

UW-Extension Wood County Master Gardener Association

Wood County UW Extension

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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

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. I love harvesting wild plants for a variety of purposes. These plants are easily found in the central part of Wisconsin and free to anyone. Such plants may be found in the wild or even in your very own backyard or border fence line. One of my favorites is foraging plants for the purpose of harvesting teas. Some of my knowledge has been handed down through four generations in my family. My great grandmother brought her experiences with her when she came to America from Poland. This workshop will teach you how to identify, preserve and steep several different kinds of teas.

Bring your own personal tea cup to enjoy these hot teas. Everyone will take home booklets with specific detailed first-hand information related to foraging for such teas. A basket of my very own foraged products will be won as a door prize to one lucky Wood County Master Gardener.



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.)

Integrated Pest Management for Homeowners

by Karen Houdek, WCMGV

**May 28, 7:00 p.m.
WR Courthouse Room 114**

Integrated Pest Management (IPM) has become a valuable method of farming. It utilizes what the government's EPA defines as "An effective and environment sensitive approach to pest management that relies on a combination of common sense practices involving using current comprehensive information on life cycle of pests and their interaction with their environment". This presentation will give a brief description of what IPM is, the 4 components that define it's success, and how these then translate into utilizing IPM principles and methods when maintaining the homeowner's landscape and gardens.

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President's Message

As March and its blizzards and bad weather finally start giving way to bulbs peeking out of the ground. Showers soften the earth, we have seeds peeking up, readying themselves for the day they permanently go in the ground.

My nephew recently wrote to say he is working at the High Line, in New York: <https://www.thehighline.org/gardens/>. It looks like incredibly interesting work he does, anywhere from woodland to urban gardening. He apparently has met Piet perrenialism, which we have been seeing

Oudolf who is one of the pioneers of the new peeks of in our learning sessions: <https://www.thenewperennialist.com/the-new-perennialism-open-source-planting-design/>.

Amazing work that really does leave me in awe. Happy April!

Famia

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

Spring Garden Seminar Wrap-up

The Spring Seminar was attended by a little over 60 people. Laish Heersma and our own Denise Larson presented very informative sessions. Way to go, Denise!!

We are already looking forward to the Fall Seminar and have Ben Futa from the Allen Centennial Gardens tentatively slated for October 19. Along with Ben we are looking for MGVs who have had experience with straw bale gardening, lasagna gardening, container gardening, etc.—anything other than normal planting in the ground. We would like to have you talk about your experiences, pro and con, with these other ways of gardening. If you need help developing your talk, making a Powerpoint or handouts, practicing, or would like a buddy to help you present at the seminar, please let one of the Continuing Education Committee members know. Barb at 715-325-2075, Jeanne at 715-3256244, Bea at 715-423-8908, Chris at 715-424-2878, or Donna at 715-207-6218. If you are hesitant to try it, just talk to Denise. She will tell you it is not that bad, and actually quite a bit of fun!!

Wisconsin Prairie Chicken Festival

April 13, 2019

4:30-9:00am Greater Prairie-chicken viewing and birding tour at Paul J. Olson Wildlife Area, includes Dutch oven breakfast at Sigel Town Hall

11:00am-4:00pm Locally-sourced luncheon, speakers, exhibits and workshops at Nepco County Park Enclosed Shelter

10:00am & 2:00pm **Free** film titled "Our Birds" at McMillian Memorial Library



Space limited for some events! Register at www.showtix4u.com. Search **Wisconsin Prairie Chicken Festival** or call 866-967-8167. Questions? E-mail wisconsinprairiechickenfest@gmail.com or call 715-540-0236. Want to be an Exhibitor or Vendor? Just register at the same place!

**Wood County Master Gardener Volunteers
MARS March 26, 2019; 1 hour Continuing Education**

Meeting called to order at 8:05pm.

Minutes from November 27, 2018: Shelby Weister moved to accept minutes as written, seconded by Judy Miller, motion carried.

Financial Report/2019 Budget: Delayed till next month.

Extension Report: Big Welcome to Janell Wehr, newly hired horticulture agent for Wood County. Her hours will be all day Tuesday and Thursday and half day on Wednesday. Will honor double hour work days for projects as in the past. Will be offering training on how to 'host a table' at farmers markets and events. Creating a MGCV calendar in google drive for all events. Contact information: extension office 715-421-8440 and email: Janell.wehr@wisc.edu

Old Business: none

New Business:

WI Rapids Plant Sale - May 17th/18th which is same day as Port Edwards rummage sale. Plants ordered. MGCV encouraged to plant and bring seedlings. Shelby Weister volunteered to transport plants to Rapids from Marshfield. Posters made available for distribution.

Spring Seminar - April 6th at MSTC - Sign-up sheet sent around for refreshments, set up and take down. Registration online through Mid-State Tech College. MSTC handles all registrations and provide for all beverages. MGCV need to bring in food. Fall conference at UW Stevens Point - Marshfield is handled the same as in the past.

Marshfield Children's Festival - Saturday, April 13th All in order and seed packets put together.

WI Rapids Children's Festival - April 27th Theme is "Happy Birthday" for 25 years. Seed packets, vegetable guessing game being prepared.

Art in the Garden Boutique items for garden walk - Garden Walk on Saturday, July 13th with 6 gardens in Rapids, 4 artists, and waiting to see if can arrange for musicians. One work day set up to paint bricks on Wednesday, May 15th at 4pm at Denise Larson's home. Any items for the boutique can be brought to meetings.

Farmer's Market/Ask a Master Gardener - Marshfield and Rapids farmer's market could use some additional MGCV. Marshfield is on Tuesday and WI Rapids on Thursday, starting in June. Encouraged MGCV who are either answering questions at the extension office or farmer's market to attend the Responding to Horticulture Inquires. April 8th in Menominee; April 30th in Madison and May 7th in Green Bay. At some point in future, we hope to host this education in Wood County. Shelby Weister volunteered to assist at Marshfield Farmer's market.

Project Leader/Committee/Team Updates/Information. (1) Work day at Marshfield Zoo, Sunday, April 7th starting at 10am. (2) Lester Public Library of Rome is hosting monthly educational sessions on the third Tuesday of the month. First one in April by Jennifer Fane on soil health. (3) Project Leaders to review brochure and have update to Sue Wilford by May 1st. Will have brochures ready for 'realtor box' by May meeting. (4) Coffee and Garden Talks being held at libraries throughout county. As in the past, MGCV will get 2 hours of volunteer service and 2 hours of education if attend. First one is April 22nd at Vesper Library. Poster created by Karli Tomscyck can be used as template for other library talks.

Check Sign-In Table for sign-up sheets/information/handouts/other

Motion to adjourn at 8:30 pm made Mary Czaja and seconded by Joanne Wilkinson. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Sue Wilford, Secretary

Members Attending: Shirley Anderson, Jill Becker, Annette Bowden, Audrey Brundidge, Lynn Bushmaker, Julie Carlsen, Bob Cline, Ruth Cline, Mary Czaja, Maria Edelstein, Eliz Erdmann, Jennifer Fane, Joyce Fischer, Fern Fregien, Chris Grimes, Paula Klevene, Denise Larson, Joy Mader, Fania Marx, Judy Miller, Tammera Newmann, Jeanne Osgood, Pat Paulus, Kathryn Poehnel, Tom Ptak, Karleen Remington, Ann Rozner, Sally Sadowska, Margie Schenk, Thomas Stram, Donna Streiff, Carol Tomke, Roxane Tomkowiak, Shelby Weister, Sue Wilford, and Joanne Wilkinson.

Meeting Program: Volunteer Hour Awards. Reviewing the past, looking toward the future by Shelby Weister, Janell Wehr and Jason Hausler.

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

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](#)



FYI—These would qualify for Continuing Education Hours

Help with the UWEX Strategic Plan

During the course of Extension's reorganization and then the merger with UW-Madison, we have been strategically dissecting aspects of the Wisconsin MG Program in order to better understand what we are currently doing and to prepare for anticipated changes to policy and procedures. We have also been looking to the future with an eye on program improvement, modernization, and diversity. We have used our monthly webinars to talk about various issues. We have identified many gaps. And, we still are waiting for key decisions to be made on issues that will impact other things down stream.

In order to best address everything going forward and emerging timelines, we (Mike, Amy, Steering Committee) feel a strategic plan is in order. Our hope is to have a map over the next several years to respond to, incorporate, and potentially course correct the alterations to the program.

Based on a recent and successful strategic planning experience with our National Extension Master Gardener Committee, we are borrowing that process to create our own. In that, our first step is to seek input from our current program stakeholders--- YOU! Please give us ten minutes of your time in order to provide your thoughts about the program and its future: https://uwex.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9tyysaAJmhg0djn

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Worm Castings - Special Member Sale

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1# Bag	\$3.00		
5# Bag	\$8.00		
20# Bag	\$23.00		
30# Bag	\$36.00		
50# Bag	\$50.00		

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Make check payable to WCMGV and mail to Barb Herreid, 946 S. Archers Way, Nekoosa, WI 54457

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

May Garden Guide

from [Portage County Master Gardeners Volunteers](#)

- 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.



http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Lilium_longiflorum

Governor Upham Mansion Double hours yard work



Yard cleanup and bark spreading



Saturday April 27th 2:00 - 5:30 PM

212 W 3rd St Marshfield WI 54449



Bring hay forks, wheel borrows, & rakes. Double hours MG volunteers credit!



Rose pruning intro 1:00 - 2:00PM

Information 715-207-9187





2019 Responding to Horticulture Inquiries

Tuesday, May 7, 2019 – Brown County
Neville Public Museum
210 Museum Place
Green Bay, WI 54303

Program Schedule

8:30 - 8:40 am	Welcome - Vijai Pandian (Brown County Horticulture Educator) and Jay Dampier (Horticulture Outreach Program Manager)
8:40 - 9:40 am	Strategies for Effectively Answering Horticulture Questions in a County UW-Extension Office - Vijai Pandian and Jay Dampier
9:40 - 11:00 am	2019 Plant Insect Update - PJ Liesch (UW-Extension Insect Diagnostics Lab)
11:00 - 11:15 am	Break
11:15 am - 12:30 pm	Diagnosing Turf Disorders - Vijai Pandian (Brown County Horticulture Educator)
12:30 - 1:15 pm	Lunch
1:15 - 2:15 pm	2019 Weed Update - Mark Renz (UW-Extension Weed Scientist)
2:15 - 2:30 pm	Break
2:30 - 4:00 pm	2019 Plant Disease Update Brian Hudelson (UW-Extension Plant Disease Diagnostics Clinic)
4:00 - 4:30 pm	UW-Madison/Extension Diagnostic Services Brian Hudelson (UW-Plant Disease Diagnostics Clinic)

Deadline to register for the RHI program in Brown County is April 30, 2019.

You can register and pay online at www.browncountvextension.org

Questions regarding registration should be directed to 920-391-4654.

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone (day) _____
 Email _____

UWEX Staff MGV Other

Cost: \$20.00 Per Person (lunch included)

Amount enclosed: \$ _____

Return this form with check payable to: Brown County Treasurer

Extension Brown County
Attn: Horticulture RHI Program
210 Museum Place
Green Bay, WI 54303

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NOTE: Master Gardeners can claim 6.75 hours of continuing education by participating in this program.

UWEX Responding to Horticultural Inquiries: April 30, 2019 - Dane County
Registration online only: Registration Deadline: April 25, 2019

University of Wisconsin Madison - Extension Dane County
5201 Fen Oak Drive, Rm 121
Madison, WI 53718
[Registration Information](#)
County lead: lisa.johnson@ces.uwex.edu

Spring Plant Sale

**Friday
May 17
8-1**




**Saturday
May 18
8-3**

Same Weekend
as
Port Edwards
City Wide
Rummage

 **Perennials**
 **Worm Castings**
 **Summer Container
Gardens**

Ask A
Master Gardener
Available on
Site!

Helen's Zoo House 
2030 Gaynor Ave., Wisconsin Rapids

The next meeting for the Spring plant sale is Tuesday April 30 at 5:30 PM. McMillan library, to discuss needs and volunteer schedules. If anyone needs posters, please contact extension office.



You are invited to Local Libraries

Coffee & Garden Talks



Wood County Master Gardeners are hosting round table discussions about gardening issues. This is a time to “Ask a Wood County Master Gardener” those questions you have been wondering about!

Lester Public Library of Arpin

8091 County Road E, Arpin
715-652-2273

- **Monday, May 20th | 6-8pm**
“Planting the Garden”
- **Monday, July 29th | 6-8pm**
*“Plant Diseases +
Integrated Pest Management”*
- **Tuesday, October 8th | 6-8pm**
*“Harvest + Getting Gardens
Ready for Winter”*

Lester Public Library of Vesper

6550 Virginia Street, Vesper
715-569-4669

- Monday, April 22nd | 1-3pm**
“Planting the Garden”
- Monday, July 8th | 1-3pm**
*“Plant Diseases +
Integrated Pest Management”*
- Monday, October 7th | 1-3pm**
*“Harvest + Getting Gardens
Ready for Winter”*

Registration Encouraged



Please call the libraries directly at the phone numbers listed above.



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“Coffee and Garden Talks” are being set up at various libraries throughout Wood County and Rome. Just a reminder to Master Gardeners that if you attend these events, you earn 2 hours of volunteer time and 2 hours of education. See Vesper Library and Arpin Library schedule above. More library sessions to come. Contact [Sue Wilford](#) for more information.

2019 Master Gardener Volunteer Monthly Programs

<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Topic/Guest Speaker</u>
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

*Marshfield Ag Research Station (MARS)

Zoo Clean Up

Calling all MGV's to the Spring Clean Up at the Wisconsin Rapids Zoo! On Monday, May 13 we will be cleaning out the gardens within the Zoo. Please bring along all the tools you use to clean out your own gardens. We do have snacks for this very special occasion!!!

Looking forward to seeing you at 8:30am on Monday, May 13! We will work until we want to stop and take time to relax and enjoy



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Garden Walk News

Craft Class for Art in the Garden Boutique

May 15th Starting at 4:00 PM
3917 Pryne Rd. WR 54495
715-570-0749

If anyone would like to donate left over bricks from their various projects that would greatly be appreciated.

Thanks Denise



Members Only Access on WCMG Website

The WIMGA website <https://www.wimga.org/> has been operating for a year. Its time to update our members only password so that you can continue to access WIMGA communications and documents. As of March 8th, the password has been changed to **wimga19** You will be asked for the password when you click on the Members Only page. A few other reminders:

- The **Members Only** sub-pages give you access to WIMGA communications, Board and Local Representative Contact information and organization policies
- We encourage you to look at the **Submit Your Photos** sub-page under **Members Only**. If you like to photograph plants and gardens, we invite you submit up to two photos for use on the website
- On the Conferences page <https://www.wimga.org/other-conferences-events> you can see what MGVA events are going on around the state. Use the contact form to submit your own association events.
- **Resources** sub-pages include the **Speakers Bureau** and the **Speakers Bureau Sign up** page. <https://www.wimga.org/speakers-bureau-sign-up>. We know that many of you do speaking. Please let others know about your availability.
- The **Grants** page provides you with links to WIMGA grant applications and the guidelines for submission. We have also included the WIMGA treasurer's email on any of the pages where there is information about dues, grants and finances. Please use that email for financial related inquiries.
- The **Resources** page has our WIMGA Power Point and the Mentoring program description.
- Each page on the website has a CONTACT form. If you have questions about WIMGA or anything on the website please use the CONTACT form.



Enjoy the website and the many resources it provides.
Happy gardening this season.

From the Wisconsin Master Gardeners Association (WIMGA)

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

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WCMGV Meetings and Notices

April 13, 2019: Marshfield Children's Festival, 9:30-1:30 p.m., Marshfield High School

April 17, 2019: WCMGV Board Meeting, 1:00 p.m., Extension Office

April 22, 2019: Coffee & Garden Talk, 1:00 p.m., Vesper Library

April 23, 2019: WCMGV monthly meeting, 7:00 p.m., MARS

April 27, 2019: WI Rapids Children's Festival, Lincoln High School

April 30, 2019: Spring Plant Sale Meeting, 5:30 p.m., McMillan Library—McCourt Room

April 30, 2019: RTI, 8:30-4:30, 5201 Fen Oak Drive, Rm 121, Madison

May 7, 2019: RTI, 8:30-4:30, Neville Public Museum, Green Bay

May 15, 2019: Art in the Garden Boutique work night, 4:00 p.m., Denise Larsen Home

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

May 28, 2019: WCMGV monthly meeting, 7:00 p.m., WR Courthouse

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.