

September 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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Calendar of Events

Our next GCMGV meeting is September 19, 2019, Youth and Ag Center, Lancaster, 6:30 p.m.

Jenna Phillips is the guest speaker who will cover "Herbal teas, Jams & Jellies." Her other job is the coordinator of Farmers Market, Platteville. The Summer Market is located in City Park from 8am to Noon every Saturday, from May through October. You will find everything from award-winning tomatoes to a variety of flowers and great gift items and just about everything in between.

September 13-15, Belmont School and Community Fair



tomatoes.

Shirley has offered to set up an education display in the Hobby Room which can be viewed from 10-3PM on Saturday, September 14. Spread the word that our display will have free seed packets along with info on jumping worms and how to handle problems with growing

https://www.belmont.k12.wi.us/cms_files/resources/Belmont%20School%20Fair%20Book%202019.pdf

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

<https://learningstore.extension.wisc.edu>

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

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

<http://labs.russell.wisc.edu/insectlab/>

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

Mitchell Rountree Stone Cottage Cleanup

Wednesday, September 25 from 3-7PM

Gather for a cleanup at the Mitchell Rountree Stone Cottage. Meet at the fence at West Madison St & Hwy 81 - Platteville, WI. Bring your favorite garden tool for pruning, digging, raking and be sure to bring your favorite gloves. Sign up by contacting Wendy, wendyj18@lagrant.net for 3-5PM shift or 5-7PM.



Super Star Training Workshop. Registration EXTENDED to September 5

- **Thursday, September 12 – Marathon County Extension Office**
- 212 River Drive, Suite 3, Wausau
- **Saturday, September 14 – UW-Madison Horticulture Building**
- 1575 Linden Drive, Madison
- **Friday September 20 – Eau Claire County Extension Office**
- 227 1st Street West, Altoona



[See this link for registration.](#) Located on our site, under Calendar of Events.

Registration form and letter from WIMGA's president.

Another important note: Our county will reimburse training fees and call Karin (348-8154) or Shirley Audetat (994-2577) for carpooling to Madison.

Deadline for Reporting Hours and Dues is October 1st

Reminder now because this deadline will come up fast. The online reporting of hours is working and deadline is the same as previous years. Please send your dues of \$10.00 payable to GCMGA to Connie Larson, 5913 Dietrich Hts, Cassville, WI 53806.

If you have questions about your online reporting, contact Amanda or Karin. If unable to help, we will find a tech person at the next level to fix any problem you may have. If you have been tracking your hours on paper, allow some time for you to sit in front on your PC to transfer. However, once you start your process, it is easy-peasy and you will be thrilled about embracing this new process.

The link below can be bookmarked for ease of usage.

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

Another October 1 deadline – Grant Application from WIMGA

Associations may apply for more than one grant, but may only submit one application per grant category (monetary level, \$400, \$250, \$100). The conference committee will be

applying for a \$400 grant and if anyone else has a project that will enhance their community, please contact Karin for the application rules.

Invite for the 2019 University of Wisconsin- Platteville College of Business, Industry, Life Science and Agriculture (BILSA) Scholarship Banquet

Wednesday, September 11 @ 6PM

I have volunteered to represent our county in awarding \$1,000 educational scholarships for 2019 and anyone is welcome to join me at this event. It is a great evening to visit with the scholarship recipients. –Karin

Audrey Pelikan, Sullivan, WI, recipient sent a thank you in June telling of her double major as a Soil and Crop Science and Agribusiness with an Environmental Horticulture minor. This money she received is helping her reach her goals. Letter told of her strong passion for agriculture and plans to contribute to making it better for the next generation.

Update from Conference Committee

Plans are progressing and are working on contracts for the four speakers. Speakers are covering topics on seeds to the vase by a local floral expert; insect and diseases of plants; best low maintenance ground covers; and harvesting of vegetables. Watch for our Save the Date Flyer!

Plant Cover Crops In Your Home Garden

The Platteville Main Street Sustainability Committee is hosting a demonstration event highlighting the use of cover crops in your home garden. Visitors will be able to view examples of different cover crops growing in the Community Garden beds. One of the community gardeners will be on hand to talk about cover crops and answer your questions. Information sheets and free samples of the different cover crop plants will be given away.

Cover crops are easy to use and provide many benefits for your garden. Cover crops feed soil microbes, reduce erosion, add organic matter, and much more.

Interested gardeners can drop by anytime between 8:30 and 11:30AM on Saturday, September 14 at the Platteville Community Garden site on Mineral Street. The gardens are located across the street from Jenor Towers between Water and Oak Streets. Rain or shine, stop by to learn more about planting cover crops in your home garden.

Jumping Worms Update

The research update with Brad Herrick has some short videos and visuals that are very interesting.

<https://awaytogarden.com/invasive-asian-jumping-worms-a-2019-research-update-with-brad-herrick-of-uw->



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>

July and August were busy times

and some volunteers sure did some outstanding work in Making a Difference!

Be sure to read about some of these events and view photos under the page for Ongoing and Past Projects

<http://grantcountymastergardeners.weebly.com/ongoing-and-past-projects.html>

If I missed your contributions in your community, please share so we can recognize your time, actions, talents and dedication. We want to make sure we show your passion for helping others. It gives others ideas on what can be accomplished by volunteers.

- Tour at Fennimore to view projects of pollinator garden at the Fennimore Doll and Toy Museum by Marsha Schneider and hugelkultur garden by Chris Swan.
- Booth at the Grant County Fair, Lancaster, by Melody Bahr, Corey Weydert, and Mary Rasmussen
- Gardening at the library series - Monarch butterfly presentation at the Cassville Library by Connie Larson
- Stitzer Ballpark and Rec Area, by Joanne Reynolds and Nancy Ashmore
- FSA recognizes Joanne Reynolds for her work in the county.
- Katie's Garden 15-year Birthday Party, view slide show, photos by Kathy Kubitz.
- Booth at the Farmer's Market, Platteville by Corey Weydert and Shirley Audetat



Photos from the Grant County Fair Booth



Tour of Marsha Schneider's Pollinator Garden at the Fennimore Doll and Toy Museum and Chris Swan's Hugelkultur's Garden, Fennimore





Photos from Connie Larson's Monarch Presentation



Amanda Cauffman, Grant County Agricultural Educator, MGv mentor



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