

# UW-Extension Wood County Master Gardener Association

Wood County UW Extension

May 2017

## WCMGV Program Information

### All About Herbs: How to Grow, Harvest, Preserve, Choose and Use Herbs

**May 23, 7:00 pm: MARS**

#### Business Meeting followed by Herb Presentation by Donna Streiff

Donna does not consider herself to be an authority on herbs but has given this presentation at a Clark County June Dairy Month recipe contest. She feels that this is an example of the kind of presentation we, as Master Gardener Volunteers, can provide for community groups as part of our educational service. We may not see ourselves as "experts" but many of us have years of hands on experience to share. Come and learn and share your own knowledge!



#### Member Plant Exchange (before and after meeting)

Our annual Member plant exchange is eagerly awaited by many of our more frugal members! We have all gotten, and given, a few gems over the years. Please take the time to label and give some helpful information on growing your 'adoptees'.

### Tour of Our Lady Queen of Heaven School Garden

**June 27, 7:00 pm** with Eliz Erdmann

The children's garden at OLQH was design to let children learn how fun it is to grow food—from sprouting to nibbling. The children have enjoyed watermelons, green beans, peas, cucumbers and some fun flowers. Corn on the cob has been a challenge along with potatoes and carrots. But the excitement that giant pumpkins and baby boos create will always be the garden favorite.

This school garden tour should prove to be very educational for us. More information and driving directions to this Wisconsin Rapids school will be in next months newsletter

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## From the President's Notebook

As I think about subjects for May's "From the Presidents Notebook," my thoughts turn to UW-EX required Background Checks. I will not list the questions and answers that have recently been asked and answered on this subject. This is water over the dam! May 2 was the magical date when many WCMGVs received an e-mail from the Madison UW-EX office and an e-mail from GIS regarding the subject of Background

Checks required for all Volunteers who work for the

UW-EX. There are NO exceptions for the data required on the form. Any volunteer who does not wish to submit the data required by the form, which allows the background check to be completed, will no longer be a volunteer for the UW-EX. This includes areas such as 4-H and WCMGV association volunteers. Members who received the emails, followed the instructions, filled out the form as directed and submitted the form on-line have completed the requirements. For those who have not submitted the form, no need to worry, as another round of emails will be sent out in the future. There may even be a third round of e-mails sent as well as hard copies sent via USP to those who have no e-mail to be sure that all who volunteer for the UW-EX have an opportunity to complete the form. The goal is to finish the process October 1, 2017. Please be patient and wait!

At this point WCMGVs don't need to do anything. If you received the two emails, filled out the form as directed and submitted it on-line, you have completed your part. All other members can just sit back and wait as you will be contacted by Madison and or GIS with information on how to proceed. It is my understanding that this will be a process that will be required every four years. Thanks very much for your patience. We will get through this together! I may still receive e-mails and phone calls from members, but I think that we need to give the process a chance to work. Portage and Marathon County are also going through the process at this time. I will keep in touch with Madison and share information on the process when available.

Last May I told you that our daffodils were the best since we moved to our farm in 1998. Well, folks our daffodil bloom this year started over 6 weeks ago and has out bloomed last year's crop. No matter where you look around our farm, daffodils are waving to you! We continue to plant new bulbs every year and divide larger plants as needed. Daffodils are an amazing plant! They do not require any maintenance unless you really want to divide them to hurry the population along. They will actually spread on their own. Bob and I are working towards having a natural area which requires very little maintenance, attracts wildlife, birds and in time encourages the return of native plants. The majority of our 72 acres have not been grazed in over 50 years. My horses are rotated through fenced paddocks which are clipped to help control weeds. This year our native lupine finally took off and has finally spread out to several plants. We invited the Karner Blue Butterfly to fly in for a meal. The variety of wildflowers increases each year as well as our bird population. We have learned so much by trial and

error, such as how many years it takes native seed to emerge into a plant, and better yet how long to bloom. We now purchase native plants, even though at a higher cost, because they are worth the price. We will enjoy them as long as we are here.

We encourage everyone to consider planting native plants in their gardens. They are easy to maintain, mostly drought resistant, relatively disease and bug resistant and long lived. Even if conditions such as grazing, drought or other naturally occurring events prevent the native plant from making an appearance for years, one day when everything is right, they will appear! Since 1998, we have experienced the power of nature when the environment is right—an outdoor classroom with a new book written every year! See you on the path!

Many authors write about native plants. Two books that I found very easy to read and understand are by Lynn M. Steiner: “Grow Native” and “Landscaping with Native Plants of Wisconsin.”

*Ruth Cline*

### **WCMGVs Help Requested at UW-EX Horticulture Office in Court House**

Calling all certified WCMGVs! Your help is requested during the garden season to work at UW-EX Horticulture Office to answer questions coming from the public. Sue Wilford, has been tackling this project by herself, but is anxious to have someone to help. She can quickly teach volunteers how to answer horticultural questions at the UWEX office. Sue has the material/resources that can walk WCMGVs through the process of answering questions from the public about gardening subjects.

In the office, if people from the public call or visit, they may have questions about insects, weeds or plants. The WCMGV directs the caller through a number of questions to narrow the research needed. The WCMGV uses the resources in the office to find the answer, or, if unsure, can leave the question for Jeremy Erickson. Members earn hours for this project and may include driving time as well. Normally the project takes about two hours each Monday. There will be a sign-up sheet at the May meeting with the Monday dates that have openings for 1 or 2 WCMGVs to work at the Horticulture Office.

The hours, dates and times can be flexible. WCMGVs mission is to provide support to the Horticulture Office as needed. It is our responsibility to offer our services when needed, especially during the peak gardening season. There are 79 certified WCMGVs, so we should be able to cover the request for help May through September. Partner with another WCMGV; two great minds working together, doing Horticulture research can be fun! Thanks in advance! You may email Sue Wilford or Ruth Cline with any questions.

**Wood County Master Gardener Volunteers  
MARS, Marshfield, WI; April 25, 2017; 2 hr. Continuing Education**

**Meeting was called to order at 7:12 pm.**

**Minutes 3/28/2017**—Famia Marx moved to accept past minutes as written, seconded by Chris Grimes, motion carried.

**Financial report:** Financial report given by Barb Herreid. Motion to accept reports as presented was made by Audrey Brundridge. Seconded by Peg Harvey. Motion carried.

**Old Business/Announcements:**

**Check Sign-In Table for sign-up sheets/information/handouts/other;** 2017 Farm Fresh Atlas available

**Meeting Refreshment Update:** There are no refreshments at our meetings because no one volunteered for this committee. If anyone volunteers to bring food, they must also clean up afterwards: clean the tables and sweep the floor.

**New Business/Announcements:**

**Extension Update:** Criminal Background Check being emailed out by state extension office soon. Have only 5 days to complete online form. If no email, will get mailed form. MGV training starting Thursday April 27<sup>th</sup> Would like MGVs to provide 10-15 minutes talk starting at 5:30pm each week. Mead School Farm to School program asking for a one time basic garden or planting demo to the children's families. Marshfield Community Garden work day – May 6<sup>th</sup>; Wisconsin Rapids work days – May 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>

**Spring Seminar report – Fall Seminar Update:** 80 participants in Spring Seminar with great speakers. Fall Seminar is October 28<sup>th</sup> with two speakers: Ben Fuda from Allen Centennial Gardens will present on building a bulb lawn and Rob Zimmer will present on the role of conifers in landscape

**Garden Walk July 8<sup>th</sup>** There 3 gardens in WI Rapids and 3 in Rome; Created a 'save the date' bookmark that will be at local nurseries at their checkout counter. Tickets and posters will be available at the May Meeting. Created 18 crafts first night, May 16<sup>th</sup> will create bee habitats and June 12<sup>th</sup> will be catch up. If have any old weathered statues, craft group will fix them up to sell also.

**Art in Garden Boutique items** – Bring any items to May and June meeting. Bob & Ruth Cline will collect items again this year.

**WR Plant Sale – May 13<sup>th</sup>** 9-1 pm at Helen Zoo House. Flyers available to distribute. Plant pick up at MARS will be May 11<sup>th</sup> by 6pm. Drop plants off at the WR Zoo anytime on Thursday or Friday 8-6pm. Potting soil all mixed and will be sold again this year.

**WCMGV 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 2017** – All projects are encouraged to have something this year to celebrate or display our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The committee is creating displays for all 7 libraries in the county. Plans to walk in the Cranberry Blossom Parade on June 18<sup>th</sup> in Rapids.

**Wood County hosts FTD 2018 – Input/Ideas/Help needed** – Committee met today to begin planning for FTD and will meet before each of the MGV membership meetings.

**Project Leader/Committee/Team Updates/Information:** McMillan Library in Rapids asking for a MGV to help with education of youth ages 13-14; Theme is Building a Greener World. One suggestion was how a greenhouse works and build a mini greenhouse they could take home. See Barb Herreid. Chris Grimes asked project leaders to let her know if having 'work day' or double hours in May – She will send out all in one email to MGV.

**Sign-up teams, committees, projects, Farmer's Markets:** Discussed WIMGA grant to set up tent and banner (Ask a Wood County Master Gardener) at Farmer's Market. Goal is to have presence at one Farmer's Market weekly. Sue Wilford will work with those interested. Photo release consent form; sign if okay to use photo in publicity documents.

**MG 101 Mini Programs:** Karleen Remington reviewed quiz on ways to earn volunteer and education hours.

**Additional New Business:** Peg Harvey announced the Bloomin' Greenhouse Tour in Clark County.

**Motion to Adjourn** at 8:10 pm was made by Karleen Remington, seconded by Maria Edelstein, motion carried.

**Next meeting:** May 23<sup>rd</sup> 7pm at MARS, Marshfield WI; Donna Streiff will present 'Growing-Drying-Using Herbs' and MGV plant exchange.

Respectfully Submitted -- Sue Wilford, Secretary

**Members Attending:** Nancy Alger, Shirley Anderson, Annette Bowden, Audrey Brundidge, Lynn Bushmaker, Bob Cline, Ruth Cline, Mary Czaja, Debra Debyl, Maria Edelstein, Joyce Fischer, Fern Fregien, Christine Griffith, Chris Grimes, Peg Harvey, Betty Havlik, Barb Herreid, Barb Kleifgen, Paula Klevene, Bea Kohl, Denise Larson, Scott Mac-Millan, Famia Marx, Judy Miller, Jeanne Osgood, Betty Phillips, Tom Ptak, Karleen Remington, Judy Sternitzky, Donna Streiff, Carol Tomke, Apollonia Virsnieks, Margaret Weister, Janet Wiemann, Sue Wilford, Marlene Winters, Mary Zahn. UW Extension Educator: Jeremy Erickson. Guests: Professor Tom Bitter, Charlie and Becky Knight.

**Meeting Program:** Matt Lippert on Farm Technology Days (10 mins); MG 101 Mini Program by Karleen Remington; (20 mins) and Sustainable Rose Culture by Tom Ptak (90 mins)

**Marshfield Fair Grounds:** Wednesday, **May 17** 1pm until dusk. Come whenever you can. (rain date May 24) Bring garden tools for planting and general garden clean up: pruners, rakes, tarps, etc. DOUBLE HOURS. Contact Joyce Fischer

**Soo Line Lot in Marshfield** on Maple St. by the Elks Club: work days (weather permitting) on Thursdays **May, 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th.** We meet at 8am for coffee at the Kitchen Table and go to work. DOUBLE HOURS on the 25th Contact Gail LaFontaine

**Marshfield Community Gardens** Work Day on Saturday **May 6th** 9am-12noon. Contact Tammy Neumann

**Lester Library of Rome:** Wednesday, **May 10** 9am-1pm. DOUBLE HOURS and lunch is provided! Rain date is May 17. In dire need of lots of helping hands since the expansion of the library is completed. We are rushing the project in order to be finished by the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on June 10th. If it looks like rain, call ahead to be sure they are working that day 715-325-6244 is Jeanne Osgood or 715-459-3571 is Fern Fregien

**South Wood County Historical Museum**, 540 South Third St., Wis. Rapids, is having a work day on Saturday, **May 6th**, starting at 9 a.m. The focus of tasks will be to do some plant divisions for the plant sale, and dividing and resetting some hosta. Bring pots to help the cause.

Then we will be spreading mulch on some of the beds, and bring up our tools from the shed for the season. Contact Micky Erickson or Chris Griffith for more information.

The **Growing Friends Community Garden** in Rapids will have two work days in May. The dates are **May 10th**, starting at 4 pm to 6:30 pm and **May 20th** starting at 9:00 am to 12 noon. **May 10th will include a demo class in square foot gardening bed prep and our annual seed exchange.** Bring tools and gloves. Any spare seeds can also be included in our exchange.

Contact Karen Houdek

HELP!

## Plenty of Opportunities for Volunteer Hours

**Marshfield Fair Grounds Garden Project** in need of your help with Spring Clean-up. Members who are available to work will receive double hours. Bring garden tools for general spring clean-up, rakes, pruners, etc. Contact Joyce Fischer, WCMGV via phone or email if you can work any of the following dates. Help needed April 19th(April 26th rain day), May 17th(May 24th rain day). Your support of this project is greatly appreciated. Come help, learn new garden clean-up tips, and enjoy working and sharing together with other WCMGVs. Thanks in advance for your help!

### Help at Mead Wildlife Area

Pam Resech is looking for 1-2 MGVs to provide a booth at the 'Winged Wonders' event on Sunday June 25th from 11-3pm. This follows National Pollinator Week June 19-25th. The focus of the event is 'native bees.' We have a display board on pollinators that is ready to use. This is a great opportunity to educate the public as a MGV. If available please contact Ruth Cline or Sue Wilford.

## Master Gardener 101: Earning Recertification Hours Quiz

Take the quiz to check your understanding of Master Gardener Recertification. Answers at the bottom.

Check the ways of earning your 24 volunteer hours for annual re-certification:

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. attending a WCMGV monthly business meeting
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. attending a garden related presentation/tour that is a part of a monthly WCMGV meeting
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. participating in a MG committee/team meeting
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. driving to/from a committee/team meeting
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. driving to/from a monthly WCMGV business meeting
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. writing up an article/report for the WCMGV newsletter
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. doing "homework" for a committee/team you serve on
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. baking cookies for a WCMGV fall seminar
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. working on an officially recognized WCMGV project
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. working on an officially recognized WCMGV project that you didn't sign up for
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. tending the plantings around your church, your local cultural center, your town hall
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. working at any job connected to the WCMGV garden walk
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. taking care of your neighbor's garden while he is ill
- \_\_\_\_\_ 14. showing your neighbor how to plan and execute a square foot garden
- \_\_\_\_\_ 15. helping the children at your neighborhood child care center tend the plantings in a garden
- \_\_\_\_\_ 16. fielding gardening questions at a farmer market, the extension office, the garden walk
- \_\_\_\_\_ 17. helping a neighbor investigate and solve a disease problem in her garden

Check the ways of earning your 10 hours of continuing education credit for annual MG re-certification:

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. attending the WCMGV fall and spring continuing education seminars
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. attending WMG state and regional conferences such as Garden Visions, etc.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. attending a garden related presentation/tour that is a part of a monthly WCMGV meeting
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. attending a workshop sponsored by a commercial horticultural product (i.e. Scotts, etc.)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. attending a workshop at a nursery/garden center that doesn't promote a commercial product
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. reading your monthly issue of *Better Homes and Gardens*
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. listening to the Friday Garden Talk program on Wisconsin Public Radio, Ideas Network
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. participating in a workshop at the UW-Ex Hancock station
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. listening to a Wisconsin Public Radio, Ideas Network environmental program with UW-Ex
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. completing a Plants Plus seminar program on the Wisconsin Master Gardener website
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. participating in the spring Clark County *Bloomin' Greenhouse* self-guided road tour
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. reading this month's edition of *Wisconsin Gardening*, *Northern Gardener*, etc. magazines
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. checking out & watching gardening DVD's, videos, etc. from Wood County Extension office
- \_\_\_\_\_ 14. attending a self-guided garden walk/tour
- \_\_\_\_\_ 15. attending a guided garden tour such as Monk Gardens
- \_\_\_\_\_ 16. reading horticulture articles on the WMG website
- \_\_\_\_\_ 17. reading horticulturally related articles on *WisContext* website
- \_\_\_\_\_ 18. watching horticulturally related programs on Wisconsin Public TV's *University Place* website
- \_\_\_\_\_ 19. driving to/from a horticulture/extension education program/workshop, etc.

The responses that are NOT correct are as follows:

Part 1: Volunteer Hours: 1, 2, 5 & 13    Part 2: Education Hours: 4, 6, 11, 14 & 19

## Master Gardener 101

The WCMGV Board approved the use of mini-sessions at the 2017 indoor meetings to help put our membership on a common footing about the policies and procedures that govern our organization. In addition to holding the mini-sessions at the meetings, the materials will be published in the following month's newsletter for those who may have missed the meeting.

The April Master Gardener 101 mini-session focused on hours for annual recertification—volunteer hours (24) and education hours (10). You will find a quiz that checks your understanding on the previous page, along with the answers at the bottom of the page. QUESTIONS? See Karleen Remington or a member of the Board of Directors.

## Garden Walk Art Boutique Needs Donations



### Calling all Members!

As you cleanout your garden sheds and spring clean your garage and basement, please save any garden related items you don't need! Bob and Ruth Cline are collecting your items and storing them for the upcoming 2017 garden walk. We will collect items, clean and repair as needed, then price, store and set-up items for the Garden Walk Boutique July 8th. Examples of items to donate include: flower pots of all kinds, garden art items, bird houses, bee houses, bird baths, bird cages, trellises, small benches, garden tools, old small windows (even if glass is missing), old garden gates (small), any item that may be re-purposed into garden art, old pails, garden books and magazines, art work, garden creatures/statues, small colored stones, ,old bike helmets, baskets—just about any item you think would be useful to a creative gardener. If you have a question about a donation, contact us at [stonegate@tds.net](mailto:stonegate@tds.net) or 715-569-4202. Items can be brought to April, May and June membership meetings. Questions? Don't hesitate to contact us!! We really need a great variety to make the Garden Art Boutique a success in 2017.



The Wood County Master Gardener Volunteers invite you to attend

### Garden Walk 2017

Tour 6 gardens in the Wisconsin Rapids and Rome areas.

Save the Date

**Saturday, July 8th  
9:30am-3:30pm**

For more information, please call Barb Herreid at 715-325-2075 or visit

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

Tickets with driving directions and map will be available in July.

## 2017 Master Gardener Volunteer Programs

Date/Time	Location	Topic/Guest Speaker
May 23 7 pm	MARS	Member plant exchange All About Herbs Donna Streiff
June 27 7 pm	Wi Rapids	Our Lady Queen of Heaven School Garden Eliz Erdmann
July 25 6 pm	Marshfield Wildwood Zoo	Using Native in a "Know" Maintenance Planting Kathy Poehnelt
August 22 6 pm	Wi Rapids	Wi Rapids Community Gardens Karen Houdek
September 26 7 pm	Wi Rapids	Cranberry Program Matt Lippert
October 24 7 pm	MARS	Member seed exchange Microgreens by Jeremy
November 28 7 pm	MARS	Italy with Paula Klevene

## Hancock Research Station Open House and Tour, August 5, 2017

The gardens at the Hancock Research Station will be open for tours with Waushara County Master Gardener Volunteers who work in the gardens available to answer questions. There are a variety of types of gardens to be viewed: a square foot garden area, a Life-long Gardening area with tools and information about gardening for older or disabled gardeners, an All-American Selection garden, shade gardens, a butterfly garden, fruit gardens, a bulb garden, a pond and several perennial gardens throughout the grounds. There will also be a baked potato bar and a variety of vendors at the Open House. Tours of the grounds of the Research Station will be offered during the Open House as well. The event is free.

Directions are simple. From Wisconsin Rapids take Hwy 73 towards Plainfield to I-39, turn right onto I-39 (exit Hwy I-39 at Hancock, go west on Hwy V to Research Station). Address is N3909 County Road V, Hancock, WI.

## WCMGV Meetings and Notices

**May 16th:** Cont. Ed. Team Mtg. 11 a.m. UW Ext. ETN Rm.

**May 23rd:** 6 p.m. Farm Technology Team Mtg. Held prior to Membership meeting! All interested WCMGV are encouraged to attend/participate in some way.

**May 23rd:** May Membership Meeting 7 p.m. MARS

**May 25th:** 20th Anniversary WCMGV Team mtg. to work on library displays, etc. 4:00 p.m. UW EXT ETN Rm. WCMGV members welcome!

**June 3rd:** 2017 Garden Walk Team Mtg. 10 a.m. McMillan Library – WR

**June 25th:** Marshfield Respite Care Garden Walk, 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Upham Mansion Gardens and Joyce Fischer Gardens will be on this walk)

**June 25th:** Winged Wonders – an event to celebrate Mead Wildlife National Pollinators. WCMGV are needed to set-up/staff a booth. Theme is “native bees”. Let Sue Wilford or Ruth Cline know if you can help with this booth. Great event to earn hours!

**July 8th:** WCMGV Garden Walk 2017

**July 24th:** WCMGV BOD meeting 5:30 p.m. MARS

**August 5th:** Hancock Research Station Open House and Tour 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (information in newsletter)

**August 29th:** Central Wis. State Fair Marshfield (WCMGVs assist with Judging –Jr. Fair Horticulture Dept.)

**September 16th & 17th:** Marshfield Fall Plant Sale at Maple Fest

**October 28th:** Fall Garden Seminar – UW Marshfield

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.

# May Garden Guide

from [Portage County Master Gardeners Volunteers](#)

## May Garden Guide

- Set Easter lilies in garden.
- Plant cool-weather crops: lettuce, spinach, chard, parsnip, onion sets, beets, carrots, kohlrabi, mustard, turnips, radishes, peas, parsley, and potatoes in early May. Soil temperatures should be at least 45 degrees.
- Plant snap beans, pole beans, sweet corn, and onion plants in mid-May. Sweet corn planted earlier in the season has fewer pest problems.
- Inspect for Iris borer larva on iris leaves. Crush larva.
- For bigger Peony flowers, de-bud several branches. Stake before buds open.
- Set out pansy plants when ground is workable.
- Dig and divide mid summer and fall blooming perennials before tip growth gets too tall.
- Plant tuberous begonias.
- Watch birch leaves for birch leaf miner infestation. Use sticky traps to monitor emergence of adults to help time spraying with summer oil, Neem extract, or rotenone. Sprays are only effective on adults or larvae before they tunnel into leaves. Some soil applied systemic chemicals may be effective in controlling larvae after they have tunneled into leaves.
- Plant tomato seedlings by pinching off lower leaves and placing on its side in a shallow furrow 2.5 inches below the soil surface. Soil closer to the surface is warmer and will speed tomato growth.
- Plant and transplant new evergreens before new growth appears.
- Plant strawberries, bush fruits, and grapes in mid month. Pinch blossoms from newly planted strawberries to develop strong plants for next year.
- Remove faded flowers from spring-flowering bulbs. Cut off stalks but allow leaves to die down naturally. Fertilize after blooming with 5 10-20.
- Plant stored geraniums in well-drained soil after last frost and keep moist. New growth should begin in one week.
- Prune spring-flowering shrubs after flowers have faded. Apply fertilizer.
- Toward end of the month, harden off seedlings of vegetable transplants and annuals grown indoors. Bring in at night or place in cold frames before planting in garden.



## Community Education

**Backyard Composting** - Tuesday, June 6, 2017 -- 6-8 pm and repeat session on Wednesday, June 7, 2017: 9-11 am at Vesper Library. Presenters: Jennifer Fane and Sue Wilford.

*For those who want to learn all about composting, but are afraid to ask, this is the session for you. We will provide beginner tips and tricks on how to compost your yard and kitchen waste and how to create great compost for your gardens and flower beds.*

**Sodden Succulents- Creating a Boot or Shoe Garden** - Wednesday, July 19, 2017: 3-4:30 pm for **youth ages 8 to 18** at the Vesper Library. Presenters: Peg Klinkhammer and Sue Wilford.

*Have you ever seen plants growing in an old shoe? In an old boot? Come to have some fun and learn how to grow your garden in a shoe or boot. Bring an old pair of shoes or boots—a pair you don't want to ever wear again. We all have those stuck at the back of our closet or in our basements. It could be a rain boot or a cowboy boot; a tennis shoe or a fancy dress shoe. We will decorate the Outdoor Gallery with our fancy planters!*

## North Central WI MG PLANT SALE

Saturday, May 20th, 2017. [From 7:00 AM \(new EARLY start time!!\) to Noon at the Cattle Barn at Marathon Park in Wausau.](#)

Featuring:

\*Free Kids Planting Area - Kids get to take their plant home!!

\*Large healthy plant divisions - All plants are grown locally. A large selection of plants are available, including: perennial flowers and annuals, vegetables, herbs, native plants and pollinators, houseplants, ornamental grasses, and hostas. Several area gardeners (including 2 past Garden Walk hosts) have generously donated plants for this year's sale, including many Astilbe, yucca, Lady's Mantle, Lamb's Ears, Shasta Daisy and Siberian Iris plants and Karl Foerster grasses. Pollinators include Black Eyed Susans, Bee Balm, Butterfly Weed and Anise Hyssop. And a donation of hostas from the Yawkey House Museum! We never know what kind of plants the Master Gardeners will bring to the sale so every year is different. Come and see what's available this year.

\*Seedlings started by local MG's - great vegetables and flowers!! Large variety!

\*Gardening Related Items - Gently used tools, gardening accessories and decorative garden items are also available for sale.

\*Reference Table -Questions about gardening or your newly purchased plants? Stop at our Reference Table staffed by Master Gardeners that will answer your questions

Questions??? Contact:

Faith Gokey, [fgokey@charter.net](mailto:fgokey@charter.net) , 715-297-5502, Plant Sale Chair  
Jane Olson, [janeolson219@gmail.com](mailto:janeolson219@gmail.com), 715-570-2769, PR Chair

## 2017 Garden Walk, July 8

### **Greeters and Guides needed**

More volunteers are needed for these jobs. Contact Julie Carlsen or Barb Moes-Kleifgen if you can work part or all of the day.

### **Boutique Craft Nights**

Craft nights to make items to sell at the Garden Walk Boutique are scheduled at Denise Larson's house, 3917 Pryne Road, Wisconsin Rapids. Each session begins at 5pm, but come when you can if that is too early. Contact Denise directly at [lorden74@hotmail.com](mailto:lorden74@hotmail.com) so she can plan her supplies.

### **Coffee Can Bee Habitat:** Tuesday, May 16

If you have any bamboo, dried cup plant stems, pine cones, plume poppy stems, or reed grasses, bring them along.

### **Catch Up Craft Night:** Monday, June 12

You will be working on finishing up any incomplete projects. If you have any resin figures or statuary you would like to donate, bring them along as Denise wants to try adding paint embellishments.



## Continuing Education Report: Upcoming Fall Seminar

Our Fall Seminar is planned for October 28<sup>th</sup> at UW-Marshfield Campus. Please put this date on your calendar. Posters and signups will take place this summer. But here is the lineup for an exciting morning in Marshfield.

The first speaker is Ben Futa of Allen Centennial Garden and his topic is "Building a Bulb Lawn: Adding a New Dimension to your Lawn." This practical, step-by-step presentation will illustrate how to create a beautiful "bulb lawn/meadow"—an arrangement of bulbs planted in your lawn can delight throughout the entire growing season.

The second speaker is Rob Zimmer and his topic is "The Important Role of Conifers in the Home Landscape" and will touch on native vs. hybrids, dwarf conifers for smaller yards as well as cultural conditions needed such as amount of light and types of soils and winter protection required.

Many thanks go to our Continuing Education Team members: Jeremy, Maria, Micky, Jennifer, Barb, Karen and Purvi. We always ask for your suggestions for future seminars for you. Please contact any of us with suggestions. And thanks to those who baked and brought snacks for our attendees. Our guests from outside the area and our membership were impressed with our hospitality.

Submitted by Micky Erickson

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## Bountiful Harvest Cookbook Update

At the April Board meeting, the board approved continuing to sell the cookbooks for \$18 each, but if buying two or more, the cost would be \$15/book. Seven cookbooks are being donated to the 7 local libraries in celebration of our 20th Anniversary. Two books were sold at the Spring Seminar and so we now have 191 books left to sell.

