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Kathie's Note

Electronic gadgets abound. They provide convenience and put you in control of information. Like the TV remote control, which was first introduced in 1955, any gadget may take some getting used to before you feel comfortable with it. But who would give up their remote control now?!

The DCMGA website is our organization's "gadget" for providing information. It puts you in control of how and when you view our MG information. We have put a lot of information on our website and continually update it to provide you with up-to-the-minute information on our projects. Many DCMGA volunteers have given considerable time and talents to making our website useful. MG volunteers are responsible for updating different sections of the website, a continuing commitment that provides us all with a wide range of information. I encourage you to take the time to familiarize yourself with our dcmga.org website. Use it to keep informed about our organization and events.

Information on our website is typically stored in sections identified by tabs. There is a base page and drop down tabs for most categories. Tabs give you access to more information and link you to additional pages, documents or pictures. The dcmga.org main or "Home" page includes a row of tabs across the top under the Door County Master Gardeners Association header. The top tabs link to information on The Garden Door, Plant Sale, Open House and Taste of The Garden Door, how to Contact Us. The left side of the Home page includes a column of tabs, starting with a "Calendar" tab at the top and ending with a "Members Only" tab at the bottom.

Although most information on our web site is open to the public, we use the "Members Only" tab to provide information that only DCMGA members need. This tab requires you to fill in an "Authentication Required" box for access to the information. (Please call me if you need help with authentication.) Two tabs in the "Members Only" section provide important information on volunteer opportunities that need your time and expertise. The "HELP WANTED" and "Community Outreach Ops" tabs take you to pages that provide information on events and community projects for which you can volunteer to fulfill your annual commitment to provide hours of service as a Master Gardener volunteer. I encourage you to check out the HELP WANTED and Community Outreach Ops pages. Consider what you can do to help with the opportunities listed there. My dream is for every volunteer request to be filled when members check on the HELP WANTED and Community Outreach Ops tabs.

Like your handy TV remote control, the dcmga.org website puts you in control of information. It can help you become an active Master Gardener volunteer and will help you get to know your fellow MG's! Please use it.

Kathie

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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!"



DCMGA Board Meeting—May 21, 2014
by Bonnie Rankin

Board Members Present: Jim McFarlin, Mike VanEss, Bill Freyman, Kathie Vavra, Chris Gritzmacher, Martha Burris, Bonnie Rankin, Wendy Woldt, Tim Kazmierczak, Jim Baxter

Also Present: Carol Berglund, Rod Bohn, Jan Ziemann, Jim Friedrichs, George Cassidy
The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm.

Secretary's Report – Motion was made and seconded to approve the March 19, 2014 minutes. Motion approved.

Correspondence –We received a note from Steven Noel of the Green Bay Retired Men's Club, thanking Carol Berglund for TGD tour. Approximately 30 people toured. Another bus tour visited today. At this point the counter is not up, so we don't know how many visitors we have had already this year.

Treasurers Report – A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made and seconded. Motion approved.
The square reader is in for the plant sale; it has been tested and works well. An additional unit will be obtained for the Plant Sale.

Old Business -

Outreach positions have not been filled with volunteers. Due to a lack of volunteers, we will have to cancel the programs soon. If you would like to help, check out the five opportunities listed under the Community Outreach Ops tab on our website, under the Members Only Tab. We are informing the hospital chef that we cannot assist as requested.

T Shirts for the 10th Anniversary Open House have been designed. The shirts are sage green and have a design on the front only. Signup sheets will be available at The Plant Sale on Friday night and Saturday. The price is not known at this time. Jim McFarlin volunteered to help Chris with ordering, distribution, etc.

Committee Chair Reports – Chriss Daubner is completing one for the Plant Sale and Lucy is working on one for the perennials.

Porta potty was ordered early for convenience of paver workers in the TGD. We will keep it later in year for the Youth group's use.

TGD Signs – Tim reported that they are trying to stick to June 15th for completion.

Rack Cards are completed. Phil Block did a great job designing them. Additional copies are in the black tin box in the shed if anyone needs them.

Taste Team – The Henderson's have proposed that people shadow them through the process to get some experience and see how it runs. They have also put together a summary of positions. It was suggested that a committee be formed to suggest members who may be interested. Mike VanEss, Jim Baxter, Jim McFarlin, Carol Berglund and Chris Gritzmacher volunteered. The Henderson's will be contacted for their input.

New Business-

Youth Grant – We received a \$600 youth grant from Door Community. We are going to order 25 books, "The Vegetables We Eat" for the youth. Lee is looking for good pricing.

TGD as a Botanical Garden -- A discussion was held regarding TGD becoming a botanical garden. Although there is no governing body for designating a botanical garden, there are lists of suggested criteria. Jim Friedrichs will write an article for the newsletter. Because of busy schedules at this time of year, the discussion was tabled for a fall meeting.

P. Allen Smith is designing the restoration of Horseshoe Bay Farmers, just north of Murphy Park. We will be looking for some way to partner with the restoration or an advertising angle which would help our group.

Wind Chimes – Wendy Woldt has the new wind chime installed in the tunnel with help from Jim McFarlin. The chimes are tuned to "Amazing Grace." Wendy is researching relationships between members and the benches.

Board Meeting Minutes (*continued*)

Where is TGD? A discussion was held on how to get people to TGD, from the highway, without assistance. Thoughts can be directed to any Board member.

Website Assistance – Bill Freyman and Mike Van Ess have agreed to help with the website. Kathie is very appreciative of their assistance.

TGND – The holding area, grasses, and medicinal herb garden (which will be added this year) are all in a row. These three plots will not be rototilled. There are new rules; most people have sent Kerry their signed contracts. Please note: Matt does not want people driving to the gardens.

TGD Fence – The fence is in poor condition and will be removed over the next few weeks. We are looking for replacement ideas.

Raised Beds need to be replaced because they are in poor condition. A couple of corner posts have already been replaced. Taller beds are being considered.

Rain barrel – Adding a gutter to the shed for a rain barrel is not feasible because of logistics in the area.

Kaleidoscope – After discussion, a motion to call a vote was made to replace those pavers around the kaleidoscope to match the new walk ways. The motion was seconded and approved by a vote of 9-1.

History Update – Mike will approach Lori Holtz to see if she would volunteer to update our history from 2005 to the present.

Nominating Committee – A committee is needed to find appropriate members to shadow Chriss Daubner (for Plant Sale coordinator) and for the upcoming Presidency vacancy.

LIR Class – On September 23, there will be a LIR Class touring the garden. This will give us a great opportunity to talk up our Association.

Committee Reports:

State Association – The next Regional Conference will be in Davenport, Iowa in June. Next year, it will be held in LaCrosse and in 2016, in Wisconsin Dells. In the planning process, associations will be asked what works well and what help is needed from the State.

Education Committee – The next meeting will be held June 3rd at 5:30. A trip to Solaris Farms is planned for July and to Greg Meissner's business on July 30th. A fall seminar is scheduled. There are 17 possible programs for next year. The WDOR radio programs are underway; the Plant Sale Team did this month's program. The Open House Team in June, July is the Youth Program, and in August, The Taste of TGD & Pesto Festo event. September will be Education and October will feature the Training Class. A knowledge bank has been created and will be located in the Members Only section of our website.

The Garden Door – The Spring cleanup went well and pavers are being installed. Mulch was delivered and is ready for installation. Other items related to TGD were covered earlier in the meeting.

Newsletter – Microsoft has stopped supporting the OS on the MG computer used for the newsletter. At this point it is functioning and will be used until it develops problems.

Open House – Everything is in place at this point.

Publicity – Signs will be going up on Sunday for plant sale.

Announcements:

The next meeting will be held on July 16th at 5:30 p.m.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

*The Garden Door
in Spring*



Garden Door Notes

By Vicki Dirst

The Garden Door Committee Meeting—May 12, 2014

Present: Tim Kazmierczak, Jim McFarlin, Vicki Dirst, Allen Miller, Jo Ann Tarczewski, Kerry and Kathie Vavra, Wendy Woldt, Chriss Daubner, Jim Friedrichs, Sandie Ott, Barbara and Doug Henderson, Dick Allmann, Christine Gritzmacher, Carol Berglund

Call to order: Tim called the meeting to order at 5:32.

T-shirts: Tim asked about the T-shirts for the Open House. Chris G. said one design has been selected for printing on the front only. The color will be sage. Members will receive an email with the details. People need to respond with their sizes. Chris G. will order them.

Plant Labels: Preparations are in progress for labeling plants, particularly perennials. Tim said if the cultivar is unknown it would be better to omit that information rather than put down something wrong. People were reminded to check the existing labels in the shed. The deadline for having the labels in place is June 15.

Tents: We received a grant for new tents and matched the grant with our own funds. The tents look great.

Weddings: The Board has re-affirmed the policy not to allow weddings in TGD.

Polische sign: The property owners immediately south of the Research Station have been asked if we might put up a sign for TGD. They are checking with Cherry Hills Golf Course regarding the sign currently at that location.

Paver project: Tim said the project was supposed to start today, but will be delayed for a few days due to rain.

Phase II of paver project: Tim said Kaylynn has asked about this. Chris G. and Chriss D. both said we need to wait and evaluate Phase I. Also, we need to assess our finances following the Plant Sale.

Pedestrian tracker: Kerry has encountered problems setting up the device and is trying to get tech support.

Porta-Potty: Vicki has been awaiting a Board decision on the desired dates of service. It was decided not to wait, since a unit is needed immediately. Vicki will order one unit for use from now until the end of October, and a second unit for the weekend of the Taste. Next year one unit should be present from May 1 to Oct. 31.

Mulch: Tim has ordered 30 yards of beech mulch from Algoma Lumber for delivery on May 22.

Marsh hay: Kathie plans to order about 50 bales of marsh hay, mostly for the Garden Next Door.

Fence removal: Jim M. said the long range planning committee has identified the fence as a safety issue. They recommend that it be removed now, with a decision at a later date regarding its possible replacement. TGD committee voted to approve the removal. Tim will check on disposal of the debris. Jim M., Kerry and Wendy will remove the fence.

The Garden Door Committee Meeting *(continued)*

Raised planters: Next year these four planters will need to be replaced due to rot. Jim F. will look into designs for replacements. Barbara suggested soliciting members for ideas. Jo Ann and Wendy suggested doing new planters as a class project. Doug said new planters could be a line item in TGD budget for next year.

Rain barrel: The long range planning committee has recommended adding a rain barrel by the shed. The design and placement were discussed. Jim M. will look into it and bring a proposal to the next committee meeting.

Coordinators for the Taste: Chris G. said we very much need people to work with the Hendersons to learn the job of coordinating the Taste. Thus far no-one has stepped forward to do so. Since this is the Hendersons' last year doing the Taste there is serious concern. Chris G. will put something in the newsletter, but more suggestions are needed. This issue should be discussed at the Board meeting.

Learning in Retirement: In September there will be a course on what it takes to be a master gardener. This will include a tour of TGD.

Open House: Jo Ann asked about plans for the Open House. Vicki explained that there will be three main programs, informal programs on new subjects like straw bale gardening, Research Station tours and food (brats, hot dogs, cheese curds, watermelon). Initial publicity has been done.

Wind chime: Wendy announced that the new wind chime will be installed next Saturday.

Paver project: Tim conducted a garden walkthrough for the paver project following the formal business meeting. This concluded at 7:10 pm.

The next meeting will be July 14th.

The Paver Project

The Paver Project started in early May: pavers were delivered and installation began on May 15th after a few rain delays. Before installation could begin, there was a lot done to make the area ready. We marked the location of the proposed pathway and found that a few perennials and roses needed to be moved or removed to make way for extra width or gentle turns in the pathway. Garden Area Supervisors and MG volunteers pruned and transplanted existing plants as needed and the Holding Bed in the Garden Next Door was made available to hold plants during the installation. When the paver installation is completed, Yardworks will mulch the edges of the walkway and adjust turf to the pathway edges as we see fit. Please watch for emails from Tim Kazmierczak for updates on progress or events related to this project as it nears completion.

Thanks to all who have contributed to making this project a success. We look forward to an improved Garden Door experience that everyone can enjoy this summer!

Education Committee Report**Summer 2014 Update
by Bill Freyman**

Following a very successful year of continuing education programs the Education Committee is hard at work preparing next winter's offerings. So far, we're exploring nearly 20 different alternatives and will settle on 10 or 12 as usual. Potential topics include everything from accessible gardening, to pollinators, to a close look at soil. We're interested in plants with medicinal qualities, prairie plants, and more. One topic we hope to include is a presentation on the damage to beech trees caused by bark disease at Whitefish Dunes State Park and the dramatic effort to deal with it that has resulted in so much public comment. It's important to know what's happening. We are also looking forward to our annual "What's New" program and several car trips. We averaged over 60 folks for each of our programs this winter and hope to repeat that effort this coming year.

There's a lot of work to be done and we are hoping that some new folks will step forward to help us get these programs ready for next year. The work is not hard, especially when spread around, and the committee is well-organized so volunteers don't have to figure out what to do. The tasks are ready to be completed. Our next meeting is at the Research Station on June 3rd at 5:30 pm at the Research Station classroom.

We have several summer activities planned. Watch for announcements about our tour of Greg Meissner's grounds and gardens in late July. The tour will be a special one. We'll also be visiting the Green Bay Botanical Garden and making a drive to Solaris Farms. Details are being finalized now, so again, watch for a news flash about those opportunities.

Also new is our on-line Knowledge Bank. You'll be hearing a lot more about this, but basically, we're assembling a list of DCMGA members who are willing to share their knowledge about specific garden-related information. It might be details about butterfly gardening or pond making or hostas or garden photography. Some of our members know a lot about something, and we're hoping to provide a list of those members organized by topic so that you can give them a call when you need help with that item in your own garden. This will be available only to current DCMGA members and password protected on our website and the committee thinks it will be a useful tool for members. We'll have some common-sense rules in place about how to use the Knowledge Bank- items like when it's best to call and so forth, so we don't think participation will be too bothersome for those who take part.

Finally, the committee wants to thank everyone who helped this last year by sponsoring programs, presenting, baking goodies, and attending. Thanks to our volunteers, we all enjoyed great educational opportunities through DCMGA.

DCMGA Educational Programs in April 2014

Our Spring Educational series was completed in April with three presentations by two Door County Master Gardeners, Chriss Daubner and Tom Luebker, and a final presentation by Sue Zimmerman, a Jefferson County Master Gardener.

Chriss Daubner (below left) talked about “Butterfly Gardening” on April 8th. She has extensive experience in gardening to attract butterflies to her own butterfly gardens and prairie garden. She described how butterflies live, what they eat, how they reproduce, and what attracts them to a garden or prairie planting. Chriss provided examples on how to make your home garden a welcoming place in which butterflies can flourish. Her helpful handout (available on the dcmga.org website, under Education Programs/Program Materials) lists native and non-native nectar plants for butterflies and includes a table of common butterflies, their habitats, and host plants for larval and adult foods. Many of her planting ideas designed to attract butterflies to Door County were illustrated with pictures of her own gardens. Chriss showed us how “your garden can make a difference!”

Tom Luebker (below right) presented two Educational Programs in April, both of which were well attended. On April 15th, he talked about “Choosing Plants Wisely” for successful gardens and landscapes. By selecting plants appropriate for the location and growing conditions, and consistent with the type of care the gardener will provide, a person greatly increases the likelihood of both success and enjoyment of the garden and landscape. Tom’s second program on April 22nd was on “Landscape Design 101” in which he described how to plan and create a detailed design for a landscape that will meet your needs and wants. In addition to being an entertaining and informative speaker, Tom draws on his considerable background and experience in gardening and horticulture to provide advice useful to Door County gardeners. “Tom’s Door County Palette – A List of Hardy Plants” handout is available on the dcmga.org website under Education Programs/Program Materials.

On April 29th, we welcomed Sue Zimmerman, who gave a most interesting and informative talk entitled “Perfecting Peonies: Wisconsin’s Intersectional Peony Hybrids.” Sue has worked closely with Roger and Sandra Anderson, whose work on hybridizing these beautiful and unusual plants has gained worldwide recognition. Sue’s vision and leadership led to the establishment of the Roger F. and Sandra L. Anderson Intersectional Peony garden in the grounds of the Hoard Historical Museum (Fort Atkinson, WI), which is currently the largest public collection of intersectional peonies in North America. Intersectional peonies are a hybrid cross between a tree peony and an herbaceous peony, having the best characteristics of both parent plants. Intersectionals can only be created by dividing mature plants or grafting. Sue described the Andersons’ work in developing these outstanding plants, and supplemented her talk with gorgeous photographs of the large colorful blooms (below center) that are typical of these plants. She also discussed their culture and maintenance, work that went into developing the garden at the Hoard Historical Museum, and gave suggestions on sources for purchasing plants.

Thanks to Lee Somerville, who served as coordinator for Sue Zimmerman’s event and described it for this article. Also thanks to all the MG volunteers who served or contributed treats to make the intermissions at these programs enjoyable for all.



Chriss Daubner (left), accompanied by a human butterfly, spoke on April 8. Tom Luebker (right) spoke on April 15 and 22. Sue Zimmerman spoke on Intersectional peonies (example in center) on April 29.



THE GARDEN DOOR—A BOTANICAL GARDEN?

by Jim Friedrichs

At the May 12th meeting of The Garden Door Long Range Planning Committee, the idea of The Garden Door becoming a botanical garden was discussed. The idea was also on the agenda at the May 21st DCMGA Board meeting. The upshot of all this discussion was to solicit the opinions of the membership about whether The Garden Door should become a botanical garden.

What does it mean to be a botanical garden? There is no governing body regulating botanical gardens. After some hours of pursuing the notion, a list of criteria for botanical gardens was established:

- A reasonable degree of permanence,
- An underlying scientific basis for the collections,
- Proper documentation of the collections, including wild origin,
- Monitoring of the plants in the collections,
- Adequate labeling of the plants,
- Open to the public,
- Communication of information to other gardens, institutions and the public,
- Exchange of seed or other materials with other botanic gardens, arboreta or research institutions,
- Undertaking of scientific or technical research on plants in the collections, and
- Maintenance of research programs in plant taxonomy in associated herbaria.

Any institution that is considered to be a botanical garden may meet these criteria in part or whole. The Garden Door already meets many of the above criteria. Remember, the list need not be met in full. The Garden Door has a reasonable degree of permanence and the underlying basis for the collection of plants is that they grow well in our area. The plants are monitored by the area supervisors and the people that help them. The labeling of the plants should be complete by mid June. The garden is open to the public and the DCMGA web site and newsletter communicate information about The Garden Door to other gardens and interested institutions. Our plant sale serves as a way to exchange plant material. The criteria for scientific or technical research could easily be met by building a bed and planting Wisconsin native plants. Another possibility could be a bed of Zone 6 or Zone 7 perennials and studying what survives and what does not.

Are there disadvantages to becoming a botanical garden? The Garden Door signs would have to be modified to note the name change. The rack cards that were done for this year would have to be changed if the garden became a botanical garden.

So, what does the membership think? Is this an idea worth pursuing? Does the notion of The Garden Door becoming a botanical garden fill you with pride and encourage more volunteer hours or does it seem to be much ado about nothing? Contact a Board member or The Garden Door area supervisors and let your opinion be heard!

Celebrate the 10th Anniversary of The Garden Door with a T-shirt

This year marks the tenth anniversary of the opening of The Garden Door by the Door County Master Gardeners Association. To acknowledge this milestone, we are having T-shirts printed with The Garden Door logo and "10th Anniversary 2014" (see below) on the front, upper left side of the shirt. Shirts will be a sage green color. We plan to have the shirts available for members by The Open House, scheduled for July 12, so that MG's can wear them at the event. We are asking members to provide us with information on the number of shirts they want to purchase and sizes of those shirts so that we can order appropriately for the members who wish to purchase a shirt for The Open House (estimated price: \$10). We will collect this information from members at the Plant Sale and up to June 11 (via email). If you have any questions about this, please contact Jim McFarlin or Chris Gritzmacher.



10th Anniversary
2014

All Members Are Welcome

The DCMGA Board wants all members to know that they are welcome to attend all Board meetings, which occur every other month. Although you can read the latest Board Meeting minutes in every Newsletter, being present at a meeting may give you a better idea of how the DCMGA functions. It also provides you with an opportunity to share your opinion on any of the agenda items discussed at a meeting. Similarly, all members are also welcome to attend and participate in any of the DCMGA Committee meetings. Attending a meeting will not only keep you informed about matters that are being considered, discussed, and voted on by the group, but is a great way to meet your fellow MG's. By attending meetings, you may identify parts of our organization that most interest you and encourage you to participate in more fully in that aspect of the DCMGA. Meeting dates are included in the calendars at the end of each Newsletter and in the Calendar postings on the dcmga.org web site.

Conference & Volunteer Opportunities

2014 Upper Midwest Regional Master Gardeners Conference June 25-28, 2014

The Master Gardeners of Scott County, Iowa, are looking forward to hosting the Upper Midwest Master Gardener Conference in June on the theme "Growing Along the River" which refers to the Mississippi River that unites all states in the Upper Midwest Region. Registration costs \$300 which includes all classes, tours, and most meals. For more conference details and registration, please see the official conference website: <http://www.aep.iastate.edu/iowamg2014/>

Join The Tandana Foundation on a Gardening Volunteer Vacation in Ecuador October 10-17, 2014

Attention all green thumbs! The Tandana Foundation is sponsoring a Gardening Volunteer Vacation in the beautiful Andean highlands outside the city of Otavalo, Ecuador from October 10th to the 17th. The volunteers will help out at a tree nursery in the community of Achupallas. They will be doing a little bit of everything including planting trees, pruning roots, digging ditches and pulling weeds. The volunteers will also collect saplings, which they will plant at the nursery.

The nursery was built by an organization representing 23 indigenous villages, called UCINQUI. UCINQUI sells the trees in order to earn money to help the 23 communities with health, education, and other projects. Most of the trees are used to protect water sources and reforest in the 23-village area. The Tandana Foundation has assisted with infrastructure projects for the nursery, including acclimatization beds and a greenhouse.

Helping out at the nursery is not the only gardening work the volunteers will be doing. The group will participate in a minga, a community work day, helping plant trees in a local community. They will teach gardening lessons to the students at a local elementary school and will work alongside the students in the school garden. The volunteers will also have an opportunity to learn about the plants cultivated by local families.

When they are not having fun digging in the dirt, the group will have plenty of time to enjoy the local culture and see beautiful scenery. They will visit the world-renowned Otavalo market and participate in a cooking class taught at a local restaurant. They will enjoy a demonstration from a master weaver and visit Cuicocha volcanic lake. The volunteers will relax each night at a lovely inn.

The trip costs \$1,200 if the volunteer wishes to share a room or \$1,300 for a single room. This cost does not include airfare or personal expenses but does include food, lodging, transportation and activities while in Ecuador. To register for this trip, please visit <http://www.tandanafoundation.org/gardening-volunteer-vacation.html>.

*The Tandana Foundation is a non-profit organization that offers cross-cultural volunteer opportunities, scholarships, and funding for small community projects in highland Ecuador and Mali's Dogon Country. Tandana coordinates service projects and volunteer vacations that offer visitors to Ecuador or Mali the unique opportunity to be guests rather than tourists, to form cross-cultural friendships, to experience a rich indigenous culture, and to make a difference in the lives of new friends. Its scholarship program allows rural Ecuadorian students to continue their secondary education. Its community projects help villagers in Mali and Ecuador realize their dreams of improving their communities. For more information about The Tandana Foundation, please visit www.tandanafoundation.org. **Media Contact:** Anna Taft, Executive Director, at [937-848-2993](tel:937-848-2993)*

Volunteer Opportunities

Community Volunteer Opportunities by Dora Leonardson

Still in need of volunteer hours? There are several listed on the dcmga.org web site. From the home page, go to "Members Only" -- the bottom tab on the left. When your cursor hovers over that tab, it brings up another menu. Choose the 2nd tab "Community Outreach Ops" tab. When you see something of interest, call the number listed. Great way to meet friends, help in the community and also get hours for driving time plus your volunteer work time!

We currently have several community outreach opportunities available. These are listed with contact information on dcmga.org, Members Only section, Community Outreach tab. Here is what is newly available:

Landscaping work at Crossroads at Big Creek's Astronomy Center

Community projects by members of Sturgeon Bay Garden Club

Southern Door School Garden (June 3 and 4 slots available)

PARS Pump House

Door County Memorial Hospital (Community Garden)

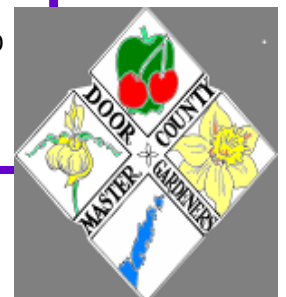
St Peters Youth Garden

Check it out!

THANKS FOR VOLUNTEERING!

Check dcmga.org Website for Volunteer Opportunities

Thanks to all DCMG's who participate in events throughout the year, from the spring planting, tending and Plant Sale, the Open House and Taste of the Garden Door events, all of our educational events that inspire and educate gardeners, and for contributing to our social culture. Everyone who volunteers helps make our organization and community better. Please check notices for current volunteer opportunities on the dcmga.org website, at the "Members Only" tab.



The Open House is Coming!

The **Open House at The Garden Door** will be on **July 12** from 11 am to 2 pm. This year is the 10th Anniversary of The Garden Door, so plan to participate and have fun!



DCMG's 2014 Plant Sale



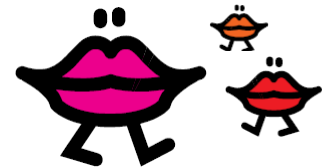
The Plant Sale on May 31st was a beautiful day. DCMG volunteers (above) helped from planting and maintaining plants in the greenhouse (above left) through the pre-sale preparations (above right) and sale (right). On the sale day (right), MG volunteers helped people find parking, locate plants, hold plant selections while they continued to shop, and at check out, which this year included cash, check and credit card sales (right).



Thanks to everyone who contributed to the success of this event!

(More photos will be posted on our website.)

A Taste of the Garden Door AND Pesto Festo VIII
1-4PM, Saturday, September 6, 2014



Update

Shadows Needed

This is the last year that Barb and Doug Henderson have agreed to serve as coordinators for The Taste of The Garden Door and Pesto Festo, one of our major annual events. They have done a splendid job of organizing this event that involves many MG volunteers and brings hundreds of visitors to The Garden Door. Barb and Doug have written a detailed summary of tasks that go into making the Taste and Pesto Festo event happen and have identified many MG's who are leaders in prominent areas of the event. This summary will serve as a checklist and training document for the people who serve as future coordinators for the event. There is, however, nothing like being able to see first-hand how something is done. Barb and Doug Henderson have suggested that one or more people be "Shadows" for them as they organize this year's Taste/Pesto Festo event, so that people interested in becoming a coordinator next year can learn the steps from the Hendersons this year. If you are interested in potentially being a coordinator for the 2015 Taste/Pesto Festo event, this is your chance to get inside experience now.

The Taste/Pesto Festo event is an important annual event for DC Master Gardeners and the community. We want to ensure its continuity for future years. Please consider serving as a Taste/Pesto Festo coordinator for 2015 and learn the ropes with the Hendersons now. Want to find out more? Contact the Hendersons—no obligation!!

Veggies Needed

The Taste would be nothing without a variety of veggies to taste. We rely on vegetables grown in the Taste plot at the Garden Next Door (GND) and donations from MG volunteers to make the veggie samples provided at the Taste. MG's can donate items grown in the GND or home gardens. We need MG's to "grow a row" for the Taste in their gardens. If you want to "grow a row" for the Taste or be part of the team for the GND Taste plot, please contact Chris Gritzmacher.

Thanks to Patty Medeiros, Martha and Larry Burris, Jean and Dale Vogel, Pam and Mark Honold, and Chris Gritzmacher for planting and maintaining the Taste garden at the GND. Thanks to Kathy Green, Susan May, Sandie Ott, Lynn Polacek, Frank Weber, Barb and Doug Henderson, and Chris Gritzmacher for volunteering to grow vegetables or herbs in their gardens for the Taste. Thanks to Tim Kazmierczak and Chriss Daubner for plants donated for the Taste gardens.

The More Pesto, the Merrier!

Want to make a great pesto for the 2014 Pest Festo? We need pesto entries, so try your kitchen skills and encourage your friends to enter the annual pesto contest. The prizes are great, the recognition is wonderful, and everyone enjoys sampling the results. Try a new recipe. Make one up. Be creative. Invite friends over to sample – and have fun!!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Ed. Comm. Mtg. 5:30 pm, PARS	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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Event Locations: **PARS** = Peninsular Agricultural Research Station Classroom, and **CR** = Crossroads at Big Creek

July 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 The Garden Door Open House 11 am—2 pm
13	14 TGD Comm. Mtg, 5:30 pm PARS	15	16 Board Mtg, 5:30 pm, PARS	17	18	19
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