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South East Wisconsin Master Gardeners

Good Earth News

President's Corner

by Liz Burke

A funny thing happened to me on a "Rose Garden" tour. I met a fellow gardener and, during our conversation, I was asked if I would be interested in becoming a member of the SEWMG officers. A little more than a year later, I was elected President. It has been a learning experience as President-Elect. Our 2015 President Pat Adrian broke her knee-cap just before the picnic, so I stepped-in and helped run the event with a knowledgeable group of volunteers. Additionally, I ran a couple of monthly meetings until Pat was back on her feet. Finally, a committee came together to write the State Annual Report There will be more about the Annual Report in my next article as there has been a change in how and what needs to be reported annually.

Our 2016 officers and board members were elected at the Annual Meeting / Holiday Party. The officer team includes President Liz Burke; President-Elect Mark Pawlak; Secretary Bonnie Paplham; and Treasurer Pat Canole.
Our board of directors consists of Chairman Sandy Manning; Second year Director Mary Korntved; First year Director Tom Paasch; and At large Directors Patty Witt and Bill Shaffer.

I am looking forward to working with this team and all of you in an effort to make this an outstanding year for SEWMG. My plans include visiting and lending a hand at many of gardens that we support, participating on projects as needed, hosting our picnic, and collecting your ideas and suggestions for improvement of our association, but, most of all, trying not get under foot during the Plant Sale.

For those who have not met me, I completed my training (2013) with Pat Conole and my sister, Deborah Koller. I retired from a career of twenty-five years in Strategic Planning and Managerial Development. At my new home, I have a small memorial rose garden dedicated to the three people I lost in 2012, my husband, my mother and my brother.
This year I volunteered at the Plant Sale, Home-and-Garden Show booth, and the SEWMG Garden Tour. I also became a member of the Garden Support Team and participated at the Opportunity Fair, and Garden Chair Forum. When not putting my fingers in the dirt, I am active at my church, in politics, with my family or travel.
There are two new officers to introduce:
Mark Pawlak (President-Elect) has been a Master Gardner for about five years. Currently, he is President of the Daylily Society of South East Wisconsin. He retired after thirty-one years with the federal government as a computer specialist. Outside of gardening, Mark likes to build things and enjoy life with his family.
Pat Conole (Treasurer) became a master gardener after retiring from U.S. Bank where she was a Finance Manager for thirty-one years and taught. Her fine experience will help us all. She has volunteered at Underwood School, North Point Lighthouse, Lynden Sculpture and the annual plant sale. When not in her garden or one of ours, she likes to travel, read, and enjoy her family.
Wishing all of you Happy Holidays and a grand New Year.

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Quote of the day:
"A society grows great when old men plant trees whose shade they know they shall never sit in."
Greek Proverb

What is the Garden Support Committee?

by MGVs Catherine Price & Ken Loeffel, Garden Support Committee Co-Chairs

This committee was formed in 2009 to provide consistency among SEWMG Approved Gardens. Since then, the Garden Support Committee has evolved into what it is today, namely; a committee that holds events to assist the Approved Gardens to continue to meet the standards of the UW Extension Master Gardener Program, to assist Approved Gardens/Projects in getting more volunteers to work in their gardens/projects and to inform the public about the Master Gardener Program.

Here is an introduction to the committee's purpose, its members, its meetings, its activities and a bit more.

Volunteer Opportunity Fair - This event is an opportunity for our new Master Gardener Volunteers-in-Training as well as current Master Gardener Volunteers to learn about the 40 plus approved projects where volunteer hours can be earned. All Chairpersons will bring a display about their garden/ project and a volunteer sign-up sheet. The garden support committee provides refreshments during the Fair. It is a chance to socialize with all the MGVs in attendance and learn information about approved projects that you may be of interest to you.

Garden Chair Forum – Tailored specifically to all Approved Garden/Project Chairs. Any MGVs who volunteer at the approved gardens/projects are also welcome to attend and learn more about some of the administrative tasks in operating an approved garden. Topics include: resources (such as signs and garden stakes) available through the garden support committee; duties and responsibilities of garden chairs; and expectations of approved gardens.

Public Garden Tours - Every other year the GSC plans and sponsors Public Open House tours at four or five SEWMG Gardens. Master Gardener Volunteers are available at each garden to guide visitors and answer any questions regarding UW Extension researched methods for gardening and answer any questions about the Master Gardener Volunteer Program.

Review all Approved Gardens - Two committee members visit each Approved Garden once every three years. An assessment form is filled out and shared with the Garden Chair. This permits members of the GSC to lend support to all Garden Chairs and assist them with finding any resources they need to continue to meet the standards of the UW Extension MGV Program.

Current committee members include Catherine Price, Ken Loeffel, Peggy Riesen, Diane Thieme, Marcia Zientek, Susan Ratkowski, Liz Burke, Susan McGrath and Dan Cummings. We always welcome MGVs to join us at our GSC meetings.

The GSC meets on a monthly basis in the fall and winter seasons. In spring and summer meetings are held every two-three months. The SEWMG Website Events Calendar lists the agenda, date, place and time of our meetings.

If you'd like to join the committee, or attend a meeting, please contact Catherine Price at wolvescnp@yahool.com or Ken Loeffel at kloeffel@wi.rr.com .

In-House Education Committee

by MGV Rita Piper, In-House Education Commitee Chair

We closed out the year with a session on houseplants graciously hosted by Shady Lane Greenhouses. Inc. The In-House Education committee has been diligently working to plan our educational sessions and search for venues for 2016.

January

What to do When Your Garden is Sleeping

Kicking off the year and following our Volunteer Fair on Saturday, January 23rd, 11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. at Boerner Garden is Carrie Hennessy, Horticulturist/Landscape Designer at Johnson Nursery speaking on What to do when your garden is sleeping.

The sign of a true gardener is seeing past the bare twigs and snow-covered beds of winter and being able to envision all the life and activity that waits for spring. But winters in Wisconsin are awfully long for daydreaming the whole time. Carrie Hennessy will help you fill the days with planning and maintenance tips that can be done before the first daffodil appears. Please click on this link to register for the program. https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SEWMGjan16

February

The Evening Garden

Saturday, February 27th at 10:30 a. m., Location: Franklin Library, 9151 W Loomis Rd, Franklin, WI. 53132

Zannah Crowe, Monches Farm

Busy work and volunteer schedules keep many of us away from our gardens during the daylight hours and it is often evening when we find time to relax in our gardens. Horticulturist Zannah Crowe of Monches Farm will present a program on expressing your creativity in the evening garden through plant selection, lighting, sound and fragrance. Zannah has a degree in Landscape Architecture from UW-Madison and has been working in the field of horticulture for over thirty years. She managed the perennial plant division of a specialty nursery in Connecticut for twelve years before returning to her Midwestern roots when her son was born. For the past twenty years she has been employed as the lead horticulturist at Monches Farm, a perennial plant nursery that has been a destination for adventurous & discerning gardeners since 1980. In addition to gardening Zannah is a hobbyist photographer, with several published photos in national magazines.

March

Creative use of Shrubs and Trees in your Landscaping Design

Wednesday, March 16th, 6:30 p.m. at Sunset Playhouse, 800 Elm Grove Road, Elm Grove

Bill Reichenbach, Senior Plantsman Diagnostician and Certified Arborist, Wachtel Tree Science, Inc.

Bill is a member of International Society of Arboriculture and the Wisconsin Arborist Association. He has served on the board of directors of the Wisconsin Arborists Association, and has appeared on PBS's 'The Victory Garden' and 'The Wisconsin Gardener' over the years. He has won numerous industry awards, including an International Society of Arboriculture Gold Leaf Award and a Wisconsin Urban Forestry Council Award.

Pre-registration is required for all sessions. The SurveyMonkey registration link will be sent via email to all Master Gardeners 3-4 weeks prior to the program. All Master Gardeners and Master Gardeners in Training are invited to attend the programs, which can be used for your annual continuing education hours. Due to space constraints, ONLY SEWMG are allowed to register. We typically have waiting lists for all programs, so please contact us, as directed on the registration link, if you need to cancel, so that we can give your spot to someone else.

Speakers for the remainder of the year are currently being confirmed. As always, we welcomed your ideas for speakers and topics. Most of the sessions for 2016 are based on your recommendations. Next time you hear an informative local speaker, please send us the name and topic, so that we can build a file of recommended speakers for future presentations. Although we are still contacting speakers, here are the tentative topics for later in the year: use of edibles in the garden, planning for a fall garden, ideas for a creative garden, and insects in the garden.

Pre-registration is required for all In-House education sessions.
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Begin Earning Your Volunteer Hours Now

by MGV Janet Wintersberger

Although it's a quiet garden time of the year, there are many ways you can earn volunteer hours. Here are a few of them:

Lifelong Gardening Team
Garden Support Committee
Pollinator Group
Newsletter Team
Support UW-Extension's Office Staff
Display Team

The Newsletter Team

Sandy Manning, Janet Wintersberger and Ann Weronke
A three-person team compiles and publishes the **Good Earth News** every two months. Activities include seeking contributions, writing articles, editing, and creating the layout and design. MGVs have an intense, inherent interest in gardening! Share your knowledge (or even research something new) by submitting an article or creating a series of articles. If you would like to learn more, please contact jwintersberger@wi.rr.com or aeweronke@earthlink.net.

Support UW-Extension's office staff

Opportunities include helping our part-time Extension staff as needed. Their workloads increase substantially when level 1 or 2 training begins, during the Home & Garden Show (in March), during the State Fair (in August) and other events. Contact Nancy Lehrer (nancylehrer@ces.uwex.edu) and Betsy Vokac (elizabeth.vokac@ces.uwex.edu) directly to volunteer. You may also want to hone your gardening knowledge by assisting with horticulture help line calls to the Milwaukee County office. Please contact Sharon Morrisey (sharon.morrisey@ces.uwex.edu) to learn more.

Display Team

UW-Extension MGVs staff a booth at the annual Home & Garden Show in March. An ad-hoc team of MGVs begin create the literature and a display for the Home & Garden Show about six-eight weeks before then. This is a once-a-year opportunity. If you have graphic-arts talent, have created brochures or exhibits or would like to learn, please contact Sharon Morrisey (sharon.morrisey@ces.uwex.edu).

MGVs in our Communities

Gardeners for a Cure Relay Team

by MGV and Team Member Cheryl Rasmann

The Wauwatosa Relay for Life was held July 24th, 2015 at the Wisconsin Lutheran College Campus in Wauwatosa. Seventeen teams participated including the MGV Gardeners for a Cure team under the leadership of Kay Costello. The relay's well-planned programs included games and activities for adults and children with many participating. The MGV team came in second with donations totaling $2,038 from luminarias and individual donations. Donations were accepted through August.

The most emotional and moving event was the Luminaria Lap. Prior to the lap, everyone was given a glo-stick. Cancer survivors were the first to light their glo-stick, followed by caretakers and then those who had a family member, friend or co-worker with cancer; at this point all the participants and audience had lighted glo-sticks. A bagpiper led the Luminaria Lap that was walked in silence with just the glow of the candle lighted luminarias that completely surrounded the relay path. Following the lap each name indicated on the luminarias was read in "honor of" or in "memory of." Master Gardeners who are survivors or departed were recognized with a luminaria.

Year in Review

by2015 Past President, Pat Adrian

Happy New Year! 2015 is a wrap – and we celebrate the accomplishments of all SEWMG volunteers!

• Our 654 members volunteered 29,191 hours of community service and spent 7,919 hours learning about new plants/trees/shrubs for our gardens, backyard wildlife habitats, straw bale gardening, Life Long Gardening Committee's Demonstration of Ergonomic Tools, fall garden cleanup, houseplants and Monarch Butterflies

• In honor of the 20th Anniversary of our Perennial Plant Sale, Diane Thieme with Dennis Lukaszsewski's assistance created an anniversary video explaining the plant sale's history and progress over 20 years! Susan Ratkowski's son Eric created a custom-designed logo for our commemorative gray t-shirts that were purchased and worn by many SEWMG members. In addition, eighty-eight individuals and four SEWMG sponsored gardens donated 17,000+ plant all combined to make a historic and profitable plant sale.

• The plant sale funds most of the SEWMG activities, supports 40+ community gardens, and allows for generous grants to community horticulture education.

• Because we are such a large organization with a variety of volunteer opportunities, the Garden Support Committee coordinates an annual Volunteer Fair. This past year over 40 project chairs provided displays and encouraged the 221 attendees to get involved.

• SEWMG volunteers hosted a Memorial Event for Kris Jensen, past President of SEWMG, at the Lowell Damon House. Kris was instrumental in "taming" the grounds around this historic home in Wauwatosa and developing attractive period gardens around the house.

• Four SEWMG gardens participated in the August Public Garden Tour, attended by more than 170 people.

• Ninety-one SEWMG volunteers graduated from SEWMG Level 1 training class in 2014 and received their "diplomas" at a Gnome-dominated celebration. Alysia Owczarski sewed the Gnomes. There are 106 people are receiving Level 1 training in 2015.

• Peg Schellin and Bette Frangesch coordinated an innovative online ordering system for SEWMG Logo clothing that works well!

• State budget cuts to UW system will begin to affect the Master Gardener program in 2016. In 2015, the UW-Extension invited public input to "re-imagine" processes and goals going forward.

• Thanks to several special donors whose contributions help us achieve our mission including Meijer's, Enderis Park Neighborhood Association, Neal and Carol Meitler, Avnet Corporation,and the Heritage Garden Club of Wauwatosa.

Thank you for all that you have done. Here's to 2016!

Holiday Party 2015

Pollinator Group

by MGV Jennifer Lazewski

Jennifer is a second year master gardener volunteer who for 10 years gardened in a typical urban yard in Wauwatosa supplemented by many container plantings. Over the last five years, her yard has increasingly becoming a habitat--first for butterflies and hummingbirds -- then other insects and birds. Jennifer says, "I am amazed by what I have been able to observe in my own backyard and want to help others discover and better understand our urban/suburban ecosystems and what they can contribute to our environment."

The Pollinator Group is a newly approved project with the goal of better educating ourselves and the public about pollinators. Media attention has made the public more aware of pollinators due to population declines and other issues, so it is a great time to develop a group that can bring university-based research to the public on these issues. Pollinators are important in Wisconsin for their economic impact in agriculture as well as home vegetable gardens. Insects pollinate about 1/3 of the food we eat and insect pollination contributes billions to the U.S. economy. In Wisconsin, alfalfa, apple, cherry and cranberry crops are pollinated largely by honey and native bees and honey contributed nearly $9 million to the economy in 2012.

There will be monthly meetings before gardening season and hopefully local field trips and other activities during the summer when pollinators are in action. There will also be opportunities to participate in sub-groups and projects outside of the meetings. If you care about pollinators, there should be a way for you to connect with the group. We are working together to figure out what this group should be and what projects to work on, but it could include working on handouts for the public on pollinators, on signs and other information for our supported gardens, on pollinator-attracting plant lists and garden plans for our own and other gardens, and on display and presentation materials on pollinators.

Most importantly, we want more MGVs available and interested in talking about pollinators to anyone who might care to listen. So join the group at meetings, visit us at the Volunteer Opportunity Fair or contact me at (414) 453-4157 or jenlazewski@gmail.com if you are interested in learning and helping. Our next meeting will be on Saturday, January 16th at 10:30 a.m. at the Milwaukee County UW-Extension office.

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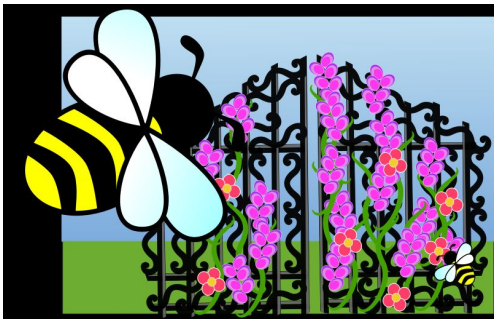


UW Extension Pruning Workshop

by Ann Wied, Consumer Horticulture Educator/Community Educator UW Extension Waukesha County

Two University of Wisconsin Extension Hands-On Pruning Workshops will be offered in March/April. The workshops will be offered to all master gardeners including those who just completed the training in fall of 2015 as well as the general public.

The half-day workshop will include an indoor presentation on pruning techniques and tools followed by an outdoor, hands-on pruning component where participants will be given the opportunity to practice what they have learned. The workshop will be team taught by Ann Wied, Waukesha County UW-Extension Consumer Horticulture Educator and Sharon Morrisey, Milwaukee County UW-Extension Consumer Horticulture Agent.

Dates, locations, and cost have not yet been determined. Watch your emails for details to come!

News from the County Offices

by Sharon Morrisey, UWEX-Milwaukee County Hort. Agent & Ann Wied, UWEX-Waukesha County Hort. Educator

Happy New Year

We want to take this opportunity to wish all of our wonderful MG volunteers the happiest of new years and to thank you for the enormously generous gifts you give of your service and donations every year. We appreciate you and value the contributions of each and every one of you.

Save The Date

Mark your calendars now for the evening of Wednesday, February 3rd for the annual Volunteer Graduation and Recognition Celebration. All certified MGVs are invited and may bring a guest. Those certifying for the first time from the fall Level 1 Training class of 2014 will be honored with their certificate and the highly coveted SEWMG nametag! Watch for a ListServe message in very early January with the details.

Realtors' Home & Garden Show Booth

Wildlife in its many forms often thwarts our efforts to have a beautiful yard and garden. Learning how to manage wildlife will be the topic of our public educational efforts for this year. That means that a brochure and PowerPoint presentation will be created along with display signage and exhibit materials for our booth at the "Home Show." The Home Show runs from March 18th – 26th. Watch for e-mails in early January about meetings of the Home Show Booth Planning Committee (Note: This is different from signing-up to work a shift at the booth).

Staffing the Home Show Booth

Sign-up for working shifts at the Master Gardeners' booth at the Home Show will be sent to the ListServe in early January. Again this year, MGV Faouzi Kablaoui will be scheduling volunteers so watch for an e-mail from him and respond in a timely fashion. MGVs working at the booth will receive a free ticket to the Show but parking is not included. Each shift will have one slot designated for an MGV-In-Training so even our newest MGVs will be able to volunteer for this.

Speakers' Workshop

A Level 3 Training session on giving presentations as a MGV will be held on Saturday, February 13th from 9:00 am – noon at the Milwaukee County UW-Extension office. MGVs interested in making public presentations should try to attend this workshop although it is not required in order to be able to make presentations. The workshop includes discussion of tips and tricks for speakers, best practices, use of visual materials including flipcharts, posters and the laptop and projector for making PowerPoint presentations. You will also learn how to obtain existing presentations, scheduling talks, requesting literature, and borrowing AV equipment. For more information and to sign-up, e-mail Sharon.morrisey@ces.uwex.edu.

Level 2 Training on Flowers

Watch for e-mails in late January about registration for our local Level 2 Training for SEWMGs on "Herbaceous Ornamentals." The popularity of showy annual flowers and numerous herbaceous perennials available make this a perfect topic for this once-a-year training course. The goal of Level 2 Training is to add to the knowledge of MGVs so that they may apply it to their volunteer service both working on garden projects as well as making presentations and answering questions for the public.
Sessions will be held at Boerner Botanical Gardens from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. on Thursdays March 3rd through 31st. Watch your e-mail for ListServe messages announcing the beginning of registration. Our local Level 2 training for SEWMGs is open to all certified MGVs (MGVs-in-Training will be able to take the local Level 2 training beginning following spring).

Statewide Level 2 Training

The state MGV Program offers a spring, Level 2 training on-line course that differs from the local Level 2 training. Watch for e-mail announcements for registration. Check every edition of the electronic "Volunteer Vibe" from the state MGV Program office.

A Thank You from Sharon Morrisey

A generous 2015 donation of $1,500 provided discretionary funds for my use for public educational programs to cover many needs such as several planters and woodchips for the Fox6 gardens, the Pan-African Community Association youth gardening program, several reference books, two flatbed carts, supplies for the Planting Containers from Seed Program and the 6 Healthy Soils, Healthy communities events along with office supplies. These funds are never used for volunteer recognition party, staffing or mileage.

Lifelong Gardening Committee

by MGV Ann Loper, Chairwoman

The Lifelong Gardening Committee was formed in 2010 when SEWMG received a large donation of tools from a group of MGVs that volunteered at the UW Ag. Experiment Station in Hancock (Wisconsin).

The 17-member committee is very active. It accomplishes its goals by demonstrating more easily used tools to gardening groups, displaying tools at events around Milwaukee and Waukesha County (such as Wauwatosa Garden Walk) and staffing display tables at SEWMG annual plant sale and at the State Fair.

Committee members also give presentations generated through personal, "word-of-mouth" recommendations.

The committee likes to demonstrate lightweight, telescoping tools that prevent bending over to achieve success in the garden. Examples include a long-handled weeder, a diamond hoe, a telescoping rake, a cut-and-hold scissors and long reach pruner when cleaning up raspberry (or other) bushes.

Another convenient tool transfers pressure to the forearm with a cuff is often recommended. Called a Peta Cuff, a number of tools may be attached to it.

What interests master gardeners to the committee? Several members have arthritis or other limitations and are interested in learning about the tools and others have been or are affiliated with healthcare.

The committee meets the first Wednesday of the month at Linden Grove Health Center, 13755 W. Fieldpointe Dr., New Berlin, WI 53151, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. We welcome new members!

The **Good Earth News** needs your help. The editorial staff is looking for writers who are itching to write about gardening.

Pay is nominal; you get volunteer hours and our thanks.

Benefits are seeing your name in print.

Skills required:

- Love of gardening
- Love of writing
- Ability to meet deadlines
- Acceptance of editing needs

Ideas for topics:

Personal gardening experiences you have had (good or bad).

Book reviews about gardening

Projects you have undertaken as a MGV (like a Monarch Butterfly garden)

Visits to noteworthy gardens (like the Costa Rica Trip)

Articles should be **500 words or less**. Photos are a great asset.

Please contact Janet Wintersberger (jwintersberger@wi.rr.com) or Ann Weronke (aeweronke@earthlink.net).

Help our newsletter become even more vibrant!

Trips and Tours

by Doris Fons, Chair

Mark your calendar for Friday, March 18th, 2016 to welcome spring at the Chicago Flower Show. Watch your emails for sign up information at the beginning of February.

The date for our annual tour and education program at Jerry Nelson's, home of Classic Gardens, has not been determined. It is usually at the end of May or beginning in June.

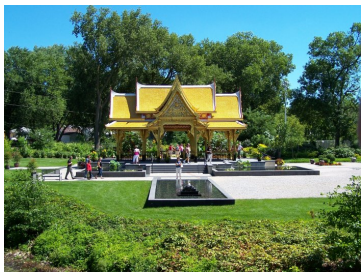
Our summer trip on Friday, July 22nd, 2016 will be to Olbrich Botanical Gardens and the gardens at EPIC in Madison. Detailed information will be sent as we get closer to the dates.
We are hoping for wonderful weather for all of our planned events so we can enjoy the day to the fullest.

Save the dates

Friday, March 18th – Chicago Flower Show

Friday, July 22nd – Olbrich Botanical Gardens and EPIC gardens

The date for the visit to Jerry Nelson's home will be announced later.



Volunteer Information

by Nancy Lehrer, UW Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Coordinator

January is a perfect opportunity to get acquainted with the volunteer opportunities that are available to all MGVs.

Try the SEWMG 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. The 2016 calendar year is listed; review it now to add events on your personal calendar!

"PERENNIAL PLANT SALE" tab has everything you need to know about the Plant Sale including 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 in Room 211 (MGV workroom) at the Milwaukee County Extension office. It's on top of the brown 4-drawer file cabinet. All e-mails sent to the SEWMG ListServe are in the binder is updated every Tuesday and Wednesday. Nancy adds, "The binder will contain all the latest volunteer opportunities that I receive from garden chairs and event committee members."

Happy Garden Planning!

Save these dates:

- Volunteer Opportunity Fair & program, Saturday, January 23rd
- Volunteer Celebration, Wednesday, February 3rd
- Registration information for Level 2 Training week of February 7th
- Speakers workshop, February 13th
- Realtor's Home Show the week of March18th – 26th
- Spring Garden Chair Forum – March 15th

Membership Has Its Privileges

by MGV Patty Witt, SEWMG Membership Chair

Our membership year runs from November 1st to October 31st. The $10 annual dues include membership in SouthEast Wisconsin Master Gardeners, Inc. and the Wisconsin Master Gardener Association.

As of December 1st there are still about 150 Master Gardeners who have not paid their dues for 2016. Please use the form below to pay your dues for the next year.

University of Wisconsin-Extension
SouthEast Wisconsin Master Gardeners
2016 MEMBERSHIP DUES

Name (First, Last): _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

PLEASE SHARE YOUR SKILLS, SPECIAL TALENTS, OR INTERESTS:

- ☐ Graphics/Displays
- ☐ Computer Skills
- ☐ Project Management
- ☐ Event Planning
- ☐ Finances/Accounting
- ☐ Teaching/Education
- ☐ Administrative/Support
- ☐ Writing/Editing
- ☐ Other (list below):

SEWMG Dues is $10.00 Per Year and Includes Membership Dues for WIMGA

Please make check payable to **SEWMG** and mail to:
Patty Witt
16508 West Melody Court
New Berlin, WI 53151-9243

DUES ARE PAYABLE BY NOVEMBER 1, 2015

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Our Mission Statement

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