

Wood County Master Gardener Association

Wood County WI July 2022

President's Message July 2022

Greetings from Marshfield, Missouri. We have been here since June 1st and settling in. Found a Pick Your Own Berry Farm, just a few minutes from home and have picked strawberries, blueberries and blackberries. Amazing growing season, despite being very hot and with no rain. The Master Gardeners of Greene County host a demonstration garden at the Spring-field-Greene County Botanical Center as well as a monthly "Learn to Grow" education at the gardens. In June, I learned about their rose garden, hosta garden and the white garden. The white garden is beautiful with all white flowers inspired by a garden in England.

Despite the unusually hot temperatures and some nasty storms in WI, I hope you are enjoying the summer and your gardens are doing well. Recently I found Japanese Beetles on my roses. I guess they are everywhere and hoping your gardens are spared the destruction caused by these nasty beetles. Hoping you are having a fantastic, productive summer.

The Board continues to focus on the three strategic plans:

Recruitment – Encourage potential MG to become involved in activities; create logo, update brochure, increase signage at projects. Encourage members to share why they became a MGV.

Socialization/retention plan – August Potluck meeting and Garden/ Greenhouse visits with lunch.



Education – Update signage for gardens, create new trifolds, and increase education via libraries. The board is also in need of members who can help lead our organization, specifically President and Treasurer. Please consider becoming a board member for 2023. This is your organization and you can make a huge difference if you take on this opportunity. Give it some serious consideration. The nominations committee (Chris Grimes, Bea Kohl, and Karleen Remington) will be looking for members to step forward. Please consider using your talents and gifts to help grow your organization!

If you are ever driving through Missouri, stop by for a visit. We are just off I-44 (Historic Route 66) at 790 Banning Street, Marshfield MO. Contact information is: skwilford692@gmail.com; 715-305-6325. All are welcome! Blessings!

Sue Wilford

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June Meeting Minutes

WOOD COUNTY MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEERS

WCMGV Membership Meeting Agenda: June 28, 2022 6-8pm MARS backup location due to threatening weather

PROGRAM: 6:00 Orchids with Maria Edelstein She presented a very informative program demonstrating materials to use and how to divide and repot orchids. She graciously shared her abundant knowledge and even gave several plants to members. A delightful presentation!! Thank you Maria!

BUSINESS MEETING

- 7:20 Called meeting to order by VP Karleen Remington
- Past Minutes from May 24, 2022 Motion to accept: Chris Grimes, 2nd from Donna Streiff
- Financial Report Barb Herreid: Expenses and income report. Motion to accept: Audrey Brundidge, 2nd from Bea Kohl.
 - ⇒Information on Liability Insurance: Our insurance policy has been in place since 1998 with West Bend Insurance. It expires in July. We were directed by WIMGA to revisit the policy since some projects and pocedures have changed. Mickey Erickson, Sue Wilford and Barb Herreid met with Secura to gather information. Barb made a comparison of the 2 policies to present to the board. The price comparison is \$500 \$600 currently, to reduced rate of \$400 with the new policy. The Board is reviewing this.
- Extension Update Janell Wehr : No report
- WIMGA Report Micky Erickson : No report

OLD BUSINESS

- Strategic Plans
 - ⇒Education Team (signage; library talks; trifolds) Considering presentations like Garden Guru possibly on Zoom
 - ⇒Recruitment Team (potential MGV waiting for training and recruitment of public)
 - ⇒Socialization/Retention Team (Chris Grimes and Joy Mader) Joy is no longer active. 4 people attended the greenhouse tour to Antiquity Acres in Amherst. Diane and Jim Nickel volunteered to help with this committee. The goal is to provide opportunities to get together.
- Central Wisconsin State Fair—Bea Kohl made contact and has permission for a booth., but needs to gather more information to see who can assist with the booth plus more details.

NEW BUSINESS

- Science by the River—Karleen and Janell Janell will have further info. Diane and Jimvolunteered to take over for date Oct. 15, '22. The project will target young people in the STEM program.
- Fall Plant Sale There will be a meeting on July 6 at Joyce Fischer's home
- Fairgrounds Gazebo Garden/Mfld Respite Care Center Garden Walk---Donna Streiff willput an article in the newsletter. Sunday, July 17 1-4:30
- Nominations Board members needed to fill vacancies.
- Logo Board is looking at ideas to devlop and select a logo for Wood County MGV

OTHER BUSINESS

- Members are encouraged to share their projects to call attention to what is being accomplished.
- Gardening help is wanted from folks outside MG. It was suggested to look at high school students who need to earn hours, or MidState or Lincoln HS.
- Diane and Jim Nickel have connected with the village of Nekoosa and have planted 21 planters on the main street. They have found funding to be very available from the village.

Motion to adjourn made by Barb Herreid. 2nd by Bea Kohl.

NEXT MEETINGS from 6-8pm

- ☐ July 26 th Native Gardens at Donna Streiff's home in Marshfield
- ☐ August 16 th Pot luck Picnic, Wildwood Zoo Pavilion in Marshfield
- ☐ September 27 th —Potting Bulbs for Winter w/Karleen Remington at WR
- ☐ October 25 th —Kratky Gardening w/ Famia Marx at WR
- □ November 15 th —Homegrown National Park Program with Barb Herreid

July Meeting Info

Natives in the Garden PLUS Veggies With Donna Streiff

At her home at 1610 Arlington Street, Marshfield

6 to 8 PM, Tuesday, July 26, 2022 (This meeting and program will not be available via Zoom.)

Donna has been a fan of landscaping with natives. They encourage pollinators, are easy to care for and don't need watering. (But then you know all of that.) Since Donna moved to Marshfield a few years ago, she has been actively converting parts of her yard to native plantings. We will get to see them in their prime. She also has a good sized vegetable garden (fenced in from the deer, of course) and she will share the lessons she has learned growing vegetables in Marshfield clay soil.

Directions to Donna's home are on hold because her street is under reconstruction and traffic lanes and parking are a new adventure every day. The work is supposed to be done by the time we visit. Since we can't count on that (Wisconsin Rapids people know a lot about road construction and detours) we will deliver directions and parking instructions via e-mail through Chris Grimes a day or two prior to our meeting. The **business meeting** will be in Donna's back yard weather permitting so bring a lawn chair to be comfortable after walking around.

In Case of Rain: If we have a light rain, the garden tour will take place and you will need to bring your umbrellas. Donna thinks we can "cozy" into her garage afterwards for the business meeting. If thunderstorms are predicted, we will deal with that issue when it gets closer to the 26th.

Upcoming Programs:

August 16: Potluck picnic at Wildwood Park and Zoo in Marshfield. Area experts will share gardening successes and fizzles. **Note:** The August meeting is 1 week earlier to avoid conflict with the Central Wisconsin State Fair.

September 27: Potting Bulbs for Winter w/Karleen Remington at WR

October 25th: KratkyGardening w/Famia Marx at WR

November 15th: Homegrown National Park Program w/Barb Herreid at WR w/Social Break

The BOD has selected a design for our local WCMGV logo from a collection of drawings submitted by **Ann Rozner**. It is in the process of being professionally evaluated and set up for our use in signs, communications, etc. Hopefully we can update our plant tags for the fall plant sale with our new design as well.

MGV Insurance Policy Update

Important Information on Our Insurance Coverage as Volunteers

WCMGV has held a liability insurance policy since 1998; it was originally purchased because of the annual Garden Walk. With the changes this past year to the Master Gardener program, WIMGA has recommended that each organization review its liability requirements. To aid in this process, WIMGA hosted via Zoom an Insurance 101 Seminar. Sue Wilford, Micky Erickson and Barb Herreid attended and learned a lot in the process. Here is a summary of key points:

- WIMGA explored whether they could apply for an "umbrella" policy that each association would be able to use and perhaps get the benefit of a reduced rate. Three companies were approached and each said 'no'.
- **PERSONAL INSURANCE COVERAGE**: Our individual auto insurance policies cover each of us when driving as a volunteer; it will not cover the Master Gardener Association. Similarly, our individual home owners insurance covers us personally when volunteering. An umbrella liability policy sits on top of auto and homeowners insurance to provide additional protection.

INSURANCE FOR ASSOCIATIONS:

- General Liability: this covers the association or people attending your event, but not the individual volunteers (volunteers are covered by their own personal policies).
- Endorsements are add-ons to policies to cover specific items not included in the basic General Liability policy. The following are examples of endorsements that an association might want to have:
 - Property insurance this would cover a building or storage shed that is owned by the association
 - Inland Marine insurance this would cover tools or other property that is owned by the association
 - Auto-related incidents the individual volunteer is covered by his personal insurance but the association is not covered unless a 'hired auto' or 'non-owned auto' endorsement is added to the association's policy.
 - Directors and Officers insurance Mr. Petersen did not feel that we would need this coverage; it pertains more to condo assns. where a large amount of money is handled
 - Crime Fidelity insurance this coverage serves as bonding of the association's funds should the treasurer steal them; applicable in larger organizations

With the above information serving as a background, our Board met to discuss it further and to identify WCMGV's particular requirements. As we volunteer for other groups/organizations, liability insurance is carried by them. But, as we volunteer directly for WCMGV, our organization needs to have liability coverage. These include such activities as Ask a MG booth, educational presentations or seminars, membership meetings, plant sales and Garden Walk. We also updated our inventory of assets to determine their value and whether Inland Marine insurance would be warranted. Barb met with our insurance agency to go over this information and to request a quote from two companies (our current West Bend Mutual and another Wisconsin company, Secura Insurance). We asked for basic coverage plus the optional endorsements listed above.

The quotes from both companies have just been received and are being reviewed by the Board. Our current policy expires on July 14th so we will be able to act on one of the proposals prior to this expiration date.

If you have any questions about our insurance policy, please direct them to Barb Herreid.

Plant Sale Information

Fall Plant Sale Plans

Twice WCMGA has proven that they can have successful plant sales without plant digs! A key component has been the commitment of time and energy to nurture seedlings, harvest seeds/dry plant materials, propagate houseplants and succulents and make/clean collected garden products to sell. Keep possible contributions to the sale on your "To Do" list.

This year the volunteer hours you spend gathering and preparing donations are counted under Administration Fundraising Prep. The fall plant sale is during Maple Fall Fest, the weekend of Sept 17th and 18th at Wildwood Park in Marshfield. Thank you for your continued support.

Winter Sown Plant Propagation for Sale

If you are raising seedlings for the fall plant sale, now is the time to begin transplanting those into individual pots so they have time to acclimate to the new pot and have room to put on as much root growth as possible. Be sure to label so the identity of the plant is not lost. If the plant is expected to get quite big by fall (ones that are fast growers), plant into at least a quart or bigger size pot. Small and slower growing seedlings should be planted in 4" square or round pots. Donna Streiff has a supply of those 4" pots from a donor if you need some.

Second, if the parent plant is blooming this summer in your yard, take pictures to go with your plants at the sale. Those plants with pictures sold well at the sale last year. People like to know what it will look like at maturity. Start preparing labels for your plants as time allows. Hopefully we will be able to use our new logo on plant tags for the fall sale.

Third, if you have flowers that produce seed heads or look nice as they age and dry, pick those for our ever-popular dried arrangements. The more materials we have the better our selection to include in the arrangements.

<u>Last, if you are growing native seedlings, please let Donna know what kind and how many.</u>
<u>Email at: streiffonclay@tds.net Thanks</u>

Seed Collection for Fall

If you have straight species of native plants, watch for seed development after the blooms fade. Collect seeds and store in paper envelopes until thoroughly dry. Store in cool, dry place until fall unless immediate planting is recommended. The best source for information on how to handle seeds is the Prairie Moon website: Prairie Moon Nursery

The Fall Plant Sale Committee is thinking of offering seeds at the sale and/or prepared containers for planting. More on this as it develops.

For anyone who wants to join the committee in person, the first meeting will be at Joyce Fischer's house on July 6 at 8:45am. For a Zoom invite, email Barb Herreid.

Educational Opportunities

Find articles, resources, educational events and more at UW-Madison Division of Extension's Horticulture page https://hort.extension.wisc.edu

Melinda Myers Programs

Melinda Myers has no webinars scheduled at the present time. To check on her appearances go to http://www.melindamyers.com, scroll down under Upcoming Appearances on the right side and click on the purple "Learn More" button.

There are still many recordings available from her spring and summer webinars that you can view by going to On Demand Webinars :: Melinda Myers

Plants Plus series are available on Canvas Master Gardener Program: Canvas Classroom (wisc.edu)

Garden Guru-July 18 at Marshfield Public Library 6pm and via Zoom. To sign up for Zoom invite go to Webinar Registration - Zoom. Topic is "Why, When, How to Prune"

Calling All Signs!!

The Board of Directors desires to make a complete inventory of all Master Gardener equipment and supplies. During the April membership meeting, a few members stated they have master gardener signs that used to be in project flower beds. We'd like to know where all these signs are and determine if they are still being used, are in disrepair, or can be used in another garden project. Jill Becker is collecting this information. Jill's email is jb5mfld15@gmail.com. If you prefer to send a pic and text to her smartphone, please call her landline 715 387-8040 and leave a message. She will call you back with her cell phone number. Please contact her:

- If your project garden has any MG signage that is still in useable condition and is being used
- If your project could use more signs, or you need to replace signs in disrepair
- If you are in possession of MG signage that is not being used this year (because your project was changed in some way or discontinued), bring to the next general meeting or contact Jill to arrange turning the signs over to her.
- If you know of any former project coworkers who might have signs or other MG equipment, but are now retired or inactive, please let Jill know whom that might be.

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ORS Update and Entry Help

As of 5/16/2022, the following organizations are available in the Online Reporting System (ORS):

Wisconsin Rapids

Bethany Lutheran Church - Rudolph City of WI Rapids Lowell Center

First Congregational Church – Community Gardens South Wood County Historical Corp.

Wood County Master Gardener Association

Marshfield

Central WI State Fair
Marshfield Park and Rec Dept.
Wildwood Park and Zoo

Everett Roehl Marshfield Public Library

Other areas:

City of Nekoosa - Public Works Dept.
Lester Public Library of Rome – Nekoosa
Woodland Lutheran Church - Nekoosa
Village of Rudolph – Rudolph
Wood County – Edgewater – Port Edwards
United Methodist Church – Port Edwards

If the organization you work for is not listed, go to ORS home page and choose "Submit Organization" from the top option line. Enter the required information for your organization.

The following describes the 4 types of Volunteer activities as delineated by the State. When entering hours under ORS, they ask that you divide your preparation time from the actual service/work time. Both prep time and work time count towards the 24 hour requirement.

Note: As written in the May 17th Volunteer Vibe, when working on fund raisers: *All activities (planning meeting, to helping to pot plants, up to day of activities, etc.) related to the event should be entered under Administration/Funding.*

All of the hours prior to the sale will be under preparation time. The hours on the day of the sale will be under meeting time.

Gardening: Hours divided between prep and service	Educating Others: Hours divided between prep time and
hours.	delivery of the education.
 Invasive Species Native Gardens Pollinator Gardens Display/Beautification/Research Gardens Community/Food Donation Gardens 	 Information Booth/Table Answering garden questions Teaching a Program Education Support (All prep) Social Media/Website Content (All prep) Creating Educational Materials (All prep)
Citizen Science	Administration - Hours divided between prep and meet-
 Invasive Species Monitoring – WI First Detector Network (WIFDN) (not aquatics) Pollinator Monitoring thru WiBEE Phenology (plant and insect only) 	ing time.Boards and CommitteesFundraising

Out of Bounds

- Travel time
- Cannot accept payment for services or perform activity on private property
- Attendance at member meetings (business meetings) unless attending in a leadership role



Save the Date for our Summer Potluck!

Tuesday, August 16 6pm
Wildwood Station Shelter at Marshfield Zoo
Partners welcome. Bring a Friend!
WCMG will provide the Fried Chicken YUM!
More details in August newsletter

Bea Kohl will send cards to MGVs who are sick or have family health issues. If you know of anyone in that situation, pass their name along to Bea Kohl at kohlbgarden@gmail.com

<u>Please note that Bea has a new email for MGV related correspondence.</u>

Due to moves and retirement, we will have the positions of President and Treasurer open for 2023. Please think seriously about volunteering to serve in one of these positions. We need **you** to run a successful organization. Many of the changes we have undergone in the past two years have settled down and the number of meetings, etc. has been reduced. Accommodations for meetings are more flexible with Zoom and other changes. Talk to the current position holders to see what is involved and if you could help in one of above positions.

The next page is a poster for the Marshfield Area Respite Care Center's annual garden tour. Please note that the Fairgrounds Gardens MGV Project is one of the featured gardens on the walk. We will be showing off the gardens and offering the "Ask a Master Gardener" booth and information on the organization. Joyce Fischer and Jill Becker are going to be there and would welcome any other help. The Walk is from 1-4:30 on July 17. Please contact them if you can help.

Marshfield Area Respite Care Center 26th Annual Garden Tour

Sunday, July 17th, 2022 1:00 to 4:30

Tickets: \$10.00

Gardens:

Bonnie and Russ Andres, 1611 Debra Lane

Carol and Bill Schallock, 806 Cleveland Street

Master Gardener's Gazebo, located on Central WI State Fairgrounds, at the corner of S. Vine Ave. and 14th Street

Beth Wilcome, 601 West 12th Street

Helen and Gary Szymanski, W667 Greeler Rd., Chili

There will be a tea with treats to go at the Wesley United Methodist Church 1-4 pm Also, a door prize registration and a raffle

Tickets available at the

Marshfield Area Respite Care Center, Schalow's Nursery and Garden
Center, the MACCI, and the gardens the day of the tour
or for further information contact:

Marilyn Seidl-Kramer 384-8478 or 305-8224

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Calendar Listings

Important Upcoming Dates—Add to your calendars

- July 6 Fall Plant Sale Committee Meeting at Joyce Fischer's home at 8:45am Contact Barb Herreid for a Zoom invite if needed
- July 17 Mfld Area Respite Care Garden Walk 1-4:30pm (see p.9)
- July 18 Garden Guru -Mfld library and via Zoom "Why, When and How to Prune" 6pm
- July 19 Board Meeting 1-3pm Wis Rapids Courthouse with Zoom
- July 26 Membership Meeting at Donna Streiff's house 6-8pm
- Aug 16 Membership Meeting Wildwood Park in Marshfield—Potluck 6pm
- Aug. 23-28 Central WI State Fair
- Sept. 16-18 Fall Plant Sale Wildwood Park in Marshfield Friday is set up day with the sale on Saturday and Sunday
- Sept. 27 Membership Meeting at WR "Potting Up Bulbs for Winter" 6-8pm
- October 16 Needed: Someone to give a Garden Guru program at Marshfield library at 6pm, either in person or via Zoom
- Oct. 25 Membership Meeting at WR "Kratky Gardening" 6-8pm
- Nov.15 Membership Meeting at WR "Homegrown National Park Program" w/ social break 6-8pm
- Garden Guru needs a presenter for the October program. You can choose your topic and it usually lasts 45-75 min. If you prefer to do it from home, you can present via Zoom. I will be out of town and need a sub. Contact me if you can help out. Some of you have done a program for our meetings, and it would be similar to that. In person attendance is usually less than 10 people. Thanks, Donna

Want Ads



Help Wanted

Publicity Director Program Committee

The <u>Publicity Director</u> is responsible for contacting radio, TV, print media, and online media, as appropriate to publicize our educational events and fundraisers. These days, information is mostly shared online, so this is not time consuming. We have a list of media outlets and contacts to guide you.

The job description:

- Compose and submit information related to WCMGVA activities and events to broadcast (TV, radio, CCTV), print, and internet sources for dissemination to the public.
- Coordinate event announcements with WCMGVA newsletter editor and other social media administrators.
- Serve as co-administrator of website and/or social media pages. Please consider agreeing to fill this position. Our organization needs good communication within and outside to the community to be successful. The possibility exists for sharing the duties for this positions so find a partner and give it a try.

<u>Program Committee for 2022</u>. 2 or 3 members needed. Responsibilities include: Sharing the planning, coordinating and follow-through for monthly programs. No previous experience needed; program suggestions have been submitted by members; "how-to" guidance provided. Planning session(s) can be done via Zoom. Contact Karleen

at karleenbobremington@gmail.com or 715.387.1863. This committee is necessary to have informative educational opportunities at our meetings.

All positions descriptions are listed on the WCMGV website in "Members Only" section.

July Garden Guide

Taken from Portage County Master Gardener website.

- Water gladiolus and dahlias weekly to a depth of 6-8 inches.
- Water flower beds at least once a week during dry spells. Remove old lily blooms.
- Peony bushes should be mulched and seedpods removed.
- Take cuttings from roses and spring flowering shrubs for new plant propagation when stems are no longer succulent but not yet hardened.
- Cut old canes of climbing roses so those new shoots can grow.
- Control rust on hollyhock by removing infected leaves.
- Divide iris and day lily when done blooming. Cut leaves back to about 8 inches.
- Thin and transplant perennials sown in June.
- Complete outdoor sowing of perennial seed.
- Inspect vegetables and herbs for pests daily and treat if necessary.
- Control garden weeds to prevent them from going to seed.
- Harvest onions and early potatoes when tops begin to shrivel.
- In early July, plant lettuce and spinach for fall crop. Pre-germinate on moist towel or plant deeper than in spring. Plant kale, bunching onions, cucumbers, beets, rutabagas and turnips, cabbage family seedlings and peas for fall harvest.
- Keep tomatoes mulched and watered to prevent blossom end rot.
- Keep ripe vegetables picked to maintain productivity.
- Watch for spider mites during hot, dry weather. Juniper and spruce needles turn rusty colored if infested.
- Water newly planted trees weekly if needed throughout the summer and apply a mulch (3 inches or less) to maintain even soil moisture.
- During dry spells, water all trees deeply every 2-3 weeks.
- Remove suckers from grafted plants. Water fruit trees during dry spells or they may abort fruit. Trees need 1 inch of water weekly during fruit growth.
- Prune yews, junipers and arborvitae by mid-July.
- Remove old canes of summer bearing red raspberries after harvest. Thin new canes to 3-4 canes per foot of row or 9-10 canes per hill. For black raspberries, thin new canes to 10 per hill. Cut tips of new canes back around July 1. Cut back raspberry tips back to two feet above the soil level and blackberry tips back to four feet above soil level. Cut purple and yellow raspberry tips to 30-36 inches above the soil.
- Keep orchard grass mowed and raked to discourage fungal pathogens harbored in tall grass and plant debris. Hang baited red sticky ball traps in apple trees for apple maggot control.



2022 WCMGV Board of Directors

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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.

Future Article Submission

Please send items for inclusion in the newsletter by the 25th of the month to: streiffon-clay@tds.net

OPEN POSI-TIONS

Public Relations Chair

Program Committee member

Wisconsin Master Gardeners Website: http:// wimastergardener.org or

wimastergardener@extension.wisc.edu

Wood County Extension Website: http://wood.uwex.edu

WCMGV Website: http://www.wood-county-mastergardeners.org

WIMGA Website: www.wimga.org

Final Reminders

<u>Plant Sales 2022</u> Start planning what you can contribute or plant now for the fall sale. We need propagated plants, garden art, clean usable garden supplies, dried material for arrangements, etc.

<u>Open Positions</u> Please seriously consider one of the open positions, Public Relations Chair, or as a member of the Program Committee. <u>PR Chair position can be shared between two or more people if you do not want to go it alone</u>. Training for PR is available. Program committee member helps plan and arrange for monthly educational programs.

<u>Leadership positions for 2023</u>. We will need a President and Treasurer for certain. Other positions may also be open. Our organization needs the help of lots of people to function. Please consider how you can help keep us strong and vibrant in 2023. Ask the current position holders if you have questions about what is involved.