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SEWMGs in Review

by Sharon Morrissey Consumer Hort. Agent, MCCE

This time of year, it is human nature to look back at the year we just had and to make plans for the one ahead.

Personally, I rang in 2012 at Waukesha Memorial Hospital with a brand new, shiny knee. The year 2013 just has to be better than the one I'd just had. On the other hand, Ann Wied finished the year adjusting to life with a brand new, shiny hip! Thanks to the wonders of modern medicine – AND ALL OF YOU – we both made it through.

To quantify 2012, 407 SEWMGs reported 24,565 hours of volunteer service and 8,417 hours spent continuing their quest for knowledge to make them better gardeners and volunteers. Judy Williamson's newly created Excel timesheet made the reporting and tallying easier than ever. However, it still took Judy, Kathy Reese and several volunteers, dozens of hours to sort it all out and get it all put into our computer records. Kudos to them all.

At the 7th annual Volunteer Celebration in February hosted by the horticulture staff of UWEX in Milwaukee and Waukesha, the accomplishments of the 551 dues paying members and the 81 newly certified MGVs were recognized. Among the awards were new plaques for the Glutton for Punishment award that went to Bill Shaffer and the annual top three highest hour earners for 2011, Doris Fons, Dan Cummings, and Ruth Marshall. Previous years' recipients are inscribed on the new plaques as well. Great fun was had by all in attendance who got to express their gardening superpowers in a most creative way. Do you know what yours are?

March brought the Home & Garden Show and another unveiling, that of our newest educational display and brochure. The focus topic in 2012 compiled the updated lawn care recommendations for all types of approaches including "conventional, organic and somewhere in between." During those 8 days, over 8,000 show goers visited our booth. The 2012 State Fair brought 52,000 visitors to the SEWMG "Model Backyard" exhibit. Another big

event was the Milwaukee County Fair which involved 34 MG volunteers.

The earliest spring on record made for great Plant Sale Pot-A-Thons and preparations in April and a positively beautiful sale day. The committee ran like the experienced, well-organized machine it is and the Sale was again a great success earning enough to support the SEWMG budget for another year.

The Garden Support Committee again conducted a Spring Forum for Garden Chairs and Co-chairs, a Volunteer Opportunity Fair and a Garden Tour. Their budget provided more garden acknowledgment signs and hundreds of garden plant markers. At the Opportunity Fair several dozen projects created beautiful displays that were informational for only current MGVs since there were no new MGVs this year until fall. The SEWMG Gardens Tour featured seven flower gardens including Kneeland-Walker House, Ronald McDonald House, Sussex Outreach Services garden, the Oconomowoc Arts Center gardens, the Oasis garden at Oconomowoc Memorial Hospital, the rain garden at the Pewaukee Public Library and Ten Chimneys. Overall in 2012, we managed 49 gardens as approved projects including twenty youth gardens.

MGVs did more outreach than ever, too. Our 29 speakers made 31 public presentations and there were 23 other events at which MGVs set-up educational displays and were on-hand to answer questions. For the second year, volunteers staffed a booth all summer at the West Allis Farmers' Market. The markets in Fox Point, Brookfield and Oconomowoc had MGVs there for yet another year, too.

The newly-formed Youth Gardening Committee involved nine volunteers who conducted classroom sessions developed by the two committee leaders on topics including butterfly gardening, composting, and two different veggie classes. Working with

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parks and recreation departments from Franklin, Bay View, West Allis, Wauwatosa, and New Berlin, they conducted ten sessions reaching a total of 56 youths.

MGVs involvement at Boerner Botanical Gardens expanded in 2012. The UWEX Hort Center at Boerner was run almost entirely by volunteers. Plant Health Advisors had the Center open from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., five days a week from May through September. Others took out the Garden Cart on Thursday evenings during concerts and still others maintained the plant sales yard six days a week. In this the 5th year of the Bloom Team, almost thirty volunteers recorded bloom progression and even expanded into areas not included before. MGVs were also among the volunteers who answered the call to help the county horticulturists in the gardens at Boerner doing more than just weeding. They worked side-by-side with “the horts,” learning practices and techniques from these pros. Others came out on scheduled weeding days. The difference they made is visible.

Two new projects were taken on by volunteers at the

MCCE this year. A group of four MGVs took turns to set-up monthly educational displays in the lobby and our front entrance planters were finally adopted. We will work on a plan for new plantings in 2013 that will be educational for everyone who enters our doors.

The In-house Program Committee and the Trips Committee provided an excellent array of educational opportunities for SEWMGs. Attendance broke all records which meant a lot of new accommodations and communications for registration and logistics. We appreciate the Chairs' willingness to serve in these capacities again for 2013.

Although my medical issues early in the year did affect programming in 2012 - beginning MGV training was moved from the usual spring schedule to fall and we didn't have the usual 125 new, enthusiastic volunteers to help with the Plant Sale and the gardens – I think we can safely say 2012 was still a GREAT year.

We wish you all a happy, healthy and fulfilling 2013. Ann and I are both exceptionally GRATEFUL FOR ALL OF YOU!



News from the County Office by Sharon Morrissey Consumer Hort. Agent, MCCE

Ann Wied is back

Seven weeks after hip replacement surgery in October, Ann reported for duty at the Waukesha County Extension office again. Welcome back, Ann; we missed you.

Volunteer Celebration 2013

Save the date of **Wednesday, February 27th, 2013**, for the 8th annual Volunteer Celebration. It will be held again at the First Congregational Church on Church Street and Menomonee Parkway in Wauwatosa. Plan to arrive at 6:30 p.m. for light refreshments and socializing. The recognition program will begin at 7:00 p.m. Since there are no new “graduates”, we will have a special recognition for all of you “seasoned” ones. Please RSVP by February 22nd to Nancy Lehrer at (414) 256-4661 or nancy.lehrer@ces.uwex.edu. Guests are welcome.

Educational Focus for 2013

Thanks for your input into our decision that what the general gardening public needs more education about is caring for trees. We can include alternatives to ash, proper planting and aftercare, care through droughty years like 2012 and what to look for in 2013. A big part of this topic is emerald ash borer and everyone's decision to treat or not. Work on our annual display and brochure began in December.

In late February, planning will begin for our booth at the Home & Garden Show March 15th – 24th. Watch for e-mail notices of booth committee meetings. We can be especially creative this year especially with such an interesting topic!

Two Level 2 Trainings Offered

The state MGV Program is offering an on-line Level 2 Specialty Training on fruits, veggies and community gardens called A Row

to Hoe. Beginning on February 5th, it consists of 21 sessions and students participate live on their personal home computers or watch the archived versions at their convenience. Each Tuesday morning session will be live with the speaker and their PowerPoint presentation moderated by MGV State Program Director, Mike Maddox who will take and field questions in the chat box and ask the speaker to address those that would be of general interest. Watch for registration information sent via the SEWMG ListServe. This course provides 40 hours of continuing education.

The SEWMG Level 2 Spring Specialty Training, as a result of your input, will be on the subject of trees and shrubs. The course will consist of four, half day sessions held in March at Boerner Botanical Gardens. The course brochure and registration will be sent via ListServe in late January. Hard copies will be mailed to anyone without an e-mail address. All certified MGVs and MGVs-in-Training are eligible to enroll. This course provides 12 hours of continuing education.

You may and are encouraged to enroll in both courses.

Speakers' Workshop Offered

MGVs who think they might want to volunteer to make presentations to public groups as part of their MGV service may find this workshop helpful. Scheduled for **Saturday, January 12th, from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**, the session, conducted by Sharon Morrissey and held at the Milwaukee County UWEX office, offers general pointers to help you hone your speaking skills. It also covers the procedures MGVs should use to schedule presentations, request hand-outs, access existing PowerPoint presentations on a range of subjects, how to use and check-out AV equipment, and finally, how to report on your speaking engagement when it's over. Please RSVP to nancy.lehrer@ces.uwex.edu or (414)256-4661. Please indicate if you are an experienced speaker or a novice and if you can use PowerPoint. All interested MGVs are encouraged to attend – experienced or not.

President's Corner by *MGV President Kris Jensen*

It's a sunny cold day in November as I write this. The weather is dry again, after the wonderful rains we had earlier this autumn. I hope the dry weather is not a portent for 2013.

SEWMG had a great year in 2012. Thanks to the hard work of our many Master Gardener Volunteers, the terrific (as usual!) planning of our Plant Sale Committee, and the cooperation of Mother Nature, our yearly Perennial Plant Sale was a resounding success. The Garden Support Committee helped all of our approved SEWMG gardens get off to a great start, and the MGVs who maintain those gardens battled heat and drought to keep plants alive and beds looking good all summer.

Our first public garden tours were held in July. Seven SEWMG approved gardens were open for the tours, including the Ronald McDonald House Secret Garden and Ten Chimneys. Special thanks to the garden co-chairs, and to the Garden Support Committee for organizing and publicizing this event.

MGVs provided horticulture education and materials to the public at the Realtors Home Show, Wisconsin State Fair, Milwaukee County Fair, and several events at the Milwaukee County Zoo. Lifelong Gardening Committee members gave many presentations, and other MGVs filled the numerous requests UWEX received for speakers. As always, our Plant Health Advisors answered questions in person and on the phone, providing valuable

University research-based horticulture information.

Both the Trips and Tours committee and the In-House Education committee provided us with wonderful opportunities to further our horticultural knowledge. Thank you to both of these groups for the work they do all year long. We look forward to your 2013 offerings!

In addition to the usual uncertainties provided by Mother Nature, the next year may bring some disruptions to the environment surrounding the Milwaukee County Cooperative Extension buildings. The Zoo Interchange highway project will bring changes to the Extension parking lots, a new access road, and other changes along Watertown Plank Road and some neighboring roads. It looks as if these changes will occur in very late 2013 and into 2014. I will be monitoring road closures, detours, and route changes in the vicinity of the Extension, and will post messages to the SEWMG listserv as these changes occur. As work progresses, we may need to schedule meetings at alternate locations. You can follow the progress of this road work yourself at <http://zoointerchange.wi.gov/> or contact me at krisjensen@earthlink.net if you have questions about where to schedule meetings.

Last (but certainly not least) I'd like to thank our 2012 officers - President Dan Cummings, Secretary Linda Ziebell, and Treasurer Patty Witt - for their outstanding service to SEWMG.



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Officers and Board Members 2013

At the annual meeting in December, certified MGVs elected the 2013 officers and board members. Our officers and board members are known for their commitment to our organization. Get to know them better by attending monthly business meetings, the second Wednesdays of the month at 9:30 a.m.

Meetings are generally held at the Milwaukee County Cooperative Extension, 9501 W. Watertown Plank, Wauwatosa. Meetings are occasionally held at the Waukesha County Courthouse, 515 W Moreland Blvd., Waukesha.

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The cool weather is upon us and soon the snow will be flying and we'll be browsing seed and flower catalogs for the upcoming growing season. What a great time of year! I want to applaud all the MGVs who have gotten their volunteer hours and their 2013 membership dues in prior to the end of the year!

We still have about 150 MGVs who haven't paid their dues for 2013. This is just a friendly reminder that you need to pay your dues if you intend to have any say in what the master gardeners do in the upcoming year and if you want to receive the SEWMG Newsletter and the State (WIMGA) newsletter.

I've attached the dues application for your convenience. Patty Witt Membership Chair

**SouthEast Wisconsin Master Gardeners, Inc.
Annual Dues Application
2013 DUES**

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone: [home] _____

Telephone: [cell] _____

e-mail address: _____

New Membership _____ Renewed Membership _____

- Graphics/Displays
- Computer Skills
- Project Management
- Event Planning
- Finance/Accounting
- Teaching/Education
- Administrative Support
- Writing/editing

Please share with us your skills, special talents, or areas of interest:

Other: _____

SEWMG DUES: \$10.00 PER YEAR

(Includes membership dues for WIMGA)

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: SEWMG

PLEASE MAIL TO: SEWMG

P.O. Box 26453

Wauwatosa, WI 53226-0453

Dues are payable by November 1, 2012



Garden Support Committee News by Patty Witt & Mary Thiele, co-chairs

Many members of the Garden Support Committee visited one-third of the MG gardens last year and found lovely gardens that had received superior care from their gardeners. **Even in the drought, the MGV gardens flourished....** thanks to dedicated MGVs. In 2013, committee members will visit a second third of the gardens.

Plans are in the making for the **Volunteer Opportunity Fair** that will be held on **Saturday, January 19th, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** All of our gardens should be represented there because this is the time when our new class of Master Gardeners will have a first chance to find out about gardens, office support, invasive species, Champion Tree, Pot-A-Thons and other volunteer possibilities. Of course, all Master Gardeners are welcome. They, too, may find additional sites of interest. We will also have an educational component so that MGVs can earn an educational

hour as well. More on that opportunity will be shared closer to the date. Please reserve January 19th now.

Then on **March 14th, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.**, the Garden Support Committee will host all of the garden chairman at the **Spring Forum**. They will receive the most current information about the gardens, 2013 Flower Winners, exchanges from other gardens, a speaker and a period for questions and sharing....and anything else we can think of. Garden Chairmen should have this on their calendars.

We welcome back Patty Witt as Co-Chairman of the committee.

Our next committee meeting will be **Wednesday, January 23rd, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.** All MGVs are welcome to join the committee.

Save these dates

Volunteer Opportunity Fair & educational program
– Saturday, January 19th, 9:30 a.m. to Noon
Garden Support Committee Meeting – Wednesday, January 23rd 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Spring Forum (for garden chairs) – March 14th 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Volunteer & Education Report by Nancy Lehrer MG Volunteer Coordinator, MCCE

Is January a quiet time for you? This is a perfect opportunity to get acquainted with the volunteer opportunities that are available to all MGVs – certified and interns.

Attend the Volunteer Opportunity Fair.

Saturday, January 19th, 2013 9:30 a.m. -11:00 a.m.
Chat with the garden volunteers and see displays from each project ...then stay for the [continuing education hours](#)... Presentation by Mike Yanny at 11:00 a.m.

Try the Website. <http://fyi.uwex.edu/sewmg/> Our website is very easy to navigate.

Let's begin at the HOME page and find the tab on the left "VOLUNTEER." This will lead you to a list of volunteer opportunities and, as you scroll down the page, you will find our approved gardens listed by Counties, Milwaukee and Waukesha. Check them all out so you can see the variety of gardens that have been approved for your volunteer hours. You may want to copy this page for easy reference in the future; garden chairs and their phone numbers are listed. Contact them in spring for clean-up and planting times and dates. Consider visiting this webpage once a week in spring to get updates of schedules and workdays.

The "EVENTS" tab will lead you to a month-to-month listing of meetings, volunteer opportunities and continuing

education. It is updated regularly. Check it out calendar year 2013 is listed and you can put events on your calendar now!

"PERENNIAL PLANT SALE" tab has *everything* you need to know about the Plant Sale; meetings, orientations, Pot-A-Thons, and workdays at State Fair Park. This page of our web site is very active in spring; consider visiting once a week to get updates of schedules and workdays.

If you don't get e-mails, check the ListServe Binder.

Come and take a look at the binder in Room 211 (MGV workroom) at the Milwaukee County Extension office. You can find it on top of the brown 4-drawer file cabinet. I copy all e-mails that are sent to the SEWMG ListServe and place them in the binder. I update it every Tuesday and Wednesday. The binder will contain all the latest volunteer opportunities that are sent to me by garden chairs and event committee members.

Investigate the Horticulture Help Line.

Join Suzy Orth on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 9 a.m. until noon. There is room for 4 volunteers. You can choose to just listen, explore her resources or join her in finding answers to horticulture call questions. This is the slow season so it's a great time to come and get acquainted!



Buckthorn, Beware by MGV Ann Weronke

The big, black diesel-powered truck roared into the parking lot and rolled to a stop. The Chevy door swung open. Out stepped Roger Wilde, clad in his orange chaps and orange hard hat complete with a swing-down shield. He breathed in the icy cold air and blew out a smoke of steam. He strode to the back of the truck, opened the tailgate and there sat his weapon of mass destruction—his chain saw. Awaiting Roger was Ruth Marshall, the chairperson of the **SEWMG Invasive Species Eradication Project** and her crew of ten women. No high heels or white gloves were in sight. Yes, this was one tough group with the mission - perhaps a Mission Impossible - removal of the dreaded buckthorn from the **Polish Cultural Center**. This was the second effort at the Center during 2012. Soon the whine of the saw was heard and the piles of branches grew larger and larger.

Indeed, Ruth's group of MGVs has a long history and record of efforts at this cause. For instance, Ruth has directed a buckthorn removal effort at **Ten Chimneys Historic Landmark**. There, the group worked in the Black Garden and behind the Program Center over a period of years. One January, the hardy gathering of men and women worked in the snow-covered hillscape of the landmark house, pulling vines entwined within the thorny buckthorns and hauling the cut branches to a nearby road for pick up. At another tourist place, **Old World Wisconsin (OWW)**, Ruth directed the group in clearing the entrance from the highway to the wooden fence and six feet beyond. That alliance with OWW lasted three years and included clearing the MGV's garden space and its surroundings.

Kris Jensen invited Ruth's crew to the **Lowell Damon House Historic Garden** in April of 2012. Within three hours of work that is the usual time span for any workday, much buckthorn and garlic mustard was eradicated. These historic gardens "had been neglected for several years, and had some 1-inch and larger buckthorn saplings and lots of garlic mustard," according to Kris. She will welcome the crew back again in 2013.

Another site, **The Historic Dousman Stagecoach Inn** in Brookfield, also has reaped the benefits of the able chain saws of Roger and Neal Meitler and the able-bodied women who avoided the falling branches of the very large buckthorn trees. In the past, the crew has met there to work at removal. In 2011, so much buckthorn was cleared that it took many city truckloads to haul the rubble away. After the crew finished that year, the house, long hidden by buckthorn and honeysuckle, could be seen from Pilgrim Road. Besides laughter and exercise and fresh air, it should also be mentioned that the crew has enjoyed another benefit while working at the Inn. A break includes homemade soups and good coffee—all in an effort to thank the crew and urge them on to more work after the break.

Ms. Marshall also shared more information about other activities. The group's efforts were directed two mornings at the UW-Ext Field Station in Waterville in two forested areas cleaning buckthorn and other non-native trees. There were several outings in 2011 and 2012 working with the Southeast Wisconsin Invasive Species Consortium, Inc, mapping the Townships of Delafield and Merton and citing where certain invasives were located. These species included Japanese Knot weed, Teasel, Common reed grass and Wild parsnip. The species' populations were sized to better determine the extent to which the problem had grown. Ruth indicated that one could visit the group's website: <http://sewisc.org>. She also asked that if any MGVs see these species to e-mail her at ruthmars@Centurytel.net, giving the location and plant name.

Yes, this mighty group of volunteers has tackled the problem of invasive. There are 36 SEWMGVs involved. But—there is room for more adventurous volunteers. Especially ones who have chain saws!!! There is always the reward of seeing a pile of branch upon branch upon branch of buckthorn removed. And there is always the chance that there will be hot soup to warm your stomach.



Volunteer hours

By joining the Invasive Species Eradication project, you can earn volunteer hours well beyond our usual gardening season. This project (and others), and each of the gardens mentioned in this article, are SEWMG approved gardens. There are over 40 gardens and projects to volunteer at. Check the website, <http://fvl.uwex.edu/sewmg/volunteers>, for additional opportunities.



The Importance of Native Plants in Landscaping

by Kathy Hochevar & Peg Fleury MGV co-chairs In-house Education

The In-House Education Committee announces the first Continuing Education program for 2013. On **Saturday, January 19th, at 11:00 a.m. Mike Yanny presents *The Importance of Native Plants in Landscaping***. Mr. Yanny will speak to the attributes that native plants bring to the eco system of your yards and neighborhoods no matter the size or location. He'll discuss various types of native landscaping from total restoration to incorporating native plants into more traditional landscape styles. In addition, Mike will touch the subject of ecotype selection and the use of natives.

Master Gardener Volunteers, here's your opportunity to spend an hour with a truly gifted Wisconsin plantsman. Mike Yanny spent more than 30 years with Johnson's Nursery acting as its senior horticulturalist as well as managing Johnson's research and development team. Mr. Yanny has selected and introduced numerous new varieties of trees and shrubs that perform wonderfully in our state's diverse settings. Mike Yanny is an expert in the field of plant propagation. During 2012 he purchased the R&D materials to form JN Plant Selections, LLC. Not only does he eat, sleep and dream plants, Mike

also writes poetry inspired by them. MGVs, be sure to mark your calendars for this excellent presentation.

Working in tandem with the Garden Support Committee, this continuing education program is scheduled during the Volunteer Opportunity Fair. The emphasis for the morning is to present the various projects in which MGVs can earn their 24-plus required hours. **The 2012 general training graduates are the priority of the Fair** since this will be one of their best chances to see a snapshot of the fine work being done in Milwaukee and Waukesha counties. **The new MGVs are also the priority of the continuing education program** so they have their first chance to experience the high quality continuing education programs they can expect.

The CE program takes place in the Auditorium on the campus of the Milwaukee County Cooperative Extension, 9501 W. Watertown Plank Rd. Everyone planning on attending must register with Peg Fleury pegfleury@att.net OR 414-476-1116 January 7th through January 16th, 2013. **No registrations accepted BEFORE JANUARY 7th.**

**January 19th, 2013
11 a.m. to Noon
Milwaukee County
Cooperative Extension
9501 W. Watertown Plank
Rd.**

**Register from January 7th
to 16th
Peg Fleury
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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.

Trips and Tours by MGV Doris Fons Trip committee chair

Our first trip for 2013 will be to the Chicago Flower Show on Friday, March 15th, 2013. Sign up will begin on January 15th, 2013. We will leave from the State Fair Park & Ride at 7:30 a.m. with a pick up at 8 a.m. at the College Ave. Park & Ride. Return time is around 5:30 p.m. The charge will be about \$31 for SEWMG members and includes the bus, driver tip and your ticket for the show. Fee for non-members is

\$5 more so be sure your \$10 dues are paid for 2013. Lunch will be on your own at the Flower Show or one of the Navy Pier restaurants. All details will be in the confirmation letter sent to you if you are on the bus. There will be two buses only if both can be filled to capacity. This is always a fun day and a great time to get you excited for spring.

**Chicago Flower Show
Friday, March 15th
Depart Park & Rides
State Fair – 7:30 a.m.
College Ave. – 8:00
a.m.**

Return about 5:30 p.m.

**Members – about \$31
Non-members - \$5
more**

**Registration begins
January 15th, 2013**

**Watch for ListServe
announcement in
January**



Notes of Thanks

Each year our organization donates funds to the consumer horticulture programs in Milwaukee and Waukesha counties and to the urban agriculture agent (Milwaukee) and commercial horticulture agent (Waukesha). We received end-of-year thank you notes from two areas. Ann Wied, horticulture educator in Waukesha County provides her thank you in March/April.

Sharon Morrissey, Consumer Horticulture Agent, Milwaukee County

I used the 2012 SEWMG donation for office supplies to reorganize the Hort Help Line, the MGV Volunteer Coordinator and myself; to cover registration for a Wisconsin Arborist Society conference I attended this fall on Emerald Ash Borer; and to make a few purchases of books and general gardening supplies. I do have a surplus of about \$500 that I will carry over to next year.

The association's donation is not used for salaries or for support of any of the recognition and award items or any of the expenses of the Volunteer Celebration. That and the Green Thumb Garden at Fox 6 are the two most expensive programs I

do each year. I used my speakers' honoraria from my presentations and what I get paid for writing the Wisconsin Gardening magazine Regional Report to pay for the Volunteer Celebration. The SEWMGs generously provide me a budget for the garden at Fox 6 separate from its donation to the Consumer Horticulture program.

Kristin Krokowski, Commercial Horticulture Agent, Waukesha County

In 2012, I was wrapping up a two-year research project on the nutritional and economic impacts of incorporating electronic FoodShare benefits into farmers markets. Early next year I will be sharing the research at both conferences and by publishing the results of the study. Both will be somewhat expensive, so I have saved most of my SouthEast Wisconsin Master Gardener Volunteer funds to pay for these expenses. I have spent a small amount for the basics including a light bulb for my microscope, a few books and a new PowerPoint remote. I continue to be thankful for the donation. It really helps me to focus on doing horticulture education and getting useful information out to the public. Thanks again!



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Our Mission Statement

To support and assist UW-Extension in community horticulture programs through volunteerism, education and environmental stewardship.