



# Door County Master Gardeners Association, Inc.

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## *Mike's Message*

It's the middle of winter, which for me has always been a time to recharge and to plan. It's a time to peruse the seed catalogues, review past issues of gardening magazines and begin planning for the upcoming season.

It's also a great time to expand one's gardening knowledge. A wonderful way to do this is to attend the educational programs our Education Committee has put together. Those that I've attended have been exceptionally interesting and informative. Check the schedule for the upcoming programs and take advantage of these free educational opportunities.

Another opportunity to enhance your knowledge is through the new Level 1 Master Gardener training videos. These are being used by our Training Committee to train our new class of Master Gardeners. However, any Master Gardener can watch these videos and use the time watching them to meet the continuing education requirements for recertification. You can access this training at <http://blogs.ces.uwex.edu/mgvlevel1/>.

Speaking of our new training class, I've had the pleasure of meeting the eight individuals who comprise our current class. They are an enthusiastic group that will undoubtedly become valuable new members of our organization. Hopefully, many of you had the opportunity to meet them at the Meet and Greet. If not, seek them out at future events and get to know them. You'll be impressed and happy that they've decided to be a part of our organization.

Finally, I noted that winter is a great time to plan. To that end, we have set a Goal Setting Session on Monday, February 23 at 5:30 pm at PARS. At this session we will set our goals for the organization. I invite all DCMGA members to join us and to provide your perspective on what we need to set as our priorities as we proceed into the future.

*Mike Van Ess*

### DCMGA Board of Directors and Officers:

President ..... Mike Van Ess  
Vice President..... Chris Gritzmacher  
Treasurer ..... Wendy Woldt  
Secretary ..... Holly Green  
Immediate Past Prest..... Kathie Vavra

Board Members: Bill Freyman, Jim McFarlin, Tim Kazmierczak, Jim Baxter, Jim Fredrichs  
State Board Representative ..... Rod Bohn

***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.***

# Door County Master Gardeners . . . "taking care of business!"



## Door County Master Gardeners Board Meeting Minutes January 19, 2015 by Holly Green, Secretary

The meeting was brought to order at 5:30 p.m. by President Mike Van Ess.

Board Members present: Christine Gritzmacher, Wendy Woldt, Holly Green, Tim Kazmierczak, Jim Friedrichs, Bill Freyman, Jim McFarlin, Kathie Vavra, Jim Baxter.

Additional DCMGA members present: Sarah Freyman, Alan Romsos, Jeanne Vogel, Linda Lambert, Rod Bohn

**Secretary's Report:** Previous minutes approved with corrections (moved by Chris, seconded by Jim M.). Extension Agent Dean Volenberg is leaving for new position; a "thank you" card was signed by all.

**Treasurer's Report:** The current treasurer's report was discussed and approved (moved by Bill F., seconded by Jim F.). A "thank you" letter will be sent to a recent donor. It was noted that new tents and signs are not currently in the budget.

### Old Business:

AED Purchase: PARS and the Potato Genebank may share the cost with DCMGA. The recommended model is a standard unit used by paramedics; cost is approximately \$1700. The DCMGA portion would be about \$567.00. A suggestion was made to seek tax deductible donations from MG members to raise funds for AED purchase (motion made by Chris G., seconded by Jim F.). The motion was approved. Bill F. will draft letter to members.

Emergency Response Plan: A plan should be in place for events. Bill F. will check with PARS and Crossroads regarding their plans. Discussion regarding CPR trained members at events, condition of First Aid Kit in shed, and a First Aid flip chart.

Special Events Committee: The Board discussed whether we need another committee to oversee common tasks for all three special events. It was decided not to pursue the creation of this committee. Sign-up sheets for separate events seem to work, committee heads should have own sheets and make contacts, and newsletter could put out volunteer requests and "wish list" for each special event.

### New Business:

Donation: An anonymous donation was given to DCMGA. Discussion as to its use, possibly for pavers. No decision for now.

Goal Setting: Last stated goals in writing are from 2011-2012. An open meeting will be held on Monday, February 23, at 5:30 p.m. to discuss organizational goal setting. All members welcome at PARS.

2015 PARS Classroom Schedule: Copies of schedule passed out. Next Board meeting date moved due to schedule conflict with training class. The classroom schedule will be shared with PARS to reserve the space for our use.

**Board Meeting Minutes** *(continued)*

Leadership Development: How can we get more people involved in leadership positions? Many qualified members in DCMGA. This will be discussed at future Board meetings.

**Committee Reports:**

Education: Bookmarks are available, grid list of scheduled programs is printed. The Knowledge Bank was discussed: MG volunteers with expertise in various areas would answer questions via internet. WDOR programs noted. Bill F. presented letter in response to comments made on DC Daily News item about pollinators/ bees program at Crossroads. Education Committee Heads (Bill/Sarah Freyman) are retiring and need replacements to shadow them and learn their duties.

Newsletter: Jeanne White to shadow Chris G. as editor.

Outreach: Waiting for form/proposal regarding Boys and Girls Club garden in Sturgeon Bay.

Garden Door: Tim to get estimates on paver project. How much paving do we need? General membership should be consulted, possibly via survey. Board to give parameters of paver budget. Current pavers need to be sealed this year. Tim suggested memory bricks for tunnel area; donations to cover costs would be approximately \$150/brick. Spudmobile presented – non-profit RV with interactive potato exhibit and information. It could come for a special event, no cost to DCMGA, which could help with advertising the event. Tim would like to put up a poster in the classroom showing the overall design of the Garden Door.

Open House: No report.

Plant Sale: Chriss Daubner working on plans.

Social: Linda described inventory problems with supplies for social events.

Training: Seven students in new class. Bugs being worked out of new program.

State Report: Volunteer Vibe is the new combined newsletter. Note that there are changes in charges for MG classes. The Wisconsin state conference will be held in La Crosse on July 30-August 1, 2015. The Midwest Regional conference will be held in 2016 in the Dells. On April 4, 2015, a Face to Face meeting of Master Gardeners and state organization representatives will be held at the Hancock research station.

**Announcements:**

The Goal Setting meeting will be held on Monday, February 23, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.

The next Board Meeting will be held on Monday, March 16, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.

A Meet and Greet for new MG members will be held on Saturday, January 31, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. at the Sevastopol Town Hall in Institute.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. by Pres. Mike V. Motion made by Bill F., seconded by Jim F.



## *The Garden Door*

# Garden Door Notes

By Vicki Dirst

### The Garden Door Committee Meeting Jan. 12, 2015

**Present:** Tim Kazmierczak, Jim McFarlin, Vicki Dirst, Allen Miller, Jo Ann Tarczewski, Kerry Vavra, Wendy Woldt, Jim Friedrichs, Christine Gritzmacher, DD Knutson, Jim Baxter, Kathy Green

**Call to Order:** Tim called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

**Long Range Planning Committee Facilitator:** Doug Henderson and Bill Freyman have someone in mind from the UW Extension Office.

**Brick Engraving:** Doug Henderson informed Tim via email that gift bricks at the Maritime Museum cost them \$30 and sold for \$150. This does not include the cost of installation and maintenance. The current thought is to install such bricks in the tunnel when additional paving is done in the future. There was much discussion, but no specific plan was articulated.

**Paver Phase II:** Wendy announced that the organization has received a \$10,000 anonymous donation to help finish the walkways. The money is set aside in the money market account. Discussion of the walkway project included questions of cost, new bids from other contractors, impacts of the removal of some arbor vitae, and changing the layout of some of the paths. Christine asked that for future discussion of walkways we have a large map in front of us. Vicki will give Tim the large original on vellum and he will arrange for one or more copies. Jo Ann said we do not have enough money to proceed with Phase II even with the donation. Tim will contact several landscape companies to explore potential costs.

**West Perennial Bed:** Vicki said the situation remains unchanged. The bed needs a new area supervisor (or two).

**Job Description for Garden Door Chair:** Tim passed around a draft job description and requested feedback.

**Committee Report Forms:** Tim said if area supervisors have yet to submit forms, they should please send them to him.

**Signs:** Chris and Allen said we are still awaiting Matt Stasiak's reply to our proposal. This can be addressed at the annual Garden Door meeting with Matt. Chris will send the sign proposal to Jim M. for discussion at that meeting.

**Raised Beds:** DD will send information on the proposed replacement of the raised beds to the people who will be meeting with Matt.

**Pond:** We have open water thanks to the heater and aerator. We think the fish are still alive.

**The Garden Door Committee Meeting** *(continued)*

**Tent Purchase:** Tim looked into tents. The cost for four 10 x 10 foot tents would be about \$600. Vicki asked about the Taste and leadership for it. We discussed whether the 2015 Taste leadership had decided not to seek sponsors for the event, which would limit the need for tents. Wendy pointed out that the last Taste brought in \$900 income from sponsors. Allen said we should hold off on buying tents until we know that there is a real need for additional tents. Jim said the Open House only needs one more tent. The need for four tents (if there is one) would only be for the Taste. We will talk about this again in a couple months.

**Spudmobile:** Tim said the Spudmobile is a promotional vehicle on potatoes operated by the Wisconsin Potato and Vegetable Growers Association. It is a full sized recreational vehicle fitted with exhibits. He would like to get it here for the Taste, the PARS and the Genebank, all at once. Chris said it would be more appropriate for the Open House rather than the Taste, since the Open House is an educational event. Also, people expressed concern that parking is already too tight for the Taste. Tim suggested we use a plot in the Garden Next Door to grow some really cool potatoes from the Genebank, and use those potatoes at the Taste. Tim will check with the Spudmobile regarding its availability for the Open House or Taste.

**Recognition Board** (for external benefactors): There was no discussion due to the Hendersons' absence.

**PARS Meeting:** Mike Van Ess, Jim McFarlin, and Kerry and Kathie Vavra will participate in the annual meeting with the PARS. Other than issues noted above, they will ask Matt Stasiak what more we can do for the Research Station.

**New Class:** Again this year the class project will be the annual beds. When he speaks to the class Tim will promote shadowing. Area supervisors should send Tim an email if they are interested in having a class member work with them. The upcoming "meet and greet" and "weed and feed" events will also get us interacting with the people in the new class.

**Irrigation:** Jason Rass will no longer be our irrigation technician. We need a replacement. Jim M. and Tim can train someone.

**Paver Sealing:** Sealing is needed to control wear and fading. Allen will research products and pricing. The tentative plan is for the work to be done the afternoon of the pond cleanup. Volunteers for the sealing team are Jim M., Kerry, Allen and Chris.

**Turf Team:** Since Alan Romsos was absent, the matter was not discussed.

**Area Supervisors:** Tim urged area supervisors to start planning new plantings and secure people to help.

**Other Discussion:** Jo Ann talked about having Birch Creek performers/ambassadors come to TGD for an evening of jazz in July. She will look into costs and details.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm. The next meeting will be March 9<sup>th</sup>.

## Education Committee News

### Next Committee Meeting at a New Time

We are trying an earlier meeting time for the next Education Committee Meeting. It will be held on **Tuesday, February 3rd at 1 PM at PARS.**

### ***New Chairperson(s) Needed***

The Education Committee is seeking new leaders for the 2015-16 season. Bill and Sarah Freyman have served as co-chairs for the committee since 2009, and it's time to pass the torch to other Master Gardeners. It is very important that the work of the association rotate every so often so that DCMGA continues to take advantage of the talented membership it has attracted. The committee's routines are well-established and Bill and Sarah have compiled a complete file of detailed agendas, minutes, press releases, contact lists, and coordinator guides which can serve as a roadmap for the next committee leaders. They would like to work side-by-side this spring with anyone who wishes to step forward. If you are interested, or would like to talk to them about the job, please either call them at 868-1749 or contact them via email at [wcfreyman@gmail.com](mailto:wcfreyman@gmail.com) or [sfreyman@gmail.com](mailto:sfreyman@gmail.com).

### ***DCMGA Knowledge Bank Launched — Share Your Expertise!***

The committee is also pleased to announce the launching of the DCMGA Knowledge Bank. Donna Hake is leading this effort to bring members' expertise to other Master Gardeners who have questions or need a bit of advice. She has prepared a document that includes a number of gardening topics with space for members to fill in their contact information so that other members can contact the appropriate people with expertise for the topic when questions arise. This benefit of membership will be located on the DCMGA's website in the password protected "members only" section so that the MG Volunteers' contact information will not be available to the public. DCMGA members received a complete description of the bank via email in January and the details are posted in the members' section of the [dcmga.org](http://dcmga.org) website. If you are interested in participating, please contact Donna Hake at the address she listed in the description.

### ***2015 DCMGA Public Educational Programs Continue***

We have completed three DCMGA Educational Programs on new plant cultivars available for 2015, native pollinators, and efforts at Whitefish Dunes State Park to mitigate problems caused by pests and disease (see articles on pages 7 and 8 in this Newsletter). Our programs continue as listed below. All of these programs are held at 7 PM at Crossroads at Big Creek in Sturgeon Bay, are free and open to the public.

- Feb. 3, 2015      "Common Sense Organics" by Nancy Santoriello of Santoriello Landscape Maintenance
- Feb. 24, 2015    "Cranberry Production" by Ron Amos of Evergreen Nursery, Sturgeon Bay
- March 3, 2015    "Invasives — The New List" by Kari Hagenow of Door County Invasive Species Team
- March 31, 2015   "Natural Enemies of Garden Pests" by Mike Draney (The Spider Man) of UW-Green Bay
- April 21, 2015    "Prairie Plants for the Garden" by Chriss Daubner, Door County Master Gardener



### “What’s New for 2015”

The Door County Master Gardeners’ first free public educational program was held on January 13, 2015 at Crossroads at Big Creek in Sturgeon Bay. Kori Zawojki (shown at left), co-owner of Sunnypoint Gardens & Gift Shop, provided a peek into gardening trends and new plants available for 2015.

This was a return appearance for Kori – her fourth for the DCMGA – and it was as popular as ever. Ninety-four members of the public and Master Gardeners attended this program. Kori inspired us with her enthusiasm, expertise and beautiful pictures of a vast array of annual and perennial plants that will be available for home gardeners this year. Sunnypoint Gardens is well known for its impressive container plantings. Kori showed many new cultivars and combinations that will work well together in containers to make those eye catching displays. She described new gardening trends, including color combinations and ideas for different types of garden styles.

Kori presented so much information that everyone who was there must have found something new from among the many varieties arriving for this year’s gardening season to consider including in this year’s plantings. Although the audience departed into a cold January night, the newest and brightest cultivars that Kori introduced must have made spring seem a little closer. Even though Door County gardens may be buried in snow and ice, the gardeners had plenty of things to think about from Kori’s presentation as they plan for next summer’s gardens, flowers, containers and produce.

Thanks to Bill Freyman who served as coordinator for this program and to all the MG volunteers who provided or served treats served during the intermission.



### “Native Pollinators in Wisconsin: Looking Beyond the Honeybee”



On January 13, 2015, the Master Gardeners welcomed Jeremy Hemberger, a graduate student at the University of Wisconsin, Department of Entomology, who introduced the 76 attendees to the diverse world of native pollinators in Wisconsin and their importance to us all. In addition to his research at UW, Jeremy is the coordinator of the “UW Insect Ambassadors”, a group of entomology students who visit schools to talk to students about the fascinating world of insects. He can be reached by email at [hemberger@wisc.edu](mailto:hemberger@wisc.edu) or at his web site: [jeremyhemberger.com](http://jeremyhemberger.com)

Honey bees, which were introduced into North America from Europe and have become naturalized here, are an important commercial source of pollinators for crops, such as almonds. The majority of plant pollination, however, results from the activities of native pollinator species, which evolved along with the diverse plants to become perfect pollinators.

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### **“Native Pollinators in Wisconsin: Looking Beyond the Honeybee”**

**Program Presented by Jeremy Hemberger, Jan. 20, 2015**

Worldwide, there are about 20,000 species of native pollinators, with 4,000 species in the US, and about 500 species in Wisconsin. As a group, Wisconsin’s native bees are active longer than honey bees, from early in spring to fall, are active in difficult conditions when honey bees stay in the hive, such as cool or wet weather, and can “buzz” pollinate a broad spectrum of plants by shaking their wings. Native bees nest in a wider variety of places, e.g., in the ground, inside plant stems and in cavities, such as rodent nests or holes in rock walls. And they work for free! Native bees facilitate honey bee movement to more plants and can insure pollination when honey bees die due to colony collapse, which has increased in this decade. Crops in Wisconsin that rely on native pollinators include cranberries, apples, squash, melons, and berries. Jeremy described some of the challenges native pollinators face due to insect parasites, viral and fungal diseases, limited plant diversity in crops and landscaping, and use of systemic pesticides.

Jeremy summarized his research, which was designed to predict the “best” landscape configuration and composition for bees, both for foraging and nesting. Foraging duration was measured by attaching tiny radio frequency transmitters (RFID tags) to individual bumble bees to monitor their movement from and to the colony nesting site. Colony health was measured based on queen and worker bee production and colony volume. He compared bumble bees living in a cultivated agricultural landscape and an urban (Madison) landscape. He found that the bees’ foraging time was not related to the type of landscape, but colony health was better in the agricultural fields compared to the urban landscape.

Jeremy encouraged us to help native pollinators in our landscaping. This is done by providing nesting resources, such as mason bee houses and open, untilled soil areas, and by planting multiple floral resources to provide pollen and nectar in all three seasons (spring, summer, and fall) in which the bees are active. Local and native flowering plants, in clumps, are the best sources of pollen and nectar for native pollinators.

Thanks to Bill Freyman who served as coordinator for this program and to all the MG volunteers who provided or served treats served during the intermission.



Female Red Mason Bee in a nesting stem (left) and Bumble Bee (right).





“Evil Weevils and White Fluff: How Two Invasives Will Change One Park”

On January 27, 2015, Carolyn Rock, Natural Resource Educator at Whitefish Dunes State Park in Door County, presented an enlightening program on invasive species that are changing the park’s ecosystem. Carolyn is an entertaining speaker, but her message about the effects that invasive species locally was both heartfelt and sobering.

Carolyn described the “evil weevil” (*Larinus planus*) that has seriously damaged populations of a threatened native plant, Pitcher’s thistle (*Cirsium pitcheri*), that grows on the Great Lakes’ shores in Wisconsin, Michigan and Canada. This lovely plant provides pollen and nectar to about 30 species and is an environmental health indicator in the Great Lakes region. It grows slowly (5-8 years) and only flowers once before it dies, so it produces relatively few seeds. Seeds spread close to the parent plant by wind action or dropped seed pods. If the *Larinus planus* adult deposits an egg in the seed pod, the developing larva eats the seeds and destroys the next generation of Pitcher’s thistle. Factors such as construction, recreational use, competition with other plants, genetic inbreeding, and goldfinch eating thistle seeds have also limited Pitcher’s thistle reproduction, but the *Larinus* weevil has accelerated the plant’s demise. Carolyn described research at Whitefish Dunes State Park (published in 2012 by K. Havens et al., *Biological Conservation*, vol.155, pp. 202-211) that found about half of the Pitcher’s thistles there were infected by the *Larinus* weevil. Sadly, this insect was inadvertently introduced into the US in 1960, but was later distributed intentionally in the US and Canada as a biological control of noxious thistle species in rangelands. The unanticipated impact of using this insect for biocontrol of undesirable plants is now playing out here. The native Pitcher’s thistle is predicted to be extinct in about 10 to 15 years.

Carolyn next discussed Beech scale (*Cryptococcus fagisuga*) and Beech bark disease caused by a fungus (*Nectria coccinea*). Native Beech are beautiful, wood and nut producing trees found in the Eastern US, with Wisconsin’s trees at the western edge of the range. Beech disease was introduced into Nova Scotia, Canada in the 1890’s, found in Maine in 1935, and has been marching southward and westward since, devastating native Beech populations. Beech scale is a tiny (0.5-1 mm long) insect that burrows into Beech bark and introduces the *Nectria* fungus that grows beneath the bark, producing a white woolly fluff that hides the scale. The fungus eventually erupts through cracks and pocks in the bark causing the tree’s bark to appear pale gray or mottled. Small red fruiting bodies of the fungus may appear on the bark surface, usually in fall. The tree’s cambium layer eventually is destroyed and the tree dies. Stump sprouts of Beech growing up around the dead stump usually are deformed with knobby bark. Importantly, diseased Beech can unexpectedly have limb or trunk breakage (“Beech snap”). Limbs or trees may fall with little or no wind, which is a real danger. When infected Beech trees were found in Whitefish Dunes Park, there were two ways to avoid the dangers of Beech snap to the public: close the park in affected areas of Beech or cut down infected Beech trees. They chose to remove affected Beech within 75 feet of both sides of a trail, to create a 150 foot corridor into which broken trees or limbs were unlikely to fall. In 2014, a forestry company removed many infected Beech trees, most visibly along highway WD. It was clearly a difficult decision. She predicted that reforestation in the cut areas should occur within about 5 years, based on the regrowth experience in a Michigan’s Tahquamenon Falls State Park where Beech trees had been similarly removed. Which species will reforest the area, in view of Whitefish Dunes Park’s hungry deer and porcupine populations, was discussed. She graciously answered many questions from the audience.



Carolyn Rock (left) spoke about *Larinus planus* (lower left), the “evil weevil” whose larvae destroy seeds of Pitcher’s thistle (lower right) and Beech scale (upper right), the insect that spreads Beech bark disease as shown on the Beech tree trunk (far right).



Thanks to Sarah Freyman who served as coordinator for this program and to all the MG volunteers who provided or served treats served during the intermission.

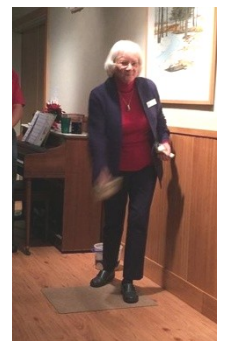
**DOOR COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS HOLIDAY PARTY**  
**December 12, 2014**



Master Gardeners and their guests met at Sevastopol Town Hall in Institute to celebrate the holidays with friends, music, games, and great food provided by the participants and DCMGA. We also thanked Kathie Vavra (pianist at right) for her years of service as President. Our new President, Mike Van Ess presented Kathie (lower left) with a gift membership to the Green Bay Botanical Garden to show our appreciation for her many hours of effort and accomplishments during her tenure as President.



Thanks to the members of the social committee, headed by Coggin Heeringa, who all took care of planning the event, setting up and decorating the hall, bringing all the supplies and cleaning up. It was an enjoyable event, from start to finish.





MEET AND GREET THE CLASS OF 2015



On January 31, 2015, the Master Gardeners and guests welcomed members of the 2015 training class at a social gathering held at Sevastopol Town Hall. The trainees (above) took turns introducing each other, which was fun. Now we know who doesn't like cilantro! Master Gardeners provided great food to nibble on while mingling. Carl Scholz provided the beanbag toss game and prizes, including birch logs stocked with Marvel Meal to feed backyard birds (and perhaps squirrels).



Thanks to the members of the social committee who organized this event and took care of all the details from set up to clean up. Thanks to everyone who helped make this an enjoyable evening to meet our new class.



## *Be Part of The Garden Door Team*

Spring will be here soon and The Garden Door and Garden Next Door offer many opportunities for you to volunteer and contribute to these showcase gardens. This year we need people to supervise a number of different areas and have experienced people who are willing to help you get started. All of the positions listed below could be shared by two or more people if you want to work together with another MG. Sharing a position can be fun because you share time and ideas with someone who shares your gardening interests.

*If you are interested in any of these positions, please talk to the contact person listed below for more information on the position.*

| <b>Position</b>                      | <b>Description</b>                                                                                 | <b>Contact Person</b>              |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <i>Pond Supervisor</i>               | Maintain the pond & surrounding plants at The Garden Door                                          | Jim McFarlin                       |
| <i>Garden Next Door Supervisor</i>   | Oversee use of the garden plots and paths in the Garden Next Door, consistent with PARS activities | Kerry Vavra                        |
| <i>West Perennial Bed Supervisor</i> | Oversee planting & maintenance of perennials garden near the shed at The Garden Door               | Vicki Dirst                        |
| <i>Irrigation Supervisor</i>         | Manage the automatic irrigation system in The Garden Door                                          | Jim McFarlin or<br>Tim Kazmeirczak |

### *DCMGA Website Volunteer Opportunities*

Would you like to help DCMGA from the comfort of your home and not get your hands dirty? We are looking for people who will take responsibility for regularly maintaining information on one or more sections of the [dcmga.org](http://dcmga.org) web site. Please contact Kathie Vavra to learn more.

#### **THANKS FOR VOLUNTEERING!**

#### **Check [dcmga.org](http://dcmga.org) Website for Volunteer Opportunities**

Thanks to all DCMG's who participate in events throughout the year, from spring clean up, seed planting, greenhouse work and Plant Sale, the Open House, and Taste of the Garden Door events, all of our educational events to inspire and educate gardeners, and for contributing to our social culture. All MG volunteers help make our organization and community better. Please check the [dcmga.org](http://dcmga.org) website for information on volunteer opportunities.





**Mark Your Calendars for the DCMGA's 2015 Special Events**

**May 30 — Door County Master Gardeners' Plant Sale**

Greenhouse work for the Plant Sale will start sometime in March. We will need people to help in the greenhouse, and to check and water in the greenhouse. More information will be sent later by email. For more information, please contact Jeannie Ehmke at [karlsdotter@live.com](mailto:karlsdotter@live.com) or call 421-0760.

**July 11 — Open House at The Garden Door**

**Sept 12 — Taste of The Garden Door and Pesto Festo**

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 \* **2015 Garden Expo** \*  
 \* **Friday, Feb. 13th to Sunday, Feb. 15th** \*  
 \* Garden Expo, presented by Wisconsin Public Television and UW-Extension, will be held at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison. It features many seminars, workshops, demonstrations, booths and vendors related to gardening. \*  
 \* See details at [wigardenexpo.com](http://wigardenexpo.com) for event schedules and costs. \*  
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**Share Your Experience**

If you were a committee chairperson or headed a subcommittee in 2014, please fill out a Committee Report form to summarize your area of responsibility, experience, time commitment, etc. Your information will help make our organization more efficient because we can pass it along to new people involved in the committee. Please fill out the form, even if you plan to continue in your role again for 2015. The Committee Report Form is a writeable document found on the [dcmga.org](http://dcmga.org) web site under the "Members Only" tab in the left column (named "Committee Chair Forms"). Please send a copy of your filled-in form to Martha Burris and to your chairperson if you are a subcommittee head. Your time for filling out the form counts for volunteer hours.

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# February 2015

| Sun                          | Mon                                         | Tue                               | Wed | Thu | Fri                          | Sat                          |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----|-----|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1                            | 2                                           | 3<br>Ed. Comm. Mtg.<br>1 pm, PARS | 4   | 5   | 6                            | 7                            |
| 8                            | 9                                           | 10<br>Ed Program<br>7 pm, CRBC    | 11  | 12  | 13<br>Garden Expo<br>Madison | 14<br>Garden Expo<br>Madison |
| 15<br>Garden Expo<br>Madison | 16                                          | 17                                | 18  | 19  | 20                           | 21                           |
| 22                           | 23<br>Goals Setting<br>Mtg, 5:30 pm<br>PARS | 24<br>Ed Program<br>7 pm, CRBC    | 25  | 26  | 27                           | 28                           |

Event Locations: **PARS** = Peninsular Agricultural Research Station Classroom, and **CRBC** = Crossroads at Big Creek

# March 2015

| Sun | Mon                                | Tue                            | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|-----|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 1   | 2                                  | 3<br>Ed Program<br>7 pm, CRBC  | 4   | 5   | 6   | 7   |
| 8   | 9<br>TGD Comm Mtg<br>5:30 pm, PARS | 10                             | 11  | 12  | 13  | 14  |
| 15  | 16<br>Board Mtg<br>5:30 pm, PARS   | 17                             | 18  | 19  | 20  | 21  |
| 22  | 23                                 | 24                             | 25  | 26  | 27  | 28  |
| 29  | 30                                 | 31<br>Ed Program<br>7 pm, CRBC |     |     |     |     |