

UW-Extension Wood County Master Gardener Association

Wood County UW Extension

March 2018

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

Volunteer Awards and Farm Tech Days

March 27, 7:00 pm: WR Courthouse, 114

Bring along your enthusiasm to cheer your fellow volunteers along as we present our Volunteer Awards. Come see who gets honored for reaching hours milestones. Honorees will be announced in next month's newsletter. At the March meeting, we will also have sub-committee meetings for the Continuing Education Committee, Farm Tech Days, recruit volunteers for the Garden Walk and other Community Service Projects, order plants for the WR plant sale and present the budget to the membership.



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April 24, 7:00 p.m.

**Pam Walker with ColdSnap
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Meeting will be held at the facility at:

6251 State Highway 54 West
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495-9342

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TEACHING



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President's Message

Last month I ended my president's note with a paragraph about the seven learning styles. When word came down that MGVS would be education based, panic set in. I never considered myself a teacher. Sure, I trained people how to make cheese when I used to work for Arpin Dairy and raised two kids, but that was different, wasn't it?

There are lots of ways to teach. As mothers, friends, workers, we've all taught at one time or another. We've already been 'educating' all along.

One of the five teaching styles include Informal instruction. This is simply talking to people, finding out what they like and don't like and telling them that might interest them. One of our initiatives this year that uses this strategy is "Coffee with an MGVS". Every time somebody shows up at one of our projects and asks questions we are providing informal instruction.

Inquiry based learning, another teaching style, is experimenting. Answering the 'what ifs' of gardening. We've done that, too, with square foot gardening. Showing people different ways to add grasses, flowers, and edibles to landscaping. Checking gardens soils for acidity, drainage, etc. is Inquiry based learning

The third teaching style is cooperative learning—having groups gather and putting their heads together to learn new things. We've done that with committee meetings, and to a small extent with our community gardens.

Information processing strategies use different methods of teaching to reach others with their various learning styles that I mentioned in last month's note.

We have already been teaching, we just didn't realize it. Education has been a fundamental part of our group from the get-go, so it is nothing to be afraid of. People will learn.

Famia

WCMGVs Car-Pooling to Meetings

Several requests for car- pooling to WCMGVs Monthly Meetings have been received! We will plan to set-up car-pooling to start with March 2018 membership meeting. To simplify the car-pooling request, I 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.

2018 Master Gardener Volunteer Programs

We have an amazing line-up of great programs coming in 2018 for the programs when we have our monthly meetings. First off is our March program with Volunteer Awards presentations, so make sure you bring your enthusiasm to cheer your fellow volunteers along. Also, this year we are not just switching between MARS and the Courthouse to more than half the meetings. This is going to be fun! See you in March!

Date/Time	Location	Topic/Guest Speaker
March 27 7 pm	W.R. Courthouse Room 114	Volunteer awards, Farm Tech Days
April 24 7 pm	6251 State Highway 54 West	Pam Walker with ColdSnap Aquaponics
May 22 7 pm	5470 Spruce Road Vesper	Member plant exchange, Vespertine Gardens, greenhouses**
June 26 7 pm	MARS	Ask a Master Gardener scenarios
July 24 7 pm	The First Presbyterian Church**	Tour of Marshfield Community Gardens
August 28 6 pm**	Rome Library	Garden Tour and Pot Luck Supper Please note Earlier meeting time—to be confirmed.
September 25 7 pm	Wood Townhall Building, Pittsville 5-10pm	"The Garden Guru" Jason Wendt, presentation. Either "Native Edible Perennials" or "Basic preparations to settle in for the winter". **
October 23 7 pm	MARS	Member seed exchange, Dr. Bruce Krawisz, Climate Change
November 27 7 pm	W.R. Courthouse Room 114	Gift Exchange, Winter Party Barb Herreid "Costa Rica Trip"

**Tentative

Looking for Volunteers

Jeremy Erickson is looking for volunteers to do 'Ask a Master Gardener' at the Rapids Farmer's Market. Contact him if interested.



Wood County Master Gardener Volunteers
MARS, Marshfield, November 28, 2017; 1 Hour Continuing Education

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.

Attendance sign-up sheets available.

Minutes 10/24/2017: Scott McMillan moved to accept past minutes as written, seconded by Julie Carlson, motion carried.

Financial report: Financial report given by Barb Herreid. Motion to accept reports as presented was made by Famia Marx. Seconded by Karen Houdek. Motion carried. Last date to submit membership dues. After today, there is a \$5 late fee. Expense receipts are due Dec 1st for reimbursement

Old Business/Announcements: no discussion

New Business/Announcements:

Extension update: Only 18 WCMGV have not completed the caregiver background check. They will be getting an email or a mailed form in the next weeks. If not going to complete the background check, let Jeremy Erickson know.

WIMGA: all updates were in November newsletter

WIMGA Grant: Vesper park was awarded a \$250 grant for educational shrub display with signage.

WCMGV 20th Anniversary 2017: A big Thank You to Annette Bowden for setting up the anniversary cake and display. Thank you to all the project leaders to did extra things at their sites to celebrate the 20th anniversary.

Membership Certificate of Appreciation: Certificate for all members who have worked so hard to make our WCMGV group so outstanding.

Nominations for Board of Directors/Election: President – Famia Marx; Vice President – Paula Klevene; Director South Wood Co – Jennifer Fane; Historian – no one nominated. Barb Herreid made a motion to cast an anonymous ballot for board elections. Bob Cline seconded, motion carried. Congratulations to new board members.

2017 Board of Directors: Retiring board members: Julie Carlson, Karen Houdek, Micky Erickson. Ruth Cline will remain on the board as past president and WCMGV – WIMGA Representative. Gifts awarded to Julie Carlson, Micky Erickson, Karen Houdek, and Ruth Cline for their board service.

Christmas Event – South Wood County Historical Museum – Tree Walk.

Third year doing the tree. Decorated with photos of WCMGV projects. Display open two weekends in December.

Farm Technology Days: Sign-up distributed for FTD needs - granny and square foot gardens, educational displays with pots (small enough to be able to transport easily) and need to sign up for helping with set up; take down and working the three days of event. Roxanne is in need of bib overalls, men's and ladies shoes, wigs, and old garden tools. All MGv who sign up to help will get emailed of all the committee minutes in order to keep all informed. Next meeting is in January 2018.

Additional New Business: Canna bulbs available.

Motion to Adjourn at 7:42pm pm was made by Karen Houdek, seconded by Paula Klevene, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted – Sue Wilford, Secretary

Members Attending: Nancy Alger, Shirley Anderson, Annette Bowden, Debby Brown, Lynn Bushmaker, Julie Carlson, Bob Cline, Ruth Cline, Mary Czaja, Micky Erickson, Joyce Fischer, Chris Grimes, Peg Harvey, Betty Havlik, Barb Herreid, Karen Houdek, Barb Kleifgen, Paula Klevene, Denise Larson, Scott MacMillan, Joy Mader, Famia Marx, Diane Nickel, Jim Nickel, Kay O'Shasky, Judy Sternitsky, Thomas Stram, Carol Tomke, Margaret Weister, Shelby Weister, Janet Wiemann, Sue Wilford, Mary Zahn. UW Extension Educator: Jeremy Erickson. Guest: Fred Fischer

Meeting Program: 20th Anniversary celebration; gift exchange; 'Touring Italy' by Paula Klevene



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Worm Castings - Special Member Sale

Item	Price	Quantity	Total
1# Bag	\$3.00		
5# Bag	\$8.00		
20# Bag	\$23.00		
30# Bag	\$36.00		
50# Bag	\$50.00		

YOUR NAME: _____ PHONE # _____

Make check payable to WCMGV and mail to Barb Herreid, 946 S. Archers Way, Nekoosa, WI 54457

ORDER DEADLINE IS MAY 1ST

The bags of Worm Castings will be distributed at the May 22nd monthly meeting or at the WR Plant Sale on May 12th

Farm Technology Days: July 10-12, 2018

Plans are being finalized by the Farm Technology Day (FTD) committee.

Our current plan is:

- *Celebrate 20th anniversary of WCMGV with trifold displays.*
- *Ask a Wood County Gardener will be available for participants.*
- *Granny Garden vs Square Foot Garden on each side of entrance to tent (with mannequins) depicting old gardening vs new gardening techniques.*
- *Booth to include educational displays of various types of gardens in pots/containers that are educational and easy to transport. Our booth will be located near the UW Extension Educational tent.*



Prior to July, we will need MGV's to plant/grow pots which will be used in the Granny Garden, the Square Foot Garden and the educational display pots. Seeds and pots for the Granny Garden and Square Foot Garden will be handed out at the April MGV meeting. According to last year's sign up, the following MGV have volunteered to contribute the following educational potted plants for display around our booth:

- Tom Stram – invasive aquatic species
- Barb Herreid – native vs non-native plants
- Maria Edelstein – container planting of flowers
- Pat Binder & Carol Tomke – growing vegetable in containers
- Julie Carlsen and Shelby Weister – fairy gardens
- Micky Erickson – herb garden in a strawberry planter
- Audrey Brundidge and Marlene Winters – succulent gardens
- Tom Stram/Tom Ptak – roses

Roxanne Tomkowiak still needs a **pair of bib overalls and shirt** for the male mannequin.

During the event, we will need help with set up on Monday, July 9th and all three days of the event. Take down will occur at the end of the day on July 12th. A sign-up sheet for helping during the event will be circulated at a later date during the MGV meetings.

If any questions, contact Ruth Cline, Micky Erickson or Sue Wilford. Thank you to all the MGV who are willing to help with this very exciting event in Wood County.

**2018 WOOD COUNTY WISCONSIN FARM
TECHNOLOGY DAYS**

www.wifarmtechnologydays.com/wood



**HOSTED BY: D&B STERNWEIS FARMS
WEBER'S FARM STORE & HEIMAN HOLSTEINS**

JULY 10-12, 2018 9AM TO 4PM

Wood County Landscaping committee flower pot donation application

You will receive a 15x23 pot arrangement with donor recognition sign for \$25 Donation. Pots will be used to beautify the show and can be picked up by donor at Weber's Farm Store on Friday July 13th from noon to 7PM or will be donated locally for events.

Donor name _____

Mailing address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone number _____ Cell phone _____

Email _____

What would you like on the sign (spell as you want it to appear) space is limited to 8.5"x11" horizontal sheet which includes Wood CTY Farm Tech Days Logo and room for 3 lines of print (20 characters or spaces per line)

More characters will make print smaller: could be in Honor or memory of someone or just have donor name

Make checks out to Wood CTY Farm Technology Days and

Mail request by June 1st, 2018 to:

Wood County Farm Technology Days

Attention: Carol Tomke PO BOX 99 Marshfield, WI 54449

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT
WOOD COUNTY FARM TECHNOLOGY
DAYS
LANDSCAPING COMMITTEE**



*In memory of
Jane R. Doe-Roberta
1963-2008*

Sign will be a laminated sheet: Example above

WCMGV Meetings and Notices

March 19, 2018: Garden Owners Meeting/Reception, Alexander House

March 20, 2018: Coffee with MGVs, Nekoosa Library, 1-3 p.m.

March 22, 2018: FTD meeting, Sue Wilford's house, 1-3 p.m.

March 27, 2018: FTD meeting, ETN room at Extension office, just prior to membership meeting, 5:30-7 p.m.

March 27, 2018: Membership meeting, WR Courthouse, 7:00 p.m.
Continuing Ed. Committee Meeting, present volunteer hour awards, present budget to membership, Garden Walk volunteer recruitment, additional Community Service Projects Recruitment, order plants for WR plant sale

April 7, 2018: Spring Gardening Seminar—MSTC auditorium

April 17, 2018: Coffee with MGVs, Marshfield Library, 1-3 p.m.

April 21, 2018: Wisconsin Rapids Children's Festival: 10-3.

April 24, 2018: Membership meeting, Cold Snap Aquaponics, 7:00 p.m.

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.

Responding to Horticultural Inquiries Training

Portage County is proud to be hosting one of the Annual Responding to Horticulture Inquires trainings this year. The session will be held on May 23rd. You can register online at <https://goo.gl/3nKJez> or print the form on the following page and mail it in.

This annual professional development training is provided by the UW-Extension Horticulture Team to acquaint UW-Extension agents, educators, office staff, MGVs and others with information on UW-Extension diagnostic services, written and web-based horticulture resources, and UW-Extension personnel who can assist in answering horticulture-related questions.

Denise Rocha
Support Staff
Portage County UW-Extension
(715) 346-1316

See page 10 for additional opportunities for training or go to :

<https://wimastergardener.org/responding-to-horticulture-inquiries/>



2018 Responding to Horticulture Inquiries

May 23, 2018 – Portage County
Portage County UW-Extension Office, Stevens Point, WI

Program schedule

8:30-8:40 am	<i>Welcome</i> , by Ken Schroeder, Portage County UW-Extension Agriculture Educator
8:40-9:40 am	<i>Strategies for Effectively Answering Horticulture Questions in a County UW-Extension Office</i> , by host group
9:40-10:45 am	<i>2018 Weed Update</i> , Mark Renz, UW-Extension Weed Scientist
10:45-11:00 am	Break
11:00 am-12:15 pm	<i>Communicating Pesticide Risk and Sustainable Pest Management to the General Public</i> , Paul Koch, UW-Extension Turfgrass Specialist
12:15-1:00 pm	Lunch
1:00-2:15 pm	<i>2018 Plant Insect Update</i> , PJ Liesch, UW-Extension Insect Diagnostics Lab
2:15-2:30 pm	Break
2:30-4:00 pm	<i>2018 Plant Disease Update</i> , Brian Hudelson, UW-Extension Plant Disease Diagnostics Clinic
4:00-4:30 pm	<i>UW-Madison/Extension Diagnostic Services</i> , Brian Hudelson, UW-Plant Disease Diagnostics Clinic

Register for the RHI program in Portage County by May 16 ~ Questions? Call 715-346-1316

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Day telephone _____

Email _____

Affiliation:

☐ UWEX staff ☐ MGW ☐ other _____

\$20 per person, includes lunch

Amount enclosed: \$ _____

Register online at <https://goo.gl/3nKJez>

or scan this QR code



or return this form
with check, payable to

Portage County Treasurer

Mail to: Portage County UW-Extension
1462 Strongs Avenue
Stevens Point, WI 54481-2947

2018 Responding to Horticulture Inquiries

Members of the UW-Extension Horticulture Team will be hosting the annual professional development “Responding to Horticulture Inquiries” at three locations in cooperation with the respective County UW-Extension offices. The program objectives are to:

Acquaint UW-Extension agents, educators, office staff and Master Gardener Volunteers with information on UW-Extension diagnostic services, written and web-based horticulture resources, and UW-Extension personnel who can assist in answering horticulture-related questions.

The program information and schedule for the three locations are as follows:

Dunn County	Dane County	Portage County
Friday April 20, 2018 8:30am – 4:30pm	Tuesday, May 22, 2018 8:30am – 4:30pm	Wednesday May 23, 2018 8:30am – 4:30pm
Dunn Co. Comm. Services Bldg 3001 US Highway 12 E, Room 54 Menomonie, WI 54751	Dane County UW-Extension 5201 Fen Oak Dr, Ste 138 Madison, WI 53718	Portage County UW-Extension 1462 Strongs Avenue Stevens Point, WI 54481-2947
Registration deadline: April 13	Registration deadline: May 15	Registration deadline: May 16
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Link to registration flyer at http://wimastergardener.org/files/2018/02/2018-RHI-Dunn-schedule.pdf	Link to online registration at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/responding-to-hort-inquiries-tickets-43618025689	Link to the registration flyer at http://wimastergardener.org/files/2018/02/2018-RHI-Portage-schedule.pdf

The sessions this year will be \$20 (except Dane Co., at \$25), which includes lunch. You must make a reservation by the deadline listed for each location with the respective UW-Extension office where you would like to attend. Please use the appropriate registration form for the county where you would like to attend the program!

Program includes (order and exact times vary by location)

UW-Madison/Extension Diagnostic Services, Brian Hudelson, UW-Plant Disease Diagnostics Clinic

Strategies for Effectively Answering Horticulture Questions in a County UW-Extension Office, by host group

2018 Plant Insect Update, PJ Liesch, UW-Extension Insect Diagnostics Lab

2018 Weed Update, Mark Renz, UW-Extension Weed Scientist

2018 Plant Disease Update, Brian Hudelson, UW-Extension Plant Disease Diagnostics Clinic

Communicating Pesticide Risk and Sustainable Pest Management to the General Public, Paul Koch, UW-Extension Turfgrass Specialist



Jeremy Erickson and other Master Gardeners will be there providing information. Contact Jeremy if interested in attending.

Local Food Expo

Thursday, March 15

3:30 - 6:30pm

First Presbyterian Church

200 S Lincoln Ave., Marshfield

**FREE and
OPEN
to the
PUBLIC!**

Learn about Marshfield's Local Food Movement!

Buy local food and items



Dinner available to purchase from Chef C's Munchie Mobile-featuring local products!



Learn about Community Supported Agriculture shares (CSAs)



Meet Marshfield area farmers and see their products



Explore the Wisconsin Spudmobile from the Wisconsin Potato & Vegetable Growers Association

Event sponsored by Marshfield Clinic Health System and Healthy Lifestyle Marshfield Area Coalition in partnership with the First Presbyterian Church Green Team

For additional information, contact Marshfield Clinic Health System Center for Community Outreach at healthy.lifestyles@marshfieldclinic.org or call 715-221-6400



Year End Tally of Community Education

Presentations/festivals/fairs/plant sales/projects/farmers markets/individual conversations

MGV Name _____ Year _____

Date	Title/ Focus of Presentation/ Subject of Conversation	# Youth	# Adults	# Total	Comments
3/8/18	Example: Question on soil to use for starting seeds		2	2	Local neighbors
Annual Total Number:					

Use multiple sheets if needed.

Submit to Wood County Extension Office by October 1st along with your volunteer hour forms.

End of Year Tally of Community Education

Referring to the form on the previous page— what is this? Do I have to fill it out?

Yes, every WCMGV should use this form and complete it throughout the year. It needs to be submitted to the Extension Office with your time sheet by October first. Use this form to track all the people/contacts you make about 'gardening information/advice.' This could be a contact with the neighbor across the street, your relative who lives in another state, or at a more formal setting, such as a Farmer's Market, or a presentation. Master Gardeners have so much knowledge and we are talking to others all the time with our expertise. We need to track all the number of contacts each of us makes when giving information at presentations, festivals, fairs, plant sales, projects, farmers markets, or individual conversations. Fania Marx, as president, will thank you for your diligence when she needs to fill out the end of the year state report!

Garden Walk Crafts

Denise Larsen and her crew have great plans for making the clever crafts to be sold at the 2018 Garden Walk. To the left are examples of the crafts they are considering making this year. The following list includes used items which the crew needs; hopefully most can be donated by members.

- For the owls: bottle caps for the eyes.
- For the mushrooms: old metal bowls, or glass globes from light fixtures with a hole in the top.
- For the wicker decorations: wicker plates—the larger the better.

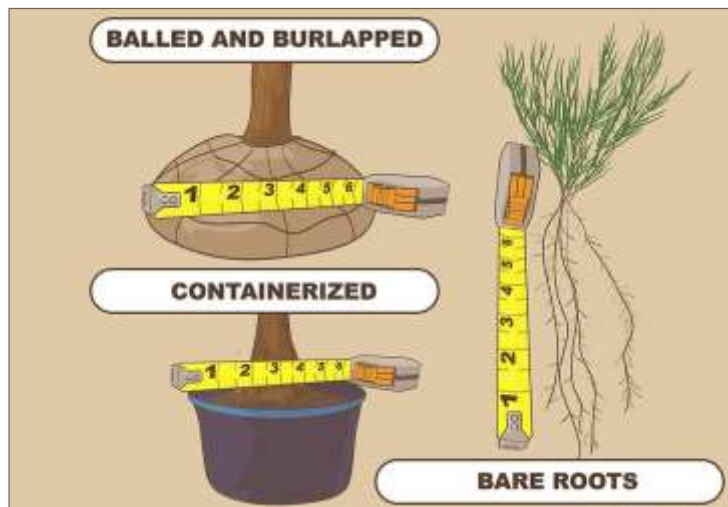
Some of these things can be found at Good Will or rummage sales but the crew is hoping that members might have these things lying around and would like to be rid of them. Dates for the classes will be determined at a later date. Bring donations to the March meeting for Denise. Thank you so much for all that you do!!



April Garden Guide

from [Portage County Master Gardeners Volunteers](#)

- Start tomato seeds indoors. Research shows seven-week old transplants produce earliest fruit and best overall results.
- Cut back over-wintered geraniums to six to eight inches.
- Start fast-growing annual flowers indoors.
- Start seedlings of eggplant, okra, peppers and broccoli.
- Set out lily of the valley clumps with pips just even with the ground.
- When annual beds can be worked, turn over green manure crop such as annual rye in beds for annuals and vegetables. If none was planted, top-dress with compost or rotted manure.
- Remove mulch from spring flowering bulb beds.
- Container grown or balled and burlapped trees and shrubs can be planted at any time during the growing season.
- Divide perennials and pot for the PCMG plant sale by the end of the month. This will provide roots time to get established.
- Prune and fertilize all bush fruits and grapes. Fertilize fruit trees as soon as possible after ground thaws but before blossoming.
- Plant rhubarb and asparagus as soon as ground can be worked.
- Remove rose cones when soil thaws. Gradually remove soil mound from around rose plants.



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Cookbooks now on sale for only \$10.00. Contact Sue Wilford.

Local Food Expo

You're invited to attend the Local Food Expo presented by Marshfield Clinic and the Healthy Lifestyles -Marshfield Area Coalition on Thursday, March 15 from 3:30 to 6:30 pm at First Presbyterian Church (200 S. Lincoln Ave, Marshfield, WI). The Local Food Expo is an educational event that allows Marshfield area farmers and food vendors to showcase their products to the community. The expo gives community members the chance to meet their local farmers and learn of the many health, environmental, and economic benefits of purchasing local food. The event is organized by Marshfield Clinic and Healthy Lifestyles – Marshfield Area Coalition in partnership with the First Presbyterian Church Green Team. For more information contact Laura Zelenak or George Bloome, at 715-221-8400 or email at healthy.lifestyles@MarshfieldClinic.org or see flyer on page 11.

MGV's Garden and Coffee Talk Series

Our second "Garden and Coffee Talks" event is coming up in a couple weeks, **Tuesday, March 20th**. Please feel free to join us in the discussion and share your knowledge with the group. This program is designed to be both educational for you, but also as a way for you to share your knowledge with others. Therefore, by attending this event you are eligible to receive up to 2 hours of Continuing Education **AND** 2 hours of Volunteer Service for a **TOTAL OF 4 HOURS** for participating.

Join the Wood County Master Gardener Association for their second 'Garden and Coffee Talks' event taking place at the Nekoosa Library. This discussion will focus on Community Gardens, Composting, and any other garden related topics that may arise. This will be a casual open group discussion in a round table setting where guests can actively participate in the group and take part in the sharing of knowledge. Coffee, tea, and light snacks will be provided.

FREE EVENT

Date: March 20th, 2018
Time: 1:00pm – 3:00pm
Contact: Jeremy Erickson
Phone: 715-421-8440
Email: woodcountymga@gmail.com

Event Location

Charles & Joann Lester Library Central Library
[100 Park St, Nekoosa, WI 54457](#)

Hope to see you there!
Thank you

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Spring Garden Seminar



Date : Saturday, April 7, 2018

**Mid State Technical College
500 32nd St. N, Wisconsin Rapids**

Time 8:00 - 12:00

**8-8:30 Registration Presented by:
Wood County Master Gardener Volunteers**

Early Registration Recommended. Deadline April 2. UW-Extension 715-421-8440.

Public Invited-Limited Seating Refreshments available before and at break Fee \$10 Payable at Door

8:30 - 10:00

Laish Heersma, Instructor at MSTC, and Manager of ArborVantage Nursery, Arpin, WI

Topic: *"Fruit Tree Grafting and Pruning."* Includes: a demonstration on grafting.

10:30-12:00

Joel Kuehnhold, grew up working on grandparents and uncle's farms. At 12, he started raising chickens and showing cattle at county fair. Joel left his 13-year career as an agriculture education instructor to focus on the farm, freelance as a grazing specialist, and forester for an environmental non-profit organization.

Topic: *"Organic Vegetable Farming and the CSA World."* Includes: seed starting, hoop house/high tunnel usage, disease and pest treatment, composting, membership, restaurant, and soil nutrients/soil practices.

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

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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.

Wisconsin Prairie Chicken Festival – April 14, 2018 *

An opportunity to view Greater Prairie-chickens will be offered to participants attending the 2nd annual Wisconsin Prairie Chicken Festival on April 14, 2018. The day begins with two offerings at the Paul J. Olson Wildlife Area; viewing Greater Prairie-chickens on their “booming grounds”, or a guided grassland birding tour. Participants will meet early at the Sigel Town Hall. A Dutch oven breakfast made by Boy Scout Troop 187 follows both activities.

The Festival continues at Camp Alexander’s Lester Hall with exhibits and vendors beginning at 11:00 AM. There is a silent auction with several items to bid on. A locally-sourced noon luncheon will feature keynote Bill Volkert, a nationally renowned birding expert. Three afternoon workshops held at 1:00, 2:00 and 3:00 PM. will feature three speakers: “Prairie Chicken History”, “Local Pollinators: Butterfly and Bees”, and “Grazing and the Improvement of Wildlife Habitat”. McMillan Memorial Library will show “Our Birds”, an In-Wisconsin Public Television documentary at 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM. This film tells the story of our migratory birds’ journey from Wisconsin to Central and South America and is free and open to the public.

Space is limited for some activities! Anyone interested in purchasing tickets should go to www.Showtix4u.com and search Wisconsin Prairie Chicken Festival or call 866-967-8167. No registration is required for the movie at library. Questions or comments call 715-540-0236 or email at wisconsinprairiechickenfest@gmail.com. For more information go to our Facebook site: A Wisconsin Prairie Chicken Festival.

*This year WCMGVA will be exhibitors at this event. Stop by and see us!



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