



**U W Extension**

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## Wood County Events

**November 18**  
**Wood Co. CH Auditorium Wis. Rapids**  
**7:00 pm Membership Meeting**  
**Election of Officers for 2015**

*followed by*

**Holiday Social/Treats/Gift Exchange**  
**Program: "Sharing Garden Photos of**  
**Trips/Projects/Personal Gardens."**

Members may give a short (5 min.) overview of their experiences. Can use thumb drive, an album, display, scrapbook, photos, etc. to share your event. Teri will assist with the technology portion of this project. Members are encouraged to sign up with Teri (if presenting) as to event/how they plan to share. The sign-up will help with planning the evening program. See past newsletters for more details.



**November Holiday Social "End of year, fun, treats, gifts and sharing!"**

Calling all WCMGVs, your help is needed to make this social a fun event for all! Bring your favorite holiday food item, such as mini sandwiches, cookies, candy, desserts, fruit or veggie tray, dip and ...? Any finger food that you wish to bring and share with fellow gardeners is welcome! To add more fun to the evening, we are planning "a gift exchange". Everyone loves to open a surprise gift; here is your chance to make someone smile! Gifts can be garden related or perhaps you have a gently used book, a framed flower or garden photo that you took, a jar of your special pickles or salsa, any item that you would enjoy sharing will work. Gifts do not need to be new, may be gently used or homemade. Wrap in "interesting wrapping material", add your name, a fun message inside, (if you wish) then bring to the November social. Come...join/share end of year conversation, enjoy goodies, and as a bonus open a surprise gift from a gardener friend. Serving utensils for food, plates, napkins, cups and an assortment of beverages will be provided by WCMGV Hospitality Committee. Look forward to seeing you there; remember the fun we all had at last year's event!

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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



# Message from the President

It's hard to believe that our final meeting for 2014 is almost here! It will be a fun one! In the spirit of the season, we'll be sharing a lot with each other – favorite goodies, garden photos, friendship and the optional gift exchange. Last year's event was so heart-warming and I'm sure this one will be too. Please plan to join us – we've all worked so hard this year on our projects; it'll be good to just sit back and enjoy ourselves on this evening. I'm really looking forward to the photo sharing!

November is our election meeting. The nominations committee has submitted the following candidates for the open positions: **President: Ruth Cline, Vice-President: Julie Carlsen, Treasurer: Barb Herreid, Director – Karen Houdek.** Nominations from the floor will also be accepted that evening.



**Moes-Kleifgen** is retiring from the board. **Barb** served as our treasurer for the past three years and did a great job. Thank you, Barb, for your outstanding contributions to our organization!

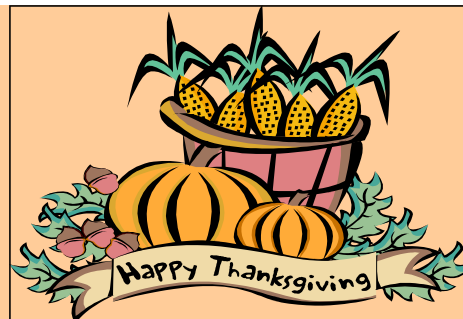
The Holiday Season is fast approaching. With most gardening and project-related chores put to bed, ***please take the time to enjoy family and friends through the remainder of the year!***

*Barb Herreid*

## Attention

### Project Chairpersons: The Voucher Request Deadline is Approaching!

All requests for reimbursement for of the 2014 project expenses must be submitted to Barb Moes-Kleifgen by December 1, 2014. Complete the voucher and mail it to her at 930 – 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue So, Wis. Rapids, WI 54495



November comes  
And November goes,  
With the last red berries  
And the first white snows.

With night coming early,  
And dawn coming late,  
And ice in the bucket  
And frost by the gate.

The fires burn  
And the kettles sing,  
And earth sinks to rest,  
Until next spring....

*Clyde Watson*

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.

#### Wisconsin Master Gardener Website

<http://wimastergardener.org/>

#### Wood County Extension Website

<http://wood.uwex.edu>

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# News and Information

## Cooperative Extension Service

The fall issue of the American Gardener magazine included a nice article on the Cooperative Extension Service (CES). CES was formed in 1914 with the mission of bringing research-based, practical agricultural knowledge to the American public. It was created by a partnership between the US Dept. of Agriculture and the land grant universities in each state. This partnership is fundamental to having a national network while using local experts. Woodrow Wilson, who was President at the time, said it was "one of the most significant and far-reaching measures for the education of adults ever adopted by any government."

At the time it was created, more than half the US population lived in rural communities. Many of the original programs were designed with farmers and their families needs in mind. During the Great Depression, Extension agents helped establish buying cooperatives and provided instruction on nutrition, canning, home gardening and other skills to help people survive the hard economic times. Also, during World War II, more gardening information and advice was provided and the resulting Victory Gardens helped alleviate many food shortages in the country.

During the 1970s, horticultural assistance by CES was further expanded with the formation of the Master Gardener programs in each state. The program was designed to 'recruit and train volunteers to serve the public' in the field of horticulture. The program is active in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and two provinces in Canada. It's been estimated that there are currently approximately 95,000 active volunteers who contribute more than five million volunteer hours per year.

The article went on to interview several Cooperative Extension Service agents around the country. Each expressed his gratitude for the program and the enthusiasm of the volunteers. Just think how many more people Extension is able to reach with us helping to carry the message. Being part of the CES network is important – to us, to Extension and to our community. Be proud to be a part!

*Submitted by Barb Herreid*

## A New Resource for Continuing Education Hours

The UW-Extension office in Madison has been dedicating much of the past year in revamping the training for new Master Gardeners. All of the learning modules that were used in the past have been thoroughly updated and new materials have been added. All of this training (high-quality research-based lecture materials) is now available online and can be accessed by all certified Master Gardeners – **time spent on any of these modules can be counted toward the annual requirement of 10 hours of continuing education.**

The website for these learning modules is <http://blogs.ces.uwex.edu/mgvllevel1/>

On the right-hand side, there is a list of topics. Just click on any that interest you and the module will come up with a lecture video as well as other supporting materials for you to explore. Have some fun and learn at the same time right in the comfort of your own home.

## Marshfield Cinema Lot Project Needs a Leader

Carol Tomke and Karleen Remington are no longer able to function as chairpersons for the Cinema Lot Gardens in Marshfield and we are looking for an individual or pair of people to take over leadership of the project.

Any Marshfield area MGv who would like to take charge of this garden as an authorized project should talk with either Teri or Karleen. Talking with us to find out the details does not make it a final commitment on your part. Karleen is willing to mentor a new chairperson through a transition year.

In addition to a chairperson, we need a committed group of Marshfield members to let us know that they will, without fail, contribute volunteer hours on the project. Carol and Karleen have done almost all the planting and maintenance the past two years---in spite of a half dozen individuals signing up during each November project sign-up period. If there isn't such a commitment forthcoming, the project will need to be dropped as a Master Gardener activity.

Please talk with Teri or Karleen to get your questions answered.

## MG Cookbook Update

**"Thank you"** to all members who have submitted recipes for the cookbook. Please keep them coming, , , we want to honor all with a place in our historical record of the delicious foods and gardening trends for the past 20

## DEADLINES.....

- 2015 dues are due on November 15<sup>th</sup> or can be paid at our November 18th meeting.
- December 1<sup>st</sup> – final date to submit project expenses for reimbursement.

## Timesheets for 2015

Use the link: <http://wimastergardener.org/?q=Timesheets>  
There are several formats from which to choose:

- PDF – use this format to print it out and fill out by hand
- Word document – use this format to fill out on your computer
- Excel document – use this format to fill out on your computer but the advantage is that it automatically adds up your minutes and makes it easier for Teri to work with at the end of the year.
- All you have to do is e-mail it to her on October 1<sup>st</sup>.

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**Wood County Master Gardener Volunteers  
General Membership Meeting  
Marshfield Area Research Station  
October 28, 2014**

**Meeting:** was called to order at 7:00pm preceding a presentation on taking nature pictures.

**Minutes:** of the September meeting were presented; Audrey Brundidge moved to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Lynn Bushmaker; motion carried.

**Financial report:** Presented by Barb Moes-Kleifgen, motion was made to accept as presented by Mary Zahn, seconded by Roxanne Tomkowiak; motion carried.

**Old Business:**

- Fall Seminar: A few people got up and stated that it was a “Good learning day”.
- Recipe book: The committee members for the recipe book asked to have at least ten recipes from each member turned in by Thanksgiving and would like to have the book completed by 2015 in time for the Garden Walk. There will be sections for just about anything you can make in the kitchen including a section on “odds and ends” Please contact Joanne at [jo3nla@gmail.com](mailto:jo3nla@gmail.com).

**New Business:**

- Extension Update: Classes for the training class are still in progress in Wisconsin Rapids at the courthouse auditorium on Thursday nights.
- Dues need to be paid by November 15th or the last 2014 meeting on November 18th. The dues renewal forms were handed out during the meeting. Anyone not picking theirs up or unavailable to pick it up will have it mailed to them. Please go through the enclosed survey and turn that in as well.
- Nominations for Board of Directors: Open nominations from the floor were called for but none came forward. Other current nominations are: Ruth Cline, President; Julie Carlsen, Vice President; Barb Herreid, Treasurer; and Director, Karen Houdek. More nominations will be asked for in November and elections held at that meeting.
- Marshfield Cinema Lot: Karleen Remington asked for volunteers to step forward by the end of the year and take over the project as she is no longer able to manage it. If no one is willing to do it, and it is also part of the Marshfield Flower Power program it will be up to Flower Power to find someone. This project is one that really needs someone with Master Gardener experience to at least supervise, if not staff.
- There was a request for gardening advice by e-mail asking for help with their garden. Joyce Fischer volunteered to take a look at the problem.
- Question of the month: Jim Nickel gave Gail Snorheim the prize.
- Next month’s meeting: Ruth announced a social and optional gift exchange is planned for November. She would like us all to bring one fantastic treat and a gift to exchange.
- Crafts for fund raising: Denise Larsen showed us a list of ideas and presented finished product with a request for more ideas that we can use to add to the sales. Denise also has a list of items that can be donated to help them make the crafts.
- Audrey Gohlke gave us an update on the road sign committee for the beautification of Wisconsin Rapids. She now has more people and a possible alternate source of money to help alleviate the cost of the project.

There was no other new business.

Motion to adjourn was made Lynn Bushmaker, seconded by Sandy Artz; Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for November 18th at Wood County Courthouse in Wisconsin Rapids.

Respectfully submitted,  
Famia Marx, Secretary

*Members Attending: Nancy Lee Alger, Shirley Anderson, Sandra Artz, Margie Austin, Annette Bowden, Debbie Brown, Audrey Brundidge, Lynn Bushmaker, Audrey Brundidge, Lynn Bushmaker, Julie Carlsen, Bob Cline, Ruth Cline, Mary Czaja, Patricia Farley, Joyce Fischer, Fern Fregien, Audrey Gohlke, Karen Houdek, Paula Klevene, Barb Herreid, Denise Larson, Famia Marx, Gail Meyer, Judy Miller, Barb Moes-Kleifgen, Diane Nickel, Jim Nickel, Tom Paul, Kathryn Poehnelt, Karleen Remington, Gail Snorheim, Roxanne Tomkowiak, Apollonia Virsnieks, Margaret Weister, Sue Wilford, Penn Wilkes and Mary Zahn. No Guests attending.*



# WCMGV News, Reminders, Opportunities and Projects

## Save the Dates:

**Garden Dreams: January 10, 2015**  
**A Saturday with the Portage County**  
**Master Gardener Volunteers**  
**7:30 am to 3:00 pm**  
**Lettie W. Jensen Community Center,**

Yard MD, Rob Zimmer will present two topics.

Megan Cain, the Creative Vegetable Gardener will speak on vegetables.

Registration brochures will be available shortly, hot lunch will be provided.

**Garden Visions in Wausau**  
**January 23-24, 2015**

Continuing Education weekend event is sponsored by the North Central Wisconsin MGA. Friday night workshops and keynote and breakout session on Saturday. For more information contact **Carol Bray** at (715) 693-6446 or see the **Garden Visions website**.

A brochure and registration will be ready mid-November on their website: [www.gardenvisions.org](http://www.gardenvisions.org) There will be another **Photo Contest**.

*Saturday's Keynote Speaker*

**Bill Johnson of Nature Stock Photography**  
"Pollinators in the Garden"

*Other speakers include:*

**Nate Bremer of Solaris Farms**  
"Lilium – True Lilies"

**Neil Diboll of Prairie Nursery**  
"Establishing a Prairie Garden"

**Jeff Epping of Olbrich Botanical Garden**  
Topic To Be Announced

**Rich Eyre of Foxwillow Pines Nursery**  
"Techniques of Gardening with Conifers"

**Jayna Hintz, the Woodson Curator of Education**  
"The Art of Nature"

**Sandy Lotto of Lotto's Log Cabin**  
"Make a Freeform Twig Trellis"

**Dan Mahr, UW-Madison, retired**  
"Succulent Plants"

**Judith Reith-Rozelle, UW Researcher**  
"Hardy Table Grape Culture"

**Terri Schmidt, the Gourd Girl**  
"Growing Gourds in Wisconsin"

**Brian Smith, UW Fruit Specialist**  
"Your Fruit Tree Heaven; Tips for the Backyard" and  
"The Dynamic Duo-Asparagus and Strawberries"

**Carol Strand & Christine Anderson**  
"Wine Bottle Flower Planter"

**Dick Zondag of Jung Seed Company**  
"Alternative Gardening Methods"

## MGV Level I Update

November 20, 6-9 pm Class wrap-up

As always, current Master Gardeners are welcome to attend any of the classes. Let me know so I can make additional handouts. Also, please note that I am conducting the Mandated Reporter training on November 13. This is required for all Master Gardener Volunteers to continue in the program whether volunteer hours are reported or not. Individuals can go through the training on their own via the link: <http://wcwpds.wisc.edu/mandatedreporter/> or you can attend the class on November 13<sup>th</sup>. If neither of these work for you, contact me and I can set up a time you can come into the office and use one of the office computers to complete the training. If you do it on your own, you need to send me a copy of the certificate you receive upon course completion — either via email or snail mail.

## To The New Master Gardener Class: Congratulations class of 2014!

Liz Erdman, WR

Jennifer Fane, Nekoosa

Jan Fisher, Nekoosa

Laurie Francis, Nekoosa

Sandy Harrison, Marshfield

Sue Haydock, WR

Anita Jacisin, WR

Bill Jarvis, WR

Susan Kitchenmaster, WR.

Cheryl Manley, WR

Bev O'Donnell, WR

Betty Phillips, Arpin

Lindsey Quinnett, WR

Patti Quinnett, WR

Alicia Razvi, Stevens Point

Imran Rehman, WR

On behalf of the current members of the UW Extension Wood County Master Gardener Volunteers, we welcome the gardeners listed above. We're anxious to meet all of you and invite you to join us at our monthly gatherings to meet other gardeners and begin your connection to this great group of UWEX community volunteers. Please join us at the Nov. 18th meeting for good food, fellowship, an interesting program and many opportunities to meet the present members. See the front page article for full details. We all look forward to working with you.

## Seed Savers Lending Library Project

The Lester Public Library of Vesper is embarking on an ambitious new project to promote gardening, use of the local library and the community involvement of our UW Extension Wood County Master Gardener Volunteer organization.

The basic idea is this: you check out a packet of seeds, plant them, and let some of them grow to maturity. You harvest those next generation seeds, and return them to the library so other people can check them out. Community members may 'borrow' these seeds for free from the library.

Borrowers can use a **check out seeds card**, and access free classes on organic gardening and how to save seeds at the end of the growing season. They also have easy access to books and other gardening resources from the Vesper library.

If you're interested in this project and wish to help, please call Leonore Look at 715-569-4170 or Jane Maciejewski at 715-435-3745

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## This and That

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](mailto: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](mailto:familyliving@co.wood.wi.us) \* Lunch is not included.

### Preserving Wisconsin's Harvest Lunchtime Learning Webinars

#### 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.

**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](mailto:familyliving@co.wood.wi.us)**

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## From Mike Maddox

My Facebook newsfeed and inbox fired up several weeks ago when a [report of Emerald Ash Borer being found in Fringetree](#) hit the internet. Fringetree [is a native species in the US](#) and can be used in Wisconsin as an ornamental. It's in the same family as Ash trees, [Oleaceae](#). As with many plant families, susceptibility to a pest can be common. In this case, EAB jumping to another species may indicate a bad situation getting worse.

[Dr. Chris Williamson](#) reminds us that more needs to be learned before we panic unnecessarily. It still hasn't been demonstrated that EAB can complete its life cycle in fringetree, merely one larva was found in each of the four white fringetrees that EAB was found.

Additionally, the drought of 2012 put trees under stress, which made them temporarily measurably more susceptible to an EAB infestation.

Before Master Gardener Volunteers begin to offer up a social network [meme](#) as gardening advice, please note our specialist at our university or another needs to do more research and vet the information before it should be an official response to concerned homeowners.

If you encounter an individual with concerns over this latest find, it may be best to tell them to wait for more information before making any drastic management decisions.



#### Adult Emerald Ash Borer

More information:

[Emerald Ash Borer](#)

Photo via <http://labs.russell.wisc.edu/eab/>

## Goodies From the Garden

#### Cranberry Chutney

- 1 (20oz.) can Pineapple - chunks, tidbits or crushed, (your choice)
- 2 Cups sugar
- 1 Cup golden raisins (regular dark are OK, I like the look of golden in this recipe)
- 1 lb. (5 cups) fresh cranberries
- ½ tsp. Cinnamon
- ½ tsp. Ginger
- ¼ tsp. Allspice
- 1 cup broken walnuts or pecans

Directions:

Drain pineapple, reserving juice. Combine pineapple juice, sugar, cranberries, raisins and spices. Cook to boiling then reduce heat and simmer for 25 minutes. Add pineapple and nuts. Should be used within six months if not refrigerated (would have to be processed in hot water bath to seal). Must be refrigerated once opened. I have a 2<sup>nd</sup> refrigerator so I just keep it refrigerated in glass mason jars.

#### Cranberry Nut Pie

- 1 ¼ Cup fresh cranberries
- ¼ Cup firmly packed brown sugar
- ¼ Cup Chopped Walnuts
- 1 Egg
- ½ Cup granulated sugar
- ½ Cup sifted all-purpose flour
- 1/3 Cup butter or margarine

Directions:

Spread cranberries on bottom of unbaked 9-inch piecrust. Sprinkle with brown sugar and nuts (*I combine nuts, brown sugar and cranberries in a baggie and shake well to combine ingredients before pouring into pie shell*). Beat egg, gradually adding granulated sugar until thick and thoroughly blended. Add flour and melted butter; beat well. Pour batter over cranberries mixture. Bake at 325 degrees for 45 minutes. Cool on rack. Serving suggestion: serve warm with vanilla ice cream.

*Both recipes from Chris Landowski  
and unknown sources*