

Kewaunee County Garden Club

SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER 2019

A Garden
is a love
song,
a duet
between a
human
being
and
Mother
Nature,
-Jeff Cox

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Zipped Into Fall

Driving to Green Bay on a daily basis one notices the ever changing landscape. The beautiful, blue chicory flowers are few and far between; however, the Queen Anne's Lace remains. Leaves on the Maple trees are starting to show their orange, red, and gold colors. One can almost visualize walking through a path with the fallen leaves crunching under foot as well as smelling the fragrance. The Sumac are just starting to show their vibrant red coloration. But, fall is several weeks away!

This year there seems to be an abundance of goldenrod along the country side. It certainly is not hard to identify with its yellow plumes and tall, waving spikes. The invasive phragmites is very prolific and unwanted by many. Some designers like to use it in their fall decorations whether standing alone or in wall hangings.

Noticeable are the brown-eyed Susan bunches in many homeowners' gardens. Their bright yellow flowers with brown eyes are gorgeous this year. Many containers in front yards have showy yellow, bronze, white, purple, or red/wine mums. Add to that the bright orange pumpkins and it says 'fall' wherever you look.

The cooler temperatures are welcome; however, they can turn off the faucet anytime now! Rain water is overflowing some of the ditches and there are many, many standing puddles in farmers fields.

Truthfully, I am personally looking forward to a crisp, apple picking kind of fall!

Bulb-Planting Strategy

For dramatic impact, plant tulips, daffodils, and other spring-blooming bulbs in clusters or drifts of 5 to 25 same-color varieties. They will be much more appealing than if planted in a straight line.

Hint: Toss handfuls of gravel into planting holes to improve drainage.

Autumn's Potful

Here is another idea for a garden container...

This is a combination that is sun-loving and can be enjoyed all summer through fall with very little maintenance. Just some clipping to keep the plant compact. An added plus, the container can be brought inside in winter and grown as a houseplant.

Miniature Rose (1)

Alternanthera 'Red'(1)

Umbrella Plant (1)

*Coral Bells (1)

Dusty Miller (1)

Cockscomb 'Tornado Red' (1)

*Since coral bells is a perennial, plant it in the garden a few weeks before your average last frost date.



*Divide
perennials
that bloom in
late spring
and summer
(irises,
daylilies, and
daisies)*

Program and Events 2019

Tuesday, September 24 KCGC Meeting;
'Gardening Alphabetically'-Sue Hepp
7:00 p.m.—Algoma Youth Club

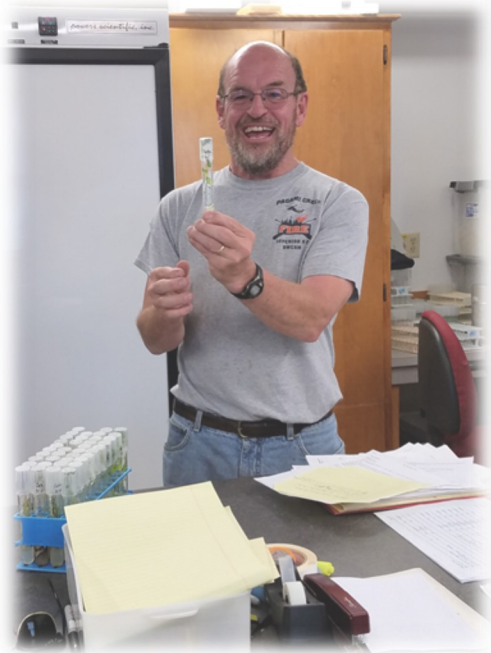
Tuesday, October 22 KCGC Meeting;
'Native Plants' -Dale Goodner
7:00 p.m. - Algoma Youth Club

Tuesday, November 26 KCGC Meeting;
Crafting/Grinch Tree-Barb Smith
7:00 p.m.

Research Station Tour

The Garden Club members enjoyed a tour of the Peninsula Agriculture Research Station on August 15 in Sturgeon Bay. The Research Station is part of the University of Wisconsin-Madison. The Research Station is a field laboratory for fruit research. It is also home to the US Genebank which maintains the world's largest collection of wild and cultivated potatoes. Nearly 5,000 samples of more than 150 potato species are sent worldwide to scientists and breeders.

Members were inspired with ideas as they toured "The Garden Door." The one-acre showcase garden is a cooperative project with the Master Gardeners. This garden provided a "heavenly" walk for members!



Max Martin, Manager of USDA Potato Genebank



Ag Heritage Days Volunteers



**“Autumn
carries more
gold in its
pocket than
all other
Seasons.”
-Jim Bishop**

Friday, September 20	Setup
Saturday, September 21	Ag Heritage Event
Sunday, September 22	Ag Heritage Event
Location:	Luxemburg Fairgrounds 625 3rd Street, Luxemburg

Friday Setup:
Cheryl Eberle
Dale and Sharon Wahlers
Sue and Warren Hingst

Saturday

9:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m.	Sue and Warren Hingst
11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.	Shirley Nell and Jean Rankin
2:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.	Sue Hepp and Rose Nelson

Sunday

9:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m.	Need Volunteers
11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.	Sharon and Dale Wahlers
12:00 p.m.—2:00 p.m.	Barbara Piechocki
2:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.	Sue and Warren Hingst

Pack up banner, brochures, and other items; return to the Kewaunee County UW-Extension Office, 810 Lincoln Street in Kewaunee

Volunteers: promote the Kewaunee County Garden Club using the upcoming events and membership brochures. Distribute brochures and other horticultural materials. Help children make fairy gardens and decorate pumpkins. Send fairy gardens and pumpkins home with the children.

Call Cheryl (920-737-4712) or e-mail: CME@oldorchardcattle.com if you are available to volunteer for the open times on Sunday, September 22.

Color: The Magic of Autumn

Autumn in Wisconsin is all about color! Wisconsin's state forests and parks offer a wealth of fall color viewing opportunities. But have you ever really sunk your teeth into why certain trees, shrubs, and foliage change color? Or, why they are red, gold, orange, brown or red?

Leaf color comes from pigments. Pigments are a natural substance produced by leaf cells. There are three pigments that determine the leaf coloration:

- Chlorophyll (green)
- Carotenoid (yellow, orange and brown)
- Anthocyanin (red)

Chlorophyll is the most important of the three. Without the chlorophyll in leaves, trees would not be able to use sunlight to produce food.

Carotenoids create bright yellows and oranges in familiar fruits and vegetables. Corn, carrots, and bananas are just a few of the many plants colored by carotenoid.

Anthocyanins add the color red to plants including cranberries, red apples, cherries, strawberries and others.

Chlorophyll and carotenoid are in leaf cells all the time during the growing season. But the chlorophyll covers the carotenoid, that is why summer leaves are green, not yellow or orange. Most anthocyanins are produced only in autumn, and only under certain conditions. Not all trees can make anthocyanin.

How to tell a tree from its Colors

Oaks	red, brown or russet
Hickory	golden bronze
Dogwood	purple-red
Birch	bright yellow
Poplar	golden yellow

Maple trees show a whole range of colors

Sugar Maple	orange-red
Black Maple	glowing yellow
Red Maple	bright scarlet

The best autumn colors come when there has been a warm, wet spring; a summer that is not too hot or dry; and a fall with plenty of warm sunny days and cool nights.

1. **Kewaunee and Door County** (Protected by the warming waters of Lake Michigan, the hardwoods of both counties make for scenic fall drives. Take in the four popular state parks, views of the lakes from the bluff-top, seven picturesque lighthouses; apple orchards, and a 20-minute ferry ride is available.)
2. **Marinette County's Waterfall Tour** (14 waterfalls and cataracts throughout a 125-mile loop tour)
3. **Hayward Lakes Area** (northwestern Wisconsin) They have six fall color tours ranging from 45 to 70 miles.
4. **Upper Mississippi River Valley** (follow highway 35 which is known as the Great River Road for spectacular fall colors)
5. **Kettle Moraine Scenic Drive** (The scenic drive traverses six Wisconsin counties from Whitewater Lake in Walworth County north to Elkhart Lake in Sheboygan County.)
6. **Hilltop Color Tour** (A 60-foot observation tower in Rib Mountain State Park near Wausau affords a breathtaking perspective of the Wisconsin River Valley's fall foliage below.)
7. **Lake Geneva Area** (A trio of Wisconsin Rustic Roads totaling nearly 20 miles of scenic fall driving. These quiet country roads traverse glacial Kettle Moraine topography passing through large wooded areas of oak, maple and hickory, as well as old cranberry bogs. One can enjoy fall color cruises on Lake Geneva as well.)
8. **Black River State Forest** (Climb the observation tower to see the autumn splendor as well as Sandhill cranes, geese, ducks, bobolinks, warblers, harriers, and bald eagles.)
9. **Wisconsin River/Baraboo Hills Tour** (Cross the Wisconsin River aboard the Merrimac Car ferry. Spectacular views from the bluffs in Devil's Lake State Park.)
10. **Dodgeville to Spring Green** (This is one of the most picturesque drives in southwestern Wisconsin.)
11. **Northern Great Lakes Region** (21 gem-like coastal islands; six lighthouses, sea caves, and some of the best sea kayaking in the world.)