

UW-Extension Wood County Master Gardener Association

Wood County UW Extension

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WCMGV Program Information

Winter Party, Gift Exchange and Costa Rica Presentation by Barb Herreid

November 27, 7:00 p.m. Lester Library of Rome (note change of location)

Costa Rica has been on the leading edge of “eco-tourism”. Why is that? Barb Herreid shares a Powerpoint presentation from her January, 2017 trip to Costa Rica with the Wisconsin Master Gardener organization. Learn about the biodiversity of this country and its unique flora and fauna populations.

The Winter party follows with a gift exchange and shared goodies. Bring a gift, take one. We will draw names from whomever brings a gift to determine in which order we take.

Rome Library

Address: [1157 Rome Center Drive, Nekoosa, WI, 54457](#)
 Directions: Hwy 13 South about 1 mile past the Stoplight. Turn right on to Rome Center Dr. (Nekoosa Pt. Edwards Bank in on that corner). Library is ahead and on the right. Phone number is 715-325-8990.



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President's Message

Wishing you all a safe, happy, healthy and Thankful Thanksgiving.

See you at the meeting on the 27th in Rome (**note change of venue**). Gift exchange and goodies if you would like to bring them.

Please email to Famia Marx any items needing to be placed on the agenda for the meeting 5 days before the meeting.

“Monarchs in the Garden”

Christmas Tree Walk

South Wood County Historical Museum

The University of Wisconsin Extension Master Gardener Volunteers from Wood County present: “Monarchs in the Garden.” The Christmas tree ornamentation includes replica monarchs, its pre-butterfly stages, educational picture cards of monarch-attracting flowers and natural dried flowers. The tree will be surrounded by the American Gothic couple holding a butterfly net and a modern master gardener volunteer with educational material about the monarch butterfly and complimentary milkweed seeds.

The viewing hours of this free exhibit are:

- Saturday, December 1st from 12-4 p.m.
- Sunday, December 2nd from 12-4 p.m.
- Friday, December 7th from 4-8 p.m.
- Saturday December 8th from 12-4 p.m.
- Sunday, December 9th, from 12-4 p.m.

The MG design team this year included: Denise Larson, Liz Erdmann, Marlene Winters, Fern Fregien, Chris Griffith, and Micky Erickson. The mannequins from Farm Technology Days (donated to the museum) were re-purposed to accent our theme.

Come and Enjoy!

South Wood County Historical Museum

540 Third Street South

Wisconsin Rapids



**Wood County Master Gardener Volunteers
MARS, Marshfield, October 23, 2018; 1 hour Continuing Education**

Meeting called to order at 8:12pm. Attendance sheets available for sign in.

Minutes from September 25, 2018: Bob Cline moved to accept minutes as written, seconded by Thomas Stram, motion carried.

Financial Report: Financial report given by Barb Herreid. Annual Membership Renewal form distributed; due by November 15th or at November membership meeting. Vouchers need to be in by December 1st. Motion to accept reports as presented by Barb Kliefgan. Seconded by Jeanne Osgood. Motion carried.

Extension Report: Horticulture position not posted yet due to state wording requirements. Once posted, will get that link to membership. Volunteer hours submitted to state Oct. 22nd. Explained 'exemption' for one year if due to personal or family crisis, one is unable to meet the hour requirements. Cookbooks now \$5 each. Seven or eight on waiting list for MGV training; 4 may be taking MGV training in Clark County.

Old Business:

Board Meeting with Project Chairs:

At last meeting, Tom Ptak requested a meeting to clarify role of project leaders with board members. All are welcome to any board meeting and next one is January 28th. Some voiced concern that the projects have different needs and expectations so a meeting may not be helpful. Fania Marx to talk with Tom Ptak to clarify.

New Business:

October Seminar: Saturday, October 27th in UW Stevens Point – Marshfield. Enough food and volunteers. Since some activity outside, dress according to the weather. MGV will be on WDLB radio on Wed. Oct. 24th.

South Wood Historical Museum Christmas tree: Theme is "Monarchs in the Garden." Trifold brochure created for event. Making decorations out of milkweed pods and handout milkweed seeds.

Bylaws: All changes reviewed and all questions or concerns answered. Paper ballot provided with 21 yes votes and 2 no votes. With more than 2/3 of members' present voting yes, bylaw changes accepted.

WIMGA Report: All encouraged to complete the short survey in "Volunteer Vibes." State Master Gardener focus on three things: liability, value of MGV program and community education. When new online hour document program complete, will get an email notice. Hope for a 2 week notice so can be alerted to watch for the email. For now, complete hours on 2019 form, copy provided or can find online on our website under forms/documents. Susan Mahr retiring in December. WIMGA would like photos of MGV working in gardens or teaching adults or youth.

Newsletter Problems: October newsletter did not get delivered to TDS emails. Will continue to monitor.

Project Leader/Committee/Team Updates/Information: Karleen Remington encourage MGV to sign up for the Marshfield Children's Festival. First meeting will be in January 2019.

Additional New Business/Announcements/Help Wanted: Peg Harvey shared that Janet Wiemann is going through cancer treatment and to keep her in your prayers.

Next meeting – November 27, 2018 at Wisconsin Rapids courthouse. Winter party, gift exchange, and Costa Rica presentation by Barb Herreid.

Motion to adjourn at 9:21pm made by Karleen Remington and seconded by Jeanne Osgood. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Sue Wilford, Secretary

Members Attending: Shirley Anderson, Jill Becker, Annette Bowden, Debby Brown, Julie Carlsen, Bob Cline, Ruth Cline, Mary Czaja, Micky Erickson, Fern Fregien, Christine Griffith, Peg Harvey, Barb Herreid, Barb Kliefgan, Paula Klevene, Denise Larson, Joy Mader, Fania Marx, Jeanne Osgood, Karleen Remington, Thomas Stram, Donna Streiff, Carol Tomke, Shelby Weister, Sue Wilford, Penn Wilkes.

Meeting Program: Climate Change and Health by Dr. Bruce Krawisz.

Responsibilities and Rights of a Wisconsin MGV

Responsibilities of a Wisconsin MGV

1. To represent the University of Wisconsin-Extension in a professional manner.
2. To accept only realistic assignments.
3. To be acquainted with county Extension office procedures, Extension publications and personnel.
4. To respect confidences and clientele information.
5. To remain calm and courteous at all times.
6. To follow guidelines outlined by the Extension agent or the local MG organization.
7. To know your limitations; to be able to say "I don't know"; to admit you can't provide everything to everyone. Appropriately refer complex calls to Extension educators.
8. To acquire and retain the knowledge, and to become familiar with the resources necessary to accomplish the assigned tasks.
9. To follow through on commitments.
10. To provide unbiased, research-based information from the University of Wisconsin, other Land Grant institutions, or the United States Department of Agriculture.
11. To follow published UW-Extension recommendations.
12. To refer all commercial horticultural calls to the respective UW-Extension agent.
13. To always use tact and to give constructive advice; never be disparaging of opinions or procedures.

Rights of a Wisconsin MGV

1. To be treated as a volunteer for the UW-Extension.
2. To have a suitable and worthwhile assignment.
3. To know as much as possible about the organization of Cooperative Extension, its policies, people and programs, and to be kept informed.
4. To participate in activities.
5. To receive quality and continual in-service training to handle assignments fully.
6. To receive positive and constructive guidance and direction.
7. To receive recognition and a variety of experiences.
8. To be heard; to have a part in the planning process.
9. To receive expressions of appreciation from professionals.
10. To be free to request other assignments if there is a need in that area.
11. To have access to Extension office horticultural reference materials.

For more information on policies see the website page:

<https://wimastergardener.org/policies/>

2019 WCMGV Dues are due!

2019 dues are due November 15th. You may bring the form and the dues to the November 27th membership meeting. Add late fee of \$5.00 if paying after the November 27th membership meeting. Dues and form due to Barb Herreid, 946 S. Archers Way, Nekoosa WI 54457

December 1st is the deadline for submitting vouchers for 2018 expenses. Send to Barb Herreid, 946 S. Archers Way, Nekoosa WI 54457

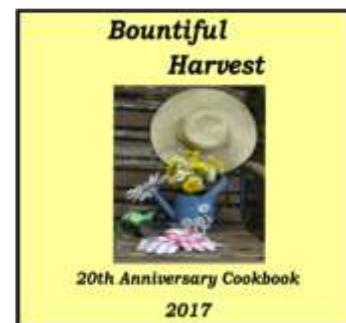
Cookbooks for Christmas

NEED A \$5 GIFT FOR CHRISTMAS??

Consider giving a Bountiful Harvest Cookbook.

They will be available for sale at the November Membership meeting.

If not attending the meeting, contact Sue Wilford (swilford@tds.net or 715-652-6129) to purchase and pick up.



Open Board Positions for 2019

The following shows a chart of who will be currently running for the WCMGV Board as of 11/10/18. All these positions are open to nominations. So as of now, the positions for 2019 are as follows:

President: Famia Marx (elected 2017), incumbent

Vice President: **Open**

Secretary: Sue Wilford

North Wood County 1: Karleen Remington

North Wood County 2: Donna Streiff (elected 2016), incumbent

South Wood County 1: Bob Cline (elected 2016), incumbent

South Wood County 2: Jen Fane (elected 2017), incumbent

Historian: Voted out of by-laws at October meeting

Nominations are open until last meeting before the vote in November at Rome Library. Come all, come early.

Classified Column

Website/Facebook Co-editor Wanted

We are looking for a volunteer to assist with managing our online presence. We use our website and Facebook pages not only to promote our activities and fundraisers, but also to feature educational articles on timely subjects throughout most of the year. Your responsibilities would include composing articles or editing an article written by someone else and then posting them online. Training is provided. Must have a current account on Facebook. Proficiency in writing and grammar is desired. Time spent researching and writing go toward volunteer hours. Contact Chris Grimes for more information.



Vesper Recreational Park WCMGVA Garden Project

Vesper Recreational Park WCMGVA Garden Project applied for and received a grant from the WCMGVA for a new “Educational Shrub Display”. The team that maintains these gardens looks continually for ideas not only to make the gardens easier for MGVs to maintain, but also to be more educational for the yearly public visitors. In 2018 the team did some renovation in and around the large “Cottage Garden” that was planted several years ago. We salvaged the plants and moved them to another area in our garden site. We removed any invasive plants and weeds.

We installed cedar rail fencing in a design to serve as a backdrop for the new shrubs and educational signage. The team completed research on shrubs to meet the site needs--low maintenance accompanied by appropriate size and variety for an interesting educational display. This year we purchased and planted 7 shrubs, and added labels describing each one. We used card board and mulch to help control the weeds and retain moisture for the shrubs. In 2019 we plan to finish the display by installing large permanent signage, adding additional shrubs, a brochure holder and perhaps some garden art or choice plants to enhance the display. We plan to host an “Educational Shrub Display” program at the site for the general public in 2019 to share our research and experience. We thank both WIMGA and WCMGVA for supporting our ideas for an educational display in 2018 and 2019.



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BULLETIN:

UW-Extension is seeking a Wood County Horticulture Program Coordinator (50%). Please see the posting listed at <http://www.uwex.edu/about/careers/jobs>

Community Out-Reach and Education (CORE) Team

This team focuses on ideas for horticultural education in our communities such as: “Ask a Wood County Master Gardener” at the Farmers Markets in Marshfield and Wisconsin Rapids , Marshfield Fair booth/display, and “Plant Health Advisor” at UW Extension office. The team also interacts with the Project Leaders to develop educational activities.

Each year we branch out into new and exciting educational events to fulfill our organization mission to educate and share information with members and the community alike. We are a diverse group interested in the latest research-based horticultural information.

November 5, 2018 we gathered around the table to review minutes from August meeting with a focus on past successes and future development. Events for 2018 included Coffee and Garden Chats at Libraries, Plant Health Advisors and Farmer Markets both “Ask a Master Gardener” events held in different venues, Central Wisconsin State Fair, Y-Camp Garden at Camp Alexander, Farm Technology Days, and several programs/ presentations/demonstrations to members and community.

In going forward in 2019, our team members wish to invite all WCMGVs to join us as we continue to provide educational events. We are looking for your new ideas for programs, eye catching displays, tri-fold topics, demonstration ideas, as well as contact with members who have garden related hobbies such as garden art, photography, cooking, growing herbs, using dried plant materials, growing succulents or other horticulture related ideas.

A sign-up sheet will be available at the November 27th membership meeting. We encourage and welcome members to sign-up to help fulfill our organization mission of education for both members and the community. The CORE Team is just that--we plan and work together on an event, spreading the planning and work among all WCMGVs. We are always open to new team members, new ideas and look forward to your input! The next CORE meeting is January 3, 2019 at 1 p.m. at the UW Extension ETN Room - WR Courthouse. Please feel free to contact Ruth Cline with questions or more information about CORE Team!

2018 WCMGV Board of Directors

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Lead time for television and newspaper is four weeks. Call Karen for clarification of dates and deadlines.

Wisconsin Master Gardeners
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Wood County Extension
Website: <http://wood.uwex.edu>

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

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WCMGV Meetings and Notices

January 3, 2019: Project Authorization Committee, 9:00 a.m., ETN-WR Courthouse (tent.)

January 9, 2019: Audit Team, 9:00 a.m., ETN-WR Courthouse (tent.)

January 16, 2019: Budget meeting, 1:00 p.m., ETN-WR Courthouse (tent.)

January 28, 2019: Board meeting, 5:30 p.m., WR Courthouse

Committees, teams, project leaders, BODs, are **encouraged** to send meeting notices for this column. Many members wish to attend and help with various WCMGV events. Please let Chris Grimes or newsletter editor know dates and times as soon as they are scheduled.