



Good Earth News

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Enhancing the Educational Aspects of MGV Garden Projects by Sharon Morrissey

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All MGV Garden Projects are opportunities to share the beauty of a garden with others in such a way that they, too, can learn different and maybe better ways of doing things in their own gardens, discover new plants or simply be challenged to learn something new. Here are some ideas of ways to enhance the educational component of your MGV Garden Project.

METHODS:

- ⊗ Literature boxes for UW-Extension information such as Gardening Resources cards, publications brochures, MGV Program brochures, InfoSource, etc. and brochures that explain the garden or serve as guides.
- ⊗ Signage including plant labels and interpretive signs (could be a "nature trail" concept).
- ⊗ Programs like scheduled garden walks, hands-on activities, or presentations on a particular aspect of the plantings.
- ⊗ Garden Journals that provide more detailed information about plants and practices could include photos, factsheets, etc.

Signage & Brochures

Plant labels should include

- ⊗ A minimum of a common name and the botanical name.
- ⊗ Characteristics like height, flower color, bloom time, etc.
- ⊗ Cultural information about light and soil preferences, fertility, maintenance like pinching, staking, winter protection, etc.
- ⊗ Uses or nutritional information but, if this is not research-based, it must explicitly say that it is folklore or practiced by specific cultures, etc. Please do not give medicinal uses of plants.
- ⊗ Historical information

About the garden

- ⊗ Your mission, goals, purpose for having the garden.
- ⊗ Explanation of the educational theme.
- ⊗ History of the garden and/or partnership.

- ⊗ Hours, parking, contact information, etc.
- ⊗ Acknowledgement of partners with logos if possible (SEWMGs available at <http://fyi.uwex.edu/sewmg>). Proper wording is "UW-Extension Master Gardener Volunteers" or if space allows "UW-Extension and the SouthEast Wisconsin Master Gardener Volunteers."

Themes and Concepts

- ⊗ Perennial or annual flowers
- ⊗ Plants to attract butterflies or other wildlife
- ⊗ Ethnic food plants
- ⊗ Plants for shade or moist areas or dry sites, etc.
- ⊗ Soil amendments or mulches used and why.
- ⊗ Maintenance practices such as pruning, staking, winter protection, fertility, etc.
- ⊗ Pest information including wildlife appeal
- ⊗ Plants used to make dyes or other traditional or historical uses
- ⊗ Plants for four seasons of interest or only winter interest or fall color
- ⊗ Heirloom plants
- ⊗ How pollination works

Copying, Printing, and Laminating

- ⊗ Can be done at the Milwaukee County Extension office. Please make arrangements ahead of time if you need staff assistance to do this. Check with your partner organization first to see if it can provide this service. If not, you can make copies of brochures and literature at the Milw. Extension office.
 - ⊗ Color printing and copying in standard sizes (letter, legal, etc.)
 - ⊗ Color plotter up to 42" wide and as long as you could ever need. Make your document custom sized in a Publisher file or a .pdf.
 - ⊗ Laminating of almost any size with either a table top laminator for letter and legal size or a roll laminator up to 24" wide and as long as you need.

Pointers

- ⊗ Place brochures in waterproof Plexiglas boxes

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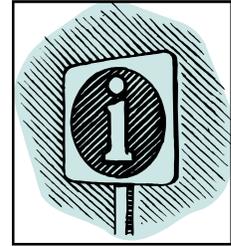
Education at MGV Garden Projects *continued*

on posts. Boxes are available from office supply stores.

- ⊗ Laminated sheets are best attached with double stick tape to plastic corrugated board and then the board attached to a post or other support. If you use tacks or nails in laminated signs, water will get in and ruin the sign.
- ⊗ Most color ink will fade in sunlight so plan to

remake the signs each year or maybe twice in a year.

- ⊗ Request money in your budget to have signs professionally made. These won't fade or run and can last for several years.
- ⊗ ***Don't forget to put UW-Extension logos on everything!*** Let's make sure we get the credit we deserve.



News from the County Offices *by Sharon Morrisey & Ann Weid*

State Fair Garden & Orientation

This year the Fair is from August 4th – 14th. Watch for e-mails about workdays to get our 'Model Backyard' exhibit ready for visitors. We could use some volunteers to help with several aspects of the display: to work on cleaning up the rain garden, to tend the compost piles in our beautiful 3-bin system, to label the several hundred plants we now have there. Contact Sharon at 414-256-4660 or Sharon.morrisey@ces.uwex.edu.

Orientation for volunteers will be held on Tuesday, August 2nd at 6:30 p.m. and on Wednesday, August 3rd at 9:00 a.m. in the 'Model Backyard' in the DNR Preserve at the southwest corner of State Fair Park. Enter through the back gate of the area. Shift Captains and MGV Interns are highly encouraged to attend one of these sessions.

Plant Health Updates Continue until September 20th

These sessions to discuss plant and pest status throughout the season are held every other week at the UW-Extension Horticulture Center at Boerner Botanical Gardens in the lower level of the Education and Visitor Center on Tuesdays from 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. These sessions count for continuing education. The first session in July is on the 12th. Everyone is welcome and no registration is required. Just come when you can.

Garden Approval Contingent on Annual Report

Much discussion about the UW-Extension and SEWMG approved gardens has led to adoption of a new procedure which all currently approved gardens will need to comply with. Beginning this year, 2011, all MGV garden projects will need to file an annual report by September 15th in order to retain their "approved" status. This report is already a necessity for gardens

requesting funds for the project for the coming year. Now, you need to file an annual report even if you are not requesting SEWMG funding. You only need to complete the Garden Project Profile (GPP) once but it should be revised if changes occur or mistakes are found.

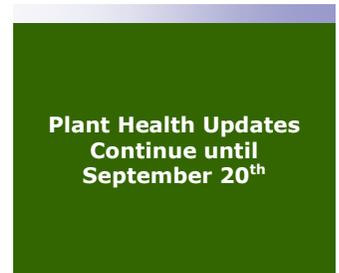
The Garden Annual Report Form will be posted soon to the SEWMG website. The Garden Project Profile form and Approved Gardens lists are available on <http://fyi.uwex.edu/sewmg/documents>. More information on procedures for approval of new gardens will be in the September/October SEWMG newsletter. Feel free to call Ann Wied or Sharon Morrisey with questions or concerns.

New Lawn Fertilization Publication Available

The UW-Extension publication A2303 on Lawn Fertilization has been significantly revised to include new recommendations that all MGVs should be aware of because lawn questions are the most common type received by Extension offices and MGVs. The publication is available at <http://learningstore.uwex.edu>.

The new recommendation is to make 3 applications a year starting with Memorial Day, then Fourth of July with the final application on Labor Day. This last date is a full 2 months earlier than the old recommendation. It goes even further to say that lawns that have been consistently fertilized for 10 – 15 years only need 2 applications, the ones in May and September.

The publication also includes interesting information about selecting fertilizer products suggesting that you look for ones with 1/3 to 1/2 of the nitrogen in the water insoluble form. There is also information related to phosphorus and potassium needs and recommendations.



Use of SEWMG Funds for Consumer Horticulture Program in Milwaukee *by Sharon Morrissey*

The generous donation of SEWMG for 2010 was used for the following items:

- ⊗ General Training supplies for hands-on activities and name badges for our brand new MGVs.
- ⊗ Props for TV appearances.
- ⊗ Refreshments for programs such as the MGV Speakers' Workshop, P.H.A. Regional Training for MGVs and the two session rain garden workshop.
- ⊗ Reference books and publications for my office library.
- ⊗ Materials for miscellaneous youth gardening projects.
- ⊗ Materials for seed starting workshop offered through the UW-Extension Horticulture Center at Boerner Botanical Gardens.
- ⊗ Supplies for the MCCE front planters and courtyard square-foot garden including mulch, composted manure, and tape for the labeler machine to make plant labels.
- ⊗ Carpet tape for the display at the Home Show.



New President Elect

The SEWMG leadership committee and board of directors are pleased to welcome **Dan Cummings** as our President Elect.

Dan spends many volunteer hours at Ten Chimneys, on the Invasive Species Removal crew and at the Plant Sale. You may have met Dan, at one of the many Pot-A-Thons we had this spring or the Plant Sale. If not come to one of our monthly business meetings and say hi.

Dan has graciously filled the vacancy caused by MaryClare Waller's death.

Please say "thank you" and help Dan transition smoothly into this leadership role.

Janet Wintersberger
Leadership Committee Chair

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2011 Plant Sale

Our 16th Annual Perennial Plant Sale was again a success despite a slow start due to the weather. Never underestimate the determination of UWEX-MGVs to get the job done! Volunteers at every event leading up to the Sale were outstanding. The process of getting plants from the ground to the sale was completed with the help of many who worked tirelessly at times in adverse conditions.

We again had MGV volunteers take on added responsibilities that made the process easier. Deliveries went smoothly thanks to Nina Jones and her group of drivers. Check out at the Sale was seamless thanks to Diane Thieme and her crew of check-out and tally people. We all owe a special thanks to Leone

Krause and her group for stepping in and taking care of the food for pre-sale week. There is a group of MGVs that are fondly referred to as "Patty's Girls" that helped behind the scenes digging plants to have ready for Pot-A-Thons. I also need to say many thanks to the labeling girls who allowed me to take a few days off. And then there are the many faces that I saw day-to-day who cheerfully came and helped until everything was done.

Thank you to all for your dedication!

See you next year!
Carla Magnus
Plant Sale Committee



Life-Long Gardening Committee by MGV Mary Redlinger

Q: What is the Life-long Gardening Committee?

A: It is a committee that has been formed to assist/teach individuals who have difficulties performing the many tasks involved in gardening utilizing some enabling garden tools and other techniques. This is meant to make the gardening experience easier and allows the seasoned gardener to continue to pursue a favorite hobby or interest.

Our committee reaches out to the general public when we are asked. We give demonstrations, present various tool options and offer time and task-saving advice to those who need some assistance. Two or more committee members always go to these presentations to offer each other reassurance.



The next scheduled meeting is on July 11th at the Ext. Office at 6:30 p.m. We will be having a meeting on Sept. 12th and Oct. 10th, at a location TBA. Please check for meeting updates on SEWMG website.

Currently, the Life-long Gardening Committee does not have a chair. The members have been rotating this responsibility monthly. We have a strong committee and work well together.

If you have any questions or for more information, feel free to contact me.

Mary Redlinger, Life-long Gardening Committee member

President's Corner

So, what's up in your garden? Finally I have lived in this area long enough so that many plants in the garden have begun to LEAP!!! Hurrah! I imagine you are all quite happy with your gardens as well. Thanks to all of you who took time away from their gardens to help with the Pot-A-Thons and the Plant Sale. There was a lot of fun and teamwork that took place to complete that successful project.

Now the most important task is finding a Program Chairman or Co-Chairmen so that our valuable education programs will continue. It is also necessary to have other committee members who are willing to share ideas and help with the programs. The benefit is that these committee members will learn about those people who are knowledgeable about gardening. While they may not be aware of them to begin with, together they will build a list, find them and become acquainted with them.

I believe that there are some of you who are looking for just the right fit in the MG organization and this committee just might be it. Please write me and let me know: mpThiele@wctc.net It is always amazing to me that there is so much talent in this organization.

Please put on your calendar the **August 18th picnic** which is being held at the **North Point Lighthouse at 5:30 p.m.** This should be a lovely event with good food (please bring a dish to pass), a hike up to the top of the lighthouse, a tour of the history of lighthouse and lots of good fun with fellow MGVs. Please bring a chair as well. Please drop off your supplies and park in the next parking lot north of the lighthouse.

See you on **July 13th** at the Watertown Plank Extension office for the July business meeting.

Enjoy this good weather.

Mary Thiele SEWMG President

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Stay Informed and Connected

Can't get to a business meeting? Did you know that the business meeting minutes are on our web site? Check out this link: <http://fyi.uwex.edu/sewmg/minutes/> Make sure your project or activity gets listed on the MGV calendar. Staying in the know just got easier.





SEWMG Dates to Remember

Here is a brief rundown of the various meetings, Extension classes and deadlines for the next two months. Come and see what is happening.

July 6 at 6 p.m. Garden Walk at Boerner Botanic Garden. See Program Committee News article.

July 12 at 2:30 p.m. Plant Health Update at UWEX Horticulture Center at Boerner Botanic Garden.

July 13 at 9:30 a.m. SEWMG Business Meeting at Milwaukee UWEX office.

July 26 at 2:30 p.m. Plant Health Update at UWEX Horticulture Center at Boerner Botanic Garden.

July 29 at noon Brown Bag ETN at either UWEX office

August 1 Newsletter Deadline

August 9 at 2:30 p.m. Plant Health Update at UWEX Horticulture Center at Boerner Botanic Garden.

August 17. Bus Trip to Ball Horticulture Co. and Morton Arboretum. See Program Committee News article. **Pre-registration required.**

August 23 at 2:30 p.m. Plant Health Update at UWEX Horticulture Center at Boerner Botanic Garden.

August 26 at noon Brown Bag ETN at either UWEX office

The North Point Lighthouse, located at 2650 N. Wahl Avenue within Lake Park is a historic, maritime "treasure." It has recently been restored to its early 20th century charm through the determined efforts of a group of committed volunteers, the North Point Lighthouse Friends.

When: August 18 at 5:30 p. m.

Where: North Point Lighthouse

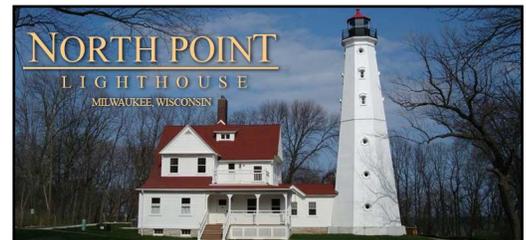
Bring a chair plus something to share:

- ☼ **Appetizer**
- ☼ **Salad**
- ☼ **Entrée**
- ☼ **Dessert**
- ☼ **Beverage**

SEWMG Picnic

Mark the date...August 18th

The annual SEWMG picnic will be held at the North Point Lighthouse this year. This lovely setting offers its' educational component in the interior of the building, its' exercise by climbing the steps to the top and its' beauty and view on the front lawn where you will sit...in the chair you brought...and enjoy your SEWMG friends and the great food provided by everyone. The picnic



begins at 5:30 p.m. Drop off your chair and food near the light house and then travel out of the driveway, turn right and then turn right into the road that says "Lake Park Golf Course and Bartolotta Lake Park Bistro". Park and enjoy the walk across the bridge to the lighthouse. This will be a new enjoyable experience for many of us. Come and enjoy!!!! We are ordering good weather.....of course.

Explore Secret Gardens

The Wauwatosa Beautification Committee, Inc. proudly present its **17th Annual Secret Gardens of Wauwatosa Tour**, Saturday, July 9, 2011, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (rain or shine)

Tour seven private gardens plus the beautiful gardens at the Kneeland-Walker house, where UW-Extension MGVs and plant societies will be on hand selling plants and garden-related items.

Advance tickets are \$10.00 and can be purchased beginning in early June at the following ticket outlets: Alfa Flower Shop, Blue Lapin, The Flower Lady, Fruit of the Bloom, Hawks Nursery, Locker's Florist, Rose's

Flower Shop, and Wisconsin Garden & Pet. *On tour day, tickets are \$12.00 and will be available at the Kneeland-Walker House.*

A special treat this year for tour attendees will be artists who will be painting in some of the gardens. These artists are participating in the **Plein Air Village Affair**, sponsored by the Wauwatosa Historical Society.

The tour starts at the Kneeland Walker House, 7406 Hillcrest Drive, Wauwatosa.

Contact Mary Boehme (mary_boehme@yahoo.com) or call 414-899-3598



Program Committee News

July 6, 2011 - Registration at 6 p.m. - walk is at 6:30. Garden Walk at Boerner Botanical Gardens - This is our second SEWMG sponsored walk and will be on "A Parade of Annuals" by Paul Drobot. Only the two walks sponsored by SEWMG Programs will have your fee paid.

August 17, 2011 – Bus Trip - We will be taking a trip to Ball Horticulture Co. and Morton Arboretum in Illinois. Mark your calendar! This will be a great tour. Registration will begin on June 22nd by e-mail and at Sharon Morrisey's program that morning.

September 7, 2011 at 6:30 p. m. at the Milwaukee County UW Extension Office - Nancy Nedveck from the Flower Factory, "Grasses in the Landscape."

October 19, 2011 at 9 a.m. at the Milwaukee County UW Extension Office - Helene Pizzi "Roses & Herbs." Helene is an International Rose Judge who lives in Italy and also has a home in Wauwatosa.

This will be my last program. My committee and I will be retiring at the end of this season after many years of doing educational classroom programs for SEWMG. I

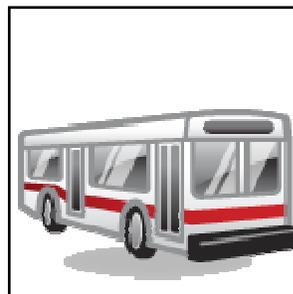
will still be doing trips and tours along with Sharon Roy, Mary Vitrano and Cindy Lese who provides us with those wonderful treats on all our trips.

Hopefully someone will step forward and contact Mary Thiele, our president, to let her know that you are willing to run programs for the group. This will be an opportunity to work with many interesting and talented people and bring educational programs to the SEWMG membership. I will provide an outline of our procedures through the year or you may wish to set up your own criteria. It can be a fun and rewarding experience.

It has been a pleasure helping to educate us all.

Doris Fons, SEWMG Program Chair

All of us offer a sincere and heart-felt thanks to the members of this committee. Indeed, Doris has given countless hours and thought into the tremendous selection of programs that she and her committee have worked on so tirelessly to provide for our membership



Hours Due on September 15th

For a complete list of volunteer opportunities, go to: <http://fyi.uwex.edu/sewmg/volunteers/> or call the Calendar Hotline for a recorded listing-414-256-4666.

While it seemed like summer would never get here, there's one deadline that will be here before you know it! It happens in mid-September, way before the year's end – your master gardener volunteer and education hours are due.

The goal is 24 hours of volunteer work at approved projects and 10 hours of education. Those who just finished the January training will have no trouble achieving the education hours. But they (and others) may be some obstacles in reaching the 24 hours of volunteer service.

There are many ways you can earn volunteer hours. UW Extension Master Gardeners can work in any of 50 approved gardens, work with youth, "staff" shows or special events, fill a Speaker's Bureau request, assist the Hort educators or the resource coordinator, represent SEWMG at garden walks, serve on committees, and if that's not enough....help at the extension offices in Milwaukee and/or Waukesha.

You can earn education hours through taking extension training, attending SEWMG program meetings or bus trips, taking garden walks at BBG, listening to approved horticulture-related TV or radio programs, and/or taking classes held at many garden centers.

There are many more ways to get involved. If you need some help on finding something that fits you, talk to other master gardeners, or contact Sharon Morrisey, Ann Wied or Patty Peltier.

Volunteer timesheets can be found at <http://fyi.uwex.edu/documents/>. Be sure to look at the Sample Timesheet there and also read **both sides** of "How to Report Hours" at that webpage.

All hours should be reported by September 15th. Then start a new timesheet for 2012. If you have extenuating circumstances and cannot complete your hours by the deadline, contact Kathy Reese at 414-256-4600 or kathy.reese@ces.uwex.edu.

For those of you who do not use the internet, there is a white 3-ring binder marked "ListServe" on top of a 4-drawer file cabinet in the MG workroom, Room 211.



Edible Landscaping by Sally Gregg MGV

If, like me, you have a passion for fresh fruits, vegetables and herbs but only small garden space, you haven't many options. You can spend lots of dollars at farmer's markets and fresh produce stands or....*you can eat your landscaping*. There are a number of different ways to design, or redesign, your landscaping to accommodate the edibles you would like to grow if only you had the space. So tear out that rigid hedge of evergreens beneath your front picture window and let's plant a salad.

Let's look at the trees first as they provide the height with which any landscaping design begins. Look for edible alternatives to maple, birch and flowering crab. There are plenty of dwarf apple trees such as the Red McIntosh or Honeygold but, if you want to try something different, consider a Russian Quince or a Brown Turkey Fig, or maybe a Dwarf Mount Royal Plum. These and many other trees that grow only 8 to 16 feet tall are suited to zones 3 to 5 and can be found in catalogs such as Jung Seeds and Plants or on the web.

You might want to consider one of my favorites, a Columnar Apple Tree that grows its fruit directly on its trunk or on finger length branches. These trees top out at about 12 feet and can flank your front door like sentinels or line the sunny side of your garage. The fruit is full size and comes in red or gold varieties.

Want a shade tree to keep the west side of your house cool in summer? An English Walnut, a Ukrainian Almond or a Chinese Chestnut will grow between 15 and 60 feet tall, depending on species and variety. Or how about a mulberry that may reach more than 20 feet? The fruit can be eaten fresh or turned into juice or pies. These trees won't drop nuts or fruit on the lawn if you plant them at the center of a shade garden. Just harvest them at ground level when they fall.

Robert Frost said, "Good fences make good neighbors" but fences don't always hide a neighbor's backyard that you consider less than scenic. A row of fruit bearing bushes, however, will provide you with both privacy and luscious desserts and jams. An elderberry or blueberry will grow 4 to 8 feet tall and wide, depending on variety, or you might try something unusual like a Sweet Scarlet Goumi which bears red fruits that look much like tart red cherries. They're great for pies, preserves or dried fruit.

Your landscaping might also include bushes such as currants, gooseberries or something more exotic like the 3 to 4 foot tall Honeyberry with its oblong blueberry-like fruit. The Honeyberry is not self fertile so you'll need to plant two of them. For year 'round color, plant a Nero Aronia. This 3 to 4 foot bush bears white flowers in spring, grape-like clusters of black fruit for juice, jam or wine, welcomes partial shade and its leaves turn a brilliant red in fall. These smaller shrubs can be clustered around the edges of a patio, grown in an architectural raised bed or used to provide mid-level height, width and texture in any of your landscaped areas. They may become a backdrop for annual or perennial flowers or for flowering vegetables and herbs.

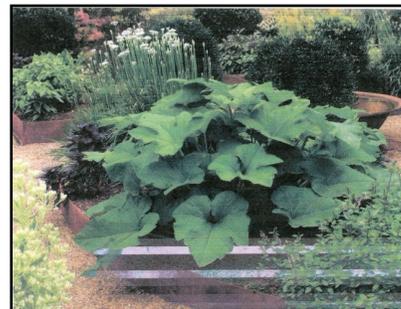
Speaking of vegetables and herbs! I find them to be the real glory of edible landscaping. Work them into your landscaping around, between, in front of and behind shrubs or perennial and annuals.

Need to provide some height but don't want to plant a tree? A bamboo teepee sporting scarlet runner beans will light up your landscape with gorgeous red flowers. Lovage with its celery flavored leaves or amaranth with its spikes of tiny coral or deep red flowers will draw the eye with their 3 to 5 foot height and upright habit. Amaranth will also provide seed to be used in baking or as a cereal. Sunflowers come in an incredible variety of shapes, heights and colors. They can provide height, color and seeds for roasting and baking.

The middle level of your landscaping can be filled with perennial flowers that are also edible. Purple coneflower, monarda and daylilies are some of the better-known species. And some truly gorgeous vegetables can make your garden really glow. Serrano peppers which will form an 18 to 30 inch bush filled with 2 to 3 inch bright red peppers will add fire to your winter soups, stews and tacos. Rainbow chard shouts, "Look at me" with its brilliant yellow, orange and red stems which can be cooked separately from the leaves as a tasty side dish. Eggplant with its lovely lavender



In any landscape design project, you'll want to create interest using height, width, texture and color. The picture above shows a design which includes small trees, shrubs and flowers of various shapes. This landscaping design, depending on your personal preference, could be totally edible or just partially edible to supplement the vegetable garden in your backyard where beans, onions and carrots grow in neat rows.



Short on shrubs or not sure yet which of them you want to work into your landscaping? Plant an annual bush squash in place of a shrub and buy yourself the time to decide on the right edible or non-edible shrub. Back it with a stand of garlic chives or purple coneflower and surround it with herbs like mint, borage, or rosemary.

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Edible Landscape by Sally Gregg MGV

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flowers, lavender with its purple spikes and golden calendula add color, too. Blue curly kale looks like a contented sigh with its drooping rosette of leaves and it makes a great backdrop for bright yellow, orange and red nasturtiums. Use the nasturtium blossoms fresh in salads or dried in teas. Wispy fennel, fragrant Italian basil and ferny dill also add texture to this level.

Then edge your beds with colored lettuces in spring and, when you have pulled them all for spring salads, replace them with ornamental kale, curly parsley, fenugreek and clary sage.

Also, you might fill an empty spot in your yard or edge a path or sidewalk with an edible ground cover. Lingonberries or Pilgrim Cranberries will provide sauces, jams and desserts if you have an unused area of your yard with a slightly acidic, well-drained soil. A garden path or sidewalk can be framed by Creeping Thyme which rewards you with a spicy fragrance when you step on it and which can be used fresh or dried in your recipes. Purslane, long scorned as a weed, is actually very high in vitamins and minerals and makes a delicious addition to your salads or steamed like spinach. Instead of pulling it up when you find it, give it its own place to grow and

spread and then check the web for some delicious purslane recipes.

If your space for gardening is really tiny because you live in an apartment or condo with only a patio or balcony, or if you have only a rooftop or a tiny piece of earth available, there are still many ways to provide beauty and good eats for your home-sweet-home. Vertical gardening using trellises, arbors, pergolas or the walls themselves to hold your pots and planters, hanging baskets filled with strawberries and herbs, containers of all sorts from clay pots for your tomatoes, melons and cucumbers to thrift store finds such as old tea pots or copper kettles are some of the many ways to get the most out of a small space. If you can't spread it out, stack it up.

These are a few of the many ways to incorporate fruits, vegetables and herbs into your landscaping! Just a little research, a little imagination and a lot of fun can not only add brilliance to your landscaping but also put delicious food on your table. Great gardening and Bon Appétit!

Sally Gregg is a teacher and a UWEX master gardener volunteer who uses her own landscaping as an edible landscaping laboratory and local food supply for the simple food cuisine she cooks for family and friends.



This picture shows a container, which could also be a window box or rail planter, filled with nasturtiums, a hanging herb such as thyme, oregano or marjoram and a clump of geraniums, which might be scented geraniums for baking or teas.

Garden Support Committee

The Garden Support Committee invites you (as your MG garden) and you (as an interested Master Gardener) to:

Join in for a VEGGIE TOUR

This year our educators have emphasized vegetable gardens. With this in mind, the Garden Support Committee decided to promote vegetable gardens on tour this year. The idea was that the public and MGVs could visit as many vegetable gardens as possible. The suggested date is August 27th and the time from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. This function would need the garden's MGVs to staff the garden either by giving tours or by answering questions. Educational materials to be given away would be procured from the extension office. What an opportunity to educate the interested public! The word is out that many Master Gardeners want to tour our gardens and the hope is that a sizable number do it on August 27th.

So if your garden has a vegetable garden and your fellow volunteers want to participate, let Patty Witt or

Mary Thiele know before the business meeting on July 13th so we can get the publicity out. We are aware of these possible participants: Harvest for the Hungry at Firefly Ridge, Eble, Green Thumb (Gus'), Green Power, Ronald McDonald, Heritage (although the zoo fee might be a hindrance, Mitchell Park, among many others. You can educate while showing the "fruits of your labor"!!!!!!

In addition, we are continuing to develop the "Garden Chairman Handy Reference Guide" by making it even more "handy."

Please note that the Garden Chair Forum will meet in early October depending on the availability of the speaker.

The members of this committee continue to come up with ideas and alternative solutions for MGVs and their gardens. Come join us. The next meeting is July 27th, in Room 305, at the Milwaukee UWEX office on Watertown Plank Road.

Co-Chairs and MGVs Patty Witt & Mary Thiele

The next Garden Support Committee meeting is July 27th, in Room 305, at the Milwaukee UWEX office on Watertown Plank Road.

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- July and August Events
- Time Sheet with instructions



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