

# FROST LAKE MONONA WOODS

## NEWS FOR NEIGHBORS

September 2004

Dear Frost Woods Neighbors:

Happy Fall to you all! Now at least the weather actually matches the season we're supposed to be in! Somehow when it's cooler and it is September (and not July or August!) it sure is a lot easier to enjoy.....



In our July "News Flash", we had announced that we planned on having our 1st Annual Croquet Tournament on September 12th. No, you didn't miss your chance to whack that ball through the wicket—we decided that we would incorporate the Croquet Tournament into a larger neighborhood event that we are already planning for 2005 (talk about a pro-active Board ☺).

The Board thought it might be a good idea to spend some more time on some behind-the-scenes projects that will help make the Association run smoothly. So while it may appear that we're slacking, we are diligently working away.....just not on 'fun' stuff!!

### GARDEN TOUR REVIEW

(as reported by Branda Weix)

The first annual Frost Woods Garden Tour was a huge success. Even the weather cooperated, which, after the summer we've had is nothing short of miraculous. Almost 50 neighbors toured five very different gardens all within six blocks of each other. The event was so much fun that it spawned a lot of talk about forming a garden club (more about that later).



We started with almost 50 neighbors milling about the Miller's beautiful yard. Bob Miller and Pam Hoffman let us roam about their extensive front and back yard gardens which include two koi ponds and a

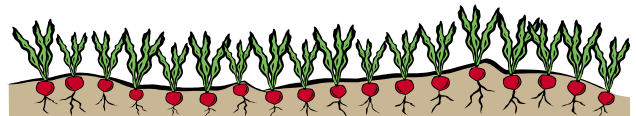
spectacular kaleidoscope focused on a miniature revolving garden. Jackie Hyde, who luckily for us has a degree in horticulture, led our tour and answered our numerous questions.

Next stop--Across the street to our guide's home. Not surprisingly, the horticulturist has a fantastic garden. Jackie and Fred Hyde have both sun and shade gardens. And the backyard features an outdoor train that delighted the children (and the adults too!).



Third stop, up one block and over one to James and Florence McMahon's amazing shade gardens. The McMahon's are truly the shade masters with pachysandra and hosta galore. They also have a water feature that made us all feel a little cooler as the afternoon wore on.

Our fourth stop was just behind the McMahon's. The hardy walkers trekked up the hill to the Hooper's house but the rest of us took the long way around the block. Frank and Judy Hooper have combined function with beauty and their front-yard vegetable garden is a sight to behold.



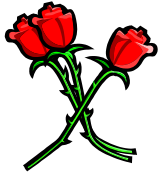
They've proven you really can transform a yard into beauty in a short time.

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## GARDEN TOUR REVIEW (cont'd)

Our last stop was just around the corner at the Shropshire home. Shrop and Joan have beautiful roses which were in perfect bloom for the tour. But not only do Shrop and Joan have roses, they also have their very own ice cream parlor in their



home. After Shrop showed off his roses, he donned an apron and started dishing up ice cream, whipping up malts and handing out napkins. Shrop may not have had time to eat ice cream, but everyone else certainly did!



Check out [www.frostwoods.org](http://www.frostwoods.org) to see some of the beautiful photos taken during the garden walk.

**Thank you all garden tour homeowners for sharing your beautiful yards with us!!**

## GARDEN CLUB ANYONE?

A number of neighbors expressed interest in starting a garden club. Anyone interested in a garden club, please send an e-mail to



[frostwoods@frostwoods.org](mailto:frostwoods@frostwoods.org), call me (Branda) at 222-8477 or drop me a note at 6011 Winnequah Rd. I'll collect all the names and then get everyone who is interested in touch with each other. As gardening season is coming to an end, I'd guess the first meeting wouldn't be until after the New Year.

## ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE UPDATE

We are pleased to announce that Marilee Karamanski is a new member of the Architectural Committee, joining Libby Howting, Bob Witte, and our Architectural Advisor, Jim Draeger. This group will be putting together a quick-reference guide that we will post on [www.frostwoods.org](http://www.frostwoods.org) website that will help all neighbors understand what actions need to be taken when a homeowner is planning a significant exterior remodel/addition. We will also include that quick-reference information in a News for Neighbors edition so, if you do not have easy access to the web, you'll have a hard-copy reference should you need it.

We'd like to take this opportunity to recognize the many years of service that Russ Sprengle provided as the Frost Woods Homes Association Architectural Advisor. Thank you for the personal sacrifice of your time and for your support of the guidelines of the Association!

We've also just found out that Russ and Verna are both at Karmenta Health Care Center (4502 Milwaukee, Madison, WI 53714). We're sure cards or letters would be appreciated.

## NEW NEIGHBORS!

We'd like to welcome some new neighbors to the Frost Woods Homes Association neighborhood.

Welcome to Coni Marotz and Mike Zirkel who are the new homeowners at 812 Owen Road.

**Welcome**

Welcome to Matthew and Melissa Aro who are the new homeowners at 110 Henuah Circle

**WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!!!**

## WHAT'S THE PLAN STAN??

It is the goal of your Frost Woods Board to stay in touch via the 'News for Neighbors' every other month and to help further an environment where we can all get to know our neighbors a little better. We have developed a 12-month calendar of events/activities which we wanted to share with you. We'll provide more specific details about some of these plans as we get closer to the actual dates.

September 04	.....	Newsletter
October 04	.....	Directory
November 04	.....	Newsletter
December 04	.....	Month Off
January 05	.....	Newsletter
February 05	.....	Winter Social
March 05	.....	Newsletter
April 05	.....	Annual Meeting
May 05	.....	Newsletter
June 05	.....	Garden Tour
July 05	.....	Summer Social

## CITY OF MONONA BRUSH/LEAF PICK UP INFORMATION



The Frost Woods Homes Association falls in Monona's District III. Brush and leaf pick are scheduled for our area the week of September 20-24 and November 15-19.

## SPECIAL PROJECTS

The Board is looking for a few volunteers to work on short-term special projects. We fully understand with everyone's busy schedules these days that it is difficult to make longer term commitments. Our desire is to gather a group of names and contact you only when we have a small project where we need a short-term commitment—that short term commitment would be an afternoon, sometimes it might be a couple hours over the course of a month or two. It's also a great chance to get to know more about some of the neighborhood activities as well as to get to know more about your neighbors.

Short-termers! Please apply by sending an e-mail to [frostwoods@frostwoods.org](mailto:frostwoods@frostwoods.org) or by calling Branda at 221-8477 or Anita at 221-2604.