

UW-Extension Wood County Master Gardener Association

Wood County UW Extension

December 2016

UW-Ex MG Annual Accomplishment Report

The annual report for the entire State of Wisconsin is out!! Grab a cup of coffee, sit down and enjoy reading about Wood County MGVs as well as each county in the State. Below is the website address:

<http://wimastergardener.org/wisconsin-mg-annual-report/>

I think you will enjoy all of the wonderful stories!

Thank you WCMGVs. Our successes and hard work in Wood County are evident in the report.

Thanks to everyone!

Ruth Cline

Volunteers in Horticulture 2016

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From the President's Notebook

We are close to the end of 2016. The fall season was longer than normal and winter arrived without an advanced notice! This is the last issue of the WCMGV newsletter for 2016. The next newsletter will be the January/February issue.

Thank you to the board of directors, committee members, project leaders and

teams, all WCMGV members—regardless of whatever way in which you supported our association in 2016. Your support made 2016 very successful and helped me, as your president, lead our association in a positive direction. The Annual Accomplishment Report for WCMGVs-2016 is included in this newsletter. Enjoy the wonderful stories! Keep in mind that you WCMGVs made it all happen! You should have received via email, as well as a reminder in this newsletter, a website link to access the State of Wisconsin Accomplishment Report. The report includes a summary of events in each county, limited to one page and one photo. In addition, the state document highlights particular areas from each county's accomplishment report. The state MGCV report is informative and provides details about what is going on in other county MGCV groups throughout the state.

Our local WCMGV group received support and guidance from the UW Extension staff, which included Teri Lessig until March. The entire staff did a great job supporting the WCMGVs and we thank them very much for being a part of our success story in 2016. In July we welcomed Jeremy Erickson as our new Horticulture Educator/Advisor.

My 2016 notebook is full of ideas, suggestions, comments, pros and cons, and stories that have made their way to me! I truly enjoyed working with all of you and appreciate your continued support of the WCMGV association. It was a very challenging year since in April, May, and June we operated without our Horticulture Educator/Advisor. UW Extension staff and WCMGVs working together made 2016 a very successful year in the world of Horticulture throughout Wood County and it's borders! Thanks so much! You all made it happen!

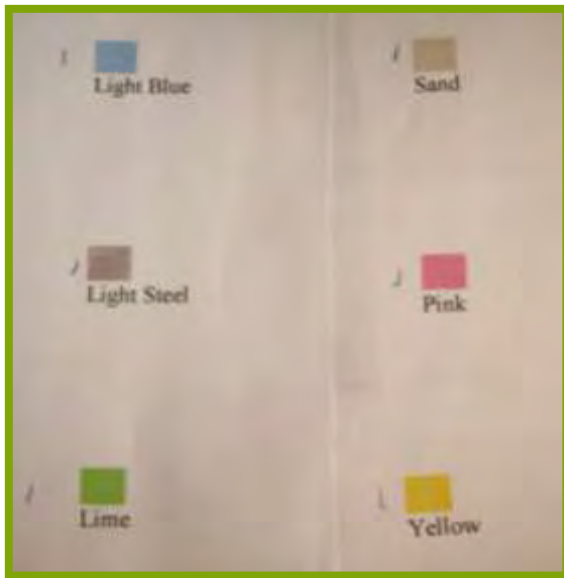
Warmest wishes to you and your family as you celebrate the holidays!

Merry Christmas! Happy New Year! See you in 2017

Ruth Cline

Wood County Master Gardener T-Shirt Offering

At our November meeting, there was quite a bit of interest in getting WCMGV T-shirts. Barb Kleifgen tracked down details from a local company that she's worked with in the past and we're pleased to offer T-Shirts to you. The approximate size of the State Outline Master Gardener logo is 3" by 3" and it will be printed on the T-shirt on the top left front chest area. The following shirt colors will be available:



ORDER FORM:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

SIZE	COLOR (CHOICE FROM ABOVE)	QUANTITY	AMOUNT
S, M, L, XL @ \$12 each			
2XL @ \$15 each			
3 – 4XL @ \$18 each			
5 – 6XL @ \$20 each			
TOTAL AMOUNT			

Make checks payable to WCMGV and mail to Barb Herreid, 946 S Archers Way, Nekoosa, WI 54457

DEADLINE TO ORDER: FEBRUARY 1, 2017

**Wood County Master Gardener Volunteers
MARS, Marshfield, WI; November 15, 2016**

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm. Sign in for attendance circulated. 2017 Volunteer Hour sheets available.

Minutes 10/25/16–Jan Sabin moved to accept past minutes as written, seconded by Gail LaFontaine, motion carried.

Financial report: Financial report and dues reminder given by Barb Herreid. Also reminded that Dec 1st is deadline for any reimbursement. Motion to accept financial report as presented was made by Barb Moes-Kleifgen. Seconded by Deb Ostrowski. Motion carried.

Old Business/Announcements:

T-shirt update: Barb Moes-Kleifgen showed T-shirt that could be available with MGV logo. Great interest was shown for those who are interested in purchasing one. Discussion about color, quality, logo and sleeve length. Barb Herreid shared that a MGV vest is available on the WIMGA website for \$24. Barb Herreid and Barb Moes-Kleifgen will provide details in December newsletter.

New Business/Announcements:

Extension Update: 27 people on list for MGV training in spring. Plan on Pittsville location.

WIMGA Educational Grant for 2017: Awarded \$250 grant for banner “Ask a Master Gardener Volunteer” and canopy to be able to enhance our displays at farmers markets, community events.

Nominations for Board of Directors/Elections: Nominations for Board of Directors are Donna Streif for North Wood County and Bob Cline for South Wood County. No nominations from the floor. Motion made by Barb Herreid to accept nominations, seconded by Peg Harvey. Motion carried. Next board meeting will be held on January 30, 2017.

Board of Directors – Retiring Members: Two directors honored for their years of service on the board: Jan Sabin and Mary Czaja. Presented appreciation gifts.

Christmas Event/So. Wood Co. Historical Museum: Micky Erickson thanked everyone for contributing items for the tree. It will be decorated on this Thursday. Dates and times are: Dec.3rd – 12-4pm; Dec. 4th – 12-4pm; Dec. 9th – 5-8pm; Dec. 10th -12-4pm.

Newsletter input needed! Meeting Information: Wanting more transparency and requesting that MGV put all future meeting dates and times in newsletter. Information needs to be submitted to Peg Klinkhammer by the 10th of the month. Would like write ups and photos of projects for newsletter.

Additional New Business:

Ruth Cline handed out the summary of the WCMGV volunteer hour accomplishment report for 2016 produced by the state. Should be available online by November 21st.

Due to technical difficulties, Jan Sabin program moved to 2017.

Money collected for food pantry will be sent by Barb Herreid. Barb Moes- Kleifgen will take donated food items to Soup and Socks in Marshfield and South Wood County Food Pantry in WI Rapids.

Motion to Adjourn was made by Donna Streif, seconded by Carol Tomke, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted
Janet Wiemann/Sue Wilford, Secretary

Members Attending: Nancy Alger, Shirley Anderson, Annette Bowden, Debby Brown, Audrey Brundidge, Lynn Bushmaker, Julie Carlsen, Bob Cline, Ruth Cline, Liz Erdman, Micky Erickson, Joyce Fischer, Peg Harvey, Betty Havlik, Barb Herreid, Gail LaFontaine, Denise Larson, Scott MacMillan, Barb Moes-Kleifgen, Deb Ostrowski, Kathy Poehnel, Jean Rockwood, Jan Sabin, Judy Sternitzky, Donna Streiff, Carol Tomke, Apollonia Virsnieks, Margaret Weister, Janet Wiemann, Marlene Winters, Mary Zahn.

Meeting Program: Holiday celebration with MGV food and gift exchange.

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. Order forms are also available for the new T-shirt—see page 3.



Happy Holidays!

It seems that winter has finally arrived, and is here to stay for a while! We were quite blessed this season with the ample amounts of rainfall, plentiful harvests, and one of the warmest Novembers that I can remember. I was even still eating tomatoes from the (unheated) greenhouse on Thanksgiving weekend. Since joining the Extension team this past July, it has been a pleasure getting to know the Wood County Master Gardeners and learning about all the wonderful work that is being done in our community. During my first week with Extension, I had the great pleasure of being able to attend the Pre-Garden Walk with Master Gardener Volunteers which was a great way to meet everyone involved. It also provided the opportunity to see some very wonderful gardens! I really enjoyed being able to help out with the Growing Together Community Gardens of Marshfield and helping to build the storage shed at the Growing Friends Community Garden in Wisconsin Rapids, while at the same time meeting some great community volunteers. I had a great time attending my first Central Wisconsin State Fair, and really enjoyed being a part of the Youth Veggie Competition. The passion and dedication of the kids to their gardens was refreshing. I also had the opportunity to attend the Midwest Regional Master Gardener Conference in Wisconsin Dells, and learned a lot about the Master Gardener Program, how important this organization is, and how great of an impact the organization has on involved communities. The Fall Garden Seminar brought in two wonderful speakers with some great topics and a great audience. I am eagerly awaiting the winter months to take the time to rest, reflect, and reminisce on the times of the previous year.

I am looking forward to working with you all in 2017, and wish you and your families a safe and happy holiday season, and a happy new year!

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Wood County Master Gardeners Volunteers



WCMGV Accomplishment Report 2016

Data used in this report represents the data available at this time. We currently have a total of 100 members; 79 of those members are certified. Several members have not sent in their renewal forms and dues for 2017.

If you are currently a member who has not sent in your 2017 dues/renewal form, then the December newsletter is the last information you will receive from WCMGV Association. We officially start over January 1st. We must collect all dues for 2017 prior to that date as we have a deadline to submit WCMGV data/dues to the state organization. If you do not have enough hours in 2016 to recertify, you can still rejoin and send in the hours that you did work. We hope you will join us in 2017. We have new areas/ ideas to work on, plus it is the 20th Anniversary for WCMGV.

In 2016, a group brainstormed a few ideas for the members to consider for our 2017 celebration! The WCMGV 20th Anniversary Cookbook has already made several appearances at Farm Markets, plant sales, festivals, businesses and other WCMGV events. Public interest in the WCMGV cookbook is very good. We have a group interested in creating an historical document to showcase 20 years of WCMGV service. There are numerous ways that you can be a part of our 20th anniversary year. We really need all of you in 2017 to help us celebrate! We ask each project leader and his/her team to come up with an idea using the MG garden project to help celebrate. We ask individual members, each committee, team, and the Board of Directors to all jump in and make it all happen in 2017! Check out past newsletters for a list of suggested ideas or create your own idea! WCMGV program started in 1997. We have many exciting stories about our first 20 years to collect and share. For now...here is the success story about 2016!

2016 was definitely a year of changes for the WCMGVs. Some of the more significant changes include: a new horticulture educator/advisor; a new newsletter editor; new and updated forms; educational brochures; educational components for all projects; the addition of a "team" working together on projects (rather than just one person being responsible for an area); increased emphasis on educational projects for the public; a brochure listing opportunities for members that do not choose to do the physical work in garden projects to achieve certified status; and a self-evaluation form for project leaders and their team to complete rather than a committee evaluation as in past years. New ideas were encouraged from throughout the membership. 2016 brought out several interesting happenings! Gardening with Kodiak bears story and photo was picked to be in the State of Wisconsin MG Report along with stories about the Sensory Gardens-Senior Serenity and WCMGVs Focus on Public Education.

Starting off the year in January, the Board of Directors met to plan for the year (this board meets 4 times a year for 3 to 4 hours). The board addresses a variety of areas within the

WCMGV association such as MGV requirements/guidelines, programs, project gardens, seminars, monthly meetings, projects, educational events, financial support, garden walk, plants sales, continued education and much more. Teri Lessig, Horticulture Educator was our advisor for 10 years. Teri retired March 31st to pursue other interests. In July, Jeremy Erickson joined the UW Extension staff as Horticulture Educator and is our new advisor.

During the first quarter of the year, committees met in their respective areas to plan the year. For example the monthly meeting programs/garden tours that we enjoy each year are all set-up a year in advance by the program committee. This year we learned about: pruning trees and shrubs; tomato tasting; prairies/natural wildflower areas; monarch butterfly gardens; all about garlic; gravel gardening/raised beds; educational signs/brochures/brochure holders for our project gardens; dehydrating/drying herbs & fruit and other foods; ideas on low maintenance gardening; and made a return visit to a garden to view how a garden can be renovated to meet the site needs or owners desire to change the design. We also had our annual seed/plant exchange which members enjoy a chance to obtain a new plant for home gardens! The finance committee put their collective heads together to develop a budget that would cover WCMGV needs for the year. The audit committee met to ensure that every penny is accounted for and that our finances are in proper order. The project approval committee met to review project/grant requests and ensure goals are being completed and funds are covering WCMGV project needs. The continuing education committee meets once a year or more in advance of organizing two educational seminars each year (one in North and one in South Wood County) for WCMGVs and the general public. The 2016 Community Educational Team finalized their mission to introduce additional educational ideas and created a whole new concept to encourage educational components in every WCMGV project in Wood County and surrounding borders. This concept was unveiled in 2016 and will continue in 2017 under a new team name "Community Outreach and Education."

March brought the volunteer service awards event where WCMGVs receive recognition for hours earned. This is the first monthly meeting of the year so a great time to introduce the Hospitality Committee which consists of members who enjoy making treats for our monthly meetings. The group also does the refreshment set-up and clean-up for each event. They plan for the awards meeting and provide a beautiful, yummy awards cake to celebrate the event! You will see them at the garden walk, organizing the refreshment table. In addition, the group takes care of the annual WCMGV picnic! This group plans the elegant brunch at each educational seminar. This small committee depends heavily on the membership to help with treats and clean-up at the WCMGV events where food is served.

Fund Raising is the backbone of our WCMGV association. We have three hard working committees that rarely take a break--that is the garden walk and the two plant sale

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committees. The spring plant sale is much more than plants. To get ready for the spring sale, the committee is planning and ordering plants while snow is on the ground. The public may find garden art, worm castings, potting soil, homemade suet plus a great selection of the newest variety of plants for sale. The fall plant sale committee introduced scare crow skeletons for WCMGVs to transform into unique scare crows to sell in 2015. The scarecrows were so popular, that they returned to the fall plant sale in 2016. This artistic committee created one-of-a-kind dried arrangements from natural materials donated by WCMGV members. This adventuresome group took on several digs offered by gardeners to obtain an overabundance of lovely flowering plants. The numerous digs provided for the sale a variety of plants from which to choose. Creativity and beyond brought in funds from both of the plant sales to help ensure our programs and projects will again be funded for 2017. Kudos to the plant sale committees! Your numerous hours and creative planning are very much appreciated.

Spring also brings the May membership plant exchange--a great way to share extra plants! Members at this event are like kids at Christmas as they choose something new for their gardens. Definitely a fun event for both the giver and receiver!

This year our volunteer service hours in youth activities increased! Working with youth is very important as they are the future gardeners. Two committees work on the Children's Festival in Wood County. We are proud to have a South and a North committee to handle these two festivals. The WR Children's Festival committee turn their thoughts to educating the kids in gardening, plus entertaining the kids and their parents. This creative committee had fun garden games, a question game and a special take home bag of garden related and fun activities. In addition, youth receive a sunflower kit to grow at home. New this year is the Marshfield Children's Festival committee. This new group created 1,000 Sunflower kits to hand out to youth. They made seed packets with a variety of seed choices for families to take home. Their booth included a mini garden showing sprouted seeds coming up thru the soil. A huge sunflower created by a WCMGV towered over the booth.

The Vesper Library Team used grant money received from WCMGV to build a permanent outdoor youth "Garden Art Gallery". The gallery is used by youth who create art items at the library. In 2017 the youth will design and plant the garden which surrounds the gallery. WCMGVs will assist the youth with the gallery and the garden. This is just another idea on how WCMGVs reach out to youth in our community. This site is also used for public programs related to horticulture.

Garden Walk is by far our largest fund raiser. Planning for the garden walk begins the previous year. The committee depends on the membership to help out with this giant event, as a few can plan, but it takes the membership to help carry out this well-organized event.

The gardens on the walk this year were distinctive and offered a variety of ways to garden. To the six gardens featured in the walk this year, 359 guests were provided a view of gardens as varied as gravel, heirloom vegetables, quilt garden design, certified Monarch Monitoring Station garden area, large perennial garden with garden art, and a shade garden with porch overlooking garden. This year a silent auction was an added attraction; several people kept busy checking out the auction items and bidding. Our guest chef in the garden created food items for sampling from locally grown produce. The Art in the Garden Boutique had interesting garden bags made by WCMGVs from various animal feed bags for sale. Unique walking sticks created by WCMGVs were also available. Amish-made bird houses were new items this year. The garden walk guests enjoyed listening to music and viewing work from local artists as they toured the gardens. When a break was needed they could enjoy ice tea and treats while shopping for unique garden items at the boutique. The garden walk committee did an excellent job. Funds from this event help support our programs and projects. Positive comments from everyone lead us to believe that our 2016 garden walk was a success. A big thank you to all the members who volunteered to work at this event!

Two grant request forms for educational grants were submitted. We received notice that we received the \$250 grant. It will be utilized in 2017 to enhance our booths that are set-up at Farmers Markets, and other events. This grant provides extra funds to purchase a display board and banner "Ask a Master Gardener". A canopy and brochure holders may be purchased to enhance the educational displays. WCMGV presented a \$500 scholarship to a new Urban Forestry student at MSTC.

Under the area of education, we update and make available our WCMGV monthly programs brochure and Project brochure that lists the garden sites maintained by WCMGV. Our MGVs have 31 projects throughout the county and surrounding areas. The results of a pilot study conducted with 3 WCMGV projects in for 2015, in which the members tracked the number of people they had contact with, showed positive results. For example the study reported 166 adult contacts and 107 youth contacts. There were 22 designated presentations done in these gardens and many random questions were answered. Since this study was so positive the form entitled "WCMG-Year End Tally of Community Education" was made available to WCMGV via the WCMGV website to be filled out and submitted along with volunteer hour sheet. The results were amazing! From the Talley sheet and the new Self Evaluation form that each project leader and team filled out for 2016, we found that WCMGVs reached 6,035 adults and 6,965 youth through 31 different projects throughout Wood County at garden sites, libraries, festivals, parks, seminars, and meetings. Our educational topics varied from (hands-on) renovation of a butterfly garden site to a virtual tour of an English Garden. About 2,000 youth visited our indoor garden displays in April and walked away with a sunflower kit to grow at home.

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The South Wood County Museum hosted their Christmas Tree Walk in December. WCMGVs participated by creating a naturally decorated tree adorned with dried plant materials from WCMGVs gardens. This material was artistically formed into unique ornaments trimming a tree which looked like it just walked in from the Forest! Decorative place cards with Horticulture information were intricately placed throughout the branches of the tree for inquiring guests to read!

The Seed Lending Library was located within the Lester Public Library in Vesper for two years. Programs were held at the library by WCMGVs to introduce the public to this project. Several people took advantage of this program and learned how to grow their own plants from seed, properly plant and care for the plants and harvest the produce. They also learned about saving seeds from the plants that they grew for next year's planting. The project will move to a new location in 2017, but will continue the work of exchanging seeds and sharing the knowledge of how to grow, harvest, and save seeds for the future.

November is our last monthly meeting of the year--time for fun as we exchange gifts and special holiday treats. It is our opportunity to socialize and talk horticulture one last time for the year! WCMGVs, the above pages of accomplishments barely touches upon the number of hours that all of you have put into the WCMGV association in 2016. You are truly a valuable asset to Wood County and surrounding borders. No matter where one travels in Wood County you will find activities by WCMGVs. Total Hours 8,460 x *22.48 = \$190,180 WCMGVs Volunteer Service Value for 2016!

Note: Our total hours are up this year. This number represents hours submitted by the due date October 1st, since some members submitted their hours late, this number may actually be higher when the final count is made! I am pleased to announce our volunteer service hours for youth/adult education has increased this year! 2016 - 725 hrs. 2015 - 467 hrs. This is a plus for WCMGVs as our mission is to educate ourselves and the public in the area of horticulture! Thanks to all members for your continued support of WCMGV Association! Your continued support and talents are very much appreciated!

*This is the current estimated dollar value of volunteer time in Wisconsin from Independent Sector.

Submitted by Ruth Cline

“Volunteers are unpaid,
Not because they are worthless,
But because they are “PRICELESS.”

WCMGV Meetings and Notices

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. Committees, teams, project leaders, BODs, are encouraged to send meeting notices for this column.



Garden Dreams

A Saturday with the
UW-Extension Portage County
Master Gardener Volunteers
January 21, 2017
Registration opens at 7:30 a.m.
Program 8:25 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Photo by Peter Solik Photography

\$30.00 Registration fee includes a hot lunch!
Registration deadline is Wednesday, January 18, 2017.
Hearing loop on site. Everyone is welcome!

Landscape Design, Tying It All Together
Presenter: Diana Alfuth, UW-Extension Horticulture Educator in Pierce, Polk and St. Croix Counties

Beekeeping with Buzz
Presenter: Buzz Vahradian, Owner-Operator at V's Forestry Consulting, LLC, and
Co-Owner/Operator at V's Bees, LLC, Wautoma, Wisconsin

Prairie and Savanna Plants for Pollinator Gardens
Presenter: Neil Diboll, President of Prairie Nursery, Westfield, Wisconsin

Download the registration form here
or go to: <https://go.uw.extension.wisc.edu>

For more information, please call or text 715-340-8378.

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Congratulations to New Board of Directors for 2017

Results of the November Election:

Elected to the Board of Directors -
North: Donna Streiff

Elected to the Board of Directors -
South: Bob Cline

Welcome to the WCMGV Board of
Directors, Donna and Bob.

WCMGV Board of Directors first
meeting of 2017 is January 30th,
5:30 p.m. at MARS

**Garden Dreams
Brochure on
following pages**

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WVMGV Website: <http://www.wood-county-master-gardeners.org>

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.



2017 Prairie Grass and Wildflower Mixes Order

Name: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Address: _____

Email Address (optional): _____

Short Prairie Seed Mixes					Tall Prairie Seed Mixes			
Coverage	Cost/Unit	Dry Soil	Medium Soil		Coverage	Cost/Unit	Dry Soil	Medium Soil
1/4 pound 1000 sq. ft.	\$ 75.00				1/4 pound 1000 sq. ft.	\$ 65.00		
1/2 pound 2000 sq. ft.	\$130.00				1/2 pound 2000 sq. ft.	\$ 110.00		
1 pound 1/10 acre	\$200.00				1 pound 1/10 acre	\$155.00		
Pollinator Mix					Butterfly Prairie Mix			
Coverage	Cost/Unit	Dry Soil	Medium Soil		Coverage	Cost/Unit	Dry Soil	Medium Soil
1/4 pound 1000 sq. ft.	\$90.00				1/4 pound 1000 sq. ft.	\$90.00		
1/2 pound 2000 sq. ft.	\$170.00				1/2 pound 2000 sq. ft.	\$170.00		
1 pound 1/10 acre	\$250.00				1 pound 1/10 acre	\$250.00		
Land Restoration Mix					Erosion Control Mix			
Coverage	Cost/Unit	Dry Soil	Medium Soil		Coverage	Cost/Unit	Dry Soil	Medium Soil
3/10 acre	\$250.00				3/10 acre	\$280.00		
1/2 acre	\$380.00				1/2 acre	\$430.00		
1 acre	\$600.00				1 acre	\$700.00		
Subtotal (x.055)		→	→	+	Subtotal (x.055)		Order Total	
5.5% Tax					5.5% Tax			

* For more information or a list of seeds included in each mix call our office at 715-421-8475 or go to <http://www.co.wood.wi.us/Departments/LandConservation/TreeSale.aspx>

2017 Tree Sale Order Form

Name: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Address: _____

Email Address : _____

SPECIES	# PER BUNDLE	QUANTITY (# of Bundles)	PRICE PER BUNDLE	SUBTOTAL
American Plum - 10" - 20"	25 per bundle		\$19.00	
Antonovka Apple -10" - 15"	25 per bundle		\$21.00	
Black Cherry -12" - 18"	25 per bundle		\$21.00	
Black Walnut -18" - 30"	25 per bundle		\$22.00	
Douglas Fir - 15" +	25 per bundle		\$22.00	
Flame Maple - 12" - 18"	25 per bundle		\$22.00	
Highbush Cranberry - 6" - 12"	25 per bundle		\$18.00	
Midwest Crabapple - 18" - 24"	25 per bundle		\$24.00	
Red Osier Dogwood - 12" - 24"	25 per bundle		\$18.00	
White Birch - 12" - 24"	25 per bundle		\$21.00	
White Cedar - 6" - 12"	25 per bundle		\$20.00	
White Spruce - 15" +	25 per bundle		\$22.00	
TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT OF TREES - SHRUBS ORDERED				\$
SPECIAL ITEMS				
	QUANTITY		UNIT PRICE	
<u>Generic Gel</u>				
4 oz. - \$7.25, 1 lb. - \$12.25, 3 lb. - \$22.25	_____	X	_____	= \$ _____
<u>Tree Shelters</u>				
	_____	X	\$ 2.50	= \$ _____
(Trees/Shrubs + Generic Gel + Tree Shelters) SUBTOTAL				\$
(5.5% Sales Tax) SUBTOTAL x .055				\$
ORDER TOTAL				\$

ORDER DEADLINE IS JANUARY 13, 2017

Payment must accompany your order. Please make checks payable to: Wood County LWCD

Please mail order along with payment to: Wood County Land & Water Conservation Dept.
 PO Box 8095
 Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495-8095

Tree and Shrub Descriptions

American Plum - *Prunus americana* (Shrub) 10-18 feet mature height. Clusters of white flowers bloom in May producing edible fruit available from August to October. Source of food and cover for many species of wildlife. Sprout from root suckers to form thickets. Good for hedgerows and windbreaks. Resistant to drought. Prefers well-drained soil and partial to full sun. Recommended spacing is 10-15 feet.

Antonovka Apple - *Malus renетка* (Tree) 20-30 feet mature height. Antonovka is a group of late-fall or early-winter cultivars. Known for its ability to sustain long harsh winters typical of Eastern Europe and Russia and for its superior preservation qualities. Very heavy fruit production after 5 years, excellent apple for food plot and shelterbelt plantings as well as eating. This apple tree needs a pollination partner of a different variety nearby. Most white-blossom crabapples will be good pollinators for this variety. Recommended spacing is 10-20 feet.

Black Cherry - *Prunus serotina* (Tree) 50-60 feet mature height. The dark green leaves turn yellow to red in fall and white flowers, which bloom in spring. It's an important food source for many songbirds, black bear and deer. Fruit is edible by humans (used for wine and jelly). It will tolerate full to partial sun and moist to dry conditions. Recommended spacing is 15-20 feet.

Black Walnut - *Juglans nigra* L. (Tree) 70-100 feet mature size. An excellent source of nuts for both wildlife and human consumption. A fast growing tree in deep well drained soils. Under ideal growing conditions Black Walnut can grow two feet or more in one growing season. Recommended spacing is 10-15 feet.

Douglas Fir - *Pseudotsuga menziesii* (Tree) 50-100 feet mature height. It prefers well drained soils. Provides much needed winter cover for wildlife. Its needles are light green to blue-green about 1 inch with 2-3 inch cones. Recommended spacing is 10-15 feet.

Flame Maple - *Acer Ginnala "Flame"* (Small Tree) 15-18 feet mature height. Tolerates a wide range of soil. Does best in full sun to partial shade. Brilliant autumn foliage ranging from orange-red to deep red. A spectacular choice for its reliable blazing red fall color and bright red fruits in summer, very hardy and adaptable, great as a fall accent in smaller home landscapes. Recommended spacing 15-20 feet.

Highbush Cranberry - *Viburnum opulus* L. var. *americanum* Ait. (Shrub) 10-15 feet mature height. Produces a bright red fruit that is eaten by many songbirds, ruffed grouse, chipmunks, and deer. Tolerates full to partial sun and moist to dry conditions. Adapted to broad range of soil types, prefers well drained. Recommended spacing is 4-6 feet.

Midwest Crabapple - *Malus Baccata* Var. *Mandshurica* (Shrub/Small Tree) Grows 10-15 feet. A moderately rapid growing medium size tree. Densely branched and oval shaped. Blossoms snowy white. Dark olive green leaves. Fruit size 1/4-1/2 diameter. Excellent for windbreak, wildlife habitat and food source. Recommended spacing is 10-15 feet.

Red Osier Dogwood - *Cornus sericea* (Shrub) 8-10 feet mature height. Has white flowers atop of bright red twigs that produce white berries persisting into winter. Provides food and cover to ruffed grouse, turkeys, cardinals, evening grosbeaks, and rabbits to name a few. Tolerates full sun to full shade. Prefers wet to moist soil, broad range of tolerance to soil types. Recommended spacing is 4-6 feet.

White Birch - *Betula papyrifera* (Tree) 50-70 feet mature size. Small to medium-sized tree. Bark on branches and young trees is brown to bronze. Bark on mature trees white, peeling into long, narrow, paper-like strips. Birches are sun-loving, fast growing trees. Recommended spacing is 10-15 feet.

White Cedar - *Thuja occidentalis* L. (Tree) 40-50 feet mature height. Small scale-like leaves appear to make the branches flat. The thick branching pattern and dense foliage provide excellent cover for birds. Prefers neutral to alkaline soils. Makes a good windbreak. Is a preferred food by deer. Recommended spacing is 10-15 feet.

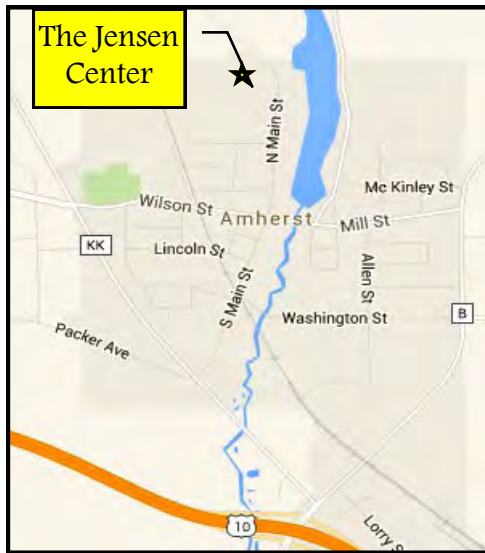
White Spruce- *Picea Glauca* (Tree) 60-80 feet mature height. Provides nesting, roosting and winter cover to a variety of wildlife species; also, good for windbreaks. Will grow in full sun to partial shade and moist to dry soils. Recommended spacing is 10-15 feet.

Directions



487 North Main Street
Amherst, WI 54406
715-824-5202

From Hwy 10 take Exit B/Amherst
Go East to KK (1 mile)
Continue straight to Main St (1/2 mile)
Turn Left/North on Main St
The Center will be on your Left (1/2 mile)



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**A Saturday with the
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January 21, 2017

**Lettie W. Jensen Community Center
Amherst, WI**

Registration

Name _____

Street Address _____

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Public Welcome!

Space is limited. Register soon!

Registration Deadline

Wednesday, January 18th

Conference Fee ~ \$30

Includes a hot lunch. Please contact us if you have special dietary needs.

Make checks payable to PCMGV

No refunds, but registration is transferable.

Mail Check & Registration Form to:

Garden Dreams 2017
736 Union Street
Stevens Point, WI 54481

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Call or text: 715-340-8378



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7:30 a.m. Registration

8:25 a.m. Welcome & Opening Remarks

8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Landscape Design: Tying it All Together
with Diana Alfuth

As we fill our yards and landscapes with things we love, including plants, artwork, and hardscapes, it's important to create a unified, cohesive look. The most pleasing landscapes have appropriate focal points and create peaceful eye movement, but still provide for outdoor activities. This presentation will explore how to tie landscape components together through principles of design, focal points, lines and use of plants, and it will give you the tools to look at a project as a whole and create an overall beautiful, harmonious space!

Diana Alfuth is a UW-Extension Horticulture Educator in Pierce, Polk and St. Croix Counties. With Bachelors and Masters degrees in Horticulture from the University of Minnesota, she's been with UW-Extension for over 17 years. She also teaches Sustainable Landscape Design at UW-River Falls.

10:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Beekeeping with Buzz
with Buzz Vahradian

Buzz (seriously, that's his name!) will teach participants the fundamentals of beekeeping. He will provide a thorough overview for beginners with an interest in starting a hive and others who are just fascinated with the lives of these super organisms. Participants will learn about: honey bee biology, proper equipment, colony management, diseases, pests, honey harvest and extraction, properties of honey, and when and where to get bees.

Buzz has been keeping bees over 23 years operating a bee-keeping business on the side: V's Bees, LLC. He is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point

with a major in Forest Management and a minor in Soil Science. He and his wife Marcia live in the township of Mount Morris in Waushara County where they run a choose-n-cut Christmas tree business, sell honey and are consulting foresters.

Noon to 1.00 p.m. – Catered Lunch

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Prairie and Savanna Plants
for Pollinator Gardens
with Neil Diboll

The importance of pollinators to human well-being is of increasing concern, as we see population decreases in these critical components of our ecosystems and food production systems. Approximately one third of all the food we consume depends upon the work of pollinators to produce fruits, nuts, and seeds. Without them, the food web would grind to a disastrous halt. However, gardeners can plant a multitude of native flowers that attract and sustain an amazing diversity of pollinators. Neil will highlight the best prairie plants for attracting bees, butterflies, moths, hummingbirds, beneficial wasps, and even pollinating flies to your garden.

Neil received his degree from the University of Wisconsin in 1978. He has since worked for the U.S. Park Service in Virginia, the U.S. Forest Service in Colorado, and the University of Wisconsin. In 1982, Neil began his involvement with Prairie Nursery, producing native plants and seeds and designing native landscapes. He has since devoted his efforts to championing the use of prairie plants, as well as native trees, shrubs and wetland plants, in contemporary American landscapes.

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