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South East Wisconsin Master Gardeners

Good Earth News

President's Corner

by Pat Adrian

Wow! The last SEWMG newsletter for 2015! It doesn't seem possible that we are wrapping up 2015 already. We conducted our annual audit, welcomed about 125 new Master Gardener volunteers at a "graduation" ceremony, enlisted many new volunteers in our 44 sponsored gardens, provided many training opportunities to seasoned Master Gardener volunteers, conducted trips to fabulous gardens (including four of our sponsored gardens), dug/potted/transported and sold over 17,000 plants for our fundraiser.

What else? Oh, yes, we celebrated summer at our annual picnic and are planning for that end of the year celebration, our Holiday Party in December. We gave educational presentations to hundreds of participants, answered plant health questions at State Fair, the Home Show and via the horticulture phone line. We sent caring messages to our members in need. All this we did because of volunteers like you.

As I complete my year as President, I can tell you that I appreciated meeting folks, learning so much about our organization and getting helpful advice along the way. It has been such a pleasure to work with all of you! My fellow officers, Lindy Pawlak (Treasurer), Bonnie Paplham (Secretary) and Liz Burke (President-Elect), provided support all year. Liz, Diane Thieme, Linda Ziebell and others stepped in to help while I was recovering from an injury and they put on an awesome picnic!
This year's Board Members, Joy Towell, Jeff Trader, Mary Kornved, Bill Shaffer and Patty Witt, did a great job managing our finances. In fact, as I write this in September, they are just entering their busy budget cycle. Various SEWMG committees actually do all the work for the organization, and I thank all the committee chairs and members for making the organization successful.

UW-Extension provides us with guidance and support; thanks to Sharon Morrissey, Ann Wied, Betsy Vokac, Nancy Lehrer, Kathy Bosetti Reese and others who care for some of our administrative needs. And most importantly, thanks to the Garden Chairs and their crews who maintain our gardens and educate youth and adults across our communities. I hope you found time to enjoy at least some of their gardens this year. To everyone, Well Done!

You may have put your gardens to bed already, but you can still get down in the dirt as those spring-flowering bulbs are reduced in price. As long as you can get a shovel into the ground, you can add those bulbs for pockets of color next spring. Many of our committees will be active during the winter as they plan 2016 events. If you are interested in joining one of the many SEWMG committees, give a call to the committee chair to introduce yourself and join the group for its winter meetings.

What's next? The Annual Meeting and Holiday Party is coming up on Wednesday, December 2, 2015. Look for

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Quote of the day:

"My rule of green thumb for mulch is to double my initial estimate of bags needed, and add three. Then I'll only be two bags short." ~Author Unknown

President's Corner Continued

by Pat Adrian, SEWMG President

the announcement soon and certified master gardeners need to sign up early. Seating is limited; however, your spouse or guest is welcome to attend! I think you'll enjoy the evening. The food is great and you can't do better than sharing an evening with fellow gardeners. Perhaps you'll win a door prize. We will conduct some business, as we review next year's budget and vote for the new slate of officers. I will turn over the SEWMG gavel to Liz Burke, and I wish her well as next year's President.

She is already experienced. Thank you, Liz, for being there when I needed you.

In January, I asked SEWMG members to make 2015 a year of "involvement" encouraging MGVs to lend a hand to committees and get engaged in activities to learn more and consider moving into a leadership role. I hope you were able to try something new this year, and that you can continue your involvement during 2016. Next year will bring some challenges to gardeners across the state as the "crazy" or "jumping" worms have arrived and we will, hopefully, learn how to deal with these critters.

Finally, I'm interested in your thoughts about 2015. What did we do well? What could/should we do differently in 2016? What has been your overall experience with SEWMG? Please send your thoughts to me at patadrian@sbcglobal.net

In-House Education Committee

byMGV Rita Piper, In-House Education Commitee Chair

Upcoming Program

Caring for Houseplants
Heidi Hornung, Landscape Architect and Retail Manager of Shady Lane Greenhouses

Saturday, November 14, 2015 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.
Shady Lane Greenhouses, W172 N7388 Shady Lane, Menomonee Falls

Heidi will talk to us about houseplants. We will be at the greenhouses and will be able to see many plant varieties. She will discuss types of houseplants and their care, how to overwinter plants that have been outdoors, and ideas for houseplants for the holidays. She is an engaging speaker who has presented to our group several times in the past. Heidi was born into the business and started working at the greenhouse when she was 10 or 11 years old. Her father, Karl, has been a big influence on her career choice, but her grandmother's garden in Germany was another inspiration.

In lieu of charging a speaker's fee, Heidi has asked that those attending the presentation bring five nonperishable food items that will be donated to Hunger Task Force.

The registration links for these programs will be sent out about one month prior to the event.

2015 Annual Picnic

by Pat Adrian, SEWMG President

Thanks to my emergency backup team (Liz Burke, Diane Thieme, Lindy Pawlak, Linda Ziebell, Bonnie Paplham, and probably others!), the SEWMG annual picnic was held the evening of August 20th at Brookfield's Mitchell Park Pavilion. The weather was cool, but comfortable. We set an all-time attendance record with about 100 people who enjoyed great food, music, games, and door prizes! Many attendees went home with a new plant or two for their garden from the plant exchange. My husband, Tim, was so kind to plant the "Strawberry Candy" Daylily I took home thanks to Barbara Mehlos-Price!

I was able to attend for only a short time but enjoyed the delicious food. So many people contributed salads, appetizers, dips and desserts. My Italian Sausage was terrific and I really enjoyed a piece of a blueberry/cream cheese dessert. Thanks, everyone, for making this event such a success! Put this activity on your 2016 calendar!

Garden Support Committee Update

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

Mission and Goals

"The mission of the Garden Support Committee of the SouthEast Wisconsin Master Gardeners is to provide support and guidance to all approved gardens/projects to ensure the Garden Chairs implement the expectations of the UW Extension Master Gardener Program".

1) Sponsor an **Annual Volunteer Opportunity Fair**. This provides an event for all Approved Gardens and Approved Projects Chairs to set up a display for their garden/project. The Garden Chairs can meet Master Garden Volunteers (MGVs) and explain more about their garden/projects. It provides an opportunity for MGVs to decide where they would like to volunteer some of their time.

2) Sponsor an **Annual Garden Chair Forum**. This event enables all Garden Chairs to be updated on the latest administrative policies, standards and procedures to permit their garden/project to continue as an approved garden/project.

3) Visit all **approved gardens** on a regular basis. This permits members of the Garden Support Committee to lend support to each Garden Chair and assist them with finding any resources they need to continue to be an approved garden.

4) Sponsor a ***Public*** **Open House** at selected approved gardens on a Bi-Annual basis. Gardens will be selected and notified the year before the tour is scheduled. (For example, in 2016 tour gardens will be selected and Chairpersons of each garden notified for the 2017 Garden Tours).These tours permit the public and MGVs to visit the selected gardens and have MGVs available to answer questions regarding UW Ext researched methods for gardening.

5) Meet **regularly** to address concerns and issues

The GSC has started formalizing how an approved garden can continue to meet the standards of the UW Ext SEWMG Program. More on this process in future newsletter articles.

We always welcome MGVs to join us at our GSC meetings. Our **next meeting**, November 11, 2015, we will complete planning for the **Volunteer Opportunity Fair to be held Saturday, January 23, 2016**. We will also plan for the **Garden Chair Forum to be held on Tuesday, March 15, 2016**. Lastly, we will decide which approved gardens we will visit in 2016. The SEWMG Website Events Calendar is used to list the agenda, date, place and time of our meetings.

We will again meet on **Wednesday, January 13, 2016** right after the MGV Business Meeting (about 10:45 a.m.) at **Boerner Botanical Gardens Education Building**. Join us at this meeting as we finalize last minute details for the Volunteer Opportunity Fair and complete planning for the Garden Chair Forum.

Profound Thanks to:

Patty Witt who is stepping down as co-chair of the Garden Support Committee. We extend heartfelt thanks to Patty for her many years as a co-chair. Patty devoted many hours each year to making the Volunteer Opportunity Fair, the Garden Chair Forum and the Approved Garden visits a success. **Catherine Price** is the committee's new co-chair.Thanks, Catherine, for stepping up.

2015 Garden Tours

Thanks to MGVs Sue Ratkowski and Liz Burke for coordinating these visits, with the Garden Chairs and to Marlene Jaglinski for assisting in handling publicity for this event. One result was a fine article making the front page of the Waukesha Freeman promoting these tours. And lastly, we extend thanks to the and the Garden Chairs and MGVs at each garden for participating, and preparing for these public visits. It is much appreciated.

The toured gardens were all located in Waukesha County.

Volunteer Opportunity Fair

All Master Gardeners are invited to attend this event which showcases most UW-SEWMG approved gardens and projects. Learn more about how and where you can earn volunteer hours. Saturday, January 23, 2016 at Boerner Botanical Gardens Education Building from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.

An In-House Education Program will follow. You must pre-register separately for this educational presentation. More details to follow in the January/February newsletter.

Garden Support Committee Continued

Historic Dousman Stagecoach Inn Herb/Kitchen, Vegetable, Cottage Flower Perennial and Butterfly Perennial Gardens –Brookfield. About 60 people visited this garden and about 75 UW Extension brochures were handed out.

Eble Park Flower and Herb & Vegetable Gardens—Brookfield. Forty-eight people visited this garden. People did take UW Extension brochures but they were not tallied.

Pewaukee Public Library Rain Garden—Pewaukee. About 30 people visited this garden. UW Extension brochures were available and were taken but were not tallied. One of the visitors who lives across the street from the Rain Garden mentioned that a red fox visits the garden most mornings.

NuGenesis Farm Flower and Vegetable Gardens—Oconomowoc. About 35 people visited this garden. About 14 of them were not MGVs. Four visitors took brochures explaining how you can become a UW Ext MGV. UW Extension brochures were available and taken but were not tallied. One of the MGVs at this site mentioned two women introduced themselves and explained they were of Irish descent. They drove up from Chicago on the back roads to Waukesha County to see what they could find and they found NuGenesis Farm. They had a nice experience.

Goals for Garden Support Committee

For the last several meetings, the GSC has been refining a statement of Goals for this committee. On September 9th the Statement of Goals were approved and can be seen at the beginning of this report.

Other

The GSC has started formalizing how an approved garden can continue to meet the standards of the UW Ext SEWMG Program. In addition, several other approved garden tours will be held in 2017.

Please contact Catherine Price at wolvescnp@yahool.com or Ken Loeffel at kloeffel@wi.rr.com with any ideas or comments for the GSC.

Garden Support Committee Meeting Dates

November 11, 2015 - about 10:45 a.m., Boerner Botanical Gardens Education Bldg.

January 15, 2016 - about 10:45 a.m., Boerner Botanical Gardens Education Bldg.

2015 State Fair Report

by SEWMG Faouzi Kablaoui

Thanks to all who helped make this event successful.

Volunteers: Fifty-nine SEWMGVs attended orientation in both periods. Four volunteers registered for a shift did not arrive.

Visitors: The total number of visitors was 62,484 based on five-minute counts every hour. The best visitor count was Monday, August 10th when the total reached 8,916 people. This year's number of visitors is similar to other years, for example there were 82,800 visitors last year.

Brochures: This year we distributed 6,407 handouts, while last year the number was 7,300. The most brochures distributed included Butterfly Habitat Gardening (816), Gardening (755), and Building a Hardy Cactus Garden (400). These three brochures were the most desired last year as well.

Children's Activity: The activity's explanation sheet were not in a suitable location and were not picked up. For next year someone should explain, and give out handouts. Also a reward such as a stamp or picture is important.

Points of Interest: Life long gardening, composting, the butterfly garden, the caterpillars and the cactus garden.

General comments: Weather was good during the fair. The butterfly garden was full of colors and attracted many butterflies. Many questions about vegetable gardens and vegetable disease. Benches were nice place to rest.

Emerging Farmer Program

by MGV R. Robison

Finally, after being out of school for eons, I have the perfect experience for the perennial essay question “what did you do during your summer vacation”, even though there will be no teacher to read my answer, except those who read the MG newsletter.

In 2014, I heard about an emerging farmer project called The Milwaukee Urban Discovery Farm sponsored by the UW-Ext. and supported by the USDA, as it researches the economic viability of urban agriculture through small scale farmers. Rental land and water are provided along with educational resources for selling local food. After getting the details, I approached my partner in urban farm crime, my daughter, and asked her if she would be interested in trying micro farming.

We spent the winter planning, plotting (literally), deciding what we wanted to grow and selecting seeds. We narrowed it down to heirloom vegetables, herbs and edible flowers. Our site, the All Grown Up Farm, is in the green corridor on S. 6th St. and Howard Ave. on land adjacent to community gardens. We interplanted vegetables, herbs and edible flowers with plenty of variety.

The fun began in April. We wanted to start our cool weather crops then, but we had no water source as the county doesn't turn the water on until the third week of May. The soil also isn't tilled until then. We did rototill and hand till in a small area so we could plant snow peas, snap peas, French Breakfast and cherry belle radishes, Fava beans and Calendula flowers. A cemetery across the street became our water source until May. Unfortunately, we couldn't run a hose across the street so had to water with gallon jugs, a routine that quickly grew weary.

Plot by plot, 16 in all, we laid out our expected crops via seed or transplants started indoors in early spring. We made wood chip (provided by the city) paths between the plots. After ordering compost and leaf mulch, we got down to serious farming business.

Treating this as an experiment and learning experience, we included new vegetable varieties along with tried and true varieties. Along with the actual grunt work of farming with hand tools, we kept records, noting weather conditions of cold, heat, wind or torrential downpours that damaged plants. Planting dates and harvest times, including any pest problems or critter invasions were recorded. In our learning curve quest, we battled weeds, bugs and a struggle for water shared with all the other community gardeners. When the weather lacked rain and everyone needed to water, this battle escalated. Unfortunately we were near the end of the water line, so water pressure often was only a trickle and we had to water very early in the morning or in the evening. In August, our driest month, a main water pipe broke under the street at 6th and Howard. Without city water for a week, we were blessed by rain that pulled us through.

Deciding when to harvest a crop required precise timing as each crop had its own window of growth and production. Some of our decisions were successful; some were not due to pest invasions or weather conditions. In selling our crops, we had to be proactive, but, as we went along, opportunities presented themselves and we made arrangements with a food co-op, some restaurants, a distillery, friends and neighbors, who supported our venture, and, of course, our own personal use. We cooperated with two farmers next to us for selling purposes and exchanged tips and contacts My daughter designed a wonderful farm newsletter sent out weekly via e-mail that listed available produce and included her canned and preserved items.

At times we had to give each other pep talks when frustrations arose, but we surprised ourselves by doing better than we expected, and learned how hard it is to make a living by farming because of the low prices vegetables command and yet, felt rewarded that we were doing something truly worthwhile, supporting a local mindset, braving the elements and protecting our farm as if all the plants were our family. I no longer feel like a master gardener; I've entered the ranks of farmer.

Food, Glorious Food!

by MGV Ann Weronke, co-editor

All SEWMGs know about our many, many floral gardens we nurture. From Boerner Botanical Gardens to North Point Lighthouse gardens to Ten Chimneys gardens, our talents provide visual pleasure for their many visitors who tour these spaces. But there is also another aspect to what SEWMG does and that is providing a bounty of edible pleasure in the produce grown by some master gardeners. Such is the case of the Eble garden that fills the need to feed the hungry through the Waukesha Food Pantry.

Two years ago, Patty Witt told me of a need to transport the produce from Eble to the Waukesha Pantry once a week. Since I live nearby, it was a natural union of car, location and time. I have since passed this duty onto my friend, MGV Gary Back, whose truck bears loads and loads—over a ton to date—to the Pantry each Wednesday.

Eble is under the tender care of a very generous chairperson, Marie McGinnis, whose crew of fourteen meets each Tuesday from spring to fall to plant, tend and harvest the produce.

The garden work, however, all begins long before any bounty is gathered. Around Memorial Day, MGV Larry Lossman rototills the gardens and prepares the soil. Marie's crew then gathers to plant the many seeds purchased and donated to the project. The spring harvest includes some perennial rhubarb--150 pounds this past spring-- along with radishes and other cool weather plants.

All summer long, Marie and the other MGVs struggle with the watering, weeding and fending off the many predators that infest all gardens. However, no pesticides are used on this produce. The fall harvest includes hundreds of pounds of tomatoes, carrots, dill, eggplant, zucchini, cabbage, peppers, broccoli and many other fruits and vegetables. Each Tuesday Marie's crew gathers the bags of produce to be delivered to the Pantry the next morning. This effort ends as the fall weather changes in October each year.

I spoke with Karen Tredwell who is the Executive Director of the Waukesha Food Pantry. She informed me that this pantry location has been feeding the hungry for thirty-seven years and that people are becoming more and more interested in healthy food options. Ms. Tredwell indicated that the staff and volunteers are often thanked for the great, fresh produce that the Eble garden donates. As the harvested produce amounts swells, the Pantry puts out tables much like a farmer's market and offers the produce for their patrons.

Karen said "Thanks to programs like yours as well as others, we are able to work towards the goal of providing fresh produce every day." She added, "Thank you for all that you do to ensure that we can serve our neighbors in need!"

The Pantry accepts donations of produce and even flowers to share with its patrons. So, next summer, when you have zucchinied out or tomatoed out remember, please, that the hungry patrons at the Waukesha Pantry would love to help you out by accepting your donations with gratitude.

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Courtesy of Community Media

News from the County Offices

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

Welcome New MGVs

Everyone is excited about our new crop of MGVs (pun fully intended)! Who are they? What projects will they want to work on? Will some have special expertise from which we can learn something new? Will some want to take the lead on SEWMG projects? We are all looking forward to getting to know them. Hope to see many of those bright new faces at the Volunteer Opportunity Fair on January 23rd at Boerner Botanical Gardens.

Scheduling Meetings at the Milwaukee Office

The new parking lot and front entrance are beautiful and very functional. If you wish to schedule a committee meeting at the Milwaukee County UWEX office, call our receptionist Jason Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m.-noon or 1:00-4:30 p.m. For evening or weekend meetings, first check with Jason to see if anyone else will be in the building at that time to let you in. If not, e-mail Sharon.morrisey@ces.uwex.edu to see if she can be there. We will also have some important security protocols we will ask you to follow for everyone's safety.

Hours Reported

Thanks to the 400 plus of you that submitted volunteer service and continuing education timesheets for 2015. It was busy year again and thousands of hours were reported. Thanks to everyone who volunteered 24 hours as well as those who could do more.

We recognize that sometimes people have circumstances that prevent them from doing all of their required hours. Please do not just give up. Instead, call us to discuss a plan for helping you finish those hours to meet the requirements to re-certify. It may be easier than you think. At the very least, you can pay your $10 dues to SEWMG and stay on the mailing list. Contact our Program Assistant at betsy.vokac@ces.uwex.edu or any of the rest of us to work something out.

Annual Reports Received

Thanks to all of the approved gardens and projects that submitted annual reports. When the Finance Committee finishes with them, Sharon Morrisey and Ann Wied will divide them by our respective counties. We both thoroughly enjoy reading about your successes and challenges of this year and your plans for the next. We feel this is a great opportunity for us to be in touch with project chairs to make suggestions if we have any, but mostly to encourage and support you. Thanks for your service to these valuable volunteer projects.

Milwaukee County Budget

Milwaukee Co. Executive, Chris Abele, has recommended to the County Board his full support for the Milwaukee County UW Extension 2016 proposed budget of $440,959. This is a slight increase over the 2015 budget. On October 15th, Eloisa Gómez, Director of UW Extension-Milwaukee County, will speak to the County's Finance Committee on the value UW Extension offers to County residents, organizations, and local government through its educational programs. The County Board will vote on the 2016 Budget on November 4th.

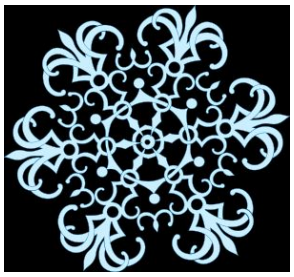
Waukesha County Budget

The 2016 Waukesha County UW-Extension budget was passed on September 28, 2015, with a vote of 6-0 (in favor), by the Executive Committee of the Waukesha County Board of Supervisors. At that time, Jerry Braatz, Department Head, shared the 2016 budget numbers and budget objectives. On October 13th, Jerry will present the budget to the Waukesha County Board of Supervisors Finance Committee. The proposed 2016 Waukesha County UW-Extension budget is $24,297 less (or 4.19%) than our 2015 budget.

Cumulative Budget Cuts Mean Change

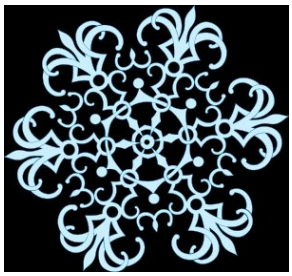
UW-Extension throughout the state is undergoing an in-depth planning process in response to budget reductions over the last couple of years that cannot be simply absorbed by the current organization as it is. This process will certainly change Cooperative Extension in the future. In a recent e-mail, Dean Rick Klemme states that the commitment remains "to our applied, evidence-based research and educational programming conducted with the support provided by our county and campus-based colleagues." A draft proposal for the local component has been issued and soon similar drafts will be released for campus and administrative components. As changes are finalized, we will inform you as to the impacts anticipated for our County offices and personnel.

Master Gardener Volunteer Party & Annual Meeting



Wednesday, December 2, 2015
Alioto's Restaurant
3041 North Mayfair Road
Near Corner of Burleigh Street
Wauwatosa, Wisconsin

6:00pm Cash Bar
7:00pm Dinner
Annual Meeting to Follow



MGVs $10 You may bring 1 guest for an additional $10.
Make check payable to: ***SEWMG***

Your Holiday Party Reservation will be accepted if your 2015 volunteer hours have been submitted & your 2016 dues have been paid. *Please Note:* MGVs in Training will not be eligible to attend the Holiday Party until completion of their first year of service. The Holiday Party is our way to show appreciation for member's volunteer service. We look forward to having you join us next year.

Holiday Party Reservation **RSVP by November 23, 2015**
Mail to:
Patty Witt
16508 W. Melody Ct
New Berlin, WI 53151-9243

____ Yes My 2015 Volunteer Hours have been submitted.
___ Yes My 2016 SEWMG Dues have been paid.

___ Dues are Included. ***Make SEPARATE $10.00 check Payable to SEWMG***.

Yes, I will be attending _____
Print for Name Tag

Please include my guest _____
Print for Name Tag

Menu:

Self	Guest	
_____	_____	Baked Stuffed Pork Chop, Brown Gravy, Applesauce
_____	_____	Sicilian Cod, Breaded with their own Seasoned Bread Crumbs, Angel Hair Pasta
_____	_____	Vegetarian Option – Pasta Primavera

All Dinners include:
Salad, Choice of Dressing, Buttered New Potatoes. Italian Bread, Coffee, Tea or Milk, and Sherbet

Plant Health Advisors at Waukesha Extension

by Kristin Krokowski, UW-Extension Commercial Hort Agent

"At UW-Extension in Waukesha County we have three amazing Master Gardener Volunteers (Lyle Charles, Sue Fricker, Mary Lou Qualler) who have been trained as Plant Health Advisors to staff our Horticulture Helpline. Our PHAs answer both phone calls and e-mails during their time in the office. The phone line is open from 9:00 a.m.-noon on the days that it is staffed.

We start answering questions mid-April one or two days a week and, as the phone call and e-mail volume grows, we add days. During the summer the line is staffed Tuesday through Thursday. We find the call and e-mail volume is too low to keep a volunteer engaged five days a week.

The calls tend to be seasonal. In the spring there are a lot of questions about turf grass and winter damage. Warmer weather brings more questions on vegetable gardening, insect and disease problems and plant identification. Fall brings back questions about turf grass, pruning and plant division.

In our office, I am responsible for walk-in diagnosis and identification. Volunteers on our Waukesha helpline have a training period although the basic PHA training is a good start. Furthermore, we here at Waukesha pair you up with a volunteer until you know the ropes - usually several weeks."

Volunteer Information

by Nancy Lehrer, UW Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Coordinator

Greetings!
The gardening season has quieted down so we can take note of our successes and failures. My vegetable garden produced beautiful, abundant peppers but the tomatoes were late and slow to ripen. How did you do?

I would like to take this newsletter opportunity to explain to all presenters, approved garden chairs and project chairs some details about presentations and handouts.

How to request handouts:

• Visit the SEWMG website: fyi.uwex.edu/sewmg/
Tab to documents.
Scroll down to and click on the program request form. You can download this to your computer or print the document.

Presenters:

• This form is designed for presentations. On the front page, please fill out the **Logistics** section (when, where, who) and the **Program Information** section. On the back page, list any handouts you need or give me the general topic and I will pick the handouts.

Gardens and projects:

• Please complete the **Logistics** section, placing your garden/project name on the "Requested by" line. On the back page, list the handouts you are requesting.
• All requests will receive the MG brochure, the Garden Resource cards and the Publications brochure.
• You must make your handout request at least one week before you plan to pick them up.
• I will fill the request and place your items at the front desk. I will call or e-mail the MGV listed on the back page in the Hand Outs section - "Pick Up by".
• At the office:
If you come to the office and I am not there, I have the Program Request form in a brochure holder on the workroom table, in **Room A211** at the Milwaukee County Extension offices on Watertown Plank Rd. You can pick out your own handouts but please fill out the form. Please include the handout title and the amount taken.

It is very important that you never take the last handout in a file or on the bookcase.

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 the end of September, 264 members have paid their dues for 2016. That means approximately 400 have not. Please pay your dues so you can be part of our organization's Holiday Party, Friday Night Plant Sale in May, any voting opportunities that come up for SEWMG and receive horticulture news from UW-Madison..

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

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

Please make check payable to **SEWMG** and mail to:
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DUES ARE PAYABLE BY NOVEMBER 1, 2015

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http://fyi.uwex.edu/sewmg

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Our Mission Statement

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