

# UW-Extension Wood County Master Gardener Association

Wood County UW Extension

November 2017

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.

## WCMGV Program Information

### November Reminders:

### 20th Anniversary Celebration & Tour of Italy with Paul Klevene

**November 28, 7:00 pm: MARS**

Annual member gift holiday gift exchange and celebration with cake. At our business meeting, we will vote on three new members of the Board of Directors and bid farewell to those leaving. We will also celebrate twenty years of WCMGV with cake and a beverage, while we do our informal Holiday Gift Exchange.

Paula Klevene will then share photos from her trip to Italy taken in October of 2016 when she accompanied Susan Mahr on the Hidden Treasures Tour "Taste of Tuscany."



November is our election meeting. The nomination committee has submitted the following candidates for the 2018 open positions:

**President:** Famia Marx

**Vice President:** Paula Klevene

**Director from South Wood**

**County:** Jen Fane.

Nominations from the floor will also be accepted at that meeting. Ruth Cline will remain on the board as Past President and WIMGA Rep. for WCMGVA. Both Julie Carlson and Karen Houdek are retiring from the board. Julie served as Vice President and Karen served as Director-South. Thanks to both Julie and Karen for a great job in supporting our organization. We appreciate all of the work that you both did while serving on the board.

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Snow laden branch  
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## From the President's Notebook

November... time to slow down and prepare for the cold of winter! Those of us who garden and have been busy canning, freezing, drying and storing away food for winter remind us of nature's wild critters who do not migrate but sense a need to prepare for winter. It seems like just yesterday, the prairie was in full bloom.

However, while recently mowing down the dried plants, I only saw one bloom! It feels so good to tuck our gardens in for winter and put the garden tools away. Time to bring out my snow shovel which looks like brand new. I will share a little secret with all of you as to why it looks new—I only shovel snow when it is too deep to walk or drive through.

I wish to say thanks to every member who sent me data, photos and other pieces of information about your projects and accomplishments during 2017. Your help enabled me to complete in a timely fashion, the 13 page Accomplishment Report for the State. I will be preparing a full WCMGV Report for the December Newsletter as the Annual report of all Wisconsin MG groups includes a one page summery from each county.

As promised, I will highlight more Project Evaluation comments provided by project leaders/teams this month.

Here are some Project Evaluation Comments:

- Gardens located in a park draw numerous people of all ages. Many stop, ask questions and walk through the gardens. Youth stop, visit and sometimes offer to help. People enjoy our plant signs and educational handouts. We are a small team; plans include more educational gardens, and low maintenance plantings. Park is busy with weddings, family picnics, softball games and graduation parties. Our garden path is well traveled!
- We are a historical site with many people visiting. We give tours and programs using our garden sites. We are an organic site. We use heirloom seeds in our vegetable garden. We do educational programs for youth and adults. Our quilt garden has a new design each year; flowers are planted to fit the design. We have a Monarch station which is very popular.

- We make-up sunflower kits for the students who tour; experience our historic old one room school located on-site. We have plants labeled and educational material for garden visitors. Newspaper and chips are used to control weeds. We have a dry creek bed to take care of rain runoff from parking lot. We use ground cover on slopes to reduce erosion. Many visitors tour the gardens each year.
- Our garden is a natural habitat for butterflies, birds and other pollinators. Family, staff and residents reside in the beauty of this “Sensory” garden setting. Edible plants such as strawberries, blueberries, and herbs are easy to reach. Paths lead to comfortable seating. Many visitors enter the building through the gardens and ask questions about plants.
- Our garden is surrounded by a library, businesses and restaurants. Many visitors harvest veggies and herbs from our site. Bubble Gum Petunias planted throughout the garden coincides with Breast cancer Awareness. We have three season color! We use compost. Gardens are mulched so plants need less water. We provide educational material and have a sign describing our pizza garden

Happy Thanksgiving!

“All that we did, all that we said or sang...

Must come from contact with the soil...”

William Butler Yeats

*Ruth Cline*

## November Meeting Hospitality Update

Cake, coffee and juice will be provided. If you would like to bring your favorite dish to pass, a table will be provided. Any and all dishes to pass will be welcomed!

Thank You, Annette Bowden



## Farm Technology Days WCMGVs Mannequins

Help is needed for creation of three Mannequins (for the Farm Technology Gardens) that are being created by Roxanne Tomkowiak. The following items are needed. If you have any of the following items to donate for the mannequin project please contact Ruth Cline or Roxanne. We will make arrangements to pick-up any items you might have to donate. You may drop off any items on the list at UW Extension office in Wisconsin Rapids if that is convenient for you!

The following items are needed:

- A pair of sensible black shoes (not too dressy) for the old time grandma gardener
- Garden type (wellies) for the modern garden lady
- Old gloves - 3 pairs (one nicer pair for the American Gothic lady)
- A wig for same lady (something dishwater blondish and long with no bangs)
- Jeans and perhaps a MGW shirt for the modern woman.

Your help is appreciated. The mannequins will be displayed at FTDs and then available for future use at various WCMGV events throughout Wood County and borders. Thanks very much in advance for your donations.



## Farm Technology Days: July 10-12, 2018

The Farm Technology Days (FTD) committee has been meeting monthly to prepare for next year. Plans are to keep the work load doable for our organization. We want all the pots to be small enough to be manageable, so they can be transported easily from home to the FTD farm.

Our display will consist of:

20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration (trifolds)

Ask A Wood County Master Gardener' booth

Themed potted gardens – will be used to decorate the booth and area outside the tent.

Outside of tent – Granny Garden vs Square Foot Garden (depicting old gardens vs new gardens)

Use of 3 mannequins in these displays—see above article

Help will be needed by many MGW. At the October membership meeting, you may have indicated your interest on the sign-up sheet. It will also be circulated at the November meeting.

If unable to attend these meetings, we need assistance with:

- Planting/growing veggies for granny garden or square foot garden in pots at home
- Decorating mannequins
- Design and build educational display for themed pots (example: herb garden, growing

## Invitation to share topics

### Invitation to join fellow WCMGVs in sharing favorite gardening topics

WCMGVs are a hidden treasure of knowledge that in 2018 we hope to share with others. We will start small with group WCMGVs gatherings over coffee at a local library. We will share whatever idea/topic each member wishes to talk about. Together we will develop a resource for horticulture related questions, answers and education.

Please consider RSVP to this invitation with your favorite garden topic:

Here are some examples from your fellow WCMGVs:

Donna Streiff - Vegetable gardening

Barb Kleifgen – Youth education on food gardening

Karleen Remington – Bulbs/forcing

Barb Herreid – Natives

Denise Larson – Straw-bale Gardening

The invitation to share your favorite gardening topics will be available for you to RSVP at the November 28<sup>th</sup> meeting. We look forward to sharing garden topics, ideas and fun garden tips with all of you! Yes, you do earn hours for attending!

## Farm Technology Days (continued)

vegetables in containers, succulent, fairy, roses,) These will be grown at your home, loaned to the FTD for 3 days and then you will take them home.

- Help with set up on Monday, July 9<sup>th</sup>
- Staff the booth – July 10<sup>th</sup> to July 12<sup>th</sup> – 3-4 hour shifts
- Take down display on July 12<sup>th</sup>
- Join the FTD committee
- Help with the Youth Activities – in “Future Generation Youth Area”

Please contact Ruth Cline or Micky Erickson, if interested in helping with FTD in any capacity.



## WCMGV 20th Anniversary Continues

### WCMGA 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Continues at The Christmas Tree Walk at South Wood County Historical Museum, 540 Third Street South, Wisconsin Rapids

The third annual Christmas Tree Walk in Wisconsin Rapids is hosted by the South Wood County Historical Museum, a master gardener supported project.

This year's theme for the WCMGA's Christmas tree is "20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Wood County Master Gardener Association." The tree will be decorated with garden hats, tools, gloves, and dried flower materials. In addition, the feature on the tree will be picture ornaments from our MG supported projects and seed packets. Our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary tri-folds (used at our local libraries) will surround the tree with info about our organization.

Our tree will be one of about 20 trees decorated on the first and second floors of the museum. The dining room and grand stair case will also be decorated in a festive winter/holiday motif.

So come and enjoy the festivities! The dates for viewing are Saturday, December 2nd and Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 12-4 p.m. Then again on Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup> from 4-7 p.m. and finally on Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> from 12-4 p.m.

The Museum gardeners have collected the pictures submitted by our projects and will decorate the tree on November 8th. Thanks to all who gave us materials to work with.



## Deadlines

Project Chairs: The Voucher Request Deadline is **December 1st**. All 2017 project expenses **MUST** be submitted to Barb Herreid, Treasurer, by that date.

**2018 dues are due November 15th.** You may bring the form and the dues to the November 28th membership meeting at MARS. Add late fee of \$5.00 if paying after the November 28th membership meeting. Dues and form due to Barb Herreid.

**Our last WCMGV newsletter for 2017 is the December issue. Like your magazines, your subscription/newsletters end with the December newsletter unless you have paid your 2018 dues!**

During December we will be updating our WCMGV paperwork and files. We are required to submit annual reports to UW Extension - Madison before the end of 2017. Therefore if we have not heard from you, your name will be dropped from our membership list in 2018.

## WCMGV Meetings and Notices

**November 28:** 6 p.m. MARS (prior to membership meeting) Farm Technology Team meeting. ALL MCMGVs welcome to attend.

**November 28:** November Membership Meeting, 7 p.m.— MARS (membership dues form for 2018 are due this meeting.)

**December 2017:** South Wood County Historical Museum Christmas Tree Walk ( WCMGVs will participate!)

Please read complete article with dates/times on page 6 in this newsletter. Mark the dates! See you there!

### Planning ahead for 2018

**January 4, 2018:** 9 a.m.—Project Authorization Committee Meeting @ UW Ext. Office, W.R.- CH

**January 4, 2018:** 1 p.m.—Audit Committee Meeting at UW Ext. Office, W.R.- CH

**January 9, 2018:** 9 a.m.—Finance Committee Meeting (prior to budget meeting which follows)

**January 22, 2018: 5:30 p.m.**—Board of Directors Meeting at UW Extension Office, Kitchen - WR - CH

**April 7, 2018:** Spring Gardening Seminar—MSTC auditorium

**April 14, 2018:** Marshfield Children's Festival (more news later). Please announce your planning meeting dates.

**April 21, 2018:** Wisconsin Rapids Children's Festival (more news later). Please announce your planning meeting dates.

**May 12, 2018:** Wisconsin Rapids Plant Sale held at Helen's House located at WR Zoo

**July 21, 2018:** WCMGV Garden Walk 2018

This is a new column in newsletter to better serve our WCMGV membership. Committees, teams, project leaders, BODs, are encouraged to send meeting notices for this column. Many members wish to attend and help with various WCMGV events. Please let Chris Grimes or newsletter editor know dates and times as soon as they are scheduled. Members are always looking for ways to earn hours.

## Cookbooks for Christmas



**Gift Idea:** Looking for a gift idea for a friend or relative? Consider giving our Wood County Master Gardener Cookbook – lots of our great member-tested recipes along with some gardening hints. The cookbook is just \$15 and can be obtained at the UW-Extension office or by contacting Sue Wilford or Barb Herreid.

If you let Sue know ahead of time, she will bring the books to the November membership meeting in Marshfield. Just let her know how many you need.

Sue Wilford: 715-652-6129 or [swilford@tds.net](mailto:swilford@tds.net).

## WIMGA: Wisconsin Master Gardeners Association

The WIMGA State Conference was held last month in West Bend and was attended by 8 of our members: Michaelleen Erickson, Marlene Winters, Lynn Bushmaker, Patty Farley, Gail Meyer, Audrey Brundidge, Annette Bowden and Barb Herreid. We had lots of fun and were able to attend the keynote sessions as well as several breakout sessions – in all, we earned 7 out of 10 required continuing education hours for this next year!

This year, 2017, marks the 25th anniversary of state organization – they are just five years older than we are! One of the biggest accomplishments this year has been the strategic planning process to plan for the future of our organization. Lots of input has been gathered from us members to help shape the vision so that WIMGA truly exists to support our local organizations. To that end, some ideas are beginning to be implemented – these include:

- Establishing a Speaker's Bureau so that local groups will have additional resources to engage for putting on a program or seminar
- Revamping of the WIMGA newsletter to include more stories that feature projects from around the state; this not only provides ideas for us but also names of members we can contact to get further information on how to implement in our localities
- Encouraging local groups to implement a mentoring program to assist new members in getting involved right after training is completed.

Further enhancements are being planned for 2018 and beyond. I'm excited to see how these positive changes will be able to help us as move forward ourselves!

The 2018 WIMGA State Conference is scheduled for September 21-22 and will be in Eau Claire – hope to see you there!

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### New WIMGA Representative

Starting in January, Ruth Cline will become our WIMGA representative to the State organization. I've enjoyed doing it these past five years! Please join me in congratulating Ruth! - Barb Herreid

## WCMGVs Car-Pooling to Meetings

Several requests for car-pooling to WCMGVs Monthly Meetings have been received! November is our last membership meeting for 2017, so we will plan to set-up car-pooling to start with March 2018 membership meeting. To simplify the car-pooling request, I will ask any member who would be a driver from an area to let me know the site (i.e. WR Court House) and the time they will leave the site. We most likely need a North and a South Wood County site for car-pooling.

We will gather information about the sites and times and post in the Newsletter prior to the March meeting.  
Questions: Please contact Ruth Cline





## Winter Doldrums

### Winter Trip to *Rooms of Blooms*?

Imagine a grand Tudor style home (think Downton Abbey) graced with period furniture and overflowing with floral arrangements that will help push away the gray snow and gloomy days of winter! That's the beauty of *Rooms of Blooms* at the Paine Art Museum in Oshkosh the first two weekends of March.



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The two floors of the Paine are filled with a wide collection of paintings, each of which is inspiration for a floral arrangement designed by one of many Oshkosh regional florists. The sunny Great Hall is filled with a number of tea tables, each set for four, each decorated with a different theme, each featuring a grand floral centerpiece. A leisurely stroll through the English style mansion can easily occupy two hours. Tea, coffee and sweets are usually available in the separate conservatory on the grounds.

I am suggesting to the Continuing Education committee that a visit to the Paine would be a great winter day-trip by bus. In addition to the Paine, a second site in the Oshkosh/Appleton/Green Bay area that would be of interest to gardeners could be scheduled.

However, the CE committee has planned bus trips in the past and had them fall through from lack of participation. Before going through all the research work, they would like a count of the number of people who might be interested in a late winter trip of this sort. **So, the CE committee will be asking for a show of hands from interested people at the November meeting.** This will help them determine whether to explore this trip to help blunt the “winter blahs”.

Karleen Remington

## Open Position for WCMGV Board of Directors—2018

The position of Historian for WCMGV Board of Directors will be open in 2018. The following description is listed in section 6: of By laws for Historian - Maintain the history of Wood County Master Gardener projects, programs, activities, socials, and other materials pertinent to the association, which will be kept in a format usable by the entire group.

For more information or if this Historian position is an area of interest to you please contact Ruth Cline.

**Wood County Master Gardener Volunteers  
MARS, Marshfield, October 24, 2017; 1 Hour Continuing Education**

**Meeting was called to order at 8:10pm.**

**Minutes 9/26/2017:** Famia Marx moved to accept past minutes as written, seconded by Donna Streiff, motion carried.

**Financial report:** Financial report given by Barb Herreid. Motion to accept reports as presented was made by Audrey Brundidge. Seconded by Mary Czaja. Motion carried. Dues survey forms distributed. Reimbursement deadline end of November.

**Old Business/Announcements:**

**Fall Plant Sale Report:** nothing new to report

**Fall Seminar Update – October 28<sup>th</sup> @ UW Marshfield:** Speakers: Ben Futa and Rob Zimmer. Sign up for attendance and refreshments distributed.

Spring Seminar set for April 7, 2018 at Mid-State Technical College. Apple tree grafting and fruit tree pruning by Laish Heersma of Arbor Vantage, Arpin. Organic vegetable farming by Joel Kuehnhold of Lonely Oak Farm, Milladore.

**New Business/Announcements:**

**New Sign-up Invitation for WCMGVs** – Sign up distributed as invitation for MGV to meet to discuss gardening topics they are interested in or passionate about. Meetings will be set up at local libraries in 2018.

**Farm Technology Days sign-up sheet – July 10-12, 2018** - Plan is to have a Granny Garden vs Square Foot Garden; Small displays of many types of gardens (educational signage) and Ask a Wood County Master Gardener booth. Sign-up sheet distributed for volunteering in various capacities.

**Extension Update** - no updates

**Garden Walk – 2018** – Saturday, July 21, 2018. Switched dates with Portage County Master Gardeners due to Farm Tech Days Two artists secured. Have gardens in Wisconsin Rapids areas. Denise Larson interested in craft ideas.

**WIMGA Reports/Grants** – Many WCMGV attended the 2 day conference which shared highlights: Solution to pour onto soil to help identify if jumping worms present (1 gallon water with 1/3 cup dry mustard). Lavender farm in Door County which is zone 5. Cover crops information from horticulturist of Shawano County.

**Marshfield Children's Festival** – April 14, 2018 – Meeting planned in November for creating ideas.

**WI Rapids Children's Festival – April 21, 2018.**

**Christmas Event/So Wood Co. Historical Museum** – Theme is 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for WCMGV. Trifolds will be displayed. Tree decorated with dried flowers, as well as seed packets and pictures of WCMGV projects. Need pictures of all projects by November 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Renewal Forms/Dues (due Nov 15<sup>th</sup>)** Can bring to Nov 28<sup>th</sup> meeting. Asked to sign up only for committees or projects the volunteer has the time to commit.

**Accomplishment Report for State** – Ruth Cline requested any 'success stories' from projects or committees. Email to Ruth Cline ASAP – Due to State by November 1, 2017

**Additional New Business**

Opportunity for a bus trip to Paine Art Center in Oshkosh for a floral show March 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> or Marsh 8<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> in 2018. Would include a stop at another venue. Seven interested in trip. Will put article in newsletter and bring to next month meeting in November.

**Motion to Adjourn** at 8:58pm pm was made by Karleen Remington, seconded by Famia Marx, motion carried.

**Next meeting:** November 28, 2017 at MARS – 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration; gift exchange; Paula Klevene speaking on "Touring Italy"

Respectfully Submitted – Sue Wilford, Secretary

**Members Attending:** Shirley Anderson, Debby Brown, Audrey Brundidge, Julie Carlsen, Bob Cline, Ruth Cline, Mary Czaja, Maria Edelstein, Micky Erickson, Joyce Fischer, Fern Fregien, Chris Grimes, Peg Harvey, Barb Herreid, Barb Kleifgen, Paula Klevene, Denise Larson, Scott MacMillan, Joy Mader, Famia Marx, Tammera Neumann, Jeanne Osgood, Patricia Paulus, Tom Ptak, Judy Sternitsky, Thomas Stram, Donna Streiff, Carol Tomke, Margaret Weister, Janet Wiemann, Sue Wilford, Penn Wilkes, Marlene Winters, Mary Kay York, UW Extension Educator: Jeremy Erickson.

**Meeting Program:** Microgreens by Jeremy Erickson

# November Garden Guide

from [Portage County Master Gardeners Volunteers](#)

- Finish planting spring bulbs.
- Prepare new perennial beds for spring planting. Soil will be conditioned over winter.
- With sunny conditions, paper-white narcissus planted indoors about mid November will bloom for Christmas.
- After ground freezes, mulch azaleas and rhododendrons with chopped oak leaves or pine needles. Perennial beds should also be mulched with coarse material such as marsh hay.
- Do not smother self-sowing annual beds with heavy mulch.
- Reduce watering and feeding houseplants as lower light conditions of winter approach.
- Test soil if you haven't done so recently.
- Clean window boxes and outdoor planters, fill with greens and berries or other seasonal display.
- Mulch carrots, parsnips and leeks with a foot of straw or marsh hay for winter digging. Mark rows with stakes.
- Mulch asparagus bed with chopped leaves or straw to protect crowns from frost.
- Inventory, clean, repair and coat the metal parts of garden tools with vegetable oil before storing.
- Drain gasoline from tiller.
- Harvest the last of the hardy vegetables, such as Chinese cabbage, Brussels sprouts and kale. These will continue to produce until a frost below 25 degrees F.
- Harvest vegetables to be stored indoors before ground freezes.
- Heavily water trees and shrubs before ground freezes. This helps prevent winter burn on evergreens.
- Cut back fall blooming hydrangeas, leaving one or two pairs of buds on each flower stem.
- Wrap the trunks of young shade trees and fruit trees to protect them from animal damage and sunscald.
- Make one last lawn mowing, setting blade one-half inch lower than usual. Drain gas from mowers.
- Cut to the ground any summer bearing raspberry or blackberry canes that have fruited this year.
- Dormant pruning of black, yellow and purple raspberries is done by shortening all lateral branches to 15 inches.
- Prune grapevines.
- Mulch strawberries and bramble fruits after the ground has frozen, but before the temperature falls below 15 degrees (usually late November.) Apply 2-4 inches of straw or marsh hay.



# 2018 Garden Visions Conference

**Do you enjoy gardening? Experience Garden Visions**

***Learn the art and science of northern climate gardens***

***where...“under the cloak of winter lies a miracle”***

***Barbara Winkler***

Registration Begins December 1st, 2017

Ends on January 15

Friday, January 19, 2018 – Slow Food Dinner

## **Schedule**

### **Friday:**

Garden Visions starts on Friday, January 19, 2018, with a Slow Food Dinner. Wausau Chef Clint Schultz of Urban Street Bistro will team up with Inga Witscher of Around The Farm Table, to present the 4rd Annual Slow Food Dinner! Listen to Inga talk about her small organic dairy farm, near Osseo, WI. She will talk about the best ingredients our area has to offer to produce meals that celebrate our landscape and appetites!

### **Saturday:**

Listen to national and regional speakers, view educational exhibits, take a chance on great raffle prizes, meet and greet our speakers, authors, shop with our wonderful vendors! The conference is open to the public and you do not have to be a Master Gardener to attend; we welcome anyone with an interest and curiosity for gardening!

Keynote speaker is Ellen Ecker Ogden with the topic: “The Art of Growing Food”. Ellen is a Vermont-based food and garden writer, and kitchen garden designer who is known for her informative and fun-loving garden talks. Ellen will share tools to create an edible garden that is both productive and beautiful, turning “ordinary” into “extraordinary”. Discover 6 steps to success that will turn work into play, and inspire you to transform any edible garden into a kitchen garden with an eye toward beauty, easy care and pleasure. Ellen will be available to sign copies of her book, “The Complete Kitchen Garden”.

A Bonus Presentation by Paul Whitaker will be “Taming The Savage Beast: Invasive Plants that Might be Calling Your Current Or Future Garden Home”. Paul is a Professor of Biological Sciences at the UW-Marathon County in Wausau, and also chairs the Grounds Committee of Monk Botanical Gardens.

For more information:

[www.gardenvisions.org](http://www.gardenvisions.org)

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## SPEAKERS & TOPICS 2018 GARDEN VISIONS CONFERENCE

**The New Heirloom Garden/Modern Designs (breakout session)** by Keynote: Ellen Ecker Odgen, of Vermont. Ellen is a gardening writer, speaker and consultant.

**The Living Soil** by Amy Jo Dusick of Good Oak Ecological Services, Madison WI

**1) Easy & Fun Landscaping Ideas & 2) Out of the Shadows** by Rob Zimmer, Wisconsin award-winning gardening and nature columnist and author.

**Hummingbird Nesting** by Stan Tekiela, naturalist, wildlife writer and author.

**How to Make a Freeform Twig Trellis** by Sandy Lotto, owner of Lotto's Log Cabin Outdoor School, near Eagle River, WI.

**1) Growing the Best Blueberries & 2) Growing the Best Strawberries** – Dr. Brian Smith, Director of UW-River Falls Fruit Research, Teaching & Extension Facility.

**2) 1) Native Flowering Shrubs & 2) Natives in Shade Gardens** by Alan Branhagen, Director of Operations at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum.

**The Joy of Beekeeping**, by Bill Heipp, owner of Moonlight Honey of Wausau, WI, and former VP of the Central WI Beekeepers Association..

**1) Weeds: - Identification, Life Histories & Control & 2) Pest Insects – Identification, Life Histories & Control** by Paul Whitaker, Professor of Biological Sciences at UW-Marathon County.

**Meet and Eat – Wild Edibles** by Billie Olds, founder of the Florelly line of edible floral jellies and of Happy Hour cotton candy.

**Vertical Gardening** by Heather Schlessor, Agricultural/Dairy Agent, University of Wisconsin Extension, Marathon County.

For further descriptions of sessions and speaker bio's,  
see: [www.gardenvisions.info](http://www.gardenvisions.info)

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Please send items for inclusion in the newsletter by the 10th of the month.

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Lead time for television and newspaper is four weeks. Call Karen for clarification of dates and deadlines.

**Wisconsin Master Gardeners**

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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.