

## President's Message November 2024



By now, you have probably planted, dug, divided, transplanted, pruned, potted, mowed, harvested, raked, composted, shredded, mulched, swept, cleaned, stored, and covered...whew...everything! Loose ends are being tied up in our project gardens and our home gardens. This year's tasks seem to be never ending, so I am grateful for the warmer days that extended farther into October than usual.

I ask one more task of you before we head into the holiday season. Our annual dues survey was distributed at our October meeting, with a few helpful

friends delivering copies to some of us that couldn't attend. The rest I put in the mail, so if you haven't gotten one, please let me know by email. Besides giving you the opportunity to indicate which teams or projects can best use your gifts, the dues survey is another opportunity to let the Board of Directors know what is on your mind. We're interested in your constructive feedback and ideas. What happened this year that you thought was a success? What ideas do you have for improvement, for community education, for our own education? Please take a few minutes to think about the questions on the survey and send it in with your dues by the due date of [November 19](#).

In this special season of Thanks, I'm grateful for all of the many ways each of you use your time and talents for the success of WCMGA. May you and yours have a warm, wonderful, memorable [Thanksgiving!](#)

Chris

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# October Meeting Minutes

**Wood County Master Gardener Association General Membership Meeting  
October 22, 2024 6:00 pm McMillan Library – Wisconsin Rapids**

**Program:** Easy Care Houseplants – Famia Marx      **Total Present:** 19

**Business Meeting:** Called to order 7:03 by President Chris Grimes.

**Secretary's Report:** (Judy) Minutes from September 24, 2024 were reviewed without corrections or additions. Minutes will be put on file.

**Treasurer's Report:** (Famia) Written report from Famia reviewed without corrections or additions. Report will be put on file. Vouchers from projects need to be submitted before December 1 to be reimbursed for budgeted expenses for your project.

**WIMGA:** (Karleen) See website for potential educational opportunities. "The Buzz in our Garden" is available to view as a recording for two more days. The link for "Hostas and Shade Plants" is available until November 3.

## **Old Business:**

**Plant Signs:** (Chris) The WIMGA grant application for project signs has been submitted. Notification back to us not expected until after November 15. Chris is asking each project leader to specify their first and second (if desired) choices for an educational topic. A team will be recruited to work with project leaders on content for each sign.

**BOD - Vacancies/Nominating Committee:** (Carolyn, Lil, Bea) There is one nominee for Secretary. A Vice President still needs to be recruited. If no one steps up to be VP, we will need to form a committee to develop programs for 2025. Two directors-at-large will not be recruited this year.

## **New Business:**

**Dues Form/Membership Categories:** Dues survey with changes from the State, as presented in the October Vibe, was reviewed. It seems the State Program is not continuing with volunteer service awards. We will continue our own recognition program as we have in the past. Members in the "Distinguished" category can decide for themselves if they want to continue to record all volunteer hours instead of the minimum of one per year and to continue to be eligible for our own volunteer awards. Dues forms were distributed and are due November 19. Volunteer needs for a Community Education Team, Programs Committee, and new leadership for Marshfield Zoo were highlighted.

**Tuition Reimbursement:** (Chris) A Tuition Reimbursement Program was approved by the BOD this month. Benefit will provide \$100 toward the MG fundamentals class and \$100 to offset Onboarding expenses for MGs who complete the training and commit to joining WCMGA. The program starts with people who took fundamentals class in Fall 2023 and going forward. Chris will send applications and Terms and Conditions to those who qualify and will send information to Janell to share with her fundamentals class.

**Tabled:** Community Education Request: Trinity Lutheran

**Adjournment:** M/S/P to adjourn at 7:50 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Judy Miller, Secretary

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, Nov. 19 – Alexander House in Port Edwards. Program/Elections/End of year Party (Committee: Chris, Mickey, Cathy)

# November Meeting Information



## November Program

### Researching Horticulture Questions

Have friends, neighbors, or someone from the general public ever asked you a gardening question you couldn't answer off the top of your head? Where do you go for reliable, accurate information? How do you know this is the right answer? What if you can't find an answer?

We will have an informational session on researching answers to horticultural questions at our November meeting. Bring your laptops or ipads and practice the process firsthand.

**November 19 at 6:00PM at the Alexander House in Port Edwards**

Address is 1113 Wisconsin River Drive in Port Edwards.(Hwy. 73) just south of Edgewater Haven nursing home.

### Printed Education Materials Library

After some frustrating experiences trying to track down education materials for which the Wood County Master Gardeners have financed the printing, I have taken on the responsibility of coordinating those materials so that they are all housed in one place. Our storage space at the courthouse is minimal right now and there is no system that documents titles and quantities. At this point, the materials include tri-fold paper brochures and flat handouts of horticulture information on various topics.

If you need any of the following titles for a WCMGA sponsored activity or the Ask a Master Gardener tote, please let me know and I will arrange to get them to you. Be sure to give me enough lead time so that if additional copies need to be printed, there is time to do that.

#### **Tri-fold Brochure Handouts**

Using Native Plants in Your Garden  
Monarchs in the Garden  
Successful Container Gardening  
Wood County Master Gardeners

#### **Flat Handouts**

Composting: The Basics  
Growing Hostas  
Houseplant Succulents for Beginners  
Planting Your Native Perennial in the Fall  
Planting Guide/Native Pollinator Garden

-Karleen Remington

# Education Opportunities for C. E. Hours

## **UW Extension Horticulture** [Wisconsin Horticulture – Division of Extension](#)

**Plant Parenting: Choosing the Best Plants for your Indoor Space** Thursday, Oct. 31, Noon–12:30 p.m.

Join us to learn how to choose the best indoor plants for your space, matching up lighting needs and watering habits. We'll also share tips for selecting healthy plants. Whether you're a plant newbie or a seasoned enthusiast, this program is perfect for anyone looking to freshen up their home with indoor plants. [Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)

**You Can Grow Citrus!** Tuesday, Nov. 5, Noon–12:30 p.m.

Did you know you can keep citrus in containers indoors in Wisconsin? In this program, we'll cover everything you need to be successful including light and soil, temperature, and fertilizer needs. We'll also cover potential pitfalls, like pests you need to look out for. We'll even cover cultivars to ensure your success! [Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)

**Subscribe to the UW Horticulture Monthly Newsletter** We send our newsletter on the first Friday of every month. Sign up to receive updates in your inbox! [Sign up \(e2ma.net\)](#)

Many previous programs are recorded for your viewing and can be found here: [Online Programs Archive – Wisconsin Horticulture](#)

**From the Plant Disease Diagnostic Clinic** The Clinic will sponsor a Zoom presentation on a plant disease-related topic each month. To register for one or more talks, go to [2024 PDDC Monthly Disease Talk Registration Form | Plant Disease Diagnostics Clinic \(wisc.edu\)](#)

### **Confessions of a Black Thumb:**

**Plants That I Have Killed (or at Least Seriously Maimed)** Nov. 20, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Learn about the favorite plants of Brian Hudelson (aka Dr. Death) and his epic failures in attempting to grow these plants in his home garden, either through his encouragement of plant diseases, his insistence on practicing “Darwinian gardening” or through his sheer gardening stupidity. Use these cautionary tales to improve your own gardening skills. [2024 PDDC Monthly Disease Talk Registration Form | Plant Disease Diagnostics Clinic \(wisc.edu\)](#)

### **Ask the Experts 1-2pm Select Mondays**

Join our monthly online programs in 2024 for an opportunity to connect with plant health experts from the UW-Madison Division of Extension. Each session, held on Monday afternoons from 1:00-2:00 pm. is your chance to ask questions about your trees and shrubs, garden vegetables and ornamentals, and lawns. November 18 registration link: [Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)

# WIMGA Corner

WIMGA Corner by Karleen Remington

It's too early to know whether we have been awarded a WIMGA education grant. So keep your fingers crossed. I'm sure Chris will let us know when she hears the results. If we receive the grant, the plan is for a small committee to do the actual work of designing the signs. But, meantime if you are a project chairperson for any of our funded projects, start making notes about the focus of your sign and the important information you would like to have appear.

The WIMGA continuing education programs from autumn are no longer on the website for your viewing. But after the holidays, be on the lookout for a notice about the annual WIMGA meeting on January 13. All members can participate and that includes YOU. The featured speaker is Doug Tallamy. The topic: **Nature's Best Hope**. It's your first opportunity in the new year to get an hour of continuing education to enter into ORS. On February 4, Doug will be presenting on **Homegrown National Park**. More continuing education programs are being planned for early spring.

## Sowing Success: Evidence Based Gardening Essentials

Current Master Gardeners are free to stop in for a refresher on any of the sessions. Also current Master Gardeners are encouraged to drop in to share what Master Gardeners do and to talk about our local activities. Just let Janell know ahead of time please.

The local Master Gardener training class will be held in Marshfield at the library starting September 9. Sessions run from 5-7:30p

Week 1 Welcome

Week 2 General Gardening Practices

Week 3 Botany

Week 4 Soils

Week 5 IPM

Week 6 Insects

Week 7 Diseases

Week 8 Weeds/Wildlife

Week 9 Woodies/Annuals & Perennials

Week 10 Veggies

Week 11 Fruits

Week 12 Lawns



# NEWS FROM THE BOARD

## Committee Needs for 2025

The Dues Survey gives you the opportunity to volunteer for various projects, events, and fundraisers, but please also consider to which committees you might commit. These committees are sometimes very short term (e.g. Audit committee: one hour), may only meet a couple times in the winter to accomplish its goal (e.g. Budget), or may be the one that starts our whole ball rolling (e.g. Project Approval & Funding). No matter what, all of them are important and keep our association running smoothly. We have three areas I'd like to highlight. Please consider if this is where you can help.

- If we can't recruit a nominee for VP, then we need a group of people to staff a Programs Committee to plan and arrange our monthly programs from March through November. The VP always spearheads this group, so you see the issue. Usually this work is done in the winter, so not so much of a commitment during the summer months.
- Our primary mission is education, but we lack a cohesive effort to do this, so want to revive our Community Education Team. This team would plan educational opportunities to present to the public. It's not limited to a formal 4 hour seminar twice a year as we did in the past. We are looking for people to be open minded about how, where, and what education we can bring to the community.
- If it is to continue as a WCMGA project, Marshfield Zoo needs a new chairperson/s. This project can be as big or small as you want. You can also collaborate with other gardeners in the North Wood County area, but funding by us depends on having a WCMG as chairperson.

## BOD Announces Tuition Reimbursement Program

With the goal of motivating people to take Master Gardener training and join WCMGA, the BOD developed a Tuition Reimbursement program to help offset the costs of training and Onboarding. Starting with those who took their Fundamentals training in Fall of 2023, new Master Gardeners who have successfully completed an approved UW Extension MG training class (both UW Horticulture's *Fundamentals in Gardening* online course or Janell Wehr's *Sowing Success*), finished Onboarding, and completed their 24 volunteer certification hours on WCMGA projects, educational events, or fundraisers, have an opportunity to apply. The program provides reimbursement of up to \$100 toward Fundamentals tuition costs, and up to \$100 toward the Onboarding fee. Terms and Conditions and Application are in the "Members Only" section of our website.



## Volunteer Service Awards Update for 2025

With the creation of the new "Distinguished" membership category, the State Master Gardener Program has eliminated the tradition of recognizing those who have achieved advanced levels of volunteer service. Prior to this, wall plaques were awarded by the State office for 2500, 5000, and 7500 hours of service. With the new option of recording 1 volunteer hour and 1 continuing education hour for the year for persons with 1000 or more lifetime volunteer hours, members will no longer attain high lifetime totals. A member can still record their total volunteer hours if they prefer, although there will be no award from the State Program. After considering this, the BOD decided to retain our Association recognition program as it has operated over the years for those who prefer to keep a running total of volunteer hours. Each member who qualifies for Distinguished classification, then, must decide for themselves if they want to record in the ORS the minimum hours required by the State Program or the actual number of hours so they can be considered for WCMGA awards.



# Project Updates

## Fall Plant Sale 2024 Evaluation

Thank you for your donations and support. I estimated about 965 live plants were available for sale, of which 57 percent were natives. Once again, the majority of these were raised by Donna. (See our list of plants that can be successfully wintered sown in the following article).

The variety of dry materials for dry arrangements made it easier for the individuals making these. We may have recruited Stacy Musch's daughter as an arrangement maker. Not only did she help both days, but she also asked her mom to add these types of plants to her flower beds! 17 members and 3 non-members helped during the sale. 25 to 35 percent worked either all three days or three out of four phases - set-up, two sale days and clean-up. 42 percent of Sundays staffing worked only in the afternoon. It would be nice to have more help on Sunday.

Compared to 2023, this year's expenses were higher due to a need for new supplies. We did donate 50 native plants to a new native gardens project at the Marshfield Outdoor Learning Sanctuary which is at the Marshfield high school.

We did benefit from "Visit Marshfield" moving other vendor booths so the entrance to our sale site was clearly visible to shoppers. Plus, they provided four parking passes for our workers. 30 tables were needed in the set-up, and we are thankful that Parks and Rec again provided ten tables. Garden accesso-



ries were moved closer to house plants, making them more integrated with the rest of the sale. On Saturday a Marshfield News Herald photographer took photos and asked questions for a social post about Maple Fall Fest.

We lost two hours of sales when "Visit Marshfield" requested that vendors stick to marketed vendor hours. The problem is we always have hovering buyers when we get on site. Again, this year we offer the option to purchase either a single plant per set price or multiple plants for a lower price. Sunday shoppers were disappointed that all our bulbs sold out on Saturday. Hint to members: we need more bulbs. Can we think about selling potted bulbs or rhizomes as they are establishing supportive root systems as well as our bagged bulbs? It is possible that pricing and pot size for re-potted Mayfield's 4"x4" perennials that needed re-potting may have been an issue. Available gallon size pots were used because of the lack of available quart size pots. I am thankful for the donation of many different size pots from others this year. Not so thankful that the majority of these were still dirty.

We did have more members participating in supplying more and different kinds of dry plant materials. Is it possible to find a niche in marketing some of our other areas? Well established house plants

and succulents in the mid-pricing range always sell out first. I believe we are at the point in our plant sales where we need to look at other nursery vendors. We need to do a better job with our nursery purchases and the species of plants we offer for sale. Our communities want native plants, bulbs and other products. Are we providing enough of these products that will keep the public buying and pay the prices we are asking? Our last sale did not meet these goals. Let's have a discussion.

Again, I want to thank the following for executing this fall plant sale. Ann R, Barb H, Bea K, Carolyn S. and husband, Cathy S, Deb R, Donna S, Gail B, Joyce F, Judy M, Karleen R, Lil S, Marilyn S, Micky E, Rita M, Shelby W, Stacy M and daughter, Teka, and Stacy's husband. —Jill

## One Plant Sale Committee for 2025

For the last three years the coordination of both the spring and fall plants sales has been accomplished by two committees. Starting in 2025, there will be one plant sale committee to plan both sales. We plan to divide the work into subgroups within the committee. For example, we can decide and place both the spring and fall plant orders in the early part of the year. There will not be a need for two sets of planning meetings. Our membership is slowly growing; yet still small. It is time to think out-of-the-box again, so we are working smarter and not harder to accomplish the benefits we desire from plant sales. — jill

## Thank You for WCMGA Native Plant Donation

Donna Streiff, Jill Becker and Karleen Remington made a donation of excess native plants after the fall plant sale to the Marshfield Outdoor Learning Sanctuary. The sanctuary, a part of Marshfield High School, is a small wetland near the school that is being developed into a learning laboratory for various classes at the high school and a child care center adjacent to it. They are in the process of planting a native garden on a sunny edge of the wetland. The following is a thank you note from Jane Wagner of the Marshfield Rotary Club for our donation. The Rotary Club has been responsible for much of the work that has gone into the development of the sanctuary

Dear Master Gardeners,

We are profoundly grateful for your generous support of the Marshfield Outdoor Learning Sanctuary. Your recent donation of native plants is deeply appreciated. They have been planted by Marshfield High School Plant Science students, their teachers and Rotary members. Please come and visit! Thanks again.

Jane Wagner.

Perhaps we should accept her invitation to visit sometime. It's not a traditional garden, but there is a strong emphasis on native vegetation, removal of invasive plants and providing opportunities for outdoor science education. It definitely fits in with the Master Gardener mission of horticulture education.



# Winter Sowing Options for Fall Plant Sale

In addition to our project of raising native plant seedlings, there are many other perennial plants that can be winter sown. **By doing winter sowing of any of your perennial garden plants, we can reduce our costs for the fall plant sale and provide plants that are successful in our local gardens.**

Seeds that work well for winter sowing include hardy perennial flowers such as black-eyed Susan, coneflower, cardinal flowers, etc. There are also hardy herbs. It is also important to select seed varieties that are known to be cold-tolerant and are adapted to our local climate. Note that it is more likely that a long, cold, damp spring will result in seed rot for the less-hardy seeds, not freezing temperatures. This is why the best plants for winter sowing can sprout in nature all on their own after a long and cold winter and also unpredictable spring weather.

## **Plants that can be successfully winter-sown**

### Flowers

|                       |                    |                   |
|-----------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Anemone               | Cranesbill         | Penstemon         |
| Artemesia             | Creeping thyme     | Phlox             |
| Aster                 | Daylily            | Pincushion flower |
| Bachelor's button     | Delphinium         | Pinks             |
| Balloon flower        | Dianthus           | Plumbago          |
| Bee balm              | English daisy      | Poppy             |
| Bellflower            | Evening primrose   | Primrose          |
| Blackberry lily       | False Indigo       | Rudbeckia         |
| Blanket flower        | Flax               | Salvia            |
| Blazing star          | Foxglove           | Sea holly         |
| Butterfly weed        | Gaura              | Sea thrift        |
| Canada lily           | Globe thistle      | Shasta daisy      |
| Canterbury bells      | Helenium           | Sweet peas        |
| Catmint               | Hellebore          | Sweet violet      |
| Chinese lanterns      | Hollyhock          | Toad lily         |
| Chrysanthemum         | Lady's mantle      | Verbena           |
| Cinquefoil            | Lamb's ears        | Veronica          |
| Columbine             | Lily of the valley | Viola             |
| Coneflower(Echinacea) | Lupine             | Yarrow            |
| Coral Bells           | Milkweed           |                   |
| Coreopsis             | Pasque flower      |                   |

### Herbs

|               |         |                 |
|---------------|---------|-----------------|
| Lemon catnip  | Lovage  | Sage            |
| Chives        | Mint    | French tarragon |
| Garlic chives | Oregano | Thyme           |
| Lemon balm    |         |                 |

**Now would be a good time to check your gardens for seed pods on your perennial plants before it starts to snow, or start looking for purchased seeds that can be sown in January for the fall sale. Look for more information in the next newsletter on how to do winter sowing of seeds. Start collecting seeds now and also save milk, water, soda or other clear or translucent plastic jugs or bottles (not green color) for sowing.**



## Garden Walk 2025

Great news! The search is now over and six gardens have been selected for the 2025 Wood County Master Gardener Walk.

Garden owners were thrilled to be notified about their selection in September. We're going to "wow" visitors on next year's walk with water features (a waterfall, ponds, and a swimming pool), garden art, creative hardscaping, friendly garden paths, flowers, vegetables, fruit trees, and more. The garden walk selection team did it again and many thanks go out to Deb Rokke, Cathy Schutz, Jan Myer, Chris Grimes, Terrie Brown, and Barb Herriod for time spent locating these unique garden gems!

2024 was a year of careful consideration, new ideas, and networking with other agencies, resulting in improvements to our garden walk and resounding success. We look forward to membership surveys in November when WCMGs interested in being part of this team are revealed and planning for 2025 can begin (in January).

In the meantime, we are challenging all Master Gardeners to consider approaching vendors whom you have a relationship with for gift certificates and donation items that might help us with our Basket Raffle in 2025. Maybe you have a crafty friend/family member who might donate something professionally homemade (birdhouse/feeder, stepping stones, bird bath)? Advance planning takes the stress off our event in July. As we collect items they can be categorized together to create baskets that will lure shoppers in to take a chance at winning. Here are a few ideas:

Gardener's basket: gloves, row markers, pots, seeds, bulbs, gift certificates, hat, knee pads, tools, bug spray, fertilizer (as you know the list is endless!)

Pamper me basket: Hand lotion, candles, book, wine, chocolates, slippers, foot soak, sunglasses, lawn chair, gift certificate, movie tickets

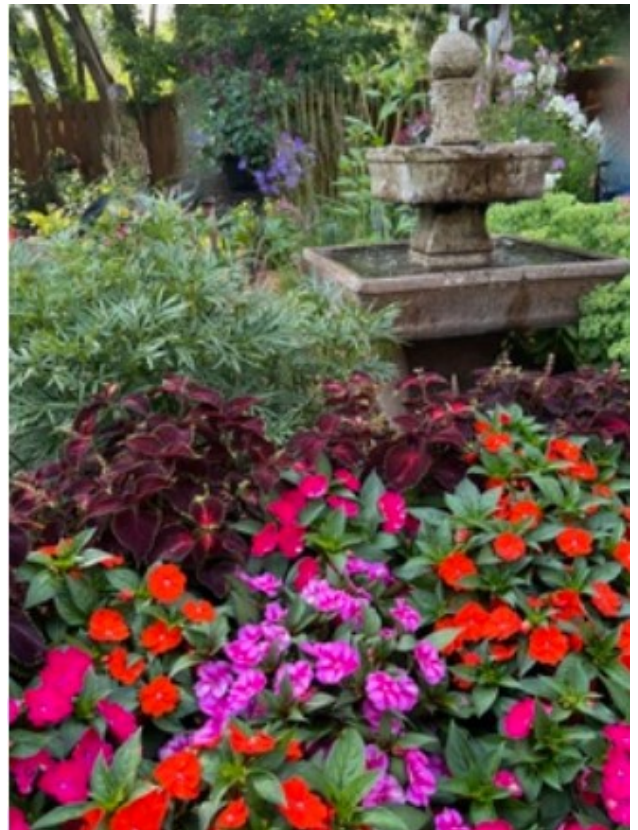
Sports theme: Tickets (any sport), games, sun-screen, snacks, refreshments, sports theme clothing, blanket, seat cushion

Foodie Basket: you name it-anything to do with cooking

Something for Kids: books, games, etc.

I challenge all of you to come up with your own witty ideas. If you have questions, ideas or need something picked up, contact me at [Lilyschoten@gmail.com](mailto:Lilyschoten@gmail.com).

Finally, "save the date"! Our garden walk is planned for **July 19, 2025** – hoping you all will be there to support our success!



## 2024 Master Gardener Nekoosa Market Street Planter Project

Another planting year is coming to an end. The Nekoosa Market Street Planters Project is near the end. Over the course of the summer, we have spent many hours nurturing and watering the planters on Market Street and at the Nekoosa Community Center.

The planters at the west end of town and at the Nekoosa Community Center were a great opportunity for the deer. Next year we will be planting them differently in the hopes of avoiding the deer feeding issue. The rest of the planters on Market Street thrived beautifully as you can see from the pictures.



As the season came to an end, it was time to pull some of the plants. We left the Prince Tut Papyrus and pulled the petunias. The city then put pumpkins in them for the Homecoming Parade and for Pumpkin Fest. From the pictures you can see the fall festiveness in the planters.



Now it is time to turn our attention to next year's plantings. We have already ordered the flowers that we will be planting in the spring. We are looking forward to another great growing season.

Submitted by Diane and Jim Nickel

## Help Needed

Marshfield Zoo is a jewel of the local community and Wood County. The highly visible WCMG project garden has been a feature of the zoo since 2005, when Master Gardeners revived the overgrown landscape. Over the years, as our membership declined, the focus has been concentrated on naturalizing the views around zoo by adding native plants in line with the animals that reside there.

After many years of leadership, project leaders Kathy Poehnelt and Sally Sadowska plan to retire at the end of this growing season. So, we are putting out an appeal to anyone in the North Wood County area who might be interested in continuing this project. Volunteers are not limited WCMG members and could include community members. Continued funding by WCMGA, however, would require a certified WCMG to be the chairperson. Kathy is willing to tour the garden area with you to discuss history of the garden and recent goals. Contact Chris Grimes or Kathy Poehnelt for questions.

## Calendar of Events

**November 19 November Membership Meeting, Alexander House 6pm**

**December 31 Deadline for recording hours in ORS**



# November Garden Guide

Taken from Portage County Master Gardeners website



- 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..

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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 Submissions

Please send items for inclusion in the newsletter by the 25th of the previous month to: [streiffonclay@tds.net](mailto:streiffonclay@tds.net)

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<https://wood.extension.wisc.edu/>

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<https://wood-county-master-gardeners.org/>

**WIMGA Website:**  
<https://www.wimga.org>

## Reminders

- **Many thanks for all your support at MG events in 2024!!**
- If you need continuing education hours, see page 4.
- Think about overwintering plants for 2025 plant sales.
- Start slips of houseplants for 2025 plant sales.
- Plan to start winter sown plants; collect, or order, seeds soon.
- Collect and dry material for dried arrangements for fall plant sale.