

# 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

### Tour of Jennifer Fame 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!

Address: 1338 Badger Ave.

Directions: From Wisconsin Rapids - Drive Hwy 13 South to Rome. Turn right on Badger Ave., go 1 mile to address on right. Badger Ave. is about 5 miles South of Rome Town Hall.

Please note: Wisconsin Rapids is under construction throughout the city. Read the construction signs very carefully and follow each sign which directs you through the city on Hwy 13. Since signs change to fit each construction site as work continues daily; drive slowly and read each sign. Thank You for your patience! Bring your own chair if you want to sit down during the meeting!! Garden Tour will start promptly at 7 p.m.



### All About Hemp

With Matt Lippert  
Wood County Agricultural  
Agent

August 27, 7 p.m. Wood  
County Courthouse,  
Room 114

HEMP.....a hot new topic and crop in the Wisconsin agricultural world. What is hemp? Why have some farmers come to view it as an important part of their ag planning process? What challenges are faced in growing hemp? How much hemp is being grown in Wood County? Who processes hemp after harvest and how is that done? What legal issues impact growing and processing hemp?

Matt Lippert, Wood County Agricultural Agent, will answer these questions and others you may have at our August WCMGV meeting.

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2018 Garden Walk

## President’s Message

You should be receiving this newsletter either just before the garden walk or shortly thereafter. I hope you all got to see the great gardens and enjoyed the day. Looking at the work of other people and what they can accomplish always amazes me. It doesn’t matter the style of their garden, just the love and care that go into their creation. It’s my hope to someday schedule the time to realize my dreams of a pleasant garden where one can go and relax when they aren’t weeding.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone

who put an effort into making the garden walk—actually all our fundraisers a success. From the owners to the person making sure the smallest details are taken care of. As a team, our chapter of Wisconsin Master Gardeners is the best. For using those funds to create gardens for others, to teach others how to garden and all the things that go with that, I would like to thank you all as well.

I have a car show to get to so will see you in a couple of weeks.

Famia

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

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:chgrimes@wctc.net), for inclusion on the WCMGV Facebook page, Margaret (Peg) Klinkhammer at [WCMGVs@gmail.com](mailto:WCMGVs@gmail.com), for inclusion in the monthly newsletter, and Karen Tlachac, the publicity chair, at [ktlachac@yahoo.com](mailto: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>
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, Micky Erickson

\*Marshfield Ag Research Station (MARS)



**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.

## 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!

UW Extension Wood County Master Gardener Volunteers  
**20th Annual**  
**Garden Walk**  
**Saturday, July 13, 2019**  
9:30 am until 3:30 pm  
(Rain or Shine)

Tickets Available at these locations:

- WISCONSIN BANNER AREA**
- Wood County Master Gardeners
- Angel Floral & Design
- Edly Drug Inc.
- SMI Reception
- Head of Wisconsin Chapter of Coonroost**
- UW Bank Head of Area, LaCrosse
- UW Extension Office/Coonroost
- Wisconsin Knight Floral and Gifts
- Wisconsin's Greenhouse
- MIRAMIA**
- Wagner's The Glass Shop
- WISSE**
- St-Cover's Garden LLC
- Leslie Field's Library of Books
- WISCONSIN**
- Tobler's Greenhouse



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Also available the day of the garden walk at any of the participating gardens.  
Includes Garden Walk, Art Show, and/or the Garden Workshop and Live Show  
Tickets: \$10.00

Proceeds from the Garden Walk support Wood County Extension and/or the university you attend.

**Wood County Master Gardener Volunteer Membership Meeting**  
**June 25, 2019**  
**Maria Edelstein Garden, Marshfield, WI**  
**1 hour Program**

The Wood County Master Gardener Volunteers met at Maria Edelstein's home near Marshfield at 7 PM for an hour long garden tour and Q & A session.

The business meeting was called to order by President Famia Marx at 7:55 PM

**Minutes:** Audrey Brundidge moved and Patty Farley seconded that the minutes from the May 28, 2019 meeting be approved as written. Motion carried.

**The Financial Report** was presented by Barb Herreid. Barb Kleifken moved and Julie Carlsen seconded that the report be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

**Extension Update:** Janell Wehr was unable to attend but sent the following information: (1) Online hours reporting is now up and running. She indicated that information on the Town of Rome project is not entered on the Wood County section of the website. Call her if you have any questions. She also has plans to offer training sessions for online reporting at both ends of the county. Dates have not yet been set. (2) Level 1 training will be held in January through April of 2020 from 5:30 to 8:30. Location has not yet been determined. (3) Mentors are needed for the class of 2020. Let Janell know if you are interested. Perhaps a mentor training session can be done sometime later this year. (4) Take lots of photos of projects and e-mail them to Janell.

**Old Business: None**

**New Business:**

**Garden Walk, July 13:** (1) Denise Larson announced that her committee has produced painted bricks and metal flowers for sale at the Boutique. She also plans on doing bookmarks. (2) Barb Herreid displayed yard signs advertising the garden walk. They should be placed on Sunday before the walk and removed immediately after. She also needs 2 people to put up and take down directional signs the day of the walk. Judy Miller volunteered to help. (3) Barb Kleifgen is in need of 2 additional guides for the walk. Contact her if you can help. (4) Workers and other Master Gardeners can do the garden tour on Friday before the walk starting at 5:30 at Garden #1 on the ticket. Everyone must have a ticket for that tour. (5) Chris Griffith reported good response on the snack sign-up sheet at the last meeting. More snacks are always welcome. Bring them Friday night to the garden tour or Saturday morning to Garden #6.

**Community Education Team:** Ruth Cline gave an update. (1) The sign-up sheet for participating in the **Junior Fair** judging in August is available at this meeting. (2) **Ask a Master Gardener** at the Fair will have 40 feet of space. In addition to the Q & A space, multiple trifold displays will be used and members are asked to volunteer small table-top education displays. Ruth has a sign-up sheet at this meeting that contains display ideas. (3) Ruth provided an update on the status of Teri Gear our former horticulture agent. She has bought an interest in Russell Farms, owns Garden Villa in Wild Rose and continues her work as a sculptor.

**Fall Plant Sale/Marshfield:** Everyone is asked to collect plant materials that can be used for dried arrangements at the plant sale. Mary Czaja will baby sit plants at her home if necessary. Contact her if digging needs to be done. It was emphasized that photos of some kind along with the plants help with sales.

**The Fall Seminar** was announced by Barb Herreid. It will take place October 19, 2019 at UW Stevens Point at Marshfield.

Motion by Mary Czaja, seconded by Bea Kohl that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried at 8:40M.

Submitted by Acting Secretary, Karleen Remington

**Members Attending:** Anne Ambroziak, Shirley Anderson, Jill Becker, Debby Brown, Audrey Brundidge, Julie Carlsen, Bob Cline, Ruth Cline, Mary Czaja, Maria Edelstein, Mickey Erickson, Patricia Farley, Fern Fregien, Christine Griffith, Peg Harvey, Barb Herreid, Nita Kirst, Barb Kleifgen, Paula Klevene, Bea Kohl, Denise Larson, Famia Marx, Judy Miller, Patricia Paulus, Karleen Remington, Janet Sabin, Donna Streiff, Penn Wilkes. **Guests:** Gwen Gygi. Tina Spannan.

## August Garden Guide

from [Portage County Master Gardeners Volunteers](#)

- Mulch dahlias to conserve moisture and eliminate weeds.
- Stake plants with heavy blooms.
- Order spring-flowering bulbs for fall planting.
- Keep phlox plants deadheaded. Never let phlox go to seed if you want to keep colors true.
- Start seeds of daisy, coreopsis, sweet william and pansy in peat pots or nursery beds. Transfer to permanent beds in late September. or early October.
- Cut gladiolus blooms leaving maximum amount of foliage on plants.
- Transplant and divide iris and day lily.
- Watch for red spider mites on phlox.
- In mid-month, take cuttings of coleus, geraniums and other plants for winter houseplants.
- Plant chrysanthemums for fall color. Fall planted chrysanthemums need extra winter protection.
- Plant Madonna lily and Japanese and Siberian iris.
- Continue watering flowerbeds at least once a week during dry periods.
- Plant or transplant oriental poppies. Do not mulch, as they prefer hot, sun-baked ground.
- Bring poinsettias indoors.
- By the end of the month, start withholding water from amaryllis. Amaryllis requires an eight-week period of drought to bloom. Place in cool basement for three-month rest.
- Sow cover crops in vegetable garden areas not in use.
- Cut and dry or freeze herbs. Pick herbs just before blossoms open for best flavor.
- Inspect corn regularly. Corn pests become abundant in mid-August.
- Keep eggplant and peppers picked so younger fruit develops.
- Plant late crops of radishes, lettuce, spinach and beets.
- Mid-August to mid-September is the best time to establish grass seed. Keep soil moist at all times or seed will dry and die.
- Plant evergreens now through mid-September so they are well established before winter.
- Remove thatch from lawn if more than one-half inch thick.
- Tip layer black and purple raspberries for replacement.
- Fertilize strawberries with 10-10-10 fertilizer applied at 2-3 pounds per 100 square feet. Thin plants if needed.
- Maintain lime-sulfur spray program on tree fruit to control apple and pear scab and certain other diseases.
- Collect and bury diseased, mummified plums for future brown-rot control.



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## Mowing Milkweed for Monarchs

Monarch butterfly populations have been decreasing for decades, largely caused by decreasing populations of milkweed (*Asclepias* spp.) that they require during their larval stage. But these iconic insects are making a bit of a comeback now that gardeners, farmers and other land managers have begun planting more milkweed. **Researchers at Michigan State University (MSU) are now advising people to start mowing back that milkweed to increase its benefit to monarchs.**



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According to a study published in the May issue of *Biological Conservation*, monarchs prefer to lay their eggs on young milkweed. When the MSU researchers mowed back a third of a patch of milkweed, then allowed it to regrow, they found three to 10 times the amount of eggs per stem on the new growth than on the undisturbed milkweed in their experiment. So even though cutting back milkweed to help the butterflies may seem counterintuitive, this forces the plants to produce the new growth preferred by the monarchs.

The key is to wait until the plants are beginning to flower, around mid-June, then cut back about a third of the milkweed patch. When the previously cut stems start to produce flowers again, around mid-July, trim or mow another third of the patch. For further information, visit <https://msutoday.msu.edu/news/2019/mowing-for-monarchs>

## Invasive Pest Monitoring at Growing Friends Community Garden

The Growing Friends Community Garden for the Wisconsin Rapids Area, on the corner of Hill and Spruce is participating in a new and invasive plant pest monitoring survey conducted by the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture this summer. The pests being monitored have yet to reach Wisconsin, and the survey is a way to detect if this remains the case. The Department had coordinated with local agriculture communities across the state to assess for the presence of Golden twin spot moth, False codling moth, Leek moth, Spotted lanternfly, Cucurbit beetle, and Swede Midge. Traps have been set up throughout the community gardens, and will be monitored during the growing season. Megan Eames, the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture employee conducting the survey, stated, “these traps are species specific by pheromones. In addition, we may also collect plant samples for lab testing if we notice any disease symptoms, and will be providing fact sheets for the pests for which we are monitoring.” The Community Garden gardeners have been excited about participating in the survey, both because of the research value it brings, and the learning opportunity it gives the gardeners.



## WCMGV Events at the Marshfield Central Wisconsin State Fair

Each year interested WCMGVs sign up to assist at the Central Wisconsin State Fair. There are two events at which WCMGV have traditionally helped: The Youth Judging and the WCMGV Display Booth.

- **Youth Judging:** August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
Two time shifts: 2-5 p.m. OR 5-8 p.m.  
Email [Ruth Cline](mailto:Ruth.Cline@tds.net) with your preference.

If you have not helped with this project in the past but are interested in learning more about the youth judging project, please email [Ruth](mailto:Ruth.Cline@tds.net) for more information. Master Gardeners will not be doing the judging, but rather helping the judge as needed with tasks such as placing ribbons on produce, placing produce on display shelves, paperwork, keeping area organized and moving along. This is a group volunteer project so there will be other MGs working with you. This is a fun and educational project where you learn from the judge as they place each entry.

- **WCMGV Booth/Display at the fair :** August 20,21,22,23,24,25  
Staffed by 2 Master Gardeners daily during each shift.  
Two time shifts: 10-2 p.m. OR 2–6 p.m.  
One-Day gate pass will be available for those working in the booth.  
Email [Ruth Cline](mailto:Ruth.Cline@tds.net) with your preference.

Sue Wilford and Ruth Cline are the Co-Chairs for this event. One or both will be on the fair-grounds daily to assist in the booth as needed. This is a group volunteer project so there will be other MGs working with you. This booth/display brings Horticulture information to the general public via a face-to-face meeting with WCMGVs, and provides handouts/other resources for continued learning after the fair is over!

Sign-up sheets will be available at July 23 membership meeting.

## WCMGV Artistic Talents needed to enhance booth/display at Fair

Calling all WCMGV members: Your help is needed. We are working on the display/booth for the Central Wisconsin State Fair Marshfield. We invite you to create a small table top display to enhance our new presentation this year. We know that each of our members have hidden talents yet to be tapped!

Some ideas: Herb display, Succulent garden, Fairy Garden, Container Garden, Display thriller, spiller, filler with simple “How to Do instructions”, or come up with your own educational creation!

Please sign-up at the July 23 membership meeting. Questions: email Ruth Cline [stonegate@tds.net](mailto:stonegate@tds.net).



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## WCMGV Meetings and Notices

**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

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.