

UW-Extension Wood County Master Gardener Association

Wood County UW Extension

June 2019

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

Tour of Barry & Maria Edelstein Gardens

June 25, 7:00 p.m. Marshfield

Perennials, flowering shrubs, and conifers surround the acre size pond on this nature oriented property. Arbors, a pergola, garden statues and wildlife enhance the landscape. The Pond is home to geese, ducks, turtles, frogs and the occasional heron. Large old willow trees decorate the back yard bordered by a small woods where deer are often spotted. The vegetable garden has raised beds with blueberries, herbs, and asparagus.

Directions to Maria Edelstein's Garden (Note: Using GPS with Maria's address on the membership list may not be reliable.) **Bring your lawn chairs if you would like to sit during the business meeting.**

From Wisconsin Rapids via Hwy 186 through Vesper and Arpin. From Hwy 186 turn left onto Hwy 10. Take exit 183 into Marshfield and onto Veterans Parkway. Follow the parkway (next to the railroad tracks) through the center of Marshfield and turn right on St. Joseph Avenue. Travel past the hospital/clinic complex. Continue on St. Joseph Avenue across McMillan Street (a city water tower is at the intersection) and travel an additional mile to Penny Lane. Turn left onto Penny Lane and left again into Lumen Court. Maria's home is the second driveway on the left.....M-128. There will be some kind of signage at the end of her driveway.

From Pittsville via 73 and 80. Go through the 3 roundabouts into Marshfield onto Central Avenue. Follow Central Avenue through most of the business area and then turn left onto Veterans Parkway. Turn right onto St. Joseph Avenue and follow the WR directions (above) the remainder of the way.

Parking Instructions: Lumen Court dead-ends. Please drive to the dead-end or the end of Maria's driveway, turn around and park on the same side of the road as her home. Do not park in her driveway. Do NOT park on both sides of the road. Space must be left for emergency vehicles. Carpool if possible as space will be tight.

Tour of Jennifer Fane Gardens and Vermiculture Display

July 23, 7:00 p.m., Nekoosa

Jen and family live off their land of 40 acres, most of it woods. They raise chickens and turkeys for meat and eggs and guineas for insect control. Their main vegetable garden is being transitioned into a no-till garden with a second garden with 15 raised beds, and tomatoes grown in straw bales. There is an orchard with apples, pears, plums, and cherry trees, as well as aronia berries, haskap berries, black and red raspberries, blackberries, strawberries and blueberries. All flower beds are pollinator friendly and certified as a monarch way-station by the National Wildlife Federation. Hand outs will be available!

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President's Message

With the weather moving in fits and starts it's hard to predict what kind of summer this is going to be. I guess we've all had those kinds of years. Great plans get caught by everyday attentions, or what we think is going to be a small project turns out to be a really- great project with an excellent outcome. I sure hope Ma Nature's summer turns out to be the latter, and not the former.

Sometimes I forget some of the information that I have learned through here, like patented plants that are illegal to propagate until the patent expires. Although this is usually something one would think of for field crops, it also pertains to garden plants. I bungled passing that information on to someone at the plant sale the other day and still feel bad about it. (see <https://www.uspto.gov/patents-getting-started/patent-basics/types-patent-applications/general-information-about-35-usc-161> for more info).

It's hard to remember everything we've learned and are still learning, but that's why we are all here to support each other and that we have the whole University of Wisconsin Extension office to help back us up. This is why we continually work on keeping up to date so that we can pass that information along. This is why we continually check our facts when we are passing that information along, and this is why when we do make mistakes, it's human, but we can correct it or give the person asking the question another place to seek the answer that is more up-to-date, comprehensive or helpful.

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

Famia

New Printing Procedures

In order to better streamline the process for producing and printing promotional materials, we have developed a new procedure for brochure/flyer approval and printing. Brochures can be emailed to Janell Wehr at janell.wehr@wisc.edu, or you can drop a paper copy at her desk in the extension office. Please leave a message including the program or project for which the brochures are needed, contact person, and number of copies needed. If you need help designing a flyer, include the information required and the support staff will design an appropriate flyer. Janell will approve the content for appropriate logos and EEO statements and save the flyers for future reference in the WCMGV Google drive. Please allow two weeks for requests to be designed and printed. Materials can be picked up in the Master Gardener's mailbox in Janell's office. Once the materials are developed, please pass the information on to the appropriate people for marketing. Email Chris Grimes at chgrimes@wctc.net, for inclusion on the WCMGV Facebook page, Margaret (Peg) Klinkhammer at WCMGVs@gmail.com, for inclusion in the monthly newsletter, and Karen Tlachac, the publicity chair, at ktlachac@yahoo.com. Please be sure to save as a jpeg document when sending to Karen Tlachac. Please contact Janell Wehr with any questions or concerns.

2019 Master Gardener Volunteer Monthly Programs

<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Topic/Guest Speaker</u>
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 - 6:00pm OR 7:00pm	McMillan Library (6:00) or MARS (7:00) (tent.)	Garden Tour of England and Wales Gardens - Barb Herreid, Chris Griffith,

*Marshfield Ag Research Station (MARS)

Requesting a Master Gardener from the Pittsville area to deliver information on upcoming WCMG events to the "Pittsville Record". The newspaper has a dropbox outside



WIMGA Fall Conference

In 2019 there will be no WIMGA Fall Conference, in place of the conference several meetings are being planned.

Please take note of dates and topics.

Leadership Conference

Topics:
Presentation skills and using social media
Morning refreshments and lunch will be included
Small registration fee
Conference will count towards CE hours

- Dates:**
1. Thursday September 12, Wausau
 2. Saturday September 14, Madison
 3. Friday September 20, Eau Claire

Annual Meeting

Date: Saturday, October 26 in Stevens Point at the Dreyfuss Center
Topics: Face-to-face Local Rep/Board meeting, open to all WIMGA members
Will feature at least one speaker for CE

This information is presented by your WIMGA Rep. Ruth Cline, for planning purposes. More information will be shared as planning for the above meetings are finalized. Please make note on your calendars the above dates and meetings!

Marathon County, North Central Wisconsin Master Gardeners 18th Annual Garden Walk

Friday, July 12, 1 - 7 p.m. and Saturday, July 13, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Five gardens in the D.C. Everest area. Tickets \$10.00.

Tickets available at the UW Extension Office: 212 River Dr., Set. 3, Wausau, beginning on Monday, July 1, or at any of the gardens on the days of the tour.

For more information go to: <https://uwex.edu/marathonmg/garden-walk/> or Facebook: North Central WI Master Gardener

Wood County Master Gardener Volunteers
Wood County Courthouse, Room 114; May 28, 2019; 1 hour Continuing Education

Meeting called to order at 8:12 pm.

Minutes from April 23, 2019: Karen Houdek moved to accept minutes as written, seconded by Mary Czaja, motion carried.

Financial Report by Barb Herreid. Audrey Brundidge moved to accept report; seconded by Lynn Bushmaker, motion carried. Net profit from plant sale was about \$2,120 and had budgeted \$1,800.

Extension Report: (1) Online hours reporting for members getting closer. Janell Wehr will keep MGV posted when she will host online reporting training sessions in Marshfield and WI Rapids. (2) The state is hosting a weekly 'Horticulture Update' on Fridays from 9:30-10:30am. This is an update of disease and pest seen around the state on a weekly basis. Janell Wehr will resend out the link to all members. This is especially helpful for those working answering public questions in the extension office and/or farmer's market. (3) The Sheriff's department will be doing security at the courthouse and we will no longer be able to have meeting at the courthouse after 4:30pm after the August meeting. Ruth Cline will contact McMillan Library for our November meeting and MARS if the library is unavailable. If meeting is at the McMillan Library, membership agreed to start the meeting at 6pm, as it closes at 8pm.

Old Business/Announcements: "Thinking of you" card for Carl and Pam Hilke distributed, who is having health issues.

Plant Sale wrap up: Job well done by all who worked. Two day sale went well and will be repeated in 2020.

Worm Castings: Last worm casting sold.

New Business:

Garden Walk and Art in the Garden Items for Garden Walk: (1) Garden Walk tickets available; money or tickets need to be returned to Barb Herreid by July 25th. Posters available for distribution. (2) Need volunteer to distribute direction signs and wooden signs for each garden on Friday, July 12th. Also be willing to pick up all signs on Saturday after the walk or on Sunday, July 14th. (3) 8-9 MGV helped with painting bricks at the first craft night. Second craft night will be on Wednesday, June 19th at 4pm at Denise Larson's home. Will paint flowers out of coffee cans. (4) Barb Kleifgen will contact greeters and guides in next few weeks for commitment. (5) Christine Griffith reported refreshments will be available at the Garden Walk. Asking for MGV to sign up to make backed goods/cookies or snack bags (avoid chocolate).

Farmer's Market/Ask a Master Gardener: Looking for MGV for Farmer's Market in Rapids on Thursdays.

Early Deadline for newsletter - Deadline is June 4th

Community Education Team - Board approved combining Continuing Education Committee and Community Outreach and Education Team into one committee, called 'Community Education'. (1) Youth Judging at Fair - Monday, August 19th from 1-8pm. (2) Ask a Master Gardener fair booth - Tuesday, August 20th to Sunday, August 25th. Ruth Cline asking MGV to display any interesting garden displays and will have sign up at June and July meetings. (2) Will be working on creating laminated sheets for trifold displays as well as toolkits for all MGV to use. Saving presentations to online google drive. (3) Coffee and Garden talks at Marshfield, Vesper, Arpin and Rome Library. Still looking for MGV to coordinate Pittsville and McMillan library sessions. Reminder that MGV can record 2 hours education and 2 hours volunteer hours for attending. (4) Fall seminar on Oct 19th at UW Stevens Point - Marshfield. Ben Fuda from Allen Centennial Garden will speak on 'Brown Is A Color Too.' Janell Wehr, Donna Streiff and Barb Herreid met with UW representative to discuss proposed charge for using facility with goal to develop a partnership with reduced charge.

Project Leader/Committee/Team Updates/Information: Mary Kay York will be resigning as chair of WR Zoo at end of 2020. Brochures distributed to projects for their 'realtor boxes' at their projects. Maria Edelstein's address wrong on program list. Correct address will be in June newsletter.

Motion to adjourn at 8:58pm made by Donna Streiff and seconded by Chris Griffith. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Sue Wilford, Secretary

Members Attending: Shirley Anderson, Annette Bowden, Audrey Brundidge, Lynn Bushmaker, Julie Carlsen, Bob Cline, Ruth Cline, Mary Czaja, Micky Erickson, Jennifer Fane, Laurie Francis, Fern Fregien, Christine Griffith,, Chris Grimes, Barb Herreid, Karen Houdek, Barb Kleifgen, Denise Larson, Fania Marx, Marjorie Schenk, Roberta Stolt, Donna Streiff, Sue Wilford, Penn Wilkes, Marlene Winters and Mary Kay York.

Meeting Program: Integrated Pest Management for Homeowners by Karen Houdek

July Garden Guide

from [Portage County Master Gardeners Volunteers](#)

- Water gladiolus and dahlias weekly to a depth of 6-8 inches.
- Water flower beds at least once a week during dry spells. Remove old lily blooms.
- Peony bushes should be mulched and seedpods removed.
- Take cuttings from roses and spring flowering shrubs for new plant propagation when stems are no longer succulent but not yet hardened.
- Cut old canes of climbing roses so those new shoots can grow.
- Control rust on hollyhock by removing infected leaves.
- Divide iris and day lily when done blooming. Cut leaves back to about 8 inches.
- Thin and transplant perennials sown in June.
- Complete outdoor sowing of perennial seed.
- Inspect vegetables and herbs for pests daily and treat if necessary.
- Control garden weeds to prevent them from going to seed.
- Harvest onions and early potatoes when tops begin to shrivel.
- In early July, plant lettuce and spinach for fall crop. Pre-germinate on moist towel or plant deeper than in spring. Plant kale, bunching onions, cucumbers, beets, rutabagas and turnips, cabbage family seedlings and peas for fall harvest.
- Keep tomatoes mulched and watered to prevent blossom end rot.
- Keep ripe vegetables picked to maintain productivity.
- Watch for spider mites during hot, dry weather. Juniper and spruce needles turn rusty colored if infested.
- Water newly planted trees weekly if needed throughout the summer and apply a mulch (3 inches or less) to maintain even soil moisture.
- During dry spells, water all trees deeply every 2-3 weeks.
- Remove suckers from grafted plants. Water fruit trees during dry spells or they may abort fruit. Trees need 1 inch of water weekly during fruit growth.
- Prune yews, junipers and arborvitae by mid-July.
- Remove old canes of summer bearing red raspberries after harvest. Thin new canes to 3-4 canes per foot of row or 9-10 canes per hill. For black raspberries, thin new canes to 10 per hill. Cut tips of new canes back around July 1. Cut back raspberry tips back to two feet above the soil level and blackberry tips back to four feet above soil level. Cut purple and yellow raspberry tips to 30-36 inches above the soil.
- Keep orchard grass mowed and raked to discourage fungal pathogens harbored in tall grass and plant debris. Hang baited red sticky ball traps in apple trees for apple maggot control.



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Garden Walk News

We still have needs and work to do in preparation for the Garden Walk. Please consider how you can help.

Directional signs:

Need a volunteer to **post directional signs** around town on Friday the 12th and retrieve them on Saturday after the Walk. Contact [Barb Herreid](#) if you can do this task one or both days.

Silent Auction:

We would still welcome new gardening related items suitable for the **Silent Auction**. This could be an art, craft, gift basket, or etc. that you have made, or some other garden related item. Contact [Denise Larsen](#) if you have something to donate.

Refreshments:

Refreshments will be served to our Garden Walk patrons once again. If you haven't already done so, Contact [Chris Griffith](#) to donate easy pick-up-and-go, non-goopy treats: cookies, bars, donut holes, snack mix bags, granola bars, etc.

Garden Treasures

Julie Carlsen is still collecting **gently used, clean gardening items, books, and magazines** for Garden Treasures Boutique. Bring your items to the June general meeting or contact [Julie](#) about donating your items.

Greeters and Guides:

We always need more Guides and Greeters. Greeters welcome our guests and sell tickets and Guides are in the gardens to interact and answer questions from our guests. If you did not already volunteer for this on the dues form, please contact [Barb Kleifgen](#) to volunteer. Full and half day shifts are available.

Friday Night Pre-Walk:

Pre-walk for Saturday workers will commence at 5:30 pm on Friday, July 12, at garden #1, the Matthews garden. Each participant must have a ticket. Carpooling is always helpful to limit parking issues.

Craft Night:

The final **Craft Night** will be held Wednesday, June 19 starting at 4pm at Denise Larson's house, 3917 Pryne Road. They'll be making coffee can flowers.



The Marshfield Community Gardens was honored to receive a \$500 grant from the Farm Technology Days Committee for the construction of composting bins at the gardens and will be doing composting education there and in the community.

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20th Annual
Garden Walk
Saturday, July 13, 2019
9:30 am until 3:30 pm
(Rain or Shine)

Tickets Available at these locations:

WISCONSIN RAPIDS AREA
Wood County Master Gardeners
Angel Floral & Design
Daily Drug Inc.
DNL Recreation
Heart of Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce
US Bank (Grand Ave. Location)
UW Extension Office-Courthouse
Wisconsin Rapids Floral and Gifts
Watson's Greenhouse
NOKOOSA
Rover's the Diner Store
ROME
D Green's Garden LLC
Lester Public Library of Rome
MUDSOFT
Ulmer's Greenhouse

For additional information contact:
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Also available the day of the garden walk at any of the participating gardens.
October Garden Walk, Art Show, Art in the Garden
Bouquet and Live Plants
Tickets: \$10.00

Proceeds from the Garden Walk support Master Gardener Volunteer projects throughout the membership area.

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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

June 18, 2019: WCMGV Garden Seminar, Landscaping and Gardening with a Purpose, 6-7:30 p.m., Rome Library

June 25, 2019: WCMGV monthly meeting, 7:00 p.m., Marshfield

July 8, 2019: WCMGV Coffee & Garden Talks, Plant Diseases/IPM, 1-3 p.m., Lester Public Library of Vesper

July 12, 2019: Garden Walk pre-walk for members only, 5:30-8:00

July 13, 2019: Garden Walk: 9:30-3:30 p.m.

July 16, 2019: WCMGV Garden Seminar, Learning about Monarchs, 6-7:30 p.m., Rome Library

July 20, 2019: WCMGV Garden Seminar, Butterfly Learning Day, 10:00 a.m., Rome Library

July 29, 2019: WCMGV Coffee & Garden Talks, Plant Diseases/IPM, 6-8 p.m., Lester Public Library of Arpin

August 20, 2019: WCMGV Garden Seminar, Those **** Garden Pests, 6-7:30 pm., Rome Library

September 17, 2019: WCMGV Garden Seminar, Food Preservation, 6-7:30 pm., Rome Library

October 7, 2019: WCMGV Coffee & Garden Talks, Harvest/Getting gardens ready for Winter, 1-3 p.m., Lester Public Library of Vesper

October 8, 2019: WCMGV Coffee & Garden Talks, Harvest/Getting gardens ready for Winter, 6-8 p.m., Lester Public Library of Arpin

October 15, 2019: WCMGV Garden Seminar, Put your gardens to Bed, 6-7:30 pm., Rome Library