

# Kewaunee County Garden Club Newsletter



Japanese Grub

## Plant Fever Is Here!

Gardeners are chomping at the bit to purchase plants that they can't live without! With the weather that NE Wisconsin has been experiencing, it is no wonder that nurseries, garden centers, or greenhouses are seeing more and more gardeners at their location already!

When purchasing plants, these are some things to look for ...

- Select plants that are vigorously growing, but aren't overly leggy. Stunted plants often have diseases. Leggy plants may be healthy, but often have growth that is wimpy and easily injured. Injured tissue can provide entry points for plant pathogens.
- Avoid plants with brown leaf spots. Dead spots on leaves can indicate fungal or bacterial infections. The pathogens involved continue to reproduce in these areas and can spread on the plant and potentially to other plants.
- Avoid plants with odd leaf coloring. Some plants have variegated foliage. That is normal; however, if you see plants with unexpected blotchy light and dark-colored leaves, yellow lines or yellow ring patterns, avoid them. They may be infected with a virus.
- Choose plants with healthy, white roots. Examine plant roots whenever possible. If roots are brown or otherwise discolored, root rots or some sort of physical root injury may be an issue.
- Examine the soil for any indication of Japanese Beetle grubs or other creepy, crawly uninvited guests.

# Program and Events



- **Tuesday, May 21**—KCGC Meeting Program: ‘Bugs ... good and bad’ - Barbara Piechocki
- **Saturday, May 25**—KCGC 27th Plant Sale 9:00 a.m.—Noon—Lakehaven Hall grounds
- **Friday, June 7 or 14**—O My Peony, Marion TBD
- **Tuesday, June 25**—Dana Farm ‘Weed n’ Feed’ 2:00 p.m. Meal to follow weeding!
- **Tuesday, July 23**—KCGC meeting in conjunction with HCE at Glenn Innish Farm
- **Tuesday, August 6**—Glenn Innish Farm **Lavender** Tour 10:30 a.m.
- **Tuesday, August 27**—KCGC Meeting 6:30 p.m. TBD Program: ‘Steam Canning’ - Mary Novak
- **Tuesday, October 22**—KCGC Meeting 6:30 p.m. TBD ‘Maple Syrup Production—Kathy Daul
- **Tuesday, November 26**—‘Kissing Balls’ with Barb Smith and Barb Thompson

## Spring Chores

Spring can be a hard workout for plants, especially dormant ones. Their engines have to rev up to draw on carbohydrates stored in their stems, roots, rhizomes, and stolons during the winter to fuel new spring growth.

Plants will suffer if nutrients and water are lacking. This is especially noticeable if plants were not able to store enough food/ water the previous fall. This could be due to the plant being cut back too early; not given supplemental watering if it was a dry fall; or insect or critter damage that stressed the plant’s health.

This is why we, as gardeners, should be vigilant in spring to provide supplemental organic fertilizer, or soil amendments, as well as routine watering to the plants, if there is a lack of rain.



Cobrahead Weeder and Cultivator

**Awesome Tool!!**

# Kewaunee County Garden Club Plant Sale 27th Year

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Adults

Kids

## Gardening Kits

**Date:**

Saturday, May 25, 2024

**Location:**

Lakehaven Hall, Kewaunee

**Time:**

9:00 a.m. - Noon

Annuals  
Perennials  
Heirloom Tomatoes  
Herbs  
Shrubs  
Vines  
Native Plants  
Pollinator Plants  
Succulents  
Milkweed Seeds



## Plant Color Code Pricing

Red	=	\$3.00
Orange	=	\$4.00
Pink	=	\$5.00
Blue	=	\$6.00
Purple	=	\$7.00
Yellow	=	\$8.00
White	=	Other

## Plant Sale Features 2024

- 1000's of plants!
- **New ...** potatoes in a bag
- Annuals
- Perennials
- Herbs
- Veggies
- Traveling Knife Sharpener
- Garden Kits for Kids and Adults
- Crafts

# Container Gardening



**Veggies** are great in a container. Easy to harvest when containers are on a deck, patio, or pathway. Easy to maintain and harvest .



Compatible herbs planted in a container are convenient if placed just outside your kitchen window.



**Dahlias**—no digging ... just bring the container into a garage or storage area over the winter



Succulents in a container are very attractive and are low maintenance.

One of the most critical factors for successful blueberry production is providing an ideal soil pH between 4.5 and 5.0. Grow them in a container filled with an acidic soilless growing medium.



# COMPANION PLANTING CHART

PLANT	GOOD FRIENDS	"FOES"
<b>Asian Greens</b>	Beans, Beets, Cabbage Family, Carrots, Cucumber, Garlic*, Peas, Onion*, Nasturtium*, Oregano* Sage, Strawberry, Thyme	Parsley
<b>Basil</b>	Oregano, Peppers, Tomatoes	None!
<b>Beans</b>	Beets, Cabbage Family, Carrots, Corn, Cucumber, Peas, Potatoes, Rosemary, Sage, Strawberry, Swiss Chard, Tomatoes, Thyme	Chive, Leeks Garlic, Onion Marigold Peppers
<b>Beetroot</b>	Beans, Cabbage Family, Lettuce, Onion, Garlic, Leeks	None!
<b>Cabbage Family: Broccoli, Cauli &amp; Kale</b>	Beans, Beets, Carrot, Chive, Cucumber, Dill, Garlic*, Lettuce, Nasturtium*, Onion*, Potatoes, Rosemary, Sage, Spinach, Swiss Chard, Thyme, Oregano*	Peppers, Squash, Strawberry Tomatoes
<b>Carrots</b>	Beans, Cabbage Family, Chives, Garlic*, Leeks, Lettuce, Onion*, Parsley, Peas, Peppers, Rosemary	Dill
<b>Calendula</b>	A wonderful medicinal companion & pest deterrent for ALL! Especially tomatoes.	None! Plant me!
<b>Cilantro</b>	Sage, Thyme, Spinach*	None!
<b>Corn</b>	Beans, Cucumber, Dill, Melon, Parsley, Peas, Sage, Squash, Sunflower, Thyme	Tomatoes, Cabbage Family
<b>Cucumber</b>	Beans, Cabbage Family, Corn, Dill, Lettuce, Nasturtium, Peas, Onion, Peppers, Tomato	Sage
<b>Dill</b>	Cabbage Family, Corn, Lettuce, Cucumber, Onion,	Carrots Tomatoes
<b>Eggplant</b>	Beans, Herbs, Marigold*, Tomato Peppers, Nasturtium*, Spinach	None!
<b>Garlic, Onions, Chives, &amp; Leeks</b>	Beets, Cabbage Family, Carrots*, Dill, Lettuce, Parsley, Sage, Swiss Chard, Strawberry, Spinach, Tomatoes*, Thyme	Peas Beans Sage
<b>Kale</b>	See "Cabbage Family" above	
<b>Lettuce</b>	Beets, Cabbage family, Carrots, Cucumber, Dill, Garlic, Onion, Radish, Sage, Spinach, Squash, Strawberry, Tomatoes, Thyme	None!

Good friends grow particularly well together. "Foes" may cause issues. \*An asterisk shown after a plant indicates that particular combination may have pest-detering properties. Happy Planting!

<b>Marigold</b>	Melon, Squash*, Tomatoes* Deters <i>many</i> garden pests!	Beans
<b>Melon</b>	Corn, Marigold, Nasturtium, Squash, Sunflower, Herbs	None!
<b>Nasturtium</b>	Cabbage Family, Cucumber, Melon, Squash*, Tomatoes, Sage. Repels whitefly & spider mites. Traps aphids	None! Plant me
<b>Oregano</b>	Basil, Peppers, Cabbage Family*	None!
<b>Parsley</b>	Carrots, Chive, Corn, Onion, Peas, Peppers, Tomatoes, Sage, Thyme	None!
<b>Peas</b>	Beans, Carrots, Corn, Cucumber, Parsley, Peppers, Radish, Sage, Spinach, Squash, Strawberry, Thyme	Chives, Onion, Garlic
<b>Peppers</b>	Basil, Carrots, Cucumber, Onion, Oregano, Parsley, Peas, Rosemary, Squash, Swiss Chard, Tomatoes	Cabbage Family, Beans
<b>Potatoes</b>	Beans, Cabbage Family, Marigolds	Tomato
<b>Radishes</b>	Beans, Cucumber, Lettuce, Peas, Nasturtium*, Squash, Spinach	Potatoes Kohlrabi Turnips
<b>Rosemary</b>	Beans, Cabbage Family, Carrots, Peppers, Sage, Thyme	None!
<b>Sage</b>	This aromatic culinary herb grows well with <i>just about</i> everything...	Cucum- -ber, onion
<b>Spinach</b>	Cabbage Family, Cilantro* Leeks, Lettuce, Peas, Sage, Strawberry	None!
<b>Squash</b>	Corn, Lettuce, Marigold*, Melon, Nasturtium*, Peas, Peppers	Cabbage Family
<b>Strawberry</b>	Beans, Garlic*, Lettuce, Onion*, Peas, Spinach, Thyme, Sage	Cabbage Family
<b>Swiss Chard</b>	Beans, Cabbage Family, Garlic*, Onion*, Peppers, Sage, Thyme	None!
<b>Thyme</b>	This tasty culinary herb grows well with everything on this chart. <i>Pollinators</i> love it during blooms! Also said to deter cabbage worms.	None!
<b>Tomatoes</b>	Basil, Beans, Chives, Carrots, Cucumber, Garlic*, Lettuce, Marigolds*, Nasturtium*, Onion*, Parsley, Peppers, Sage, Thyme	Potatoes Corn, Dill & Cabbage Family



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Cheryl Eberle, Mary Novak,  
Nancy Lamack, and Joel  
Weichert



## Label Requests for Plant Sale

May 15 is the deadline to submit label requests for your donated plants. It would be much appreciated if you could your list to Sue before then. This will give enough time to get them printed and delivered at the May 21 KCGC meeting. Thanks in advance for your help.

## Thank You ...

... to the gardeners who volunteered at the Bird City Algoma World Migratory Bird Day celebration, April 27. Big thanks to Sue and Warren for organizing and setting up the booth.

... for providing containers for the plant sale gardening kits. A special thank you to Barb Smith and Barb Thompson for thinking about possible containers when rummaging!