August Newsletter

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Our purpose is to provide horticultural education, community service and environmental stewardship for our community in affiliation with the University of Wisconsin Extension Program.

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Important Websites for MGVs:
http://wimastergardener.org
This site has information on the Wisconsin Master Gardener Program.

http://fyi.uwex.edu/wimastergardener/
This site is the Extension blog for Master Gardeners.

http://www.wpr.org/programs/archives/all
This site takes you to all the WI Public Radio archived programs. Listen for the Larry Meiller Show which airs live on Friday at 11:00 am and Saturday at 7:00 am.

http://grantcountymastergardeners.weebly.com/
This is our association's site for updates.

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The August meeting is August 31 at 6:30PM at the Youth & Ag Building in Lancaster.
Make and Take Garden Stone by Connie Larson

Create a garden mosaic tile piece using a pre-formed 8" x 16" concrete patio block with pre-cut glass tiles, rounds, and other stained glass pieces. Participants will be able to create their own design on a patio block using mosaic glass pieces of various sizes and shapes ranging from 1/2" to 7/8" as well as other shapes of pre-cut stained glass pieces. Indoor/outdoor glue will be applied to the each glass piece which will then be attached to the block. Grout and sealer will be provided to each participant to put over the whole design at home after the glue has dried. Directions will also be handed out.

Each participant will receive a patio block, glass pieces, latex-free gloves, glue, grout and sealer for their design. Even though participants will not be cutting any glass materials, they may wish to bring a pair of safety glasses unless they already wear glasses. The Grant County Master Garden meeting will be held at the Youth and Ag Building in Lancaster on Wednesday, August 31, 2016, at 6:30 pm.

Class size is limited to 25 participants. Please pre-register by contacting Jenny Dixon, Grant County Extension Office at 608-723-2125 by Monday, August 29.

August 2 Trip to the Diagnostic Labs

We are looking at departure from Lancaster at 10:30 am and lunch at Babcock Hall Ice Cream Store.
Menu: https://babcockhalldairystore.wisc.edu/ You can bring a sack lunch if you would prefer. Meet at the lab at 1 pm.

If time permits, after the meeting at the labs, we may be able to visit the Allen Centennial Gardens http://allencentennialgarden.org or West Madison Agricultural Research Station http://westmadison.ars.wisc.edu if visitors are welcome.

Bucket of Blooms Contest

This contest is being organized and offered by the Grant County Fair and the Grant County Master Gardeners. Cash prizes of 1st $20, 2nd $10 & 3rd $5 will be offered in each age group.

Rules for the contest are as follows: The contest is open to any 4-H Club, FFA chapter, civic club, church group, family or other organizations as well as individuals.Anyone under the age of 18 will be judged in the junior division, entrants over 18 in the adult division. Grant County, Grant County Fair Board & Fair personnel will not be responsible for lost, stolen or damaged items entered.

A $2.00 entry fee will be charged per bucket entered. Entrants may enter up to 5 entries. Entries will be filled out when buckets are delivered to the Fairgrounds. Buckets must be brought to the Crops Building at the Fairgrounds from 8:00am -4:00pm on Thursday, August 18th.

Judging will take place after the flowers and houseplants are judged. Buckets may not be removed until 4:00 pm on Sunday August 21st. Buckets will be displayed anywhere on the Grant County Fairgrounds. They will be tended to by the Master Gardeners.

Flowers, plants, grasses, herbs must all be real, but may be grown or purchased. Additional accessories such as flags, plant sticks, figurines, etc. are acceptable

Judges will be considering best use of texture, color, originality, creativity and condition of materials.
Other Consideration:
· Five gallon buckets, either metal or plastic, should be used
· A drainage hole should be put in the bucket
· Buckets may be decorated or left plain
· Buckets must be light enough to be moved easily
· Consider using styrofoam, packing peanuts or similar material in the bottom of the bucket.
· Judging will be done by Flowers & Houseplant Judge
For more information, please contact Amy Olson at aolson@co.grant.wi.gov or phone 608-723-2135.

Pizza Night at Vesperman's

August 11th, enjoy a Pizza Night at Vesperman's Farm in Lancaster. Kyle will be making pizza using ingredients from the produce grown on site. It will be held in their new building which is fantastic! http://www.vespermanfarms.com/pizza-nights.html

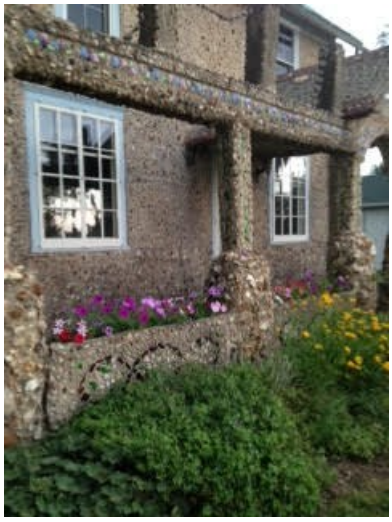
Thank You From Morningside Assisted Living Center, Lancaster

"Just wanted to say thank you for helping organize the Master Gardener presentation." Laura did a super job.
Thanks again, Chris Fielder

Grandview Garden Tour

Evening started out with viewing master gardener volunteer from Iowa County, Mary Mayo's yard with beautiful colorful plantings that perfectly fit her landscape and topped it off with enjoying her model railroad diorama. Her live plants were something to appreciate because they added much to the scenery of her layout. Judy Soles has a short video on our web site that shows the size and scope of her diorama.

After we had to leave her wonderful setting, we traveled to Hollandale to visit Grandview Museum. Master Gardeners from Iowa County have been working for past seven years updating and improving the landscape and their hard work is paying off. We topped off the evening by getting drench getting to our cars and experienced an adventurous ride home. Two carloads attempting to drive through high winds, hail, debris of down trees and trash on the road, torrential downpour, and down electrical lines in Mineral Point, our drivers, Carley and Nancy managed to get us safely to our cars. That was a thrill-seeking trip with the help of our garden angels taking care of us.



Program Planning Committee

The planning committee for our programming of 2017 will be meeting in August. Please send give your suggestions to Terry Wood, Connie Larson, Karen Mahoney, or Julie Pluemer. Thank you!

Upland Garden Club, Dodgeville

Upland Garden Club has invited us to join them on a bus tour to *Old World Wisconsin Heritage Gardens* and *Northwind Perennial Farm*, Burlington on **August 20, 2016**
Cost: $16 per person group entrance fee and $20 for the bus. **Total is $36.00**
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Bus pick up in Mineral Point at 7:30 a.m. at the Alliant Energy Center
Pick up in Dodgeville at 8:00 a.m. at Walmart
Arrive at Old World Wisconsin, in Eagle, WI at 10:00 a.m.
http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/calendar/event/4473/heirloom-garden-weekend

Lunch 12:00 (Bring your own or go through the café line.)
Leave Old World Wisconsin at 1:00 p.m.
Arrive at Northwinds Perennial farm in Burlington at 1:30 p.m.
Leave Burlington, WI at 3:00 p.m.
Drop off in Dodgeville at 5:00 p.m. at Walmart.
Drop off at Mineral Point at 5:30 p.m. at the Alliant Energy Center.
For more information, check out their website at www.oldworldwisconsin.org

Call Judy at 608-574-1266 for reservations.

Grants from WIGMA

We have submitted a grant for $400.00. Any interest for the $250 or $150 ones? The MG Program Office Update mentioned that WIMGA grant reports are due by Oct. 1, 2016.
http://www.wimga.org/educational-grants.html

Gardeners At The Dells

The states of Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin, and Illinois, hold a joint conference every other year. The four states rotate hosting the event.

The next conference will be in Wisconsin Dells, WI September 14-17, 2016.

Learn more about the conference at: https://midwestmgconference.wordpress.com/.

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