

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

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*It's a spring fever. That is  
what the name of it is. And  
when you've got it, you want  
to — oh, you don't quite  
know what it is you do want,  
but it just fairly makes your  
heart ache, you want it so!*

*-- Mark Twain*

## **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.

## *President's Message*

Can you believe we've all come this far?

Who would have thought in mid-March of 2020 when Extension announced new COVID restrictions that we'd still be operating under them more than a year later? Or that for two years in a row we'd be unable to get into in the greenhouse and work like crazy to pull off another successful plant sale? Or that we'd be starting the year without a new class of Master Gardener Interns getting ready to graduate in the summer? We've certainly seen a lot of changes over the past fifteen months.

The good news is that we, as an association, have weathered the storm. We have many people to thank for that. Former Treasurer and now VP Shawn Mathys and current Treasurer Laura Maloney used sharp eyes and good judgement to ensure that our financial situation remains solid. Through the efforts of Sue Kunz and the Education Committee, MGVs were offered an amazing array of opportunities to earn Continuing Education hours through fun and informative webinars, videos and articles. Nancy Goldberg and members of the Plant Sale team worked hard to find alternatives for us to acquire plants through a members-only plant sale and donated plant exchange. Our board and many committees have continued to meet via Zoom to keep projects moving forward. And The Garden Door team has been hard at work beginning to get the garden in shape so we're ready if we're able to welcome back the public this summer. A great big thank you to these and all our dedicated volunteers!

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## *President's Message cont'd.*

What we've been missing is the chance to gather in person and just enjoy gardening together. But that's changing, too. Extension recently approved many of our Outreach Projects to go forward following basic COVID protocols. Only projects that involve direct interaction with children are not yet approved. Even more important, our largest outreach project, The Garden Door, offers a chance for all of us to get involved again.

So, if you're looking for a way to reconnect with your Master Gardener friends, now is the time to come out to The Garden Door. Special workdays will be announced through The Buzz, but you're welcome to come at any time. If you want some direction on where to work, contact Sue Kunz or one of TGD supervisors.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you soon in the garden!

*Mary*



## *Members Plant Sale 2021*

Thirty-four members ordered a total of 540 perennials this spring from extensive lists compiled by the Plant Committee. A carefully orchestrated pickup will take place May 22.

With 25 percent off and everything in gallon pots, this was a pleasing opportunity for members. It was also a successful fundraiser for our organization.

According to Linda Kolberg, chair, there were big orders as well as some for The Garden Door. Something new this year was a selection of vines, such as clematis.



The plant selection committee included Linda Kolberg, Susan Morgan, Nancy Anschutz and John Werblow. From A-Z, they methodically scoured the perennial listings of two Wisconsin nurseries. They searched in particular for new varieties and plants native to the area.

The perennial plant sale committee is pleased that this could be done for our members in 2021. We thank them for their work!

## *Notes from the Board of Directors*

**The latest Board meeting was held Monday, May 17. This is a summary of pertinent information that was shared. Complete minutes are available under "Members Only" on the website.**

We currently have 99 members. There are 80 certified, 11 exempt (who may recertify) and 8 local (inactive members who want to keep ties with our local organization).

A training class is not on the schedule this year. There is a waiting list of 15 people.

We need a new Facebook administrator but do have an interim Volunteer.

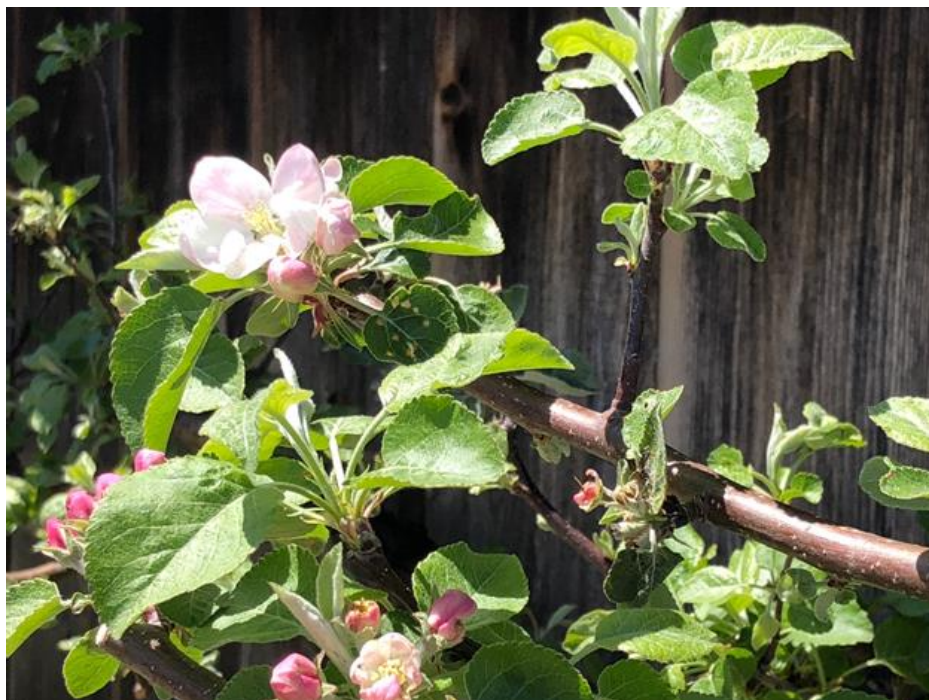
Board members and committee members are urged to sort out how to log onto **Canvas**. This is a kind of on-line classroom where much important Master Gardener information will be placed. The goal is to help all members learn how to access **Canvas**.

One course that is available on Canvas is **Onboarding Lite**. Everyone can learn more about Master Gardeners by doing this "fun" course. It could take as little as three hours, but ten hours of Continuing Education is given.

**An important meeting with UW-Extension takes place May 25. Covid guidelines will be considered. Those in place now expire June 1.**

This will be a year of investment in The Garden Door. The Board approved the recommendations of The Garden Door task force to spend money from the Woldt Family donation to purchase new trees, install pavers in the Memorial Garden path and repair the gazebo roof.

The espaliered apple tree next to the shed in The Garden Door.





## *Notes from the Education Committee*

Tuesdays in The Garden Door (educational programs) may take place once a month in July, August, and September. We do need more presenters. Idea: Each MGV attending invites one guest.

WDOR radio programs with Master Gardeners are the third Thursday of each month. Coggin Heeringa is on the air in May; MGV's are needed for following months. The program can be done by phone from home, but must be live to allow for call-ins. The Seed Library will be contacted for possible participation.

Any suggestions for horticultural books for the Continuing Education list can be submitted to the State committee. Sarah Freyman has offered several good titles.

Thanks to Karen Newbern for her recent presentations on Birdscaping and Butterfly Gardens. They may still be viewed by visiting the Egg Harbor Library's webpage, [doorcountylibrary.org/eggharbor](http://doorcountylibrary.org/eggharbor). Click on the Calendar tab at the top, then go to April 7 to view "Birdscaping Your Backyard" or May 5 for "Creating a Butterfly Garden."

### *NetIDs and Canvas:*

Starting April 5th, the UW began sending out NetIDs to enrolled Master Gardener Volunteers (like you!). Your NetID is a special, UW-Madison issued username. You must use your NetID username plus a password to get into our new online classroom, Canvas. Here are the important things for you to know:

Watch for an invitation email from [noreply@welcome.csis.wisc.edu](mailto:noreply@welcome.csis.wisc.edu) with the subject line "UW-Madison: Access Your Online Course Site." If you missed the invitation email or need a new one, email Mike Maddox ([mike.maddox@wisc.edu](mailto:mike.maddox@wisc.edu)) with your name and email address. He will resend it to you.

[Follow these instructions](#) to activate your NetID (scroll to the bottom for videos and written instructions).

Take a look inside Canvas. Continuing education, webinars, Volunteer Vibes, Onboarding Lite and more will be here. As we go forward, we'll add more and more so you have a "one-stop shop" for your educational needs.



canvas

## *Notes from The Garden Door*

### **From the Garden Door Task Force recommendations and May 10 meeting minutes:**

***Monday Mornings in TGD is back!*** May 24th is our 1st Monday Morning in TGD. Until summer weather arrives, we will meet from 10-noon, once it gets warmer, we will meet 8-10:00. In the past we provided coffee and treats, but due to the Covid guidelines, we are unable to do so. Please bring your own coffee, water and treat. The restroom in the Station Office is available, we are NOT allowed to use the restroom in the greenhouse.

The three pyramidal junipers planted last fall in the Rock Garden will be replaced with bigger ones (6-8 feet). The smaller ones can be relocated elsewhere.

Trees which have been removed will be replaced. An Eastern Redbud tree was approved for the peony garden to replace a flowering crab that was lost.

A pile of leftover pavers for pathways will be installed in the Memorial Garden walkway. Three companies submitted bids for installation. It was voted to proceed with the lowest bid. Work could be done this fall.

The search continues for an arborist or qualified person to annually assess the trees and shrubs of the Garden. The goal is to better ensure the health of existing trees and provide suggestions for additional trees.

Funds from the Woldt Family donation will be used to invest in improvements to renew the Garden.

The Garden is not approved yet to be open regularly to the public this season, but the situation is "fluid."

The Door County Plein Air Festival may have artists painting in the Garden on July 27. The public can observe the artists part of the day. We are waiting for approval by PARS.

The Door County Invasive Species Team will be in the Garden this summer to help with the on-going removal of the Akebia vine on the tunnel. We are on the list for pond repairs.



Thirty MGVs tackled spring clean up chores at The Garden Door on May 18. It was a perfect day for working in the gardens, actually seeing friends that we hadn't seen for over a year, and reconnecting not only with our friends but with nature.

## *Battling Invasive Species in Door County*

Submitted by Samantha Koyen, Door County Invasive Species Team Coordinator

It is estimated that \$120 billion is spent on invasive species annually in the US. **Invasive species are defined as non-native flora and fauna that negatively impact the economy, environment and/or human health.**

Door County has a long history of managing invasive species population starting in 2001. **The first effort focused on purple loosestrife biocontrol.** Biocontrol is a method of controlling pests using other organisms such as predatory insects, weeds, and or diseases. Purple loosestrife was introduced to the US in the 1800's through ship ballasts, and later populations were purposely spread for ornamental and horticultural purposes. County efforts expanded from there, as did state wide efforts, including the passing of NR40, the Wisconsin Invasive Species Rule.

**NR40** provides guidance on invasive species identification, classification, and control. The rule identifies and sorts invasive species into two categories: "restricted" and "prohibited." **Restricted species are already widely established in the state,** have a high environmental and/or economic impact, and **eradication is unlikely.** Restricted species are illegal to transport, transfer, or introduce without a permit. **Prohibited species are not yet in the state or found only in a few places,** are likely to cause environmental and/or economic harm, and **eradication is feasible.** It is illegal to transport, possess, transfer, or introduce a prohibited species without a permit.

**Currently the County of Door targets four priority restricted species: Japanese knotweed (*Reynoutria japonica*), wild parsnip (*Pastinaca sativa*), non-native phragmites (*Phragmites australis*), and common & cut-leaf teasel (*Dipsacus* species).** These efforts work in parallel with the Door County Invasive Species Team (DCIST). The DCIST is a collaboration of non-profits, concerned citizens, local, state, and federal agencies, all working together to address invasive species in Door County. These efforts include invasive species prevention and management.



Photo from Taylor Total Weed Control

**Japanese knotweed** was introduced to the US from Eastern Asia as an ornamental plant in the late -1800s, by the 1930s knotweed was already viewed as a problematic pest thriving in disturbed areas, outcompeting native species, and impacting infrastructure. Knotweed primarily spreads through rhizomes, allowing it to quickly take over.

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Much like Japanese knotweed, **wild parsnip** was brought to the US when the European settlers first came to the US. It was originally under cultivation, much like its name suggests. It is in the same family as carrots, celery, parsley, and parsnip (Apiaceae). It is now common and found throughout the northern US. Wild parsnip presents a threat to local ecology and human health. Like most invasive plants, wild parsnip thrives in disturbed areas and forms dense monocultures. Each plant can produce about 1,000 seeds!



Photo by Door County Invasive Species Team



Photo by Door County Invasive Species Team

**Non-native phragmites**, similar to other aquatic invasive species, was probably introduced unintentionally from ballast material in the late 1700 or early 1800s. It has spread across the continent over the course of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, with help from people intentionally planting it for ornamental use, or recreational use (incorporated into hunting blinds). There is a native phragmites species which looks similar to non-native phragmites, but the native species does not exhibit the same destructive characteristics as the non-native. Non-native phragmites forms dense monocultures, out competing native species and can alter hydrology which degrades native habitat.

**Common & cut-leaf teasel** follows a similar story to wild parsnip. Teasel species were originally introduced for cultivation in the 1700s. These species were cultivated for textile processing, resulting in populations often found along riparian corridors, cemeteries, rights-of-way, etc. Teasel species are used in dried flower arrangements and spread readily from seed. Like previously discussed species, teasels thrive in disturbed areas, form dense monocultures which decrease ecological diversity, and impact foraging habitat for livestock and native species.



Photo by Elizabeth Czarapata

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**In addition to the four priority species, the County and DCIST will focus efforts in 2021 on controlling prohibited species listed under NR40. These uncommon species often are introduced unintentionally through cultivation. Door County currently has populations of 6 prohibited species, including black swallow wort, 5-leaf akebia vine, Japanese honeysuckle, porcelain berry, and tall mana grass.**

**DCIST has found, in most cases, these species were intentionally introduced into garden beds, or from contaminated seed.** Most were planted long before the introduction of NR40 or prior to the species being listed under NR40; NR40 is updated every few years to include new potential threats and evaluate existing listed species.

**Bishops weed, also known as snow on the mountain (*Aegopodium podagraria*), is a great example of a widely cultivated ornamental plant which is invasive.** Snow on the mountain is currently listed under NR40 as restricted. This plant was used widely in landscaping for its quick ability to take over an area and form a dense population, suppressing other populations.



Photo from Gertens.com

When selecting a non-native species there are a few things to look for to ensure that you are limiting the likelihood that you are introducing an invasive species. Most invasive species have several characteristics that are viewed as favorable in the landscaping world, including terms such as "easily naturalizing", ability to form a "dense carpet", the ability to "thrive in poor growing conditions", etc.



For more information about species listed under NR40 Wisconsin's Invasive species Rule please visit: <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/invasives/classification.html> or for more information about the Door County Invasive Species Team please visit [www.doorinvasives.org](http://www.doorinvasives.org).

Porcelain berry overwhelming a mailbox. Photo by Door County Invasive Species Team.



## *Invaders in The Garden Door*

Invasive species can be found even in The Garden Door!! Sue Kunz says that in our Garden there are “many” Barrow’s honeysuckle bushes. This is a notably ubiquitous invasive species in the county. Last summer one of these bushes was noted in the Rock Garden and also one near the Pond Garden. They were dug out by hand, which is difficult. They can also be wrenched out with a special tool or treated chemically.

There appears to be another invasive Asian honeysuckle variety, Japanese honeysuckle, also known as gold and silver honeysuckle, growing as a vine on the pergola. This needs further investigation.

The Memorial Garden tunnel is the site of an ongoing effort to rid the Garden of invasive akebia (chocolate vine). A couple of years ago at an Open House, a representative of the Door County Invasive Species Team (DCIST) was asked about it and said that it had to be removed.

Dale Vogel headed up the team for the eradication process because he is certified to use herbicides for invasives. It is a tedious process, cutting near the base and using a sponge applicator to paint the cut stems. This was done in the fall and in spring. Sue and Laura Maloney pulled the dead foliage off the dome.

This summer the Invasive Species Team will assist with further treatments. Nothing can be planted in the area until next year.



Work will continue this summer to remove the Akebia vine from the tunnel.

## *2021 DCMGA Committee Chairs/Coordinators*

Community Projects - OPEN

Education - Sue Kunz (interim)

Garden Door:

Operations - Hugh Zettel

Plants - Sue Kunz

Financial - Nancy Anschutz

Membership - Linda Zolnosky

Newsletter Editors - Lee Ann Casper  
and Karen Newbern

Plant Sale - Nancy Goldberg

Speakers and Tours - Sunny MacLachlan

Social - Donna Asher, Carrie Potier

Social Media - OPEN

Strategic Planning - Shawn Mathys

Sunshine - Holly Green

Training - Sue Kunz

Website and Buzz - Mike VanEss

WIMGA Representative - Mary Moster

# Door County Seed Library

*cultivating the power of seed...*



The Door County Seed Library planning team has been working hard to distribute free seeds to our community again this year! In January, Karen Kidd distributed 25 winter sowing kits as part of her *Seed Sense* Facebook blog. The kits contained a 1-gallon jug, wildflower and veggie seeds, soilless medium, plant markers, and even a screwdriver for making holes in the jugs! Karen also wrote a winter sowing instruction sheet, which was included in each kit.

We also held three native seed giveaways at Crossroads, including at their Big Creek Watershed Day event. Many thanks to Coggin Heeringa for inviting us to partner with Crossroads on these events.

The new seed cabinet at the Egg Harbor Library - check out the custom artwork!



Nancy Goldberg continues to give seed saving presentations to the Sturgeon Bay High School Sustainability class, and Southern Door has asked her to give a presentation to one of their classes this fall.

Due to ongoing coronavirus restrictions, we again released our seeds in pre-packaged seed bundles this year. The first seed bundle, which contained 12+ seeds that need to be started indoors, was released through the Door County Library branches on March 1. Then on May 3, we released our second seed bundles, which contained 21+ packets of seeds for directly sowing in your garden.

We also provided seeds for the Door County Library's April 'craft of the month' bag, the Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Door County program, and for three area food pantries: Feed My People, Lakeshore CAP, and Klaud's Pantry. Through these giveaways, we've distributed over 13,000 packets of seeds so far this year!

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## *Door County Seed Library cont'd*

Additionally, we have launched an Instagram account, so please follow us if you are on Instagram. We are also updating our website and Karen Smith has been a key participant in suggesting ways to improve the content and design. As part of a collaborative effort, Barb Henkelmann is designing the planters in front of the Sturgeon Bay Library and Door County Museum as part of a collaborative effort. These will be educational gardens and we'll be adding "We're saving seeds" signs in the planters and offer handouts that talk about the seed library and how to save seeds.

We've launched a monthly newsletter that features several articles, including seed saving tips, a gardening calendar, and even a recipe of the month column. Mary Beth Cleary-Phipps is our editor extraordinaire. If you'd like to receive the newsletter, please fill out a seed library membership form on our [website](#) and we'll add you to our distribution list.

We've also created a new Facebook group called [Door County Seed Savers](#), which is geared for people who have volunteered to grow out, save, and donate seeds back to our seed library, as well as people who want more information about how to save seeds. Thanks to the suggestion of Brenda Wolfe, our planning team is also brainstorming on ways to expand our seed saving educational programming, so stay tuned for more opportunities to learn how to save seeds.

While all of this is going on, we are patiently awaiting news about our recent Door County Community Foundation grant application. Hopefully, we will receive another grant so that we can continue to "cultivate the power of seed" throughout Door County!

Seed packets awaiting pickup at the Sturgeon Bay Library.





## *Free Seeds! Free Seeds! (Did They Say Free??)*

The Door County Seed Library is offering FREE seeds to all Door County residents - please help us spread the word!

We've pre-packaged seed bundles containing 20+ packets of direct sow seeds, including beans, beets, carrots, cucumbers, flowers, leafy greens, lettuce, herbs, peas, radishes, summer and winter squash. That's a LOT of food!

To request a seed bundle, you can contact your Door County Library branch and make arrangements to pick up your seeds:

- \* Baileys Harbor: 920-839-2210
- \* Egg Harbor: 920-868-2664
- \* Fish Creek: 920-868-3471
- \* Forestville: 920-856-6886
- \* Sister Bay-Liberty Grove: 920-854-2721
- \* Sturgeon Bay: 920-746-7121
- \* Washington Island: 920-847-2323

The Door County Seed Library is an approved community project of the DCMGA, and we'd appreciate it if you would share this information with your friends. If you have any questions, please contact Penne Wilson at [penne@pobox.com](mailto:penne@pobox.com).



## *Kewaunee County Garden Club Plant Sale*

**When:** Saturday May 29th

**Where:** Harbor Park, Downtown Kewaunee

**Hours:** 9 AM to NOON, but get there early - they sell out fast.

Featuring Perennials, locally grown and hardy in our area, sun loving Coneflowers to shade loving Hosta, vegetables including Heirloom tomatoes, Native Perennials, Vines, and so much more.

This year we are offering Gardening Kits for young and old alike. Kits can come in an old gardening shoe, sprinkling can, vase, old jean's pockets, anything that is repurposed, filled with flower or vegetable seeds or transplants, trowel, gardening gloves, and instructions.

## *Member Spotlight: The MG Class of 2020*

***Last issue, we featured some of the members of the 2020 training class. This time we are highlighting the remaining class members.***

**Lisa O'Dell** has found fulfillment living on a 25-acre farm in the Sturgeon Bay area. She and her husband looked for five years before finding the place where they now live with their two dogs. They are raising bees, keeping 11 chickens and growing lots of vegetables in a 150 x 40 garden. They also have apple trees, cherries, grapes and raspberries.

They have been busy on the farm for four years; before that they had a second home in Sevastopol for 16 years while still living in the Chicago area. Lisa has been working for a local company as the human resources person.

Lisa learned to appreciate shade gardening when her first home was situated among large oak trees. Now she and Lee Voeks, also of the 2020 class, have taken on the renovation of the shade area in The Garden Door.

This season they will be working on a very low retaining wall to add interest to the sloped back part of the garden. They have also ordered hostas and other perennials to place near the entrance of their main path, hoping to draw in visitors.

Lisa had long wanted to take the MG training but the U of Illinois classes nearest her were always offered on a week day. Our evening classes worked! She appreciates all the opportunities to learn that have been offered and will be looking to increase her knowledge of vegetable gardening.



### **2020 MGV Class members**

Front row, left to right:  
Jan Golden, June Shipper  
(left class).  
Next row: Gloria Heck,  
Hugh Zettel.  
Next row: Marge Bultman,  
Cheryl Zettel.  
Next row: Lisa O'Dell,  
Trudy Crebo, Kaitlyn  
Haley.  
Back row: Dina Boettcher,  
Barb Grishaber, Lee Voeks.  
Right: Pam Goodwill.



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**Marge Bultman** and her husband Dave, a retired firefighter, have been gardening ever since they were married. In fact, Dave was on the committee to get the Green Bay Botanical Garden up and running. They enjoyed volunteering at the Botanical Garden before they moved to Fish Creek in 2010, where they've had a place since 1988.

Their family includes a son in Baileys Harbor and a daughter in Green Bay and three grandsons. Marge worked in accounting for Fort Howard Paper Company.

They had a "pretty big garden" in Green Bay and were on the Green Bay Botanical Garden Walk twice. They also received a Mayor's Award for private gardens viewed from the roadway. Working in the Botanical Garden inspired them to try new plants!

Marge always had an interest in Master Gardener training but never applied. Door County friends Jan Golden and Gloria Heckman, also 2020 class members, encouraged her to take the class with them. She says it was fun learning together.

Marge and her husband created and care for six small gardens at the Fish Creek Condominiums, as well several containers. She likes the idea of manageable small gardens and pots. They also enjoy working in their garden in front of their condo.

Marge is looking forward to the opportunity to start seeds in the Greenhouse for the Plant Sale. She is open to one day projects as well!



**Barb Grishaber** has lived in Door County "forever." She and her husband live in Ellison Bay, where she pursues a variety of interests. Her artistic pursuits include fiber arts and stained glass. She retired recently and is looking forward to getting back into travelling. Her horticultural interests are wide.

Barb remembers "helping" her parents with their vegetable garden. She remembers how fun it was to watch things grow and eat right out of the garden.

Years ago, Barb took "quite a few" horticulture classes from NWTC. She thoroughly enjoyed them (except for turf grass!). She applied for the MG training class because it would be similar learning.

Barb is looking forward to getting into the Greenhouse and growing things. The class just missed that opportunity when Covid hit.

When asked about particular gardening interests, she also mentions pollinator gardens, landscape design, birdscapes, mastering part shade gardens, and trees and shrubs.

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**Trudy Crebo** and her husband Rick have five acres in the Town of Sturgeon Bay and a whole lot of rocks!! Growing up gardening with her mother and her grandmother was a big influence on her.

Listening to WDOR radio at work, Trudy was very pleased to learn that Master Gardener classes were available in Door County, not only in Green Bay. Previously, she had wanted to take the training but had thought that it would be too much with her job at NEA Industries. She is Lead Welder for them.

Trudy relates that a significant amount of soil had to be hauled in to provide for their yard and to create "rock gardens," as Trudy terms them. Because the rocks are so prolific and close to the surface, soil has been heaped on certain areas to create raised gardens.

Her choice of plantings is leaning towards pollinators such as Joe Pye weed, coneflowers, milkweed and more. One area does not support much of anything but moss. So, she is creating not a Fairy Garden, but a Troll Garden!

A current goal is to improve the packed soil that was brought into their yard. It may need amending and aerating.

Trudy looks forward to getting together in The Garden Door. She may even use her talents as a welder for the Garden!



**Pam Goodwill's** dad was a very big vegetable gardener. Pam emphasizes that she positively hated the interminable tasks of picking stones and weeding that were required of her!! Nevertheless, she developed a real interest in perennial gardening later, living in Menominee Falls. Her routine was to buy plants on Friday night after work, then spend the weekend planting them. When visiting their condo in Fish Creek, she always stopped at Sunnypoint Nursery to buy plants, packing them in the car to take home. Door County was a "go to" place for Pam and she always thought about being here. She and her husband finally moved to their North Haven condo in August 2018 after she retired.

Pam eventually took the Master Gardener course and was a Volunteer for a few years, working on the gardens at a historical building in Wauwatosa.

An unexpected bonus of moving here was a job at the Box Office of the Door Community Auditorium in Fish Creek. While walking with her husband in Peninsula Park they met the Auditorium Director, which led to the job. An amazing perk is that the two of them can see shows gratis.

Pam looks forward to working on a community project, for example, the State Parks project. You may see her in The Garden Door, helping Joyce Smith with the Fairy Garden!

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**Cheryl Zettel** and her husband Hugh, a Sturgeon Bay native, were both members of the 2020 class. Hugh came home from the YMCA one day and said he was invited to join the class—would she like to join, too?

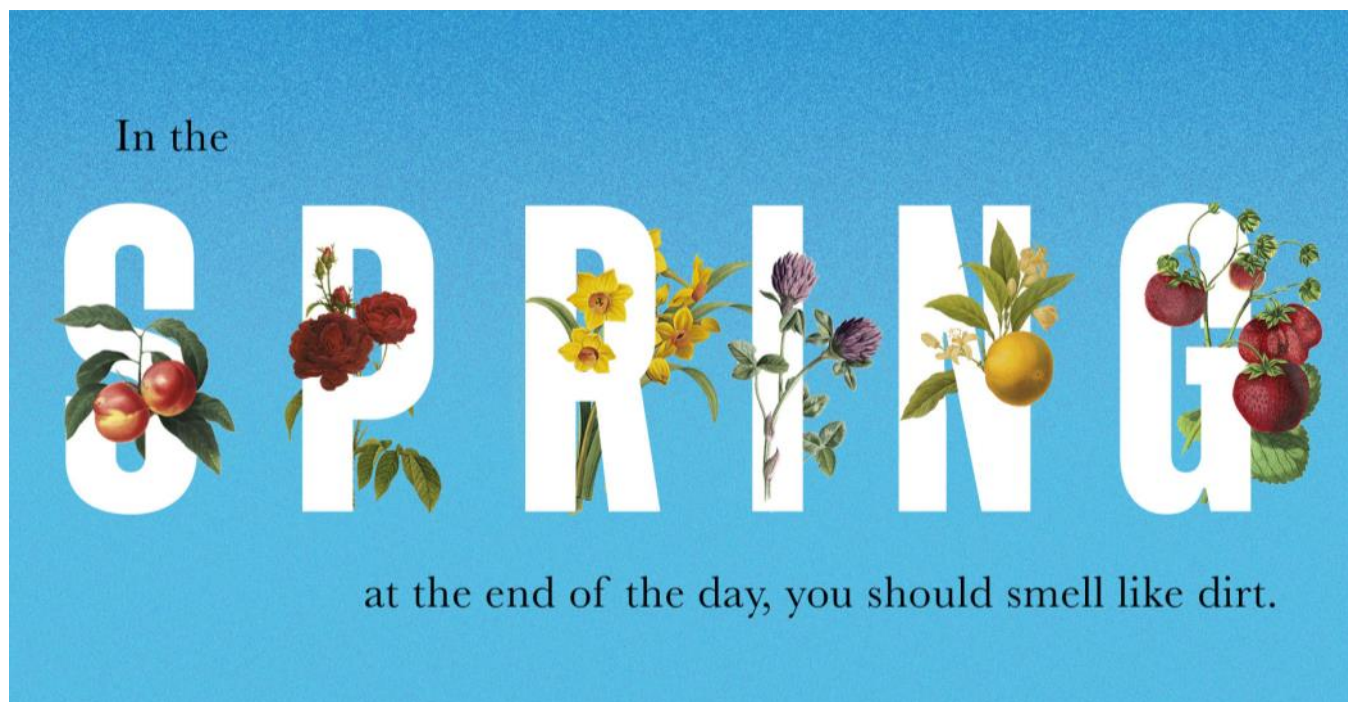
Cheryl had greatly admired the amazing flower garden and productive vegetable garden of a friend in Waukesha. She would stroll through the gardens and wish she had the skills to garden, too. That was the start of her interest.

In the Milwaukee area, Cheryl loved working as a special education aide for autistic children. She says that it was a difficult position but VERY rewarding. She and Hugh have three children of their own and two sweet little granddaughters.

Cheryl enjoys cheering on sports teams and reading, especially historical fiction. She is starting to dabble in chalk painting and she and Hugh have been painting old furniture. She feels blessed that she can enjoy early morning walks along the water, watching the sunrise.

Cheryl wants to learn more about flower gardening for the butterflies and bees. She is trying to learn what will grow in their home's sandy soil and the various environments around their house. They also need to think about deer resistant plantings. She and Hugh are looking towards landscaping their place on Glidden Drive, where they owned for seven years and have lived full time for two years.

Cheryl's mission is to get involved in The Garden Door and learn about the various gardens there. She hopes there are some "tricks of the trade" that can be learned from the "upper classmates." She's also heard that the Master Gardeners are a welcoming, fun and helpful group!



## *Welcome to Our Newest Member*

**Maribeth Hetherington** is our newest DCMGA member! She was certified in January after participating in the new Foundations in Horticulture online training. This was a Wisconsin pilot program in five counties. It gave her the opportunity to take the training through Brown County and then transfer to Door County since she lives in Sturgeon Bay.

Maribeth got her interest in gardening from her mother. From her she learned that the garden offers peace, beauty and an awe of God's creation. When Maribeth first married, her garden was composed entirely of propagations from her mother's garden. Maribeth has a tile that says "In search of my mother's garden, I found my own." She looks at it and thinks of her mother.

Maribeth's gardening interests have been mainly in perennials. She has large perennial gardens and also a hosta garden and a fern garden. She likes to add creative touches. For example, she has hen and chicks planted in her daughter's childhood roller skates, her son-in-law's army combat boots and her husband's boat shoes.

She has created a picture frame planter on an easel and with sedum and hens and chicks. She also favors containers of colorful annuals which she places on vintage chairs. She wants to increase her knowledge of perennials and learn more about pruning.

Maribeth retired four years ago, having worked as a registered nurse in clinical and executive settings. She has contributed extensively as a volunteer in Sturgeon Bay, serving on the Board of Directors of the YMCA, and in leadership positions of the Volunteer Partners Network, the DCMC Auxiliary, and her church.

Commenting on the on-line training she had, she mentions that shortly after she enrolled, her husband was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. The on-line class allowed her to study around his schedule and actually served to distract her from what was going on in their lives. The on-line enrollment of 160 people in several counties did not allow much opportunity for friendships to develop, so she is hoping those friendships can develop now.





## *Take "Note" of These Announcements*

### **Volunteer and Education Hours**

In 2021, you may report less than 24 hours of volunteer time at 2021 COVID approved projects (this may be zero hours). Only volunteer at approved projects if you feel you can do so safely.

We continue to require the minimum of 10 hours of continuing education. Continuing ed hours, plus completing all the volunteer mandates, will be required to certify next year.

You have until December 31, 2021, to complete and report your hours.

Save your favorite garden photos in 2021. We'd like to feature some of them in a future issue of the newsletter.

Have a great idea for a newsletter article? Email [mngdceditor@gmail.com](mailto:mngdceditor@gmail.com) - submissions from DCMGA members are always welcome!

### **Help Needed in The Garden Door**

- Supervisor needed for the Pergola Garden
- Assistance needed in the Pollinator Garden, contact Chriss Daubner
- Assistance needed in the Perennial Garden, contact Nancy Anschutz