



Wood County Master Gardener Association

Wood County Wisconsin

June 2026

President's Message

June is here and with that long, summer days are heralded in. Summer days seem to be the reward for months of seemingly inclement weather. It's rewarding and fun to watch plants grow as the sunshine warms the soil. We spend countless hours beautifying our gardens and caring for our lawns. Our Master Gardener project gardens are no exception. Our members give time, energy and expertise to make them spaces to enjoy.

While working in the garden is peaceful, and at times cathartic, it's important to enjoy some of the other things that summer has to offer. Take in a baseball game, a dairy breakfast or a day at the lake. Wisconsin has beautiful county and state parks. Ethnic festivals abound and many are a short driving distance and be sure to take in our local festivals and farmers' markets.

As a membership group, we will continue to work on completing our strategic plan. The board met and agreed upon five areas of focus-membership, leadership, education, project and programs and fundraising/stewardship. These will be our strategic goals. Next steps will be defining these goals, defining how we measure these goals and finally setting targets and evaluating progress.

In July, our meeting will be held at Mill Creek greenhouse. I am excited to hear and see all that they do. At the time of this writing, I currently do not have a presenter for our June meeting. If you have an idea for a garden tour, a speaker or a craft, please contact me. I do have McMillan Library reserved if that's needed.

What good is the warmth of summer, without the cold of winter to give it sweetness." — John Steinbeck

Enjoy all the warmth and goodness summer has to offer.

Terrie

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April Meeting Minutes

**Wood County Master Gardener Association
General Membership Meeting
April 28, 2026 - 6:00 pm
McMillan Library - Wisconsin Rapids**

Program: Everything Hostas – Michael and Christina Giese

Total Present: 18 total (none online)

Business Meeting: Called to order 7:05 by President Terrie Brown.

Secretary's Report: (Stacy) Minutes from March 24, 2026 were reviewed and put on file.

Treasurer's Report: (Famia) Written report from Famia reviewed without corrections or additions. It will be filed.

WIMGA Report: (Chris) Had presidents meeting. Presentation on hostas is available to view on the website.

Committee Reports:

Plant Sale: (Bea) Had 1st meeting on 4/20. Looking for experienced members to assist less experienced members. Working on getting worker positions set and looking into Venmo. Going to do an adopt a jug for native plants and a washing party to wash pots. Next meeting is June 22 at 1:00 pm via Zoom.

Community Education Plans: We are looking for a chair person for this committee. Stacy will do a Square Foot Gardening demo at the Community Garden in Wisconsin Rapids on May 31st at 1:00 pm.

Garden Walk: (Lil & Chris) Had orientation for garden owners, musicians, and vendors. Labels are mostly done. Host gifts are being worked on. Save the dates are printed and tickets are being printed by the Extension Office. We will have a folding party for tickets and we will have a ticket sale contest again. Raffle and silent auction items due at the May or June meetings or get a hold of Jan or Barb. Lil is doing a presentation to Rotary on May 4th.

Socialization Committee: (Chris & Diane) Bus trip - we have 5 signed up, we need 25 in order for it to run. Need registrations by May 1st. Possible Food and Farm on June 9th. August trip to Green Bay Botanical Gardens.

Programs: (Terrie) Next meeting will be May 26 at McMillan Library with a presentation by Trevor Frank on vegetable gardening.

Old Business:

Two Groups Looking for MG Presenters: Arpin Boy Scouts - Terrie Brown on May 5th, presentation on vegetable gardening. UCC Women's Group - Chris Grimes on the history of Wood County Master Gardeners.

New Business:

Lowell Senior Center looking for Master Gardener assistance as a project garden. No funding is needed, just garden work.

Janel is doing a presentation for Bea's Christian Womens group on May 12th.

Adjournment: M/S/P to adjourn at 8:01 PM.

Next Meeting: May 26, 2026 - 6:00 pm at McMillan Library - Vegetable Gardening with Trevor Frank.

Respectfully submitted,
Stacy Musch, Secretary

May Meeting Minutes

**Wood County Master Gardener Association
General Membership Meeting
May 26, 2026 - 6:00 pm
McMillan Library - Wisconsin Rapids**

Program: “Tips and Tricks for a Successful Vegetable Garden” – Trevor Frank
Total Present: 18 total (17 in person, 1 online)

Business Meeting: Called to order 7:00 by President Terrie Brown.

Secretary’s Report: (Stacy) Minutes from April 28, 2026 were reviewed and put on file.

Treasurer’s Report: (Famia) Famia was ill. She will get a report to us.

WIMGA Report: (Karleen via email to Terrie) Continuing education is on pause for the growing season. WIMGA dues will increase from \$5.00 to \$10.00 starting in 2027.

Committee Reports:

Plant Sale: (Jill) Pot washing event is June 10th at 10:00 am at Jan’s house. Donna brought native seed jugs for “the adopt a jug” program and they can be signed out to be separated and planted in 4 inch pots. Pots should be cleaned in soapy water then soaked in bleach solution. A denture brush works well for cleaning. Next meeting is June 22 at 1:00 pm via Zoom.

Community Education Plans: We are still looking for a chairperson for this committee. Stacy will do a Square Foot Gardening demo at the Community Garden in Wisconsin Rapids on May 31st at 1:00 pm. Donna is doing her Garden Guru series at Marshfield Library. June is family month and there is a sunflower planting activity for kids.

Garden Walk: (Lil) Still collecting raffle basket items. Vendors will be providing items for the basket raffles as well. Lil has posters, save the dates, yard signs, and tickets to distribute to members. There will be a prize for the Master Gardener who sells the most tickets. Diane can no longer do the container gardening demonstrations, so we are looking for someone else to run those demonstrations. Chris is looking for cookie donations for the ice cream social that will be at Edgewater.

Socialization Committee: (Chris) Bus trip did not have enough people to run. Audrey is looking into New Life Lavender & Cherry Farm in Baraboo for a July outing.

Programs: (Terrie) Our June and October presenters fell through so we are looking for new presenters for those dates.

Old Business: Terrie and Chris’s presentations went well.

New Business:

Presentation of awards. See the article in the newsletter for the awards given this year.

Strategic Plan goals and objectives were discussed more, and we are working on measurable goals.

Adjournment: M/S/P to adjourn at 8:00 PM.

Next Meeting: June, 2026 - 6:00 pm at TBD

Respectfully submitted,
Stacy Musch, Secretary

Congratulations!!

At our May meeting we honored the following for reaching service award milestones. Congratulations and THANK YOU to all for your service and dedication to WCMGA and our communities!



2500 Hours	Bea Kohl, Judy Miller, Donna Streiff
2000 Hours	Chris Grimes
1500 Hours	Jill Becker
1000 Hours	Diane Nickel, Jim Nickel, Lily Schotten, Deb Rokke
750 Hours	Lily Schotten, Carolyn Schulein
250 Hours	Jan Myers, Cathy Schutz, Shelby Weister

Pot Party!! (Not what you're thinking!!) 😊

We are fortunate to have a great many black plastic pots donated to us in the last two years. Unfortunately, most of these need cleaning. Jan Myers has volunteered to let us use her place and water.

Who: Master Gardeners, friends and family are welcomed to this event.

What: Priority is to wash 4" pots and then those other sizes needed.

Where: WI Rapids Jan Myers house – 1231 26th St N.

When: Weds, June 10th at 10am. Rain Date is June 11th same time.

Why: There are just too many pots for one person to wash.



What to bring – A tub or bucket, a brush or scrubbing pad, (a denture brush is ideal), rags and something to sit on. Bottled water and snacks will be provided.

DIRECTIONS

From the **North**

1. Head to the roundabout by the Courthouse. You will either enter the roundabout from 1st St North (by the river) or Market St (Runs in front of the Courthouse entrance) From 1st St North exit in the same direction you entered from or the 2nd right. From Market St Take the first right. This will put you on Baker St.
2. Once you cross over Hwy 54 Baker becomes Washington St.
3. Turn left onto 26th Street North. (1231 26th St)
4. If you cross over Norton, you have gone too far.

From the **South** from Hwy 13 (8th St)

1. Take a right onto the express way, Hwy 54 E. Upon reaching Baker/Washington St turn right on to them.
2. Turn left onto 26th Street North. (1231 26th St)
3. If you cross over Norton, you have gone too far.
4. If you miss the Baker/Washington exit you can continue Hwy 54 and then turn right on to 26th St N.
5. If you get to a Kwik Trip gas station you have gone too far.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

Education Opportunities for C. E. Hours

From UW Extension Horticulture

UW Extension Horticulture [Wisconsin Horticulture – Division of Extension](#) This site has a plethora of resources to explore. It is a great source for getting Continuing Ed credits. It has print and video resources for free use. Sign up to receive their monthly newsletter with pertinent topics: [Sign up](#) If you need Continuing Education Hours, go to [Online Program Archive – Wisconsin Horticulture](#) to view many of the recorded programs This is a good way to get your Ed hours before you get too busy gardening this spring.

Ask the Experts is back!! Now renamed **Ask Your Gardening Question Live**, it will be on Wednesdays at either 1:30—2:30pm or 6:30—7:30pm, not both in one day. The June session is on June 17 at 6:30. To register for the zoom invite go to: [Webinar Registration - Zoom](#).

Big 3 Apple Insect Webinar Series: Part 3 - Apple Maggot June 12 12pm

Join us for Part 3 of the Big 3 Apple Insect Webinar Series covering the ins and outs of three major apple insects, including identification, monitoring and management best practices. This webinar series is geared for home growers and gardeners of all backgrounds. Part 3 will cover Apple Maggot, a common fly species that impacts fruit in mid- to late-summer, presented by Josie Dillon, Statewide Fruit Outreach Specialist, University of Wisconsin-Madison Extension. [Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)



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 [2026 PDDC Monthly Disease Talk Registration Form | Plant Disease Diagnostics Clinic](#)

Plant Diseases in History June 27, 2026, 6:30 – 9:00 pm

Learn about how plant diseases have impacted human history and how plant diseases continue to be important in our daily lives and in pop culture.

Marshfield Public Library Garden Guru Program

Tuesday, June 16 6pm Family Night Program on Gardening

We will be talking about gardening and planting sunflower seeds.

Melinda Myers Webinars

On her webpage she has a number of recorded seminars that you can watch anytime.. The following are new program for June:

Managing Your Landscape with Pollinators in Mind June 3 6:30pm

You can have a landscape that you and the pollinators will enjoy with a few changes to your garden and landscape maintenance. We'll cover pollinator-friendly plant care to keep your containers, gardens and landscape healthy and looking its best throughout the year. Then we'll explore ways to manage weeds, diseases and insect pests without chemicals that are harmful to your plants and visiting pollinators.

[On Demand Webinars :: Melinda Myers](#)



Your Turn to Educate Someone Else

Gardening questions are starting to come into our email and will increase in frequency soon. We're looking to recruit a few people to help respond to these questions, so people get an answer in a reasonable time. Can you help? Don't feel like you must be an expert on all subjects. Sometimes a quick visit to the UW Horticulture website presents you with the answer you need. Sometimes you can ask a fellow MG who has experience with the subject for their advice. Sometimes you can refer your question to Janel. Or, if you only want to answer questions on specific subjects, e.g. roses, certain kinds of fruit/vegetable, etc., can we use you as a resource? Contact Chris Grimes if you are willing to respond to questions now and then this summer or have expertise on a specific subject. Thanks!



June 23 Membership Meeting 6pm TBD Watch your email for details and updates.

Calendar of Events*

July 18 Garden Walk*

July 28 Membership Meeting Mill Creek Gardens

August 18 Picnic and Tour of Powers Bluff

August 25-30 Central Wisconsin State Fair

Sept 19-20 Fall Plant Sale*

*See other articles in this issue for more details.

Mowing Can Make or Break Lawns

Often taken for granted as just a routine task done all season, mowing has an enormous impact on lawn appearance and health. Sound mowing not only enhances lawns visually but reduces common problems, especially weeds. Now is an opportune time to review sound mowing guidelines.



First things first. Was your mower properly winterized at the end of the season last fall? How well was the machine running last season? When is the last time the blade was sharpened or replaced? Now is the time to address mower maintenance to ensure it is ready to go when needed.

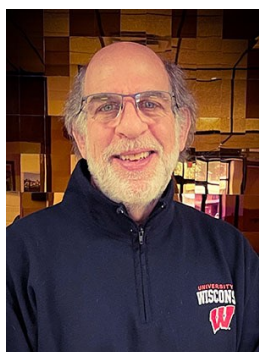
Improper mowing height is the easiest correctable lawn care mistake that pays huge dividends. Lawns mowed too short face a variety of issues, in particular weed infestations. Grasses found in Wisconsin lawns, including Kentucky bluegrass, perennial ryegrass, and fine fescues suffer when mowed too close. An ideal mowing height is around three inches. Lawns do not need to be cut shorter the first mowing of spring or the last mowing in fall.

Lawn grasses mowed at proper heights develop deeper roots and hold up better as conditions get warmer and drier when summer arrives. Crabgrass, a huge weed problem across Wisconsin last summer, flourishes in open stands of turf that allow more light to hit the soil. Taller grass resulting from higher heights of cut shades the soil, resulting in much less crabgrass. If nothing else is changed except raising an excessively short height of cut, a dramatic improvement in lawn quality will be noted.

Proper mowing frequency is the second key mowing guideline. Mow based on the rate of grass growth, not the weekly calendar, and follow the rule of one-third, removing a maximum of one-third of the grass leaf. Often this means mowing more than once a week in cool, wet spring weather. Conversely, mowing intervals may lengthen to only every 2 weeks or longer during drier summer weather.

Follow the rule of one-third and there is no need to collect clippings, as they will readily filter back down into the lawn and decompose. Clippings returned do not cause thatch issues. A major benefit is clippings recycle nutrients, in particular nitrogen. This translates to applying less nitrogen fertilizer to lawns over the course of the season, as compared to removing clippings.

As mentioned earlier, sharpening mower blades should be part of the pre-season equipment maintenance. Check and sharpen again during the season as needed. Dull blades will shred grass leaves, resulting in a whitish cast to lawns after mowing. Periodically changing the mowing pattern direction can also help mowing quality.



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Angler Friendly Yard Care

Another open-water fishing season is set to open across Wisconsin. With it comes the dilemma how to maintain yards and gardens yet have time to get out to pursue wall-eyes, or for non-anglers, get in regular rounds of golf or hit the beach? Plants are not maintenance free; but there are numerous ways to reduce yard and garden maintenance to free up time for other things.



Start with wise plant material selection. Plants that need frequent watering, fertilizing, and pruning require lots of attention, so research all the characteristics of plants before adding them to your landscape. Always match plant growth requirements to the specific site conditions where they will be growing to keep issues and maintenance needs to a minimum. Plants growing in

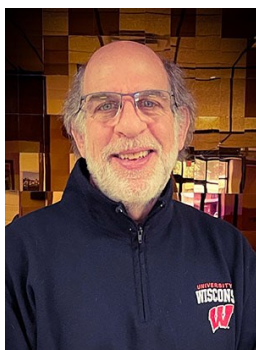
the wrong place, such as those needing full sun planted in shade (or vice versa) will decline.

Look for limited maintenance perennials and shrubs. Ornamental grasses, including several native species, make excellent choices for sun areas as they require exceptionally minimal maintenance and are attractive at the same time. They rarely encounter any insect or disease problems, deer do not eat them, and hardy species come back every year. For difficult shade areas, consider shade tolerant groundcovers such as ajuga, pachysandra, and others as alternatives to lawns. Once established, groundcovers require minimum care and will resist weed invasions, in addition to looking nice.

Mulching is one practice that reduces problems and thus saves yard work time throughout the yard. Mulching gardens and landscape plantings helps keep down weeds, conserve soil moisture, maintain uniform soil temperatures, and even make landscape beds look better. Pull up any existing weeds, roughen the soil surface, and allow soil to warm a bit before applying mulch.

Several types of shredded or chunk bark products are available for mulching landscape plants. Spread mulches two to four inches deep. Do not make “volcano” mulch piles at the base of tree trunks and shrub stems. Avoid using plastic around landscape plants but in vegetable gardens it can be an excellent choice for warm-loving crops like tomatoes, melons, and peppers. Straw is most often used around vegetable crops.

For lawns, mowing higher is the best advice to keep time-consuming problems to a minimum. Setting mowers at about three inches for the season promotes deeper roots and helps keep problem weeds like crabgrass at bay. As a result, lawns will be healthier and look better than when mowed too short. Always return grass clippings when mowing to recycle nitrogen as well.



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Rome Area Garden Chats 2026 Events

April 15
9:30-10:30



Growing Rhubarb and Asparagus
Discussion Led Becky Gutzman

May 6
9:30-10:30



***Design and Plant a Container**
Make-and-Take at Foss's Garden Center

June 17
9:30-10:30



+Crafting Outdoor Wind Chimes
Make-and-Take with Laurie and Boots

July 15
9:30-10:30



Grow, Harvest and Preserve Herbs
Discussion Led by Donna Streiff

August 19
9:30-10:30



Integrated Pest Management (IPM)
Discussion Led by Janell Wehr

Sept. 16
9:30-10:30



Designing a Landscape
Discussion Led by Janell Wehr

Oct. 21
9:30-10:30



+Forcing Bulbs for Christmas
Make-and-Take with Laurie Francis

Events led by
Master
Gardener
Educators at
the Lester
Public Library
of Rome
unless noted.



*Participants will purchase plants for their containers from Foss's Garden Center. Containers may be brought from home or purchased from Foss's. Please register in advance at the library.
+A small fee will be charged. Please register and pay in advance at the library. Payment upon registration is required.



Garden Walk Update

With Garden Walk 2026 just 2 months away, our garden hosts are getting excited-planning, pruning and planting in preparation for the big day (July 18th). For our Garden Walk team, it's time to ramp up our marketing strategies and make sure we have the help available that is needed to support our success. Here's what we are up to:

Garden Walk Posters, Save-the-Dates flyers-

Thank you for circulating Posters last month. If you've identified new opportunities for sharing promotional posters for your church, favorite business or an event you'll be attending in June, we have wall posters in 2 sizes and book-marker size Save-the-Dates were shared at the June 26th WCMG meeting.

Garden Walk Yard Signs:

Yard signs promoting the Garden Walk were also be at the June meeting to share. Put them out in your yard, at active intersections or at businesses (with permission of course). They are 2-sided and feature the garden walk QR code so in a flash a person scanning it is brought to our website with all the latest details about the walk-aren't we fancy! They were very effective last year.

Garden Walk EARLY Ticket Sales

Garden Walk Tickets are printed and ready to distribute to Master Gardeners for early ticket sales. As the poster states, these are available in businesses in Nekoosa, Plover, Wisconsin Rapids, and Marshfield too. Get your tickets to sell to friends and neighbors.

Early tickets are \$10; on the day of the walk the price is \$12. Who doesn't like to save money? Once again the Master Gardener with the highest ticket sales will win a prize!

Present & Eager to Spread the Word:

We are available to speak to small groups and promote the Garden Walk-please reach out! This year we are going with the times and will be featured on an upcoming Podcast, we're working with High School students to do some snap chats and maybe a Tik Toc video too, in addition to features on our webpage. Help by sharing these with your Facebook friends.

Be a Garden Walk Volunteer:

Volunteer for 4- or 8-hour shifts on Garden Walk Day July 18th. The sign-up sheet was available at the June meeting. Serve as a Garden Mentor, circulating in the garden helping with traffic flow, & answering questions or working as a ticket seller; greeting visitors and recording attendance. These are easy volunteer hours that fly by providing fun for all. We look forward to your support!

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PLANT SALE BUZZ



General reminders for all members of the items we need to continue to work on:

- Now is a great time to begin houseplant propagation for fall sales. Plant in potting mix.
- Plant specific plants for fall sale dried arrangements. It is always a very popular booth.
- Start potting winter sowing for natives and perennials for fall sale when true leaves appear.
- Collect seeds, dried arrangement materials, bulbs for fall sale as plant flowers fade.
- Make a craft project, save colored bottles and other decor/garden related items.
- Let Bea know if you will be planning to help at the fall plant sale at Maple Fall Fest, Marshfield (Set up on the Fri) Dates Sept 18th & 19th.
- Tender bulbs can be washed, and then planted in a sterile potting mix. Starting them in late April or early May will give customers a visual of the type of plant grown.
- **Keep any outdoor plants off the ground to prevent possible invasions by jumping worms.**
- Collect native seeds and package them up for sale in a sealed envelope with seed/plant information.
- If you have a stash of viable seeds in their original packages, we will sell the packages.
- You are also welcome to seek out free seeds from accredited sources that we can hand out at events.

Winter sowing propagators:

- Remove tape and vent jugs to prevent cooking your seedlings. Only cover again if temps take a deep dive. Most native plants can withstand frost, but non-natives may need frost protection. Move jugs of plants that prefer shade into a shadier area.
- Watering may become necessary between germination and potting up.
- Begin to pot up to 4 inch pots when the plants have 1-2 sets of true leaves.
- If plants are very thick, use the “chunk-o-seedlings” method. Plant a clump of seedlings and a week or two later, CUT off all but the healthiest seedling.
- Mulching plants will cut down on watering and weeding. Chopped straw works well.
- **Protect plants from deer and rabbits. Not all natives are resistant to browsers.**
- A big thank you to those who have adopted a jug. Let Donna know if you have questions. You only need to pot up a dozen plants at most for the sale. No need to pot up more than that.
- **Keep any outdoor plants off the ground to prevent possible invasions by jumping worms by elevating on platforms, old pallets, or placing on layers of landscape fabric.**



Reminder for Upcoming Events—The following materials are available to add education to your project or event Contact Karleen WELL IN ADVANCE if you wish to use any of these.

Education Materials Library

Because we have minimal storage space at the extension office and no system that documents print materials which we own, I have taken on the responsibility of coordinating the materials so they are housed in one space. 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 I can get them to you. Give me enough lead time so that if additional copies need to be printed, there is time to do that.

Tri-fold Brochures

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
Protect Pollinators/Read Pesticide Labels
10 Common Plant Diseases/Diagnose by Eye
Home Vegetable Garden Fungicides
Square Foot Vegetable Gardening
Pollinators/English Garden Style
Supporting Our Monarchs
Bee Identification
Gardening With Young Children Helps
Their Development

We also have Extension and DNR materials on invasive species (mostly vegetative). Some are for handout and others are for reference. Let me know what your needs are (by phone or e-mail)

If you discover a need for other print resources beside the titles above, let me know and I can help with research and getting the materials printed.

WIMGA CORNER

WIMGA is still tending to business, but the online continuing education programs are on pause during the active gardening season. They will restart in the fall as outdoor activity winds down. If you are interested in previewing upcoming topics, check the most recent issue of the WIMGA newsletter for a listing.

WIMGA dues will increase beginning with the year 2027 membership. The annual dues, which are a part of your WCMGA membership fee, will be \$10. This is the first increase in more than 20 years that I have been a MG. Expenses have increased and budgets have been very tight especially since the zoom continuing education programs were created post-pandemic. The increase will allow the grant program to continue and cover the costs of the new Excellence Awards program.

Happy Gardening!!
Karleen Remington
WIMGA Representative

June Garden Guide

Taken from Portage County Master Gardener website

- Pinch off one-half inch of chrysanthemums when they are six inches tall and continue pinching through June.
- Pinch annuals when 4-6 inches tall to promote growth.
- Give peonies 2-3 applications of complete fertilizer two weeks before flowering. Disbud several branches for bigger flowers on remaining buds. Stake before buds open.
- Prune spring flowering shrubs (lilacs, forsythia, honeysuckle, hydrangea, mock orange, privet, snowball, spirea, viburnum and weigela) after flowering. Apply annual application of fertilizer.
- Prune junipers, arborvitae, yews and hemlock any time during late spring or early summer.
- Water flower beds weekly during dry periods.
- Remove spent flowers and weeds from gardens and add mulch.
- Dig and divide non-blooming daffodils.
- For large dahlia blooms, prune all but one shoot per clump.
- Cut back delphiniums after blooming.
- Control leaf blight on tomatoes by disposing of diseased foliage or plants immediately and planting disease-resistant varieties.
- Before setting out tomato cages, disinfect with a 10% bleach solution. Control fruit anthracnose and other disease problems by staking plants, maintaining optimal plant spacing and using mulches.
- Plant peppers, eggplant, sweet potatoes and late potatoes.
- Plant successive crops of beans, beets, carrots, kohlrabi, corn, turnips, broccoli, cabbage and cauliflower.



- Spray cabbage, cauliflower and broccoli to control cabbage worm and cabbage looper.
 - Stop harvesting asparagus by month-end. Weed asparagus bed carefully after harvesting to avoid damage to roots.
 - Prune evergreens.
 - Prune out lilac seed heads.
 - Treat lawns that are infected with cutworms and armyworms with parasitic nematodes.
 - If fertilizing lawn two times per year, apply in June and October; if three times per year, apply in early June, early Sept and mid- to late Oct.
- Continue applying fungicide on trees and small fruits.
 - Prune suckers from fruit trees.
 - Apply sticky bands to fruit trees to catch insect pests that climb the trunks.
 - Pinch black and purple raspberry shoots.

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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

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Website: <https://mastergardener.extension.wisc.edu/>

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

Wood County Master Gardener Association Website:

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

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

Reminders

Log your hours in ORS.

Review the changes to the Master Gardener program in Canvas classroom.

Review the Plant Sale Buzz article and start growing plants and making plans for what you can do during the spring and summer to support the sale.

If you took index cards at the March meeting to donate items for the raffle baskets, remember to bring those items to the meetings to give to the Raffle Basket Committee members.

If you know of someone who is able to grow plants for a plant sale, please let a member of the plant sale committee or the board know.