

# UW-Extension Wood County Master Gardener Association

Wood County UW Extension

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## WCMGV Opportunities for Continuing Education

### Looking for opportunities for Continuing Education?

Here are some resources you can use to get those CE hours for the 2019/2020 period. Its smart to use the winter time to start tackling those hours. First, there's Extension's Plants Plus! program.

<https://wimastgardener.org/plants-plus/> Each module provides a video, some reading material and a short quiz. You'll earn 2 hours for each module you complete.



Also, check out these articles. Most articles counts as .5 CE hour. (Note, the AAS Selection Winners and the articles on botanical gardens don't count.)

<https://wimastgardener.org/article/>

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## Garden Visions 2020

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 2020 - SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2020

Northcentral Technical College,  
Main Building · 1000 W Campus Drive,  
Wausau, WI 54401

REGISTER NOW AT: <https://www.ntc.edu/calendar/2020/01/25/garden-visions-2020>

# Master Gardener Training



Level 1 Training, 13-week course, January 14 through April 7,  
5:30—8:30 PM Cost \$125, payment plans available

Town of Wood Hall, 8210 Main Street, Pittsville



For application, Contact Janell Wehr

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Register now, space is limited.



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# Spring Garden Seminar

Saturday, March 14, 2020  
UWSP at Marshfield Campus, Room 131  
8:00 a.m. until Noon

## AGENDA:

8:00 a.m. – Registration and Networking with complimentary refreshments

8:30 a.m. – **“SOIL HEALTH – IT’S MORE THAN “JUST DIRT”**

***Presented by Jamie Patton, Senior Outreach Specialist, Northeast Wisconsin Nutrient and Pest Management Program***

Long gone are the days of calling soils “dirt”. We now know soils are complex ecosystems, home to trillions of diverse soil organisms, each playing an important role in soil biological, chemical and physical functions. In this session, we will learn about the importance of soil organisms, ways to improve our soil habitats, and how healthy soils can promote plant, human and environmental health.

10:00 a.m. – Refreshment Break

10:15 a.m. – Four Mini Sessions will be offered – Choose two of them, each lasting 45 minutes:

- ***Wood County Master Gardener Donna Streiff will present “Pruning Basics – The Why, When and How To”.***
- ***Wood County Master Gardener Sue Wilford will present “Planting Natives”.*** This session will explore the differences between ‘native’ and ‘non-native’ plants, as well as the benefits of planting natives.
- ***Wood County Master Gardener Jeanne Osgood will present “Composting”.*** What is compost anyway, and why is it important to the gardeners of the world? Become familiar with home composting terms and learn the difference between a hot pile and a cold pile. Discuss the pros and cons of having a compost bin in your yard!
- ***Jason Wendt, The Garden Guru will present “Incorporating Food into Your Landscape”*** – Learn how you can easily include vegetables, fruits or nuts into your garden planning.

An optional Pruning demonstration will also be offered outdoors at Noon for those who are interested. Be sure to dress appropriately for the weather.

**Watch for registration information in January, 2020**



Wisconsin Master  
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**Wood County Master Gardener Volunteers  
McMillan Library, Wisconsin Rapids, WI; November 19, 2019;  
1 hr continuing education**

**Meeting called to order** at 7:45pm by Bob Cline, Vice President, pro tem. Bob Cline thanked Barb Herreid, Christine Griffith, and Micky Erickson for their presentation on England and Wales Gardens.

**Minutes from October 22, 2019:** Lynn Bushmaker moved to accept minutes as written, seconded by Judy Miller, motion carried.

**Financial Report:** by Barb Herreid. Karleen Remington moved to accept report; seconded by Chris Grimes, motion carried. Dues form and vouchers due to Barb Herreid by December 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Extension Report:**

Janell Wehr provided Level 1 Training posters for distribution. Deadline for signing up for training in December. No one has committed to attending at this time.

Online Reporting System (ORS) will prompt MGV to do an annual enrollment which includes volunteer agreement, assumption of risk, medical treatment permission, and photo release (optional). ORS will prompt this annual enrollment, once logged into program. Once up and running, will be due by February 1, 2020.

**Old Business/Announcements:** December newsletter deadline is December 6, 2019

**New Business/Announcements:** Barb Herreid awarded a gift to Bob Cline who is leaving the Board of Directors. Thank you Bob.

**Nominations Committee:** Micky Erickson announced nominations:

**President - Ruth Cline;**

**Vice President - Karleen Remington;**

**North Director - Jill Becker**

**South Director - Ann Rozner**

Micky Erikson asked three times for more nominations from floor. Nominations closed after no further names submitted. Shelby Weister made motion to accept nominations as proposed. Seconded by Jeanne Osgood. Motion carried.

**Continuing Ed/Other Committee/Team Updates/Information**

Project Chair Meeting update - Meetings went well and notes will be posted in the December newsletter

Community Education Committee - Spring seminar will be on March 14, 2020 at UWSP Marshfield. Main speaker on soils and 4 sessions on native plants, pruning, composting and incorporating food into gardens. Pruning demo optional at noon.

**Motion to adjourn** at 8pm made by Karleen Remington; seconded by Jeanne Osgood. Motion carried.

**Next Meeting** - March 2020 date, time and place to be determined

Respectfully Submitted, Sue Wilford, Secretary

**Members Attending:** Shirley Anderson, Jill Becker, Annette Bowden, Debby Brown, Audrey Brundidge, Lynn Bushmaker, Julie Carlsen, Bob Cline, Ruth Cline, Mary Czaja, Eliz Erdmann, Micky Erickson, Laurie Francis, Fern Fregien, Christine Griffith, Chris Grimes, Barb Herreid, Barb Kleifgen, Paula Klevene, Bea Kohl, Denise Larson, Judy Miller, Jeanne Osgood, Karleen Remington, Deb Rokke, Ann Rozner, Jan Sabin, Roberta Stolt, Shelby Weister, Sue Wilford, Penn Wilkes, and Marlene Winters.

**Meeting Program:** Garden Tour of England & Wales by Barb Herreid, Micky Erickson, and Christine Griffith. End of Year Gift Exchange.

## Project Leader Meetings, Fall 2019

**Attendance October 28, 2019 at McMillan Library:** Ruth Cline, Fern Fregien, Paula Klevene, Jan Sabin, Marjorie Schenk, Roberta Stolt, Sue Wilford and horticultural advisor, Janell Wehr.

**Attendance November 11, 2019 at MARS:** Ruth Cline, Mary Czaja, Micky Erickson, July Miller, Tom Ptak, Kathy Poehnelt, Sally Sadowska, Donna Streiff, Karleen Remington, Carol Tomke, Sue Wilford and horticultural advisor, Janell Wehr.

Project Leaders summarized their projects Lowell Center, Edgewater, Wakely, Vesper Library, Vesper Park, Rome Library, Planters at South Wood Historical Museum, WI Rapids Zoo, Marshfield Zoo, Upham Mansion, Pittsville Historical Museum, South Wood County Historical Museum, Marshfield Community Gardens, and Weber Park.

Janell Wehr discussed an exercise of 'getting by -by letting go.' Projects would be assessed by high/low impact in community and high/low need in community. Difficult for those present to assess projects that they knew very little about. Discussed how all projects need more workers, as MGV getting older and less able to work in the gardens. Losing some MGV for other reasons - moving, family issues, etc.

Suggestions made that we may have to reduce work load by turning some gardens back into grass.

Janell Wehr offered to help project leaders have the difficult conversation with the client if a project needs to be 'let go'. Janell Wehr reassured project leaders that she will not ask them to 'let go' of their project, especially if there is a high degree of enthusiasm for the project.

A draft document created by Mike Maddox reviewed on Approved Project Guidelines. In the future, new projects should have a defined time limit (not indefinite!) Our new Standard IV addresses this process for new project requests. The section on 'How to Sunset Projects' still needs to be written. The state will be providing more guidance in the future.

Discussed:

- Division of Extension Volunteer and Structure Definition.

- Newly created Mentor job description. In the past, new interns needed more guidance/mentoring to incorporate them into our organization. Anyone wanting to mentor the new students from 2020 class, should contact Janell Wehr.

- Project Chairperson job description.

- Non MGV/volunteers working at the projects are working under the liability of the client and not under the Extension office.

- New Training set up for January 2020. No participants at this time. Posters available for distribution. Janell Wehr set up for both Rapids and Marshfield radio time. Janell Wehr will set up a few project leaders for each night of training to explain the enthusiasm for their projects.

Showed a video on how to work with generation volunteers (millennials, gen X and gen Y) at the Rapids meeting. Unable to show at Marshfield meeting due to computer issues. Janell Wehr will send link to all project leaders. Video about 11 minutes long.



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**Next meeting** - Project Leaders will meet in fall of 2020, unless there are any updates for project leaders in spring 2020.

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## WCMGV Meetings and Notices

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

Members should watch for email messages regarding information on various BOD, Project, Team and Committee meetings which will start in January

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.