

# May 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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### Newly Approved Projects

Platteville Farmer's Market – MGVS will be present once a month beginning in May and ending in October.

Young at Heart Presentation at Platteville Park Place

FoodWise Project Lancaster Community Gardens benefiting the Lancaster Food Pantry

Kids Expo at the Youth and Ag in July

Grant County Library Project- contact Karin Peacock for more information  
348-8154, Karin.peacock@gmail.com

Changing UWEX Lancaster Native Garden to containers outside the Crops and Soils Building

### MGV Sign Update

We have ten sites which our MGV signs will be displayed. Our original plan was for Corey's friend to make them out of wood. This did not work out so we will be investigating other alternatives.

### Free Pots

Free pots available from Dan Stout. He lives near Gratiot. Karin P. has more information.

### Annual Conference Committee Formation

Shirley Audetat will be the 2020 conference chairperson. This will be her second year on the committee. For their third year of planning, Connie Landon and Connie Larson agreed to assist. Joining them will be Judy Vesperman. .

### South Milwaukee Bus Trip

This year we are trying something new for our bus trip. We will be visiting six different home gardens in South Milwaukee. The deadline for registration is June 10. Please help spread the word. Read the attached poster for more information. This is posted on our website also.

<http://grantcountymastergardeners.weebly.com/upcoming-events-in-grant-county-and-surrounding-area.html>



*Milwaukee Bound!*

## **Wisconsin Master Gardener Association Report by Local Representative Karin Peacock (WIMGA)**

Brief summary of Face-to-Face Meeting, with Local Reps and WIMGA Board, April 27, Hancock, WI  
I drove out of my garage at 6:30 am to meet up with two gardeners from Dodgeville with hopes of missing the snowstorm of 5-7 inches predicted for SW Wisconsin. As luck would have it, the storm happened while at the meeting and enjoyed a picturesque scenery on our drive home with the snow-covered ground and trees, but worried how our tulips and daffodils would survive.

During the meeting, we had reports about membership, leadership conferences, annual meeting and bylaw updates, Program office updates by Mike Maddox, and discussion on how to handle the jumping worms if hosting plant sales this spring.

The leadership conferences are planned for one day in areas around the state, which are taking the place of annual convention this year. New concept this year and so far the topics will cover presentation skills and social media. There will be a small registration fee with lunch and will count towards CE hours. Dates are: Thursday, Sept. 12, Wausau; Saturday, Sept. 14, Madison; Friday, Sept. 20, Eau Claire.

Annual meeting, Saturday, Oct. 26 at Stevens Point at the Drefuss Center. This will also be the fall face- to-face Local Rep/Board Meeting and will be open to all WIMGA members.

After lunch, the highlight was hearing about project sharing from three areas. This is the part where you sharpen your pencil writing down ideas on what other counties are doing.

North County MGs, Twilight Tour at their Research Center held from 4 pm to twilight. This outdoor event has taste testing using produce grown from their display gardens. What better way to promote new plants for show and tell, and taste along with recipes on how to use. Watermelon salsa was popular.

Racine-Kenosha MGs , VA Center at Union Grove. They showed patrons best practices for raised beds and were amazed on how they took ownership and were proud of their own gardens.

Jefferson county MGs, school garden project titled, "We Grow". They told success stories how the children embraced their gardens and receive support from organizations for expansion. For example, a high school club built a utility shed using supply money donated for the school garden and are receiving many positive feedbacks from teachers and parents.

**Note by Terry Wood. This is a separate organization from the Wisconsin Master Gardener Program. Local MGs decide if they want to join. Read more about this association on our website. Over the years, we have benefited by receiving grants. When our local MG was formed, the decision was made to join WIMGA.**

# 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



## Library Project - "Evening with Gardening Library Series"

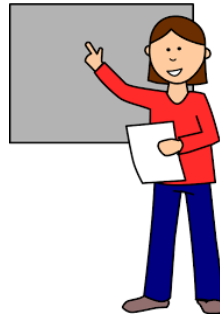
Volunteers can sign up to present a short five minute talk at a library and then have a round table type casual open group discussion on gardening where guests could actively participate in the group and take part in the sharing of knowledge during the evening hour.

The volunteer can pick any topic they want to talk regarding a current issue with gardening or something they want to share re tips on gardening in general or ask the librarian if they have had questions from the public that needs addressing.

At each session, offer a copy of our brochure of calendar of events that has info about our association, who to contact if interested along with invite to our educational programs offered free to the public. Another item to show is the binder that Terry has that has Learning Store research material developed by Cooperative Extension research staff to support material that may be asked about.

So far, we have the following list and welcome to sign up with another MG volunteer or pick a location in your area. Partnership with another volunteer is a good plan. If you are picking a location not on the list below, you would have to let Jen at the Lancaster library know so she could handle the preliminaries. Jen will take care of the advertising, setup of room, survey follow-up, and arrange light refreshments. We have the easy part and personnel at the libraries are excited about this project, we are already a hit!

Lancaster - Corey Weydert and Shirley Audetat  
Hazen Green - Corey Weydert and Terry Wood  
Cassville/Potosi - Connie Larson  
Platteville - Karin Peacock  
Livingston/Montfort - Terry Wood  
Bloomington - Shirley Audetat  
Muscodia - Nancy Ashmore



After Jen at the Lancaster library has contacted the libraries, the volunteers would need to make arrangements with the libraries that they selected to arrange date, time and suggested topics to be completed on one occasion between May - September.

**We are collaborating with Jennifer (Jen) Bernetzke, 723-7304, head librarian at the Lancaster library.**

### Plant Sale May 11

We will begin set up at 3:00 PM on May 10. For those helping on Saturday, please arrive by 7:30 AM, if possible. The doors open at 8:00 AM. Wendy has the worker list so contact her if you have questions at [wendyj18@lagrant.net](mailto:wendyj18@lagrant.net) or 744-3893. Plant tags and guidelines for donations are on our website.

### Next Meeting June 20 @ 6:30 PM Dubuque Arboretum, Garden Room

Meet in the garden room inside the gift shop building at 6:30PM. We still need somebody for refreshments. Let Terry Wood know if you can provide them. They will be served in the garden room after our tour. As it gets closer to the event, we might want to consider car-pooling.



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Agricultural Educator, MGv mentor**



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