



Wood County Master Gardener Association

Wood County WI

December 2022

Vice President's Message December 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. Contact Janell if you are interested.

Your Board of Directors had its last meeting of 2022 on November 7th. At that meeting, we evaluated our strengths and weaknesses as manifested this past year, organized some working BOD committees and made 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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November Meeting Minutes

WOOD COUNTY MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION

General Membership Meeting: Nov 15, 2022
Alexander House, Port Edwards – 6:00pm
In-person and via Zoom

Program: Homegrown National Park System, w/Barb Herreid

Total present :24 (12 Members , 5 guests, 7 via Zoom)

BUSINESS MEETING:

Meeting called to Order at 6:12 by Karleen Remington

Secretary's Minutes from October 25 -- Motion to accept: Barb Herreid, 2nd Jill Becker

Financial Report by Barb Herreid: Expenses and income report - Motion to accept as presented: Shelby Weister, 2nd: Chris Grimes

Extension Update by Janell Wehr:

Fall Local MG Training update: 5 volunteers are working to complete training. If you are interested in being a mentor to a new member, let Janell know. The purpose is to guide the new members and to help them keep in touch with ongoing events.

ORS (Online Reprting System) Be aware of the deadline for reporting, which is **December 31, 2022.**

Janell's role is changing due to changes in statewide administration. She remains Horticulture Advisor for us, but may not be available for all the tasks she has previously done.

WIMGA Report by Mickey Erickson:

The WIMGA Annual meeting will be held on December 1 at 6:30 on Zoom. Check November newsletter for details. Jay Dampier, State Horticulture Outreach Program Manager will provide an update on the Wisconsin Master Garden Program bylaws. "Houseplants by Design: Adding Plants to Your Decor" by Toba Martin will be presented online in Dec. A registration e-mail will be coming soon.

OLD BUSINESS

Membership forms and yearly dues are due and will be accepted by Barb through today.

Reminder to turn in reimbursement slips before end of the year.

NEW BUSINESS

Newsletter deadline is the day before Thanksgiving.

Officers and Board Members for 2023 were presented by Nominations Committee:

President: Chris Grimes; **VP:** Karleen Remington; **Secretary:** Judy Miller; **Treasurer:** Famia Marx; **Directors at Large:** Jill Becker, Carolyn Schuline, Lil Schotten, Bea Kohl - M/S/P Shelby Weister/Barb Herried

Service Recognition/Gift to Barb Herried and Ann Rozner

NEXT MEETING:

March 28th, 2023

Motion to adjourn: Carolyn Schuline, 2nd Famia Marx Social gathering followed.

Respectfully submitted, Judy Miller - Recording Secretary

November Meeting Minutes

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 were due on Nov, 15 along with your dues for next year. If you did not get yours to Barb, do so ASAP. 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. Bea's phone number is 715-423-8908

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!

New Leadership for 2023

WCMGV Officers, 2023

WCMGV members elected the following people to serve as officers and directors for the coming year:

President: Chris Grimes
Vice-president: Karleen Remington
Secretary: Judy Miller
Treasurer: Famia Marx
WIMGA Representative: Micky Erickson
Directors: Jill Becker
 Bea Kohl
 Lil Schottin
 Carolyn Schulein
Newsletter Editor: Donna Streiff

Our first official BOD meeting will occur at the end of January and we meet 6 times during the year. Please bring any concerns, questions or ideas to any one on the board. We want our organization to move ahead with everyone making contributions. Telephone contact information for board members always appears on the last page of the monthly newsletter. E-mail addresses can be found on the membership list on the WCMGV website. Check the Members Only section



Retiring member Barb Herreid

Barb was gifted with a few things at the November meeting for her many years of service. She has been our president, vice-president, treasurer (twice), a director for 2 years, a WIMGA rep for 5 years, and worked on the Garden Walk for many, many years, including as chairperson for a long time. We thank her for her many years of wonderful service to the Wood County MGVs and wish her the best in her future endeavors.

Recipes!!



Two members submitted recipes they had prepared for the November social after the meeting.

Jarlsberg Cheese Spread From Chris Grimes

2 cups grated Jarlsberg cheese (about 8 oz)
3/4 cup mayonnaise
1 T minced red onion
1 T chopped fresh parsley
Coarse salt and ground pepper Serve with sliced french bread or fill small pate a choux balls.
Can serve cold or warm.

Grape Salsa From Karleen Remington

1 c. chopped red grapes
1 c. chopped green grapes
Serve w/chips & crackers.
1 c. chopped green pepper
1/2 c. chopped green onions
1/4 c. chopped cilantro
2 T. olive oil
Dash of salt
1 tsp. hot pepper sauce
2 T. fresh squeezed lime juice

Blend all ingredients together .

Serve w/chips & crackers.

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 Dec. 5th 6-8 pm Annuals

Thursday Dec. 8 6-8pm Native Plants and Pollinators

Green Thumb Gardening – Winter Vegetable Series 2023 Online New Series

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 (\$80.00) or individual classes (\$12.00) according to your interests.

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

Individual class enrollment is due one week prior to class

All Classes are 6-8pm

Mon Jan 9 - Seed Starting

Thurs Jan 19 - Organic Veg Garden Planning

Mon Jan 23 - Vegetable Garden Crop Care, and Specialized Gardening Techniques

Mon Jan 30 - Vegetable Diseases

Mon Feb 6 - Weeds in the Vegetable Garden

Mon Feb 13 - Composting Techniques in the Vegetable Garden

Thurs Feb 16 - Seed Saving, Harvesting and Storage

Mon Feb 20 - Vegetable Garden Insects

Mon Feb 27 - Cover Crops for the Vegetable Garden

For complete class descriptions, visit <https://dane.extension.wisc.edu/horticulture/winter-2023-green-thumb-gardening-series-online/>

Educational Opportunities

Melinda Myers Programs

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](#) These will remain until the end of the year.

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

Garden Guru– No program in December

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.

Calendar Listings

Important Upcoming Dates—Add to your calendars

Dec. 1 WIMGA annual meeting via Zoom 6:30pm

Jan. 10, Project Approval Committee 1 PM (zoom/in person TBD)

Jan. 17 Audit Committee, 1 PM at Wood County Courthouse, Safety Room

Jan. 17 Budget Committee 2 PM at Wood County Courthouse, Safety Room

Jan. 23 Board of Directors (zoom/in person/location TBD)

Sometime in January, Program Committee (zoom/in person/location TBD)

2023 PDDC Plant Disease Talks

Brian Hudelson, UW-Madison Plant Pathology

Each month in 2023, the University of Wisconsin Plant Disease Diagnostics Clinic will sponsor a Zoom presentation on a plant disease-related topic. Check out descriptions and a preview of the talks below. If you have questions about the presentations, feel free to contact Brian Hudelson at (608) 262-2863 or hudelson@wisc.edu. To register for one or more talks, visit <https://pddc.wisc.edu/>. Check at the bottom of the page for a link to the registration form.

Fundamentals of Plant Diseases January 25 6:30-9pm

Growing Healthy Plants: Basics in Plant Disease Management February 22 6:30-8:30pm

Dr. Death's Plant Disease Predictions for 2023 March 22 6:30-8:30pm

The Science (and Art) of Plant Disease Diagnosis April 26 6:30-8:30pm

New and Emerging Plant Diseases May 24 6:30-8:30pm

Vegetable Diseases June 21 6:30-8:30pm

Diseases of Herbaceous Ornamentals July 26 6:30-8:30pm

Deciduous Tree and Shrub Diseases August 23 6:30-8:30pm

The Bad and the Ugly: Ten Plant Diseases Not to Compost September 27 6:30-8:30pm

Diseases of Houseplants October 25 6:30-8:30pm

Diseases of Evergreens November 15 6:30-8:30pm

Ten Cool Diseases You Can Learn to Love (and Identify by Eye) December 13 6:30-8:30pm

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.

Program Planning Committee needs volunteers.

It involves scheduling the monthly meeting education programs, introducing the speakers at the meetings, and coordinating meeting places. It is not a terribly time consuming position. Talk to Karlene if you would like to help. She will gladly clue you in to what needs to be done.

December Garden Guide

Taken from Melinda Myers' website

- Make a wish list of materials needed for starting seeds indoors. Consider giving the same type of gift or a gardening gift certificate to gardeners on your list.
- Give a gift from your garden. Include a picture, small packet of seeds or pressed flowers in your greeting card.
- Check container plants stored in an unheated garage for winter. Water thoroughly whenever the soil is thawed and dry.
- Shred fall leaves with your mower and mulch the soil. The leaves will help protect the soil from erosion, suppress weeds and improve the soil as they break down.
- Plant spring flowering bulbs suited to your region when the night temperatures are consistently between 40 and 50 degrees and until the ground freezes. Those in the far south need to select bulbs that require minimal chilling or purchase precooled bulbs.
- Plant freesias outdoors if gardening in zones 9 and 10.
- Those gardening in areas with mild winters can plant pansies, pinks, snapdragons and sweet Williams for winter color. Water thoroughly as needed.
- Continue to water new plantings as needed. Those in colder climates can stop once the ground freezes, then drain and store their garden hoses for winter.
- Leave healthy disease- and insect-free perennials stand for winter to increase their hardiness and vigor and provide food for birds and winter homes for beneficial insects.
- Leave the stems intact, plant bulbs near or place markers by butterfly weed, balloon flower and other late emerging perennials to prevent accidental damage in the spring.
- Continue fall clean up. Ridding the landscape of diseased leaves, fruit and annual plants is the first step in pest control.
- Mulch late planted and borderline hardy perennials and bulbs after the ground freezes with evergreen boughs or straw for added insulation.
- Gather and save leftover seeds for next year's garden. Leave them in their original packets, place in an airtight container and store in a consistently cool place like the refrigerator.
- Those in cold climates need to empty and store annual, glazed and terra cotta containers for winter. Clean pots now and you'll save time during the busy planting season next spring.
- Monitor and secure fencing and animal barriers or reapply repellents as needed throughout the winter.
- Reduce deicing salt damage by shoveling before applying plant friendly deicing material. You'll use less product and eliminate salt-laden snow from ending up on your garden beds.
- Collect, store, and clean garden tools. Organize now for a seamless start to next season.
- Gather, inventory, and store fertilizers and pesticides in a secure location away from pets and children. Keep liquids out of direct sun and in a frost-free location. Move granules to a secure, dry space for storage.



2023 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: streiffonclay@tds.net

OPEN POSITIONS

Public Relations Chair

Program Committee member

President

Treasurer

Two Directors (North, South)

Wisconsin Master Gardeners

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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.