



Hosted by the
**Outagamie County
Master Gardener Volunteers**
on
Saturday, June 20, 2009
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Outagamie County Master Gardener Volunteers, in keeping with their objective to assist the UW-Extension horticultural staff with educational opportunities in our community, are hosting a day of educational tours through five select gardens in the Fox Cities. Each plot is tended with sound gardening principals, offering unique horticultural lessons.

For a \$5 entry fee (to further develop the Community Garden Project) and two items of non-perishable food (to be donated to local food pantries), guests will experience beautiful area gardens with an opportunity to learn horticultural lessons during each visit.



The Brinkman Garden

933 Hunt Avenue, Neenah

DRY SHADE? Think your plant options are limited? Think again. This cottage garden will amaze you with dozens of varieties and hundreds of plants growing in dry shade. The homeowners utilize mulch, compost, supplemental watering and placement of plants into micro climates to maximize plant options. In the front, visitors are greeted by 60 plus varieties of daylilies and roses as well as old fashioned perennials. Water features, food source plantings and organic gardening practices, ensure a safe habitat for small animals, birds and human visitors. Come visit, you won't be disappointed.

The Vander Zanden/Zasoba Garden

1500 West Pine, Appleton

CYTOSPORA KUNZEI? Not a town in Eastern Europe but spotted 15 years ago in this fairy tale pretty yard. Using non-chemical solutions, these homeowners have been able to save their 50 year old Black Spruce from death from this disease. Along the way they have replaced much of the lawn with native plants and perennial beds. In the works this year is a bed of small shrubs. With 2 rain barrels in use, 3 raised vegetable and herb gardens and composting, this yard has it all. These folks get "joy from making compost". The results are sure to make you happy too!

The Vande Berg Garden

110 Shalimar Ct., Combined Locks

WATER, WATER EVERYWHERE! But how to get it to plantings? Park like and multilevel, this large property is mostly clay. It is perched on the edge of a wooded ravine and erosion was beginning. These challenges were the impetus for a drip irrigation system. Installed over the course of a few weekends, the slow and steady supply of water along with mulch have created an oasis. The lush sun loving perennials, ground covers and grasses along with woodland plants and hosta are a perfect backdrop for the beautiful meandering stream and koi pond. Enticed by this tranquility are neighborhood deer and ducks and other wild life. Take the time to sit awhile in this quiet haven.

The Marchinowski Garden

1006 Bridgeview Court, Neenah

A ROSE BY ANY OTHER NAME! Floribunda and Tea, Rugosa and Grandiflora, ever blooming, climber and shrub, who knew there were so many? With 90 plus examples of roses there are surprises at every turn in this garden. Journey from the front yard circle of shrub roses to the rear and enjoy the easy care shrubs and colorful

perennials. The private space in back showcases an arbor and walled circling garden. Teas, floribundas and shade plants are featured in this space as well as a soon to be completed back "room" featuring miniature roses. The back yard is poised near a creek bed where cultivated plants are nestled among natives. These gardeners are eager to share their knowledge. Bring your questions and be ready to soak in the scents of this sweet experience.

The Community Gardens

1478 Midway Road, Menasha

UW Fox Valley Community Garden, located behind the UW Fox Valley Campus, has become an important site for growing food, sharing knowledge about gardening, meeting and cultivating a strong, diverse garden community. In 2006, the addition of six Mosaic Garden beds brought together the core values of science, people, cultures and action to a new level. The beds (designed and constructed by Winnebago County Master Gardeners) showcase diverse cultural historic gardening and examples of unique gardening techniques that further educate our community on the richness of an agrarian life skill.



Tickets will be sold and food items collected at the gardens on the Day of Discovery.

Just one entry fee for all five gardens.

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