

## **Wood County Master Gardener Volunteers**

## **Wood County Events**

#### May 26 6:30PM EARLY MEETING

Pam Piotrowski's 138 3rd St. Nekoosa. 6:30 Annual Member Plant Exchange 7:00 Business Meeting followed by Edible Yard Tour

growing in her yard it's hard to believe she still has ful Rome yard and Certified room for grass! Four fruit Wildlife Habitat, Find out trees, strawberries, blueber- what is required and how to ries, grapes, mushrooms certify your own yard. and so many vegetables. We have permission to park in July 28 the lot behind Nekoosa 7:00 PM Cash Advance on the corner Wood Co. Court House of Prospect Ave. and Third Monarch Butterflies St. Pam's house is two lots & Milkweed Seedlings behind that on the corner of Vilas Ave. and Third St.

she tries to maximize all her Monarch Volunteer. growing space.

June 23 7:00 PM MG Karen Houdek's 1370 Sawgrass Trail, Nekoosa (Rome)

#### **Tour of Certified** Wildlife Habitat

Do you enjoy watching the many birds and Wisconsin wildlife just as much as Pam has so many things you do gardening? Come join us to tour this beauti-

Join us for an interesting program featuring Monarch PLEASE be sure to stay Butterflies and learn what on the paths or the grassy is involved in raising the areas in the yard and gar- Monarch from egg to release den. Pam's garden soil is and meet Monarch caretaknot compacted and she ers Kathy and Pat McGrath needs to keep it that way! of Port Edwards who will be The paths are narrow be- joined by our own Pat Paucause her yard is small and lus, a dedicated WCMGV

#### **Bus Trip Cancellation** Announcement

The Illinois Garden Experience bus trip scheduled for June 19th thru 20th has been canceled. Unfortunately, we were not able to meet the thirty passenger requirement set by the tour provider. The six people who did pay for this event will have their checks returned on May 15th by Lamers Tour and Travel.

#### Wisconsin Rapids Car Pool Information

Car pool to monthly meetings outside of Wisconsin Rapids leaves from the Wood County Courthouse parking lot at 6:15 PM. The departure time may change if a meeting commences at a time other than the usual 7:00PM. Watch the newsletter or our Facebook page for more car pooling information.

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## **UW** Extension

University of Wisconsin, U.S Department of Agriculture and Wisconsin counties cooperating. UW-Extension provides equal opportunities in employment and programming including Title IX and ADA. Please make requests for reasonable accommodations to ensure equal access to educational programs as early as possible preceding the scheduled program, service or activity.

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.

Terí Lessig Matt Lippert



## From the President's Notebook

of wildflower blooms creates a natural canvas right before efit so many people, the community and the Monarchs as our eyes. Wild cherry and other shrubs and trees are greet- well as other butterfly and wildlife. Bill still has needs for ing spring with joy after a long cold, dry winter. It is time to the project. He is accepting wildflower seeds and milkweed plant those cold-loving plants/seeds such as lettuce, peas, seeds to use along with plants he purchased with grant potatoes, and radishes. For those of you who started your funds. Anyone wishing to donate seeds may bring them to seeds indoors...now is the time to start hardening them off a membership meeting (labeled please); I will see that Bill so by Memorial Day you can put them in the garden. How receives your donation. It is that easy to become a part of are your grafted tomato plants doing? Teri did a wonderful "Marley's Mile Wildlife Prairie). workshop on grafting tomato plants at our April meeting. My grafted plants survived my unskilled handling and will lined up for the May membership meeting. A visit to the be ready to plant the last of May. She did a great job ex- most unique edible garden! The owner, Pam, has graciousplaining in layman's terms...how to graft plus care for the ly invited us to visit her gardens. Due to the arrangement plants.

2014...and his yellow lab, Marley. I first read about Bill's outdoors, consider milkweed one of my favorite plants and have managed my farm for Monarchs and other butterfly since 1990, I had to find out more about Bill's project. The exchange. Bring your extra plants! Come early at 6:30 PM first workday was April 15th. I arrived at the White Sands to exchange plants prior to the 7:00 PM business meeting. Beach, near the walking trail...next to the Four Mile Creek We will have a short meeting to allow extra time to view the armed with rakes, gloves and water bottle. The volunteers gardens and ask questions after Pam's presentation. turned out in huge numbers. Bill quickly introduced himself and set us all to work raking the area as the second listen. Take time to smell the flowers. Take time to read a step to prepare the site for planting (the trees had already book. Take time to sit and relax. Most of all...take time! been removed). It was fun to meet the folks who came to help, we worked until dark. Much work is still to be done. I will bring the newspaper articles for all to read the story of Bill and Marley's adventure to re-establish the monarch population and wildflowers along the walking path near the creek. What drew my attention to share this story was the number of different groups that have been inspired to come forth with donations, grants, and sweat equity to help Bill

Thoughts from The President's Notebook...The display and Marley move this project forward. This project will ben-

The program committee has an outstanding program of Pam's gardens and the type of soil...we cannot wander On April 14th I had the pleasure of meeting Bill Jarvis, throughout the gardens. There are a few path areas for us a WCMGV new intern who completed the program in to walk on but we must not venture off the paths. Pam will talk about her gardens in depth. Bring a pen and notepad project in the April 11th WR Tribune. Since I also love the if you wish to take notes about how to grow this type of garden.

Just a reminder, May is our annual membership plant

Take time to go for a walk today. Take time to stop and

— Author Unknown —

Enjoy your gardens! Ruth

Ruth Cline

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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## **News From Teri**

#### The Fountain of Youth!

The fountain of youth is, well, the youth! Would you like to tap into that youthful spirit by combining your love for versary Cookbook Committee are gardening with teaching the next generation? A subcommit- pleased to announce the photo on tee of the Community Education Team has identified Youth the cover of our 20th Anniversary Education Activities as the first idea in our quest to find Cookbook will be one submitted by "Alternatives to Digging". The Wood County Master Garden- Wood County Master Gardener Volers already have several projects and activities that focus unteers. The contest is open to all on youth education, but we feel there are more possibilities. members and will run May 30th to We're developing an exploratory committee to brainstorm July 1st, 2015. You do not have to and explore the possibilities of and potential interest in be a professional photographer to youth education in horticulture. If you already do or are enter or win this contest, so what interested in any type of youth education, plan to at- are you waiting for? Get those gartend this brainstorming meeting scheduled for July 28, dening photos out of the closet or off at the courthouse in Wisconsin Rapids at 5:30pm, be- the camera and send them to us. We fore the general membership meeting. We'll be limited to can't wait to see what you've done with your imagination one hour so come out and bring your ideas and youthful and a bit of camera magic. Please send the photo/s you energy!

Terí Lessía

## **Educational Funding Opportunities**

Did you know that the Wisconsin Master Gardeners (WIMGA) offers grants to local associations? WIMGA annually awards several grants to MG groups throughout the state to aid their efforts in community education. There are three (3) grant levels available -- \$100, May 28, 2015 \$250 and \$400. Applications for each of the three levels of **Ornamental Edibles** funding are due by October 1 (postmark date) of each year.

If you've had an idea in the past on ways to incorporate more education into your project but were held back because the dollars weren't available, then this just might be approach of incorporating "ornamental edibles" throughout for you! Contact any of our board members to start the pro- our landscapes is an innovative and beautiful approach to cess! We'll even help with the application form. The more maximizing the use of our space. Ornamental edibles are people who will benefit from your idea, the better the plants that provide significant beauty but are also dualchance of having it approved. Last year, WIMGA had more purpose in that they provide food, flavoring or other attribso your chances are pretty good of being approved.

grants totaling \$37,000 over the past 16 years. In fact, class from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM \$10 (\$7 members). For more Wood County Master Gardeners have been awarded five information see the Rotary Gardens website. grants in the past totaling \$1,300. In 2010, we received a grant for \$400 which was matched by our own organization June 30, 2015 and used to upgrade the selection of gardening books in Container Gardening each of the area's public libraries. More recently, in 2012, Rotary Botanical Gardens, Janesville, WI we received \$400 that was used to provide each project with a well-designed educational sign.

efforts and then, share your idea with a board member to get the ball rolling!

Barb Herreid

## WCMGV WEBSITE NEWS

Our new website is up and running. Check it out: www.wood-county-master-gardeners.org We have three people besides me that are able to add content and keep things updated. Chris Grimes, Peg Klinkhammer, and Karen Tlachac.

#### Photo Contest Announced for Cookbook

The Master Gardeners 20th Anni-



wish to enter to any committee member. Send along some history of the shot and all of your contact information. Thank you

> Joanne Wilkinson: jo3nla@gmail.com Sue Wilford: swilford@tds.net Chris Landowski: mclandow@gmail.com

## **Continuing Education**

Rotary Botanical Gardens, Janesville, WI

While growing our own food is not a novel concept, the dollars budgeted to be given out than what were requested, utes that make them "kitchen-worthy." Learn how to incorporate a wide range of ornamental edibles into your garden The WIMGA Educational Grant Program has given borders, containers, and any open nook and cranny in this

Containers offer a wonderful gardening opportunity as So, think of ways this will enhance your educational they can add color and interest in a wide range of garden settings beyond our traditionally planted areas. Container gardening can be successfully approached with proper container selection, soil preparation, plant selection and care. This presentation will cover the wide range of containers that are available and how they can be utilized for maximum success in our gardens. Many planting suggestions will also be reviewed in this class from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM \$10 (\$7 members). For more information see the Rotary Gardens website.

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# Wood County Master Gardener Volunteers General Meeting Minutes April 28, 2015 MARS 1 Hour Cont. Ed. Credit

Meeting called to order: at 7:00 PM preceding a one-hour instructional demonstration on tomato grafting.

- Minutes were presented: Mary Czaja moved to accept the minutes as written; seconded by Apollonia Virsnieks; motion carried.
- **Financial report:** Presented by Ruth Cline. Motion made to accept as presented by Carol Tomke; seconded by Jane Maciejewski; motion carried.

#### Old Business:

- Sign-up sheets for the projects were available for members to review and add names if interested.
- **Bus Trip:** Micky stated May 12 is the deadline to get the minimum 30 people to sign up or the trip is off. Only six have registered so far, however the trip is also being sent round to other clubs in the area.
- **Recipe book:** Joanne Wilkinson let us know that extra pages and a pocket will be included for keeping more of your own recipes. The committee is still checking for consistency, Sarah Siedle the extension office has to approve the canning recipes. Photo contest in process for the front cover, entries to be submitted between May 31 and June 30 in jpeg file format. Sue sent a clipboard around for anyone who is interested in buying a cookbook; this information will help to determine how many cookbooks need to be published.
- Spring Seminar: Micky said the seminar was well received. The October seminar is on track.
- WCMGV members attended United Way Recognition Breakfast and received a certificate which will be placed in the scrapbook.

#### No other old business.

**Announcements:** Joyce Fisher announced Thursday April 30 to be a double hours cleanup day for the fairground gardens. Jan Sabin announced that the Children's Fest went well with the committee having made 1000 packets for the youth education.

#### **New Business:**

- **Extension Update:** The season is getting busy.
- CET report: The Continuing Education Team (CET) has no meetings scheduled.
- **Garden Walk:** Denise asked for help with the crafts. There will be an afternoon May 12<sup>th</sup> for those who can be there by 4:00PM or after. We have lost one artist and are currently looking for another. Lightly used items for the Art in the Garden Boutique are being requested from the members. Please bring to meetings. Tickets will be ready for distribution to each member at the May meeting. Each member will be receiving five to sell.
- **Wisconsin Rapids Plant Sale:** Deb DeByl reported the committee is looking for plant donations. Flyers were available at the meeting. Joanne Wilkinson will pick up plants at Marshfield MARS between 5:00 PM and 6:00 PM on Thursday May 14. Witter Field site of the sale will be accept donations from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM on Friday, May 15. Other garden-related activities/items will be set up and available at the sale to generate income and educate the public.
- **WCMGV communication:** Ruth asked about reading the newsletter. One comment was that they liked the "things to do in the garden" article. We have FaceBook, a website, member meetings and e-mail as examples of communication
- Project Leader updates/Information: No new information.
- Worm castings: May 1st deadline for ordering. They will be available at the plant sale and May 26 meeting.
- **Car pooling:** Please let Chris Landowski know so she can put the information on where/when there will be carpooling for the meetings in the newsletter.
- **Joanne Wilkinson** talked about the Master Preserver survey sent by e-mail from the extension office.
- There was no other new business.
- Motion to adjourn made Deb Ostrowski, seconded by Mike Datka; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.
- The next meeting will be in May 26th in Nekoosa; check information on front of April Newsletter

Respectfully Submitted, Famia Marx, Secretary

Members Attending: Shirley Anderson, Sandra Artz, Annette Bowden, Debby Brown, Audrey Brundidge, Lynn Bushmaker, Julie Carlsen, Bob Cline, Ruth Cline, Mary Czaja, Mike Datka, Deb DeByl, Maria Edelstein, Liz Erdmann, Michaeleen Erickson, Jennifer Fame, Patricia Farley, Joyce Fisher, Fern Fregien, Audrey Gohlke, Sandy Harrison, Peg Harvey, Paula Klevene, Gail LaFontaine, Denise Larson, Leonore Look, Jane Maciejewski, Famia Marx, Gail Meyer, Tammera Neumann, Debra Ostrowski, Tom Paul, Patricia Paulus, Shirley Person, Kathryn Poehnelt, Tom Ptak, Karleen Remington, Jean Rockwood, Janet Sabin, Judy Sternitzky, Thomas Stram, Donna Streiff, Carol Tomke, Roxanne Tomkowiak, Apollonia Virsnieks, Margaret Weister, Sue Wilford, Penn Wilkes, Joanne Wilkinson, Marlene Winters, Mary Zahn. Catherine Zimmermann, Teri Lessig was also in attendance. Guests in attendance: Purvi TBivedi-Ziemba, Amilyohree, Alex Trivedi, and Cheryl Meyer.

## **Announcements**

## **Member Earns Monarch Certification** Congratulations, Pat Paulus

World Wide Monarch Waystations. The certification comes prevent it. complete with a neat little sign that says all monarchs are welcome and can expect to find food and shelter at this site."

Pat goes on to say, "Actually, getting certified is fairly easy. The main requirements are having an area that includes milkweeds (at least ten), and a number of nectar plants located in a sunny spot. The plants should be fairly close together to afford protection for visiting butterflies and any eggs they may leave behind. A plan to sustain a Monarch Waystation is also necessary. It should include mulching, fertilizing, watering, eliminating the use of insecticides and the removal of invasive plant species."

"Monarch Waystations are one way of providing the resources necessary for them to sustain their migration. The requirements are few, the rewards are many. And it's such a good feeling to know you are looking out for one of God's little creatures."

Information about the Monarch Watch program can be found at: www.monarchwatch.org/waystations.



Editor's Note: Pat and Kathy McGrath and WCMGV Pat Paulus are scheduled to present our July monthly meeting educational program about Monarch Butterflies and Milkweed.

### Question Posed and Answer Received From The Monarch Lab Staff

#### Question:

For monarchs that pass through central Wisconsin .....

Can Blood Flower (Curassavica) cause OE in Monarchs if it is wintered over? Also, is the Blood Flower OK if you regrow it from seed every spring? My mother does not have email so I will pass on any information you can tell me.

Bonni Starrett (Pat Paulus' daughter

#### Answer:

Tropical milkweed (A. currasivica) grown as an annual plant in the Midwest is perfectly fine for Monarchs. Our winters here get cold enough to freeze the plant and OE spores that might be on it. The spores are only on the leaves as

they are deposited from the egg-laying females onto the plant. The concern with this species of milkweed right now is mainly in warm weather states that don't typically have freezing temperatures in the winter, so the non-native tropi-WCMGV Pat Paulus was recently certified by the Mon- cal milkweed grows year 'round perpetuating the disease arch Watch Organization. In her own words, "I'm so excited! cycle. It's not a problem here in the Midwest though because My little patch of milkweeds and nectar plants has been cer- this species of milkweed acts more like an annual plant and tified by Monarch Watch as a Monarch Migration dies back in the winter, just like our native milkweeds. If WayStation. That means my monarch habitat is now includ- any OE is on your tropical milkweed it is also on your native ed in the Monarch Waystation Registry, an online listing of milkweed and there's nothing to do about it at that point to

Katie-Lyn, Monarch Lab Staff

#### WHAT IS OE?

Ophryocystis elektroscirrha (OE) is an obligate, protozoan parasite that infects monarch and queen butterflies. In simpler language, OE isn't an animal or a plant, but a protozoan. Protozoans are single celled organisms, living things that have many of the same characteristics as animals. In fact, protozoans are often called animal-like protists.

OE is considered an obligate parasite because it must live within a host to grow and multiply. Between infections OE survives as spores that are resistant to extreme environmental conditions. OE was first discovered infecting monarch and queen butterflies in Florida in the late 1960s. There are no known other hosts. It has since been found in all other monarch populations world-wide. Because of this world-wide range, all indications are that this parasite has coevolved with monarchs.

#### Additional Congratulations,,,,,,

To the Continuing Education Team for another outstanding seminar event held on Saturday, April 25th at MSCT. Both presenters did a great job and you are commended for bringing them to our organization. Thank you! Thanks also go to the committee who organized and provided the help for our herb specialist's sample preparation. Special thanks to the refreshment committee and members for donating time and talent to make goodies for our program breaks.



To the Plant Sale Committee and all members who worked so hard putting together another successful WCMGV Annual Plant Sale. The selection of plants, both nursery-grown and donated varieties was outstanding. The additional items of soil, worm castings, plant markers and suet certainly made it a "one-stop-shopping experience" for everyone.

**<u>Leftover plants from plant sale</u>** will be available for purchase at the plant exchange. The plant exchange site is the Nekoosa Cash Advance parking lot area NOT at Pam's garden site. There will be WCMGVs available to help members find their way to Pam's gardens.

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## **WCMGV** News and Information

News From the

## MG Cookbook Team

At the May 26th and June 23rd membership meetings we will make samples (of the proposed style of book we favor) available for you to see. We will also circulate a sheet asking you to give us an idea of how many books you may wish to have. YOU WILL NOT BE COMMITTED to that number. It is our hope however, to enter only one order and not have to pay shipping costs more than once by having to reorder again and again........

Many of our members have asked when the books will be ready. There are two things you must remember.....

- Our 20th Anniversary isn't until 2016.
- It is our plan to make this book the best cookbook you ever owned.

#### So.....the cookbook will be ready in 2016.

In order for this to be the best cookbook you ever owned, there are countless *I's to be dotted and T's to be crossed.* It takes a lot of time for a project like this to be done perfectly. And several of you can testify to that because we have called or e-mailed you with clarification questions about the recipes you have submitted — because we want to get this done right the first time.

As we get closer to the firm order date, we will also announce the project in the local news media and invite area residents to pre-order and pre-pay for any books they wish to purchase. We'll keep you up to date on our progress.

Joanne Wilkinson, Chris Landowski, Sue Wilford

**Garden Walk Announcement** 

## Art in the Garden Boutique

The Garden Walk "Art in the Garden Boutique" craft committee members have been busy putting together items to sell at this year's event. Items to sell have been painstakingly designed and painted, and glued and bolted and scraped. But another part of our annual fundraiser tradition still needs your attention: Don't forget to collect your 'gently used' garden items and bring them to the next meeting so that we fill the boutique with your unneeded items while another gardener may be looking for just that special object to repurpose and use in thier garden. Pots, containers, plant markers, old tools, baskets, decorations and hard -to-find-items are just the right thing to donate for a "second life".

The resale of garden items has been a long-time tradition at our garden walk and your contributions are important. If you have any additional questions regarding the Art In The Garden Boutique contact Denise Larson, Craft Committee Chairperson, at 715-887-3706 or send her an e-mail at lorden74@hotmail.com



**Work Days Announced for** 

## **Lester Public Library Vesper**

#### Creating a Simple Garden Path

Will be held on **Tuesday**, **June 16**, **2015** and **Thursday**, **June 25**, **2015**, **both starting at 5:00 pm at the Lester Public Library in Vesper**. This work is eligible for **MGV Double Work Hours** and as a bonus, you may count the learning time toward your continuing education hours. Instructors: Ruth Cline and Sue Wilford.

The community will be invited as well. Those who attend will have a hands-on experience and learn how they can create their own garden path. A handout on path-making will be available. We will create a simple garden path (which currently is dirt and mud) between two flower beds in the back of the library. Most of the preparation will be completed prior to the work days. To reduce the amount of heavy work, we will shovel gravel/stones into small buckets and bring them to the library from an off-site location via a trailer. The gravel and stones will then be poured onto the path.

What to bring: shovel, work gloves and a (1-2 gallon size) small bucket. Bottled water and snacks will be provided. Come and learn how to build a simple garden path!

## 2015 WIMGA Conference

When: July 31 - August 1

Where: LaCrosse

- Hosted by the Bluff Country Master Gardeners, many interesting things to see and do at this conference.
- Early-bird registration is available at a discount until May 29th. Additionally, all who register early will have their name put into a drawing for a free room at the Radisson.
- You can register online with a credit card or print the registration form and mail it with your check or credit card number.
- Complete information and registration available: <a href="http://www.bluffcountrymastergardeners.org/wimga-2015.html">http://www.bluffcountrymastergardeners.org/wimga-2015.html</a> Click on WIMGA 2015 near the top to reveal a drop-down menu and advance to an event schedule, workshops and breakout sessions, the keynote speakers and the registration form.

Keynote speaker on Friday, July 31st is Roy Diblik of Northwind Farms. Saturday morning's keynote address will feature Dr. Karen Oberhauser of the University of Minnesota taking us on a "Butterfly Mission". Additional breakout session leaders include Carol Labuzzetta, Tom van der Linden, Heather Holm, Kathy Zuzek, Molly Murray and Mike Maddox.

#### Portage County Master Gardener Volunteers Garden Guide Link:

http://portage.uwex.edu/horticulture/master-gardeners/monthly-gardening-guide/

#### June Garden Guide

- Pinch off one-half inch of chrysanthemums when they are six inches tall and continue pinching through June.
- Pinch annuals when 4-6 inches tall to promote growth.
- Give peonies 2-3 applications of complete fertilizer two weeks before flowering. Disbud several branches for bigger flowers on remaining buds. Stake before buds open.
- Prune spring flowering shrubs (lilacs, forsythia, honeysuckle, hydrangea, mock orange, privet, snowball, spirea, viburnum and weigela) after flowering. Apply annual application of fertilizer.
- Prune junipers, arborvitae, yews and hemlock any time during late spring or early summer.
- Water flower beds weekly during dry periods.
- Remove spent flowers and weeds from gardens and add mulch.
- Dig and divide non-blooming daffodils.
- For large dahlia blooms, prune all but one shoot per clump.
- Cut back delphiniums after blooming.
- Control leaf blight on tomatoes by disposing of diseased foliage or plants immediately and planting dis ease-resistant varieties.
- Before setting out tomato cages, disinfect with a 10% bleach solution. Control fruit anthracnose and oth er disease problems by staking plants, maintaining optimal plant spacing and using mulches.
- Plant peppers, eggplant, sweet potatoes and late potatoes.
- Plant successive crops of beans, beets, carrots, kohlrabi, corn, turnips, broccoli, cabbage and cauliflow er.
- Spray cabbage, cauliflower and broccoli to control cabbage worm and cabbage looper.
- Stop harvesting asparagus by month-end. Weed asparagus bed carefully after harvesting to avoid dam age to roots.
- Prune evergreens.
- Prune out lilac seed heads.
- Treat lawns that are infected with cutworms and armyworms with parasitic nematodes.
- If fertilizing lawn two times per year, apply in June and October; if three times per year, apply in early June, early Sept and mid- to late Oct.
- Continue applying fungicide on trees and small fruits.
- Prune suckers from fruit trees.
- Apply sticky bands to fruit trees to catch insect pests that climb the trunks.
- Pinch black and purple raspberry shoots.



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