

# June 2019 Newsletter

## 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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## Check out the dates scheduled in June for our 'Gardening Series, In the Library'

'Gardening Series In The Library' with Shirley Audetat will be held June 13 at 10:00AM in the Bloomington Public Library. Shirley specializes in Perennials, but will be able to answer other gardening questions. She will give a short talk and then open it up to discussion and gardening questions. Refreshments will be served. If you are not able to attend a morning program, Shirley will be happy to return at another time for an evening program.

### Important Websites for MGVs:

<http://wimastergardener.org>

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

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



## Fennimore Doll Museum

Marsha has been gathering plants from several sources for the Butterfly Garden on the grounds of the museum. Decorative cans have been placed around Fennimore for donations.

Marsha has been promoting the project by speaking at community groups.

Make a stop if you're traveling through Fennimore to view all the plantings!



## Evening with Gardening Library Series



Ask a certified Grant County Master Gardener how to help your garden flourish! A brief presentation will be followed by Q & A.

**Thursday, June 27 ✨ 6 pm**  
**Library Community Room**

*featured topic:*  
**To Deadhead or Not to Deadhead?**

This is a free event; registration is requested.  
Sign up and submit your questions at  
[plattevillepubliclibrary.org/signup](http://plattevillepubliclibrary.org/signup) or call  
608-348-7441 ext. 4.

For more events in this series, check  
[grantcountymastergardeners.weebly.com/calendar](http://grantcountymastergardeners.weebly.com/calendar).



**Platteville Public Library**

225 W Main Street • Platteville, WI 53818



## Young at Heart Program May 9



Terry and Marilyn (Muz) presented a program called "Water Rooting Plants for your Household" on May 9 at Platteville Park Place. It was well attended by over 60 seniors! Muz and I began

rooting a variety of plants in March hoping we would have enough for each guest. Herbs, Christmas Cactus and Philodendron were our favorites. Glass containers were purchased from the Platteville Thrift Shop along with a variety of stones and shells. Presto! Instant indoor plants! The seniors were invited to fill a



container by choosing their plants and stones or they could select a premade container which were on the tables. Many garden memories were shared through our discussion. One attendee recalled how her mother always started violets this way. Handouts were available with a list of suggested plant for water rooting.

## Platteville Farmer's Market May 4

This was our first monthly display at the Platteville's Farmers Market. Julie, Muz, and Terry will be rotating months through October. May's display focused on our plant sale, soil testing, and the upcoming bus trip. Two soil tests were given away, 13 plant sale brochures, 2 bus trip registrations and I conversed with 10 visitors. One person who recently relocated to this area asked about MG. It was a successful morning!



## BUS TRIP ON JUNE 22

You will find all the information you need on our GCMGV website. As of May 22, we had nine registered. It is up to all of us to help spread the word about this unique opportunity to visit six South Milwaukee gardens. Our Executive Committee met on May 11 and discussed the minimum of participants with the lowest being 35 and at that our Association would be adding \$200.00 for the trip. If we have 40 people, our costs would be met. June 10 is the registration deadline. Connie Landon has agreed to purchase the door prizes. The South Milwaukee museum will be giving all attendee's a gift bag. Plus, there is a small art fair at the park we will be stopping for lunch with food booths available or you can BYO lunch. Snacks and water will be provided!





# Grant County Master Gardeners South Milwaukee Historical Society Garden Bus Tour Saturday, June 22, 2019

You will visit 6 unique and exciting gardens. At the Historical Society site there will be a planter demonstration, an art show with items hand-crafted by local artisans, music and more! There will be time for shopping and lunch.

The tour cost is **\$40**, which includes the bus cost, snacks and entrance fee.

Lunch is on your own.

Registration deadline is 4PM on June 10 or until filled.



## Bus Pick-Up Spots

**Bloomington - Warco Transportation 5AM**

**Lancaster Shopko 5:25AM**

**Platteville Walmart 5:45AM**

### For more info visit:

<http://grantcountymastergardeners.weebly.com>

**Or**

<https://www.facebook.com/grantcountymastergardeners/>



### Registration Form

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number\_\_\_\_\_

Email\_\_\_\_\_

Pick-Up Location (Circle One)

Bloomington   Lancaster   Platteville

Send registration and check made out to **GCMGA** to:

UW-Extension—Grant County

%Bus Tour

916 E Elm St

Lancaster WI 53818

Ph 608.723.2125



## Next GCMGV Meeting, June 20

Please meet inside the Gift Room at the Dubuque Arboretum at 6:30 PM. We will have a guided tour of the Conifer Collection. Refreshments will follow with a business meeting. We need two members to provide refreshments for the evening. Let Terry know if you can do this. If you are interested in car pooling from Lancaster, let Terry know and we can set a date and time to meet at the Youth and Ag Building.

### MOZENA CONIFER COLLECTION

Are you looking for something new and inspiring at the Dubuque Arboretum? Drive around the circle and take a left at McLean Lane. Just before the war memorial and on your right, you will see three new conifer beds, artfully mixed with a couple of stunning Japanese Maples and limestone rock. These new garden beds are a perfect complement to our Walter and Hermsen conifer collections.

Why conifers? "I've become more exposed to conifers as a unique way to give our beds a different look as they add contrast and texture to our landscape," says Jeffrey Mozena. In particular, dwarf conifers are more manageable as they come in landscape size (will not outgrow your yard.) "We incorporated conifers in Premier Bank, Asbury office," continues Jeff, "and we were trying to achieve a look not unlike the ambiance of Eagle Point Park." They even included grasses in their logo, integrating a look of nature with their day-to-day business.

Jeff worked with Steve Ulstad, landscape architect and Arboretum board member, to design the new beds. It was exciting to see the ideas take shape during the long, cold winter days. Once the beds were laid out (and after recommendation from the Planning Committee and approval from the board), the green light was given!

This called for a road trip! Chad Blocklinger, Blocklinger Landscape, traveled with Jeff to Boring, Oregon, to hand select conifers at Iseli Nursery. Also selected were conifers for Premier Bank's newly remodeled Iowa street office.

Overall, 57 conifers and 2 Japanese maples found a new home at the Arboretum. Chad remarked, "Not all conifers are green or shaped the same." Three unique trees, according to Chad, to look for are:

*Sciadopitys verticillata* 'Winter Green' – Japanese Umbrella Pine: This tree gets their name due to the unusual needle structure that looks like an upside down umbrella with just its spines showing.

*Picea orientalis* 'Firefly' – Firefly Oriental Spruce: If you keep this spruce in full sun, it will stay bright yellow.

*Pinus Paviflora* 'Taminino yuki' – Japanese Pine: Right around June, this Japanese Pine will show the unusual colors of pink and white in the needles.

Please visit us soon to discover these and many other fancifully named trees such as: Tom Thumb, Whipcord, Little Dipper, Goldilocks, Pixie Dust and Big Tuna.

Watch for the addition of three new adjoining conifer beds next spring bringing even more variety to the dwarf conifer collection.

A special thanks to Dubuque Hardwoods and Fred Becker Quarries for their expertise in assisting with the installation.

Jeff and Janet Mozena donated this garden in remembrance of his Mother, Edna Mozena, who loved her walks in the Arboretum and was an active supporter. In one of Edna's last handwritten

letters to the Arboretum, Edna quoted Joyce Kilmer as saying, “Only God can make a tree” and so it is with the Arboretum.



## **Mining Museum Project Lead**

### **by Wendy Underway**

The Spring wet weather has certainly been a challenge for all us gardeners! Wendy has been busy planning the gardens at the Mining Museum and working with Erich Flesch the director. Most of the plants will be purchased at the Aspen Ridge Nursery in Mineral Point. Wendy received a generous discount of 15% off. Unfortunately, the first date of planting was postponed due to the torrents of rain! The gardens will be planted in stages. We should have pictures in July's newsletter.

## **Level 1 Training Possibility**

By Amanda Cauffman

The Grant County Extension Office has received some phone calls regarding having a Level 1 Training. The Area 17 Agricultural Educators (Grant, Green, Iowa, and Lafayette) have agreed to have joint trainings if there is at least 8-10 individuals interested. The training will be held in the fall. If you know of anyone interested, please have them contact the Grant County Extension office (608-723-2125) and ask to speak to Lori.

## **Online Reporting System**

By Amanda Cauffman

The online reporting system should be up and running soon. I am currently in the process of finishing uploading the projects. For the time being, only the larger projects involving the most people have been added to the list. The smaller projects, individual projects, and hours not necessarily associated with projects are still important and will fall under a “Catch All

Category” for this year. If there is a larger project I have overlooked please contact me and I will get it added to the list. Thank you for your patience and understanding with this process.

## **SAVE THE DATE**

Marjie and her husband Tom will be hosting a tour of their Prairie Gardens on Saturday, July 14.

## **May 2019 Plant Sale**

Wendy and I both agreed the plant sale is a well-oiled machine. What makes it that way? The MGVs who are willing to work the day before the sale, the day of the sale and those who donate plants! And of course, the previous chairs and their work in the past. Our total was just over \$1,500 dollars. Great job MGVs! For photos of the plant sale go to:

<https://www.flickr.com/gp/134322934@N03/Z6xv14>



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