



Minnesota Master Gardener State Newsletter

July 2005

Hi Master Gardeners,

Look inside for the Annual State Conference information. I hope to see many of you in Brainerd in September. Many thanks to the Crow Wing County MG for their work on the conference. It has been great to see many of you working here at the new Yard & Garden Desk at the Arboretum's new **Oswald Visitor's Center**. Working the desk gets you free admission to the Arboretum, a chance to see the new building and gardens, time to walk the grounds and enjoy the gardens. See the sign up information at www.mg.umn.edu. Anne Gachuhi, Regional Extension Educator and State Coordinator for the Junior Master Gardener Program has developed a **new JMG Awards program** that will be highlighted at the September State Conference. Also see the registration form to sign up to **Share Your Program** at the Conference. **Thank you for your volunteer work in Minnesota.**

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2005 Master Gardener State Conference
“Master Gardeners Make a Difference”
Brainerd, Minnesota

Plan now to join hundreds of Minnesota Master Gardeners at the annual State Conference. Held in beautiful Brainerd, in northern Minnesota. This is your annual chance to learn about the latest in many aspects of gardening as well as what other MG are doing in their communities to make a difference. NEW this year is a **special daylong Landscape Design workshop on Friday** at the **Northland Arboretum** in Brainerd. Friday afternoon tours will depart from the brand new **Lodge at Brainerd Lakes** (see yellow box on attached map) and return there for dinner Friday night and the **Master Gardener AWARDS program**. Saturday at **Central Lakes Community College** you will have a choice of 4 concurrent sessions, a keynote address from Gary Johnson as well as a chance to hear from other MG about their successful community projects. Again this year, we are asking you to sign up to **Share YOUR Program**, and receive a gift book. See the attached map for Conference accommodations and site locations. Registration is open now; we look forward to seeing many of you in September.

2005 MG State Conference Schedule of Events

Friday, September 16, 2005

8:00- 5:00 pm Landscape Design Special Workshop, **Northland Arboretum**, Brainerd
OR

11:00-12 Noon Registration for Tours at **The Lodge of Brainerd Lakes**

12 Noon **Tours depart** from **The Lodge of Brainerd Lakes**. All tours include a box lunch.

4:00-5:00 Tours return to The Lodge of Brainerd Lakes.

6:00 pm Dinner and Program at **The Lodge of Brainerd Lakes**;

“50 Years of Gardening in the North” Merv Eisel, Retired Horticulturist from the
Minnesota Landscape Arboretum

7:00 pm **Master Gardener AWARDS PROGRAM**

Saturday, September 17, 2005 Central Lakes Community College, Brainerd, MN

8:00-9:00 Registration

9:00-10:00 am **Concurrent Session I**, see schedule on the following pages

10:00-10:20 am Break, refreshments, visit exhibits, Arboretum shop

10:20 am Welcome Mary Meyer, State MG Coordinator

10:30-11:30 Keynote Speaker

Trees and Master Gardeners Make a Difference in Our Communities.

Gary Johnson, Professor, Forest Resources.

11:30- 12:00 MGs Make a Difference. **Share Your Project**

12:00-12:15 **JMG Awards**, Anne Gachuhi, REE, MN JMG State Coordinator

12:15-1:00 Lunch

1:10-2:10 **Concurrent Session II**

2:20-3:20 **Concurrent Session III**

3:20- 3:35 Break and Door Prizes

3:35- 4:35 **Concurrent Session IV**

4:45 Adjourn

2005 State Master Gardener Conference TOUR DESCRIPTIONS

Gardening in the North!! It's hard to select a tour, there are many gardens and landscapes, along with lakeshores to see and explore. Gardening success will be featured; hear how residents meet challenges, including Zone 3 winters, poor soils, coping with critters and more. Tours will showcase a variety of home gardens, nurseries, and public gardens. Interesting local sights and colorful public plantings will be highlighted by tour guides as the bus passes by. Note: schedule may change due to frost or other unforeseen circumstances, some sites may be added or eliminated. Be ready for rain or shine - bring insect repellent and sunscreen - wear comfortable clothes and shoes for being outdoors - dress in layers for changing weather - coach buses include restrooms –don't forget your camera and notebook!! **All tours include a box lunch and depart from the Lodge of Brainerd Lakes (see map in other conference materials). Indicate your 1st, 2nd and 3rd choices on the reservation form- if a tour overfills we may need to go to your next choice. Reserve early.**

Tour 1 - North Route - Crow Wing and Cass County Gardening Showcase

Our first stop is a garden on Lower Cullen Lake planted in 1999 by a long-time Master Gardener, featuring shrub roses, herbs, containers and native plants. Next, walk the nature trail at Minnesota's newest cemetery, where Master Gardeners have developed trail stations and supervise volunteer maintenance. At our next stop, a 50-year-old tree farm surrounds this beautiful hobby farm, where the owners grow blueberries, grapes, raspberries and more in impressive deer-proof fencing. The final stop is the home landscape of a water gardening expert, (one of last year's MG Conference speakers), where the main water garden offers a tranquil setting both day and night, with two ponds and two waterfalls, surrounded by accent plants.

Tour 2 - South Route – Landscapes and Woody Plants for Zone 3

The first stop includes a tour of the woody plant sales area at Landsburg Garden Center in Brainerd, to see first hand some of the best plants to meet Zone 3 growing conditions. Then on to the Northland Arboretum and enjoy a walking tour through the landscaped gazebo, Monet-style bridge and natural pond area, now surrounded by hardy wildflowers in colors used by Monet. Then on to visit with Merv Eisel, retired University of Minnesota Arboretum horticulturist, who will share his knowledge and home collection of azaleas, peonies and hostas in an awesome setting. One or two additional unique home landscapes in forest settings may also be included if time and weather allows.

Tour 3 - East Route - Waterside Wonders of Crow Wing County

Master Gardeners have been leading development of lakescaping and landscape planting along shorelines throughout this area. Portage Lake is a well-established site, where you can see the effect of several years; you will have a chance to contrast this with the newly planted lakeshore on Serpent Lake. The next stop will be Lake Edward, where a scenic, natural shoreline with a boardwalk leads to a woody trail. The fourth lakeshore showcases Round Lake, and is an example of colorful landscape featuring showy annuals on a hillside slope. We will also tour the Brainerd High School Farm that includes a working greenhouse and a landscaped pond, an ideal site for students to learn and foster their gardening interests.

Tour 4 - West Route - What's New up North: Crow Wing and Todd County

'Raingarden' is one of the newest horticultural words; a stop at Shady Hollow Resort on Hardy Lake includes both a rain garden and notable lakescaping. The next stop is the landscaped home of Roger Landsburg, former President of Minnesota Nursery and Landscape Association, and owner of Landsburg Garden Center. The final tour stop is at Central Lakes College in Staples to see first hand new horticultural research projects and gardens. Join Terry Nennich, Regional Extension Educator, as he talks about the High Tunnel Research Project. Its purpose is earlier vegetables and flowers, with NO artificial heat. Also at Staples is the award-winning Living Legacy Garden, started and sustained by Master Gardeners. Stroll down the brick pathway through the perennial garden and around the pond with Shirley Judd, Crow Wing Co. MG. Enjoy the herb garden, children's garden, and complete the tour by relaxing in the therapeutic garden or at the gazebo.

2005 State Master Gardener Conference, Friday, September 16, 2005

Special Landscape Design Workshop

LANDSCAPE DESIGN BASICS: *Advanced Landscape Design skills for Master Gardeners*

8:00 am – 5:00 pm (with a 1-hour lunch break)

Instructors: Brad Pedersen, Julie Weisenhorn, and Jim Calkins, Department of Horticultural Science, University of Minnesota.

Cost: \$99.00 (includes a comprehensive course packet, lab materials, and a set of basic design tools).

NOTE: Attendees will be able to purchase copies of the *Plant Elements of Design* plant selection CD developed by the University of Minnesota for a special conference price of \$49.00 during the seminar. Master Gardeners attending the conference, but not the seminar, will be able to purchase copies of the CD for \$60.00.

The class will focus on the principles and theory of sustainable design, site analysis, concept and draft design development, and plant selection. Attendees will also learn how to develop quality bedlines, mix and match plants based on function and landscape characteristics, how to build flexibility into the design process, and the importance of the relationship between design and implementation. Class includes lecture periods as well as in-class exercises that will allow attendees to put pencil to paper and practice the techniques discussed during the seminar. This workshop will take place at the Northland Arboretum in Brainerd. See map in other conference materials.

Saturday September 17, 2005 State Master Gardener Keynote Speaker:

Trees and Master Gardeners Make a Difference in Our Communities. Gary Johnson, Professor, Urban and Community Forestry, Department of Forest Resources. Trees and shrubs, flowers and turf, clean water and air, fruitful soil and urban wildlife: these natural resources all add to the quality of life in our neighborhoods and communities. Volunteers, including Master Gardeners have been important human resources for maintaining healthy "green" resources and healthy communities. This presentation will note those "quality of life" credentials that our urban landscapes offer us and how we as volunteers can help keep our communities green, healthy and safe.

Saturday, September 17 Concurrent Sessions:

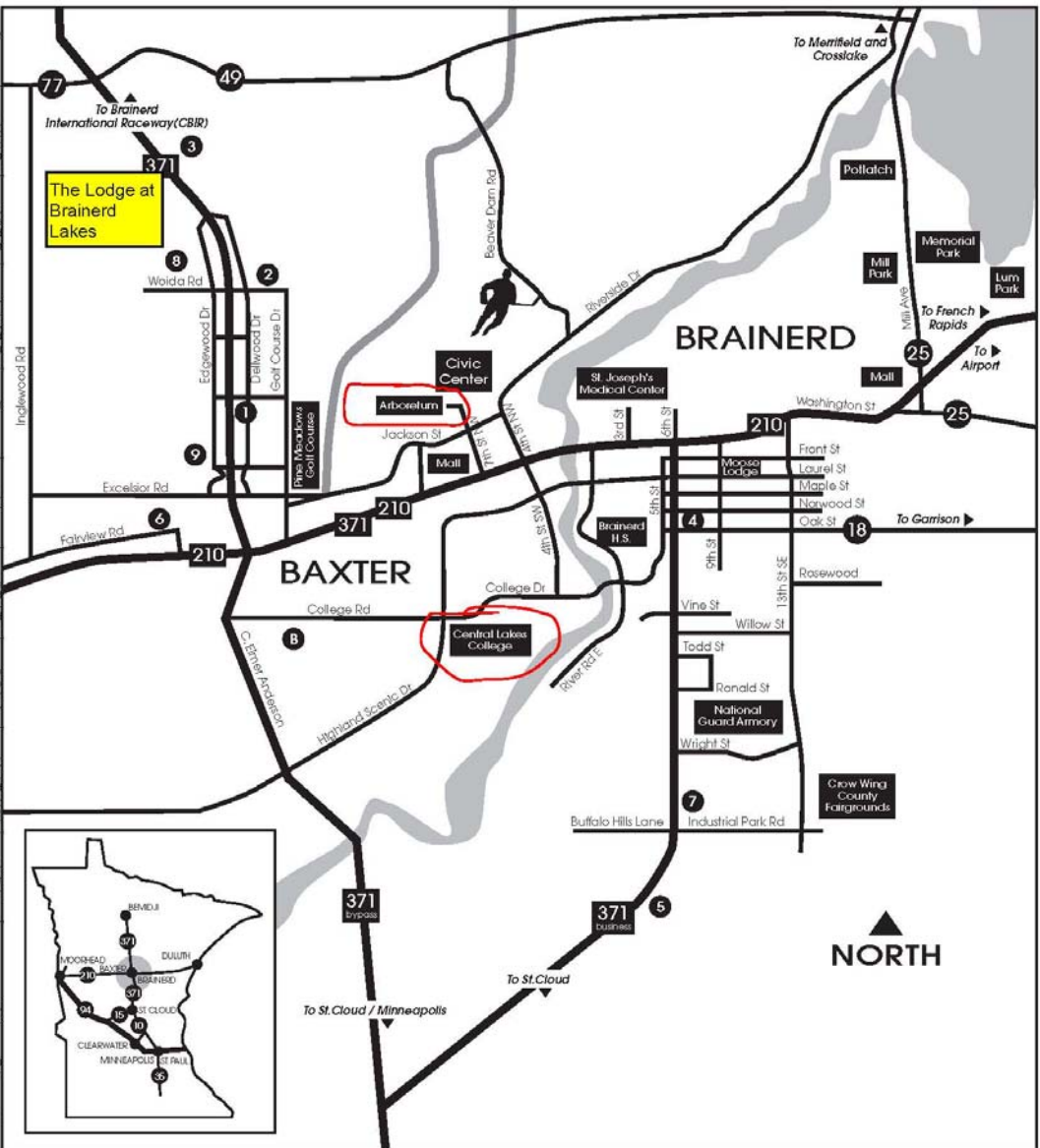
	Session I 9:00-10am	Session II 1:10-2:10 pm	Session III 2:20-3:20 pm	Session IV 3:35-4:35 pm
<p>Aquatic Invasive Species and Water Gardening. Eleanor Burkett, Regional Extension Educator. Water Gardening is popular and fun. But do you know some of these plants are invasive? Water gardening may introduce invasive non-native plants. Learn how to prevent the spread of invasive species to Minnesota lakes and rivers.</p>	I E363	II E363		
<p>Container Gardening. Mary Meyer, Extension Horticulturist. The basics and more. Tropicals, vegetables, and color, are what is new in containers. Can you reuse a container soil mix? What combinations look good together? Mary will cover what is new and show you several ideas for growing plants in containers.</p>			III E354	IV 354
<p>Junior Master Gardern Program. Anne Gachuhi, Regional Extension Educator. Discover new ideas on how to involve youth in fun gardening activities such as growing food, health and nutrition, creating wildlife habitats, and literature in the garden. Get tips on how to start a JMG program in your community using all 5 JMG curriculums. NOTE: This is a special two hour session.</p>			III E313 AND IV E313 SPECIAL 2 HR SESSION	
<p>Household Insect Update. Jeff Hahn, Extension Entomologist. This is an update session for all MG who have taken the Household Insect Classes. Jeff will lead a discussion of Pest Scenarios and will emcee Insect Jeopardy.</p>			III E363	IV E363
<p>Growing Indoor Plants. Carl Hoffman, Stearns County MG Coordinator. Tips and ideas for growing the best plants indoors. Carl will talk about which plants are easy to grow and cultural recommendations.</p>	I E314		III E314	
<p>How to Work a Booth. Kim Sullivan, Anoka County Master Gardener. County Fairs or the Home and Garden show: what to do when you are assigned to work in a show or public fair booth. Kim will discuss making the most of your time and good tips for giving information to the people who walk by.</p>	I W127	II W127		
<p>Know Your Maples. Nancy Rose, Regional Extension Educator. Red, silver, Norway, sugar, crosses in between, and the many cultivars, wow there are a lot of maples. Nancy will talk about the differences in cultural requirements and identification techniques.</p>	I E354	II E354		

Saturday, September 17 Concurrent Sessions:

	Session I 9:00-10am	Session II 1:10-2:10 pm	Session III 2:20-3:20 pm	Session IV 3:35-4:35 pm
7 Common Lawn Weeds & How to Manage Them. Robert Mugaas, Regional Extension Educator. Basic weed biology and ecology characteristics will help you manage these troublesome weeds. Both chemical and non-chemical approaches will be presented.	I E339	II E339		
High Tunnels for Home Gardeners. Terry Nennich, Regional Extension Educator. Used throughout the world, to extend the season on both ends high tunnels increase production and reduce days to harvest and gardening risk. Recommendations for homeowners and information you can use to help other gardeners.			III E339	IV E339
Gardening Information OnLine. Beth Jarvis, Extension Specialist. What are the best sites for answering gardening questions? How can you efficiently find the answers from Extension or university sites? Beth manages our <i>Ask A Master Gardener</i> website, where 1,000 of local questions are compiled with answers. Learn how to quickly find what you need from the best sources, online.			III E417	IV E417
Apples and Other Fruits for the North. Ralph Thrane, Ramsey County Master Gardener. Join Ralph to learn how to grow the best fruits in the north, cultivars, and culture. Ralph lives in the Twin Cities and manages Gibbs Farm's Heritage Orchard, but also had his own orchard in northern Minnesota.	I E417	II E417		
Powerpoint 101. Julie Weisenhorn, Hennepin County MG. Here is your chance to learn how to use powerpoint and make a presentation as a Master Gardener. Learn the basics of how to customize slides, add photos and backgrounds. Using one of the computer labs at the community college, each participant will work on a computer during this class.	I C222	II C222	III C222	
Community Gardens and Master Gardeners. Mimi Hottinger, Blue Earth County MG. Mimi manages a large community garden for the School Sisters of Notre Dame in Mankato. This organic garden serves many minorities groups. Come to get new ideas and share how your work as a MG can make a difference through community gardens.			III W127	IV W127

- Motel Amenities**
- S Sauna
 - J Jacuzzi Rooms
 - H Handicapped Rooms
 - I Indoor Pool
 - W Water Park
 - W Whirlpool
 - F Food on Premises
 - C Complimentary Breakfast
 - G Game Room
 - P Pets Allowed

- 1 AmericInn Lodge & Suites**
 218-829-3080 856-822-3080
 14466 Dellwood Drive
 Baxter, MN 56425
J H I W C G S
 Micro/fridge, high-speed internet, coffee maker, hair dryer in each room. Whirlpool Suites. See number beds available. Fast food, dining and shopping within walking distance. Meeting room for up to 15.
- 2 Country Inn & Suites**
 218-828-2161 800-456-4000
 15058 Dellwood Drive
 Baxter, MN 56425
J H I W C P
 Newly remodeled rooms with micro/fridge, coffee maker, hair dryer, iron/ironing board and wireless internet. Fast food, dining and shopping within walking distance. Meeting room for up to 80.
- 3 Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites**
 218-824-3232
 15739 Audubon Way
 Baxter, MN 56425
J H W F C G WP
 20,000 square foot indoor waterpark with slides, lazy river. Each room has micro/fridge, coffee maker, hair dryer and iron/ironing board. Various suites available. Fast food, dining and shopping within walking distance. Meeting room for up to 40.
- 4 Downtown Motel**
 218-829-4789
 Bus. 371 • 507 South 6th Street
 Brainerd, MN 56401
P
 All rooms have micro/fridge. In the heart of downtown Brainerd.
- 5 Econo Lodge**
 218-828-0027 800-424-4777
 Bus. 371 • 2655 Highway 371 S.
 Brainerd, MN 56401
H C P
 Rooms include micro/fridge, hair dryer, iron/ironing board. Near shopping and dining.
- 6 Hawthorn Inn & Suites**
 218-822-1133 800-527-1133
 7208 Fairview Road
 Baxter, MN 56425
J H I W C G S
 Overlaid rooms with micro/fridge, wireless internet, coffee maker, ironing boards and hair dryer. Three suites with full kitchens available. Exercise room. Fast food, dining and shopping nearby. Meeting room for up to 25.
- 7 Ramada Inn**
 218-829-1441 888-562-2944
 Bus. 371 • 2115 South 6th Street
 Brainerd, MN 56401
J H I F P G S
 Rooms include ironing boards, coffee maker and hair dryer. Some rooms have micro/fridge. Buffalo Creek restaurant and bar on premises. Located close to biking and snowmobile trails. Meeting room for up to 150.
- 8 Rapid River Lodge / Comfort Suites**
 218-825-7234 877-543-8938
 7376 Wolda Road
 Baxter, MN 56425
J H W F C G S WP
 Minnesota's most fun indoor waterpark, featuring a 250 ft tube slide, 150 ft body slide, lazy river and two pools. Each room has high-speed internet, micro/fridge, coffee maker, hair dryer and ironing boards. Various suites available. Exercise room. Fast food, dining and shopping within walking distance. Meeting room for up to 40.
- 9 Super 8 Motel**
 218-828-4288 800-800-8000
 14341 Edgewood Drive
 Baxter, MN 56425
J H C G P
 Newly remodeled. Micro/fridge, hair dryer and hair dryer in each queen room. High-speed internet access. Fast food, dining and shopping within walking distance. Meeting room for up to 20.



For more information, contact the motel or Suzette Bush, Executive Director. Or, you can dial 800-450-7247 and we can connect you to any of the motels.

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For discounted room rates check: 1: The Lodge of Brainerd Lakes \$85 plus tax; (877) The Lodge www.lodgehotels.com 2. AmericanInn \$75 plus tax; 3. Country Inn/Suites \$89.10 plus tax . Just mention the Master Gardener Discount!

2005 Master Gardener State Conference Registration Form

In recognition of your valuable volunteer assistance, this conference offers Master Gardeners additional training in horticulture and environmental topics at a reduced rate. Non-active Master Gardeners, spouses and guests are invited to register at a higher rate.

**REGISTRATION DUE BY 8/30/2005 – NO REFUNDS AFTER THAT DATE.
LATE FEES APPLY AFTER AUGUST 15, 2005**

Registration Fees:

- \$99 All day workshop on Fri “Landscape Design Basics” (\$105 after 8/15/05)
- \$20 / \$25 Friday afternoon tours – Master Gardeners / Guests (\$25/\$30 after 8/15/05)
- \$20 Friday evening dinner – Master Gardeners and Guests (\$25 each after 8/15/05)
- \$45 Saturday Conference – Master Gardeners & Ext. Staff (includes lunch & materials) (\$50 after 8/15)
- \$50 Saturday Conference – Guests (includes lunch & materials) (\$55 after 8/15/05)

NAME _____ COUNTY _____
 GUESTS NAME _____ PHONE _____
 ADDRESS _____
 CITY _____ MN ZIP _____
 EMAIL _____

FRIDAY WORKSHOP: (Note: You may choose either the workshop or tours but not both) \$ _____

FRIDAY TOURS: Indicate your 1st, 2nd and 3rd choice for tours:
 _____ Tour #1 North - Crow Wing and Cass County Gardening Showcase
 _____ Tour #2 South - Landscapes and Woody Plants for Zone 3
 _____ Tour #3 East – Waterside Wonders in Crow Wing County
 _____ Tour #4 West – What’s New up North: Crow Wing and Todd County
 TOUR TOTALS _____ @ \$20 MG & Ext. Staff (\$25 AFTER 8/15)
 _____ @ \$25 Guests (\$30 AFTER 8/15) **TOUR TOTALS** \$ _____

FRIDAY DINNER _____ @ \$20 MG/Staff/Guests (\$25 AFTER 8/15)
 ___ **Chicken** ___ **Walleye** ___ **Vegetarian** **FRI DINNER TOTALS** \$ _____

SATURDAY CONFERENCE (Includes registration materials, two refreshment breaks and lunch)
 _____ @ \$45 Master Gardener & Ext. Staff (\$50 AFTER 8/15)
 _____ @ \$50 Guests (\$55 AFTER 8/15)
SAT. CONF. TOTALS \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE \$ _____

Share your Projects: Tell other MGs about your work. Again this year, MGs can sign up to talk for 3 minutes at the conference and receive a special book: **Tree and Shrub Gardening for Minnesota and Wisconsin** by Engebretson & Williamson, donated by Lone Pine Publishing Limited to 10 presenters, so register early:

The program I will share is: _____

Make checks payable to: University of Minnesota
 Mail to: Linda Wasem, Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, 3675 Arboretum Drive, Chaska, MN 55318

WE CANNOT ACCEPT WALK-IN REGISTRATIONS – NO REFUNDS AFTER AUGUST 30TH.

MINNESOTA JUNIOR MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM

ANNUAL AWARDS PROGRAM

Cultivating Youth and Communities through Gardening

Purpose:

The purpose of this annual award program is to reward and recognize the outstanding accomplishments of individuals, groups and agencies/businesses involved in the MN Junior Master Gardener Program.

2005 MN J.M.G Recognition Awards:

The following awards will be given at the 2005 MN Master Gardener Conference in Brainerd on Saturday, September 17, 2005.

1. J.M.G Group of the Year
2. J.M.G Leader of the Year (MG, 4-H, Community educators, Teachers, etc)
3. J.M.G Program Partner of the Year.

To apply, complete the appropriate application and submit to the MN Junior Master Gardener Program (see address below) before July 15, 2005. A committee consisting of the J.M.G State Coordinator and Master Gardeners on the State MG Advisory Committee will evaluate the J.M.G Award applications. Winners will be notified on or before August 15th, 2005 and formally recognized at the State Master Gardener Conference September 17 in Brainerd.

Nomination Criteria

- All nominees must be affiliated with a registered J.M.G Group (To register your group, call 763-767-3836).
- The application must be complete and accurate. Written application should NOT exceed two pages. The criteria used to evaluate each nominee are listed by award category.
- Supporting documents, including newspaper articles, letters of support, and/or photographs may be submitted but should not exceed four pages.
- Videos and CDs containing presentations or images may be submitted as supplemental information.
- All applications, pictures and materials submitted become the property of the MN J.M.G Program.
- All applications must be submitted to the Junior Master Gardener Program office by July 15th, 2005. Include the original application as well as four additional copies for the judges.

Submit to:

MN Junior Master Gardener Program

University of Minnesota Extension Service
Regional Extension Center, Andover
550 Bunker Blvd NW Suite L-1
Andover, MN 55304-4199
Tel: 763-767-3836

J.M.G LEADER OF THE YEAR

This award will be given to an individual who has demonstrated increased knowledge and appreciation for horticulture and environmental concepts and has provided leadership and volunteer service to the local community.

Print or type the information below. (Attach additional pages as needed). The application should NOT exceed two pages. Appendices including newspaper articles, letters of support and/or photographs may be submitted but should NOT exceed four pages.

Name of J.M.G Leader: _____

J.M.G Group: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ **County** _____

1. Describe the nominee’s leadership and contributions to youth in the J.M.G program.

2. Explain how the nominee implemented the J.M.G curriculum to successfully engage youth in horticulture and environmental concepts.

3. Give examples of how the nominee solicited community support and involvement.

4. Describe how the nominee coordinated J.M.G youth in service projects.

J.M.G GROUP OF THE YEAR

This award will be given to a group who has demonstrated increased knowledge and appreciation for horticulture and environmental concepts and has provided leadership and volunteer service to the local community.

Print or type the information below. (Attach additional pages as needed). The application should NOT exceed two pages. Appendices including newspaper articles, letters of support and/or photographs may be submitted but should NOT exceed four pages.

J.M.G Group: _____

J.M.G Leader: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ **County** _____

Name of individual completing the form (if different than the above information) _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ **County** _____

1. State why the J.M.G group should be recognized as the J.M.G Group of the Year.
2. Describe how the J.M.G Group made a difference in the community.
3. Give examples of how the J.M.G Group collaborated with other organizations.

J.M.G PROGRAM PARTNER OF THE YEAR

This award will be given to a business or organization that provided support through donations of supplies, money, expertise and or/time to further develop the quality of the J.M.G program.

Print or type the information below. (Attach additional pages as needed). The application should NOT exceed two pages. Appendices including newspaper articles, letters of support and/or photographs may be submitted but should NOT exceed four pages.

Business/Organization Nominated: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ **County** _____

Name of individual completing the form (if different than the above information) _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ **County** _____

1. Explain why the nominated business/organization should be recognized as the J.M.G Program Partner of the Year. For example: Funding and resources provided, volunteer support, publicity and political support.

2. Describe the benefits the J.M.G youth received as a result of this partner’s support.

News from the **State MG Advisory Board**: At their meeting on June 22, the Board approved a set of goals on Diversity, see attached. "These are major goals and we can only hope to work on this in small steps, a few at a time," indicated Julie Weisenhorn, Hennepin Co. MG and new MG Board Chair. Look for more on this from your local MG representatives on the Board and in future newsletters. The 2006 State MG Conference theme will be **Master Gardeners and Diversity** and will be hosted by Carver/Scott MG in September 2006 at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum.

The Board also approved four locations for the **2006 (North West) MG Core Course: St. Cloud, Alexandria, Bemidji and Thief River Falls**. At both Bemidji and Thief River Falls, the class will be taught via ITV and sent (from Bemidji) to Grand Rapids, International Falls; and (from TRF) to Roseau, Baudette and Hallack. More information and dates will be coming to counties later this summer. The 2006 Core Course will also be taught in the metro area: **St Paul**: T, TH evenings and Sat in January; and **online**.

The **Online MG Volunteer Hours System** is up and working at www.mg.umn.edu. Try it out and see if this doesn't help you keep track of your hours! For 2005, we need all MG to use this new system as it will help you and us to keep track of your hours. If you have any questions, let me know (meyer023@umn.edu or 952-443-1447). Please be sure your hours are counted for 2005 online. Thanks for all your volunteer work.

State Fair signup is up and running: Go online and pick your time and demonstration: www.mg.umn.edu. Volunteer at the Arboretum: Enjoy the gardens, stroll in the new building, free admission!! Sign up online at: www.mg.umn.edu. Advanced Trainings for 2005: Need educational hours??, new events are added regularly, check them out: www.mg.umn.edu. Many are NOT in the metro.

News from Jeff Hahn on **Household Insect Control**:

I am still planning to teach the Home Insect Control class in 2 more locations in 2005. The sites and their schedules are:

Braham:	July 29 – 29
Fergus Falls:	October 21 - 22

The Home Insect Control program is an advanced course for those who are interested to learn about insects found in and around homes and how to manage them. The topics covered include ants, wasps, cockroaches, spiders, stored product insects, flies, bed bugs, and lady beetles, boxelder bugs and other accidental invaders. This class combines lecture with hands on labs. This class is meant to be an ongoing educational opportunity with update classes taught on a regular basis. Master Gardeners that take this class are asked to volunteer about 5 hours out of their 25 annual hours specifically on household insect issues. This course will be taught as a two day program totaling 12 hours (six hours each day). The cost of this program is \$95 per person which includes a copy of the NPCA (now NPMA) Field Guide to Structural Pests, a lavishly illustrated book that normally retails for \$118. Extension staff are also welcome to take this class at the same price. For questions or more information, please contact me at 612-624-4977 or at hahnx002@umn.edu. You can find registration & additional information at: <http://www.mg.umn.edu/MGAT/classschedule.html>. Hope to see you in class!

Jeff Hahn, Extension Entomologist

MASTER GARDENER DIVERSITY SUBCOMMITTEE GOALS & ACTIONS
Adopted on June 22 by the State MG Advisory Board for MN MG Program

<p align="center">GOAL #1 To increase the cultural competency of the Master Gardeners</p>	<p align="center">GOAL #2 To provide equal access to Master Gardener services and info for all cultures in MN</p>	<p align="center">GOAL #3 To culturally diversify the Master Gardener membership</p>
<p><u>ACTION #1:</u> Educate the current MG members on lifestyles, traditions and horticulture as they relate to other cultures.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include a speaker on diversity as part of the 2005 State Conference; • Include the topic of diversity as part of the MG Core Course for 2006; • Propose to Carver / Scott County MG Board that the theme of the State Conference in 2006 focuses on Diversity and the changing face of a typical Minnesotan; • Schedule Juan Moreno as a keynote speaker for the 2006 State Conference, and ask him to facilitate a smaller workshop that includes break-out sessions focusing on understanding our individual cultural backgrounds 	<p><u>ACTION #1:</u> Typically, the second generation of immigrants - the kids - speak English and act as translators for their parents. Utilize the Junior Master Gardener Program to spread the word about Extension services, MG services and information to adults in various cultures here in Minnesota. By reaching the kids, it is also feasible that we are propagating the next generation of Master Gardeners.</p>	<p><u>ACTION #1:</u> Translate the “How to Be a Master Gardener” brochure into various languages.</p>
<p><u>ACTION #2:</u> Assume our audiences are diverse. Therefore, as resources are updated or created, they should include information pertinent to various cultures. While the MG is not expected to present in various languages, hand-outs should be translated into other languages and included. Information and guidelines should be provided to MG members / groups about Extension materials available in various languages (on both national and local levels), and translation resources for new materials.</p>	<p><u>ACTION #2:</u> Visit with leaders of the various ethnic groups in the state, and educate them on the services MGs offer and information from which their communities may benefit.</p>	<p><u>ACTION #2:</u> Create 2-3 scholarships to cover the Core Course expenses for MG interns from diverse backgrounds. The goal of this action is that these scholarship winners will complete the course and give back to their communities, and mentor new MGs interns. These scholarship winners should be paired with strong mentors who are well-acquainted with the MG organization, the opportunities and horticulture.</p>
<p><u>ACTION #3:</u> Include ethnic plants in gardens at regional research and outreach centers (Rosemount, Morris, St. Paul, etc.) to serve as a location for MG and public education. At these locations, include literature in various languages</p>	<p><u>ACTION #3:</u> Be more visible. Schedule MG info booths and speakers at culturally diverse events such as Cinco de Mayo, Juneteenth, and Festival of Nations. (Be sure to include hand-outs in various languages.</p>	

An expanded **Turf and Grounds Field Day** will be held on the St. Paul campus on Thursday, July 28, 2005. Hear many talks of interest to Master Gardeners and see first hand what research is going on in turf and grounds. Registration and full information is online at the turf site: www.turf.umn.edu.

Recently, a Master Gardener accused me (Mary Meyer) of "hiding the fact" that I published a new grass bulletin last year. So hear ye, hear ye, now available to all Master Gardeners is the new bulletin **Ornamental Grasses for Cold Climates**. Special wholesale cost for MG is \$6 direct from the Distribution Center. Order through your Extension office to get the wholesale price: <http://www.extension.umn.edu/distribution/horticulture/DG6411.html>. The publication is also available at the Arboretum gift shop and many other locations at a retail price of \$9.95. New additions to this pub are: pronunciation!! of those long grass botanical names, great combinations of perennials to plant with grasses, alternative lawn grasses and many more photos. Ok, the word is out now !! Enjoy the grasses and all your gardens this summer.

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about gardening,
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Master Gardener Calendar of Events

June 1, 2005-ongoing	Sign Up for State Fair	www.mg.umn.edu
July 24-27, 2005	International MG Conference	Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
July 28, 2005	Turf and Grounds Field Day	St. Paul
August 12-15, 2005	American Community Gardening Conference	St. Paul
August 25-Sept 5, 2005	Minnesota State Fair	St. Paul
September 16-17, 2005	MG State Conference	Brainerd, MN
June 28- July 1, 2006	National MG Coordinators Meeting	Naperville, IL



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