

UW-Extension Wood County Master Gardener Association

Wood County UW Extension

November 2019

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WCMGV 2019 Program Information

Garden Tour of England & Wales

With Barb Herreid, Chris Griffith and Micky Erickson

November 19, 6:30-8:30 p.m. McMillan Library

(NOTE TIME CHANGE)

Join WCMGV members Barb Herreid, Chris Griffith and Micky Erickson at the November 19 meeting in the Fine Arts Room at McMillan Library for a virtual tour of gardens in England and Wales.

Although we will not be able to share Christmas treats this year (no food or drink in the Fine Arts Room) we will nevertheless close the year with our exchange of Holiday Gifts. Members are encouraged to bring a wrapped gift for the exchange, and help set up and afterwards stay to clean up the Fine Arts Room.



A cottage garden in Brittany [Guido Gerding](#) [CC BY-SA 3.0](#)

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Glen Edelson from ATLANTA, USA - Turkey Time CC BY 2.0

President's Message

I have had an exciting time running the group the past couple of years and really enjoyed seeing all of you at the meetings. If anyone would like to see me, I'll mostly be home working on my business and my own garden, but plan on being back in a year or three.

Take care and have a good holiday season.
Thanks for all the support,

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Research based websites: Learning Store, etc. ...

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Providing researched base information to our communities is part of our job as Master Gardeners. The following websites were discussed at the October membership meeting. These five sites are the basic sites to find researched based information from the University of Wisconsin and Extension and are a good starting place to google.

The Learning Store: <https://learningstore.extension.wisc.edu/>

Wisconsin Horticulture: <https://hort.extension.wisc.edu/>

Plant Disease and Diagnostic Clinic: <https://pddc.wisc.edu/>

Insect ID: <http://labs.russell.wisc.edu/insectid/>

Weed ID: <http://weedid.wisc.edu/weeid.php>

Happy horticulture researching!!

2020 WCMGV Dues are due!

2020 dues are due **November 15th**. You may bring form and the dues to the November 19th membership meeting. Add late fee of \$5.00 if paying after the November 19th membership meeting. Dues and form due to Barb Herreid 946 S. Archers Way, Nekoosa, WI 54457.

December 1st is the deadline for submitting vouchers for the 2019 expenses. Send to Barb at above address.



The North Wood County Historical Society presents

A Candlelight Christmas

Open Dates:

Friday, December 6th 5-9pm

Saturday, December 7th 1-4pm

Sunday, December 8th 1-4pm

This exhibit will be up through January and can be seen Wednesdays & Saturdays 1:30-4pm

North Wood County Historical Society



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Office Hours:

Mondays: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Wednesdays: 12 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Thursdays: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Tour Hours: Wed. & Sat. 1-4 p.m. (OBA)

Wood County Master Gardener Volunteers
MARS, Marshfield, WI; October 22, 2019; 1.5 hr. continuing education

Meeting called to order at 8:27pm by Bob Cline, Vice President, pro tem. Bob Cline thanked speakers for their presentations.

Minutes from September 24, 2019: Mary Czaja moved to accept minutes as written, seconded by Ruth Cline, motion carried.

Financial Report: by Barb Herreid. Tom Ptak moved to accept report; seconded by Jeanne Osgood, motion carried. Membership renewal forms available and due back by November 19, 2019.

Extension Report: Level 1 training in January being set up. Brian Hudelson and Matt Lippert will be speakers. Fliers available for distribution. Mentor job description available and looking for MGV to be mentors. Okay to enter hours in Online Reporting System (ORS). Contact Janell Wehr if any issues with hour entry.

Old Business/Announcement:

October Seminar: Great information shared by speakers: Mark Dwyer, Denise Larson, Deb Brown, and Janell Wehr. Attendance was 29 people. Extra handouts available.

New Business:

Nomination Committee: Micky Erickson reported potential candidates for 2020 open positions. President - Ruth Cline; Vice President - Karleen Remington; North Director - Jill Becker and South Director - Ann Rozner. Some are only one year positions. Asked for any other nominations. Will ask again at November meeting before elections. Anyone interested in a position should contact Karleen Remington, Ruth Cline or Micky Erickson.

Continuing Ed/Other Committee/Team Updates/Information

Project Chairpersons Meetings: Two meetings set up for:

Monday, October 28th 6-8pm McCourt Room at McMillan Library

Monday, November 11th 1-3pm at MARS

Open to any MGV. Will be discussing legacy of projects.

Community Education meeting October 29th at 1pm, Extension room 114; anyone interested is welcome to attend.

Farmers Market - looking for more MGV to host next summer; maybe two people to staff booth.

Rebecca from UW Stevens Point, Marshfield campus asked Janell Wehr to present horticulture community education. Janell Wehr discussed possible topics to present; looking for topics from MGV. Suggested "Best of..." and "Planting right plant in the right place."

Membership renewal sheet: Changes discussed. MGV to indicate if would like to present a topic at membership meetings.

Additional New Business: Next meeting to start at 6:30pm at McMillan Library. Will have gift exchange, but no food allowed. Garden Tour of England & Wales by Barb Herreid, Chris Griffith and Micky Erickson.

Motion to adjourn at 8:56pm made by Jeanne Osgood and seconded by Donna Streiff. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Sue Wilford, Secretary

Members Attending: Shirley Anderson, Jill Becker, Debby Brown, Audrey Brundidge, Bob Cline, Ruth Cline, Mary Czaja, Micky Erickson, Joyce Fischer, Fern Fregien, Chris Grimes, Barb Herreid, Denise Larson, Judy Miller, Jeanne Osgood, Pat Paulus, Tom Ptak, Karleen Remington, Thomas Stram, Donna Streiff, Carol Tomke, Roxanne Tomkowiak, Shelby Weister, and Sue Wilford

Meeting Program: Soils Lab Tour by Director Andrew Stammer and Navigating the Learning Store by Sue Wilford

Dear Molly, the MGV

Dear Molly,

I have been asked about cleaning tools for winter. What does that involve?
Feeling Inadequate.

Dear FI,

Tool care is something probably harder to explain than to do. Read about it here: https://hort.extension.wisc.edu/files/2014/11/Maintaining_Lawn_and_Garden_Tools.pdf Also, any number of good videos are on [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com) Even though this is not an official way to look for information (see article page 2 on research based websites) you can still find good information by typing in “How to winterize garden tools extension of- fice” or “Winterize garden tools University” into the YouTube search bar. Always remember to take what is on YouTube with a grain of salt. Most of the time the videos have good information, but there are the occasional stinkers out there. If the video is made by a company, they almost always are trying to sell you something that can be easily done with a cheaper product, although sometimes not as well.



[Spitfire at English Wikipedia](#) This file is licensed under the [Creative Commons Attribution-Share Alike 3.0 Unported](#) license.

Good luck.

Any questions are welcome. Please submit to [editor](#) who will forward questions to Molly.

Open Board Positions 2020

The Nominations Committee submitted the following candidates for the 2020 open positions.

President: Ruth Cline

Vice President: Karleen Remington

North Wood County Director: Jill Becker

South Wood County Director: Ann Rozner

Nominations from the floor also accepted at Nov. 19th - Election Membership meeting.

Position Descriptions: The board has worked to create positions descriptions for the following: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Director, WIMGA Representative, Communication Representative, Committee - Team - Project Leader, and Mentor. These are now located in the ‘Members Only’ tab on our website. This is a passcode protected site. If you need the passcode, contact Chris Grimes. Also, remember if you are on a public computer, you must log out of the pass protected site when finished in order to protect the integrity of the member’s only information.

Mentor position description - A position description was created for a MGV who wants to mentor new interns. Contact Janell Wehr if interested in mentoring for 2020. The position description is included in this newsletter for your reference.



**Wood County Master Gardener Volunteers
Position Description**

Title: Wood County Master Gardener Volunteer Mentor

Purpose: To help new trainees smoothly adapt to the Master Gardener Volunteer Program, build fellowship within the program, and assist in the retention and involvement for a First Year Master Gardener in the program.

Responsibilities or Duties:

1. Maintain contact with assigned trainee through First Year Master Gardener tenure.
 - a. Contact assigned mentee as soon as possible. Provide name and phone number so they may contact you with questions. Consider adding them to social media.
 - b. If possible, attend the first Level 1 training class and introduce yourself.
 - c. Midway through Level 1 training, check in the mentee. Do they have any questions regarding training? Testing?
 - d. Once Level 1 training is complete, invite trainee to monthly members meetings. Be certain they understand where the meeting location is and directions if needed. Introduce them to other Master Gardeners at the meeting.
 - e. Discuss possible projects and committees the trainee may be interested in. Introduce them to the leaders or chairs of those projects. Connect the trainee with upcoming work days or committee meetings.
 - f. Be sure they are on the newsletter mailing list.
 - g. Be sure they know the Wood County Master Gardeners website, and what is found in the members only area. Review that it is important if they use a public computer (Library) they need to log out each time they go to the website.
 - h. Show them the Wood County Master Gardeners' Facebook Group and Page.
 - i. Check in once a month throughout the year. Is the trainee aware of upcoming events, such as plant sales or garden work? Are they aware of deadlines, such as project proposals and Online Reporting System (ORS).

Skills/Knowledge Needed:

1. Certified and active Wood County Master Gardener.
2. Good Communication skills.
3. Be familiar with Wood County Master Gardener Volunteer (WCMGV) organizational activities and committees.

Resources Available:

1. Trainees will fill out an interest survey and be matched up with mentors based on geographical location and interests.
2. If there are serious concerns about a mentee, personality conflicts, or other problems, mentors are to pass this information to the program coordinator. It is not the mentor's duty to get involved in any major conflict resolution.

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Marshfield Children's Festival Report

The Wood County Master Gardener volunteers again were in place to represent the organization at the annual Marshfield Children's Festival.

Our preliminary meeting in February included discussing new ideas and duties. Our next meeting was prior to our membership meeting in March. There, we assembled single packets of Sugar Sprint peas, Jack-be-little pumpkins and Royal Burgundy beans and began working on the sunflower seed kits (about 750) for this year's event. A number of people took 100 seed packets home to assemble and return to us.

The directions for growing the sunflowers were refreshed since there apparently was a concern over molding inside the closed sandwich bag. Some new displays and signs were made to attract attendees.

On the Friday before the Festival, we set up the booth in about 20 minutes. On Saturday, April 13, we handed out many seed packets to children and their parents. They were well received. Also on hand were a number of brochures related to upcoming gardening events, community garden information and Master Gardener volunteer information. We also answered numerous gardening questions.

Any leftover seed packets or kits were given to the Pittsville Historical Society and Point Bass Historical location to hand out to children's groups. Finally, a thank you note was sent to Provision Partners for their sunflower seed donation.

Volunteers who participated in making this year's event a success were Carol Tomke, Tammy Neumann, Donna Streiff, Famia Marx, Maria Edelstein, Joy Mader, Margie Austin, Shelby Weister and Joanne Wilkinson.

Thanks to all who participated in this fun event.

Roxanne Tomkowiak

Book Review

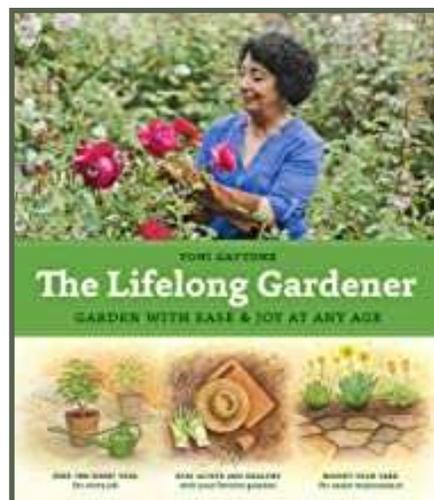
I just finished reading a book that was very enlightening and that I highly recommend! Have you noticed that as we grow older, our love for gardening doesn't seem to diminish; however, our bodies aren't as capable as they once were. With that in mind, a California Master

Gardener, Toni Gattone has written "The Lifelong Gardener" and sub-titled it Garden with Ease & Joy at any Age.

She shares many wonderful tips and suggestions as she explores your body, your garden and your tools. Toni shares many simple solutions that help us to garden smarter, not harder. The book is available through the South Central Library system. I was so inspired by it that I ordered it from Amazon to refer to in the future as I encounter additional symptoms of aging.

Submitted by Barb Herreid

Book reviews are welcome from any member. Submit to [Newsletter editor.](#)



Extension Update

Thank You!

First, I'd like to give all Wood County Master Gardener Members a big thank you for working so hard getting your hours in the Online Reporting System (ORS). I know it wasn't the smoothest process, and I appreciate your efforts. The data collected is easy to access; I was able to pull total hours, volunteers per project, and more for the State level Annual Report. Thank you again for sticking with it, and as always, if you have questions or concerns going forward, please reach out and let me know.

Name Badges

If anyone would like a new name badge, please contact Janell Wehr, either by phone at 715.421.8440 or email at janell.wehr@wisc.edu. The cost is \$17 per badge. You do not need to replace your name badge if you have one with the old Extension logo. Questions and concerns can be forwarded to Janell Wehr.



Level 1 Training

Level 1 Training will run between January 14th -April 7th, Tuesday evenings from 5:30-8:30PM. The cost is \$125. Classes will be held at the Town of Wood Hall in Pittsville. If you know anyone who is interested, please forward them Janell Wehr's contact information. Also, if you know of a place to hang a recruitment flyer, please stop by the Extension office and pick up the marketing materials.

Enrollment!

The move to Madison has resulted in some new requirements for all Extension volunteers. Each of these requirements revolve around the issue of liability and insurance. All Extension volunteers will need to **annually** review and electronically "sign" the Volunteer Conduct Agreement, Assumption of Risk, Consent to Emergency Treatment, and opt in or out of the photo release. You may refer to a copy of this document on the following page. These are all documents you were required to sign when you initially completed your Level 1 Training, so they will seem familiar to you. The good news is the "Enrollment" process is simple. You'll just need to log into ORS, the same website where you report your hours. Once you log in, you'll be prompted to review and check a box if you agree. Once the boxes are checked, you'll be all set to volunteer for another year. This year the deadline to enroll is February 1st, 2020. The enrollment process should be ready in ORS after December 1st. Questions? Concerns? Please call or email Janell Wehr at 715.421.8440 or janell.wehr@wisc.edu.



ATTENTION

**EARLY DEADLINE FOR
DECEMBER NEWSLETTER**

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6.

Volunteer Conduct Agreement

Families, individuals, and organizations trust the University of Wisconsin-Extension to provide quality leadership and care for those who are involved in Extension-sponsored programs. The opportunity to work as a volunteer with Extension is a privileged position that should be held only by those who are willing to demonstrate behaviors that fulfill this trust.

All Extension volunteers are required to complete the Extension Youth Protection program. This includes: 1) a background check for arrest and conviction records, 2) participation in a volunteer orientation program, and 3) signing the Volunteer Behavior Expectations form. The primary purpose of this process is to ensure the safety and well-being of all participants (i.e., youth, adults, salaried and volunteer staff).

Extension volunteers are expected to abide by the following behavior standards established by Extension and to conduct themselves as positive role models for program participants. All Extension volunteers are ultimately accountable to Extension for their Extension related activities.

As a Extension volunteer, I will:

Cooperate with and support Extension staff to jointly further the mission of the Extension.

Accept supervision and guidance from Extension staff or designated management volunteers.

Conduct myself in a manner that is in the best interest of program participants and Extension and will not use the volunteer position or title for purposes of private or personal gain.

Use appropriate University research-based resources/information.

Make all reasonable efforts to ensure that programs are accessible to all individuals regardless of race, color, sex, creed, disability, religion, national origin, ancestry, age, sexual orientation, pregnancy, marital or parental status.

Abide by all local, state and federal laws and Extension and U.S.D.A. rules, policies and guidelines.

Conduct myself with courteous manners and language, exhibiting good sportsmanship, serving as a positive role model, treating others with respect, and demonstrating reasonable conflict resolution skills.

Not consume or be under the influence of alcohol or illegal substances while in the role of a Extension volunteer, nor allow youth participants under my supervision to do so.

When transporting youth or adults, operate motor vehicles and other equipment in a safe and reliable manner and only with a valid operator's license and the legally required insurance. I will comply with all motor vehicle related state regulations and laws.

Treat animals in a humane manner and teach program participants to provide appropriate animal care and management.

Report suspected verbal, sexual, physical abuse and neglect of youth to local authorities.

Not conceal carry firearms and/or weapons while acting in a volunteer role. I understand that if I am a 4-H Youth Development shooting sports volunteer, I am expected to openly carry/transport 4-H shooting sports equipment in designated areas.

Immediately notify my county Extension Educator/Agent of any changes with my status (e.g. contact information, criminal arrest, charge or conviction history, driving privileges, etc.)

I have read and understand and agree to abide by these expectations for volunteers. I understand that suspension or termination of my position as a volunteer will result if I do not meet these expectations.

Assumption of Risk

I understand that not all risks can be foreseen and there are some risks which are unpredictable. I understand there are certain inherent risks that cannot be eliminated regardless of the care taken to avoid injuries. I am aware of the risks of participation, which include, but are not limited to, the possibility of physical injury, fatigue, bruises, contusions, broken bones, concussion, paralysis, and even death. I understand that the county and university have advised me to seek the advice of my physician before participating in my county's Master Gardener volunteer program. I understand that I have been advised to have health and accident insurance in effect and that no such coverage is provided for me by my enrolled county's UW Extension or the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System. I know, understand, and appreciate the risks that are inherent in the above-listed programs and activities. I hereby assert that my participation is voluntary and that I knowingly assume all such risks.

Consent to Emergency Treatment

I authorize my enrolled county's UW Extension or the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System and their designated representatives to consent, on my behalf, to any emergency medical/hospital care or treatment to be rendered upon the advice of any licensed physician. I agree to be responsible for all necessary charges incurred by any hospitalization or treatment rendered pursuant to this authorization

Photo Release

I grant the Master Gardener Volunteer Program, Extension and the University of Wisconsin Board of Regents the right to publish, and copyright my image (including audio, moving image or photography) for educational programs, websites, and promotion of its programs.

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

Wisconsin Master Gardeners
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WCMGV Website: <http://www.wood-county-master-gardeners.org>

Early Deadline for December Newsletter.

Friday, December 6

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WCMGV Meetings and Notices

November 19, 2019: WGMGV Membership meeting, 6:30 p.m., McMillan Library

January 9, 2020: Audit Team, 1:00 p.m., WR Courthouse RM 114 (tent.)

January 16, 2020: Community Education Committee, 9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m., WR Courthouse RM 114 (tent.)
(Spring Seminar, Learn Laminating Procedure, Review/Work on Tri-Folds, Discuss New Topics for Tri-Folds, Learn how to create a topic for a Trifold)

January 16, 2020: Budget Meeting, 1:00 p.m., WR Courthouse RM 114 (tent.)

January 27, 2020: BOD Meeting, 5:30 p.m., MARS (tent.)

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.