



## Plant Sale Recap by MGV Diane Thieme, Plant Sale Team

Thank you to the 170+ SEWMGV shoppers who supported our 2021 perennial plant and bulb sale. Extension COVID restrictions forced us to change our sale to an entirely different format. No Pot-A-Thons, no digs, no State Fair location, and no public shopping were allowed. What was to be an exciting celebration of our 25th anniversary perennials plant sale was changed to a members-only online sale. The plant sale committee and our amazing volunteers did their best to make the transition to this changed format as easy as possible for members.

We are extremely grateful to all who worked so hard to make this sale happen. It was, truthfully, a very labor-intensive process for the committee and volunteers, with limited numbers of workers allowed due to COVID restrictions. We are pleased to say that our efforts to sell plants, bulbs, sleds, and t-shirts have resulted in a profit, thus far, of over \$20,000. We will continue to sell t-shirts, sleds and any plants left, to empty the Firefly Ridge holding garden of all plant material. In addition to continued selling, the traditional plant sale members' Silent Auction will be shifted to the annual picnic this August. Watch for picnic information and a preview of items to be put up for bid. If you have any exciting items to donate contact Mary Redlinger (mailto:maryered@juno.com), Deb Petersen (mailto:maypetersen@earthlink.com), or me (mailto:Diane.Thieme3033@gmail.com) as soon as possible.

As we announced 3 years ago, the plant sale committee members are retiring after this year. If the plant sale fundraiser is to continue, new volunteers need to step up. You can follow the format we have developed over the years or create a second iteration of your own concept of a sale. It would be a shame to see the state's largest educational plant sale come to an end. Feel free to contact me if you have questions.



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# Website Committee

by Board Liason, MGV Valorie Sangsland

Our website is changing! This is happening for several reasons.

- We have learned that using the Extension "FYI" webpage may no longer be an option. While no official cutoff time has been announced, we have been told it can come with a short notice.

- It was recommended that SEWMG association information be housed at a different website, other than the Extension master gardener information.

- A website update is long overdue.

As a result, a small group of MGVs are working under the leadership of Victoria Robison to research domain hosts, security, and costs. Once a domain is chosen, the committee

will focus on content. Some of our current information, such as descriptions of volunteer opportunities at gardens and events, will be moved to the corresponding Extension sites for Milwaukee and Waukesha based on the location of each opportunity. Other content specific to our SEWMG organization will transition to our new site. Expect there to be links to Extension content, which shifts the responsibility for maintaining that content solely to Extension. By contrast, now that we will have our own domain, we will have freedom to edit content more quickly and easily.

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# Strategic Planning Update

by MGV and Board Member Patrick Smith

Our member survey, which closed on Friday June 11, is complete! Thanks to everyone who responded. We set a high target of a 40% response rate and came in at 46.7% so far. Although we may receive a few more last minute surveys, we expect the final response rate to stay very close to 47%. Remember, our survey is one part of an ongoing effort to seek feedback from our membership.

As we tabulate and analyze the survey results, we'll be identifying areas of interest and subjects into which we will take a deeper dive through listening sessions in late summer and fall. As always, all feedback is welcome at any time, not just from surveys, listening sessions, and the like. We encourage and value your feedback always.

In late July the SEWMG board will be reviewing the survey results and other input in order to identify strategic issues and begin to draft a long term vision with key elements of the new Strategic Plan.

Thanks to everyone who responded to our member survey! Nearly 47% of our MGVs responded. In late summer and fall we will take a deeper dive into the results and have listening sessions to identify strategic issues and begin to draft a long term vision and the key elements of the new Strategic Plan. Your feedback is welcome at any time.



## SEWMG's Summer Picnic is Back!

Thursday, August 12, 2021

Like so many things in 2020, our annual picnic did not happen, but guess what? We are on track to celebrate together once again this summer. Yippee!!

SEWMG members are welcome to attend! This is a members-only social event, not an Extension approved project. Extension Covid guidelines don't apply and volunteer hours are not permitted for picnic activities. The picnic will include entrees, water and soda. If you would like an adult beverage, please bring your own as we will not be serving alcohol.

Please be sure to wear your name tag. You will not receive volunteer hours for this event.

It's appreciated if you bring an appetizer or side to share with your own serving utensils. Remember to mark your serving dish with your name.

The picnic features door prizes, garden book/magazine exchange, and silent auction.

If you would like to donate a door prize, please contact Diane

Thieme at [diane3033@gmail.com](mailto:diane3033@gmail.com). If you have an item for the silent auction, please contact Deb Petersen at [maypetersen@earthlink.com](mailto:maypetersen@earthlink.com). Garden books and magazines can be brought and left on the exchange table.

### Thursday, August 12, 2021

Prior to the picnic Jeff Trader (an MGV who lives near the picnic site) will have a garden tour at his home - watch for an e-mail with more details

**5 p.m. Drinks and Apps**

**6 p.m. Dinner**

**Mitchell Park Pavilion in Brookfield**

(Rain or shine, we have indoor and outdoor accommodations)

Contact Clare Bergquist with any picnic questions at [quist@aol.com](mailto:quist@aol.com).

Picnic Committee: Pat Conole, Karla Geiger, Benita Hile, Roger Kocher, Lou O'Campo, Deb Petersen, Karen Sidder, Diane Thieme and Betsy Wellenstein

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# Picnic



# News from the County Extension Offices

by Ann Wied, UW-Madison Extension Waukesha County Horticulture Educator

## COVID-19 Safety Updates

New COVID-19 Safety guidelines recently were updated to be effective on June 1st. We anticipate regularly receiving updates as the pandemic continues to improve. Please be sure to read all COVID-19 safety updates. Remember, if you are working with a partner organization (i.e., who manages the site where your garden is located or where a garden activity is taking place), you must follow their safety guidelines too, so plan to follow whoever has the stricter rules.

Watch your email for updates and visit the website occasionally too so you are always following the current COVID-19 safety guidelines.

COVID-19 MG Guidelines website link is:  
<https://mastergardener.extension.wisc.edu/2020/03/20/halt-to-master-gardener-program-volunteer-activities-2/>

## Volunteer Hours/Continuing Education (CE) Hours

Just a reminder that no volunteer hours are required for 2021. We realize everyone will have a different comfort level regarding returning to volunteering. If you do volunteer, please remember to input your volunteer hours into the ORS (online reporting system) by the end of the year. The 10 hours of continuing education (CE) still is required. Hours upon hours of online CE have been offered since the beginning of the year. I hope you have been able to take advantage of it. And remember, the reporting year is January 1 to December 31 again this year.

## Foundations in Horticulture & the MG OnBoarding Course

As you recall, we are no longer offering MG Level One Training. As of fall 2020, what was known as Level 1 Master Gardener Training became two new expanded course: Foundations in Horticulture (FIH) and Master Gardener Program OnBoarding. Both are online. In September of 2021 we will be offering the Foundations in Horticulture online again. If you talk with family or friends who are interested in becoming a master gardener volunteer, please do not use the words "Level One Training", as that terminology is no longer used. If they are interested, direct them to either the Milwaukee County Extension or Waukesha County Extension website for course and registration

information. It makes no difference which county they visit. (Waukesha County Extension link: <https://www.waukeshacounty.gov/UWEX/HORT/MG/>) Registration information presently is being finalized, but registration for FIH probably will open early July and close by mid-August. The Master Gardener Program OnBoarding course will start January 1, 2022. You must take FIH before taking the MG OnBoarding course.

## Did You Get Your NetID?

Have you been on the fence regarding getting your new NetID to log into the MG Canvas Classroom? Having a NetID will give you access to MG Canvas programs. Canvas is an online learning platform which we have access now that we are part of UW-Madison. Canvas is a different site than the MG Online Reporting System (ORS). Your NetID is different than your user name and password used for the MG ORS.

## What's in Canvas?

New Onboarding-Lite course: Highly recommended that you complete it this year. You can claim 10 hours of continuing education even though it will not take you that long. It will answer a lot of questions about the MG Program. Plants-Plus – continuing education series on lots of topics WiBee Statewide Projects instructions – A new stateside volunteer activity. Soon the monthly MG statewide Volunteer Vibe will be placed there, as well as continuing education modules as they become available.

If you need your NetID, email Mike Maddox in the MGP state office ([mike.maddox@wisc.edu](mailto:mike.maddox@wisc.edu)), give him your first and last name, and he will resend it to you. Once you get your NetID email, follow the instructions posted on our website <https://mastergardener.extension.wisc.edu/2021/03/16/using-canvas/>.

If you have any problems, please contact the Dolt Help Desk (<https://kb.wisc.edu/page.php?id=1>), tell them you're an L3 (Lifelong Learner) with Extension and they'll get you all set up.



# Beautiful and Eco-friendly Rain Garden

by MGV Jim Fratrack

Hello folks! I hope all plants are growing well in your gardens. For this Newsletter I was asked to write about my rain garden. I would like to give some insights to **Sizing, Siting, Building, Planting and Maintaining** a residential rain garden. This article is not intended to give you all you need to know about the process, but to point out some of the basics. There are many on-line rain garden references. At the end of the article I will point you to reference manuals for creating your own rain garden.

Why did I build a rain garden? Rain gardens capture rainwater from impervious surfaces such as roofs, driveways and sidewalks on one's own property. Retaining this water on your property allows it to slowly soak into the ground, thus preventing it from running off into streets and storm sewers where it can carry pollutants to lakes and rivers. Excess runoff also can contribute to flooding and drainage problems. Rain gardens are esthetically pleasing and can provide habitat for birds, pollinators and beneficial insects.

A colleague at work had told me about rain gardens and how they help improve water quality. He described to me the process of building a rain garden. He told me he constructed a rain garden at his home in Madison and he had collaborated on a "how-to manual" with UW-Extension. To me it seemed straightforward. Building a rain garden would provide me with a mechanism to retain rainwater on my property. It also enabled me to use my gardening skills.

Earlier I listed 5 items to consider in creating a rain garden: **Sizing, Siting, Building, Planting and Maintaining.**

**Siting** - Ideally a rain garden should be in a sunny area if possible, but in my case the best location to capture the most roof runoff was in a shaded area on the north side of my house. The rain garden should be a minimum of 10 feet from the house so infiltrating water does not seep into the foundation. Try to build it in a relatively flat area to avoid excessive digging. Avoid building over sewer laterals, water laterals and septic systems. Try to stay away from high traffic areas, since these areas may have compacted soils that could inhibit infiltration. There may be other factors based on your particular yard that may figure into where a rain garden is placed.

**Sizing** - How big you build your rain garden will depend on few things like soil type (sand, silt or clay), how much area will drain to the rain garden, depth of the rain garden (3 to 8 inch depth is the correct range for a residential rain garden), and if you will need one or more rain gardens to accommodate the runoff from your site. If the area you need is more than 300 square feet, it is best to construct 2 rain gardens. The size of my rain garden is 10' by 12' and it is 6 to 7 inches deep in clay soils.

**Building - Before you dig call Digger's Hotline 1-800-242-8511.** If you are fortunate enough to have access to a backhoe, excavating your rain garden could be quite easy. I did not have access to a backhoe but I did have help from a 30-something friend. We did our digging in late fall after I had a new driveway installed. We were able to use the sod

we dug to fill in the gaps in the lawn next to the new driveway. To lay out your borders you can use a hose, string or marking paint. I used a 6 foot long 2x4 to help determine a level bottom. The 2x4 also was used to screed (level) the bottom of the rain garden. The level bottom ensures equal distribution of water over the entire rain garden.

**Planting** - Before I planted the following spring (in 2004), I added about 3 inches of topsoil spread evenly over the bottom of the rain garden. I then planted 120 native plants in the garden, using a cordless drill and a 3 inch auger. Natives can tolerate flooding as well as dry periods. You can find many references on-line for plants. I used Wisconsin nurseries to source my plants. After planting, I added shredded bark around the plants. After the initial planting I watered when it appeared the plants could use a drink. I don't think I have watered them since that first year.

**Maintaining** - One of the most important aspects of ensuring my rain garden is functioning properly is to clean my gutters and make sure my downspouts are not plugged. The water needs to have a clear path to the garden in order to infiltrate. Weeding is necessary as well. As the native plants mature, weeds have tough time establishing themselves, but they do. I now probably spend an hour a year weeding. Thinning some plants to ensure a diverse mix also is necessary. I initially planted false aster (*Boltonia asteroides*) in my rain garden. Within a couple of years it was trying to take over the whole rain garden. I eventually eliminated it from my yard. Burning is a great way to control weeds and eliminate the past year's dead vegetation in Spring. I live in the city and cannot burn. Usually around the end of March I set my lawn mower to 6 inches and mulch and remove the existing vegetation from the rain garden. Timing for this is dependent on snow cover or new growth.

The publication I used to create my rain garden was "Rain Gardens: A how-to manual for homeowners", copyright 2003 by the Board of Regents University of Wisconsin System. This manual was a collaborative effort between University of Wisconsin-Extension and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. This manual was updated in 2018. To access both of these manuals, go to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources website. You can google 'wi dnr' and at the top of the page in the upper right corner is the search icon. Tap that and type 'rain garden' in the box that appears. The first two items are the manuals. These manuals can be downloaded to your computer.

Happy rain gardening!



Rain Garden from the MMSD



# Plant Family Profile: Alliaceous Alliums

by MGV Victoria Robison

*Alliaceous: resembling garlic or onion especially in smell or taste*

For Wisconsin gardeners, spring is a tumultuous time of year. It's also a time when little is growing, making the things that are growing take almost supernatural significance. In that sense, nothing proves their worth more than alliums.

Alliums include familiar favorites such as garlic, leeks, chives, onions, shallots and scallions, as well as less familiar varieties such as walking onions, ramps, wild onions and more. Most form bulbs that reproduce yearly, making them easy-to-grow perennials, and most have edible leaves and bulbs.

Alliums are interesting on several levels. Not only are they among the first things up in spring, but they are packed with beneficial nutrients when we need them most -- after a long, dark winter. *Garlic and Other Alliums* is a fascinating book about all things allium including research on promising medicinal and dietary uses for this group of plants based on biochemical research as well as history, folklore, poetry, etc.

I tend to think of alliums interchangeably. Not only are there many similarities that make them easy to substitute for one another, they can actually be difficult to distinguish. This is because the boundaries between the species are often unclear, even to scientists who identify anywhere from 200-1,000 allium species. In any case, often some oniony-looking thing comes up in my garden and, though I'm not sure what it is, I know I can use it in something that needs a boost.

That garlicky kick we love comes from the sulfurous chemical compounds, which gives alliums their alliaceous aroma and bite. The flavor varies according to the sulfate content of the soil they grow in; in the absence of ground sulfur, they lose their bite entirely.

## How to Cook with Alliums

The bite of alliums makes them a natural seasoning for both raw and cooked dishes. They pair well with starches like pasta, bread and potatoes and effectively cut through the fat of meat dishes. In my view, there's nothing better than loading handfuls of chopped chives on some mashed potatoes or pasta; frying up onions, leeks, or shallots as a base for literally anything; or liberally sprinkling a dish with allium salt.

Interestingly, the sulfurous compounds that give alliums their bite behave in different ways. Chopping garlic intensifies the pungency, but chopped onions quickly lose their pungency. Moral of the story: Chop garlic first and let it sit for 5-10 minutes but use chopped onion (and leeks) immediately.



'Music' variety of garlic



French 'Zebrune' shallot



Ornamental allium

## Allium Salt Recipe

Ingredients:

2 cups chopped allium leaves (e.g., garlic, chives, ramps)  
1 cup coarse kosher salt  
1 cup sea salt  
Zest from 4-5 lemons

Directions:

Combine the chopped allium leaves with the salt and lemon zest on a baking pan. Place in the oven on the lowest heat setting (mine is 175) for about an hour, checking every 20 minutes to stir the salt around. Once the leaves are dried or almost dry you can turn off the heat and leave in the oven overnight to cool. Pulse everything in a food processor to a fine texture (or leave clumpy if you prefer). Yields about 3 cups of salt.



Garlic leaf lemon salt



Chive blossoms

## Allium Relationships

The scientific relationships of alliums may surprise you; for example, elephant garlic—the big garlic often found at grocery stores—is more closely related to leek than to true garlic!

## Common Varieties

Leek, elephant garlic, pearl onion, kurrat or Egyptian leek (*A. ampeloprasum*)  
Onion, shallot, scallion or green onions (*A. cepa*)  
Garlic (*A. sativum*)  
Chives (*A. schoenoprasum*)



Tree or walking onion bulbil forming

## Less Common Varieties

*A. chinense* (Chinese onion or rakkyo)  
*A. fistulosum* (Welsh or Japanese bunching onion)  
*A. tuberosum* (Chinese or garlic chives)  
*A. stipitatum* (Persian shallot)  
*A x proliferum* (tree or walking onion)

Tree or walking onions are among the easiest alliums to grow and can spread rapidly given the unique way they grow. They multiply via little bulbs or "offsets" that weigh down the stalk, drooping its leaves to touch the ground where the bulbils "walk" and grow into a new plant.

There are many wild varieties of alliums as well, from ramps (*A. tricoccum*) to wild onions of various species (for example, *A. acuminatum*, *A. anceps*, *A. angulosum*, *A. canadense*, *A. cernuum*, *A. ramosum*). Ornamental alliums represent another fascinating category. Whether to eat or for eye appeal, alliums are sure to delight!

## References

"Garlic, Onions, and Other Alliums" by Ellen Spector Platt  
"Garlic and Other Alliums" by Eric Block

# Meet Ann Wied, Milwaukee/Waukesha Master Gardener Horticulture Educator

by Ann Wied with Janet Wintersberger

Many master gardeners in Waukesha County have met Ann Wied, but some MGVs have not. Here's an introduction. If you think you know what Ann does, read on.

*Q. When did you start at Extension and what were your initial responsibilities? How did things evolve over time?*

I started with Extension in October of 1998. I was hired for 30 hours a week and my duties included coordinating the rental gardens, working with Sharon on the two-county Master Gardener Program, assisting schools and groups with starting gardens, giving presentations, and answering gardening questions through the Waukesha County Horticulture Helpline. Other projects were added over time. At some point I was asked to take on some community development projects during an additional 10 hours a week. It was a perfect fit, since I had worked with this group of people on a garden project and they felt comfortable working with me. A few years later some office staffing changes occurred and I was asked to work 20 hours in community development and 20 hours in horticulture. I have been doing that ever since.

*Q. You wear many hats and split your time between Community Development, Hort, and the Master Gardening Steering Committee. What are your responsibilities and what do you enjoy about each area?*

**Community Development:** My work includes strategic planning for municipalities and nonprofits, helping neighborhoods in community organizing, and offering the Real Colors workshop. If you are not familiar with Real Colors, this training is an effective tool to understanding human behavior, for uncovering motivators specific to each temperament, and for improving communication skills. I have offered this program primarily within municipality departments to improve office team dynamics. My work coordinating the county's rental garden program also falls under the community development umbrella now.

**Horticulture:** Coordinating the MG program takes up much time because we are without a Horticulture Educator and support staff in Milwaukee County. I am happy to answer e-mails and questions from master gardeners. Some weeks it takes longer than others to reply to the e-mails and questions. I appreciate your patience. Susan Taylor recently was assigned to provide volunteer support for about 5 hours a week. That should be helpful. Over the last year I have worked on streamlining procedures and making them more efficient. It is a work-in-progress. I have worked closely with the state Master Gardener office to incorporate new UW-Madison statewide MG program directives over the last few years, and more recently with the pandemic safety guidelines.

In 2020 I was part of a team that worked diligently to improve the Extension Horticulture Website (<https://hort.extension.wisc.edu/>). If you haven't visited the website lately, check it out. I think you will find it easier to use and find things. It no longer contains outdated information.

For the last 4-5 years, I have coordinated and taught a youth garden program in partnership with Waukesha County Health and Human Services. The program goals are that youth participants will improve community conduct or school attendance and overcome anxiety, social anxiety or

depression. It is a rewarding program. You may see my e-mails occasionally asking for help with the garden. I welcome your help.

In 2020, I was on a team to develop and teach the new Foundations in Horticulture pilot course (and labs). Foundations in Horticulture will be offered again in fall of 2021 and I will be involved with teaching the course and lab in 2021. We are updating the program based on last year's evaluations.

If time permits, I give a few gardening presentations to the public and get involved in other small projects as they arise.

**Master Gardener Steering Committee:** The committee provides statewide direction aligning the MG program with new policies, procedures, resources and requirements due to the merger with UW Madison. We also address the changing local needs of volunteers and staff. This includes defining and designing program priorities, developing delivery and support models, branding and marketing, on-boarding and addressing other items as they arise. Members of the committee come from all areas of the state and were invited to be part of this committee.

*Q. How do you resolve the challenges?*

I try to respond vs react. Before addressing a challenge, I give myself time to research the issue/challenge, process it, and talk it out with the "right" person/people to get feedback and/or answers to questions before deciding.

*Q. Please describe how your experience in one area carries over to others.*

Gardening is a great way to bring people together. We have used gardening educational programs to get participation and engage people at some community development events. For example, we may hold a build-your-own-container-garden activity and during that event we will promote and encourage people to attend the next neighborhood meeting. Gardening programs are a great way to connect people to other people and events in their community.

*Q. Anything else you want to share?*

Yes! The MG program has changed over the years and some of those changes have been challenging. But what hasn't changed is how our MG Volunteers have continued to make a positive difference in our communities through their educational outreach volunteer efforts. I am truly thankful for all our MGVs - you!





# Sunday Garden Social

by MGV Mary Wolverton, Board Chair

SEWMG held its second, and we hope now annual, Sunday Garden Social on June 13. After a week of heat and humidity the weather cooperated with sunny skies and mild breezes. Ten members opened their gardens to give us a chance for conversation without work.

Carol Mainwaring and Jim Schleif organized the event and served as hosts, along with Patty Witt, Melanie Worthy, Lynne Buell, Mary Wolverton, Jane Browne, Ed and Lori Beringer, Kitty Schaefer and Leslie Davis. Our thanks to them for making this

event such a success. Some members tried to visit several gardens, so we don't know how many took advantage of this opportunity. Visitor counts ranged from 10 to 33 (Patty Witt had a busy afternoon!). Fortunately, several new grads were among the visitors so we were able to meet them in person after our year on Zoom.

Feedback included comments that the event was so uplifting, along with appreciation for the chance to see several lovely gardens. We anticipate holding the event next June. Watch for an announcement in May 2022.



## From the Board...

by MGV Mary Wolverton, Chair of the Board



Your Board met on April 29. This was our first meeting since the January organizational meeting. As the committees were hard at work in the interim we covered a lot of ground at this meeting. The Finance Committee met to review financial reports and reporting, as well as preparation for the 2021 budget. The Board agreed with the committee's request to approve a format for financial reporting to members. The committee confirmed that all expense to date is within the approved budget.

The Audit Committee completed a detailed evaluation of our 2020 finances. The committee made multiple recommendations regarding future financial reporting and procedures to improve the audit process. The Committee's recommendations were adopted by the Board and a plan was put in place for implementation.

The Board reappointed the Bylaws Committee. The first meeting was set for May 27 to review the Bylaws draft to date and determine next steps.

Strategic Planning has been busy. I will defer to Patrick's article regarding the survey and next steps.

The Board was given updates on website work, the garden support program and speakers bureau planning.

The Board formed an Ad Hoc Membership Committee to pursue recruitment of new MGVs and others to SEWMG. Some Extension-certified MGVs have not, as yet, joined SEWMG. We want everyone to be able to participate in SEWMG activities. Ann

advised that Extension approval and Covid guidelines do not apply to social events held solely for SEWMG members, such as the Social event on June 13 (which will have taken place before you read this – hope you attended) and the picnic on August 12 (put it on your calendar). If anyone has an idea for a social event, please contact one of the Board members. We all enjoy a reason to get together without our trowels.

Finally, you have seen the announcement that we will not have volunteers in the Exploratory Park Garden during the State Fair. The garden still exists and a team of volunteers have been busy making improvements. The dead maple tree has been mostly removed and the trunk is now a Gnome Home with mini-garden – thanks to Margie Lowe, Jan Gradisnik and Mark Bahr. The cactus and succulent garden has been absorbed by SEWMG and MGV Belinda Brocker has taken it on with the help of Krista Mozina. A rock garden component has been added. The new raised center bed survived 2020 and new perennials and annuals have been added. The north end of the Shade Bed isn't shady any more with the loss of the maple tree, so a line of grasses was added along the fence and late-blooming daylilies sit behind the photo spot. Lots of buckthorn and other unneeded shrubbery has been removed. We will have signage to explain our absence and put out some brochures. Volunteers will water, clean up and restock daily. Plan to visit and let us know what you think.





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