



Kewaunee County Garden Club Newsletter

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Vision Statement: Providing the environment with beauty, sustainability, and stewardship through horticulture.

Mission Statement: It is the mission of the KCGC to support the horticultural efforts of the people and communities of the county with volunteer work, education, and example.

Too Late ... or Not

Since the monsoons and winter crept up on gardening this year, I decided that Mother Nature was not going to deter my efforts to plant bulbs. It is not feasible to plant bulbs in the garden in December or January ... not to worry. There are several empty containers to fill and bulbs just waiting to get submerged in some nice potting or gardening soil.

The tulip, hyacinth, daffodil, and allium bulbs lay dormant in our basement refrigerator. Now there is a problem. Should each container have the same bulbs or a mixture? It could be cool to showcase each container with the same spring flowers. On the other hand, mixing things up a bit would give the illusion in an existing garden that they were intentionally planted there! I think that I will plant bulbs as I go and see what surfaces. Surprises are good!

Once planted, they will be housed in our potting shed. There will be some colorful conversations between containers as to whom will be the brightest, most colorful, tallest, fullest or perhaps the most talked about in the neighborhood. Wouldn't you like to be a 'flower head' to be able to talk or sing with them? It will be fun to watch them spring up through the soil and strut their foliage and flowers. They certainly know how to put a 'spring' in your step!

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Gardening Catalogues

The gardening catalogues are arriving daily showing so many new and inviting varieties. How does one stay within a budget with so many options ... so many choices?

The truth is, when you love flowers and gardening, you make changes which comes with a price. The beauty is if you plant a new variety and it doesn't do well or it isn't what you hoped it would be, dig it up and give it to someone who loves it or just get rid of it.



Snowdrops

Year In Review

Each month there were excellent **programs** for meeting attendees. Anything from vegetative propagation to garden insect invaders and to wood wide web. Birthday Blooms and Blessings by Marilyn Herman was very interesting.

Garden Expo in February was interesting with their many and varied seminars. Some attendees preferred the shopping experience purchasing some very unique items.

The annual **Plant Sale** in May was a huge success, thanks to the beautiful weather and the many volunteer gardeners who made it possible.

Garden Tours: The Plantscapers in Luxemburg, Nancy Lamack's, Hausknecht's, and the Research Station in Door County.

Represented at the Bird City celebration in April, Lake Haven Expo in May, and Ag Heritage Days in September.

The KC Garden Club **by-laws** were revised and adopted in March 2019.

Annual **Christmas Party** was held at Northbrook Country Club in December.

Many gardeners helped weed and feed at **Dana Farm** throughout the year.

Rented a Kuehl Storage unit for the KCGC tools and equipment. Shelving units were purchased and assembled for the unit.

2020 Programs and Events

January 28	'Growing Herbs'	Tom Zenner
February 8	Garden Expo	Madison
February 25	'Currants'	Warren Hingst
March 25	'Growing and Using Lavender'	AHE
April 18	Bird City Celebration	Algoma Youth Club
May 23	Annual Plant Sale	Harbor Park, Kewaunee
September 26, 27	Ag Heritage Days	Kewaunee

If you are interested in presenting a program please contact Tom so it can get scheduled.

"Now is the time to reflect and dream of warm sunny days and grand garden designs"



The making of a 'Grinch' Tree!



Hot Gardening Trends for 2020

Gardening activities for 2020 are focused on making the most of what is available and creating spaces that are good for all involved—gardeners, local wildlife, and the earth as a whole.

One way is **vertical gardening**, whether you rent a small apartment or own an acre or two of land. Create a wall of plants or trailing vines for a waterfall of greenery. Use an existing fence or post to create a pleasing design.

Houseplants continue to get more and more popular as gardeners recognize their mood-enhancing effects and contributions to décor. They clean the air, reduce stress, bring life to a room, and connects one to nature. Try croton, ZZ plant, golden pothos, or a moth orchid (*I've had mine for three years and it hasn't stopped putting out blooms. It is amazing!*)

There is even a 'Houseplant Hobbyists' following which is a Facebook group. You may be interested in the 'Garden Tags and Growth' app where you can interact with other plant geeks!

Some communities have **plant swaps** which is an interesting concept. This would be a great way to get new, inexpensive plants and at the same time meet people and make new friends.

Succulents have gained more than 25% of sales within the last couple years. They are easy to maintain as they require very little water. Some that you might consider: String of Pearls, crown of thorns, pony-tail palm, panda plant, string of bananas, or zebra plant.

One of the trends for outdoor gardening that has gained in popularity is **pollinator and native plants**. We want to attract bees, butterflies, and birds to our backyards so we need to plant accordingly. Lavender is one that bees love and can be planted in the garden, in a pot, or in a raised bed. If you want a bigger, bushier plant, grow it in a raised bed with good drainage. Lavender does not like heavy soil. Other choices to attract pollinators: lilacs, clover (*plant it more like grass and treat it like groundcover*), honeysuckle (*bush or climber*), sedum, Monarda, asters, coneflowers, milkweed, just to name a few. Herbs: oregano, sage, and basil are good choices once they flower.

Garden Nooks have become a must in the landscape. It has gained in popularity probably because of the stresses in our lives. It is a place to retreat to for some R & R after a hard day at the office, being on the road, or just a place to meditate.

More **Tropical** plants are being introduced into the landscape. Among them are the hibiscus, potted palms, elephant ears, aluminum plant, cannas, and caladiums.

Kinder and gentler gardening practices are in place being more ecologically responsible for the environment. Using less chemicals in the landscape or eliminating them all together. Being more conscientious about buying bug and disease resistant plants.

More gardening—and younger gardeners. Millennial generation (18-34) continues to grow at a higher rate than other age groups, now equaling Gen Xers, baby boomers, and beyond.

WPT Garden Expo Trip

<https://www.wigardenexpo.com/>

Saturday
February 8,
2020

\$50.00 each

Includes transportation
to and from
Expo
One admission
ticket
Breakfast
and snacks
on the bus



KEWAUNEE COUNTY



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Helps the Community Bloom



Departure Time/Location (Bus leaves promptly)

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

Make checks payable to: Kewaunee County Garden Club

Send payment to: Ann Brunner

N2420 Lakeshore Rd, Kewaunee, WI 54216

Phone # 920-388-0217

Deadline: Saturday February 1st 2020

See Web Site: <http://www.kcgardenclub.org>

For more information, Registration form and cancellation policy

Name*	_____	Phone#*	_____
Address*	_____		City* _____ Zip* _____
Email*	_____	* Indicates required field	
Confirmations sent via email			

PICK UP POINTS	(Please indicate by checking box)	Time
<input type="checkbox"/>	Algoma - Nicolet Bank Parking Lot	5:35AM
<input type="checkbox"/>	Kewaunee - Middle School, South Parking Lot	6:00AM
<input type="checkbox"/>	DePere Park & Ride - Highway G, Main Avenue	6:40AM

Make checks payable to: **Kewaunee County Garden Club**
Send \$50.00 to: Ann Brunner, N2420 Lakeshore Road, Kewaunee WI 54216
Payment deadline - Monday February 1st 2020

Bus Leaves Promptly - Please arrive early

Paid reservation is required 7 days prior to departure to guarantee seating.

Late paid reservations are welcome however not guaranteed.

Refunds given 7 days prior to departure.

Saturday Garden Expo Seminars

9:15	Colorful Combinations for the Shade Garden* Gene Bush, Mendota 1-2 9:15 AM - 10:15 AM	Organic Maintenance: A Step in the Right Direction* Becky Kielstrup, Avant Gardening & Landscaping Mendota 5 9:15 AM - 10:15 AM .	Straw Bale Gardening Joel Karsten, Straw Bale Gardens Mendota 8 9:15 AM - 10:15 AM	Plants for Your Pad* Ashley Barkow, Green Bay Botanical Garden Waubesa/Kegonsa 9:15 AM - 10:15 AM
9:30	Attracting Eastern Bluebirds and Other Cavity Nesters Steve Sample, Bluebird Restoration Association of Wisconsin Mendota 3 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM	Garden Talk with WPR's Larry Meiller Larry Meiller, Wisconsin Public Radio Mendota 4 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM	Gardening as We Age* Mark Dwyer, Landscape Prescriptions by MD Mendota 6-7 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM	Growing Food in Urban Areas* Steve Ventura and Paul Huber, School for Urban Agriculture/Rooted Monona/Wingra 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM
10:30	Home Composting Master Class: Everything You Need to Know to Make Great Compost* Joe Lamp'l, <i>Growing a Greener World</i> Mendota 1-2 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Gardening for Life* Marilynn Cech, Lifelong Gardening Project Mendota 5 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Wisconsin Food Traditions* Kelly Saran, <i>Wisconsin Life</i> PBS Wisconsin Mendota 8 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Meet the Wild and Medicinal Plants of the Midwest* Linda Conroy, Moonwise Herbs Waubesa/Kegonsa 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM .
10:45	Re/Birthing a Community Garden* Venice Williams, Alice's Garden Mendota 3 10:45 AM - 11:45 AM .	Design Inspiration for a Creative Vegetable Garden* Megan Cain, The Creative Vegetable Gardener Mendota 4 10:45 AM - 11:45 AM	Invasive Jumping Worms: Impact and Control of a New Garden Pest* Brad Herrick, UW-Madison Arboretum Mendota 6-7 10:45 AM - 11:45 AM	The Joy of Daylilies* Amanda Christensen, Gardens of Ataraxia Monona/Wingra 10:45 AM - 11:45 AM
11:45	Perennials to Know and Grow!* Mark Dwyer, Landscape Prescriptions by MD Mendota 1-2 11:45 AM - 12:45 PM	Sacred Smoke — Plant Smoke for Cleansing, Healing and Ritual* Jean Schneider, Nativa Medica Mendota 5 11:45 AM - 12:45 PM .	What's in a Name? What Plant Names Tell Us* Zannah Crowe, Johnson's Gardens Mendota 8 11:45 AM - 12:45 PM	Get Growing With Microgreens* Victor Zaderej, Happy Leaf LED Waubesa/Kegonsa 11:45 AM - 12:45 PM .
12:00	My Life With Cranes and Dahlias* Dr. George Archibald, International Crane Foundation Mendota 3 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM .	Flowers from Spring Through Frost with Melinda Myers* Melinda Myers, sponsored by American Transmission Company, Mendota 4 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Road Trippin': Wisconsin's Public Gardens* Mark A. Konlock, Green Bay Botanical Garden Mendota 6-7 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Look Beyond Maples* Vijai Pandian, UW Madison Extension Monona/Wingra 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
1:00	Growing a Greener World a Behind-the-Scenes Look at Most Popular Stories From the Past 10 Seasons* Joe Lamp'l, <i>Growing a Greener World</i> Mendota 1-2	Mushroom Growing 101 Lindsey Bender, Field and Forest Products Mendota 5 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Hardy Sedums for Your Garden, The Best Ornamental Grasses for the Midwest* Brent Horvath, Intrinsic Perennial Gardens Inc.	How to Talk My Spouse Into Getting Chickens* Twain Lockhart, Nutrena Waubesa/Kegonsa 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM .
1:15	Japanese Beetles 101: An In-Depth Look at a Top Yard and Garden Pest* PJ Liesch, UW-Madison Extension Mendota 3 1:15 PM - 2:15 PM	The Facts of Light: House Plants for Every Spot* Lisa Eldred Steinkopf, The Houseplant Guru Mendota 4 1:15 PM - 2:15 PM	How Trees Built the Midwest Jay Dampier, UW-Madison, Division of Extension Mendota 6-7 1:15 PM - 2:15 PM	Sandhill Cranes in Your Backyard: How to Live With Wildlife* Anne Lacy, International Crane Foundation Monona/Wingra 1:15 PM - 2:15 PM
2:15	The Land Still Lives: Restoration of an Old Farm* Jerry Apps, Mendota 1-2 2:15 PM - 3:15 PM	Knowledge to Accomplish Success for Purple Martins* Dick Nikolai, Wisconsin Purple Martin Association Mendota 5 2:15 PM - 3:15 PM	Grass to Garden* Rita Thomas Representing the Wisconsin Hardy Plant Society, Mendota 8 2:15 PM - 3:15 PM	Where Does Food Really Come From: Gardening with School Children* Shirley J. Martin, Outagamie Co. Master Gardening Program Waubesa/Kegonsa 2:15 PM - 3:15 PM .
2:30	Birds, Bees and Bouquets* Mariette Nowak, Mendota 3 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM	Current and Future Climate Change Impacts on Gardeners and Landscapers* Bob Lindmeier, . Chief Meteorologist, WKOW 27, representing Citizens' Climate Lobby	Native American Foodways* Laura Manthe and Lea Zeise, Ohe*laku Mendota 6-7 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM <i>Also scheduled: Sun, 10:15 AM</i>	Plant Diseases in History* Brian Hudelson, UW-Madison Plant Disease Diagnostics Clinic Monona/Wingra 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM .
3:30	Green is a Color, Too: Design* Josh Steger, Allen Centennial Garden Mendota 1-2 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM	Demystifying Orchids: A Beginner's Course* Terry Hodge, Olbrich Botanical Gardens Mendota 5 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM <i>Also scheduled: Fri. 4:00 PM!</i>	Building a Butterfly Sanctuary* Ryan Hammes, Green Bay Botanical Garden Mendota 8 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM	Bee-utiful Design Katey Pratt, Olbrich Botanical Gardens Waubesa/Kegonsa 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM
3:45	Gardening for Hummingbirds Michael and Kathi Rock, The Hummingbird Society Mendota 3 3:45 PM - 4:45 PM	Growing Backyard Blueberries in Trench and Containers* Vijai Pandian, UW-Madison Extension Mendota 4 3:45 PM - 4:45 PM	Growing Tomatoes in Wisconsin Lisa Johnson, Extension Dane County Mendota 6-7 3:45 PM - 4:45 PM	Small-Batch Maple Syrup from Your Own Trees Dan Tyler, Monona/Wingra 3:45 PM - 4:45 PM

Gardening by the Moon

Why lunar planting? Plants sown in the correct combination of the best lunar phase and sign show increased vigor, due to having all the best influences. They are growing at an optimum rate and are not as prone to setbacks that would affect less healthy plants. Harvests are often quicker, larger, and crops don't go to seed as fast.

The Earth is in a large gravitational field, influenced by both the sun and moon. The tides are highest at the time of the new and the full moon, when sun and moon are lined up with earth. Just as the moon pulls the tides in the oceans, it also pulls upon the subtle bodies of water, causing moisture to rise in the earth, which encourages growth.

The highest amount of moisture is in the soil at this time, and tests have proven that seeds will absorb the most water at the time of the full moon. Planting by the phases of the moon will keep in rhythm with the alternating gravitational pull.

Moon phase gardening considers four phases or quarters lasting about seven days each. The first two quarters are during the waxing or increasing lights from the new moon and growing up to the full moon.

New Moon: The lunar gravity pulls water up and causes the seeds to swell and burst. This factor, coupled with the increasing moonlight creates balanced root and leaf growth.

The **first quarter** is the best time for planting above ground bearing annual crops that produce their seeds outside the fruit. Examples are lettuce, spinach, celery, broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, and grain crops.

In the **second quarter**, the gravitational pull is less, but the moonlight is strong, creating healthy leaf growth. It is generally a good time for planting, especially two days before the full moon. The types of crops that prefer the second quarter are annuals that produce above ground, but their seeds form inside the fruit such as beans, melons, peas, peppers, squash, and tomatoes. Plant just before the full moon to get the benefits of peak moisture.

The **third and fourth quarters** are after the full moon when the light is waning or decreasing, and the energy is drawing down.

The gravitational pull is high, creating more moisture in the soil, but the moonlight is decreasing, putting energy in to the roots. This is a favorable time for planting root time for crops such as beets and carrots. It is also good for perennials, bulbs and transplanting because of the active root growth.

In the **fourth quarter** there is decreased gravitational pull and moonlight, and this is considered a resting period. This is also the best time to cultivate, harvest, transplant, fertilize and prune. Mow lawn in the third or fourth quarter to retard growth.

When to Plant by the Moon Signs ...the Four Elements: Water, Earth, Air, and Fire

Water Signs: The best planting days for planting all plants is when the Moon is in the water/leaf signs of **Cancer**, **Pisces**, and **Scorpio**. Water signs are fertile times for planting above ground bearing, leafy annuals such as lettuce, spinach, chard, and brassicas in the first or second quarter. Water lawns, shrubs, and trees deeply.

Earth Signs: The earth/root signs, **Taurus**, **Virgo**, and **Capricorn**, are also very fertile and good for planting. Earth signs are associated with roots, so it is especially good for underground crops and for transplanting to encourage root development. Use the third quarter phase.

Air Signs: Air/flower signs are generally barren and dry. **Libra** is an exception to that rule and is semi-fertile and good for blooming flowers and herbs, vines, tubers, and roots. Melons like **Gemini** and onions respond well in **Aquarius**. Air signs are a good time to harvest and cultivate the soil.

Fire Signs: The fire/fruit-seed signs of **Aries**, **Leo**, and **Sagittarius** are considered barren and dry. Use these signs for fruit and crops grown for their seed.

Prune fruit trees during a fire sign. Weed in **Leo** so seeds won't sprout. Harvest in a fourth quarter fire sign to preserve fruit and vegetables for storage.



Annual Christmas Party at Northbrook

