

UW-Extension Wood County Master Gardener Association

Wood County UW Extension

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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.

WCMGV Program Information

Tour of Marshfield Community Gardens

July 24, 7:00 p.m. First Presbyterian Church, Marshfield

Members of the Healthy Lifestyles Coalition (including some MG members) will guide us through the history of and current activities at the 3 community garden sites in Marshfield. We will visit and tour the gardens at the First Presbyterian Church. You will also be able to visit the butterfly garden created by the youth of the church and the Labyrinth for meditation located at the back of the church.

Directions: Hwy 10 by way of Vesper and Arpin: Take exit 187 into Marshfield onto Veterans Parkway. Drive through the Marshfield business district to the traffic lights at the corner of Veterans Parkway and Oak Avenue/St. Joseph Avenue. (Underneath the railroad overpass.) Turn left onto County Y/Oak Ave. You will immediately encounter another set of traffic lights at the corner of Oak and Adler Road/County Y. Turn right onto County Y/Adler Road to Lincoln Avenue. Turn left onto Lincoln Avenue and immediately turn right into the drive of First Presbyterian Church. The parking lot is at the back of the church and the gardens are a short distance from the parking lot.



Garden Tour and Potluck Supper

August 28, 5:30 p.m.
Lester Public Library of
Rome

Come early for our annual potluck and enjoy an explanation and/or viewing of all the various projects that the Rome Library has been working on cooperatively with WCMGVs. Enjoy an open discussion of what worked and what did not.

As always there will be bountiful food provided by the membership.

More information regarding the pot-luck along with directions to the library will follow in the next newsletter.

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President's Message

High Summer. When the leaves are at the deepest green. The shade is like a cool dark cave compared to the full sun. The blooms are at their brightest and seemingly most diverse. A time for sitting in the gardens we've labored over and a time for reflection.

Or... it's okay if you are still trying to frantically catch up on the spring chores, thinking about what's coming up in the fall. It's still important to sit down and enjoy the fruits of your labor, though. Just try to do it where the birds or bats have cleared out the bugs.

I have a hill where the sumac grew over time, but the plants were in decline when, a couple of years ago, my husband decided to chop them all down. Now I have a beautiful hedgerow of wild black raspberries (*Rubus occidentalis*), which, I think, are my favorite fruit of all time, except maybe wild western huckleberries (*Vaccinium deliciosum*). Maybe it's the fact that I'm sitting on a hill gladly suffering the mosquito bites and buzz of the deer flies around me (which is one of the best childhood memories I have) just to be able to collect some fruit for pies, drying, putting frozen on cereal in the winter, jams (if I can pick enough) or eating the fruit right there on the hill until my fingers turn purple.

When I first arrived in Wisconsin, the store-bought blueberries just didn't have the flavor of huckleberries. I had nearly resigned myself to never knowing the flavor of a ripe peach off the tree or a fresh picked huckleberry off the bush, until I found out that, yes! Blueberries grow here, and they taste very close to those I grew up with.

Being a Master Gardener with access to the internet has given me the ability to find out that, yes! Wild raspberries can be tamed, sort of.

They can be pruned like a domestic black raspberry (they are similar, after all) or they can be marched across a field year after year, to prevent disease. Can't wait to find out how well that works.

Now, to find a peach that grows in Zone 4 and still tastes like one from zone 6 right off the tree, and summer will be replete while I sit in the shade, leaning forward and letting the juice drip off my chin.

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Wood County Master Gardener Volunteers
School at Altenburg's Farm, WI Rapids, WI; June 26, 2018; 1 hr of Continuing Education

Meeting called to order at 8:00pm; Attendance sheets available for sign in.

Minutes from May 22, 2018: Mary Czaja moved to accept May minutes as written, seconded by Lynn Bushmaker, motion carried.

Financial Report: Financial report given by Barb Herreid. Motion to accept reports as presented was made by Peg Harvey. Seconded by Karen Houdek. Motion carried.

Extension Report: Hmong workshop held on Saturday was very successful with 50 people in attendance. Desire to repeat next year. No Coffee and Garden talks at Libraries for July and August. Will be coordinating Vesper and Rome libraries for September and October. More information on noxious weeds such as Wild Parsnip and Hogweed will be coming. Hogweed seen in North Wood County Park. Jeremy Erickson will communicate with John Eron, designated weed commissioner for Wood County, about how WCMGV can assist with community education for these noxious weeds.

Old Business:

Mulching Fairgrounds: Due to Fairgrounds no longer under Park and Rec, Fairgrounds Board has agreed to work with MGW and supplied needed mulch. Four MGW worked to spread mulch in Gazebo area. Cut down evergreens that did poorly over winter and now planting other shrubs. Concern over Fur Traders taking over entire fairgrounds this upcoming weekend.

Spring Plant Sale Final Tally: Profit: \$2209.10; which was \$9.10 over budget.

Cranberry Blossom float – Handed out 200 bookmarks and 150 Wakely schedules.

Winged Wonders: Sunday, June 24th - Karen Tlachac and Betty Havlik coordinated pollinator theme. Interacted with 25 adults/15 children. Kathy McGrath presented "The Marvelous Monarchs". Next year's focus will be birds.

Farmer's Market/Ask a Master Gardener – Both WI Rapids and Marshfield covered. Not real busy in June, but expected to be busy in July, August and September.

Rome Library education project – Lunch and Learn held 3rd Wednesday of each month from 11:30-12:30.

New Business:

Farm Tech Days: Drop plants off at Donna Streiff by noon on Monday, July 9th. Pick up on Friday/Saturday, July 13th or 14th. Any plants left will be composted after Saturday. Make sure to label all items. Reference handout explained with 2 3-ring notebooks containing reference documents. Daily passes to those working during FTD distributed. For those not present, passes will be mailed. Parking near Gate B – closest to MGW display.

Central Wisconsin State Fair: Tuesday, August 21st to Sunday, August 26th. WCMGV to provide presentation at 6pm Wednesday night on invasive plants. Anyone welcome to help. Will host 'Ask a Master Gardener' booth and staffed with 2 MGW and divided into 2 shifts 10-2pm and 2pm- 6pm. Sign up circulated.

Garden Walk: Saturday, July 21st. All gardens are in WI Rapids. Lawn signs available to post starting on Sunday, July 15th. Still in need of 4 afternoon greeters and 1 afternoon guide. All boutique items can be delivered to Denise Larson. Garden Walk posters available for distribution.

Fall Plant Sale: Saturday Sept. 15th and Sunday, Sept. 16th during Maple Fest. Set up Friday Sept. 14th. When plant is in full color, request taking a picture to be added to the plant sale display of that plant. Pick and save dried flowers and weeds for arrangements. Sign up will be available at July/August MGW meetings.

Other updates: Consider board member positions that will be available in fall. WIMGA fall conference, "Autumn at the River" brochures handed out. Conference is Friday/Saturday, September 21st and 22nd in Eau Claire.

Motion to adjourn at 8:40pm made by Carol Tomke and seconded by Karen Houdek. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Sue Wilford, Secretary

Members Attending: Nancy Alger, Shirley Anderson, Jill Becker, Audrey Brundidge, Lynn Bushmaker, Bob Cline, Ruth Cline, Mary Czaja, Eliz Erdmann, Micky Erickson, Joyce Fischer, Laurie Francis, Fern Fregien, Christine Griffith, Chris Grimes, Peg Harvey, Betty Havlik, Barb Herreid, Karen Houdek, Barb Kleifgen, Paula Klevene, Denise Larson, Famia Marx, Jeanne Osgood, Deb Rokke, Marjorie Schenk, Donna Streiff, Karen Tlachac, Carol Tomke, Sue Wilford, Mary Kay York and Mary Zahn. UW Extension Educator: Jeremy Erickson.

Meeting Program: The School at Altenburg's Farm by Scott Signourney

Farm Technology Days: July 10-12, 2018



Farm Technology Days

**D&B Sternweis Farm; Weber's Farm Store Heiman Holsteins,
9885 Co. Hwy. H – Marshfield; July 10-12, 2018**

Website: <http://www.wifarmtechnologydays.com/wood/>

Open 9am-4pm Tuesday, July 10th, Wednesday, July 11th & Thursday, July 12th.

Wood County Master Gardener Update

All plants/displays can be dropped off and picked up at Donna Streiff's home in Marshfield.

Address: **1610 W. Arlington Ave, Marshfield**

Phone Number: 715-207-6218

Email address: streiffonclay@tds.net

Directions:

From WI Rapids – take Hwy 10 west; when you get to first traffic circle; take Hwy BB exit; travel about 1 mile and turn right onto Lincoln Ave. Travel North to Arlington Ave which is 2 blocks after Weber Dairy Store. Turn right onto Arlington and home is second one on your right.

From Marshfield – take Lincoln Avenue just north of Weber Dairy Store. Turn east onto Arlington Ave. Home is on your right.

Process for dropping off plants and displays:

All plants/displays should be dropped off at Donna's by noon on Monday, July 9th. If unable to drop them off on Monday, they can be dropped off on Sunday afternoon and Donna will cover them to protect them from deer invasion. Leave anywhere on the front lawn area, not the driveway.

For those in Rapids, there are three MGVS who will be working on Monday, July 9th at FTD. You can contact them to bring your plant/display to Marshfield. Call them to coordinate this.

Chris Grimes -- 715-424-2878

Christine Griffith -- 715-424-3609

Eliz Erdmann -- 715-213-3178

Process for picking up plants and displays: FTD is over at 4pm on Thursday. Since all vendors will be taking down all displays, there will be much traffic and chaos. The MGVS working that day, will take down our displays and transport all plants/displays to Donna Streiff's home. Please pick up your plant and/or display at her house on **Friday or Saturday, July 13th or 14th**. Any plants left after Saturday, will be composted. If you are unable to pick them up, please arrange for another MGVS to pick up your plant/display.

Master Gardener Volunteers – working schedule:

Monday – July 9th

9-4pm: Ruth Cline, Eliz Erdmann, Micky Erickson, Christine Griffith, Tom Ptak, Karleen Remington, Dick Shepherd, Donna Streiff, Carol Tomke, Shelby Weister, Sue Wilford

12-4pm: Annette Bowden
Mannequins: Mary Czaja

Tuesday – July 10th

9-12:30pm: Lynn Bushmaker, Audrey Brundidge, Joyce Fischer, Tom Stram, Shelby Weister, Ruth Cline/Sue Wilford - coordinators
12:30-4pm: Micky Erickson, Joyce Fischer, Christine Griffith, Chris Grimes, Karleen Remington, Ruth Cline/Sue Wilford - coordinators

Wednesday – July 11th

9-12:30pm: Joyce Fischer, Tom Stram, Carol Tomke, Shelby Weister, Ruth Cline/Sue Wilford - coordinators
12:30-4pm: Joyce Fischer, Chris Grimes, Judy Miller, Karleen Remington, Donna Streiff, Ruth Cline/Sue Wilford - coordinators

Thursday – July 12th

9-12:30pm: Joyce Fischer, Chris Griffith, Judy Miller, Shelby Weister, Ruth Cline/Sue Wilford - coordinators,
12:30-4pm: Micky Erickson, Joyce Fischer, Chris Grimes, Karleen Remington, Tom Stram, Ruth Cline/Sue Wilford - coordinators
Take down display after 4pm:
Ruth Cline, Micky Erickson, Chris Grimes, Tom Ptak, Karleen Remington, Dick Shepherd, Sue Wilford, Eliz Erdmann

PASSES:

Everyone working Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9-4pm, must have a pass specific for the day they are working. These passes will be handed out at the June membership meeting on June 26th or mailed to those not in attendance.

If for some reason, you are unable to volunteer at your designated time, please contact Ruth Cline (715-569-4202) or Sue Wilford (cell- 715-305-6325). The unused 'pass' must be turned back to Ruth Cline as the FTD wants all unused passes returned.

If any questions, contact: Sue Wilford, Ruth Cline or Micky Erickson.

WCMGV Displays at FTD

WCMGV members have been meeting in preparation for Wood County Master Gardener displays at FTD. When arriving at FTD look for the 11 Burma Shave signs to direct you to the WCMG tent. On display will be granny, container, square foot, fairy, and themed small potted gardens, as well as displays on growing roses, microgreens, composting and mason bees. Literature will be available on projects from Master Gardener volunteers on how to become a Master Gardener, guidelines in raising healthy plants and preventing diseases.

The logo for Burma-Shave, featuring the brand name in a white, stylized script font with a horizontal line underneath, set against a solid red rectangular background.

2018 Central Wisconsin State Fair, Marshfield Fair Grounds

New dates: August 21 – August 26, 2018

Calling all Wood County Master Gardener Volunteers: Farm Technology Days are now behind us. Thanks to all of the support from WCMGVs, our displays at the FTD event were a success. Our next event is the CWSF. Last year WCMGVs set-up a booth/display at the fair and were over-whelmed with fair goers who stopped by the booth to talk gardening! MGs talked to several hundred people about gardening, bugs, diseases, plants, soils, invasive plants and more. We were set up in Expo II, which is close to the Gazebo Gardens maintained by WCMGVs. Between the gardens and our booth inside Expo II we were busy answering horticulture related questions.

This year, due to popular demand, we will set-up a booth/display in addition to being available in the Gazebo Gardens to answer questions. The fair organizers contacted us earlier this year to ask if WCMGV would be available to present a program in the Education Tent, Wednesday August 22 at 6 p.m. We have a couple of WCMGV who stepped forward to help with this request. Since the fair runs six days, this schedule offers more opportunity for WCMGVs to volunteer either at the booth and or to help with the program or both. It works best if 2 or more WCMG volunteers work together at the fair display/booth/Gazebo gardens. The hours are very flexible.

At this writing we are interested in membership input:

- Is this an event you would enjoy helping with?
- When are you available?
- Would you prefer a.m. or p.m. session?
- Do you have a garden related talent (designing/planting a Fairy Garden or other) that you would demonstrate at our WCMGV booth?

We will discuss the fair booth/display/program opportunities in more detail at the July 24th membership meeting. We look forward to your input and thoughts on this volunteer opportunity!

Questions: Please contact Ruth Cline stonegate@tds.net or Sue Wilford at swilford@tds.net.



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2018 Garden Walk Updates

The final days before Garden Walk are here! We are looking forward to a wonderful day. A few reminders:

- Friday evening event for volunteers, artists and garden owners – meet at 5:30 at Garden #1; you will need a ticket
- Thanks for your efforts in selling those tickets. Remember they make nice spontaneous gifts too. Be sure to turn in monies or unsold tickets to Barb Herreid, 946 S Archers Way, Nekoosa 54457 as soon as possible.
- As soon as GW 2018 is over, we'll be looking for gardens for next year! Please help us by providing suggestions of gardens you think we should consider – even if it is your garden! If you see a garden as you're driving around town, jot down the address and send that to Barb at bherreid@wctc.net If you have contact info for the gardener, that would be very helpful too.

You can still make a donation for the Garden Boutique. Make sure your donations are clean. Contact Denise Larson or Julie Carlson directly to make arrangements for delivery of your donation.



UW Extension Wood County Master Gardener Volunteers
19th Annual

Garden Walk

Saturday, July 21, 2018

9:30 am until 3:30 pm
(Rain or Shine)

Tickets Available at these locations:

WISCONSIN RAPIDS AREA

Wood County Master Gardeners

Angel Floral & Design

Daly Drug Inc.

DNI Recreation

Heart of Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce

US Bank (Grand Ave. Location)

UW Extension Office-Courthouse

WoodTrust Bank (3 locations)

Wunrow's Greenhouse

KELLNER

Pickett Fence Gifts

NEKOOSA

Beaver's the Dime Store

ROME

D Green's Garden LLC

Lester Public Library of Rome

RUDOLPH

Urban's Greenhouse

For additional information contact:
University of Wisconsin Extension
Wood County Courthouse
400 Market Street
P.O. Box 8095
WI Rapids, WI 54495-8095
Phone: 715-421-8440
FAX: 715-421-8476

Also available the day of the garden walk at any of the participating gardens.
Includes Garden Walk, Art Show, Art in the Garden Boutique and Live Music!
Tickets: \$10.00

Proceeds from the Garden Walk support Master Gardener Volunteer projects throughout the membership area.

Classified Column

Help Wanted on MG Projects

Help is needed at all the major Master Gardener projects. If you have a few hours or even minutes, contact the leader for directions and information.

Wisconsin Rapids Zoo Gardens: Call Mary Kay York with questions, 715-459-9373

South Wood County Historical Museum: contact Chris Griffith or Micky Erickson

Vesper Library and Park Gardens: contact Sue Wilford

Edgewater Nursing Home: contact Judy Miller

Marshfield Fair Grounds: contact Joyce Fischer

Community Gardens: contact Karen Houdek



Website/Facebook Co-editor Wanted

We are looking for a volunteer to assist with managing our online presence. We use our website and Facebook pages not only to promote our activities and fundraisers, but also to feature educational articles on timely subjects throughout most of the year. Your responsibilities would include composing articles or editing an article written by someone else and then posting them online. Training is provided. Must have a current account on Facebook. Proficiency in writing and grammar is desired. Time spent researching and writing go toward volunteer hours. Contact Chris Grimes for more information.

Christmas Tree Walk 2018

Wood County Master Gardener Volunteers have been invited to take part in the Christmas Tree Walk again this year. We are looking for new ideas to portray or decorative materials to use this year. Perhaps you would like to try your creative talents and lead to effort this year. If you have ideas for this year or would like to lead the event, please contact Micky Erickson at 715-435-3616 or Christine Griffith at 715-424-3600. We need to let the organizers know by the end of June if we will be participating

Fall Plant Sale

Just a quick note to remind you of the Fall Plant Sale on Sept 15 & 16 at Marshfield's Maple Fall Fest. Bring plants on Friday, Sept 14. Keep us in mind this summer and save any dried materials for our dried arrangements, crafts, and garden related items. Thank You for all that you do. Mary Czaja

August Garden Guide

from [Portage County Master Gardeners Volunteers](#)

- 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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Integrated Monarch Monitoring Program

The Integrated Monarch Monitoring Program (IMMP) is designed to collect a variety of information about monarchs and their habitats. Data collected will inform monarch population and habitat targets, help scientists understand the threats monarchs face, and inform habitat enhancement strategies.

The IMMP is divided into several activities; participants can choose which one(s) to do at a monitoring site. Monitoring sites may either be a priority-ranked site selected by the IMMP or a site of your choosing.

Field Activities

Activity 1: Milkweed & Blooming Plant Survey
2-4 hours, monthly

Activity 2: Monarch Egg & Larva Survey
1-2 hours, weekly

Activity 3: Adult Monarch Survey
30 minutes, every other week

Activity 4: Monarch Survival & Parasitism
30-60 minutes, daily while raising larva

Activity 5: Red Imported Fire Ants Survey
variable in Southern US

For more information and to register for a training visit: goo.gl/LgmVHw.

Financial support for this IMMP program comes from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, US Fish and Wildlife Service, and Monarch Joint Venture.



Join Team Monarch!

Help protect monarch butterflies and their habitats!

As a Monitor You Would:

- Adopt a site to monitor for monarch butterflies, milkweed, and blooming plants
- Receive training in monarch biology
- Join a nationwide effort to conserve monarchs

2018 Training Opportunities

- May 15: New Richmond, WI
- May 19-20: Chicago, IL
- June 2-3: Madison, WI
- June 9-10: Bloomington, MN
- June 16-17: Hennepin Co., MN
- June 23-24: Bradner, OH
- July 21-22: New London, WI

Trainings are two days and cost \$50 to attend. This fee covers the expense of lunch during the workshop and your very own monitoring kit. Need-based scholarships are available upon request – please contact mjvmonitoring@umn.edu.

To register, find more information, or request a workshop near you, visit: goo.gl/LgmVHW.

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July 21, 2018: WCMGV Garden Walk 2018, 9:30-3:30 p.m.

July 24, 2018: MG membership meeting, Marshfield Community Gardens, 7:00 p.m.

August 7, 2018: Community Outreach and Education Team, 2:00 p.m., ETN at UWEX Office

August 28, 2018: MG meeting and pot luck, 5:30 p.m., Lester Library of Rome

Sept 15-16, 2018: Fall Plant Sale, Marshfield Maple Fall Fest

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.