



# January Newsletter Grant County Master Gardener

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*Our purpose is to provide horticultural education, community service and environmental stewardship for our community in affiliation with the University of Wisconsin Extension Program.*

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**No Meeting in January:** Time to sit back, browse seed catalogs, and sharpen your tools.

**Next Meeting:** February 19, 2015, Brief business meeting at 6:30 p.m. followed by program at 7 p.m. on Orchids by Gary Dressler at Cuba City. Watch for more details in your next newsletter.

**Upcoming seminars offered throughout the state:** Garden Visions—January 23-24, Marathon County, [www.gardenvisions.org](http://www.gardenvisions.org).

A complete event listings can be accessed by clicking on this link:  
<http://wimastergardener.org/?q=EventsList#Jan2015>

## Important Websites for MGVs:

<http://wimastergardener.org>  
This site has information on the Wisconsin Master Gardener Program.

<http://fyi.uwex.edu/wimastergardener/>  
This site is the Extension blog for Master Gardeners.

<http://www.wpr.org/programs/archives/all>  
This site takes you to all the WI Public Radio archived programs. Listen for the Larry Meiller Show which airs live on Friday at 11:00 am and Saturday at 7:00 am.

<http://www.wpt.org/>  
This the site for WI Public Television. Go to Wisconsin Gardener to watch videos of past episodes.

<http://grantcountymastergardeners.weebly.com/>  
This is our association's site for updates.

**Level 1 Training or Educational hours.** Volunteers have opportunity to view videos online that cover basic training. This link will take you to the list of modules that are being developed.

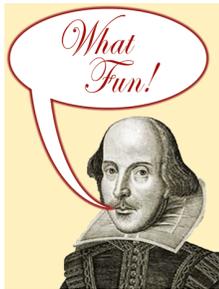
<http://blogs.ces.uwex.edu/mgvlevel1/>

Click on any topic to jump to the module.

## **Level 2 Training—Note from Mike Maddox:**

Our topic will be on Landscapes and Flowers and we will be utilizing the expertise from the various botanical gardens around the state. However, with Ed Lyon's departure from Allen Centennial Gardens, I've had to do some adjustments with the schedule as I recruit a new presenter. Once everything is confirmed, I'll get information out ASAP. I anticipate in mid January. I expect the class to be start by mid-March for students. Delivery will be like last year.

*Karin will send out an email as a reminder. More details should be published by end of January.*



Some candid shots by Shirley A. of the annual potluck. Here are some shots of Skit by Carly, Karin, and Ken. Carly is shown here trying to get rid of weeds, and Karin is trying to convince her to go to conference at Lacrosse instead of weeding.



Marilyn opening her door prize thinking it was a gun for deer hunting season but pleased to find a fork for gardening.



Dry flower arrangements by Carly.



Ken shown here portraying "Mr. Burdock". He's informing Carly that she can't get rid of him so she might as well go to the conference. Real burdock stickers accenting his cap.

**HISTORY OF JANUARY PRETTY MUCH SUMS IT UP.**

"Ruler of new beginnings, gates and doors, the first hour of the day, the first day of the month, and the first month of the year, the Roman god Janus gave January its name. He was pictured as two-headed (both heads bearded) and situated so that one head looked forward into the new year while the other took a retrospective view. Janus also presided over the temple of peace, where the doors were opened only during wartime. It was a place of safety, where new beginnings and new resolutions could be forged, just as the New Year is a time for new objectives and renewed commitments to long-term goals."

Several new beginnings for 2015 for our group:

- Setting up a display of Grant county volunteers by Terry Woods showing their projects
- Creating a Facebook link with our web site
- Utilizing a SignupGenius—Group Organizing tool.

If anyone has other suggestions, please share at the next meeting.

If anyone needs seed catalogs, please contact me because my pile is overflowing. Also, if anyone would like to car pool to go to the WPT Garden Expo, Feb. 14, give me a call

*Karin*