



JUNEAU COUNTY
MASTER GARDENERS ✨
NEWSLETTER
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UW-Madison | Division of Extension
Juneau County



*From the
Juneau County Master Gardeners
We wish you all
Very Merry "Green"
& Blessed Christmas
And an
"Abundant & Growing"
Happy New Year.*



**Quick
Recap**

Our Holiday Get-together was held on Saturday, December 4, 2021 at Margarete Hummelbeck home and it was enjoyed by a dozen members of the Juneau County Master Gardeners. I know many more would have loved to come but between conflict over the date planned with many other things going on, and the stress over the continuing Covid outbreaks in Juneau County our attendance wasn't very high but still we had a decent number turning up. It was an evening enjoyed by all in there. And again there was more talk about more things happening in the Spring.

submitted by Irene Klingemann

Note: See page 4 of recipes of the desserts





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UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON HORTICULTURE PROGRAM

Updates to the Master Gardener Program

Change in Master Gardener Program Leadership

Dear Master Gardeners,

After nearly 10 years leading the Master Gardener Program, on January 1, 2022, I will step away from leadership of the Program. I thank you all for this opportunity and the professional and personal growth that occurred because of it. I am moving into a new role as a State-level Extension Horticulture Outreach Specialist and I look forward to engaging with you through future educational programs in my new role. Over the past ten years, I've missed teaching and instructing and this role allows for more of this.



Kimberly Miller continues as the program coordinator. Jay Dampier, the Extension Horticulture Program Manager, assumes the administrative and leadership responsibilities of the program. Please use wimastergardener@extension.wisc.edu to contact them.

Cheers and happy holiday!

Mike

From Your Wisconsin Master Gardener Association

Friendly reminder if you haven't already, please input your volunteer and continuing education hours into the Online Reporting System (ORS) before the end of the year!

- ORS website login: https://volunteers.wimastergardener.org/vms/sec_Login/

Also, if anyone would like to apply for Honor Status you will need to get that to local UW-Extension (Alana Voss at alana.voss@wisc.edu.) before December 31st. Once received, it will be reviewed and approved if your hours and years are verified. For more information on that go to: <https://mastergardener.extension.wisc.edu/toolbox/>.

HONORED STATUS - APPLICATION AND INSTRUCTIONS

Volunteers in the University of Wisconsin Division of Extension Master Gardener Program may apply for the awarded Honored Status. The purpose of this status is to 1) recognize volunteers for their contributions to the program, 2) increase flexibility in annual reporting requirements, and 3) create a uniform recognition status across the state.

To qualify for this award an individual must:

- **Complete 10 years OR 1000 hours of service** to the Master Gardener Program in Wisconsin as recorded in the online reporting system.
- List significant accomplishments to the local or statewide program. This should include leadership, contributions to projects, or support to other volunteers and Extension staff.
- Complete the application, including the signature from the local Extension staff and the Master Gardener Program staff.
- Be reviewed and approved by statewide Master Gardener Program staff.

The most important thing to remember for New Year's Eve:

Please go into ORS and record your hours for 2021 now. Don't wait until December 31st to be sure that you get credit for all of the hours you've earned.

If you attended the Annual Meeting on December 2nd, you may record two hours Continuing Education.

Update from Maureen

Reprinted from November 2021 JCMG Newsletter

At our recent gathering, I promised to gather information for those of you who would like to remain active in the Master Gardener program and remain members of WIMGA.

Your membership to WIMGA renews yearly and dues should be paid by January 15. The cost of membership is \$5.00 per year and is payable by check (made out to WIMGA). Send your check and personal contact information to:

Byron Hacker, WIMGA Treasurer, N4511 Highway 57, Chilton, WI 53014

Once again there have been major changes in the UW Extension Master Gardener Program. Please read the message reprinted in this newsletter for the new guidelines and procedures. By my reading many of the earlier program changes have been reworked and it is now easier to work independently without requesting program approval for every project.

If you need additional information regarding WIMGA, feel free to contact me.

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The poster features a yellow background with green grass on the left and various flowers (sunflowers, blue and pink blossoms) scattered throughout. The text 'GARDEN VISIONS' is in a serif font, 'Virtual' is in a large, dark, handwritten-style font, and 'GARDENING CONFERENCE' is in large, bold, red, sans-serif capital letters. Below this, a dark grey banner contains the date and time 'January 29th | 8:15 am to Noon' in white. At the bottom right, it says 'For event details and registration go to www.gardenvisions.info'.

Enjoy three topics from the comfort of your home!

Landscaping with edible and pollinator friendly plants. Creative ideas and tips for garden design which is not only beautiful but that you can enjoy and eat from! Presented by: Leigh Presley, owner of Clearview Nursery

Designing Plant Communities with a focus on combining plants into resilient communities so they flourish together and help the environment. Presented by: Paula Westmoreland, co-owner and a designer at Ecological Design

Landscaping with various grasses and sedges that will thrive in our Midwestern climate. Presented by: Lisa Johnson, Dane County Horticulture Educator

For event details and registration go to www.ntc.edu/calendar and search for Garden Visions

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The registration fee is \$5. For more information, please go to: www.gardenvisions.info.

Questions? Please do not hesitate to contact us.

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Cherry Date Bars From Marion Koca

Crust: 1 1/2 cups flour
6 Tbsp sugar
3/4 cup butter

Blend together and press into 9" x 13" pan. Bake at 350° for 15-20 minutes.

Filling: 1 1/4 cup sugar 3/4 cup flour
3 eggs 3/8 tsp salt
1 Tbsp vanilla 3/4 tsp baking powder

Beat eggs. Add sugar and vanilla, beat. Blend in sifted dry ingredients.

Stir in: 1 1/4 cup chopped dates, 3/4 cup coconut,
3/4 cup chopped pecans, and 3/4 cup
chopped maraschino cherries.

Pour over hot crust. Bake at 350° for 25 – 30 minutes or until lightly browned and filling is set. Cool completely. Cut into bars.

Christmas Tea Ring From Myrna Nachatelo

1 pkg dry yeast	1 egg well beaten
1 1/4 cup warm water	4 to 4 1/2 cups flour
1/4 + 1 Tbsp vegetable oil	1 tsp salt
1/4 + 1 Tbsp sugar	

Soften yeast in warm water. Add oil, egg, sugar, 2 cups of the flour and salt. Stir and beat until smooth. Add remaining flour. Cover tightly and refrigerate... or can roll out immediately into a large circle. Butter generously with 1/4 to 1/3 cup of butter.

Sprinkle with mixture of 1/2 cup sugar and 1 Tbsp cinnamon. Roll up and slice in 1 inch slices being careful to not slice completely through the roll on one side. This will leave the entire roll connected on one side. Arrange the roll into a circle cut side out on a foil lined cookie sheet and bake at 325° for 20 - 25 minutes.

While still slightly warm glaze with 1 cup powdered sugar, 1/2 tsp vanilla and 1 Tbsp milk stirred together. Garnish with maraschino cherries cut in half.



This is it.... the end of another year.... and the end of an epic time with the Juneau County Master Gardeners. When I think back on all my years with the Master Gardeners it's hard to put my finger on what was the most important accomplishments was it the training classes and becoming certified.... was it visiting a gorgeous garden or a specific botanical center.... or was it just the sheer joy and pleasure of working outside in the dirt and seeing something come of what was planted and nurtured and care for.

*I have thoroughly enjoyed the past 15 years being part of the Juneau County Master Gardeners and my roles as Treasurer and Editor of our monthly newsletter throughout all these years. But now it's time to end this. This will be the **last** Juneau County Master Gardeners Newsletter. My role has come to an end.*

I have genuine hope that gardening in Juneau County will continue and some form of a club or group will spring up and that this fellowship in gardening will continue.

As for myself I will still play in the dirt and enjoy going to garden nurseries.... but now at a slower pace.... after all 15 years has taken its toll on my body and I'm not as agile as I used to be. So if you happen to drive by and see me out in the garden, please be sure to stop by and visit.

Thanks for a wonderful time, sincerely, Irene Klingemann

And may God Bless you and your family.

..... Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

