

President's Message

As we celebrate our nation's 250th birthday, the thing that stands out for me on July 4th is the fireworks. I love them and have been enthralled by them since I was a kid. The dazzling colors, shapes and sounds amaze me. I'm sure there is all kinds of information on the internet about how colors, sounds and shapes are packed into those things they ignite. I'm content to just enjoy them. This year's celebration will be extra special, I'm sure.



I have pretty much the same feelings about flowers (except they don't make noise). But they do smell pretty good! Flowers come in an astounding array of colors, shapes and sizes. Thankfully, flowers last longer than the July 4th fireworks show. Both represent the "stuff" of summer.

Speaking of flowers, we are anxiously awaiting our 23rd annual Garden Walk. Tickets have been available from both members and local businesses. Raffle baskets are being assembled and the garden stone gifts for the hosts will be done soon. The individual gardens have unique features along with offerings of music, artistry and gardening how-to's. The Garden Walk is also the "stuff" of summer. AND... Wood County Master Gardeners has a birthday of their own! Thirty years and still growing! We will celebrate our 30th birthday with an ice cream social at Edgewater Haven, a Garden Walk garden.

Summer in Wisconsin seems so fleeting. So, enjoy the "stuff" of summer-flowers, fireworks, family and freedom. Happy July 4th!

Terrie

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July Membership Meeting

Mill Creek Gardens 8839 Mill Creek Drive Marshfield, WI July 28 6pm

We will be meeting at Mill Creek Gardens for a tour of their facility with a meeting to follow. Erik and Danielle Winer, owners, will give us a tour that will focus on greenhouse management, growing ornamentals and houseplants, and I'm thinking they will let us see their outdoor mum production and plant propagation areas. NO ZOOM WILL BE AVAILABLE. They have banquet style seating for the meeting so no need to bring a chair.

I encourage members to think about supporting the greenhouse if they are able — maybe purchase a new plant or something from the store there (they will allow us to purchase, and they are waiving the event fee for our group).

Directions

From Rapids: Coming west on Hwy 10 East of Marshfield: Take the Hwy 13/County A exit. Turn left to take County A South to Mill Creek Drive. Turn right onto Mill Creek Drive. Mill Creek Gardens is on your left. **OR** take Hwy 13/34 north past the old mill in Rapids. Turn left at the stop light onto Wilson St. Turn right onto Bonow Ave and go straight onto County F. When F turns right, go straight on County HH to Vesper. In Vesper, continue straight on Hwy 186 to Arpin. On the north side of Arpin, turn left onto County N to go west to County A. Take County A to the right. Go about 5 miles north to Mill creek Drive and turn left onto Mill Creek Drive for about .9 miles to the Gardens on your left.

From Marshfield: Take Central Ave south to the roundabout and take the second exit onto Heritage Drive east to Hwy 13. Turn right at the stop light, and go south on Hwy 13/County A. Continue straight ahead at the overpass of Hwy 10. Go south about 1 mile. Turn left on Mill Creek Drive and the Gardens are on your right. **OR** Take South Washington Ave south out of town and continue over Hwy 10 for about a mile and turn right onto Mill Creek Drive, going west about .6 mile. The Gardens are on your left.

— Trevor



Meet Erik + Danielle.

Along with their family and team, Erik + Danielle offer a one-stop-shop to the Midwest for outdoor spring + fall flowers, indoor plants, and winter greenery.

Offerings are all grown or made on-site, so you're sure to find quality, quirky, + lots of beauty.

June Meeting Minutes

**Wood County Master Gardener Volunteer Assoc.
General Membership Meeting
June 23, 2026 6 pm
South Wood County Historical Museum & Zoom**

Program: Micky Erickson and Alison Bruener; SWCHM redesigned landscape with access ramp

Total Present: 20 (18 + 2 guests) for Presentation. Meeting 18 (16+ 1 on Zoom, 1 guest)

Business Meeting:

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 7:15pm by President Terrie Brown.

Secretary's Report: Minutes from May 2026 mtg had no corrections or additions and will be put on file.

Treasurer's Report: Famia reported and will be put on file.

WIMGA Report: No report

Committee Reports

Programs: Next month will be Mill Creek Garden Tour. There will be no zoom. Still looking for speakers for October. Let Terrie know if you have any leads on that.

Plant Sale: Meeting held 6/22. The team is discussing ideas for perennials to secure for the sale and what vendors we could use. Discussed advertising options. Chris will send inquiry to the membership by email to begin an inventory of plant material that might be donated for the sale. She will update the Save the Date to have available for the Garden Walk ticket tables. Next meeting July 9 at 1pm via zoom.

Garden Walk: One more meeting before the walk. Plans are going smoothly. Host gifts to be finished soon. Donations for Basket raffle are due NOW. Contact Jan Myers or Barb Herreid for any outstanding donations. Lil encourages everyone to sell tickets. Contact her if more tickets are needed and turn in money to her. Garden walk guides and greeters are staffed except for one of each job. Contact Lily if available to work a 4-hour shift. Rudolph Grotto asked permission to have us put a flyer on display to promote their garden on GW day, which was granted.

Community Ed: July 16 Garden Guru "What is wrong with my Plant?": Common garden pests and diseases. Donna will also travel to Lester Library in Rome on July 15 to give her Herb presentation.

Social Committee Report: Audrey reported on possible tour of New Life Lavender Farm near Baraboo which could be a trip in late July. Open Tues-Sat \$15 per person. Terrie will send an email to solicit preferences for a trip date.

Old Business:

Presentation of Service Awards: Continuing from last month, Jim and Diane Nickel were recognized for 1000 hours, Chris Grimes for 2000, and Judy Miller and Bea Kohl for 2500.

Strategic Plan: We divided into 5 small groups to brainstorm ideas for objectives for the 5 Strategic Goals.

New Business:

Diane expressed thanks for cards of concern and healing and thanked the group for planting day of Nekoosa Downtown Planters. Plans for the continuation of their care are ongoing with the City.

Adjournment M/S/P to adjourn at 8:11

Next meeting: Tuesday, July, 28, 2026

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Grimes, Substitute Secretary

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 without having to travel or pay for conferences, etc.

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 July session is on July 15 at 1:30. To register for the zoom invite go to: [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](#)

Evil Twins: Plant Disease Look-Alikes July 22, 2026, 6:30 – 9:00 pm

Learn about common diseases that have similar symptoms and can be misidentified, but may have very different management strategies.

Marshfield Public Library Garden Guru Program

Tuesday, July 16 6pm What's wrong with my plant?

Your garden is up and growing well. Then you notice something that looks like baby powder on your squash leaves and brown spots on your tomato leaves. There are some missing leaves on some plants. What is going on? What can you do about it?

Melinda Myers Webinars

On her webpage she has a number of recorded seminars that you can watch anytime. [On Demand Webinars :: Melinda Myers](#) Another free and easy way to get C.E. hours.

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!

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.

Summer Lawn Care Strategies

Warm weather has prevailed over Wisconsin much of June, and the summer solstice is just days away. Exactly what conditions this summer will bring is difficult to predict, but there are some maintenance strategies to help lawns look their best and tolerate whatever temperatures or rainfall extremes may occur.

Cool-season grasses found in Wisconsin lawns slow-down in growth with typical warmer and drier summer conditions. One lawn care strategy to help lawns hold up to potentially adverse summer conditions is to mow higher. Three inches is the minimum height suggested; consider raising it even higher for the summer months, especially if rainfall is lacking. Lawns mowed taller develop deeper roots and dry out slower if drought conditions develop.

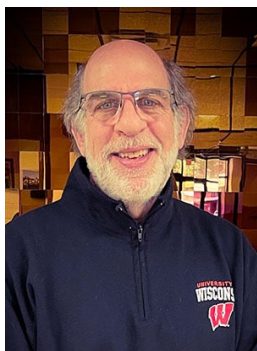


Watering practices are another primary summer lawn care strategy to plan. Decide now to either water your lawn as needed or allow it to go dormant if conditions become dry. Once lawns turn brown and have gone dormant from lack of rain, it is best not to water. Adding significant amounts of water, making lawns green again while still in the heat of summer, stresses grasses. Summer dormancy is an option when caring for most low- to medium-quality lawns. If a prolonged drought were to occur, adding a small amount of water every 2 weeks or so will keep crowns hydrated.

When deciding on irrigating lawns to keep them green all summer, apply water infrequently but thoroughly so it reaches grass root depth in the soil. On average, lawns need about one inch of water per week, from rainfall and/or irrigation. Avoid frequent light watering as it promotes shallow rooting and potential disease and weed issues. Signs lawns need water include wilting, a darker overall color, and foot printing – grasses do not bounce back when walked upon. Ideally water early in the day so grass leaves dry off and less evaporation loss occurs.

For most lawns, fertilizing and weed control via herbicides is not suggested for early to mid-summer. Wait until Labor Day for nitrogen fertilization, as that is the key time for all lawns. Fall is also the ideal time for broadleaf weed control with herbicides, rather than summer. Weeds are much less susceptible to herbicides in hot weather and lawn grasses can also potentially be damaged.

Finally, late summer is the ideal time for lawn renovation work that may be needed. Plan and begin those preparation practices, such as eliminating existing weeds and amending soils, in mid-August. Late August into early September is the optimum window for seeding. Avoid these types of practices in June and July as results are likely to be unsatisfactory.



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Options for Managing Yard & Garden Weeds



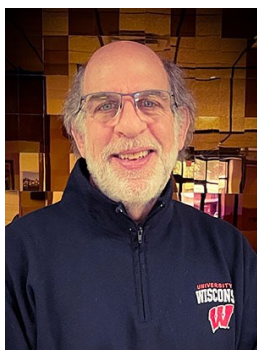
Weeds are highly likely to appear in yards and gardens at some point during the season. Having a plan considering all management options to stay ahead of them is key to successfully keeping landscapes and gardens weed-free and not harming the environment.

As weeds appear, promptly mechanically removing them is a remarkably effective management tool. Mechanical removal can be hand-pulling or digging them out, hoeing, or various methods of cultivating the soil. Due to portions of perennial weeds breaking off and remaining behind, or the fact that substantial amounts of dormant seeds of many weed species exist in soil, weeds often reappear in a brief period. For best results, remove weeds mechanically early and often, especially early in the season. Shallow, rather than deep, cultivation helps avoid bringing some seeds up to the surface.

Mulching plays a key role in preventing ongoing weed invasions in gardens and landscape beds. In addition to cultivating soils prior to putting mulches down, it is imperative that perennial weed species are removed. Examples include quack grass, ground ivy, thistles, and bindweed, among others. Simply putting mulch over existing weeds will fail to control them. Numerous organic mulches are available for landscape beds and ornamental gardens, with some type of shredded bark material most often used. Consider the fact mulches decompose over time and weeds can germinate in them, so monitor and promptly remove any weeds and replenish mulches as needed.

Herbicides, also known as weed killers, are a third weed management tool for yards and gardens. In addition to killing weeds, they can damage or kill desirable plants, so must be used correctly and with extreme caution. Product labels of herbicides, which are a type of pesticide, are federal documents created at the time the material was registered. Always carefully read, understand, and follow all label directions before purchasing, mixing, applying, and storing all pesticides, including herbicides, this season.

When considering herbicides, refer to product labels to confirm both what types of plantings the material can be used on, and the kinds of weeds that are controlled. Do not rely on herbicides alone and recognize there are numerous situations where herbicides are not available to selectively take out weeds without harming desirable plants. Carefully read all application information, including rate and proper timing. Preemergence herbicides are most widely available as granular products applied to the soil, killing weed seeds as they germinate, but not controlling existing weeds. Postemergence herbicides control weeds already present and are usually applied directly to existing weed plants, although some may be applied to soil.



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Analyzing Reasons for Yellow Leaves

Yellow leaves appearing on green plants raise concerns for gardeners. It could just be a simple normal process, or it may signal a more complex problem needing to be addressed. Taking a closer look by analyzing the situation is suggested.



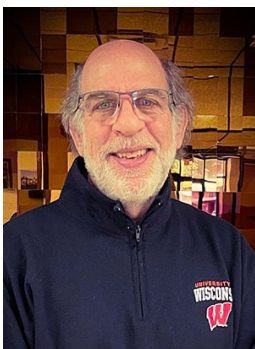
Green leaves contain chlorophyll and are going through the process of photosynthesis, producing energy that plants need to function and develop. Since all living cells require energy, plants will occasionally get rid of older, unproductive leaves in favor of new growth. This is often the case when houseplants drop a yellow leaf or two. Likewise, bedding plants set out in the garden this spring, such as tomatoes, frequently experience the same symptoms. Older leaves on plants started indoors typically turn yellow and drop off establishing plants as new growth develops.

When larger amounts of leaves turn yellow, especially including newer growth, other causes need to be investigated. Nitrogen is the primary nutrient involved with green color in plants, so a deficiency will show as pale green or yellowing of foliage. Adding nitrogen fertilizer often solves the problem, especially with hanging baskets or herbaceous plantings. Follow fertilizer label directions and apply the low end of suggested rates, as more can be added later, rather than risk overfertilizing.

Yellow leaves with green veins on trees and shrubs may involve a more difficult problem known as chlorosis. Iron and manganese are micronutrients which influence green color in leaves, and when the soil pH is out of balance, they become unavailable to the plant and leaves become yellow, or chlorotic. Soil pH induced chlorosis tends to be a chronic issue for trees and shrubs, with susceptibility varying among species. Pin oaks top the list of trees susceptible to chlorosis.

Soil test results will accurately determine exact soil pH values. Alkaline soils (above pH value of 7) can often lead to chlorosis problems. Soils can be amended to lower the pH with sulfur as a long-term solution, although this is difficult to do over entire root zones of established trees. Special fertilizers providing plant-available iron and manganese are also an option.

Adding to the complexity of solving yellowing foliage is when chlorosis symptoms are brought on by some other factor. For example, waterlogged soils may damage roots, which may lead to yellowing of foliage. Other root and stem issues interfering with water and nutrient uptake can create similar symptoms. These include soil compaction, drought stress, misuse of chemicals, wilt diseases, insect borers, and physical injury to tree roots or trunks, among others. Each requires careful inspection of the plant and analysis of all the site factors that may be involved.



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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.
- Begin to collect interesting seed heads from your gardens for the dried arrangements. This is a popular item and a great money maker.
- Collect seeds, spring bulbs for fall sale as plant flowers fade. Bulbs must be cleaned of soil and washed.
- 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.
- **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.

Adopted –a-jug Numerous members adopted winter-sown native jugs to pot and watch over until the sale. **So Donna can confirm which members have what plants please contact her about your new adoptees. This will help her in preparing her listing and photos of available natives.**

Winter sowing propagators:

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.**
- **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.**

Pot washing party

A huge shout out to Micky Erickson, Bea Kohl and Jan Myers for washing, bleaching and drying two cratefulls of 4-inch pots. Each time I emptied the rinse and bleach tubs, they would have them filled

up again. Jan provided the use of her garage, water, and refreshment time. If anyone needs **cleaned** 4-inch pots, let Jill know so I can bring them to you. —Jill

Vendors and pricing. The plant sale team welcomes information from the membership on possible nurseries to team up with to purchase plants from and/or help us raise plants for the sale. Jan and Jill already met with <http://www.theabidingvineco.com/> in WI Rapids. We are looking ahead to next year as well. By this September we should provide the nurseries growers with the list of plants needed for the Spring sale and October for the fall sale. It takes time and work to raise plants. If we can depend on others to help, members can concentrate on other master gardener obligations or take short breaks between activities.

Pricing needs to be uniformly based on the type of plant and its size, as well as high enough for us to make a profit and low enough that we sell out. Having a ballpark figure based on local markets prior to set-up day will help us set that high-low price. **We are asking the membership to pass on what consumers are buying this year and appropriate pricing information for us.**

Do you have a niche growing African Violets, prorogating succulents, working with bulbs? As our membership changes, we have lost touch with those niches that members are skilled at. Sometimes it is nice to contact a fellow member for hints on a certain plant or technique. **The plant sales and education committee would like to know what your niche is. This is also helpful to those members who answer plant questions submitted on our website.**

Fall Plant Sale Orientation

New this year, members will receive an introduction to the fall plant sale procedures and overall process before the sale. This orientation will help everyone understand how the sales will be organized and how to prepare items efficiently.

Topics will include:

- Placement and set-up of tents, tables, and educational displays.
- Grouping plants and other sale items so they can be moved directly to their assigned tables only once.
- Marketing information and labeling requirements for each product.

Orientation Date: The date has not yet been finalized, but the orientation will be scheduled for one to two weeks before the sale.

The fall plant sale is September 19-20th, with set-up Friday September 18th. Location is 608 W. 17th St, Marshfield, 54449, WI at Wildwood Park during Maple Fall Fest.

PLEASE, PLEASE

Let one of the committee members know what you are planning to bring to the sale. You are not bound to your reply, but it takes time to get information and pictures prepared for as many plants as we can to help shoppers make their selections. It is easier to delete information than to add it at the last minute. The more information we can give shoppers, the more sales we can generate. Donna prepares information for the native plants and Bea and Jill need to know non-native and non-plant items to plan for adequate space and signage.



Garden Walk Update

Expect the unexpected . . . what brilliant mind coined that phrase? It seems this year we have been dealing with more than our fair share of unexpected happenings, but garden walk fans – never fear! Flexibility is the backbone of our team. With community connections, creativity and members who are always willing to pitch in and help we are nearing the finish line.

Vendor adjustments, road construction, mentor changes, damaging wind and hail storms have kept us on our toes. Garden owners have reported that it's been an exceptional growing season so expect beautiful things! Vendors are busily crafting-expect uniquely created art! Our education team is ready, and the ice cream is on order for our anniversary celebration. Barb and Jan are putting their final touches on the raffle baskets, and Famia, Jan, Deb & Judy poured concrete this week on the garden stones-how beautiful they will be!

With Lynn and Audrey's help we filled our volunteer schedule for Garden Walk day and are so grateful for all of the rest of you who have been willing to help with basket donations, pre-ticket sales, mentoring, volunteering and more to make this all possible.

Keep spreading the word with us, sharing posts, promoting the event and sell those tickets! We look forward to seeing you on July 18th for Garden Walk 2026!

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*

Sept 22 Membership Meeting-Native and Invasive Lookalikes

Oct 27 Membership Meeting-Know anyone who could speak on tool care and sharpening??

Nov 17 Membership Meeting-Wild Ones Speaker

*See additional information in this newsletter



MARSHFIELD AREA RESPITE CARE CENTER, INC.

30th Annual Garden Tour

SUNDAY
12 JULY
2026

12:30 to 4:00pm
Tickets: \$10.00

Advance Tickets can be purchased at MARCC, Schalow's Nursery & the MACCI office
Day of Ticket Sales at any of the fabulous Marshfield gardens listed or at the Wesley United Methodist Church 211 S. Maple Ave

- Matt & Joni Larson
 - 2414 Lawrairie Street
- Gwen Thomas
 - 205177 Woodsvie Road
- Butch & Mary Oertel
 - 206535 County Road E
- Susie Judge
 - 509 W. Park Street

Start at Any Garden or Wesley Church!!

Join us at Wesley United Methodist Church for Sweet Adeline's at 2pm
Mfld Ukulele Group at 3pm
Raffles, Silent Auction, Treats & More!!

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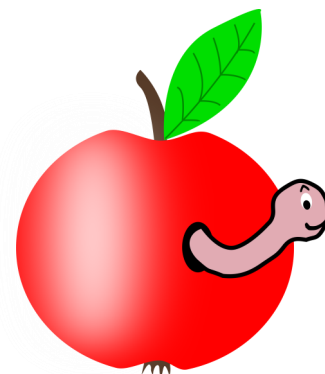
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July Garden Guide

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.



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

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

Reminders

Please review the Plant Sale Buzz article and **respond to the bolded items.**

Besides the Garden Walk, this is our only fund-raiser this year. We need to get as much planning done soon as we can to ensure a successful sale.

Do you know anyone who could speak/demo on tool care and sharpening for our October meeting? Let Terri know ASAP.

Pray for good weather for the Garden Walk and Fall Plant Sale.