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Grant County Master Gardeners



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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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<https://pddc.wisc.edu/>

Succulent Frame



On Corey's garden tour, you may have wondered how Corey made this wannabe Monet, so I asked him to share his secret on how he created this picturesque living succulent frame. First, he started out with making a box out of treated 1 x 4s and attached to old picture frame that has chicken wire stapled to the back, which is filled with sphagnum potting soil.

He kept the frame horizontal for three weeks on sawhorses to establish sedum and succulents and arranging the plants to resemble a Monet watercolor painting. An old pot was used for focal point and various colored plants for texture and depth.

This photo does not give credit to the artfully created wall hanging.



Online Reporting of Hours

The link below can be bookmarked for ease of usage.

<https://wimastergardener.org/report-your-hours/>

July 18 Tour and Meeting:
Continuing Ed - 2 hours
Meeting - 1 1/4 hours for Meeting,
Travel - Amount depend on individual's
travel to and from the meeting at Lancaster.

Great News!!!

Plans are in the works to host Level 1 Training in Grant County beginning in Jan. 2020! Watch for more details soon from Amanda about the orientation class and tentative dates. In the meantime, please share this info with your family and friends.

This is great opportunity for members to attend a class or two for refresher training and to consider presenting at a class on a topic of your choice. We like to have volunteers sharing their skills to new members.

Next meeting: Heading to Fennimore!

We are excited to announce that something new has been added for our next meeting on August 15. Our first stop will be the Fennimore Doll Museum to view the progress taking place there with the pollinator garden by Marsha Schneider.

Start time is 6:30 PM at the [Fennimore Doll and Toy Museum](#) located at 1135 6th Street, Fennimore WI 53809. We will be looking at Marsha's project garden she has been creating for pollinators.

The doll museum is easy to find. It is located just behind Subway, 615 Lincoln Ave in Fennimore. Also called HWY 61.

From there we will go to Chris Swan's to hear about and see her Hugelkultur beds. Below are Chris's directions to her house if you are not coming to Doll Museum.

Travel two miles north of Fennimore on HWY 61 towards Boscobel. Turn left on Robin Road. Travel 1/4 mile to Birdseye Road and turn left on Birdseye Road. Swan home is first home on right on Birdseye Road. 14065 Birdseye Road.

Business meeting to follow at Chris's gardens.

Upcoming Events

Gardening at the Library Series.

Connie Larson will be presenting her favorite topic, Monarch Butterflies, at the Cassville Library on August 14, at 6 p.m. The evening at Cassville will feature Monarch Butterflies by Connie who has researched this topic extensively. She is hoping to be able to take caterpillars, chrysalis, etc., and she has posters and handouts to give participants. Address is Eckstein Memorial Library, 1034 E. Dewey Street, Cassville, Wisconsin 53806



Library Director: Susan Uppena. Ph. 608.725.5838. Email: suppena@swls.org

Save The Date

The Grant County Conference Committee is gearing up for fantastic spring conference! Mark your calendar for the fifth Annual Spring Conference, March 21, 2020.

2019 WIMGA Annual Meeting

The WIMGA Annual Meeting, a requirement of our non-profit status, will be held this year in conjunction with the Fall Face-to-Face Meeting of Local Representatives. This meeting is open to all WIMGA members and is an opportunity to hear what your State Board is working on, vote on by-law changes and hear about future events.

Saturday, October 26, 2019 10AM –3PM
UW-Stevens Point, Dreyfus Center
1015 Reserve Street, Stevens Point

Super Star Training

Watch for an email from Amanda regarding this training opportunity. A series of Leadership Conferences – SUPERSTAR TRAINING –are being planned around the state this year in place of a 2019 Annual Conference. WIMGA is offering three opportunities for you to meet other MGVs and pick up some continuing education.

Super Star training is for YOU, one of WIMGA's super volunteers, doing outstanding work. (See WIMGA's July Newsletter.)

<http://grantcountymastergardeners.weebly.com/wisconsin-master-gardener-association-info-wimga.html>



Master Gardeners are Connecting With the Community

Grant County Fair

"Historical uses of herbs and other plants" is the theme for 2019.

Just a few reminders:

1. Please have a short written summary of the medicinal uses of any plants that you will be providing to me by August 3, 2019. You can either send it via email - melodyb@tds.net, or mail it to me at 338 S. Harrison, Lancaster, WI 53813. Call me with any questions @ 608-778-3080. Please do not include any specific "recipes" for the remedies.
2. All plants or foliage should be at the Youth & Ag Building at the fair grounds by 5 PM on Thursday, August 15th. If you need to drop them off earlier, you can drop them off on my front deck.
3. Plants or foliage can be in any type of planter/vase/or any other unusual "pot". Please have containers clean and neat.
4. You can also contact Cory or Mary Rassmusson about getting your plants to the fair grounds.
5. If you do not remember what you signed up for, you can just submit any nice looking plants you may have.

Thanks for everyone's participation. I am sure that it will again be a wonderful presentation.

Melody Bahr

Thanks Melody for taking on this fascinating project!

Platteville Farmer's Market

If you are headed to Farmer's Market on Saturday, August 10, make sure to stop by the Master Gardener Booth and you'll find Corey Weydert and Shirley Audetat ready to share a youth-related project.

Mitchell Roundtree Stone Cottage, Platteville

We are looking for about six volunteers to bring their tools and energy for the cleanup of the gardens at the stone cottage on September 25, 3-7PM. Pick a time, 3-5 or 5-7, or whatever time works for you. Lancaster Road (Hwy 81) and W Madison Street, Platteville. Shirley Bowden, director of the stone cottage is very appreciative of our help and is already thinking of food she can provide. Contact Wendy if you are willing to lend a hand at 608-732-3893 or email.

Past Events of volunteers making an impact in their communities

Awesome garden tour hosted by four gardeners at Lancaster on July 18.

The sun shined bright that early evening as 30 people gathered to view unique settings and all four had something different to show on how they spend their time gardening.

Thanks to the four hosts, Geri Bryhan, Patti Obma, Delores and Dan Dalgren, and Corey and Tami Weydert.

A photo slideshow highlights some features you can check out on the web site under Past Events.
<http://grantcountymastergardeners.weebly.com/past-events.html>

Hypertufa Workshop.

Three volunteers had fun showing kids how to make Hypertufa bowls at the 2019 Creative 4-H Youth Expo on July 20 at Lancaster. Kids went home with “Hens and Chicks” plants that they can plant in their make and take hypertufa bowls after their drying and unmolding process.

It was so inspiring to see how the kids worked on their projects and readily took to potting a succulent to take home.

This was our first time that we were asked to present at the Youth Expo and already heard that they want us back next year doing something with gardening. So, search out some ideas and put on your thinking caps for some ideas for next year! Age group from 7-12 for a one-hour session. We had one attendee sign up for the class twice and then came back when we were wrapping up wondering if we had any leftover material for her to take home. Love that spirit and she loves to garden!

I cannot say enough thanks for the two young boys, Russell and Luke, who helped me unload my car and stayed to set up the room Saturday morning. What troupers to help! --Karin



Interested in the Art of Hobbies?

Wanted: Volunteer(s) to set up an educational or hobby display of gardening at the Belmont School and Community Fair, September 13-15.

This is a unique situation where the display is set up in a room in the school gym called the Hobby Room. The table is provided so just have to bring the display.

All exhibits should be in place between Noon-3:30PM on Friday, and released on Sunday at 3PM.

Oh, I need to mention here that need an idea for the display. Young and old visit the room but the majority is adults looking at hobby collections.

Fifteenth Anniversary Event at Katie's Garden



Fairy Garden and story book walk that was present that evening.

After a year of planning and many hours getting the gardens in shape after two floods in 2018, the event took place on a beautiful



summer evening on July 24 with no rain clouds in sight. Photos can't do justice to the relaxing good time that evening. The chamber awarded certificates to all the volunteers, including master gardeners, Betty Smith, Julie Pluemer, Kathy Kubitz, and Myleen Bass and the three



volunteers, Karin Peacock, Bev Loy, Carley Borchering, who have been there since the beginning.

The program included dedications and memories, and hope for the next celebration. A popular festivity was the Monarch display by Cindy Gordon, master gardener volunteer from Crawford County. She delighted youngsters with their interaction and handling of the butterflies. The releasing of the butterflies was a unique touch for the 15-year anniversary.

Look for a slideshow coming soon on the Grant County Master Gardener website .

Garden Talk With Larry Meiller

Remember to catch *Garden Talk* on Fridays at 11AM on WPR, or listen to the archived podcast. This time can be used toward your Continuing Education requirement.

<https://www.wpr.org/programs/garden-talk>



A family sharing their wish on the wishing tree

Monarch display, note the branches of the wishing tree in the background



Amanda Cauffman, Grant County Agricultural Educator, MGv mentor



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