

# Portage County MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEERS



May 2013



## *Tour Freckmann's Spring Display at May 13 Meeting*

Robert Freckmann has been collecting phenologic records for 35 years. In all that time, this seasoned observer notes that the two most extreme years (early and late) occurred in the past two springs.

Learn more from Freckmann and his wife, Sally, at the May 13 Portage County Master Gardener Volunteer meeting. A professor emeritus of biology,

Freckmann taught vascular plant taxonomy and agrostology at from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point for 32 years. Starting with one cabinet of about 1,000 plant specimens in 1969, he established a herbarium at UW-Stevens Point which is one of the largest in Wisconsin. Go to <http://wisplants.uwsp.edu/>

Freckmann has a special interest in spring ephemerals and lead tours of various treasured sights. One of these is his own yard, on the west side of Stevens Point.

The Freckmanns have created an arboretum and botanical garden with numerous plants and trees. Among the features are alpine and tundra plants, 15 species of trillium, pasque flower and a collection of swamp plants, including skunk current, swamp current and swamp saxifrage.

With the late arrival of spring, Freckmann said, ***"It could shape up to be a colorful display."*** Visitors can also expect a variety of birds and a near-deafening chorus of frogs, he said. ***It's sure to be a treat.***

Meeting 6 p.m., Monday, May 13, 2013—Tour to followBring lawn chair. Dress for the weather.

**ADDRESS:** 871 W. Oak Ridge Lane, Stevens Point

**DIRECTIONS:** Take Highway 66 west across the Clark Street bridge. Turn left onto W. Gates Drive. Take first right on Sesame Street, then the first left on W. Oak Ridge Lane. The Freckmanns are on the right.



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## JUNE 2013 Calendar of Events

Underlined events qualify for continuing educational hours.

**1 – Deforest Dragon Art Plant Sale – Deforest** – By Windsor Area Garden Club 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. For more information contact [Nancy Schoenmann](#).

**1 – The Know Maintenance Garden Approach™ – Northwind Perennial Farm – Burlington** – Learn why Northwind's regionally dependable perennials and co-owner Roy Diblik's trademarked 'Know Maintenance' Approach to gardening will transform your landscape and ideas about gardening. Less maintenance, less watering, and using perennials that contribute to their own health means greater enjoyment of your garden. At 10:30 a.m.

**4 – Perennial Vegetables – Roseville, MN** – Most Minnesota gardeners think that other than asparagus and rhubarb, all backyard vegetables have to be replanted every year. In fact, there is a surprising list of perennial vegetables which are hardy, taste great, and are not generally known because they are not appropriate for large-scale production. You may already be growing some of these. This class from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. will cover several categories of perennial vegetables including Society, by a MN MG, at the Muriel Sahlin Arboretum, Roseville Central Park, 2525 N. Dale St, Roseville. \$25 (\$20 members) Register online at [www.northerngardener.org](http://www.northerngardener.org) or call (651) 643-3601 or (800) 676-6747, ext 211.

**6 – How to Attract Birds and Wildlife to Your Garden – Roseville, MN** – In today's urban world of concrete and siding, we have sterilized our outdoor world. We constantly hear about how to get rid of our furry friends, but creating a wildlife-friendly environment can bring a piece of the wilderness to our little corner. Not only does wildlife ease the stress of our everyday life, but certain birds, mammals, and insects can control those critters that we are trying to eradicate. This program from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. shows you landscape plants that allow you to live with wild creatures, not against them. Offered by the MN Horticulture Society at the Muriel Sahlin Arboretum, Roseville Central Park, 2525 N. Dale St, Roseville. \$20 (\$15 members) Register online at [www.northerngardener.org](http://www.northerngardener.org) or call (651) 643-3601 or (800) 676-6747, ext 211.

**8 – Perennials & Annuals for a Cutting Garden – Northwind Perennial Farm – Burlington** – Sharilyn Smage, Northwind's Container and Floral Designer, will show you her favorite perennials and annuals for a cutting garden and will give design tips and demonstrate techniques for working with florals so that you can create a cutting garden at home. At 10:30 a.m.

**8 – Worm Bin Workshop – West Bend** – Learn about vermiculture and how to start a home worm composting system in this workshop from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Hands on demonstrations, create your own worm bin to take home! \$40 until June 6; \$50 after - includes portable worm bin and worms. \$20 per additional household members if sharing a worm bin. At Wellspring, 4382 Hickory Rd. West Bend, WI 53090 (across the River from Newburg). For info and to register, call (847) 946-5565 or visit [the Wellspring website](#).

**10-15 – Isle Royale Botany Workshop – Houghton, MI** – Experience four days in Lake Superior's Isle Royale National Park and learn to identify the diverse plants that live on this unique island in its many upland, wetland, and bedrock shoreline communities. Taught by botanist Janet Marr, and open to anyone with beginning/intermediate knowledge of plant ID. Contact [Kristine Bradof](#) at (906) 482-7860 for info about workshop registration or to register or [Janet Marr](#) at (906) 337-5529 for details about the workshop or [download the registration brochure](#).

**11 – Making a Rock Garden – Roseville, MN** – A rock or alpine garden features extensive use of stones along with plants native to rocky or alpine environments. The rugged rocks complement the delicacy of the flowers. In this presentation from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., Shirley Friberg, a member of the NARGS, will give you specifics on plant requirements, soil composition, garden locations, construction, and plant positioning. She will include information on which rock garden/alpine plants grow in Minnesota. Offered by the MN Horticulture Society at Harriet Alexander Nature Center, 2520 Dale St. N., Roseville. \$20 (\$15 members). Register online at [www.northerngardener.org](http://www.northerngardener.org) or call (651) 643-3601 or (800) 676-6747, ext 211.

**13 – Herb Gardens and Aromatherapy – Roseville, MN** – MN has an excellent climate for growing your own herbs for cooking and aromatherapy, even if all you have is a patio or balcony. Learn about the different varieties of culinary and aromatic herbs, how to grow them, and the history of their usage in this class from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Find out how aromatherapy can repel bugs, freshen your home, soothe your sunburn, and add pizzazz to your cooking. Everyone will take home an aromatic plant. Offered by the MN Horticulture Society at the Muriel Sahlin Arboretum, Roseville Central Park, 2525 N. Dale St, Roseville. \$20 (\$15 members). Register online at [www.northerngardener.org](http://www.northerngardener.org) or call (651) 643-3601 or (800) 676-6747, ext 211.

**13-15 – American Hosta Society National Convention – Milwaukee** – National convention with speakers, garden tours, vendors, auction and leaf show. The hosta show, vending and auction are open to the public at no charge (no registration needed). \$139 by May 15 (\$189 after). For info [see the AHS Convention website](#).

**15 – Edible Backyard Landscapes – Northwind Perennial Farm – Burlington** – Sam Carlson, landscape designer at Northwind, will show you how to incorporate edibles with perennials to create a backyard landscape that is beautiful and edible. She will provide plant information and design ideas to help you get started or to add to an existing garden. At 10:30 a.m.

**29 – Lakeview "Scent" sations – Buffalo Lake** – Offered by Thyme Shares MGVs & Friends (Marquette Co.) from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. visiting several Buffalo Lake area gardens. For info contact Carol Claesges at (608) 589-5641.

### Gardens Around the Midwest

**BOERNER BOTANICAL GARDENS:** For info or to register contact Friends of Boerner Botanical Gardens, 9400 Boerner Drive, Hales Corners, WI 53130 at (414)525-5659 or email [scheduling@fbbg.org](mailto:scheduling@fbbg.org).

**CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDENS:** 1000 Lake Cook Rd., Glencoe IL 60022. Phone: (847)835-5440.

**GARDENS OF THE FOX CITIES:** Register for classes on the [Event Calendar](#). For info contact [Gardens of the Fox Cities](#), 1313 E. Witzke Blvd. Appleton, WI 54911 at (920)993-1900.

**GREEN BAY BOTANICAL GARDEN:** For more information, contact the [Green Bay Botanical Garden](#), 2600 Larsen Road, P.O. Box 12644, Green Bay, WI 54307-2644 at (920)491-3691 ext 103

**MN LANDSCAPE ARBORETUM:** For info contact the [Education Department](#), Minnesota Arboretum, P.O. Box 39, Chansassen, MN 5531-0039 at (952)443-1422.

**NORTHWIND PERENNIAL FARM:** For info contact Northwind Perennial Farm, 7047 Hospital Rd, Burlington, WI 53105 at (262)248-8229 or [info@northwindperennialfarm.com](mailto:info@northwindperennialfarm.com).

**OLBRICH BOTANICAL GARDENS:** For info contact Olbrich Botanical Gardens, 3330 Atwood Ave., Madison, WI 53704; phone (608)246-4550 or download the [Classes and Workshops Brochure](#). Pre-registration required, including online registration from the OBG website.

## PCMGV Meeting Minutes April 22, 2013

**PRESENT:** Sue Baldischwiler, Tom Baldischwiler, Margaret Bau, Kelley Berg, Shelley Binder, Sandy Boehm, Cindy Bredow, Donald Caine, Lynn Caine, Eric Ecklund, Deanna Gertsh-Pozorski, Barbara Gifford, Timothy Goskowicz, Dan Goulet, Kathy Goulet, Rose Grych, Jen Haas, Angie Hauer, Kathy Herbert, Carole Jansing, Rick Jansing John Kolinski, Charlotte Kolinski, Rita Kozlowski, Kathy Kruthoff, Tina Lechner, Marily Malcolm, Deb McGill, Ellie Mendyke, Pat Mrozinski, Sandra Newby, Sandy O'Brien, Carole Olson, Sharon Omernick, Chrismary Pacyna, Margaret Parsons, RoseMarie Piekarski, Sally Prideaux, Walt Rasmussen, Robert Rausch, Katie Rettler, Rebecca Roberts, Leanna Rusch, Chere Schmit, Don Schmit, Nick Schultz, Donna Smith, Todd Teuchert, Lori Teuchert, Judith Thies, Kirby Throckmorton, Joanne West, Gail Zalewski, Linda Zick and Portage County Ag Agent Ken Schroeder.

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 by Shelley Binder at the Annex .

Minutes from the March meeting were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report was presented by Chere Schmit.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**FUNDS:** Cindy Bredow—Grant money was given to the Lettie Jensen Center(\$250) and Rosholt 4-H(\$250). A thank you was received from the Rosholt 4-H Club.

**PLANT SALE:** Cindy Bredow—Flyers were available for distribution. Have your Plant Inventory List to Chere Schmit by May 8.

**FLOWER BEDS:** Chrismary Pacyna thanked MGV for their help. The Lincoln Center and Court House beds need coordinators . A 4-H group helps clean up the Lincoln Center garden. The Lincoln Center hours can be used for Community Education hours. Contact Chrismary or Carole Jansing to volunteer. New signs are ready to be placed in the gardens .

**Y GARDEN:** Dan Goulet—Watch your e-mail for early May clean-up. Contact Kathy Kruthoff to help with education classes on Thursdays, 9:30-10:30.

**GARDEN PARADE:** Katie Rettler—There are six gardens for the July 12-13 GP. Art Bloom is included again this year. There will a Container/Art Showcase raffle There is a \$25 reimbursement for these. Contact Deanna Gertsh-Pozorski if interested . A beautiful quilt made by Rose Grych and friends will also be raffled off. A major sponsor and \$50 sponsors are being pursued. Contact Shelley if you know of a company interested in being a sponsor.

**FARMER'S MARKET:** Lori Teuchert said FM will begin on Saturdays at 7:30 a.m. late June through Labor Day weekend. Give Lori information to display during these times.

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## PCMGV Board Members

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## Committee Chairs

\*Chair \*\*Co-chair

### Bylaws

Cindy Bredow \*

### Display

Barb Gifford \*  
Open\*\*

### Flower Beds

Chrismary Pacyna \*  
Carole Jansing \*\*

### Funds/Grants

Cindy Bredow \*

### Garden Dreams

Charlotte Kolinski \*  
Sally Prideaux \*\*

### Garden Parade

Katie Rettler \*  
Bob Rausch \*\*

### Habitat House

Jennifer Young \*  
Jen Haas \*\*

### Hunger Prevention/ Head Start

Open

### Membership

John Kolinski \*

### Plant Sale

Chere Schmit \*  
Kathy Herbert \*\*

### Programs

Tina Lechner \*  
Diane Somers \*\*

### YMCA Gardens

Dan Goulet \*

## Coordinators

### Amherst Fair

Open

### Arbor Day

Open

### Chicago Bus Trip

Bob Rausch  
Sally Prideaux

### Farmers Market

Todd Teuchert  
Lori Teuchert

### Fundraisers

Open

### Garden Line

Open

### KMart Potting Day

Open

### Newsletter

Marian Helm

### Rosholt Fair

Todd Teuchert

### Website

Lynn Caine

Articles for the newsletter should be submitted by the **10th of the month** for publication that month.

Submit to: Marian Helm: azmhelm@yahoo.com or 715-347-5265

Please send any address changes to: Bonnie Maier: bonnie.maier@ces.uwex.edu or 715-346-1316

# VOLUNTEERS WANTED

## GOT A SATURDAY FREE THIS SUMMER? LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEER HOURS?

**Try out the MGV booth at the Stevens Point Farmer's Market**

We are looking for 2 to 4 volunteers on Saturday mornings starting June 22nd through August 31st. While manning the booth, you'll answer questions about gardening and the MGV program.

All you need to bring is a chair - we'll provide everything else (canopy, books, brochures, signs).

If you'd like to sign up, please contact Lori Teuchert at [teuchert01@wi-net.com](mailto:teuchert01@wi-net.com) or 715-677-4838.



## Container/Art Showcase Raffle

For the sixth year we will offer a Showcase Raffle as part of the Garden Parade on July 12th and 13th. Each year our garden guests look forward to viewing and purchasing tickets for their favorite items.

In addition to the flower /herb containers, we would like to offer some garden art. Volunteers are invited to make a creative available. If interested in making either a container or piece of garden art and cannot make the meeting, please contact me at **715-341-0622** or [dpozorski722@charter.net](mailto:dpozorski722@charter.net)

**Have fun and thank for volunteering!**

Deanna Gertsch-Pozorski  
Garden Parade Committee

## PCMGV Meeting Minutes (continued)

### NEW BUSINESS:

**NEW PROCEDURE: TURN IN A VOUCHER WITH A RECEIPT TO YOUR COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON, WHO WILL THEN GIVE IT TO THE TREASURER FOR REIMBURSEMENT.**

- Gail Zalewski volunteered to do the 2012 audit.
- Articles need to be sent to Marian Helm by May 6 because of the May 13 mtg. Always ask Marian for confirmation when e-mailing information to her.

**WIMGA:** Lynn Caine—from the Face—Face meeting at Hancock

- New Logo will be rolled out next year. Marketing campaign & usage agreement.
- Non profit needs \$50,000 to file taxes. 501-c3 designation gives you a federal tax number (EIN) so groups can donate to you and write it off their taxes. It is a yearly fee of \$400 and application is 12 pages. Then you have to file a tax form. Also needed if you want a state tax exemption (.SS4) from sales tax. IRS website, Publication 557 - tax exempt for your organization.
- A discussion of printing treasurers amounts in the newsletter which is now online. Or should we just report that the treasurer's report was accepted .
- Almost all groups do an internal audit by members of the group.
- Payment system is voucher with receipt , goes to committee chair, then treasurer.
- Many larger groups have a monthly report of budget progress.
- Met Carol Kettner, farm technology coordinator for Barron County, this year. She has a lot of information about farm tech days set up and organizing help for displays from greenhouses, local landscapers, etc . [cketjpet@charter.net](mailto:cketjpet@charter.net)

### EXTENSION REPORT: Ken

- Farm Technology Days will be August 12-14 , 2014 at the Feltz Dairy and Blue Top Farms. A committee needs to begin planning for decorating around the Family Living area. Grants need to be applied for by October 1st. Barron County FTD is July 9-11. MGV may want to attend to see what they have done. See Lynn's report for more info.
- June Dairy month—The Altmann dairy farm will be visited on June 15 from 8-12.
- The Extension Office moved be to the Annex second floor.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Nick Schultz stated that the May 13, 6:00 p.m. meeting will be at Freckmann's
- Tim Goskowicz said events are on the PCMGV Facebook page
- Bob Rausch brought seeds
- Magazines, catalogs and pots were available.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p .m.

**Continuing Education:** Dick Okray- Growing vegetables: 45 min.

*Submitted by Sandra Newby PCMGV Secretary*

## Cooperative Extension

### University of Wisconsin—Extension

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## Return Service Requested



## June Garden Guide

- Pinch off one-half inch of chrysanthemums when they are six inches tall and continue pinching through June.
- Pinch annuals when 4-6 inches tall to promote growth.
- Give peonies 2-3 applications of complete fertilizer two weeks before flowering. Disbud several branches for bigger flowers on remaining buds. Stake before buds open.
- Prune spring flowering shrubs (lilacs, forsythia, honeysuckle, hydrangea, mock orange, privet, snowball, spirea, viburnum and weigela) after flowering. Apply annual application of fertilizer.
- Prune junipers, arborvitae, yews and hemlock any time during late spring or early summer.
- Water flower beds weekly during dry periods.
- Remove spent flowers and weeds from gardens and add mulch.
- Dig and divide non-blooming daffodils.
- For large dahlia blooms, prune all but one shoot per clump.
- Cut back delphiniums after blooming.
- Control leaf blight on tomatoes by disposing of diseased foliage or plants immediately and planting disease-resistant varieties.
- Before setting out tomato cages, disinfect with a 10% bleach solution. Control fruit anthracnose and other disease problems by staking plants, maintaining optimal plant spacing and using mulches.
- Plant peppers, eggplant, sweet potatoes and late potatoes.
- Plant successive crops of beans, beets, carrots, kohlrabi, corn, turnips, broccoli, cabbage and cauliflower.
- Spray cabbage, cauliflower and broccoli to control cabbage worm and cabbage looper.
- Stop harvesting asparagus by month-end. Weed asparagus bed carefully after harvesting to avoid damage to roots.
- Prune evergreens.
- Prune out lilac seed heads.
- Treat lawns that are infected with cutworms and armyworms with parasitic nematodes.
- If fertilizing lawn two times per year, apply in June and October; if three times per year, apply in early June, early Sept and mid- to late Oct.
- Continue applying fungicide on trees and small fruits.
- Prune suckers from fruit trees.
- Apply sticky bands to fruit trees to catch insect pests that climb the trunks.
- Pinch black and purple raspberry shoots.