



# Wood County Master Gardener Association

Wood County WI

November 2022

## Vice President's Message November 2022

We are winding down our Master Gardener year and it has been a good one in a number of ways. There were two successful plant sales; assistance with two community gardens; a week of staffing the Ask a Master Gardener booth at the fair; the Ask a Master Gardener tent at both plant sales as well as every-other week at the Wisconsin Rapids Farmer's Market; eight (8) informative horticulture continuing education programs by our own members at our monthly meetings; nine (9) community/public beautification projects; four (4) church beautification projects; a monthly in-person and zoom horticulture program from the Marshfield Public Library; and a myriad of horticulture questions fielded by Janell and several volunteers. We may be smaller than in the past, but we are not without might!



Janell tells us there are 5 trainees in her Foundations in Gardening class who anticipate completing the MG Onboarding program and joining our membership. Another newly trained individual has expressed interest in joining. Mentors will be assigned to each of these "newbies" to help them integrate into WCMGV and answer questions and concerns they may have. Consider being a mentor. There will be an opportunity for you to sign up at the November 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Your Board of Directors will have its last meeting of 2022 on November 7<sup>th</sup>. At that meeting, we will evaluate our strengths and weaknesses as manifested this past year, organize some working BOD committees and make policy decisions for 2023. Don't be surprised if a board member invites you to work on one of the committees.

Speaking of committees, please do not hesitate to volunteer for one or more of the committees/activities listed on your membership/dues form. Even if you aren't sure of all the details, take a chance and "put your toe in the water". Zoom has allowed people distanced from each other to work together without an auto commute; committee chairpersons will orient new people to committee responsibilities early on. Committee work is one of the best ways to get to know other members and build gardening friendships.

The Board of Directors wishes all of you a Joyous Holiday season plus good health and all the best in the New Year. We hope to see all of you back as we begin another active MG year in March.

Be well!

Karleen Remington

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# October Meeting Minutes

## Wood County Master Gardener Volunteer Assn General Membership Meeting October 25, 2022 6-8pm McMillan Memorial Library Wisconsin Rapids

The meeting was preceded by a presentation by MGV Fania Marx on Kratky Hydroponics. 13 members in house/4 on Zoom

**Call to Order:** VP Karleen Remington called the meeting to order at 6:50pm

**Secretary's Report:** M/S/P Herreid/Rozner to approve the minutes of Sept 27, 2022.

**Financial Report:** M/S/P Grimes/Erickson to accept the financial report as presented. Barb reminds everyone to submit any outstanding reimbursement requests ASAP.

### **Extension Report:**

- Janell reports 5 people are taking training and will need mentors for 2023. She asks all to consider serving as a mentor. She will determine if any of the trainees have preferences as far as garden projects or geography when determining places they might work.
- Due to ongoing changes at the Courthouse, be aware Janell is sharing her desk with another staff member, so check with Janell about when she will be in the office if needed.
- This month's Volunteer Vibe has info about Honorary Status.
- Members who have not completed On Boarding Lite or get an email from the MG office saying their process is incomplete should contact Janell ASAP or by mid December at the latest so she can help facilitate it.

**WIMGA Report:** WIMGA: Training will be offered in December via Zoom. An email with registration info should be coming soon. Program is: Houseplants by Design: Adding Plants to Your Decor, by Toba Martin.

### **Old Business:**

- Nominations: Committee is looking for nominations for vacant director positions yet.
- October Road Trip: Seven people enjoyed our Garden Art Shopping Visit and Lunch in Marshfield on a lovely autumn day.
- Storage: Clarifications on which items are stored where were sought. Ann Rozner currently has 13 tables, plus two tents, but volunteered to take the various Garden Walk signs and banner that Chris recently received from Barb. Plant Sale signs will also go to Ann. Storage for 4 "Ask a Master Gardener" tables, banners, and at least one tent will remain at the courthouse to make it easier for different people to access them. A variety of other supplies stored in bins will also stay at the Courthouse for now. Jill will update the inventory with locations of all of these items and give to Janell to post online.

### **New Business:**

- End of the Year festivities were proposed to supplement our last meeting of the year on November 15. Jill and Ann will consider the details and will look into possibly securing the Alexander House in Port Edwards.
- 2023 Membership Forms: Barb reviewed the revisions to the form which will be sent to all members. Completed forms and dues are due by November 15.

# October Meeting Minutes

- Karleen asked all members to consider participating in some way in the various committees, as most do not require a lot of time commitment, but are important parts of our organization. **Adjournment:** M/S/P Marx/Weister to adjourn at 8pm

Respectfully Submitted  
Chris Grimes, Acting Secretary

## Important Take-aways from the Minutes

**Onboarding Lite:** Janell does not have access to your information on ORS. If you have not completed Onboarding Lite, you should have done so before volunteering for any MGV activity or inputting any hours. **Some members have completed it but received a notice from the state office that their Onboarding is incomplete. Don't ignore this notice.** Even if you think you completed it, there is some error that needs to be fixed before your hours and certification for next year can happen. Please get hold of Janell for help in figuring this out ASAP.

**Mentoring:** Consider being paired for next year with a new member in training. A mentor is a person the new member can feel comfortable going to if they have questions about MGVs in their first year and to help them “learn the ropes” so they can continue to become an active member in the future.

**Membership Forms:** These are due at or before the next meeting on Nov, 15 along with your dues for next year. These forms help us establish our membership and their interests for next year's activities.

**Honored Status:** Forms for applying for Honored Status should be on the MG program website on Nov. 1 and must be submitted by Jan.2 for this year's consideration. [Toolbox – Master Gardener Program \(wisc.edu\)](#)

**Reminder:** If you know of a WCMGV member who should be remembered in case of illness, hospitalization, death of a family member, etc. be sure to contact **Bea Kohl** so she can send a card and/or note on behalf of our organization. It takes all of us to keep track of how well our members are doing and whether anyone needs a little bit of our thoughtfulness.

# November Meeting Info

## Homegrown National Park Program

With

**Barb Herreid**

**Alexander House**

**1131 Wisconsin River Drive, Port Edwards**

**6 to 9 PM, Tuesday, November 15, 2022**

(This meeting and program will be available via Zoom.)

We are all familiar with and probably have visited at least one United States National Park and/or Forest. We think of them in terms of large tracts of land with countless trees of significant size, multiple types of other vegetation, various “critters”, (some of which we’ve never met before) perhaps camping opportunities and, for sure, spectacular scenic views. So what’s this idea of making our back yards, so small in comparison, into national parks? And just how is that done? Barb will unravel the mysteries for us and perhaps, help us see our back yards in a completely different light.

### **Note: A Change in Venue**

Jill Becker and Ann Rozner have arranged for us to enjoy our last 2022 meeting at the historic Alexander House in Port Edwards. The change from our usual library site allows some extra time for us to spend together socially. Perhaps the historical setting will help get us focused on our holiday season, too.

### **Treats to Start the Holiday Season**

Each of you asked to bring your own beverage as well as an easy to eat treat to share.....a sweet of some kind, your favorite finger food, an appetizer etc. Plates, eating utensils and napkins will be provided. **Please.....no crockpots.** Availability of outlets is unknown.

### **Directions (for Marshfield Drivers)**

Take Grand Avenue (73) into Wisconsin Rapids to the intersection of the railroad tracks and the expressway around town. Cross the railroad tracks and turn right onto the expressway. Just before the bridge over the Wisconsin River, turn right onto 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue (WI 54-73). At the roundabout, take the 3<sup>rd</sup> exit onto WI 73 which is also Wisconsin River Drive. When you arrive at the Alexander House, turn onto Jackson Avenue to access parking.

**It is recommended that all members consider car-pooling as parking is somewhat limited.**

### **Note from the Editor**

I need the articles for the newsletter at least two days before the First of the month. I have been getting articles very late which makes it hard to get the newsletter out on time. When an article is submitted at the last minute, it means the pages have to be reordered and often articles need to be juggled around to make it all fit and still look nice and be readable. Please make every attempt to get articles turned in within a day or two of Chris’ reminder every month. Your editor thanks you for your consideration!

# Food For Thought

## Focus on social events and raising funds by plant sales.

I appreciated the addition of social elements this year-the picnic in August and looking at Chris Grimes flower beds through the lens of revising them to be less physically demanding to care for. The opportunity to see, share, and listen to other members beyond the structured meeting was refreshing. I hope to see this continue. Some ideas for social events like a bus trip do cost money. In the past we raised money with seminars, a garden walk and two plant sales.

Currently we only have the spring and fall plant sales. When Cathy Schutz volunteered to host the sale in conjunction with the Port Edwards Rummage sale, the spring sale had a built-in consumer group which the fall sale has with the Maple Fall Fest. Did you know that



Matt McLean of Visit Marshfield estimated that 10,000 visitors came to the two-day event? Are you aware that the primary reason shoppers buy from us, is the assistance they get from us? When you compare the available shoppers from the two sales, we would be wise to take advantage of this. When we had more members, it was easy to treat the sales as two separate events with some division as north or south. I think we need to decide what products to offer at both sales. Last year members brought in a lot of houseplants to the fall sale. This year we had about 1/4<sup>th</sup> of that amount. Should both sales offer the same products like houseplants, garden treasures and accessories, etc.? Dried arrangements are a product we need to really need to take advantage of. Two shoppers from Stevens Point told us they only came to the Maple Fall Fest was to purchase our dried arrangements! Any plant that has an interesting seed-head qualifies for this grouping. Judy Miller has provided me with a list of desired plants that I can pass on to interested members. These can be gathered in the pre-dried or dried state in the fall and winter. The more quality products we offer, especially the ones in demand the more opportunities we will to have social events.

Please email your thoughts on both social events to consider, and a review of our plant sale fund raisers to Jill Becker [jb5mfld15@gmail.com](mailto:jb5mfld15@gmail.com)

# Educational Opportunities

Find articles, resources, educational events and more at UW-Madison Division of Extension's Horticulture page <https://hort.extension.wisc.edu>

**GREEN THUMB GARDENING CLASS SERIES** The Dane County Extension Horticulture Program will be offering classes for home and community gardeners from September through early December 2022. The Green Thumb Gardening class series will be taught by Extension Horticulture Educators and UW-Madison specialists who offer in-depth and accessible gardening information on various topics. From building healthy soil to controlling pests or producing a bountiful vegetable harvest, this gardening class series will help home gardens to thrive.

Most of the classes will be held from 6-8 pm via Zoom and most classes will be recorded. Register for the entire class series at a discounted price or for selected classes.

The Green Thumb Gardening class series will give you the practical knowledge to keep your home garden thriving! Dane County Extension educators and local horticulture experts will provide in depth and accessible information for everyone from the novice to the experienced gardener. Register for the complete class series at a discounted price (\$140.00) or individual classes (\$12.00) according to your interests. Click the Tickets link for more information about each class.

## Remaining Classes

Monday Nov. 7th 6-8 pm Garden Pests and Disease

Thursday Nov. 10th 6-8 pm Tree Fruits

Monday Nov. 14th 6-8 pm Wildlife in the Garden

Monday Nov. 21st 6-8 pm Intro to Growing Berries

Monday Nov. 28th 6-8 pm Perennials

Monday Dec. 5th 6-8 pm Annuals

For complete class descriptions, visit <https://dane.extension.wisc.edu/horticulture/fall2022series>.

**Individual class enrollment is due one week prior to class**

## Melinda Myers Programs

### **Boosting the Beauty of and Propagating Houseplants** Nov. 2, 2022 6:30pm

Free

Melinda will start by sharing tips for increasing the beauty of your houseplants with a bit of pinching and pruning. These will promote more compact, fuller growth and contain vigorous plants to their available space. Melinda will also explain when you should pinch, prune and propagate. Lastly, she'll discuss the various propagation methods for the variety of plants you may have growing in your indoor garden so you can expand your indoor plant collection.

[Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)

To check on her appearances go to <http://www.melindamyers.com>, scroll down under Upcoming Appearances on the right side and click on the purple "Learn More" button.

There are still many recordings available from her spring and summer webinars that you can view by going to [On Demand Webinars :: Melinda Myers](#)

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**Plants Plus** series are available on Canvas [Master Gardener Program: Canvas Classroom \(wisc.edu\)](#)

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**Garden Guru**-November 21 at Marshfield Public Library 6pm and via Zoom. To sign up for Zoom invite go to [Webinar Registration - Zoom](#). Topic is Kratky Gardening by Famia.

Learn how to grow vegetables hydroponically without the use of pumps and air stones.

**Continuing Education Hours/WCMGV Meetings:** Each of the programs at our nine (9) WCMGV meetings is equivalent to 1 hour of continuing education reported into the Online Reporting System. (ORS) Our program list included the following (in order):

- Wisconsin MG Update
- Deer-Resistant Gardening
- Jumping Worms
- Orchid Growing
- Garden Tour/Donna Streiff
- Sizzles & Fizzles (MG picnic)
- Spring Bulbs for Winter Bloom
- Kratky Gardening
- Homegrown National Park Program.

All the presentations have been done by our own WCMGV members with the exception of the jumping worm program. **Thanks to all who took the time to organize and deliver this “horticulture education for our members”.**

**If you would like to do a program on an interest of your own, please contact the programming committee.** Ask those who have volunteered and you will find it is not that scary. We MGVs are a good audience to practice on because we are all friendly.



**Storage Space:** WCMGV has been offered storage space at Ann Rozner’s residence.

This will be a significant saving for us as we do not need to rent storage space. For those of you who have never been involved in set-up for a fund-raising activity, here is a quick inventory:

- 13 tables
- 2 tents with support poles
- Ask a MG shelters
- Banners
- Signs and more.

Tubs that contain smaller items and supplies for various activities will continue to be found in the storage closet at the court house. The jail addition to the courthouse will involve major work in the Extension Office area. But if it affects our storage, we will deal with it then.

**Thank you Ann for providing the space and helping our budget.**

## Winter Sowing Information

Our hardy native plants do not get their start in a warm, cozy greenhouse somewhere. They brave the elements and take their chances of finding an amenable spot to start their life. Winter sowing is a way to give them a slight advantage over what Mother Nature provides for them. By winter sowing you are upping their chances of survival. You are providing a designated place in a chancy world for them to germinate and grow. Winter sowing is easy to do. Most native plants need some stratification to awaken their seeds and prep them for germination. Cold and moisture are the two big factors for germination success. Scarification is a third requirement for some seeds with exceptionally tough outer coats. The 2 bottles at the left yielded over 20 chamomile plants ready to plant in May.



**A few of our members have volunteered to give this a shot and been successful. However we need much greater participation so all the work does not fall on 1 or 2 people.**

If you are interested and have true native plants, not cultivars or nativars, and they still have seeds on them, please collect the seeds, to grow yourself or to share with others. If you have no native plants, and you are interested in doing this, seeds will be provided for you

or you can order seeds from Prairie Moon Nursery. Choose a few natives you would like to try in your yard and keep a couple while donating the rest to the sale. This method also works well for most perennial plants, native or not.

If you are unsure what the seeds look like, harvest the entire spent flower head and research what the seeds look like. Some are very small and fine, and others are not what you think they are. For example, coneflower seeds are not the spiky things left from the flower. They are actually small light tan seeds lodged between the spikes. Prairie Moon Nursery has pictures of most of the seeds so you can better ID the parts that are seeds. Store the seeds in paper envelopes or open plastic containers in a cool, dry place for now.

If you are unsure of the germination requirements for your particular native plant, use the Internet to find propagation information (again Prairie Moon Nursery has information for all their seeds) You can use your research hours for education hours!! We want this to be an educational project for our members. Winter sowing provides stratification for plant seeds and takes the guess work out of just tossing seeds in the ground to be at the mercy of the wind, weather, animals, etc. The following is an article from Penn State on the process of winter sowing of seeds.

### **Successful Winter Seed Sowing**

What is "winter sowing"? Winter sowing is a method gardeners might choose if they want to get a head start on gardening by sowing seeds during the winter. Winter sowing is for garden-

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ers who don't have the space or lighting available to sow seeds indoors. Instead, this method uses recycled containers which act as miniature greenhouses to sow seeds of plants that would normally survive winter either as perennials or as reseeding annuals. The containers protect the seeds so more survive to germinate in the spring. They receive the same weather and temperature as those directly sown in the ground. The uncapped spouts allow rain and melting snow to keep the soil moist. Generally, only a few varieties of seeds can be successfully sown indoors this early. But one can begin winter sowing any time after the first day of winter and as long as the nights are still chilly. To determine which seeds can be winter sown, most plant descriptions will have notations about a seed's germination requirements or will have a few clue-in phrases such as: pre-chill, freeze, refrigerate, stratify, colonizes readily, self-sows. In addition, look for terms like "sow outdoors in early spring or while frosts may still occur", "sow early autumn", "hardy", "withstands frost", "direct sow early", "wildflower" or "weed" in the name. Also search for common names indicating a natural environment such as plains, mountain, or an origin in a temperate climate.

Recommended containers are recycled clear or opaque containers such as plastic milk or water jugs, two-liter soda bottles, deep foil pans with domed clear lids, and quart dairy containers. Any of these can be used keeping in mind two important requirements: if a container is tinted plastic, your hand must be visible through the plastic for sufficient light, and it must be deep enough to allow 3-4" of potting soil plus additional headroom for the seedlings. Do not use green bottles.



Throw away the caps from the jugs and bottles and remove labels. Wash the containers in hot soapy water, rinse and drain.

To convert a two-liter soda bottle or milk jug into a miniature-greenhouse, use a utility knife to cut a horizontal slit half way up the side. Then use scissors to cut the container in half (horizontally), but leave a 1" hinge. (If using a milk jug, I leave the hinge under the handle.) To provide drainage, place the bottle on a cutting board so your work

surface isn't marred. Use a pointed object to puncture 3/4-inch diameter holes in the bottom of each container.

Another very important step is labeling. One can use vinyl mini blind slats cut into 5-6" lengths, but make sure they are lead-free. Other durable materials that you can write on also work. Using a **paint pen or china pencil**, write the seed's name on the label (or directly on the container). Beware that permanent marker will fade and become unreadable.

Use packaged potting soil marked as "soil-less". Do not garden soil that is prone to harden, or mixes that state "weed-free", or contain fertilizer or water crystals. Pre-moisten with warm water until the soil is slightly damp so the soil will wick up the water. Fill containers with 3 to 4" of soil, then tamp the container softly on a hard surface to settle the soil and add more if necessary.

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Sprinkle seeds directly on top of the soil and gently press down into the soil, making sure there is good seed-to-soil contact. For large seeds, which require a depth of an inch or more, press the seeds into the soil just below the surface, leave uncovered, or sprinkle soil over the seeds to just cover and lightly press down depending on seed size or if the seed needs light to germinate. Planting too deep is a common cause of germination failure. Insert the label inside the container along the side.

If your container (not a bottle or jug) has a clear lid, poke 4 to 5 holes in the lid to provide air transpiration. If the lid is not clear, cut out the inside of the lid rim to create a holder for clear plastic or cover with clear plastic and tape the plastic to the sides of the container with duct tape. Puncture 4 to 5 quarter-inch holes in the plastic.



Tape the top (half) of the milk jug or soda bottle to the bottom (half) with a 4-inch piece of duct tape. Because these are miniature greenhouses, it's possible to overheat the seeds if the container is not properly vented. To water your greenhouse, set the container in several inches of water overnight to soak up moisture.

Take the container outside to a protected area such as a deck, uncovered porch, against a fence or in a flowerbed. Don't put the containers against the house or under the eaves. If the area is windy you might

want to group the containers in a tub or shallow box to keep them upright. Sunny locations work best so the air inside the containers warms up enough to create condensation. Condensation is the indicator of sufficient moisture. If the containers do not show condensation on a sunny day above 32°F, water the seeds by dripping water slowly down the sides of the container or setting the containers in water. If condensation still does not show, the ventilation holes in the lids may be too big. Try taping over some of the holes. If your containers are holding too much water, the holes in the bottom may be too small, and you will need to enlarge the holes.



The hardest part is waiting. When the weather warms, the containers will thaw and freeze repeatedly as winter gives way to spring. This action of freezing and thawing helps loosen the seed coat. Amazingly, just when winter is about to break and you're still getting nightly freezes, the first signs of germination will appear! The seeds know when it's safe to germinate because it's part of their genetics.  
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## Calendar Listings

### Important Upcoming Dates—Add to your calendars

- Nov. 2 Melinda Myers program on Propagating Houseplants at 6:30pm via Zoom. If you miss it, check the “On Demand” section of her site in a few days.
- Nov. 7 Board of Directors meeting Courthouse 1-3 pm
- Nov.15 Membership Meeting at WR “Homegrown National Park Program” by Barb Herreid w/ social break 6-8pm
- Nov. 21 Garden Guru “Kratky Gardening” by Famia Marx at 6pm at Marshfield Public Library or via Zoom. Go to the Library webpage to sign up for Zoom.
- Dec. 1 WIMGA annual meeting via Zoom 6:30pm

### **Winter Sowing Continued**

As your seedlings grow and the temperatures rise, make slits in the tops of the soda bottles/ jugs or widen the slits in the covers. When you notice "true" leaves, make the slits a little bigger once every week or two depending on the temperatures until there are more open areas than covered.

Now you can transplant the seedlings into your garden because they are also hardened off! (At this point, we would pot up the plants and keep them over the summer for the Fall Plant Sale much like we kept other plants over the summer between sales.) The main requirements for outdoor Winter Sowing are selecting the appropriate seeds for your plant zone, and providing both adequate drainage and air transpiration. Follow these three principles and you will have



success. P.S. Some non-native cold tolerant garden plants can also be started this way if you don't have inside growing space! You can propagate most perennials this way.

If you need help getting started this winter, watch the Winter Sowing video on the Wood County MG website in the Members Only section or talk to Donna Streiff. If you need seeds, order from Prairie Moon Nursery. Choose plants that would be useful in your garden and keep a few for your use while growing others for the sale. Or if you want to take a jug of seedlings to transplant and tend for the summer, talk to Donna also. Remember that we **cannot sell plants dug from our gardens** because of possible jumping worm transfers. Only plants raised from slips or seeds in commercial potting soil may be sold.

## Want Ads

# Help Wanted

## Publicity Director



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.

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

### **Director Positions Still Open as of the Oct Meeting**

Directors are needed to serve on the Board. Usually there are two directors from the North and two directors from the South. Directors attend the Board meetings (4 per year) in person or via Zoom. They help make decisions on items that come before the Board. Serving as a Director is a great way to get a little more involved while still not holding one of the officer positions. It is a great way to learn more about the organization and to also have a voice in the direction the organization should take in the future.

## November Garden Guide

Taken from Portage County Master Gardener website.

- Finish planting spring bulbs.
- Prepare new perennial beds for spring planting. Soil will be conditioned over winter.
- With sunny conditions, paper-white narcissus planted indoors about mid November will bloom for Christmas.
- After ground freezes, mulch azaleas and rhododendrons with chopped oak leaves or pine needles. Perennial beds should also be mulched with coarse material such as marsh hay.
- Do not smother self-sowing annual beds with heavy mulch.
- Reduce watering and feeding houseplants as lower light conditions of winter approach.
- Test soil if you haven't done so recently.
- Clean window boxes and outdoor planters, fill with greens and berries or other seasonal display.
- Mulch carrots, parsnips and leeks with a foot of straw or marsh hay for winter digging. Mark rows with stakes.
- Mulch asparagus bed with chopped leaves or straw to protect crowns from frost.
- Inventory, clean, repair and coat the metal parts of garden tools with vegetable oil before storing.
- Drain gasoline from tiller.
- Harvest the last of the hardy vegetables, such as Chinese cabbage, Brussels sprouts and kale. These will continue to produce until a frost below 25 degrees F.
- Harvest vegetables to be stored indoors before ground freezes.
- Heavily water trees and shrubs before ground freezes. This helps prevent winter burn on evergreens.
- Cut back fall blooming hydrangeas, leaving one or two pairs of buds on each flower stem.
- Wrap the trunks of young shade trees and fruit trees to protect them from animal damage and sunscald.
- Make one last lawn mowing, setting blade one-half inch lower than usual. Drain gas from mowers.
- Cut to the ground any summer bearing raspberry or blackberry canes that have fruited this year.
- Dormant pruning of black, yellow and purple raspberries is done by shortening all lateral branches to 15 inches.
- Prune grapevines.
- Mulch strawberries and bramble fruits after the ground has frozen, but before the temperature falls below 15 degrees (usually late November.) Apply 2-4 inches of straw or marsh hay.



# 2022 WCMGV Board of Directors

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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.

## Future Article Submission

Please send items for inclusion in the newsletter by the 25th of the month to: [streiffon-clay@tds.net](mailto:streiffon-clay@tds.net)

## OPEN POSITIONS

**Public Relations Chair**

**Program Committee member**

**President**

**Treasurer**

**Two Directors (North, South)**

**Wisconsin Master Gardeners**

**Website:** <http://wimastergardener.org> or

[wimastergardener@extension.wisc.edu](mailto:wimastergardener@extension.wisc.edu)

**Wood County Extension Website:** <http://wood.uwex.edu>

**WCMGV Website:** <http://www.wood-county-master-gardeners.org>

**WIMGA Website:**

## Final Reminders

Our plant sales have become our major fundraisers. Please consider how you can help by providing houseplants and perennials . Start planning soon so plants are ready for the sales.

Onboarding Lite. If you have not completed Onboarding Lite or have received a notice from the state office that it is incomplete, contact Janell ASAP. Your hours and status may not be accurately up to date. All hours must be recorded by Dec. 31.