

UW-Extension Wood County Master Gardener Association

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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.

WCMGV 2019 Program Information

Reviewing the past, Looking toward the future

by Barb Herreid, Shelby Weister, Janell Wehr and Jason Hausler

March 26, 7:00 p.m. Marshfield Ag Research Station (MARS)

Reviewing the past, Barb Herreid will be in charge of the annual awards presentation where some MG members will be honored with memorabilia marking volunteer hour milestones. Then, Shelby Weister will share her collection of photos of Master Gardener activity at Farm Technology Days in July, 2018.

We will look to our future with two special guests: Janell Wehr, who recently accepted the position of Wood County Horticulture Program Director and Jason Hausler, Area Extension Director of Clark, Marathon, Portage and Wood Counties. Both will probably have a few thoughts about our future as a local organization and our relationship with the UW.

The March 26th meeting will take place at the Marshfield Ag Research Station (MARS), 2611 Yellowstone Drive, beginning at 7 PM. Directions follow:

Hwy 73 north; Hwy 186 (through Vesper and Arpin) to Hwy 10. Turn left onto Hwy 10. Take exit 187 toward Marshfield via Veterans Parkway. Go through 1 set of stop lights next to Kwik Trip. At the second set of stoplights turn right onto Galvin Avenue. Then make an immediate right turn onto Yellowstone Drive. MARS is on the left side of Yellowstone Drive. (For veteran drivers coming to MARS, you may find a new road opening just before the MARS driveway. Don't let it confuse you.)

Foraging for Teas

by Ann Rozner

**April 23, 7:00 p.m.
Marshfield Ag Research
Station (MARS)**

Open your world to a new experience called foraging. Anne loves harvesting wild plants for a variety of purposes, especially for teas. Come to learn of her foraging techniques and bring your own personal tea cup to enjoy some of these hot teas made from her foraging expeditions.

Everyone will take home booklets with specific detailed first-hand information related to foraging for such teas.



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President's Message

March roared in like the lion of legend. We can only hope it leaves like the lamb it's supposed to be.

The past month has caught me off guard, where I expected more even temperatures, we got gales, storms, snowdrifts higher than my driveway, frigid temperatures colder than a normal January; not at all what was supposed to happen.

I won't try to guess what mother nature will throw at us next.

What we can do is continue to prepare for summer in the hopes that it really will finally arrive. Continue to study so that we can continue to show others current thought in gardening practices. In that regard, I'd like to welcome our new Horticultural adviser Janell Wehr. I believe she will be a good fit for this team.

On a sad note, I was deeply sorry to hear of Janet Weimann's passing on Feb. 18. She was a bright spot and always willing to help where she was needed. She will be missed.

Stay safe, stay hopeful- summer is coming.

Famia

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

WCMGV Spring Garden Seminar

We need your help!

Our Spring Seminar is in a month, but our monthly meeting this month is too late to distribute promotional posters. Can you help by picking up some posters NOW and posting them at prominent bulletins boards around your area?? If so, contact Donna Streiff (streiffonclay@tds.net) in Marshfield, if you live closer to there, or Barb Herreid (only until March 24) if you live closer to Rome, for information on how to get your posters.

Ideas for posting: public library, banks, your church, grocery store kiosks, greenhouses or floral shops, beauty salons, health food stores....anywhere the management supports and encourages community involvement/support.

If you are on Facebook, be sure to go to the WCMGV page and share our notice with your Central Wisconsin friends (or you friends from out of town that might want to come).

Finally, a poster on the following page is available for you to email to your friends. Contact [Chris Grimes](#) if you need a digital copy sent to you again.

Thanks for your help!!



Saturday, April 6
8:30 a.m.
Mid-State Technical College
Wisconsin Rapids Campus • Auditorium

Agenda:

8:00 a.m. — Registration and Networking with complimentary refreshments
8:30 a.m. — Landscape Architecture

Laish Heersma of Arbor Vantage Nursery in Arpin, WI and Mid-State Urban Forestry Technician Instructor.

This in-depth lecture will focus on design principles and will include plenty of photographic examples to demonstrate the principles of unity, rhythm, variety, balance, color concepts, interconnection, emphasis, focal point, and scale.

10:30 a.m. — Garden Photography and Garden Journaling - What do you do with info to be a better gardener?



Denise Larson has been an avid gardener for an entire lifetime. She joined the Wood County Master Gardener program in 2003 and worked for 25 years in local retail as Department Manager of Lawn and Garden. She is a self-taught amateur photographer and taking photos of gardens is second nature to her! Merging her love of photography with a garden journal turned out to be a perfect way to enhance and organize a written catalog of successes in her gardening adventures and what might need a little work... As well as documenting the arrival of the wildlife that may come to visit, photos help you notice things about your garden that you might not have detected with just a quick glance.

Denise's other interests include quilting, hand crafted garden art, other various arts and crafts and teaching art to others.

Cost: \$18
Registration: www.mstc.edu/master-gardeners



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**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.

Save the Dates

23rd Annual Marshfield Area Respite Care Center
Annual Garden Tour
Sunday June 23, 2019
1pm to 4:30pm
www.marshfieldrespice.org 715-384-8478



Monarch Joint Venture hosts free webinars

For those of you interested in learning more about monarch butterflies, Monarch Joint Venture is sponsoring a series of online webinars starting tomorrow, February 26th. Information from their announcement is below. You must register in advance to join each webinar.

Starting in February, webinars will be held live on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 2 PM Eastern Time. (Plus a bonus webinar in March!) The November and December dates have been moved to avoid conflicting with major holidays. Each webinar will be recorded and [available here](#) for later viewing as well.

Check out the webinar titles and dates below, and click on a title to register

March 19th - [Monarch Butterfly Population Modeling with Dr. Chip Taylor](#) *(Bonus webinar!)*

March 26th - [Monarchs in a Web of Life: Predators, Parasites and Disease with Dr. Karen Oberhauser and Dr. Sonia Altizer](#)

April 23rd - [Integrated Monarch Monitoring Program: Tools for Researchers, Conservation Professionals, and Citizen Scientists](#)

May 28th - [Why Pollinator Habitat Makes Sense on Your Land: Maximizing the Potential of Working Acres](#)

June 25th - [Monarchs and Social Science](#)

July 23rd - [How to Plant for Success: the Trials and Triumphs of Establishing Pollinator Habitat](#)

August 27th - [Urban Monarch Butterfly Conservation](#)

September 24th - [Engagement and Education with Monarchs](#)

October 22nd - [Lessons from Roadside Management for Monarchs](#)

November 19th - [Trinational Monarch Conservation Science Updates](#)

December 17th - [The Florida Monarch Population](#)



Doug Tallamy speaking at Wisconsin Lakes Convention in Stevens Point

Doug Tallamy, entomologist, native landscaper, and author of *Bringing Nature Home*, will be a keynote speaker at the Wisconsin Lakes Convention in Stevens Point on April 12th. Learn more about the Lakes Convention and register at this website:

<https://www.uwsp.edu/cnr-ap/UWEXLakes/Pages/programs/convention/default.aspx>

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Item	Price	Quantity	Total
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5# Bag	\$8.00		
20# Bag	\$23.00		
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ORDER DEADLINE IS APRIL 30TH

The bags of Worm Castings will be distributed at the May monthly meeting or at the WR Plant Sale on May 17 and May 18

April Garden Guide

from [Portage County Master Gardeners Volunteers](#)

- Start tomato seeds indoors. Research shows seven-week old transplants produce earliest fruit and best overall results.
- Cut back over-wintered geraniums to six to eight inches.
- Start fast-growing annual flowers indoors.
- Start seedlings of eggplant, okra, peppers and broccoli.
- Set out lily of the valley clumps with pips just even with the ground.
- When annual beds can be worked, turn over green manure crop such as annual rye in beds for annuals and vegetables. If none was planted, top-dress with compost or rotted manure.
- Remove mulch from spring flowering bulb beds.
- Container grown or balled and bur lapped trees and shrubs can be planted at any time during the growing season.
- Divide perennials and pot for the PCMG plant sale by the end of the month. This will provide roots time to get established.
- Prune and fertilize all bush fruits and grapes. Fertilize fruit trees as soon as possible after ground thaws but before blossoming.
- Plant rhubarb and asparagus as soon as ground can be worked.
- Remove rose cones when soil thaws. Gradually remove soil mound from around rose plants.



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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.



2019 Master Gardener Volunteer Monthly Programs

Thanks to members for an excellent list of suggested programs and for opening their gardens for a garden tour/meeting site!

March program is Volunteer Awards presentation and WCMGVs 2018 Farm Technology Days Adventure via PowerPoint presentation by a WCMGV who captured the event on camera. Meeting time is two hours; time allotted includes a one hour program, MGVA 101 mini-session, business meeting and other last minute announcements. Direction to locations and program information are provided monthly in WCMGVA Newsletter.

*Marshfield Ag Research Station (MARS)

<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Topic/Guest Speaker</u>
March 26 - 7:00pm	MARS*	Volunteer Awards Farm Technology Days Adventure Shelby Weister
April 23 - 7:00pm	MARS*	Foraging for Teas - Ann Rozner <i>*Bring your own tea cup!</i>
May 28 - 7:00pm	WR Courthouse Room 114	Integrated Pest Management for Homeowners - Karen Houdek
June 25 - 7:00pm	Marshfield	Tour Maria Edelstein Gardens
July 23 - 7:00pm	Nekoosa	Tour Jennifer Fane Gardens & Vermiculture Display
August 27 - 7:00pm	WR Courthouse Room 114	All about Hemp - Matt Lippert
September 24 - 5:30pm	Urban Gardens - Rudolph	Succulent Pumpkin Planting Demonstration - Diane Urban
October 22 - 7:00pm	MARS	Tour of Soil Testing Laboratory Andrew Stammer Using the Learning Store Website Sue Wilford
November 19 - 7:00pm	WR Courthouse Room 114	Garden Tour of England and Wales Gardens - Barb Herreid, Chris Griffith, Micky Erickson

Portage County Garden Dreams Seminar Re-scheduled



A Saturday with the UW-Extension Portage County Master Gardener Volunteers
 March 30, 2019, Check-in opens at 7:45 am ~ Programs 8:45 am. - 3:00 pm
 \$30.00 Registration fee includes a hot lunch!

[Download and print the registration form here.](#)

Registration deadline is March 23, 2019

Spring Plant Sale



Plants are ordered for the spring plant sale. We will be sending around a list at the March meeting looking for help. If you can't make it to the meetings and would like to help please get in contact with [Barb Kleifgen](#) or [Famia Marx](#).

*The planning meeting for the plant sale on March 9, was cancelled. Members of the committee should check their e-mails for a rescheduled date.

Thanks, Famia

Garden Walk News

Planning for this year's Garden Walk is underway. Six beautiful gardens will be featured, all in the Wisconsin Rapids area.

- Once again, please consider the **Art in the Garden Boutique** as you go through your closets, bookshelves, garage, and shed in the coming weeks. We are looking for clean, gently used garden related items, books, and magazines to sell at the booth. You may give your items to Denise Larson or Julie Carlsen any time between now and July 10th.
- We are also looking for NEW garden related items or art to use for a **Silent Auction**. Contact Denise Larson if you or someone you know may have an auction item to donate to our fundraiser.
- Denise will also be scheduling **Craft Nights** to make sale items. These usually start in May. Watch for more information in future newsletters.



Members Only Access on WCMG Website

We now have a portion of our website that is accessible only to members. The "Documents and Forms" tab has been changed to "Members Only". Here you will find all of our documents, forms, bylaws, project expense voucher, timesheets, and other resources, as well as the membership list and the project and committee rosters for your convenience. You will be prompted to provide a password to gain access to this information. An email was sent last week with the password, but if you did not see it, contact [Chris Grimes](#) for the current password. Be sure to clear your browser after access if you are accustomed to using a public or workplace computer.



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

Wisconsin Master Gardeners
Website: <http://wimastergardener.org>

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WCMGV Meetings and Notices

April 27, 2019: Garden Walk Meeting, 9:00 a.m., McMillan Library—McCourt Room (pending conf.)

May 17 & 18, 2019: Spring Plant Sale, Helen's Zoo House, Wis. Rapids

July 13, 2019: Garden Walk: pre-walk on Friday, July 12 in evening

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.