

December 2019 Newsletter Grant County Master Gardeners



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The Extension Master Gardener Program educates, empowers, and supports volunteers to use University research-based info to extend the Wisconsin idea, making a positive difference in lives and communities.

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[https://www.wpr.org/programs/
garden-talk](https://www.wpr.org/programs/garden-talk)

<https://www.wimga.org/>

[http://labs.russell.wisc.edu/
insectlab/](http://labs.russell.wisc.edu/insectlab/)

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

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grantcountymastgardeners.we
bly.com/online-reporting---
forms--reports.html](http://grantcountymastgardeners.webly.com/online-reporting---forms--reports.html)

Master Gardener Program in Grant County for 2019

At the end of 2019, 22 Master Gardener Volunteers reported 1,826 hours of volunteer service for an estimated value of \$43,822 (Independent Sector). They also reported 815 hours of continuing education and reached an estimated 3,583 individuals with various outreach projects.

Read more [Grant County 2019](#)

END OF YEAR PROGRAM MEETING WAS A NORWEGIAN HERITAGE POTLUCK, AWARDS, AND ELECTION OF NEW PRESIDENT



Pictured left: Two kinds of lefsa!

Above: Buffet selections

Bird Lovers

Check this out:

<https://www.birds.corneil.edu/home/about/>

On Nov. 22, 2019, Grant County Master Gardeners held their end of the year program with awarding certificates to volunteers who have accumulated milestone volunteer hours since becoming members. Kathy Kubitz, Cuba City, awarded 500 Hour Certificate, Marsha Schneider,

Fennimore, 150 Hour Certificate, Melanie Reynolds, Potosi, 250 Hour Certificate, Natasha Rank, Montfort, 150 Hour Certificate, Wendy Johnson, Cuba City, 250 Hour Certificate.

Shirley Audetat of Bloomington was elected to fill the open position of president. She joins other slate of officers of Wendy Johnson, Cuba City, Vice President; Connie Larson, Cassville, Treasurer; Connie Landon, Lancaster, Secretary.

The association received award of \$500 from the Wisconsin Master Gardeners Association (WIMGA), which is an independent, statewide volunteer organization providing support and leadership to individual University of Wisconsin Extension (UWEX) Master Gardener Volunteers (MGVs) and affiliated local MGVs Associations. These funds will be used for our upcoming fifth Annual Spring Conference scheduled for March 21 at the Vesperman Farms and for media equipment.

New calendar for 2020 features offering a training class to begin in January, plant sale, and educational displays at Platteville Farmers Market, local libraries, fairs, arranging speakers at monthly meetings, and working with youth groups along with volunteering on garden related projects in area communities.



Individuals Making an Impact with Volunteering Hours with the Master Gardener Association

Left to right shows the award winners for 2019 for their accumulated hours since training to become a Master Gardener Volunteer.

Kathy Kubitz, Marsha Schneider, Melanie Reynolds, Natasha Rank, Wendy Johnson (Not pictured.)

Inspect Your Hours

It is time to inspect your hour information go to toolbox at <https://wimastergardener.org>. or use this link [https://volunteers.wimastergardener.org/vms/sec Login/](https://volunteers.wimastergardener.org/vms/sec/Login/)

You have until Feb 1, but why wait.

Check out the November Vibe you received in an email and they will give you instructions.

You will receive an email to explain further. I know more stress around the holiday what was Mike thinking? Hang in there; you are going to be ok. It really is not hard.

Contact Shirley if you need help when this happens.

Orientation Class Meeting on Jan. 6, 2020

Level 1 training mandatory meeting at the Grant County Extension Office in Lancaster.

<https://wimastergardener.org/level-1-training-locations/>

Conference Information

We are pushing forward. Our brochures are going to be ready January 1 to start handing out. I have been supplying the library with our Save the Date pamphlets and a beauty shop in Lancaster. I have replenished at both places 3 times, I look at this as a good sign. If you have bookmarks and save the dates make sure when shopping you ask to put them in the stores you are shopping in, slip them into your holiday cards. Time just goes by so fast this time of year.

Library Garden Series

Our Library Garden Series will be taking off Feb 29, 2020 at the Lancaster Library with Shirley Audetat doing a presentation on Seed Starting in Winter. Shirley will have some handy tips on how to start your seeds and examples of inexpensive greenhouses for your plants. Stay tune, the time is not available at the moment.

Stocking Stuffer!!

If you are puzzled on what to buy for your favorite gardener for Christmas or their birthday, we have the perfect solution!

If you want to treat your friends or family to a special day of fun, reserve a spot at the conference in March and then go for another fun day by going on the bus trip in June.

Send us your request/registration with your check, and we will send you a certificate to present to them for your generous gift. They will love you for it!

Our Web site has a page for the 2020 conference where you can download Page 2 of the registration for user-friendly form.

<http://grantcountymastergardeners.weebly.com/spring-conference.html>



Check out this link from the Sunday paper on a garden I never heard of. If anyone goes to Michigan in the spring or summer months check this out. It looks like a very cool place to go with the family or grandkids.

<https://www.dowgardens.org/>



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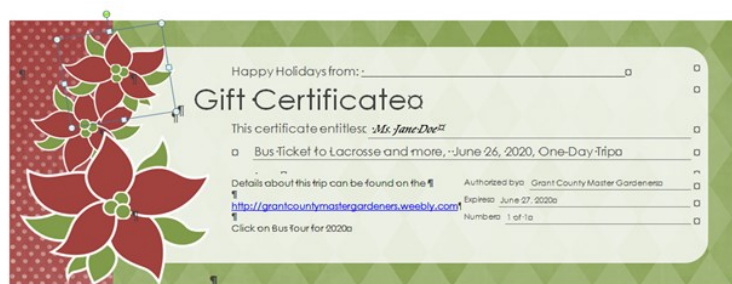
Bus Trip along the Great River Road

Schedule includes tours:

- ◇ Genoa National Fish Hatchery
- ◇ Friendship Gardens, Lacrosse
- ◇ Wine Tasting & Lunch at Vernon Winery, Viroqua
- ◇ Second Nature Garden Center, Readstown

Reserve your spot early. Deadline is 6.12.20. Call 608.723.2125.

Cost is \$45, which includes lunch.



Happy Holidays to All,

My first letter of the upcoming year as President. I am sure I will learn a lot this year about you and what it takes to make the organization run. Bear with me, as I said, I am flying by the seat of my pants while learning the requirements of this job.

I would like everyone to put the past behind us and move forward this year with a fresh start. We have a ton of projects to keep us busy, which I am finding out while putting my calendar together.

This year I would like everyone to feel comfortable around each other and to speak up and voice their opinions to the committees; I will trust you to use your better judgment and common sense when it comes to fixing a problem. Just keep me in the loop as to what you are doing and issues that you have. I like to delegate rather than be in charge. I want us all to be involved. We are all educated, polite, and able to research the answers to the publics' questions.

Some of you, along with me, are worried about the new system using the computer and how much time it uses up. With our new committee, we are organizing for IT questions and answers; I feel we will all win by learning how to use it. I do not know that much about the basics except that it is easier and quicker if you have someone showing you on your computer rather than having to find a video on You-Tube that will teach you. First, you have to know how to find You-Tube. AAHH! Do not be afraid; most of us are in the same boat.

On this note, I would also like to thank everyone for a fantastic, end of the season, feast. Everything was delicious. Have a Merry Christmas and A Healthy Happy New Year.

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I would like to give our vice president, Wendy, a big bouquet of flowers. You did a super job of stepping in and taking the reins until a new president was voted in. Thank you for making the transition look easy. I look forward to working with you. Shirley