

UW-Extension Wood County Master Gardener Association

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Winter Gardening Conferences

Garden Visions Conference

2019 North Central WI Master Gardener's Garden Visions Conference

The 2019 Garden Visions Conference will be held January 25th & 26th, at Northcentral Technical College in Wausau. Note that it is the 4th weekend in January this year (in the past it has been the 3rd weekend).

We are very excited to have **Michael Perry**, Wisconsin author and speaker, as our Friday night Slow Food Dinner speaker.

Saturday's keynote speaker is **Joel Carsten**, author of Straw Bale Gardening. We also have a bonus speaker on Saturday morning – **Bernie Williams**, of the DNR, to talk about Jumping Worms. Plus lots of good speakers in our break out sessions, raffle, vendors & lunch!



For more information, you may visit website: www.gardenvisions.info
Registration begins on December 1 and ends on January 18, 2019.
Contact Carol Bray at 715.693.6446. with questions or to request a paper brochure.

Winter Escape: Summer Dreams

Mark your calendar for the 2019 Winter Escape Summer Dreams Seminar sponsored by Winnebago County Master Gardener Association on Saturday, February 16, 2019.



Featured Speakers are:

Jeff Epping, Director of Horticulture at Olbrich Botanical Gardens. He will have two sessions--- Sustainable Gardens: Designs and Plants for Greener Gardens and Barks, Berries, Grasses and Beyond.
Marilynn Cech and Cindy Lindstedt, SE Wisconsin Master Gardener Volunteers---Lifelong Gardening.
Amanda Thomsen, Author and Blogger---150 Ways to Create a Fantastic Yard Totally Tailored to You.

For more information and registration see our website: www.winnebagomastergardeners.org or like us on facebook: Winnebago County Master Gardener Association.

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

President's Message

Winter is here, watching the snow fall as I write this. Mornings are dark, evenings are darker.

Not too long from now the days will start getting longer again, but in the meantime, we light the insides and outsides of our houses with sparkling lights. We decorate our doors, our gardens, our houses with any greenery we can find to remind us that just as Persephone is allowed to return to earth, so too, will summer return. As far as the myth goes, I would probably end up with Hades in the underworld as well, because I can't resist a good pomegranate either. Good thing Rhea was able to get the deal changed, for us and Demeter's daughter.

Wishing you all the joys and triumphs of the other reason(s) we have the holidays around this time of year. Stay safe and warm. See you next year.

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WCMGV Cookbooks

COOKBOOKS FOR SALE ANY TIME FOR \$5.00

Contact Sue Wilford
(swilford@tds.net or 715-652-6129)
to purchase and pick up.



Wood County Master Gardener Volunteers
Lester Library of Rome, Rome, WI; November 27, 2018; 1 hour Continuing Education

Meeting called to order at 7:03pm. Attendance sheets available for sign in.

Minutes from October 23, 2018: Patty Farley moved to accept minutes as written, seconded by Paula Klevene, motion carried.

Financial Report: Financial report given by Barb Herreid. Vouchers due Dec 1st. Motion to accept reports as presented by Audrey Brundidge. Seconded by Joanne Wilkinson. Motion carried.

Extension Report:

We applied for 3 WIMGA grants and received 2. \$100 for signs for seminars. \$250 for permanent trifolds for display. Jan Sabin to resubmit for WIMGA grant next year.

Online Volunteer Management System: First step in reporting MGV hours on-line was sent to all via email on November 21st, however not everyone received this notice. All those who did not receive email are to check their 'spam' file. Ruth Cline and Chris Grimes will send out further information via email about this new process.

Community Outreach and Ed team will focus on increasing community education. Asking for input from membership and anyone wanting to join team.

Old Business:

Fall Seminar Report: 59 people attended. A few comments that session went beyond noon and presenters needed a microphone. Portage County and another organization asked for Karen Houdek and Donna Streiff to present their talk in the future.

Christmas at the Museum: Monarchs in the Garden is theme this year. It starts this Saturday and will be for 5 days over next two weekends. Dates and times listed in November newsletter.

Newsletter Problems: No known problems with sending newsletter this month.

Other Old Business: Cookbooks available for \$5 each. Card circulated for Janet Wiemann.

New Business:

Election of Officers: President-Famia Marx; Vice President-open; Secretary-Sue Wilford; Treasurer-Barb Herreid; North Director-Karleen Remington and Donna Streiff; South Director-Jen Fane and Bob Cline. Barb Herreid made motion to accept all board members as listed. Ruth Cline seconded; motion carried. With vacant VP position, Ruth Cline and Karleen Remington will co-chair the Program Committee and Bob Cline will cover for Famia Marx in case of her absence.

Project Leader/Committee/Team Updates/Information: Jan Sabin reported that both the city and Shallow's have completed their upgrades and the project at the Lowell Center in W Rapids and will be ready to be planted in spring.

Next meeting – This is last meeting for 2018. Next meeting March 2019 – date to be determined. Gift provided to Paula Klevene for her service as Vice President on the board.

Motion to adjourn at 7:31pm made by Bea Kohl and seconded by Jan Sabin. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Sue Wilford, Secretary

Members Attending: Jill Becker, Annette Bowden, Debby Brown, Audrey Brundidge, Julie Carlsen, Bob Cline, Ruth Cline, Eliz Erdmann, Micky Erickson, Patricia Farley, Laurie Francis, Fern Fregien, Christine Griffith, Chris Grimes, Betty Havlik, Barb Herreid, Paula Klevene, Bea Kohl, Denise Larson, Famia Marx, Judy Miller, Jeanne Osgood, Pat Paulus, Deb Rokke, Ann Rozner, Janet Sabin, Margie Schenk, Lil Schotten, Roberta Stolt, Sue Wilford, Penn Wilkes, and Joanne Wilkinson.

On-line Reporting for WCMGVs

The new online reporting and Volunteer Management System (VMS) for the Wisconsin Master Gardener Program is now ready! You can access your records through the portal at https://volunteers.wimastergardener.org/vms/mg_access_form/.

- You first need to select your name from the list. Just start typing your last name and it will automatically filter through all the names to bring up those with a partial or full match.
- Then add your zip code to access your profile. (If this doesn't work, we may have an incorrect address on file for you or there may be another glitch. If you can't get in, click on "Get Help".)
- Once you get to your record you can see what information we have on file for you. From now on YOU get to update this yourself rather than contacting us to do it. In order to save any changes you MUST create a username and password.
- Then there are several agreements that you have to read and agree to. We've had you do the Volunteer Expectations Agreement on paper before – now it's just a checkbox (but the same text as the paper form). There are also some new things to agree to that are required by UW-Extension that anyone who has been a 4-H volunteer should be familiar with: sections on Assumption of Risk, Hold Harmless clause, and Consent for Emergency Treatment. This must be accepted to be a certified volunteer. There is also a Photo Release which you do not have to accept, but you have to provide an answer. Once those are all checked, click on the green box that says "Save Profile" (on the right side at both top and bottom) and you're done for now!

This is the first phase of the system. **You CANNOT enter hours at this point in time!** In the near future we will have you sign in again to enter your total hours for 2018 (as a test to make sure the system is working) and eventually you will be able to record your hours for 2019 by entering hours by project. Each time a new phase is ready we'll send you an email to notify you and ask you to do something in the VMS.

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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.



Winter Garden Guide

December

Cut back on feeding houseplants (do not feed dormant houseplants)
Water living Christmas trees (ice cubes work well)
Pre-chill bulbs such as tulips and hyacinths for forcing indoors

January

Order seeds
Cut back on feeding houseplants (do not feed dormant houseplants)

February

Order seeds
Sow seeds indoors for hardy spring-blooming plants
Cut back on feeding houseplants (do not feed dormant houseplants)
Sow seeds for cool-weather vegetables
Sow frost-tolerant perennials indoors
Source: <http://gardening.albertarose.org/zone4.htm>



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>

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Please send items for inclusion in the newsletter by the 10th of the month.

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

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WCMGV Meetings and Notices

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

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

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

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.