

KCGC Newsletter

March-April 2022

GARDEN COMPANIONS ... NOT!

1. **Corn and Tomatoes**

Both tomatoes and corn are prone to worms and fungal blights so an infestation in one area could spread to the other. Plant tomatoes with basil or chives to improve the flavor or with carrots. Pair corn with beans and pumpkins.

2. **Potatoes and Zucchini**

Both zucchini and potatoes are rapid growers, but potatoes are voracious feeders. They will deplete available nutrients in the soil, leaving the zucchini to struggle. Zucchini do great planted with corn, melon, or beans. Plant potatoes near horseradish, beans or herbs like basil and thyme.

3. **Carrots and Parsnips**

Both are susceptible to the same diseases and pests like the carrot root fly, increasing the risk that you will lose both crops to an infestation. Plant carrots alongside rosemary, sage, or chives to help deter those harmful pests. Parsnips grow well near tomatoes, peppers, onion, or garlic.

4. **Beans and Onions**

When planted close by, onions have been found to stunt the growth of beans and also peas. Happy neighbors for onions include peppers, lettuce, or carrots. Since beans fix nitrogen in the soil, vigorous growers like corn and potatoes will love growing alongside them.

5. **Peas and Garlic**

If planted together, the sulfur compounds present in pungent garlic bulbs will stunt the growth of delicate pea plants. Garlic will drive away many harmful pests—even critters. Plant it near other veggies and herbs including tomatoes, eggplant, or dill. Plant beans, corn, or cucumbers with peas.

6. **Asparagus and Broccoli**

Both vegetables are 'heavy feeders' needing lots of nutrients and moisture. Planting them together would put them in competition and thwart their growth. Plant herbs, radishes, spinach, or cucumbers with broccoli. Asparagus is quite happy planted in its own space, or alongside dill, parsley, or basil.

7. **Peppers and Cabbage**

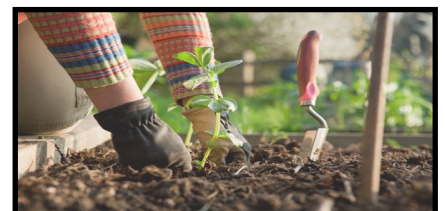
Cabbage will inhibit the growth of nightshade family vegetables like peppers. Peppers grow well with onions, tomatoes, and eggplant. Plant cabbage with mint, cucumber, or lettuce.



'25' REASONS TO GARDEN

This being the **25th year** for the Kewaunee County Garden Club plant sale, it is fitting to list some reasons why gardeners grow vegetables, herbs, and flowers. Perhaps you have other reasons to share with gardeners.

1. Indoor or outdoor gardening
2. Containers, Raised Beds, or Gardens
3. Variety of veggies or flowers
4. Save money by growing your own
5. Veggies taste better than store bought
6. Healthier bones, skin, heart
7. Fiber for best weight loss diet
8. Exercise and Fresh Air
9. Great stress reliever
10. Good for the environment
11. Great for kids
12. Teaching tool for kids or adults
13. Good energy source
14. Veggies stay fresh longer
15. Save trip to grocery store
16. Be self-sufficient
17. Have a variety of color and texture
18. Natural pest repellents
19. Pollinator haven
20. Fresh and Free bouquets
21. Spiritual connection with nature
22. Useful hobby
23. Toxin cleaner
(detoxify due to antioxidants)
24. Share veggies and flowers with family, friends, and the food pantry
25. Fragrance!



PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

Tuesday, March 8—Plant Sale Committee meeting 10:00 a.m.—noon at Barb Smith's

Tuesday March 15—Marketing Committee meeting at 1:00 p.m. at Nancy's

Tuesday, March 22—KCGC Meeting 'Growing and Using Lavender' presented by HCE. Business meeting at 6:30 p.m. Lavender presentation at 7:00 p.m. Knutson Hall, Algoma

Tuesday, April 26—KCGC Meeting; program on garlic by Barb P. Meeting at Dana Farm

Saturday, May 14—'World Migratory Bird Day' celebration, Youth Club, Algoma 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 24—KCGC Meeting; program 'Controlling Weeds in the Vegetable Garden' by Warren. 6:30 p.m. at the Youth Club, Algoma

Saturday, May 28—25th KCGC Plant Sale Lakehaven Hall, Kewaunee 9:00 a.m.—noon

KITCHEN SCRAPS FOR THE GARDEN

Eggshells: Sprinkle crushed eggshells around the base of tomato plants to help prevent blossom end rot and repel snails. Or, use eggshell powder as a fertilizer when planting tomatoes and eggplants.

Coffee Grounds: Sprinkle used coffee grounds around tomatoes, kale, squash, roses, azaleas, and blueberries as acidic fertilizer.

Banana Peels: Sprinkle chopped banana peels around the base of plants for added potassium. An easy banana peel fertilizer ...

1. Add a banana peel to a clean jar.
2. Fill the jar with distilled water and put the lid on it.
3. Let the concoction sit for a week to two weeks, then remove and discard the banana peel.
4. Dilute the finished fertilizer with water in a 1:4 ratio.

Water potassium loving plants with this banana peel fertilizer during the growing season.

Banana peels can also be used as a mulch and will break down supplying nutrients to the plant during the growing season.

Black Pepper: Sprinkle ground black pepper on the soil to prevent cats and other critters from digging up newly planted seeds and young seedlings.



Ants HATE Peppermint

Add peppermint cuttings, extract, or peppermint tea bags to boiling water. Let steep until it is lukewarm. Pour into ant hills.

GOOD GARDENING READS

1. Bringing Nature Home by Douglas W. Tallamy
2. Cook's Herb Garden by DK
3. Carrots Love Tomatoes by Louise Riotte
4. Weedless Gardening by Lee Reich The Well-Gardened Mind by Sue Stuart-Smith
5. Great Garden Companions by Sally Jean Cunningham
6. The Layered Garden by David L. Culp

BIRD CITY CELEBRATION

Put on your thinking cap as to what the garden club should focus on for the 'World Migratory Bird Day' celebration. The celebration is scheduled for:

Saturday, May 14 from 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

What should be on the table provided? Previously Warren and Sue provided plants along with the garden club brochures. This year we have the opportunity to give a 'sneak peek' of the 25th anniversary plant sale items to encourage more traffic to the May plant sale.



Please get your ideas to Tom Zenner or Sue Hepp. Also, if you have items for display please let them know what it is that you have.

GARDENING KIT CONTAINERS

The 25th KCGC Plant Sale will be just around the corner. With that said, please get possible gardening kit containers to Sue Hepp as soon as possible. We will need 50 or more containers for this garden project. Please look at the list provided in this newsletter to get an idea as to what we are looking to use. Basically anything can become a container for kits. Think like a kid, or if you prefer, like an adult as to what would peak their interest. Be creative! That is part of being a gardener!

Look around your garage, basement, or if you are a rummager, check out the sales in your area. There can be some great finds out there!



Kewaunee County Garden Club Plant Sale

Celebrating 25 Years!

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Adults

Kids

Gardening Kits

Date:

Saturday, May 28, 2022

Location:

Lakehaven Hall, Kewaunee

Time:

9:00 a.m. - Noon

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

GARDENING KIT CONTAINER IDEAS

Containers for Kids'

- Toy wagons
- Toy dump trucks
- Sand pails
- Tennis shoes
- Boys/Girls boots
- Colorful straw bonnets
- Baseball mitts
- Stuffed animals
- Ballet slippers
- Makeup cases (similar)
- Train car (open)
- Small watering cans
- Baskets (*small* → *medium*)
- Pillow (*small*)
- #2 cans (*empty*)
- Truck excavator
- Old basketball hoop
- Toy guitar
- Toy toolbox

Containers for Adult

- Small → medium baskets
- Tall juice cans (*empty*)
- Tennis shoes
- Gardening boots
- Dustpan
- Garden plaques
- Old garden tools (*heads*)
- Straw hats
- Garden weathervane
- Hollowed out tree branch (*thick*)
- Kitchen pots or pans
- Bird feeders
- PVC piping (*large diameter*)
- Old mailboxes
- Small wash tubs (*8" - 10" wide*)
- Teapots
- Bib overalls (*tops*)
- Jeans (*pockets*)
- Plant bags (*small*)
- Pitchers (*juice or water*)
- Plastic containers

World Migratory Bird Day Celebration

Saturday, May 14, 2022

Algoma Youth Club

620 Lake Street, Algoma



John Walch



Amy and Rob Hulst

- Presentations
- Vendors and Displays
- Bird Photos
- Children's Book Author
Janet Toonen
- Food (9:00 – 1:30 p.m.)
- Door Prizes



Charlotte Lukes

Hosted By:
Bird City Algoma Committee
<https://www.birdcityalgoma.com>

Family Friendly!

Doors Open at 9:00 a.m.
Vendors: 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Presentations:

10:00 a.m. – **“Birding by the Lakeshore”** by John C. Walch. This presentation contains 150 images of over 80 species of birds sighted in and around Algoma. John will include ‘Tips and Tricks’ to improve your photography skills.

11:00 a.m. – **Open Door Bird Sanctuary LIVE birds** : Amy and Rob Hulst
Amy and Rob will introduce you to and explain about their birds’ highly specialized hunting techniques and physical adaptations

12:00 p.m. – **Lunch Break** ... Food Vendor: Algoma United Methodist Church

12:30 p.m. – **“How to Attract, Feed, and House Birds”** by Charlotte Lukes. She writes the weekly Peninsula Pulse column “Door to Nature” and writes nature features for the quarterly magazine, Door County Living.

President: Tom Zenner

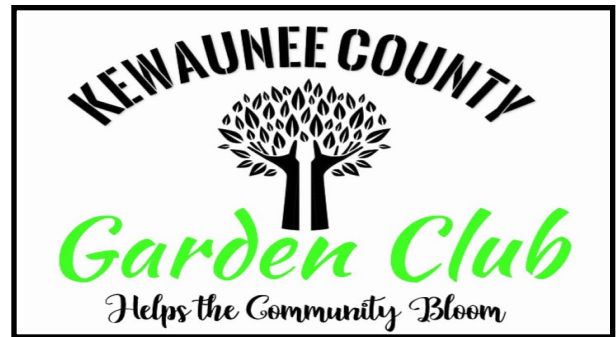
V. President: Cheryl Eberle

Treasurer: Ann Brunner

Secretary: Sue Hepp

Marketing Committee:

Barb Smith, Tom Zenner,
Cheryl Eberle, Mary Novak,
Nancy Lamack, and Joel Weichert



Think Spring!

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NEW PLANT VARIETIES

It always amazes me how the many nurseries come up with new plants each year. Add to that such a variety of colors and textures. And yet, when you plant the new varieties next to some of the old favorites, they blend in effortlessly. It doesn't matter that they have different shapes, sizes, colors, or fragrances. There is no competition among the plants ... they don't compare or compete. Perhaps one could learn a thing or two from the flowers!

Each nursery comes up with new vegetables as well. A couple of **new flower varieties** that you might want to try are 'Sunflower Concert Bell' or Petunia 'Bee's Knee'. The 'Sunflower' has durability and sturdiness even through strong storms and wind. The new petunia is heat and rain tolerant and is pollinator friendly.

New veggies: 'Purple Zebra' tomato and 'Eggplant Icicle'. The tomato is purple with green stripes with good disease resistance. The taste is purported to be exceptional. On the other hand, 'Eggplant Icicle' is white and shaped like an icicle. The white skin does not yellow like many other white eggplant varieties.