

UW-Extension Wood County Master Gardener Association

Wood County UW Extension

August 2016

WCMGV Program Information

Annual Potluck Picnic

August 23: Vesper Park and Library

5 pm—Guided tours of the Vesper Library and Park projects
Last name: A-M tours Library at 5 pm. Last name: N-Z tours
Park at 5:00 pm.

Last name A-M tours Park at 5:30 pm. Last name: N-Z tours
Library at 5:30 pm.

6 pm—Tomato Tasting Contest as people finish the tours and get seated for Pot Luck

7 pm—Business Meeting

NOTE EARLY START TIME

Please email Annette Bowden at bowdentribe@hotmail.com by August 15th if you plan to attend the annual WCMGV Potluck Picnic held at the Vesper Recreational Park Shelter House in Vesper. Include the number of people from your family that will attend; spouse welcome at this event. Members may drop off their food item at the Recreation Park kitchen area prior to attending tours. Someone will be at the shelter to help.

ATTENTION ALL WCMGV TOMATO GROWERS

Enter your best tomatoes of the season for a chance to win the top honors in our first ever Tomato Tasting Contest. This contest will be held before our annual Pot Luck Dinner and business meeting on August 23.

Bring at least two of your best tomatoes, some for appearance and some to be cut up for the taste testing. Unusual and Heirloom varieties are encouraged. Prizes will be awarded!



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From the President's Notebook

When looking at the calendar, I realize we are in the last few months of our 2016 WCMGV year with August half over. August brings school starting, WCMGV annual potluck picnic and the Central Wisconsin State Fair at Marshfield fairgrounds. Time to harvest and preserve the produce we grew in our gardens. Attend the

September meeting as we will have a program on how to preserve some of our produce; watch the newsletters for more information.

Connie Stout is looking for WCMGVs that would enjoy adopting her lovely "Clock Tower Gardens". Connie has decided to not sign-up to be the project leader in 2017. The Clock Tower gardens are located in Wisconsin Rapids; from the west go across the Jackson Street bridge, turn left, (Charlies is on the right corner) drive towards the round-about near courthouse, looking left the gardens overlook the Wisconsin River. The gardens consist of day lilies, catmint, rudbeckia, penstemon, grasses, oriental lilies and others. A small bed has plants for butterflies, coneflowers, liatris, rudbeckia, swamp milkweed, and beebalm. There is a raised bed with globe thistle, asters, Jacobs ladder, dwarf goats beard, phlox and pink sage. Most gardens are mulched, have plant labels. The site is irrigated. If anyone is interested in this garden site as a project please contact Connie or Ruth Cline. The project is in need of a project leader and team members for 2017. The location is several beds of perennials along the river, very well maintained. The site is easy to access.

Forms to fill in your 2016 volunteer service hours and your continuing education hours will be available at the August and September meetings. Just a reminder 10 CE hours and 24 VS hours are required to be turned in by October 1st in order for the members to be re-certified for 2017. Wood County UW Extension must fill out a county form and report the WCMGV 2016 hours to the State office in October. Include your hours accumulated during the period of October 1st 2015 through September 30, 2016. In addition to the hours form all other forms regarding your project and/or a grant are also due by October 1st to the UW Extension office. Please feel free to contact me with any questions. Refer to the July newsletter for more details about hours. If anyone is short of hours please contact me, there are numerous project leaders who would be happy to have you earn hours by working with them on their sites. If you need education hours, let me know as there are numerous ways to earn those hours as well. Please do not wait until the end of September to try and come up with ideas for your required hours!

Our fall plant sale is September 17th and 18th. It is a very unique event being held at Marshfield's Wild Wood Park during Maple Fest. A large variety of healthy plants will be potted and ready for you to take home and plant in your garden. One-of-a-kind Scarecrows created by WCMGVs will be waiting for you to adopt them. Fall décor items already created by WCMGVs or fall décor components will be available for you to choose from. There will be a

selection of unique garden art items. This huge fall garden display always has a few surprise items as well. The WCMGVs working at this event are happy to help you answer horticulture related questions; and they provide wagons and help deliver your purchases to your car.

October 15 is our fall seminar. A description of the topics and the presenters is in the newsletter. Be sure to sign up soon for this seminar as seating is limited at the UW Marshfield campus site. If you love to bake be sure and sign-up to bring your favorite recipe to share at the seminar refreshment/coffee break. Sign-up sheets will be at the August and September meetings.

Those members who signed up to work at the fair on August 30, to help the judge with Junior Fair Judging of Dept. 14J-Plant/Soil Science & 15 J-Flowers/Houseplants in the Fairgrounds John C. Lang Building, will be receiving a confirmation email and/or a phone call from me very soon. If you did not sign-up but would be interested in finding out more about this fun youth project, please contact me. There are a few openings still to be filled. The judging is 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. or until all youth in line with their projects are judged. We have two shifts: 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. We ask that you come earlier than your shift to set-up and be ready. The fair is not open on this date, therefore there is no fee to enter or park.

As summer winds down, make plans to view fall beauty around Wisconsin. One area that Bob and I visit every fall is Wisconsin's Driftless area in south west Wisconsin. September and October are the best times for color plus there are numerous apple orchards, farm markets and art events to visit. Horicon Marsh is another must see area in the fall; after leaving the marsh, stop at Tom Dooley's Apple Orchard and Bakery. They make the best apple butter with no sweeteners, the secret is the variety of apple used in recipe! Last but not least take a color drive on Hwy 35 located along Wisconsin's Western Border. This drive north or south will take you through unbelievable scenery and quaint little communities. See you on Wisconsin's beautiful roads this fall! Relax! Enjoy!

Ruth Cline



The poster features a vibrant background with a purple-to-red gradient. On the left, there is a colorful illustration of various flowers and a bright sun. The text is arranged in a clear, eye-catching layout. At the bottom left, it says 'Wild Wood Park'. At the bottom right, there is a small logo for the 'MASTER GARDENER' association.

**WOOD CO. MASTER GARDENER'S
FALL SALE**

Same Weekend as Maple Fall Fest
September 17th 9 - 4 & 18th 9 - 3

**Perennials, House Plants,
Garden Treasures**

REASONABLE PRICES!

Wild Wood Park

MASTER GARDENER

Wood County Master Gardener Volunteers
Mead Wildlife Center, Milladore, WI; July 26, 2016; 1.5 Hours Continuing Education.

Meeting was called to order at 8:04pm.

Minutes 6/28/16—Famia Marx moved to accept past minutes as written, with adding Penn Wilkes in Members Attending, seconded by Mary Czaja, motion carried.

Financial report: by Barb Herreid, motion made to accept as presented by Jeanne Osgood, seconded by Peg Harvey, motion carried.

Old Business/Announcements:

Sue Wilford reported having cookbook inserts available and also in need of MGCV to sell cookbooks at Farmer's Markets.

Info Table/sign-in/sign-up/information, brochures for holders. Attendance sheets circulated. August meeting picnic sign-up sheet circulated. Sign-up sheet for volunteers to work the Wood County Fair circulated.

Garden Walk Report: Barb Herreid reported 359 people attended, garden art boutique raised \$100 more than last year; silent auction items raised \$182. Barb Herreid requested MGCV to turn in ticket money and lawn signs.

Brochure Holders/Grant Report — Peg Klinkhammer will make laminated garden pictures for signs for projects if requested. Paula Klevene and Julie Carlsen were creative in decorating their holders with duct tape and modpodge. For grant, Ruth Cline will submit story and pictures to Susan Mahr.

Additional Old Business: Barb Herreid reported that she has refund checks for those who had signed up for cancelled bus trip.

New Business/Announcements:

Extension Update — Jeremy Erickson introduced by Ruth Cline as new advisor to WCMGV.

Fall Seminar — Seminar on Oct. 15th at Marshfield to include two speakers on permaculture and invasive plants.

MGV's Potluck Picnic/Sign-up/Tour-MGV Gardens in Vesper — August 23rd. More details/directions will be in next newsletter.

Tomato Tasting Event at WCMGV Potluck/picnic — Vesper Park. MGCV to bring tomatoes for tasting. Prize will be awarded.

Fall Plant Sale- September 17th and 18th — Marshfield Wild Wood Park: Mary Czaja completed three plant digs at Maria Edelstein, Jim & Diane Nickels, and Micky Henke in Wisconsin Rapids. MGCV to bring plants to Wildwood Park on Friday, September 16th and help with set up. Next committee meeting on August 9th at 6:30pm at Marshfield library; anyone welcome to join. Please label all plants and provide a 'picture' if able. Also in need of dried flowers/weeds/materials, gourds, and pumpkins. Asking MGCV to take wooden crosses to create a scarecrow. Mary Czaja also asking for small straw or hay bales to use that day for display. Mary Czaja's husband was awarded tree farmer of the year and will not be able to help with sale on Saturday or Sunday due to conflict with award banquet. Sign-up for volunteering at plant sale circulated.

Project Leader/Committee/Team updates/Information: Connie Stout in need of someone to take over Clock Tower project in Wisconsin Rapids for next year. Connie Stout will work with Ruth Cline to write an article for newsletter.

Clean Sweep Program — Marshfield: Garden chemicals donated by Walmart are in our closet at the courthouse and must be removed. Roxanne Tomkowiak volunteered to take to the Clean Sweep in Marshfield on September 24th.

Revised WCMGV Forms for Projects/Grants: Handouts of new forms and updated standards distributed. Forms streamlined to make it simplified for project leaders. Projects will now have self-evaluations done by project leaders and team. Documents will soon be online. Documents can be completed online and then emailed to Jeremy Erickson. Ruth Cline will ask Peg Klinkhammer to list Jeremy Erickson's contact information in the next few newsletters.

Educational Grant Ideas for 2017: Educational grant application is due October 1st. Any ideas due to Ruth Cline by September 1st.

Additional New Business:

Remodeling of courthouse continues. Combined two small meeting rooms, which might work for future meetings. September MGCV meeting will be held at First English Lutheran Church in WR.

Ruth and Bob Cline toured Walworth County Farm Tech Days.

Christine Griffith reported double hours at South Wood County Museum on August 18th at 5:30pm. Chris Grimes will send email to all MGCV.

Motion to adjourn at 8:44pm was made by Janet Wiemann; seconded by Julie Carlsen; motion carried. The next meeting will be on August 23, 2016 at Vesper Recreational Park. Details in next newsletter.

Respectfully Submitted
Sue Wilford, Secretary

Members Attending: Sandra Artz, Jim Bove, Annette Bowden, Debby Brown, Audrey Brundidge, Lynn Bushmaker, Julie Carlsen, Bob Cline, Ruth Cline, Mary Czaja, Liz Erdmann, Fern Fregien, Christine Griffith, Chris Grimes, Peg Harvey, Barb Herreid, Paula Klevene, Leonore Look, Jane Maciejewski, Joy Mader, Famia Marx, Ellen Mazurek, Gail Meyer, Barb Moes-Kleifgen, Tammera Neumann, Jeanne Osgood, Debra Ostrowski, Tom Paul, Kathryn Poehnelt, Jan Sabin, Connie Stout, Donna Streiff, Roxanne Tomkowiak, Apollonia Virsnieks, Janet Wiemann, Sue Wilford, Penn Wilkes, and Mary Kay York. Advisor Jeremy Erickson. Guest: Don Erdman, Audrey Dye, and Dwight York.

Meeting Program: Pam Resch, DNR Educator provided history and prairies of the Mead Wildlife Center, Milladore, WI.

Fall Plant Sale Reminder

This is just a gentle reminder to keep the Fall Plant Sale in mind when you are doing your routine gardening projects. We are asking each member to donate a dozen plants to the sale. These can be perennials or houseplants. Please have your plants labeled. A picture of the plant in bloom will help it sell. Many plants are very healthy and green but get lost without a little color. We also are looking for dried materials that we can make into fall bouquets. If you have access to small hay bales that you would be willing to donate or lend, we will use them to display the scarecrows. I will bring wood strips to the summer meetings to use for the scarecrows. They were a big hit last year. I heard that two sold while Appolonia was carrying them in. Any other fall related items or crafts would be appreciated. We had a very successful sale last year thanks to all of your hard work. Any questions or help with "digs" can be directed to Mary Czaja by email or at 715-884-6516.

News from Jeremy Erickson

WOOD COUNTY COMMUNITY GARDENS

Community gardens across Wisconsin and the United States are thriving. They can provide many benefits to a community and its citizens. Community gardens have been proven to be an economic benefit to local governments by increasing property values and decreasing public property maintenance costs. They can also provide employment, education, and entrepreneurial opportunities for a wide range of people. Community gardens provide a place for families and individuals without land of their own the opportunity to produce food, and provide a place for gardeners to share information and knowledge. Community gardens can also offer unique opportunities to establish relationships within and across physical and social barriers including but not limited to: inter-generational exposure to cultural traditions, cultural exchange with other gardeners, and access to non-English speaking communities. In addition to healthy eating, they also provide a site for recreation and exercise as well as providing green space, which can be especially important in urban and low income areas where people may not otherwise have that access. One of the greatest benefits a community garden can provide is the ability to increase food security in their community by donating fresh produce to local pantries and food banks. This provides healthy meal options for people that may not have the means to provide that on their own.

Growing Friends Community Garden-Wisconsin Rapids

We are fortunate enough to have multiple community garden sites right here in Wood County. In Wisconsin Rapids there is 'Growing Friends Community Garden' located on the corner of Hill St. and Spruce Ave. This garden site has several beds that are managed by Master Gardener Volunteers, who also provide educational opportunities throughout the garden season. These beds serve as demonstration gardens for educational purposes, as well as growing food to donate to our local food pantry.

Growing Friends Community Garden-Call for Volunteers

The Growing Friends Community Garden is in need of volunteers to assist with general garden duties including but not limited to: spring garden prep, planting, watering, weeding, harvesting, and fall cleanup. The Garden is also in need of a work shed, seeds and plants in the spring, and ideas for more educational opportunities that we can provide during the gardening season. Growing Friends Community Garden is also looking for groups to 'sponsor a bed' in order to assist with general garden maintenance, as well as getting more community groups engaged in the program.

[Jeremy Erickson](#), Horticulture Educator, UW-Extension Wood County



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Fall Garden Seminar



Date: 10/15/2016

Time: 8:30-12:00

UW Marshfield Campus
2000 Fifth Street, Marshfield
Multi-media Classroom 131
Public Invited—Limited Seating Available

Presented by:
Wood County Master
Gardener Volunteers

Early Registration Recommended. Registration Deadline: October 7th. UW Extension office: 715-421-8440. Fee: \$10.00 (payable at Program Check-in). Refreshments available during registration and

8:30 – 10:00

Kate Heiber-Cobb, Lecturer and Garden Designer, Founder of Madison Area Permaculture Guild

Presents: **Dormancy Brings Life and Beauty** (the importance of plant stalks for habitat for beneficial insects, beauty and dimension in the winter landscape, soil and plant care and prep for the winter, and more).

10:30 – 12:00

Chris Hamerla, Regional Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator for Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development Council

Presents: **Invasive species affecting water gardens, rain gardens, wetlands, and shorelines**

September WCMGV Membership Meeting

DEHYDRATION FOOD PRESERVATION

This program is sponsored by Wood County Master Gardeners, in cooperation with Wood County UW-Extension

Tuesday, September 27, 2016

First English Lutheran Church, 440 Garfield Street, Wisconsin Rapids

6:00 - 7:00 pm

- Have you been thinking about making jerky?
- Drying your own herbs?
- Or have you just been thinking about those amazing zucchini chips you tried last summer?



Join us for an introduction to dehydration and drying of basic foods. We will start with the types of dehydrators and what to look for when purchasing one. Then we will talk about a variety of fruits, veggies and meats and the different methods for safely drying and dehydrating them. Recipes and

samples will be provided. Whether you are a novice or new to dehydrating, join us to learn a few new tricks.

There is no cost for this program.

Contact the Wood County UW-Extension office at 715-421-8437 with questions.

Visit <https://wood-county-master-gardeners.org/> for additional Wood County Master Gardener events.



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WCMGV Open Board Positions

Attention all WCMGV members the Board of Directors will have two vacant positions to be filled in 2017. The two positions are for a Director from North Wood County area and a Director from South Wood County area to serve on the BOD. This is an opportunity to learn more about the WCMGVA operations and provide support to the organization; plus earn volunteer hours. The BOD meets quarterly each year for about 3 hours each meeting. For more information and/or to submit your name as an interested candidate for either position please contact Ruth Cline. The elections take place in November 2016 with the positions starting January 1st, 2017.



Bev O'Donnell Memorial

In January, our member Bev O'Donnell passed away suddenly. WCMGV gave a memorial donation at that time to the family. Since then, the family has pooled the many donations received and has chosen two ways to honor Bev by making gifts to Marshfield Clinic as follows:

The Pink Ribbon Cancer Survivors Garden – Bev played a role in the creation of the garden and had plans to continue supporting the garden as a volunteer in her retirement from nursing. The garden, located at the Marshfield Clinic Wisconsin Rapids Center, is a place to meditate, reflect and breathe for patients and visitors at the Clinic. In memory of Bev, a fountain and a bench will be placed in the garden. The gift to the garden will also be used to provide for future care of the garden to ensure its beauty for years to come.

The Angel fund – Bev's husband Brian chose this fund because it had been important to Bev. She had supported this fund during her employment with Marshfield Clinic. The Angel Fund provides patients and families financial support and comfort beyond medical needs. Patients being treated at Marshfield Clinic can receive assistance for necessities such as transportation, groceries, clothing, utilities, shelter, supervised care and medical expenses.

Bev will be remembered as a person who put others first, whether family or friend and her compassion for everyone was evident in everything thing she did. These choices by the family are very fitting.

WCMGV Continuing Education Volunteer Hours

Below is a list of the hours you may count when filling out your volunteer form. Dates run from Oct 1, 2015 to Sept 30, 2016.

Oct 17: Fall seminar—4.5 hours

Oct 27: Everglades program —1 hour

Nov 17: Craig Saxe tool care—1 hour

March 22: Awards, Info box and signage—1 hour

April 12: Spring Seminar—3.5 hour

April 26: Mark Pinkalla tree pruning—1.5 hour

May 24: Tour of Micky Erickson's garden—1 hour

June 28: Tour of Sue Haydock's garden—1 hour

July 26: Mead Wildlife Center program—1.5 hour

August 23: Vesper Park and Library Projects tours—1 hour

Sept 27: Food Dehydration Program—1 hour

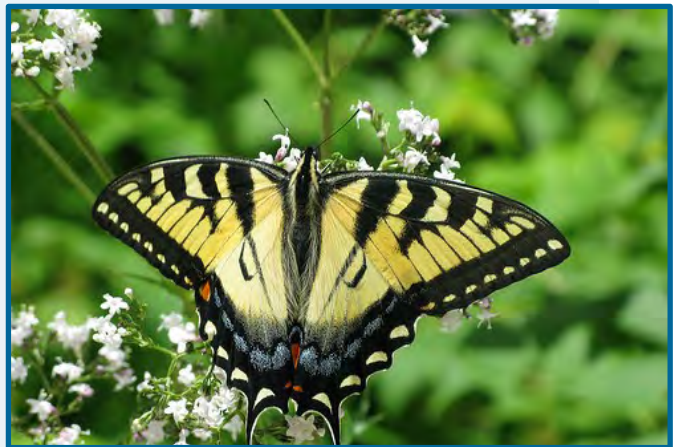
Any events you may have attended such as Garden Expo, Garden Dreams, Garden Visions, etc., are also eligible. Any radio programs such as WPR's Garden Talk with Larry Mueller or podcasts and television shows are good too.

August Garden Guide

from [Portage County Master Gardeners Volunteers](#)

August Garden Guide

- Mulch dahlias to conserve moisture and eliminate weeds.
- Stake plants with heavy blooms.
- Order spring-flowering bulbs for fall planting.
- Keep phlox plants deadheaded. Never let phlox go to seed if you want to keep colors true.
- Start seeds of daisy, coreopsis, sweet william and pansy in peat pots or nursery beds. Transfer to permanent beds in late September. or early October.
- Cut gladiolus blooms leaving maximum amount of foliage on plants.
- Transplant and divide iris and day lily.
- Watch for red spider mites on phlox.
- In mid-month, take cuttings of coleus, geraniums and other plants for winter houseplants.
- Plant chrysanthemums for fall color. Fall planted chrysanthemums need extra winter protection.
- Plant Madonna lily and Japanese and Siberian iris.
- Continue watering flowerbeds at least once a week during dry periods.
- Plant or transplant oriental poppies. Do not mulch, as they prefer hot, sun-baked ground.
- Bring poinsettias indoors.
- By the end of the month, start withholding water from amaryllis. Amaryllis requires an eight-week period of drought to bloom. Place in cool basement for three-month rest.
- Sow cover crops in vegetable garden areas not in use.
- Cut and dry or freeze herbs. Pick herbs just before blossoms open for best flavor.
- Inspect corn regularly. Corn pests become abundant in mid-August.
- Keep eggplant and peppers picked so younger fruit develops.
- Plant late crops of radishes, lettuce, spinach and beets.
- Mid-August to mid-September is the best time to establish grass seed. Keep soil moist at all times or seed will dry and die.
- Plant evergreens now through mid-September so they are well established before winter.
- Remove thatch from lawn if more than one-half inch thick.
- Tip layer black and purple raspberries for replacement.
- Fertilize strawberries with 10-10-10 fertilizer applied at 2-3 pounds per 100 square feet. Thin plants if needed.
- Maintain lime-sulfur spray program on tree fruit to control apple and pear scab and certain other diseases.
- Collect and bury diseased, mummified plums for future brown-rot control.



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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.

Project Brochure Holders

In 2016 Project leaders received a brochure holder to place in their respective WCMGV project gardens through-out Wood County and borders. These holders are to hold various brochures and horticulture related information available from UW Extension in the Horticulture area. Project leaders may wish to add information about their gardens such as a list of plants, self-guided tour guide of their site, or other pertinent information about the WCMGV Association. Project leaders may decorate their brochure holder themselves or if they wish artwork to be created by others please contact Ruth Cline. The funding for these brochures holders was from a grant received from WIMGA. In order to qualify for additional educational grants; photos of the holders in the gardens and a story of how we utilized the grant funds is required to be submitted to WIMGA. If you have a brochure holder and have not installed it in your garden it is not too late in the season to do this.

We plan to apply for another educational grant this year and would appreciate your ideas as to how you could use extra funding from an educational related grant. Send your ideas to Ruth Cline by September 1st. Ideas need to be related to education. Questions, please contact Ruth.



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Agenda

8:15 a.m. Check-in & Silent Auction Opens
Coffee & Donuts

8:45 a.m. Welcome, Introductions,
& Announcements

9:00 a.m. Adding Gourmet & Medicinal
Mushrooms to Your Garden
Lindsey A. Bender

10:00 a.m. Break

10:15 a.m. Making Paper from Dried
Plants & Grasses
Mel Kolstad

11:15 a.m. Lunch

12:30 p.m. Silent Auction Closes

12:30 p.m. Vernacular Gardens
Liza Lightfoot

2:00 p.m. Break

2:15 p.m. Hydrangeas for Wisconsin
Mike Maddox

3:15 p.m. Closing Remarks
Silent Auction Winners Announced

<http://www.horiconmarsh.org/>

From Green Bay
Head south on
Hwy 41. At Hwy
33, go west into
the city of
Horicon. Turn
right onto Hwy
28. Follow for 2
miles to the Edu-
cation Center.

From Milwaukee
Head north on
Hwy 41. At Hwy
33, go west into
the city of
Horicon. Turn
right onto Hwy
28. Follow for 2
miles to the Edu-
cation Center.

From Madison
Head north on
Hwy 151. At
Hwy 33, go east
into the city of
Horicon. Turn
left onto Hwy 28.
Follow for 2
miles to the Edu-
cation Center.

PLEASE USE LOWER LEVEL ENTRANCE

Gardening for Gold



November 5, 2016

8:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Public is Welcome

Horicon Marsh Education Center
N7725 Highway 28
Horicon, WI 53032

Registration is Required

Presentations

Adding Gourmet & Medicinal Mushrooms to Your Garden ~ Lindsey A. Bender

Fungi are nature's decomposers – responsible for breaking down complex organic material into nutrients available to plants. They are also incredibly diverse, beautiful, and many are wonderfully flavorful. Learn about these benefits and how to incorporate edible fungi into your landscape. Learn the various ways



of cultivating gourmet and medicinal mushrooms like Shiitake, Oyster, Lion's Mane, Reishi, Maitake, Wine Cap, and Almond Agaricus. Whether on compost, straw, wood chips, or logs, learn options with low-maintenance Wine Cap beds all the way to large scale production of Shiitake on logs.

Lindsey is the mycologist for Field and Forest Products, Inc. in Peshtigo, WI. The business specializes in providing organically certified mushroom spawn, or "seed", for the cultivation of over thirty specialty mushroom strains. She graduated with a B.S. in Biology and M.S. in Environmental Science specializing in Microbial Ecology from UW-Green Bay. She is passionate about the natural world and spends most of her free time birding, gardening, hiking, camping, or traveling.

Hydrangeas for Wisconsin ~ Mike Maddox



Hydrangeas are a versatile and easy-to-grow landscape plant in most of the US. In the north, success becomes increasingly nuanced in species and cultivar selection, landscape placement, and pruning and maintenance. In this presentation, Mike speaks from an enthusiast's point of view - not an expert's - and shares what he has learned in incorporating hydrangeas into his personal landscape.

Mike Maddox has been with UW-Extension since April 2001 serving as the Horticulture Educator in Dane and Rock counties. From 2003 to 2010, he also worked in conjunction with Rotary Botanical Gardens as the Director of Education. In 2012, he began as director of the statewide Master Gardener Program, as a hybrid educator/administration on curriculum design, volunteer development, and program administration. He focuses on practical "how to" topics including plant propagation, garden maintenance, and pest control. Mike has a B.S. in Botany from the University of Northern Iowa and a M.S. in Horticulture from UW-Madison. He is also an ISA Certified Arborist, and has an AHTA accredited certificate in horticultural therapy.

His own personal garden is a collision of posh plants alongside compost pile salvages creating a chaotic collection of lawn, woodies, perennials, vegetables, herbs, and annuals—oh, and weeds!

Presentations

Vernacular Gardens ~ Liza Lightfoot

The topic of the famous gardens of the elite and wealthy has been pounded into the pages of so many glamorous coffee table books, but there is never any coverage on humble vernacular gardens. This presentation highlights these tucked away gems that are developed on a shoestring budget, that are not purposefully designed by professionals, but are splendid in their creativity. We will touch on the historical roots of the vernacular garden going back in time, while contrasting with some of the whimsical ideas born out of conflict and struggle.



Lisa is President and Landscape Architect at Avant Gardening & Landscaping, Inc. in McFarland, WI. Liza brings over three decades in the green business direct to your doorstep. Raised internationally, Liza's focus is on sustainable landscapes blending responsible living with broad aesthetic influence. From English Formal to Japanese Gardens and everything in between, Liza designs with the influence of the surrounding landscape and buildings, with an unparalleled knowledge of site-appropriate plants. No matter your style or budget, Liza will be an ambassador to your new outdoor living space.

Making Paper from Dried Plants & Grasses ~ Mel Kolstad



Did you know that you can make paper from the dried plants and grasses you have in your yard or garden? This demo will explore what happens when you combine common plants, soda ash, boiling water and pressure - the beautiful handmade papers created are amazing!

Mel Kolstad is an artist, speaker, instructor, curator and arts advocate living in Fond du Lac, WI. Her love of vintage ephemera is what first led her to creating art; since then she's discovered the joys of printmaking and encaustic work, as well as rediscovering the joys of fiber art. She is also delighted to be a Certified Papermaker for Arnold Grummer, Inc. and the Program Chair of Wisconsin Visual Artists – Northeast Chapter. She has done artist-in-residence programs in schools throughout the region. She is also the curator of the Langdon Divers Gallery, located in the Fond du Lac Public Library. Mel's work can be seen in galleries around Northeastern Wisconsin and on her website, melkolstad.com.

Registration

Registration Deadline: Friday, October 21, 2016

Cancellations received after October 21 will not be refunded.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Admission

Per Person \$40.00

Number Attending: _____

Total Amount Due: \$_____

Lunch

Vegetarian Lasagna ☐

Meat Lasagna ☐

Please send email confirmation ☐

Make checks payable to: DCMGA

Mail checks to:

Dodge County UW-Extension
Administration Building, Room 108
Attn: Gardening for Gold
127 East Oak Street
Juneau, WI 53039

I understand photos may be taken during the event that include me and authorize their use for DCMGA promotional purposes.

Signature

Wood County Master Gardener Volunteers

The packet that you are receiving contains the revised and renamed WCMGV forms. The forms were revised, and renamed to help simplify and streamline completion by project leaders. You will notice that projects will have self-evaluations done by project leaders and their teams, instead of by a committee. Project Guidelines and Standards 1, 2, and 3 were updated to reflect the changes to the forms. The board approved all changes at the board meeting held on July 11, 2016. The first page of the form packet compares the old form name to the new form name.

We ask that you review the packet of forms, guidelines and standards as soon as you receive the packet and bring any questions to the July 26th membership meeting being held at Mead Wildlife Center.

Some items to consider:

- **Fill out a form for each of your projects(for example a site may have two projects such as Marshfield Zoo) Wild Wood Zoo gardens and the New Bear Pen are two separate projects that would require a set of forms for each project.**
- **If you are applying for a grant for youth/adults, be sure and read the Grant Guidelines for Youth/Adult Education Projects (this project requires a short summery article for newsletter publication after project/event is complete.**
- **The change in the evaluation form goes from committee evaluation to project self- evaluation. Therefore, there will be no scheduled visit/evaluation by a committee at the project gardens starting in 2016.**
- **All project/grant forms must be submitted by October 1st to Wood County Extension Office 400 Market Street, PO Box 8095, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495**
- **The WCMGVs Voucher Form is due to WCMGV Treasurer by December 1**

We plan to apply for a WIMGA educational grant(s) again this year(to be used in 2017) We are interested in hearing from all of our project leaders and team members as to educational ideas that you would like to work on if you had funds available through a grant. Since these grants are for education, as long as it relates to gardening and education...you can do it! Some ideas to start you thinking... like what if I had a \$100 extra to spend...I could have a program for kids and make toad houses, or I could have a garden tea in my own WCMGV site and give a tour and share garden tips, or I would plan a program at my local library on how to make a square foot garden or show a film “English Gardens” and discuss how to create an English Garden. Those are just some ideas to get you thinking...now it is your turn to make a list of your creative ideas.

Please direct any form questions to Ruth Cline or bring to July meeting. Send your WIMGA educational grant ideas to Ruth Cline by September 1st.

We hope you find the updated forms and standards easier to read and fill out.

WCMGV Board of Directors and Project Authorization Committee

Wood County Master Gardener Volunteers

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OLD FORM NAME	NEW FORM NAME	COMMENTS
Authorized Project Approval Form Form 101	Project Authorization and Funding Request Form	Old form 101 and 102 was combined into one new form.
Funding Request Form Form 102	Project Authorization and Funding Request Form	Old form 101 and 102 was combined into one new form.
Project Evaluation Form Form 103	Project Self-Evaluation Form	Change in form shifts annual project evaluations to project leader/team.
Voucher Form Form 104	Voucher Form	
Grant Application for Youth Education Form 105	Grant Application for Youth/Adult Education	

**Wood County Master Gardener Volunteers
Project Authorization and Funding Request Form**

Refer to WCMGV Standard Practice 1 and 2

MUST BE SUBMITTED BY OCTOBER 1ST TO:

Wood County Extension Office

400 Market Street, PO Box 8095, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495

Project Authorization

Project Name & Location

Date: _____

Project Leader(s)/Team Members:

Project Description:

Describe Educational Component of Project:

Funding Request (***complete this part only if asking for WCMGV monies***)

List materials needed for project (See WCMGV Standard Practice 2 for approved materials)

a) Horticultural materials \$_____

b) Educational Signage \$_____

WCMGV Funds requested:_____

Signatures:

(Project Leader)

Client Contact:

(Client Signature/s as available)

Wood County Master Gardener Volunteers
Project Self-Evaluation Form
(Include photos if available)

MUST BE SUBMITTED BY OCTOBER 1ST TO:

Wood County Extension Office
400 Market Street, PO Box 8095, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495

Project Name _____ Date _____

Project Leader(s)/Team members:

Describe public exposure: Conversation with public, questions, who attends (youth/adults)
Number of attendees at gardens while you are working.

Describe public educational value of project (plant labels, signage, demonstrations/programs)

Describe the appearance of project: What makes your garden appealing, aesthetically pleasing,
and inviting to public

Describe the good horticultural practices utilized at your project:

Project Update: (challenges, anything new, lessons learned, improved community exposure)

Signed: _____ Project Leader



Internal Use Only

WCMGV Check # _____

Date: _____

Project Title: _____

Payable to: _____

Address: _____

Wood County Master Gardener Volunteers

Voucher Form

Final Deadline to Submit: December 1

Budget Description: _____

(To be assigned by Treasurer)

Quantity	Description	Extended Price

Your receipts MUST be attached for reimbursement

Total _____

Voucher2016-07

Signed:

**Wood County Master Gardener Volunteers
Grant Application for Youth/Adult Education**

MUST BE SUBMITTED BY OCTOBER 1ST TO:

Wood County Extension Office

400 Market Street, PO Box 8095, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495

Before completing this form, read "Project Guidelines" – page 2 titled: 'Grant Guidelines for Youth/Adult Education Projects.'

Project Name & Location

Date:

Project Leader(s)/Team Members

Project Description and Goals

Project Maintenance: *(If there is any required maintenance, describe the tasks and responsible party.)*

Will this be a multi-year project?

(This form must be completed every year for multi-year projects)

Materials needed to be purchased: *(List approximate materials)*

Estimated overall project cost: _____

WCMGV Funds requested for upcoming year: _____

Signature:

(Project Leader)

Wood County Master Gardener Volunteer Standard Practice I

Community Service Volunteer Projects

Project Classifications

1. Authorized Master Gardener Projects

2. Funded Master Gardener Projects

I. Garden projects for education and beautification purposes throughout Wood County that are referred to as **WCMGV Authorized Master Gardener Projects** must meet the following requirements:

- A. Agencies hosting a project must have non-profit status and/or 501(c)(3) status (for example, city and county owned parks or facilities, public libraries, fairgrounds, municipal buildings, public museums, and schools).
- B. The project must be chaired or co-chaired by a **certified** Master Gardener Volunteer.
- C. The project must be open to the involvement of all certified and/or intern Master Gardener Volunteers who wish to participate. (The project can accommodate and will welcome additional volunteers.)
- D. The Project Leader(s) will complete a **WCMGV Project Authorization and Funding Request Form** annually.
- E. The project will be evaluated annually by the Project Leader(s) and/or team members using the Project Self-Evaluation Form.
- F. **WCMGV Authorized Master Gardener Projects** are the only projects on which intern WCMGV's can earn volunteer hours credit.
- G. Gardens must be accessible to the public.
- H. Authorized Master Gardener Projects that are also Funded Master Gardener Projects, must meet the following requirements:
 - a. The project must meet the definition of an **Authorized Project**.
 - b. The project must be in good standing based on the Project Self-Evaluation Form.
 - c. The Project Leader(s) shall complete a **WCMGV Voucher Form** for reimbursement of funds spent on the project by the deadline indicated in Section V.

II. The **WCMGV Project Authorization and Funding Request Form and Project Self-Evaluation Form** must be submitted to the chairperson of the Project Authorization Committee by October 1. The Project Authorization Committee will review the forms/requests and forward them with recommendations for authorization (or not) to the chairperson of the Finance Committee no later than January 15th. The annual budget will be presented to the Board of Directors by January 31st and will contain recommendations for funding amounts for each project request.

III. A **WCMGV Funded Master Gardener Project** will receive an allocation not to exceed \$500 annually. Costs that exceed the allocated amount will not be considered for reimbursement.

IV. Funds provided by the Wood County Master Gardener Volunteers must be spent according to the guidelines in **WCMGV Standard Practice II**.

V. The appropriate **WCMGV Voucher Form** along with requested documentation must be submitted to the treasurer by the project leaders(s) for reimbursement of funds spent on a funded project. The **WCMGV Voucher Form** must be submitted by December 1 of the funding year.

VI. **Other Community Service Volunteer Projects**

- A. Certified Master Gardener Volunteers may earn volunteer hours credit for service on education or beautification projects affiliated with organizations that meet the non-profit status as defined in Section I above.
- B. The Master Gardener Advisor or a member of the WCMGV Board of Directors must approve **Other Community Service Volunteer Projects**.
- C. A certified WCMGV as project leader or co-leader is not required.
- D. These projects cannot receive WCMGV funding.
- E. These projects are not advertised to other WCMGV's or to the public as **Authorized Master Gardener Projects**.
- F. Intern WCMGV's cannot earn volunteer hours credit for service on **Other Community Service Volunteer Projects**.

WCMGV Standard Practice II
Volunteer Projects Spending Guidelines

I. The Wood County Master Gardener Volunteers will fund the following materials in conjunction with authorized Master Gardener projects:

Seeds	Soil amendments
Trees and Shrubs	Potting soil (reasonable quantities)
Insecticide	Mulch
Annuals	Fertilizer
Perennials	Plant Markers
Weed killer/prevention	Deer & rabbit-proofing
Plastic edging	Garden Soil
Educational signage	Special one-time needs

II. The Wood County Master Gardener Volunteers will not fund the following “hardscape” items and recommend alternative sources for funding be explored by the project leader.

Stone or brick edging	Bird baths	Tools or hoses
Park benches	Bird feeders	Park grills
Picnic tables	Gardening gloves	Flag poles/flags
Walkway paving stones	Flowerpots, urns or containers retailing over \$30.00 each.	

HOWEVER, Master Gardener Youth/Adult/Special Needs student education projects may use Master Gardener funds for educational materials, gardening tools, hoses and supplies needed to teach the classes. This may include lumber for raised beds, hand tools, hoses and/or materials that will reinforce the lesson. This material may remain the property of the educational project

III. The Wood County Master Gardener Volunteers will not fund costs of outsourced labor.

IV. Annually, all members will receive copies of both standard practices and instructions for Project Authorization and Funding Request, by the end of August.

V. Any project leader submitting a reimbursement request for non-funded materials will not be reimbursed for that portion of the project costs.

VI. Special requests will be considered however priority will go to project requests submitted by the deadline (see Standard Practice I -- section V).

VII. Exceptions to the above policies must be presented to the Project Authorization Committee (volunteer projects) before action is taken. Either chairman will forward the exception request to the Board of Directors if an amicable agreement/solution cannot be reached. The Board will make the final decision only if necessary.

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WCMGV Standard Practice III

Volunteer Committees

Committees shall be established to support and promote the Mission of the Wood County Master Gardener Association. The committees will include, but are not limited to those specified by the Board of Directors. All committee material, records, correspondence, etc., will be transferred to new committee chairpersons upon appointment. The Board of Directors will select chairpersons for all Standing Committees. A report from each committee chairperson should be prepared and forwarded to the WCMGV president previous to all board meetings.

Fundraising projects in support of Wood County Master Gardener Volunteer operations are required and will be undertaken when not in conflict with the WCMGA purpose and mission (See bylaws Article II).

I. WCMG Association depends on volunteer officers and committees to organize and manage its operation along with its commitment to the Wood County Extension office and specific community projects.

II. With the exception of the Board of Directors, committees shall be self-organizing within the volunteer committee chairperson's interpretation of organization procedure and policy.

III. All committees will manage their respective responsibilities in a professional and timely manner. Committees will consult with the Board of Directors or the Master Gardener Advisor as requested or necessary.

Standing Committees

IV. Standing Committees are responsible for the annual operations of the WCMG Association.

V. Standing Committees members shall volunteer or receive appointment as practical.

VI. Each standing committee shall have officers as presented under **WCMGV COMMITTEES** (above). Standing Committees will execute their responsibilities in coordination with and support of the WCMGA Purpose and Mission, and WCMGV Board of Directors. (see Bylaws Article II)

Section 1: Finance – The Finance Committee will consist of the treasurer, president, WCMGV Advisor and one other member of the board of directors. The committee is charged with preparation and review of an annual budget, including volunteer project allocations in accordance with WCMGV Standard Practice I.

Section 2: Programs – The vice-president and four WCMGV members-at-large are charged with the responsibility of scheduling meetings which include, but not limited to, educational programs, horticultural-related, special-interest site and botanical garden tours. WCMGV Authorized Projects should be emphasized when possible.

Section 3: Project Authorization Committee – The charge of this committee is to provide guidance and authorization of new and existing volunteer garden projects. WCMGV Standard Practice I and II shall be used as a reference for project characterizations. The WCMGV Advisor, two directors and three members-at-large will serve as the Project Authorization Committee. They will compile a list of UW-Extension approved volunteer opportunities, meet with the WCMGV Advisor to plan and evaluate volunteer activities and prepare reports of volunteer involvement upon receipt of the annual Project Self-Evaluations.

Section 4: Continuing Education – Promote and develop educational opportunities outside of regular scheduled WCMGV meetings. A minimum of four members-at-large, one board member and the WCMGV advisor will serve on the Continuing Education committee. The Committee will receive funding to present programs as WCMGV and public educational opportunities.

Section 5: Nominations – Recruit members to run for the vacancies on the Board of Directors. A Board member and two members-at-large shall serve on this committee.

Section 6: Auditing – Perform an annual audit of the association finances and present a final report to the board of directors. One board member and two members-at-large shall serve on the Auditing Committee. The audit will be completed no later the March 31st of the following business year. Members will serve a three-year term with terms staggered for continuity.

WCMGV Teams

WCMGV teams are organized and responsible for special projects, such as, but not limited to fund raising, publicity and community education. Teams are chaired by volunteer members with the approval

of the Board of Directors. Teams are subject to change as deemed necessary by the Board of Directors and WCMGV activities.

VII. WCMGV Teams

- Will be self-organizing.
- Will focus on special projects as requested by the Board of Directors.
- Shall forward a list of team members to the WCMGV Advisor upon team organization.
- Will forward a report for the Board of Directors meeting, if requested.
- Will forward a report to the WCMGV President when their particular team is working on a specific task.

WCMGV Teams may include, but are not limited to the following:

Garden Walk

Community Outreach and Education Team

Children's Festival – Marshfield and Wisconsin Rapids

Hospitality/Meeting Refreshments

Plant Sales – Marshfield and Wisconsin Rapids

Scholarships /Grants

Project Support Team

Newsletter Team

Publicity Team

Youth Education

Newsletter Article Team

Garden Hotline

Garden Clinic

Horticulture Advisory Team

Community Garden Advisors – Marshfield and Wisconsin Rapids

Project Workshop Team

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Wood County Master Gardener Volunteers Project Guidelines

These guidelines should be taken into consideration by Project Leader(s) and the Project Authorization Committee when applying for or reviewing the application for project authorization. These guidelines reflect the WCMGA mission and goals.

The following are areas that have been determined by the Wood County Master Gardener Volunteers as important to incorporate into all projects. Refer to these guidelines when filling out the Project Authorization and Funding Request Form and the Project Self-Evaluation Form.

- Involvement of WCMGVs and community members: volunteers from Wood County Master Gardener Association, other clubs/organizations, and general public.
- Appearance of project: regardless of where or what the project is, it should look good, be appealing, aesthetically pleasing and inviting to public.
- Public Education: some aspect of the project should be designed to be educational (plant labels, signage, demonstrations/programs).

To help projects be more educational. Standard Practice II was changed in 2011 to include “educational signage” as acceptable expense for allotted funds. Projects are encouraged to include expected expenses for these signs in their funding request. This cost is for signs only. The label maker and labels will be provided by the WCMGA, stored in the WCMGV closet at the courthouse and shared by all of the projects. The initial cost of a plant ID sign is \$2.00 which includes the stake, a blank label holder and a label. To order plant ID signs, decide how many you need and fill in Funding Request-Educational Signage \$40.00. For example: 20 plant ID signs x \$2.00 = \$40.00. Projects are not limited to spending their allotted funds on these signs mentioned above. These are suggestions.

- Implementation of good horticultural practices: including sustainable garden practices, natural/organic methods, proper and timely use of pesticides when needed, garden safety, etc.

Grant Guidelines for Youth/Adult Education Projects

Youth/adult projects for horticulture education throughout Wood County and borders must meet the following requirements:

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- D. The Project Leader(s) or delegated representative will submit a short summary article for newsletter publication after the project/event is complete.
- E. Project / event must be accessible to the public.

Wood County Master Gardener Youth/Adult/Special Needs student education projects may use Wood County Master Gardener Volunteer funds for programs, educational materials, gardening tools, hoses and supplies needed to teach the classes. This may include lumber for raised beds, hand tools, hoses and/or materials that will reinforce the lesson. This material may remain the property of the educational project.