



Wood County Master Gardener Volunteers

Wood County Events

June 24

**Wis. Rapids Zoo
7:00pm Membership
Business Meeting
Followed by Zoo Gardens
Tour**

We consider the zoo gardens like a "lab" experience. In each of the gardens we are always experimenting with plants and environmental conditions. Every garden has a theme. The Zoo Crew adopts their garden each year. Some gardens are worked in by everyone on the crew. The design is the responsibility of the Zoo Crew members. The raised gardens are focusing on companion gardening; tall plants and plants native to Wisconsin. In the Horticultural Center at the petting zoo we will be featuring information on butterflies and butterfly gardens. We have one faerie garden finished and one under construction. The zoo averages over 200 visitors each day.

— Mary Kay York
Zoo Crew Chairperson

July 22

**Junction City
7:00pm Membership
Business Meeting
Followed by a tour of
Apollonia Versnieks' garden**

Directions and tour description will be in the July newsletter.

Save Your Garden Photos

This is prime garden-viewing season and many of us have a camera ready to document plants in their full glory. At our final meeting of the year, we want to try something new – a sharing of garden photos. These can be photos of your own garden or perhaps a trip to a public garden or a garden tour – or in some cases, a visit to gardens in other countries.

We can handle any style of

photo. For digital cameras, just bring a flash drive with the photos on it (as jpeg files) to the November meeting. Teri has volunteered to aid in the technology end of getting your photos from the flash drive through the computer and finally projected on a screen. Any member who would like to share digital photos can have up to 5 minutes for a presentation.

If you prefer to have the photos printed, you can bring the prints and perhaps have them displayed on a poster board or a scrapbook page and include a caption or two to describe them.

We want this to be a fun and sharing end-of-the-year meeting so plan now on what photos you'd like to share and the method you prefer. Waiting 'til November to take photos just won't work! Watch for more tips and guidelines as we get closer to November.



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The Wood County Master Gardener Volunteer newsletter is designed to inform you about the Master Gardener and University Extension activities as well as educational articles. Please let us know if there are any subjects you would like covered in future newsletters.

Teri Lessig Matt Lippert

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Message from the President

Our 15th Annual Garden Walk is right around the corner. As this is our biggest fundraiser of the year, we need each and every one of us to make it a success. The Garden Walk Committee has been working hard to plan for this year's event. Will you help that day by being a Garden Guide (call Margie Schenk at 715-423-5077) or a Greeter (call Chris Griffith at 715-424-3609)? Do you have some gently-used garden items, books or magazines that can be donated to Garden Treasures? If so, bring them to the June meeting or call Margie Schenk at 715-423-5077. Will you use, sell or give away your allotted tickets? We really need your participation in one or more aspects of this project.

While we often think of the Garden Walk as simply a fundraiser, it's really much more than that as it also serves as a very effective means of educating the public. Attendees get to see some fabulous gardens and as a result, many ideas for their own garden spring forth. One of the gardens this year features many containers and we will have a tri-fold brochure entitled "Successful Container Growing" available. A local Boy Scout troop has made bat houses for us that will be sold at Garden Treasures and we'll provide information on the importance of bats' to the environment as well as tips for

proper bat house installation. Our Garden Guides are on hand in each garden to answer questions from the public. Additionally, Chef Heidi Topping from the Baker Street Grill will be demonstrating ways to use garden produce in the kitchen. So, you can see that we will have quite an impact with this one event!

Our June meeting will be hosted by the enthusiastic 'Zoo Crew' at the Wisconsin Rapids Zoo – come out and join us for a delightful evening – and bring a guest! See you then.

Barb Herreid

Looking Ahead . . .



Make a Note

Early Newsletter Deadline for August: Our August Potluck Picnic meeting is scheduled for August 19th – this is the 3rd Tuesday of the month rather than our usual 4th Tuesday so as not to interfere with the Central Wisconsin State Fair. Therefore, in order to pub-

lish a newsletter in time to reach everyone prior to the August meeting, **the deadline for submissions to the August newsletter will be August 1st.**

President on vacation: Barb is going on an Alaska Adventure to celebrate 45 married years and will be **gone from July 30th through August 15th.** Micky Erickson has graciously offered to be the focal point person for our organization while Barb is gone. Barb will not have access to email so if something comes up, please direct inquiries to Micky.

FROM THE EXTENSION OFFICE

There is a new video on **Arthritis and Gardening** at the UW-Extension office that was donated by Joanne Wilkinson. The program was produced by UW-Extension in conjunction with the Wisconsin Arthritis program. The video can be borrowed from the UW-Extension office; it's approximately 30 minutes long and can count toward our Continuing Education hours requirement. Many thanks, Joanne.

The Wood County Master Gardener Association is a non-profit organization with a mission to educate and share information with its members and the community alike. In addition, it is our charge to promote the UW Extension from which we are founded. We are a diverse group interested in the latest research-based horticultural information.

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Please send newsletter bits and info by the 10th of the month for publication.

Garden Walk Information

Garden Walk Refreshment Committee

It's Garden Walk time again! We received many compliments about last year's garden walk treats. Thanks to everyone for the fabulous selection. Can you all help us again with special treats this year? Some ideas that garden guests like include: mini-muffins, nutty donut holes, small individual packets of trail mix, chips, pop corn, cheese/crackers, peanut butter cookies, mixed nut bars, any cookies or bars without frosting, fruit breads. Basically, easy to eat, yummy treats!

You may bring your treats to the Friday evening tour for garden walk workers, or drop them off at the Patterson Gardens (refreshment table) anytime after 8:00am the morning of the walk. For your convenience, we've set up a "treat" drop-off site at the Marshfield Public Library on Friday, July 11 from 2:30 to 4:00pm in the Library meeting room. Mary Czaja will be there to pick up your Garden Walk treats and transport them to the walk. Thank you, Mary, for volunteering to do this.

Ruth Cline

More Garden Walk Reminders

The **Garden Walk** is just around the corner. It's going to be a fun day with local artists, musicians and cooking demonstrations by a professional chef scattered throughout six beautiful gardens. Please consider how you can help to make the day a success.

Garden Guides are still needed, especially for the afternoon hours. Guide duties include being available in the garden to answer questions about plants and gardening, or to direct guests around the garden. You will not be working alone and you don't have to be a gardening expert. Call Margie Schenk if you can donate two to four hours of your time during the event.

Our **Garden Treasures** booth needs more gently used garden-related items, books, crafts, or potted perennials. Bring your items to the next MGVS monthly meeting on June 24th or contact Margie Schenk to discuss how you can get your donations to her. Be sure to label any plant materials with the name, color, water or light requirements and any other useful information.

The last **craft night** to make items for **Garden Treasures** will be June 17 at Denise Larson's house, 3917 Pryne Rd., beginning at 6:30pm.

The **Friday Night Pre-walk** for volunteers working on Saturday will begin at 5:30pm at Garden #1, the Benson garden, in the Town of Rome (see the map on your ticket). Everyone, except garden owners and artists, are required to have a ticket, so be sure to bring one for yourself and your spouse or guest.

Refreshments are still needed for the refreshment table. Cookies, non-goopy bars, donut holes, muffins, snack size bags of trail mix or anything you can think of that is grab and go are needed. Please do not bring your food items in containers that need to be returned to you. Workers attending the Friday Night Pre-walk can bring their goodies along and give them to Ruth Cline. Marshfield members can give their donations to Mary Czaja (*See Garden Walk Refreshment Committee news in previous column for full details*) and she will transport them to Rapids. Lastly, you can bring your donations to the Patterson Garden in Biron by 9:00am on the day of the walk. Contact Ruth Cline with any questions. 715-569-4202.

The committee for choosing gardens for the **2015 Garden Walk** will meet in late July. If you are interested in being a part of this committee, contact Barb Herreid.



Tips, Tricks and Techniques

(New Feature Continued from March Issue)

- ◆ Prune your shrubs and suckers from trees in the winter and save those prunings for staking plants next summer....or make an obelisk. Another way to support those floppy plants is to set up a support structure. Place strong upright plants in front of tall, floppy ones to eliminate the need for staking. Plant Salvia or Veronica in front of Shasta Daisies or Cosmos, for example.
- ◆ Use dormant oil spray to avoid more bug and disease problems in the spring and summer.
- ◆ Rodent and deer protection is a must to protect shrubs, evergreens, and trees. Other winter protection from the elements is equally important. Be sure your plants are not positioned so that they get salt thrown on them by snow removal. Wrap trunks with tree wrap.

Thanks to Chris Russell for collecting these items and passing them along for publication.

**Wood County Master Gardener Volunteers
General Meeting Marshfield WI
Marshfield Agricultural Research Station
May 27, 2014**

Meeting: was called to order at 8:30pm after the program on Climate Change and Gardening in Wisconsin by Dr. Val Bennington-UW Madison was presented.

Minutes from April 22, 2014 meeting: were presented; Joanne Wilkinson moved to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Lynn Bushmaker; motion carried.

Financial report: Was presented by Barb Moes-Kleifgen. The motion to accept the financial report as presented was made by Jane Maciejewski, seconded by Leonore Look; motion carried.

Old Business:

- An Award was presented Maria Edelstein left over from the March meeting.
- CATV — is finished with links disseminated to the membership and should be viewable on three stations: Marshfield, Wisconsin Rapids and Rome.
- Wisconsin Rapids plant sale reported that they had done much better than any previous year to date, netting about \$1722 after expenses. New chairpersons for next year will be Joanne Holden and Deb DeByl.
- Bus Trip: Micky reports there about 27 seats still available and after June 1st will be open to the public to fill.
- Additional old business: There is still a sign-up sheet for meeting refreshments .
- Children's Festival: Lynn Bushmaker stated there were over 1000 seed-planted pots handed out to the kids this year and that the committee is already starting to plan for next year which will be held April 25th 2015 with a sports theme.
- The Project Brochure was passed around for final editing.

There was no other old business.

New Business:

- Extension Update: Teri Lessig stated that questions coming in had been slow because of the late spring but is expecting an uptick now that the weather has warmed. There is a new DVD in the extension office called "Gardening and Arthritis" put out by the Department on Aging. Continuing education hours will allow a half hour to listen to this.
- Garden Walk Update: The tickets are to be passed out at this meeting. Make sure everyone takes theirs before leaving tonight. The posters are ready to hand out. It will be appreciated if you would write down where you are planning to take the posters so there is a list for later years and no duplications. The next meeting for the committee is on June 9th. There have been 20 bat houses made by the boy scouts to sell.
- Margie Schenk is collecting treasures. The last crafting class for the treasures will be June 17th and they will be making solar lights.
- Additional New Business: Barb Moes-Kleifgen showed the 1st Annual Award from Pointe Basse for the "Golden Trowel" award.

There was no other new business.

Motion to adjourn was made by Jan Sabin, seconded by Christine Griffith; motion Carried. Meeting adjourned; 9:00 PM.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 24, 2014 at the Wisconsin Rapids Zoo Gardens.

Peg Harvey and Judy Miller brought guests to the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted
Famia Marx, Secretary

Members Attending: Nancy Lee Alger, Jan Altmann, Shirley Anderson, Annette Bowden, Lynn Bushmaker, Julie Carlsen, Bob Cline, Ruth Cline, Maria Edelstein, Michaeleen Erickson, Bev Esser, Patricia Farley, Joyce Fischer, Fern Fregien, Audrey Gohlke, Christine Griffith, Peg Harvey, Barb Herreid, Paula Klevene, Leonore Look, Jane Maciejewski, Famia Marx, Judy Miller, Barb Moes-Kleifgen, Maria Morseth-Mayer, Tammera Neumann, Diane Nickel, Jim Nickel, Jeanne Osgood, Kay O'Shasky, Debra Ostrowski, Tom Paul, Patricia Paulus, Kathryn Poehnelt, Tom Ptak, Karleen Remington, Janet Sabin, Marjorie Schenk, Dick Shepherd, Judy Sternitzky, Carol Tomke, Apollonia Virsnieks, Margaret Weister, Sue Wilford, Penn Wilkes, Joanne Wilkinson, and Mary Zahn. Guests attending: Janet Weiman and Erica Beckus; Teri Lessig was also in attendance.

WCMGV News, Notes, Opportunities and Projects

Wood County Master Gardener Volunteers Continuing Education Team

The July 19th MG Bus tour to the Mitchell Park Conservancy (The Domes) and the Boerner Botanical Gardens requires 25 passengers to make the bus trip a reality. Please check your schedules to see if you are available and wish to make the trip. The cost is \$50.00 per person and includes the bus fee, guided tour fees at both locations, driver tip, beverages and snacks on the bus. Spouses and friends of Master Gardener Volunteers are eligible to accompany us for the same fee.

As of June 10th, I have 11 members and spouses registered. I will hold all payments I have already received until we know if the remaining seats can be sold. The new deadline for registering with payment will be the June 24 monthly Master Gardener meeting in Wisconsin Rapids. Please use the coupon found in both the April and May newsletters or the one on the last page of this newsletter.

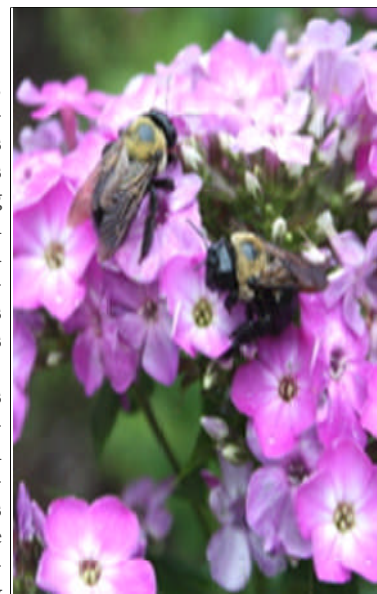
If you have questions, contact Micky Erickson at garymicky@charter.net or call her at 715-435-3616.



Micky Erickson

Sticky Bees

In a recent discovery, scientists found bumblebees use electrical signals to determine which flowers have more nectar, allowing them to forage for pollen more efficiently. Bees build up positive electrical charges as they fly, which helps the pollen stick to them as they land on the flowers. Scientists found that this electrical charge is transferred to the flowers when bees land to feed. Subsequent they pick up on this electrical charge, telling the bee which flowers have already been foraged so they don't waste their energy where little pollen will likely remain. The use of electrical signals had previously been documented in sharks, but not in insects. This fascinating research was first published in the February 21, 2013 issue of *Nature* magazine.



Phlox paniculata 'Purple Eyes' with bees

Continuing Education and Events

July 11-12, 2014

13th Annual Garden Walk

Ringle, Hatley and Birnamwood, WI

Sponsored by the North Central Wisconsin Master Gardener's Association, Inc. View five beautiful private gardens and one community garden ranging from a county farm garden contributed to by multiple generations of the same family to a residential garden built around a beautiful water feature. Friday 1:00 to 7:00 p.m. and Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. \$10. Advance tickets will be available after June 1 at the Marathon Co. UW-Extension, 212 River Drive, Suite three, Wausau. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Tickets can also be purchased at any of the private gardens during the event. For information contact [Linda Peterson](#) at (715) 359-9608 or [Kris Weirauch](#) at (715) 241-7372 or visit the [Garden Walk website](#).

August 12-14, 2014

Wisconsin Farm Technology Days

Portage Co., Wisconsin

This premier exposition (previously called Farm Progress Days) – the largest agricultural show in Wisconsin – is also one of the largest in the nation. The three-day outdoor event showcases the latest improvements in production agriculture, including many practical applications of recent research findings and technological developments. For more information see the [WI Farm Technology Days website](#).

Aug 15-24, 2014

Gardens of American History

Tour of East Coast gardens

Presented by Rotary Botanical Gardens (RBG), join RBG horticulturist Mark Dwyer on this 10-day tour that includes New York City, New York Botanical Gardens, High Line Garden, Chanticleer Gardens, Philadelphia, Brandywine Valley, Longwood Gardens, Ladew Topiary Gardens, Shenandoah Valley, Monticello, Colonial Williamsburg, Washington, D.C., United States Botanic Garden, Hillwood Estate & Gardens, and Dumbarton Oaks. For more information contact [Leslie Kopke](#), Travel Scope Travel Agency, at (608) 756-3666 or download the information brochure from the Rotary Gardens Website.

Aug 30, 2014

Landscape Design

Burlington, WI

Perhaps you have been to the Lurie Garden in Chicago, had lunch in the court yard at the Chicago Art Institute or wandered through the display gardens at Northwind Perennial Farm? Sam Carlson, landscape designer at Northwind, will show you how these gardens can be "scaled down" to fit residential borders and landscape beds. From 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Northwind Perennial Farm, 7047 Hospital Rd, Burlington, WI. Free. For more information see the [Northwind Perennial Farm website](#) or call (262) 248-8229.

From the UW Extension

The Wood County UW-Extension office will hold **Preserving Wisconsin's Harvest Lunchtime* Learning Webinars** on Mondays through December 2014 at the Wood County Courthouse Auditorium. Join us for webinar-based sessions on food safety and preservation topics. Distance-learning lectures will include the ability to ask questions of food safety and food preservation experts from UW-Extension. The Preserving Wisconsin's Harvest Lunchtime Learning Webinars are presented by Barb Ingham; Extension Food Science Specialist from University of Wisconsin-Madison and will run from 12 noon – 1 pm. To register or for more details contact the Wood County UW-Extension office at 715-421-8440 or e-mail familyliving@co.wood.wi.us To register or for more details contact the Wood County UW-Extension office at 715-421-8440 or email familyliving@co.wood.wi.us

* Lunch is not included.

Preserving Wisconsin's Harvest Lunchtime Learning Webinars

June 30th Drying Fruits and Vegetables at Home

Drying foods can be fun! Learn how to get started using this easy food preservation method.

July 7th Judging Home Preserved and Prepared Foods

Ever wonder what makes for a ribbon winning entry? Find out from a master fair judge.

July 14th Canning Vegetables Safely

Turn up the heat (and pressure) to safely can garden vegetables.

July 21st Canning Tomatoes and Tomato Products

Join us for tips on canning tomatoes — tart and tasty.

August 11th Canning Fruits Safely

The bounty of the orchard preserved for the winter — tips on canning fruits safely will be shared.

August 18th Time to Make Pickles

Learn tips for making pickles that are safe enough for Grandma to enjoy (and tasty, too).

August 25th Fermenting Foods at Home

Sauerkraut, genuine dills and yogurt are delicious fermented foods easy to prepare at home.

September 8th Storing Fruits and Vegetables

Learn how to enjoy the bounty of farm and orchard for months to come.

October 6th Preserving Meat Safely

Dried, frozen or canned, we'll discuss tips for preserving safe, high-quality meat.

November 3rd A Safe Thanksgiving and Crockpot Safety

Tips for preparing a safe holiday meal and ideas for using your crockpot safely.

December 1st Holiday Gifts from the Kitchen

Lemon curd, fruit spreads, and chocolates are just a few of the holiday gifts sure to delight family and friends.

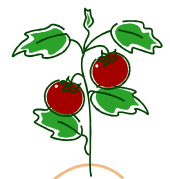
<p>To register or for more details contact the Wood County UW-Extension office at 715-421-8437 or e-mail familyliving@co.wood.wi.us</p>
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Win Something Nice for Your Garden

Want to have an excellent chance to win a nice item for your garden? We will have a special drawing at our final meeting of the year in November. You won't need to be present to win **BUT** your name needs to be "in the hat". As you probably know, all of our monthly meetings are open – that means non Master Gardeners can attend. But, an invitation to a friend, neighbor or co-worker goes a long way toward someone new actually attending. So for the remainder of the year, any member who brings a guest to a meeting will get his/her name "in the hat" for this special drawing. Who can you invite???

July Garden Guide

- Water gladiolus and dahlias weekly to a depth of 6-8 inches.
- Water flower beds at least once a week during dry spells. Remove old lily blooms.
- Peony bushes should be mulched and seedpods removed.
- Take cuttings from roses and spring flowering shrubs for new plant propagation when stems are no longer succulent but not yet hardened.
- Cut old canes of climbing roses so those new shoots can grow.
- Control rust on hollyhock by removing infected leaves.
- Divide iris and day lily when done blooming. Cut leaves back to about 8 inches.
- Thin and transplant perennials sown in June.
- Complete outdoor sowing of perennial seed.
- Inspect vegetables and herbs for pests daily and treat if necessary.
- Control garden weeds to prevent them from going to seed.
- Harvest onions and early potatoes when tops begin to shrivel.
- In early July, plant lettuce and spinach for fall crop. Pre-germinate on moist towel or plant deeper than in spring.
- Plant kale, bunching onions, cucumbers, beets, rutabagas and turnips, cabbage family seedlings and peas for fall harvest.
- Keep tomatoes mulched and watered to prevent blossom end rot.
- Keep ripe vegetables picked to maintain productivity.
- Watch for spider mites during hot, dry weather. Juniper and spruce needles turn rusty colored if infested.
- Water newly planted trees weekly if needed throughout the summer and apply a mulch (three inches or less) to maintain even soil moisture.
- During dry spells, water all trees deeply every 2-3 weeks.
- Remove suckers from grafted plants. Water fruit trees during dry spells or they may abort fruit. Trees need one inch of water weekly during fruit growth.
- Prune yews, junipers and arborvitae by mid-July.
- Remove old canes of summer bearing red raspberries after harvest. Thin new canes to 3-4 canes per foot of row or 9-10 canes per hill. For black raspberries, thin new canes to 10 per hill. Cut tips of new canes back around July 1. Cut back raspberry tips back to two feet above the soil level and blackberry tips back to four feet above soil level. Cut purple and yellow raspberry tips to 30-36 inches above the soil.
- Keep orchard grass mowed and raked to discourage fungal pathogens harbored in tall grass and plant debris. Hang baited red sticky ball traps in apple trees for apple maggot control.





WOOD COUNTY MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEERS ASSOCIATION AND THE CONTINUING EDUCATION TEAM INVITE YOU ON

A trip to Southeast Wisconsin: Mitchell Park Horticultural Conservancy (The Domes) in Milwaukee; and Boerner Botanical Gardens in Hales Corners.

Saturday, July 19, 2014; depart Lamers Bus Lines, 2611 West Grand Ave., Wis. Rapids – at 7:00 a.m.

Cost: \$50.00 (Includes bus fare, guided tour fees at both gardens; tips, and snacks/beverages.)

This year we will spend a day in southeastern Wisconsin. We will stop at two sites: Mitchell Park Horticultural Conservancy (The Domes). The conservancy has been part of the Milwaukee scene since 1898. The original greenhouses were replaced starting in 1959. Three beehive-shaped glass domes, 140 feet in diameter at the base and 85 feet high, offer 15,000 sq. ft. of plant display. The Desert Dome houses one the worlds' finest collections of cacti, succulents, shrubs and arid-land bulbs. An Oasis of Pampas Grass and desert palms beckons as paths lead you past many plant oddities with intriguing geometric forms, subtle coloration and unique adaptations to hot, dry habitats. The Tropical Dome displays a rich diversity of plants from the rainforests of five continents. Showy flowers, fruits, nuts, spices and a multitude of orchids and bromeliads surround you as you're drawn toward a rushing waterfall in this paradise. Be sure to look for the colorful birds that call the Tropical dome their home. The Floral Show Dome is a seasonal display to delight you with their beauty and will serve to inspire your gardens. The theme for the summer will be "Plant-tastic Voyage Summer Floral Show."

Boerner Botanical Gardens. These gardens are located in Hales Corners (just 20 minutes from The Domes) and within Whitnall Park. The gardens are named for Alfred Boerner, who designed the original five formal gardens in the 1930's. This peaceful location offers more than 40 acres of formal gardens in the style typical of the English country manor, featuring glacial fieldstone walls and historic, handcrafted limestone statuary. Garden offerings include an annual garden, shrub mall, rock garden, daylily path, bog garden walk, heirloom garden, herb garden, perennial garden, rose garden and peony garden. The property also features a garden house, visitor center and a restored CCC encampment building, as well as original stone and wood carvings created by WPA artists. We will see visual links to the surrounding 1,000 acre arboretum, which houses the largest crab apple collection in Wisconsin. The gardens include test and display garden for All-America Selections, and is an American Hosta Society Display Garden. After our guided tour, there will be time to study the test gardens and wander a bit more. Because of the length of this trip, there will not be a nursery stop as in previous trips.

We have 36 seats available aboard the bus. Please pack a picnic lunch to eat between stops. The stops are close will make a Culver's stop north of Madison after we leave the Boerner Botanical Gardens and should arrive Rapids about 7 p.m. Reserve your seat by sending in the following coupon with payment by July 1st or until sold. If we are unable to sell the seats, the trip may be subject to cancellation. Questions: Call Micky Erickson 3616 or email garymicky@charter.net.

Name(s) _____

____ seat(s) x \$50.00 per seat: \$_____ enclosed. Make checks payable to "Wood County Master Gardener Assoc." Send to: Micky Erickson, 6846 Meadow View Lane, Rudolph, WI 54475

RESERVATION DATE EXTENDED TO JUNE 24 MG MEETING