

2017 Garden Descriptions

1. Sharon and Irv Vollert, 1620 Riverwood Lane, Wis. Rapids 54494

The Vollerts' gardens feature several varieties of hostas, many astilbes and other perennials. The retaining walls by the river, built by Irv, were designed for terracing as well as high water and contain many impatiens and wax begonias. Their passion for containers allows them to feature many different and colorful annuals. Their sprinkling system draws from the river, adding many natural nutrients to their plantings.

2. Paul and Chari Seebruck, 2410 Abby Lane, (Town of Grand Rapids) Wis. Rapids 54494

In 2008, the Seebrucks started a small perennial garden with gifted plants. Since then, the garden has slowly expanded to include a stone walking path, tiered beds, a sitting area and many different varieties of perennials, annuals and hostas. Their hosta "obsession" began in 2014; with countless summer road trips in search of plants, their collection has grown to over 170 different varieties. Recently, a new hosta garden and a "Nature Walk" through their wooded lot has been added and will allow them to incorporate woodland plants in the future.

3. Richard McClain, 4420 Eastwood Drive, (Town of Grand Rapids) Wis. Rapids 54494

Many mature tall oak and pine trees create much shade in this garden. While there isn't as much bloom in shade, it is Richard's use of different shapes of foliage as well as variations in color that result in the peace and solitude that you immediately feel in this garden. Follow the gravel path that winds through the gardens and discover his many layers of plantings including understory trees and shrubs, native woodland plants, hostas, native ferns and dwarf conifers.

4. Barb Herreid, 946 S. Archers Way, (Town of Rome) Nekoosa 54457

After being on the 2010 Garden Walk, Barb has added a large bed in the backyard with multiple goals of complying with the Shoreline Ordinance, adding more natives and selecting plants with minimum maintenance for the future as she ages. Attracted by the native plantings as well as the sound of water from the pondless waterfall, more wildlife diversity has resulted. Butterflies, moths, bees, birds and creatures are all welcome.

5. Diane and Roger Babcock, 1366 Sawgrass Drive, (Town of Rome) Nekoosa 54457

The Babcocks' garden, located on the Lakes Golf Course, offers a mix of annuals, perennials, ornamental grasses, containers and garden art. In the fenced garden, Diane's favorite plants are the peonies; most of them were starts from her Grandmother's garden in International Falls, Minnesota. Containers filled with colorful annuals are sprinkled throughout the yard and patio. Enjoy the small garden path made from various stepping stones as well as the large fountain in the front yard.

6. Karen and Greg Houdek, 1370 Sawgrass Drive, (Town of Rome) Nekoosa 54457

This three-quarter acre property has been a Certified Wildlife Habitat and Monarch Way Station for a number of years. Native and exotic varieties of annuals, perennials, shrubs and trees intermingle within shade, semi-shade and sunny settings. Manmade and natural shelters, along with water sources such as ponds and waterfalls, are provided for wildlife habitat. In addition, a vegetable garden area provides fresh vegetables and herbs throughout the growing season, starting in early spring through late fall. Since it is a Certified Habitat, the Houdeks endeavor to garden organically, utilizing composting, crop rotation and integrated pest management techniques.

Fifth Annual Chef in the Garden Demonstration

The UW Extension Wood County Master Gardener Volunteers welcome Matt Andres, Nekoosa School District Nutrition Director. He will have two demonstrations at Garden #1- at Sharon and Irv Vollert's home located at 1620 Riverwood Lane, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494.

Demonstration Times

10:30 am and 1:30 pm

In addition to the 2017 gardens, local artists and musicians will display their specialty at the following garden locations:

Artists:

- Garden #2: Nancy Leichtnam, basket weaver
- Garden #3: Dan Christopherson, carver
- Garden #4: Teri Gear, iron garden décor
- Garden #4: Chris Russell, oils and mixed media
- Garden #5: Meredith Jane Larsen, acrylics
- Garden #5: Patricia Larsen, jewelry

Musicians:

- Garden #1: Emily Smith, violin
- Garden #3: Maggie Schutz, flute
- Garden #5: Maria Gudelis and Leah Becker, clarinet and flute

18th Annual

UW Extension Wood County Master
Gardener Volunteers

Garden Walk

"Down the Garden Path"

Saturday, July 8, 2017

Wisconsin Rapids

9:30 am — 3:30 pm

(rain or shine)

Presented by the
UW Extension Office

Wood County

Master Gardener Volunteers

Includes: Garden Walk, Art Show,
Art in the Garden Boutique,
Live Music
Cooking Demonstration.

Admission: \$10.00

No charge for Children Under 10
if accompanied by adult.

"Service Animals Only"

Permitted

Tour Directions and Locations

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Sharon and Irv Vollert, 1620 Riverwood Lane, Wis. Rapids 54494

From the intersection of 8th Street S and Riverview Expressway, proceed west for ¾ of a mile. At the intersection with Riverview Hospital, turn left onto 1st Street S and immediately turn right onto Riverwood Lane; the garden is located on the right after the curve.

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Paul and Chari Seebruck, 2410 Abby Lane, (Town of Grand Rapids) Wis. Rapids 54494

Riverwood Lane is a dead end, so turn around and return to 1st Street S and turn left and then take the first right onto E. Riverview Expressway. Turn right on 8th Street S and go 2 miles. Turn left on Griffith Avenue/County Z. Go 1.2 miles and turn right onto 28th Street S. Take the first right onto Branwood Drive and then the first left onto Abby Lane. Proceed to the end; the garden is on the left side of the cul de sac.

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Richard McClain, 4420 Eastwood Drive, (Town of Grand Rapids) Wis. Rapids 54494

Return back on Abby Lane, turning right onto Branwood and left on 28th Street S. Turn right onto Griffith Avenue and drive .6 miles to turn left onto Eastwood Drive and go 1/3 of a mile. The garden is located on the left.

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Barb Herreid, 946 S. Archers Way, (Town of Rome) Nekoosa 54457

Return on Eastwood to Griffith Avenue and turn right for 2 miles. Turn left onto 8th Street S/State Highway 13 and proceed 9 miles to the Town of Rome. At the stoplights, turn left onto County Highway D for 1 mile. Turn right onto Leisure Lane and go to the end. Turn left on Kings Way, cross the dam and take first right onto N. Archers Way. Take first left onto Archers Lane and then left on S. Archers to the end. Garden is on the left.

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Diane and Roger Babcock, 1366 Sawgrass Drive, (Town of Rome) Nekoosa 54457 and

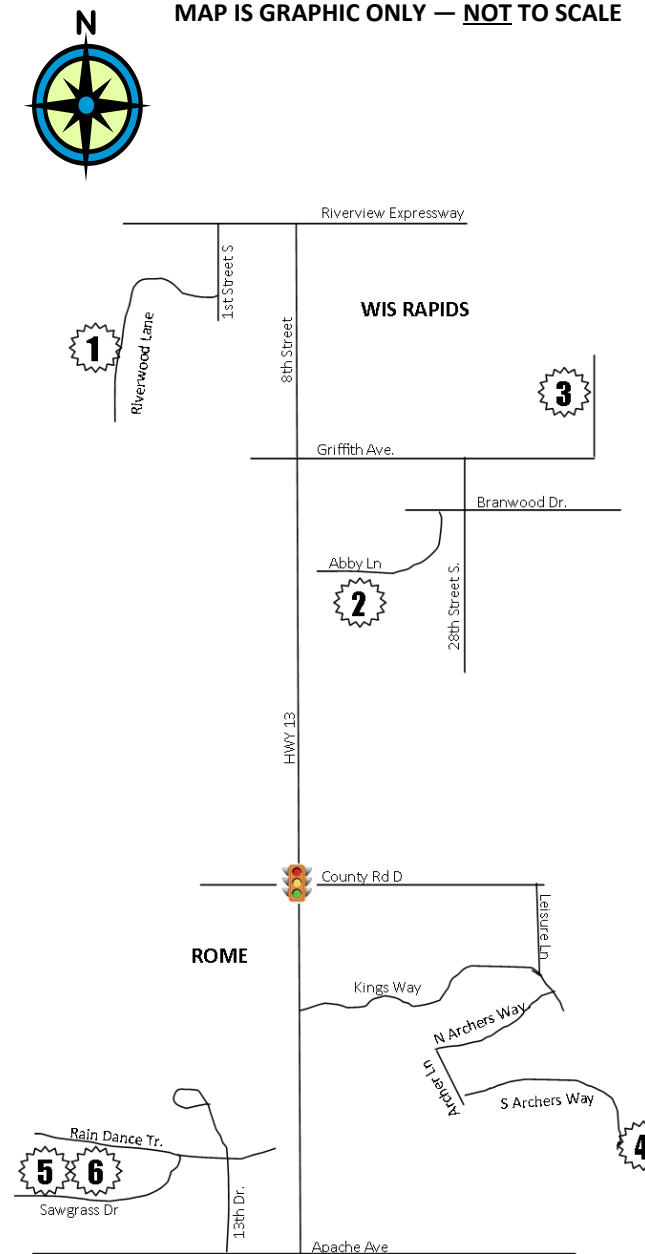
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Karen and Greg Houdek, 1370 Sawgrass Drive, (Town of Rome) Nekoosa 54457

From S. Archers, turn right on Archer Lane and right on N. Archers Way. Turn left on Kings Way and take it all the way to Highway 13. Turn left on Highway 13 and go ¾ mile and turn right onto Apache Avenue (Rome Realty is located on this corner). Go approximately 1 mile and turn right onto 13th Drive. Take the first left onto Rain Dance Trail and then the first left onto Sawgrass Drive. Both gardens are located on the right, next to each other and will have just one ticket check-in point located between the two gardens.

After touring the garden, check out the Art in the Garden Boutique and Silent Auction at 1370 Sawgrass Drive.

To return to Wisconsin Rapids, continue west on Sawgrass and turn left on 14th Avenue and left again on Apache Avenue. When you reach State Highway 13, turn left.



For more information on the Wisconsin Master Gardener Program Contact the Wood County UW-Extension Office University of Wisconsin — Extension Wood County Court House 400 Market Street, P.O. Box 8095 Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495-8095 Phone 715-421-8440 Fax 715-421-8476

Proceeds from the Garden Walk support educational programs, plant clinics and volunteer projects throughout our membership area, including gardens at:

Marshfield:

Growing Together Marshfield Area Community Garden
Marshfield Fairgrounds Educational Garden
Governor William Upham House
Weber Nature Park
Wildwood Zoo Gardens and New Bear Pen
S00 Line Lot

Wisconsin Rapids:

Growing Friends Community Garden
Heart of Wisconsin
Lowell Senior Center
S. Wood County Historical Museum
Wood County Veterans Memorial
Museum Urn Planters
Welcome Signs
Zoo Gardens and Horticulture Education Center

Outlying Areas:

Edgewater Haven – Port Edwards
Green Valley Town Hall
Lester Public Library of Rome
Lester Public Library of Vesper
Main Street Planters – Rudolph
Pittsville Area Historical Society
Quilt Block Garden – Nekoosa
Vesper Recreational Park
Welcome Sign Planters - Rudolph

The Wood County Master Gardener Volunteers extend their sincere thanks to the homeowners who opened their gardens for this annual major fundraising event.