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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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Capping the Gardening at the Library Series

So far, we have held three sessions and in case one missed them, you missed some quality programs and discussion on gardening.

- The first one was at Bloomington with Shirley showing plants that help to deter Japanese Beetles. She also passed out Beneficial Bug Cards that she received from PJ Liesch of the University of Wisconsin Insect Diagnostic Lab along with handouts, which described more information on how to keep your garden organic and healthier.
- Second, was at Lancaster featuring Coleus propagation with presenters Shirley and Nancy M. who were filling in for Corey who was sick.
- Third was at Platteville on deadheading, shearing, and cutting back blossoms for more bloom or control of seeds, space, and aesthetics by Karin. Participants could choose to take a plant home to use deadheading skills.

Important Websites for MGVs:
<http://wimastergardener.org>

<http://fyi.uwex.edu/wimastergardener/>

<http://www.wpr.org/programs/archives/all>

Some of the photos can be viewed on the web site at <http://grantcountymastergardeners.weebly.com/ongoing-and-past-projects.html>



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Upcoming Feature is at the Cassville Library - Here is what Connie Larson has arranged:

- She will do a program on monarchs on **August 14 at 6 pm** at the Cassville Library. Connie is hoping to be able to take caterpillars, chrysalis, etc. She has posters and handouts to give participants.

Evaluation on this pilot program will take place at the end of the summer.

GCMGV Web Site Fans

Found a couple fans who stumbled upon our web site.

They contacted me via the contact form because they wanted to reach out and say thank you for our links page! This info helped regarding attracting birds and butterflies. Great to hear good news and feedback that someone stumbled onto our good info!

<http://grantcountymastergardeners.weebly.com/brochure-links.html>

They sent me a link and said, "That you might want to include the page we found to yours." Found it a very interesting read on *Flower Fragrances That Attract Bees and Butterflies to Your Garden* with more links that followed the main article.

<https://www.fragrancex.com/fragrance-information/flower-fragrances-that-attract-bees-and-butterflies-to-your-garden.html>.

Online Reporting

Hey, our online reporting system is ready to go! Amanda has entered our projects and we are off and running! Wendy will be discussing more about the ORS, Online Reporting System, at our July business meeting.

I think the process is user friendly and volunteers will find how easy it has become to record hours! There are videos to watch and even get CE time while learning and watching the how to videos.

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



Note published on the Mining and Rollo Jamison Museum's Facebook page:

Thank you to our 21-strong volunteer crew:

Wendy Johnson, Terry Wood, and Betty Smith of the Grant County Master Gardeners; seven Melissa Cummins volunteers; Scott White and three members of Platteville Troop 84 Rainmakers; 8 volunteers from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; Maggie Kiesath and Steve Kleefisch! Thanks also to Platteville A&W for providing delicious lunch to the volunteers.



Betty Smith and Terry Wood are working in the butterfly garden area.

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Wendy Johnson, project chair, is one who gets totally involved in a project.

Another project that is in the works in getting the gardens looking their best at Katie's Garden, Platteville. Several volunteers are redoing their beds due to the floods last summer and needed extensive landscaping. The push is on to have most of the gardens ready for the Platteville Hometown Week, July 20-28 and for the 15-year anniversary of Katie's Garden on July 25. The celebration will take place from 5-8 and will feature activities for the younger set.

- One item we are excited about is the wishing tree similar to the one at Allen Centennial Gardens, Madison.
- The obelisks are in place that a grant from

WIMGA helped with the purchase.

- The fairy garden relocation by Kathy K. and Carley B. took many hours, but outcome is very beneficial for viewers, young and old.

- Watch for more details in the published invitation.



PROGRAM SCHEDULE

June Tour at Dubuque Arboretum

It was quite an awesome summer evening strolling among the rose garden and all their gardens at the Dubuque Arboretum on June 20. Our tour guide showed the newly planted area with many different kinds of dwarf conifers and was impressive. Topping it off was a delicious fresh strawberry dessert by Wendy.

Couple of my favorite conifers are pictured, but don't think my pocketbook would favor.



Pinus mugo
'Wintersonne'



Juniperus Conferta 'all Gold'

JULY

Time to journey and seek out some awesome tours!

Prairie Tour

Sunday, July 14, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Marjie and Tom Bennett invite you to come along on a prairie walk on their property. The date for the prairie tour is Sunday, July 14 with the alternate date of Sunday July 28 if it rains. The time for both dates is 1:30-3:30 p.m.

This is a great way to experience the beauty of prairie plants up close and learn about the species.

Directions: Our home is located at 13464 County Road C, about a mile north of the Dew Drop Inn. If you are coming on Hwy 35 from Lancaster, turn left on County C at the motel and go about 2 miles to the top of the hill. Look for a brownish house that sets off of the road with a tall flag pole at the driveway entrance.

Bugs sometimes can be a nuisance so they suggest to bring your bug spray and hat. They will provide snacks and beverage. If you forget your spray, they will have some on hand.

Marjie is our latest member to our group and she is anxious to show her passion about her prairie plants. Marjie and Tom welcome your visit! The public is welcome to join the tour.

Progressive Garden Tour

July 18, beginning at 6 p.m.

All four gardens are very special and unique so this is one tour not to miss! Watch for the red tulip signs near the locations.



**Amanda Cauffman, Grant
County Agricultural Educator, MGV mentor**



Business meeting will take place on Corey's patio after the tour.

First stop will be at **Geri Bryhan**: 9625 Three Springs Road Lancaster WI. (Three Springs Addition), then meander short distance to

Pat Obma: 1077 Newbury Dr. Lancaster (Newbury Estate Addition by Schrieners Park), then to

Dan and Delores Dahlgren: 746 Pleasant Street Lancaster and walk across the street to

Corey and Tamie Weydert: 351 South Taylor Street.

[Check out the list that you can download.](#)

No rain date, it will be a wonderful cool July evening not like in the past where July 18 is usually the hottest day of the year!

Lancaster will be a hopping that night because it is their annual Night on the Square Celebration that begins at 5 p.m. so come early to check that out before touring the gardens. Food stands will be available on the square.

Fair Project by Melody:

For the fair, I need to know what herbs or other healing plants that members will be willing to share for the fair display. We would like each member to write up a short paragraph of what the plant was historically used to treat.

For instance: Corn silk was used for urinary infections and to relieve muscle spasms. I will then put this information into a format that will allow all of the uses for each plant to look similar for the display and get them printed.

Thanks Melody for taking on this fascinating project! Watch future information sheets for directions as far as where, when, and how.

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