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Kewaunee County Garden Club Newsletter



The 'Wave' of Petunias

I don't know about you but it seems as though the seed and gardening catalogs arrived earlier this year. We received our first ones before Christmas. Usually they don't appear in our mailbox until after the holidays. The newest one is entitled 'Roots & Rhizomes' specializing in Choice Daylilies, Siberian Iris, Hostas and Perennials for the Discriminating Gardener 2019! Wow! I didn't know I was among the 'discriminating gardeners'!

In looking at some of the 'new' annual, perennials, and produce, this information caught my eye. It is relative to the 'Wave' in petunias. I didn't know that there were so many waves attached to one flower.

The **Original Wave®** started the trend for the 'waves' They are fabulous for containers and hanging baskets.

Easy Wave®—the petunias have a more compact, mounding habit making them an excellent choice for containers and small-space gardens.

They are available in ten beautiful colors and six mixes.

Tidal Wave®—grow as a groundcover or hedge. It is the ultimate petunias for landscaping. When spaced 12" apart, they form a hedge of flowers; spaced 24" apart they will spread like a groundcover. If supported on a trellis, the petunias will grow like a vine.

There are only a few color choices for this variety. The Red Velour was the 2015 AAS winner.

Shock Wave®—This one is touted as 'the most floriferous of all the Wave petunias'. They are earliest to bloom and produce an incredible number of blossoms that recover quickly from rain and overhead watering. Their strongly branched trailing habit adapts virtually everywhere. Plants remain fresh and colors stay vibrant all season.

There are seven available color choices and two mixes.

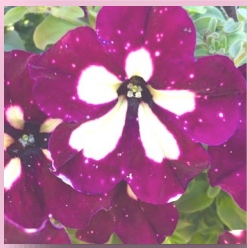
I might just get caught up in the 'wave' this year!

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'Lemon Drop'
Coneflower



'Starry Sky Burgundy'
Petunia



Pugster Amethyst
Butterfly Bush

2019 Best New Plants (*small selection*)

These are some of the new plants that look promising: Which one will end up on your 'must have' list this year?

1. **Whirlwind Pink Fanflower.** It is heat and drought tolerant and it keeps on flowering even during the hottest part of the summer. No need to do any deadheading. It is a self-cleaning variety that grows over the spent blooms.
2. **'Lemon Drop' Coneflower.** A reliable double coneflower that won't start sending up single blooms later in the season as some varieties do.
3. **Pugster Amethyst Butterfly Bush.** Even the smallest garden has room for this butterfly bush. Full-sized flowers have thick stems, which help it survive winter better than other dwarf cultivars.
4. **'Maui Sunrise' Elephant Ear**—It is a cream variegated plant that is compact and makes a great statement in a container or a small garden..
5. **'Wu La La' Hosta**—This hosta hybrid looks great in a shade garden with its big blue-green leaves edged in apple green.
6. **Geranium 'Chocolate Peppermint'** - A pure peppermint scent with soft as a rabbit's fur leaves makes it a great choice for containers placed on a deck or patio that receives the afternoon shade.
7. **California Poppy 'Pink Champagne'** - Their cup-shaped ruffled blooms have a wonderful sheen and their self-sowing tendencies mean that it will return to bloom next year! A favorite native flower that is not fussy and blooms freely in spring and early summer in any super well-drained spot in the sun.
8. **Cosmos 'Double Click Bicolor Pink'** - A mix of frilly double and semi-double blooms washed in contrasting pink hues. Their strong stems make them perfect for cut flowers.
9. **Petunia 'Starry Sky Burgundy'** - A fast growing, quick to bloom with a corn-silk yellow star and spots on burgundy petals. The star shows up most vividly in cooler weather.
10. **Bee Balm 'Claire Grace'** - The best bee balm you can grow, making it so valuable for the native pollinators. The deep lavender flowers attract butterflies. A plus ... it is disease resistant.



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WPT Garden Expo 2019

Saturday, February 9

Total cost: \$50.00 each (Includes transportation to and from Expo, one admission ticket, snacks on the bus!)

Send \$50.00 to: Ann Brunner, N2420 Lakeshore Rd., Kewaunee, WI
54216

Important Deadline! Monday, February 4th, 2019 to register

Make Checks payable to: Kewaunee County Garden Club

Departure Time/Location

Algoma - Nicolet Bank Parking lot 5:35 am

Kewaunee - Middle School, South Parking lot 6:00 am

DePere Park and Ride - Highway G, Main Avenue 6:40 am

For more info on Garden
Expo Trip or Garden Club
Call Cheryl Eberle at 920-
487-3848



WPT Garden Expo Seminars—Saturday, February 9

9:15 a.m.

From Garden to Vase: Growing Cut Flowers—Mendota 1-2
 Say Yes! To Growing Indoor Heirloom Tomatoes and Strawberries –Mendota 5
 Birdscaping With Native Plants—Mendota 8
 Soil Health and Fertility—Waubesa/Kegonsa

9:30 a.m.

Discovering the Truth Behind Seven Common Garden Myths—Mendota 3
 Garden Talk with WPR's Larry Meiller—Mendota 4
 Agriculture and Whole Health Wellness for Veterans—Mendota 6-7
 Magnificent Monarchs—Monona/Wingra

10:30 a.m.

Growing Herbs in the Vegetable Garden—Mendota 1-2
 Aronia Nutrition and Horticulture—Mendota 5
 Gardening Ideas for Apartment Balconies, Small Decks, or Patios—Mendota 8
 Bringing Fire into Your Garden—Waubesa/Kegonsa

10:45 a.m.

Improving Food and Land Access Through Farmers Markets and Farms—Mendota 3
 Raised Row Gardening/Vegetable Gardening Made Easy! - Mendota 4
 Outdoor Insect Hazards: Biting and Stinging Pests and What to Do About Them—Mendota 6-7
 Patterns in Nature That Inspire Japanese Garden Design—Monona/Wingra

11:45 a.m.

Unique Ways to Use Containers to Expand your Planting Space and Beautify Your Landscape—Mendota 1-2
 Mushroom Growing 101—Mendota 5
 Edible Landscaping—Mendota 8
 Garbage Into God: Composting Tips and Techniques—Waubesa/Kegonsa

12:00 p.m.

Brown is a Color Too: Gardens for November and Beyond—Mendota 3
 Food From Your Patio—Mendota 4
 The Story of Alice's Garden—Mendota 6-7
 Why and How To Get Started With Poultry—Monona/Wingra

1:00 p.m.

Localizing Sustainable Agriculture and Growing Your Own Food—Mendota 1-2
 Growing Healthy Plants: Basics in Plant Disease Management—Mendota 5
 Increase Vitality by Turning Your Backyard Orchard into a Permaculture Food Forest—Mendota 8
 Anything but the Everyday Daylily—Waubesa/Kegonsa

1:15 p.m.

Holistic Landscape Design=Considering Nature When Choosing Plants—Mendota 3
 Bloom or Bust! - Mendota 4
 Fertile Soil, the Frontier Between Geology and Biology—Mendota 6-7
 Making the Most of a Small Space—Monona/Wingra

2:15 p.m.

Simple Things—Mendota 1-2
 Garden to Vase, Growing Native Plants for Floral Arranging—Mendota 5
 From Chaos to Calm: Creating a Three-Acre Mini-Farm From Scratch—Mendota 8
 Growing Sweet Potatoes in Wisconsin—Waubesa/Kegonsa

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Hosta and Companion Plants—Mendota 3

Awesome Annuals—Mendota 4

The Straight and Narrow of Plant Material—Mendota 6-7

Knowledge to Accomplish Success for Purple Martins—Monona/Wingra

3:30 p.m.

Plant Lust: New Plants to Pine For—Mendota 1-2

No-Fuss Apartment Gardening—Mendota 5

Houseplant Survival Guide—Mendota 8

Rose Breeding Trends and Consumer Preferences in Modern Varieties—Waubesa/Kegonsa

3:45 p.m.

Know the Enemy: Poisonous and Nettlesome Plants of Garden, Field, and Forest—Mendota 3

10 Herbs for Every Garden ... and Why? - Mendota 4

Bringing the Mediterranean to the Midwest—Mendota 6-7

Small-Batch Maple Syrup from your Own Trees—Monona/Wingra

4:45 p.m.

Straw Bale Gardening—Mendota 1-2

Kids and Gardening—Mendota 5

How to Attract Eastern Bluebirds—Mendota 8

What is Old is New Again—Waubesa/Kegonsa

Scholarship 2019 (*deadline is April 30*)

The Kewaunee County Garden Club is offering scholarships to qualified student applicants pursuing a degree in the field of horticulture /or related to horticulture. Full time students can qualify for up to \$1000.00 per school year; part-time students can qualify for up to \$500.00 per school year.

Applicant Requirements:

1. Must be a **Kewaunee County** resident.
2. Must be enrolled or accepted in a technical school, college, or university pursuing a degree in the field of horticulture, or a related field.

For more information visit our website: <http://www.kcgardenclub.org/scholarship.html>

2019 Dues

If you are not a lifetime Kewaunee County Garden Club member, your 2019 dues is due. Please remember to pay your dues in January and then you can forget about it for another year. Ann will appreciate your timeliness.



**KC Garden Club
Christmas Party
at
Hotel Stebbins
2018**



Program and Events 2019

Tuesday, January 22 7:00 p.m.	'Wood Wide Web' Joel Weichelt	Kewaunee City Hall
Saturday, February 9, 2019	WPT Garden Expo in Madison (See poster with departure time)	
Tuesday, February 26 7:00 p.m.	QPR (Suicide Prevention) Karen Callahan	Algoma Youth Club
Tuesday, March 26 7:00 p.m.	'Vegetative Propagation' Warren Hingst	Algoma Youth Club
Saturday, April 6 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.	Bird City Celebration	Algoma Youth Club
Tuesday, April 23 6:30 p.m.	"Birthday Blooms and Blessings" Marilyn Herman 'Bugs' Barb Piechocki	Algoma Youth Club
Tuesday, May 21 7:00 p.m.	'Gardening Alphabetically' Sue Hepp	Algoma Youth Club
Saturday, May 25	Annual Plant Sale	Kewaunee Harbor Park
June 12-15	Hosta National Convention	Green Bay
Tuesday, June 25 6:30 p.m.	The Plantscapers -Eric Marcelle 'Native Plants'	E2051 Luxemburg Rd. Luxemburg
Tuesday, July 23	KC Garden Club Meeting	
Tuesday, August 27	KC Garden Club Meeting	
Tuesday, September 24	KC Garden Club Meeting	
Tuesday, October 22	KC Garden Club Meeting	
Tuesday, November 26	KC Garden Club Meeting	
Tuesday, December 3	KC Garden Club Christmas Party	

Kewaunee County Garden Club By-Laws

Committee members Joel Weichelt, Mary Novak, Tom Zenner, and Sue Hepp met to discuss the garden club by-laws. They are in the process of reviewing and rewriting them to better exemplify the current garden club structure and events. Once the committee has decided on the correct verbiage, copies will be distributed to all members for their review. Once all have reviewed and any changes made, the by-laws will be revised accordingly. The next step will be presenting and voting on the revised by-laws at a garden club meeting.

Each member will receive a finalized copy for their records.



Mission Statement

It is the mission of the Kewaunee County Garden Club to support the horticulture efforts of the people and communities of the county with volunteer work, education, and by example.

Membership Information

Single Membership	\$10.00
Couple Membership	\$15.00

Send Membership Dues to:

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