

UW-Extension Wood County Master Gardener Association

Wood County UW Extension

November 2016

WCMGV Program Information

Florida Everglades Presentation November 15, 7:00 pm: MARS

7:00 pm: Business Meeting and election of new BOD officers for 2017

Following the election: Jan Sabin's "Florida Everglades Adventures"

Jan's presentation was replaced last year due to her health, so we are pleased to have her back to good health and willing to give it another try! Many of our members have not had the good fortune to try gardening in a different zone so Jan's presentation will be a treat. Especially in November!

MG Jan Sabin will present a photo tour of her 2014 trip to the Florida Everglades. Invite a friend to come and learn about the Everglades delicate ecosystem as Jan brings Florida to Wisconsin for the evening. Bald Cypress, Spanish moss and Orchids, Oh my! Jan will share many facts and photos of the flora she found in the Florida Everglades. Come learn about "Walking Trees", the River of Grass, Strangler Fig trees and foliar mineral leaching.

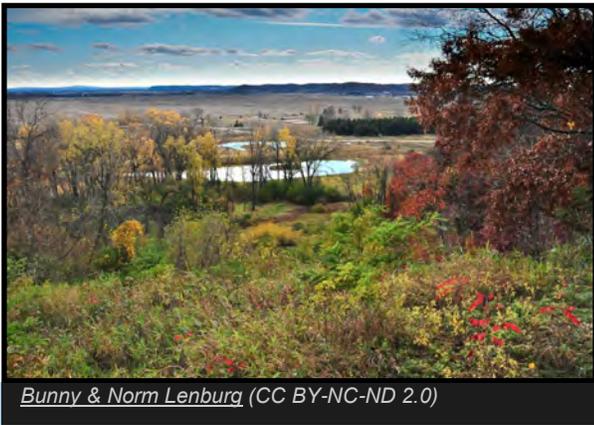
Following Jan's talk will be the annual Holiday treats and a gift exchange. All members are asked to bring their favorite holiday food ready to serve, and a gift for the exchange. Beverages and utensils for the treats will be provided by the Refreshment Committee.

This is our last general membership meeting of 2016! Come and enjoy the fellowship and bring a friend! We will be sampling some great Holiday treats and having our gently used gift exchange. Gifts may be new or gently used, may be garden related, homemade (such as Christmas cookies/fudge, ornaments) or purchased. Some ideas from past exchanges include: home-made treats, a good book, hand painted garden art or a framed photo, plants, canned goods, honey, maple syrup, garden tools, you name it...the best part is to enjoy and have fun at this last meeting of the year! So be creative!



Mangrove near Everglades City - Florida
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From the President's Notebook

As I sit here looking out the window of my studio, I am thinking winter. Yes, most of you are warm weather folks. I can appreciate that feeling as we need the four seasons in Wisconsin for our plants to do well! The weather forecast gives us hope that a few nice days are still coming this fall. I have put off one of my favorite fall projects as long as possible—that is the fall mowing of our prairies and woodland trails. The smells of

the woodlands and prairies change with the seasons as do the variety of birds, and other wildlife activity I see while mowing. Our fall project to-do list is slowly becoming shorter. With the change of seasons brings a change in what I cook. Fall brings out the pumpkin, soup, roasted chicken and coffee cake recipes. Each winter Bob and I try out a few new soup recipes. Winter brings out the Hot Chocolate/Cappuccino homemade mix to enjoy in the evening with a good book or after a snowshoe outing through the woods. I sincerely hope your harvest (from your own garden or farmer's markets) has been successful. There is a warm feeling about going to the pantry or freezer and being able to choose ingredients you have tucked away for your winter recipes: your zip lock bags of chopped celery, onions, pesto, tomatoes, salsa, peppers or dried herbs just waiting to be dropped into your soup pot. I learned to cook from my grandma, mostly without recipes! The most important tip I received from her was to never throw any leftovers away, no matter how small the portion. Therefore if you peeked inside my freezer you would see small labeled containers of vegetables, meat, gravy, liquids drained from canned/cooked foods, left-over sauces, orange or lemon peels, bones left-over from a roasted chicken or some cubed/dried bread...and the list goes on. I look at my freezer as a grocery shelf, with endless choices of ingredients for that unique recipe that is being created. Enjoy the rest of autumn. Use winter to re-energize, exercise your mind, read, complete research on a new garden project waiting beside your computer, call a friend, meet for coffee, share your newest cookie recipe or better yet—tuck a few cookies in a small jar, add a ribbon and surprise your mailperson! The most cherished gifts are unexpected gifts given at an unexpected time. I leave you with this poem by a writer I never met. She was born in 1898. I visited her old home located in the Drift-less Region of Wisconsin and found her book in an old book store. I think I own the last copy!

Ruth Cline

Nature's Sleep

There's a peacefulness about the gray of Winter's skies.

Not like the cloudy days of Autumn, sad and drear.

But like a benediction still and deep.

All hushed and quiet in Nature's sleep.

From Hilma Advina World's Collections

Reminders and Deadlines

November Reminders:

November is our election meeting. The nomination committee has submitted the following candidates for the 2017 open positions: **Director-North: Donna Streiff, Director-South: Bob Cline.** Nominations from the floor will also be accepted at that meeting. Both Jan Sabin and Mary Czaja are retiring from the board. Mary served as Director-North and Jan served as Director-South. Thanks to both Mary and Jan for a great job in supporting our organization. We appreciate all of the work that you both did while serving on the board.

Deadlines:

Project Chairs: The Voucher Request Deadline is December 1st. All 2016 project expenses MUST be submitted to Barb Herreid, Treasurer, by that date.

2017 dues are due November 15. You may bring the form and the dues to the November 15th membership meeting at MARS.

Add late fee of \$5.00 if paying after the November 15th membership meeting. Dues and form due to Barb Herreid.

Our last WCMGV newsletter for 2016 is the December issue. Like magazines, your subscription/newsletters end with the December newsletter unless you have paid your 2017 dues!

Inquiring Minds want to know? Why are deadlines needed and so important?

The WCMGV project leaders, committees, teams and the board of directors never take a break from supporting our wonderful WCMGV association. We must keep on top of what is required from the UW Extension MG Program and prepare well ahead of the upcoming year. Therefore many project leaders, committees, teams and the board of directors are already making plans for the upcoming year and beyond. In order to plan, we need to know the number of WCMG volunteers that plan to be active in the coming year and also in what areas do they plan to be active! We are involved in all areas of planning therefore we rely on the various committees such as the financial committee, the project authorization committee, and the treasurer to provide, shortly after the end of each year, numbers of volunteers, areas in which the volunteers plan to be active and the financial status of the organization. The entire WCMGV membership is invaluable to the success of the WCMG association. You are so appreciated for your continued support!

Thank You to all WCMGVs for a very successful year! Ruth Cline

Don't forget to take the National Master Gardener Survey

To participate, simply click on the link that will be sent via e-mail or access at <http://wimastergardener.org/>. Accessing the survey link is not harmful to your computer. The link will take you directly to an online survey where you simply click your responses or type in short answers. Completion of this online Motivations survey should take about 30 minutes, **and you can claim 1/2 hour of volunteer service** (in the category of support services) for completing the survey.



**Wood County Master Gardener Volunteers
MARS, Marshfield, WI; October 25, 2016; 1 Hour Continuing Education.**

Meeting was called to order at 7:25pm. 2017 forms are on WCMGV website and WIMGA website. 2017 time forms available with sign in attendance.

Minutes 9/27/16—Famia Marx moved to accept past minutes as written, seconded by Audrey Brundidge, motion carried. One correction: Tammy Neumann added to attendance list.

Financial report: Given by Barb Herreid. Motion to accept financial report as presented was made by Jeanne Osgood. Seconded by Barb Kleifgen. Motion carried. Envelopes with Renewal/Dues form to be picked up and due November 15th. Dec 1st is deadline for any reimbursement.

Old Business/Announcements:

Fall Seminar Report/Spring Seminar 2017 Update: Micky Erickson reported 42 attendees with reviews of excellent to very good. Spring seminar on April 8, 2017 at MidState Technical College in WI Rapids with Lynn Steiner, author of Northern Gardener Magazine and book, "Landscaping with Native plants" and Dr. Brian Smith from UW River Falls on small fruit trees and shrubs.

Other Old Business: Sue Wilford provided cookbook inserts for pick up.

New Business/Announcements:

Extension Update - Jeremy Erickson thanked everyone for submitting hours and forms. Jeremy Erickson with Ruth Cline, Karleen Remington and Sue Wilford revised the Renewal/Dues form to make it easier to complete, with definitions.

Program/Holiday Social – Nov. 15th: Julie Carlsen reported that Jan Sabin will speak on the Florida Everglades. Members to bring holiday treats to share and a gift to pass. Ruth Cline reminded that newsletter articles are due Nov 1st. Barb Kleifgen suggested to bring a food item for the local food pantries with half to go to Marshfield and half to WI Rapids. Jeanne Osgood suggested a donation 'can' to collect money for the food pantries. Jeanne Osgood will provide a collection container.

Marshfield Children Festival – 2017: Karleen – April 1, 2017 in Marshfield.

Wisconsin Rapids Children's Festival – 2017: Gail Meyer reported a meeting in October with another meeting in Feb/March. Festival to be in late April.

Christmas Event/So. Wood Co. Historical Museum: Micky Erickson/Christine Griffith requesting dried materials that can hang on Christmas tree. Shared samples of dried milkweed pods made into an angel; pine cone made into an angel. Will attach a tag with 'gardening info' to make it 'educational.' Contact them if members have any dried materials.

WCMGV Required Hours from was due Oct. 1st: If you still have hours, please send to Extension.

Renewal Forms/Dues (due Nov. 15th) can bring to Nov. 15th Mtg: Form revised to make it simpler. Committees and teams defined to help clarify. General Release Form to be signed. Bring to November 15, 2016 meeting or mail to Barb Herreid by November 15, 2016.

National MG Motivational Survey: Jeremy Erickson shared that the survey which started in Georgia is to determine MGV demographics, why MG get involved and what projects MGV are involved in.

Watch for new information columns in future Newsletters: Newsletter will feature a few new items to include: 1) list when meetings are to be held, 2) things that you can do to get your hours. 3) Horticultural questions.

Additional New Business: Tom Ptak asked what was being done to promote MGV marketing and recruitment of new MGV. Jeremy Erickson reported 20 people are on list for next training that will be in late April. There is a cap of 20 participants. Training will be in Pittsville. Tom Ptak concerned that there are not enough MGV to help with workload in gardens. Ruth Cline will send Tom Ptak the MGV brochure. Joanne Wilkinson raised the issue about how to retain MGV once trained. Tom Ptak also suggested that project chairs with Board of Directors meeting in spring and fall to answer questions and address complaints. Peg Harvey wondered if T-shirts or sweatshirts were available for members who are working in the gardens. Barb Herreid indicated that a MGV vest is available from WIMGA and Land's End has MG logo, which can be added to clothing. Barb Kleifgen will bring more information about T-shirts to the meeting in November.

Motion to Adjourn at 8:10pm was made by Famia Marx, seconded by Christine Griffith, motion carried. The November meeting will be at MARS with Holiday Treats-Social Fun-Fun Gift Exchange and Jan Sabin will provide a presentation on the Florida Everglades. Details for November meeting will be in next newsletter.

Respectfully Submitted
Sue Wilford, Secretary

Members Attending: Nancy Alger, Shirley Anderson, Annette Bowden, Debby Brown, Audrey Brundidge, Lynn Bushmaker, Julie Carlsen, Bob Cline, Ruth Cline, Mary Czaja, Maria Edelstein, Micky Erickson, Fern Fregien, Christine Griffith, Chris Grimes, Sandy Harrison, Peg Harvey, Betty Havlik, Barb Herreid, Paula Klevene, Denise Larson, Scott MacMillan, Famia Marx, Gail Meyer, Barb Moes-Kleifgen, Jeanne Osgood, Tom Paul, Pat Paulus, Tom Ptak, Karleen Remington, Jan Sabin, Gail Snortheim, Donna Streiff, Carol Tomke, Apollonia Virsnieks, Margaret Weister, Janet Wiemann, Sue Wilford, Joanne Wilkinson, Marlene Winters, Mary Zahn. Advisor Jeremy Erickson. Guests: Parviben Trivedi-Zieman

Meeting Program: Brigitte Varga, a Juneau Cty MG: "Garlic: The History, How to Grow and Use."

MGV Logo on Apparel



Many of you have asked how to obtain shirts and denim jackets etc. with the Master Gardener Volunteer logo. The logo itself needs to be used properly so that a clear, unified and consistent image for the organization is presented. Additionally, the UW-Extension logo should be used in conjunction with the MGV logo. Full guidelines as well as electronic logo files are located on the WIMGA website at <http://wimastergardener.org/mgplogo/>

Apparel can be ordered from Lands' End, where they can add the MGV logo for an additional charge (usually less than \$10). Locally, you could also contact one of the following businesses and can either supply a clothing item that you want embroidered or order a wide variety of items directly from them:

- Images Embroidery/Bruce & Cheryl Thorson at 6676 State Hwy 13/34, Rudolph, WI 54475; 715-435-3181; www.imagesemb.com They produced the WCMGV aprons for us.
- Action Shirts and Printing; Diane Greenweller, 1135 County Rd D, Rome. She can be reached at 715-325-3911.
- Toni Scarbury in the Town of Rome has an embroidery business called Oh Sew Fine. She can be reached at 715-213-2760 or grammasews@scacable.com

If you're aware of other businesses in the area that can provide the logo on apparel, just let us know and we'll publish the information in a future newsletter.

Additionally, the Wisconsin Master Gardener Association has a logoed vest that can be ordered. Barb Herreid is getting further information on this . . . stay tuned for more details.



As we approach the shorter days, darker nights, colder temperatures, and many other beauties of the Wisconsin Autumn, it is also the time of year to reflect back and reminisce on the many blessings of the season. The gardens are winding down, leaves fleeing from the trees, and the animals are gathering food for the winter. As we are also prepping for the upcoming winter and holiday season, it is important to

remember the significance of one's community, and how volunteering in that community can have a big impact. We have a wonderful community here in Wood County, and also many wonderful groups of community volunteers that are dedicated to helping make our county a better place. One group in particular, the Wood County Master Gardener Association (WCMGA), sets a great example of how volunteering in one's own community makes a big difference! The WCMGA coordinate and plan educational workshops and seminars throughout the year. They assist with Children's Festival in Wisconsin Rapids and Marshfield, the Central Wisconsin Junior State Fair, and many more youth education events. And they also manage and maintain over 31 garden projects throughout Wood County, adding a lot of natural beauty to the landscape of our community. This past year, WCMGA volunteers contributed over 8,460 hours of service to Wood County. The Master Gardener's service in this county, based on the current estimated dollar value of volunteer time in Wisconsin of \$22.24 per hour (from The Independent Sector), is valued at over \$188,000. The WCMGA also supports the Wisconsin Rapids-Growing Friends Community Garden. They manage seven garden beds as demonstration and educational gardens. The produce harvested from those beds is donated to the South Wood Emerging Pantry Shelf (SWEPS). The WCMGV also manage the Wakely Historical Garden. Between the two sites, the Wisconsin Rapids-Growing Friends Community Garden and the Wakely Garden, over 700 lbs. of fresh produce was donated to the local food pantry. A very big THANK YOU to our Wood County Master Gardener Volunteers!

Jeremy Erickson
Horticulture Educator
UW-Extension Wood County

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Seed Saving Library Project

The Seed Saving Library was housed at Lester Library of Vesper. The library director, Andrea Halbersma had contacted Master Gardeners about a seed saving program in which she was interested. Hoping it would be both educational and of benefit to the library patrons and area residents, she needed the help of the Master Gardeners to teach the classes and to help germinate the saved seeds. A request for funding from the Master Gardener's was approved and used for the project in 2015 and 2016.

The idea was taken from "Basil" (Bay Area Seed Interchange Seed Library, California) which was the first seed library in the U.S. started in the year 2000. Participants borrow the seeds in spring, and return seeds to the library in the fall, saving some of the seeds for themselves. For the Vesper Program, we provided classes to go along with the seeds!

During the first class, participants planted 8 tomato seeds and 8 pepper seeds, which, when the weather got warm, were taken home for care and planting outdoors. Classes were held on planting peas and beans, soil preparation, seed saving, and drying the seeds for next year. Because all participants took the seeds home, follow up phone calls were made mid-season. In the fall, we conducted a harvest meeting, where we talked about our success or failures.

We started out in 2015 with heirloom tomatoes, peppers, peas and beans, as they are the easiest seeds to save. In 2016, we added another variety of tomato, pepper, peas, and beans, and added cucumbers and pumpkins. Our participation in 2015 was slow; we thought it would pick up the following year. In 2016, however, there was very little participation.

While we believe this is a worthwhile project, due to the low numbers of participants, we have decided to discontinue the project in its present form. We have donated the seeds and other project materials to the community gardens. Hopefully they will use the seeds, save some for the gardens, and continue to grow their gardens and start a seed saving tradition!

Leonore Look

Jane Maciejewski



MGV Meetings & Notices

Nov. 15th: Last membership meeting for 2016
2017 Dues and Forms due to Barb Herreid or brought to Nov. Meeting

Dec. 1: Final date to submit project expenses for reimbursement

Dec. 10th: News articles due for last newsletter in 2016

Jan. 5th: 1 p.m. Audit Committee- CH- ETN Rm
2:30 p.m. Project Authorization Committee follows Audit Committee-CH-ETN Rm

Jan. 19th: 1 p.m. Financial Committee followed by Budget Mtg. CH –ETN Rm

Jan. 24th: 4:30 p.m. Programs Committee- CH- ETN Rm

Jan. 30th: 5:30 p.m. WCMGV Board of Directors Mtg. MARS

This is a new column in newsletter to better serve our WCMGV membership.

Outdoor Youth Garden Art Gallery at Vesper Public Library

The Outdoor Youth Garden Art Gallery pictured below was created at the Lester Public Library of Vesper. It was installed in an open space which had been planted with bushes, but needed restoration due to damage from animals. In collaboration with the Library Director, the MGV built the structure for community youth as a space for them to experiment with horticultural and gardening principles. MGVs created the wall using lattice panels that would allow youth to display garden art.

The MGV goal for 2016 was to create the structure. The goal for 2017, is to focus on opportunities for youth to learn gardening principles and for them to create and display their artwork.



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20-21, 2017

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GARDEN VISIONS

- 2017 -

REGISTRATION BEGINS:
DECEMBER 1, 2016

Check out our website
<http://fyi.uwex.edu/marathonmg/special-events/garden-visions/> for complete event details!




Christmas Tree Walk at The South Wood County Historical Museum

Reminder

The Museum will be hosting a Christmas Tree Walk on Dec. 3, 4, 9, and 10th this year. The Master Gardener Volunteers at the Museum would like your help to decorate a tree. All trees must be artificial and the base tree for the decorations will be a blue spruce, about 7 ½ feet high, with white lights.

The tree will be filled with dried arrangements from our gardens. Can you help supply some tied sachets of dried flowers, seed heads, etc. Examples of dried flowers could be: hydrangeas, sedum, cimicifuga seeds heads, Chinese lanterns, grasses, red or yellow dogwood branches, grapevines, coneflowers, alliums, native flower seed heads, pinecones, etc. Even if you have a few individual specimens, bundles can be made from them.

If you can help with any materials, please bring them to the October 25th MG meeting at MARS. Please identify with a note, what you are bringing. Decorative educational cards identifying the dried materials will be attached to the tree to provide an educational venue to the public. If you would like to help the Museum gardeners decorate the tree during the week of November 13th, please contact Micky Erickson or Chris Griffith.



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November Garden Guide

from [Portage County Master Gardeners Volunteers](#)

- 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.

Wood County Master Gardener Volunteer

20th Anniversary Celebration in 2017

Put on your creative garden hats and get ready to help WCMGVs celebrate twenty years of sharing Horticulture education with members and the public. Members, projects, teams, committees, and board members are encouraged to come up with an idea to help celebrate twenty years of WCMGVs work in Wood County and borders. The WCMGV Cook Book committee has a good start on the celebration. The cookbook was unveiled in 2016 and is selling very well. It contains recipes from the members, garden tips, helpful hints and space for favorite recipes and other notations.

The list of ideas below is just to inspire you to come up with an idea for yourself, your garden project or a group of interested WCMGVs to work on together! You do not have to pick from this list, so be creative! Here are a few ideas generated by an informal group of WCMGVs who met just once in 2016 to brainstorm ideas. Possibilities are unlimited, but include such things as: booth at Marshfield Fair; float in Cranberry Festival or other parades; displays at libraries; coffee with WCMGVs; Christmas Tree at South Wood County Historical Museum event; 20th Anniversary pencils; T-shirts/vests; history brochure; organized visits to project gardens; WCMGVs Garden Tea; mini-workshops at project gardens; garden walk to include our project gardens; newspaper articles; radio talks; Marshfield Dairy Fest; booths at annual garden walk, plant sales, and farm markets; or Garden Book Readings for youth held in the project gardens!

Update: Ruth Cline is interested in creating a history display to share WCMGVs involvement in the world of Horticulture over the last twenty years within Wood County and surrounding borders. Several libraries expressed an interest in this type of display for their library. WCMGVs with interest in working on the history displays may contact Ruth.



Wood County Master Gardener Volunteer Annual Membership Renewal Form

Many changes have been made: Please read back 2 pages before filling out form

Please complete all of the information on the form:

Name _____

Address _____

City-State-Zip _____

Phone Number _____

Email Address _____



Monthly Newsletter: Via Email _____ (free)

*Via US Mail _____ (\$6 to cover costs)

(US Mail Newsletters may arrive later than Email Newsletters)

Dues for 2017: \$15 Make check payable to WCMGV. Due: November 15* 2016

***Add late fee of \$5 if paying after the November 15, 2016 membership meeting**

Mail dues payment along with survey forms to Barb Herreid, 946 S Archers Way, Nekoosa, WI 54457

(You may also bring your completed form and dues to Nov. 15th membership meeting!)

Please read and check areas you plan to be involved/work with in 2017. By doing this carefully, you will help committee chairs, teams, project leaders and the board plan for next year.

I would like to serve on the following STANDING COMMITTEE(S) 2017 (see explanation on accompanying sheet):

Project Authorization

Nominations

Auditing

Programs

Continuing Education

I would like to serve on the following TEAM(S) in 2017 (see explanation on accompanying sheet):

Youth Education

Marshfield Children's Festival

Wis. Rapids Children's Festival

Central Wis. Jr. Fair Marshfield

Plant Sales

Wis. Rapids

Marshfield

Community Gardens:

Wis. Rapids

Marshfield

Horticulture Advisory

Farm Technology Days 2018

WCMGV 20th Anniversary 2017

Community Outreach and Education

Communications

Hospitality/Refreshments

Legacy

Garden Walk Planning Team

I would like to help at the 2017 Garden Walk in the following areas:

Greeter Guide Art in the Garden Boutique

Help create garden art for sale at the garden walk boutique

Assist with Garden Preparation (if needed) prior to the Walk

I plan to work on the following project(s) in 2017:

- Zoo Japanese Garden
- WR Zoo Gardens
- Zoo Hort. Education Center
- Clock Tower Garden
- WR Welcome Signs
- Wood Cty. Veterans Memorial Urns
- Lowell Center Garden
- Community Garden
- Heart of WI Chamber of Com.
- S. Wood Co. Historical Museum
- S. Wood Co. Historical Museum Urn Planters

- Soo-Line Lot(former curves on maple)
- Fairgrounds Educational Garden
- Community Gardens
- Wildwood Zoo Gardens
- Upham Mansion
- Weber Nature Park

- Wakely Gardens(Historic Point Basse)
- Lester Library (Rome)
- Edgewater Haven

Pittsville Area Historical Society

- Welcome Signs
- Main Street Planters

- Lester Public Library
- Vesper Recreational Park
- Vesper(Library)Adult/Youth Education

PROGRAMS:

I would like a talk/demo on the following topic(s):

Be specific as to what you would like to learn about! _____

I would like to volunteer my garden site for a future summer membership meeting.

**Comments - Suggestions - Ideas to improve WCMGV Association: Here is your opportunity!
Your input is very important!**

Please Read before filling out your Form! Thanks very much!

Volunteering to serve on a committee/team is another way to earn your annual volunteer hours and often times, it doesn't involve heavy lifting! The following is an explanation of what is required for each committee. Some meet only once or twice a year; while others meet several times a year and offer more opportunities for additional hours.

WCMGV Committees:

PROGRAMS: Committee meets once in January for about 2 hours to consider ideas for our membership meeting programs and locations for the upcoming year. Committee is headed up by the Vice President. After the initial meeting, speakers are lined up and confirmed via phone and email. Vice President forwards yearly program/refreshment schedule to the refreshment committee.

PROJECT AUTHORIZATION: Committee meets in January to review project/grant requests and self evaluations and to recommend funding for the year.

CONTINUING EDUCATION: Committee plans the spring and fall seminars; choosing topics and arranging for speakers. Seminars provide educational opportunity for both the membership and general public. This committee also reviews program input from the dues forms. Committee chair forwards seminar dates/locations to refreshment committee.

NOMINATIONS: In early fall, recruit members to run for any vacancies on the Board of Directors for the following year.

AUDIT: Meet once in January to perform an annual audit of the association finances; usually takes approximately 2 hours. You can serve for up to 3 consecutive years on this committee.

WCMGV TEAMS:

GARDEN WALK: Meets regularly from January to July every 4 to 6 weeks to plan this fundraiser. There are many sub-committees; you can pick what aspect of the GW that you would like to help with the planning. This is a fun committee that welcomes new members. Sets up tables and canopy for refreshment committee.

HOSPITALITY/MEETING REFRESHMENTS: Meets in Jan/Feb to make plans for the year. The first meeting in 2017 requiring refreshments is the March 28 membership meeting. The team recruits members EARLY in the year to be responsible for monthly meetings, spring and fall seminars and the Garden Walk Refreshment Table. This team involves working with the program committee, garden walk team and garden seminar chairperson when planning refreshments for their events. Meeting early in the year allows for overall planning as to who will be responsible for each monthly meeting and the various events which includes set-up, serving, clean-up, purchasing food items, serving utensils, etc as needed. Equipment for refreshments is normally stored at UW Extension. WCMGV Newsletter and the monthly meetings may be used to recruit helpers/bakers!

PLANT SALES: Both Wis. Rapids and Marshfield have teams to organize a plant sale in their respective community.

YOUTH EDUCATION: Both Wis. Rapids and Marshfield have teams to organize the Children's Festival in their respective community. This area also includes any WCMGVs interested in assisting with the Central Wisconsin Marshfield Junior Fair Judging as well!

COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND EDUCATION: This 'team' focuses on ideas to investigate ways to improve opportunities for our members to provide public education in horticulture in our communities. Members would work with project leaders that may need extra help designing garden information signs, making plant labels, creating garden art, assisting with an educational program at their garden site...and more! Examples of public educational programs: seed saving, creating a container garden, making your own toad house!

COMMUNICATIONS: This team is responsible for writing the monthly newsletter, press releases on WCMGA projects and events, and general publicity/outreach to the community

HORTICULTURE ADVISORY: Members will assist with horticultural/garden related questions and set up booth at Wood County Farmers Markets as the Master Gardeners Garden Clinic. Assist UW Extension with the Garden Hotline, working one day per week in the UW Extension Office in Wisconsin Rapids. Farm Technology Days 2018 (display/booth)

COMMUNITY GARDENS: Will assist community garden advisors and WCMGV project leaders at Wisconsin Rapids and Marshfield Community Garden sites. Help with garden preparation, planning, planting, watering, general maintenance, and fall cleanup. Work with community partners.

LEGACY: This team will be comprised of members interested in preserving the history and legacy of the WCMGA. The 20th anniversary of the WCMGA is coming up in 2017, and this team will be charged with creating a project to celebrate the history of the Master Gardener Program here in Wood County.

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