



# Wood County Master Gardener Association

Wood County WI

June 2022

## President's Message June 2022

WOW!! Fantastic Plant Sale! Congratulations to all who helped or contributed to the sale. And a big Thank You to Cathy and Doug Schutz for hosting it at their home. Over \$1500 was raised which was far beyond expectation. Great job everyone!!

At our board meeting in May, we reviewed new logo options which should be finalized in about a month. Our association will have our own identity. This will then be used in all our marketing and publications. Our brochure is being updated with more current information. As part of our strategic planning, the board is gathering information on why members became involved in Master Gardeners and how we can increase the socialization/communication between members, as well as increase membership.

Welcome to the 'Diagnostic Team.' These MGV took the online Diagnostic Education offered by the State. They gathered on Saturday May 14<sup>th</sup> with Janell Wehr to review and finalize the process. They are considered volunteers for the extension office and thus need to complete the extension requirements, such as CBC, etc. Weekly they will be monitoring and answering questions that come into the extension office, as well as set up Farmers Market booths and the Central Wisconsin Fair booth.



Looking ahead to 2023, the board will have open positions. The president position is open due to my moving to Missouri and the treasurer position is open as Barb Herreid is retiring. All members should seriously consider their role and contribution to WCMGV and become a board member. The nominations committee (Chris Grimes, Bea Kohl, and Karleen Remington) will be looking for members to step forward. Please consider using your talents and gifts to help grow our organization!

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## Pres. Message (cont'd) — June Meeting Info

Our strategic planning continues:

**Recruitment** – Encourage potential MG to become involved in activities; create logo, update brochure, increase signage at projects. Encourage members to share why they became a MG.

**Socialization/retention plan** – August Potluck meeting and Garden/Greenhouse visits with lunch.

**Education** – Update signage for gardens, create new trifold, and increase education via libraries.

Lastly, an update on my move to Missouri. We have moved into our new home at 790 Banning Street in Marshfield MO and we close on our ranch on May 31<sup>st</sup>. We are excited for the new family with 4 young children to enjoy our gardens and space to play and grow. I will not be able to attend any further membership meetings, but will stay as connected as possible via zoom. All members are welcome to visit if you plan to travel to MO along I-44 (Historic Route 66). Stop by as I will put a pot of coffee on. My contact information is: [skwilford692@gmail.com](mailto:skwilford692@gmail.com); 715-305-6325.

Thank you for the lovely gift of a solar watering can and Gardening in Missouri book. They will be a reminder of all the dear friends and fellow gardeners I left behind in WI. I will miss all of you. My prayers for WCMGV is that all members will continue to focus on building a strong association for years to come.

Thank you and Blessings to all!  
Sue Wilford

### Orchids for Your Home

With

Maria Edelstein

At her home on **110281 Penny Lane**, Marshfield  
6 to 8 PM, Tuesday, June 28, 2022

(This meeting and program will not be available via Zoom.)

Maria is a longtime fan of orchids and has grown them for years. She has agreed to remove the “mystery” of orchid culture....especially the orchids that are easy to grow at home. She will demonstrate the orchid potting process and has agreed to “trouble shoot” any problem orchids that you bring to the meeting or photos of orchid problems that you have.

**Meeting Space:** We will be at **Maria’s home** for this meeting and will set up in her driveway. **Should there be cold or rainy weather we will move the program/meeting to MARS.** Such a change is likely to be last minute so please watch your e-mail for a message from Chris Grimes. If you don’t have e-mail, arrange for someone who does have it to keep you apprised of any change.

**Directions to Maria’s home at 110281 Penny Lane, Marshfield. Bring your lawn chairs if you would like to sit during the demonstration and 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 stay on it as it veers to the left. Do NOT turn onto Lumen. Maria's home is the second driveway on the left of Penny Lane after you veer left.

**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:** Penny Lane dead-ends. Please drive to the dead-end and turn around. Park on the same side of the road as Maria's home. Do not park in her driveway. Do NOT park on both sides of the road. Space must be left for emergency vehicles.

**July 26:** Native plantings and an extended vegetable garden will be featured at Donna Streiff's home in Marshfield.

**August 16:** Potluck picnic at Wildwood Park and Zoo in Marshfield. Area experts will share gardening successes and fizzles. **Note:** The August meeting is 1 week earlier to avoid conflict with the Central Wisconsin State Fair.

**Bea Kohl will send cards to MGVS who are sick or have family health issues. If you know of anyone in that situation, pass their name along to Bea Kohl at [kohlbea@charter.net](mailto:kohlbea@charter.net).**

## Project Report

### Nekoosa Planters Project

Diane and Jim Nickel were asked by Rick Schmidt, Nekoosa Public Works Director, plant the planters on Market Street and at the Community Center in Nekoosa. The city purchased the plants for the project.



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On Monday, May 23, 2022, we thought that it was safe from frost to plant the planters. We loaded the trailer with two water barrels and some mulch. There are 19 round planters on Market Street, two round planters and two rectangular planters at the Community Center. The planters contain a spike and red, white and blue wave petunias. This was an all-day project. We would like to thank the City of Nekoosa for this opportunity. Come to Nekoosa and see them.

# April Meeting Minutes

## Wood County Master Gardener Volunteers Membership Meeting

April 26, 2022 6-8 pm, McMillan Library, McCourt Rm – Wis Rapids – Total Present: 25 (6 virtual)  
Program – Deer Resistant Gardening with Chris Landowski

**Program** presented by Chris Landowski at 6:00.

**Meeting called to order** at 6:55 by Sue Wilford, President

**Minutes from March 22, 2022:** One correction was made. Chris Grimes moved to accept minutes as corrected (Famia, not Joyce, is updating the website with Chris); seconded by Lynn Bushmaker.

**Financial Report:** Expenses and income shared by Barb Herreid. Karleen Remington moved to accept financial report; seconded by Patti Farley.

**Extension Update** - Janel Wehr:

Janel provided help to those needing to make accounts with NetID

County level Diagnostics Class followup will be held Sat, May 14 from 10-2:00 in McCourt Rm. Lunch provided – need to order it. Focus on how to answer questions, how to document information, how to research previously answered questions and more.

**WIMGA Report** – Mickey Erickson

Watch for more virtual education as posted in Newsletters.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Spring Plant Sale** – May 21st Port Edwards' Village Garage Sale at Cathy Schutz's home, 930 Westport Dr  
Signup sheets went around for houseplants, seeded plants, non-plant items, donations, etc. Seed packets available to plant for sale

May 12 – 1:00 at Cathy's house, workday for art items - Bring clean clay pots, spray paint, and buckets

Friday setup, May 20<sup>th</sup> – 1:00

Sat, May 21<sup>st</sup> – sign up for 2 shifts 8-Noon and noon-4

### **Zoom Meeting Feedback**

McCourt Rm seems to be working better-easier to hear and interact

Still looking for location in Marshfield

### **Strategic Plans:**

Education Team - Karleen Remington and Sue Wilford

Work on signage at funded projects

Extend Library activities

Advertise other Libraries

Record Presentations

Paula Klevene will work on trifold stand visuals

Recruitment Team – Jill Becker and Bea Kohl

Focus on potential members – invite to meetings – put on mailing list

Photos of signage from projects needed- send to Jill

Janel will go on radio with MG member to tell their story of why they joined MG – need volunteers

Socialization/Retention Team - Chris Grimes and Joy Mader

Social time – will pick a date

Potluck in August

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Review of State Allowed Volunteer Activities – Only discussed briefly-will continue next time

Gardening Educating Others

Citizen Science Administration

Out of Bounds

ORS-Ongoing check to see if all projects are listed.

Ask a Master Gardener: Looking for someone to do this at plant sale.

Motion to adjourn by Shelby Weister; seconded by Barb Herreid

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 24 – 6-8 at McMillan Library

Respectfully Submitted,  
Judy Miller, Secretary

# May Meeting Minutes

## Wood County Master Gardener Volunteers Membership Meeting

May 24, 2022 6-8 pm, McMillan Library, McCourt Rm – Wis Rapids – Total Present: 17 (4 virtual)  
Program – Jumping Worms in Wisconsin by Bradley Herrick

**Online Zoom Program** presented by Bradley Herrick, UW Arboretum – followed by discussion

**Meeting called to order** at 7:25 by Sue Wilford, President.

**Minutes from April 26, 2022:** Approved as read. Motion to accept minutes by Chris Grimes. Seconded by Lynn Bushmaker.

**Financial Report:** Expenses and income shared by Barb Herreid. Profits from Plant Sale were \$1,535.00. Karleen Remington moved to accept financial report. Seconded by Chris Grimes.

### Extension Update -

Janel Wehr is working on MG training for this fall, to be presented jointly with Marathon County.

Janel will be a guest on the Larry Meiller show (Radio NPR IDEAS Network 98.1) on Friday, June 3 at 11:00

Horticulture Diagnostics Team - County level Diagnostics Class followup was held Sat, May 14. Janel reviewed procedures and will be sending out info to those that took the course.

### WIMGA Report – Mickey Erickson

2 speakers available to view virtually:

July 25 at 7:00 PM – Meg McAndrews Cowden on “Plant, Grow, Harvest, Repeat” to grow succession veggie crops

Sept. 12 at 6:30 – Zannah Crowe on “Under Utilized bulbs for the Fall”

### OLD BUSINESS:

Spring Plant Sale – May 21st Port Edwards' Village Garage Sale at Cathy Schutz's home, 930 Westport Dr

Mickey thanked all who helped with art project decorating marbled pots, setting up on Friday, and working on Saturday.

Cathy Schutz and her husband, Doug were gracious helpful hosts. She was recognized with a gift.

The profits of the sale were greater than expected!

Plant labels available for anyone who could make use of them – see Mickey

### **Strategic Plans::**

Education Team - Karleen Remington and Sue Wilford

- Working to extend Library activities. Donna Streiff is gathering info to see if all libraries could share the presentation of “Garden Guru”.
- Paula Klevene is working on trifolds for all libraries.

Recruitment Team – Jill Becker and Bea Kohl

- Continuing to work on phone tree
- Photos of signage from projects needed- send to Jill
- Write about your garden and send to Jill.

Socialization/Retention Team - Chris Grimes and Joy Mader

Road trip tomorrow: going to Antiquity Acres in Amherst and eating lunch in Amherst at 13 Chairs.

- Review of State Allowed Volunteer Activities – Ran out of time. Will continue next time.

### NEW BUSINESS:

- ORS - Add the Port Edwards United Methodist Church to list
- Central Wis Fair – Bea will help set up Ask a MG Booth. Help is needed.
- Sunshine Committee – Bea will send out necessary cards. One was sent to the family of Margie Austin.
- Barb Herreid will resign as treasurer at the end of this year. Nominations committee is Chris Grimes, Bea Kohl and Karleen Remington.
- A gift was given to Sue Wilford in appreciation of her service to our organization.

Motion to adjourn by Chris Grimes- seconded by Karleen Remington.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 28 at Maria Edelsteins' home in Marshfield

Respectfully Submitted,  
Judy Miller, Secretary

# Plant Sale Information

## **Congratulations to the Spring Plant Sale Committee!!**

They tripled the project goal they had set thanks to all the members who donated plants and other items for the sale! Over \$1500 was raised for use in supporting our projects. Thank you to the members who spent a very hot day preparing the painted clay pots and to all who worked the day of the sale and to set up on Friday. A big thank you to Cathy and Doug for being such gracious hosts for the sale.

## **Fall Plant Sale Plans**

Twice WCMGA has proven that they can have successful plant sales without plant digs! A key component has been the commitment of time and energy to nurture seedlings, harvest seeds/dry plant materials, and make/clean collected garden products to sell. So, as we close up from one plant sale and and move into summer, keep possible contributions to the sale on your "To Do" list.

This year the volunteer hours you spend gathering and preparing donations are counted under Administration Fundraising Prep. The fall plant sale is during Maple Fall Fest, the weekend of Sept 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> at Wildwood Park in Marshfield. Thank you for your continued support.

## **Winter Sown Plant Propagation for Sale**

For those who had winter sowed last winter, start checking your jugs for germination of the seeds. The time of germination will depend on the species. Once the weather warms up and the rains stop, keep an eye on the jugs to make sure the plants don't dry out.. Water or mist through the top opening. As the weather really warms up later this spring you will need to start venting the jugs more by removing some of the tape and eventually the whole top. Transplant when two sets of true leaves have emerged and seedlings are big enough to handle. We would like the plants in at least half quart size pots, quart size is better if the plant size is larger.

## **Seed Collection for Fall**

If you have straight species of native plants, watch for seed development after the blooms fade. Collect seeds and store in paper envelopes until thoroughly dry. Store in cool, dry place until fall unless immediate planting is recommended.

The Fall Plant Sale Committee is thinking of offering seeds at the sale and/or prepared containers for planting. More on this as it develops

# Educational Opportunities

Educational opportunities abound this month as we celebrate Pollinator Month!!

## UW-Extension Programs

Join us for this **FREE Pollinator Week webinar series** about various pollinator topics. Webinars are free, but registration is required for each one. Webinars will be recorded for later viewing.

### Monday, June 20, 12:00 p.m. – Pollinator Gardens: Plant Selection and Garden Care

*Presented by Susan Carpenter*

Learn how to select and care for plants to attract and support diverse pollinators in your garden all season long. This presentation will emphasize native plants and pollinators and will include sustainable gardening practices.



### Tuesday, June 21, 12:00 p.m. – Join in Community Science with the Wisconsin Wild Bee App

*Presented by Claudio Gratton and Hannah Gaines-Day*

WiBee is a new community science smartphone app developed by the Gratton Lab at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Using WiBee, you can help increase the research data on diverse pollinator species. We can also provide growers with better pollination management recommendations and share more information about the diversity, abundance and value of Wisconsin's wild bees. Join us to learn more about how you can use WiBee in your own garden or community!

### Wednesday, June 22, 12:00 p.m. – Wisconsin's Busy Bees: Getting to Know the Bees in Your Area

*Presented by PJ Liesch*



While bees such as honey bees and bumble bees are well-known, Wisconsin is home to nearly 500 species of bees. Most of these bees go unrecognized by the public but provide critical pollination services. In this webinar, we'll take a quick survey of some of the commonest wild bees in the state and highlight resources to help you identify these bees in your own yard and garden.

### Thursday, June 23, 12:00 p.m. – 10 Things to Consider for Weed Management When Establishing Pollinator Plantings.

*Presented by Mark Renz*

Planting pollinator friendly habitats is an important practice to help support pollinator conservation, but managing the weeds can make it challenging. Join Mark Renz as he provides insight based on his research about weed management options and what factors you should consider when planning and establishing pollinator plantings.

### Friday, June 24, 12:00 p.m. – How Do Pesticides Affect Pollinators and Songbirds in Your Yard

*Presented by Lynn Markham*

Maybe you've heard news stories about declines in pollinators and songbirds. In this webinar,

## Educational Opportunities (cont'd)

we'll take a look at what research studies have found about how pesticides affect pollinators and songbirds, and then check out examples of what people have done to help protect pollinators and other animals in the web of life in their yards and communities.

There are many resources available to help you learn more about pollinators and what you can do to help them. Here are some that you should bookmark!

### **General Pollinator Resources**

[Wisconsin Pollinators – bees, butterflies and their conservation \(UW-Madison Gratton Lab\)](#)

Discover information about our local bees, citizen science opportunities, and use the pollinator habitat assessment tool to evaluate pollinator health in your area.

[Saving Wisconsin's Native Pollinators \(Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources\)](#)

Explore the Wisconsin DNR page to learn more about threats to our local pollinators and pollinator habitats, funding opportunities to support habitat development, pollinator plant and insect identification resources and ways to get involved in an array of pollinator projects.

[Bee Lab and Flowering Bee Lawns for Pollinators \(University of Minnesota\)](#)

Learn more about bees and how you can help them through the University of Minnesota Bee Lab

[Bring back the pollinators \(Xerces Society\)](#)

Find information on everything you need to know about pollinators and their habitats from how to create a habitat for pollinators to managing pesticide usage in private and public spaces.



Bee lawn plants from UMN website

[Michigan Pollinator Initiative \(Michigan State University\)](#)

Michigan State University works with partners around the state in pursuit of research-based solutions for beekeepers, growers, land managers, and policy makers to promote economic vitality and ecological stability.

### **Planting Guides**

[Supporting Native Bees – Our Essential Pollinators \(UW-Madison Division of Extension\)](#)

This publication gives general information as well as suggestions for native plants.

[Planting Guide for Your Native Pollinator Garden – Midwest Region \(Pollinator Partnership\)](#)

Includes steps and plant suggestions to start your pollinator garden.

[Free Pollinator Friendly Planting Guides \(Pollinator Partnership\)](#)

Ecoregional planting guides, *Selecting Plants for Pollinators*, are tailored to specific areas of the United States. Enter your zip code. There are two different ones depending on where you live in Wisconsin.

[Pollinator Friendly Plant List – Great Lakes Region \(Xerces Society\)](#)

This fact sheet features regionally native plants that are highly attractive to pollinators and



## Educational Opportunities (cont'd)

are well-suited for small-scale plantings in gardens, urban greenspaces, and farm field borders, and on business and school campuses.

### [Planting for Pollinators: Guiding Principles and Design Concepts for Residential Pollinator Habitat \(Minnesota Board of Soil and Water\)](#)

This guide is intended to help residents, skilled gardeners to those without gardening skills, plan, install and maintain pollinator habitat in their yards.

### **Citizen Science**

#### [WiBee: The Wisconsin Wild Bee App](#)

Download the WiBee app and join the growing community of community members during the growing season to collect high quality data on wild bee abundance and diversity on Wisconsin's fruit and vegetable farms and non-crop habitats.

#### [Bumble Bee Brigade](#)

Bee a volunteer with the Bumble Bee Brigade and monitor our native bumble bees. The Wisconsin Bumble Bee Brigade is a photography-based volunteer monitoring project. As a volunteer, you will submit photos and additional information on the bumble bees you observe.

#### [Monarch Watch](#)

Join the initiative and support the world-wide study on monarch migration by witnessing and recording adult monarchs you see during specific dates depending on your location.

#### [The Great Sunflower Project](#)

Participate in the monitoring and recording pollinator visits to the sunflower species, Lemon Queen or watch a plant and record how many pollinators visit, or how many you see while taking a nature hike.

#### [Journey North](#)

Get involved with the community of action by contributing observational data and acting as ambassadors for conservation and protection of migratory species.

For more details on the classes listed above and to register go to: [Pollinator Week – Wisconsin Horticulture](#)

**Wood County Extension Website**— Sign up here [Upcoming Programs – Wood County \(wisc.edu\)](#)

Gardening seminar series via Zoom for gardening beginners 10am and 6pm options

#### **June 15 Session 8: Break the cycle! Effective disease management**

In this session, we apply our pest management skills to diseases. Participants will learn about the five major causes of plant diseases, the three factors required for disease and how to use this knowledge in disease management. Learn how to differentiate a disease sign and a disease symptom. We'll make the connection between improper watering techniques and diseases. Participants will also learn how to connect with UW-Madison Extension resources for disease diagnosis.

# Educational Opportunities (cont'd)

**Marshfield Library Garden Guru Series** 3rd Mon. of the month at 6pm No cost

[Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)

No Garden Guru in June See Marshfield Library website for June programming for Pollinator Month

## **Melinda Myers Webinars for Pollinator Month**

June 1 Creating a Pollinator Paradise

June 15 Supporting Native Bees

June 22 Maintaining Your Landscape with Pollinators in Mind

To register or to view past recordings go to: [Upcoming appearances :: Melinda Myers](#)

**June is National Pollinator Month** Many programs will be coming thru libraries and educational organizations to celebrate pollinators. Keep your eyes and ears open for specific programming.

**Plants Plus** series is on the Canvas website

Brian Hudelson of the Plant Disease Diagnostic Clinic at UW-Madison has published a new Fact Sheet (D0132) titled **Plant Problems to Watch for in 2022.**

## **Calling All Signs!!**

The Board of Directors desires to make a complete inventory of all Master Gardener equipment and supplies. During the April membership meeting, a few members stated they have master gardener signs that used to be in project flower beds. We'd like to know where all these signs are and determine if they are still being used, are in disrepair, or can be used in another garden project. Jill Becker is collecting this information. Jill's email is [jb5mfld15@gmail.com](mailto:jb5mfld15@gmail.com). If you prefer to send a pic and text to her smartphone, please call her landline 715 387-8040 and leave a message. She will call you back with her cell phone number. Please contact:

- If your project garden has any MG signage that is still in useable condition and is being used
- If your project could use more signs, or you need to replace signs in disrepair
- If you are in possession of MG signage that is not being used this year (because your project was changed in some way or discontinued), bring to the next general meeting or contact Jill to arrange turning the signs over to her.
- If you know of any former project coworkers who might have signs or other MG equipment, but are now retired or inactive, please let Jill know whom that might be.



# ORS Update and Entry Help

As of 5/16/2022, the following organizations are available in the Online Reporting System (ORS):

## Wisconsin Rapids

- Bethany Lutheran Church - Rudolph
- City of WI Rapids Lowell Center
- First Congregational Church – Community Gardens
- South Wood County Historical Corp.
- Wood County Master Gardener Association

If the organization you work for is not listed, go to ORS home page and choose “Submit Organization” from the top option line. Enter the required information for your organization.

## Marshfield

- Central WI State Fair
- Marshfield Park and Rec Dept.
- Wildwood Park and Zoo
- Everett Roehl Marshfield Public Library

## Other areas:

- City of Nekoosa - Public Works Dept.
- Lester Public Library of Rome – Nekoosa
- Woodland Lutheran Church - Nekoosa
- Village of Rudolph – Rudolph
- Wood County – Edgewater – Port Edwards
- United Methodist Church – Port Edwards

The following describes the 4 types of Volunteer activities as delineated by the State. When entering hours under ORS, they ask that you divide your preparation time from the actual service/work time. Both prep time and work time count towards the 24 hour requirement.

**Note: As written in the May 17<sup>th</sup> Volunteer Vibe, when working on fund raisers: All activities (planning meeting, to helping to pot plants, up to day of activities, etc.) related to the event should be entered under Administration/Funding.**

All of the hours prior to the sale will be under preparation time.  
The hours on the day of the sale will be under meeting time.

<p><i>Gardening: Hours divided between prep and service hours.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Invasive Species</i></li> <li>• <i>Native Gardens</i></li> <li>• <i>Pollinator Gardens</i></li> <li>• <i>Display/Beautification/Research Gardens</i></li> <li>• <i>Community/Food Donation Gardens</i></li> <li>•</li> </ul>	<p><i>Educating Others: Hours divided between prep time and delivery of the education.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Information Booth/Table</i></li> <li>• <i>Answering garden questions</i></li> <li>• <i>Teaching a Program</i></li> <li>• <i>Education Support (All prep)</i></li> <li>• <i>Social Media/Website Content (All prep)</i></li> <li>• <i>Creating Educational Materials (All prep)</i></li> </ul>
<p><i>Citizen Science</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Invasive Species Monitoring – WI First Detector Network (WIFDN) (not aquatics)</i></li> <li>• <i>Pollinator Monitoring thru WiBEE</i></li> <li>• <i>Phenology (plant and insect only)</i></li> </ul>	<p><i>Administration – Hours divided between prep and meeting time.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Boards and Committees</i></li> <li>• <i>Fundraising</i></li> </ul>

## Out of Bounds

- *Travel time*
- *Cannot accept payment for services or perform activity on private property*
- *Attendance at member meetings (business meetings) unless attending in a leadership role*

## Calendar Listings

### Important Upcoming Dates—Add to your calendars

Jan. 4+ Complete 2022 Onboarding Lite on Canvas to remain a member of the of the Master Gardener organization

June 28 Membership meeting at Maria Edelstein's house "Orchids", 6-8pm. In case of inclement weather, watch for an email from Chris on possible location change.

July 19 Board Meeting 1-3pm Wis Rapids Courthouse

July 26 Membership Meeting at Donna Streiff's house 6-8pm

Aug 15 Membership Meeting Wildwood Park in Marshfield—Potluck

Aug. 23-29 Central WI State Fair

Sept. 16-18 Fall Plant Sale Wildwood Park in Marshfield

### This and That

#### Janell to be guest on Larry Meiller "Garden Talk" June 3

**Janell Wehr** will be a guest Extension Horticulture Educator on the Larry Meiller Garden Talk program on Wisconsin Public Radio on Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Larry will be at **Bayfield in Bloom**, a festival that celebrates all the spring blossoms in the area. Time: 11-12:30 on the "Ideas Network" of WPR. 930 AM (Auburndale); 89.1 FM (Adams)

#### Sad news on death of former member —Margie Austin

WCMGVs were saddened at the April announcement of the death of **Margie Austin**, a long time member of our organization. She resigned a couple of years ago because of illness. For a long time during her membership she tended a lovely garden at the entrance to the Green Valley town hall just over the line into Marathon County. She was remembered with a memorial donation from WCMGV sent to the family to use as they considered appropriate.

## Want Ads



## Help Wanted

**Publicity Director**  
**Program Committee**

The **Publicity Director** is responsible for contacting radio, TV, print media, and online media, as appropriate to publicize our educational events and fundraisers. These days, information is mostly shared online, so this is not time consuming. We have a list of media outlets and contacts to guide you.

The job description:

- Compose and submit information related to WCMGVA activities and events to broadcast (TV, radio, CCTV), print, and internet sources for dissemination to the public.
- Coordinate event announcements with WCMGVA newsletter editor and other social media administrators.
- Serve as co-administrator of website and/or social media pages.

Please consider agreeing to fill this position. Our organization needs good communication within and outside to the community to be successful. The possibility exists for sharing the duties for this positions so find a partner and give it a try.

**Program Committee for 2022.** 2 or 3 members needed. Responsibilities include: Sharing the planning, coordinating and follow-through for monthly programs. No previous experience needed; program suggestions have been submitted by members; “how-to” guidance provided. Planning session(s) can be done via Zoom. Contact Karleen at [karleenbobremington@gmail.com](mailto:karleenbobremington@gmail.com) or 715.387.1863. This committee is necessary to have informative educational opportunities at our meetings.

All positions descriptions are listed on the WCMGV website in “Members Only” section.

# June Garden Guide

Taken from Portage County Master Gardener website.

- Pinch off one-half inch of chrysanthemums when they are six inches tall and continue pinching through June.
- Pinch annuals when 4-6 inches tall to promote growth.
- Give peonies 2-3 applications of complete fertilizer two weeks before flowering. Disbud several branches for bigger flowers on remaining buds. Stake before buds open.
- Prune spring flowering shrubs (lilacs, forsythia, honeysuckle, hydrangea, mock orange, privet, snowball, spirea, viburnum and weigela) after flowering. Apply annual application of fertilizer.
- Prune junipers, arborvitae, yews and hemlock any time during late spring or early summer.
- Water flower beds weekly during dry periods.
- Remove spent flowers and weeds from gardens and add mulch.
- Dig and divide non-blooming daffodils.
- For large dahlia blooms, prune all but one shoot per clump.
- Cut back delphiniums after blooming.
- Control leaf blight on tomatoes by disposing of diseased foliage or plants immediately and planting disease-resistant varieties.
- Before setting out tomato cages, disinfect with a 10% bleach solution. Control fruit anthracnose and other disease problems by staking plants, maintaining optimal plant spacing and using mulches.
- Plant peppers, eggplant, sweet potatoes and late potatoes.
- Plant successive crops of beans, beets, carrots, kohlrabi, corn, turnips, broccoli, cabbage and cauliflower.
- Spray cabbage, cauliflower and broccoli to control cabbage worm and cabbage looper.
- Stop harvesting asparagus by month-end. Weed asparagus bed carefully after harvesting to avoid damage to roots.
- Prune evergreens.
- Prune out lilac seed heads.
- Treat lawns that are infected with cutworms and armyworms with parasitic nematodes.
- If fertilizing lawn two times per year, apply in June and October; if three times per year, apply in early June, early Sept and mid- to late Oct.
- Continue applying fungicide on trees and small fruits.
- Prune suckers from fruit trees.
- Apply sticky bands to fruit trees to catch insect pests that climb the trunks. Pinch black and purple raspberry shoots.



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## Future Article Submission

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## OPEN POSITIONS

**Public Relations Chair**

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## Final Reminders

Open Positions Please seriously consider one of the open positions, Public Relations Chair, or as a member of the Program Committee. PR Chair position can be shared between two or more people if you do not want to go it alone. Training for PR is available. Program committee member helps plan and arrange for monthly educational programs.

Plant Sales 2022 Start planning what you can contribute or plant now for the fall sale.

Submit your organizations to the new ORS.

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