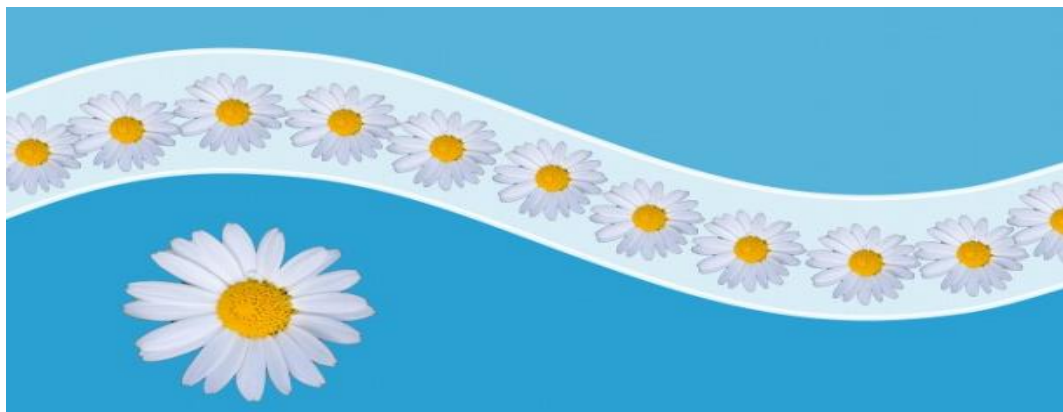
Social Media - Penne Wilson, Laura Maloney
and MaryBeth Cleary-Phipps

Sunshine - Holly Green

Training - Carrie Sherrill

Website - Mike VanEss

WIMGA Rep - Mike VanEss



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!



- * **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**

