



# The Watering Can

## Save the date!

**Next Meeting:**  
August 11, 2011—7PM

### Food Preservation Panel

If you'd like to learn more about preserving the bounty of your harvests, CSA shares and farm market finds.... this is the meeting for YOU!

There will be equipment demos, recipes, and lots of tips and techniques!

If you'd like to help with the presentation, please contact Carrie Covell at 608-524-0992

Bring a favorite home canned, frozen, or dried treat and the recipe to share!

## What's New?

**Patrice Luer**  
**Membership Chair**

*Patrice is up to some neat stuff to get our member lists up-to-date and to keep you informed! When you hear from her, please respond quickly, as she's working to simplify our communication to you!*

**Bev Strand**  
**Newsletter Editor**

*The Watering Can will be published around the 20th of the month, so that we can share the month's information. She'd love to hear from previous columnists (bev\_strand2002@yahoo.com). Although we prefer for info to be distributed online, we are still offering "off-line" subscriptions!*

## Carrie's Comments....

July is on its way out, and it's time to consider August. In August, our meeting will focus on canning, freezing, drying and preserving food, we'll start our annual request for reporting of volunteer hours and collection of dues, and since our officers are serving the second year of their terms, we'll be looking for nominations for elections to be held in January 2012.

### July Meeting - Cooking with Herbs

Chef Michael of Elite Catering demonstrated "Cooking with Herbs", using herbs that were donated by our members. He emphasized that we should cook with herbs we like that suit our particular tastes and imaginations. Infused butter can be used as a spread or topping; infused mayonnaise can be used as a marinade, sauce or dressing; olive oil, vinegar and herbs of choice can be blended for marinades or dressings... When creating infusions, add herbs a bit at a time and taste as you go to make adjustments to your own personal liking. Again, there is no right or wrong when it comes to using herbs. Use them according to your liking. Marinate beef and chicken (the tougher the cut, the longer it should marinate) for added flavor and tenderness. More information about the particulars of the recipes used by Chef Michael will be posted on our facebook page. (Print versions of information posted online is available by request to Carrie at 608-524-0992)

### Look for us on

Our website has become out-dated, so we are moving to facebook to disseminate our online information. If you already have a facebook account, please go to the SCMGA page (find it by searching "Sauk County Master Gardener Association") and "Like" it. Once we have 25 "Fans", we can make it a page that can be accessed like a webpage by anyone!

### Hours & Dues

Hours are due beginning in August as we need to make the report to the State by October 1 and we need a few weeks for the compilation. You can estimate your hours for September if they are needed for certification, OR you can report September hours next year. Your hours are cumulative and stay with you and transfer with you for life. They are important to illustrate how active our chapter is and for grant administration and funding. Please report every hour, even if you do not qualify for certification.

Dues will be asked for with your hours to simplify our reporting. Please complete and return the renewal form when paying your dues so that we can keep you informed, and your information updated. If you do not complete the hours for certification, you can remain a part of SCMGA as an associate (County only) member.

### Wisconsin Master Gardeners Annual State Conference

Friday, August 5—Sunday, August 7, 2011  
Crowne Plaza Hotel, 4402 E. Washington Ave.

Full Conference Registration—\$85.00

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# **We'd love to see you!**

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