

September 2020 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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WIGMA Educational Grants

WIMGA Educational Grants Grant Requests are due the end of September for 2021 projects. They will again be issuing grants in the amounts of \$100, \$250, and \$400. Go to <https://www.wimga.org/grants-1> to download your application.

This summer the Master Gardeners program has been busy reorganizing aspects that the university has set forth with the merger of Extension and UW.

Changes you need to be aware of are. New MG certification process, Project approval guidelines, MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) with the associations. MG exam.

Parts of this plan are being tested by a select few counties. They will keep us updated on their progress.

This is what you need to know so please read.

1. Read the new edition of Volunteer Vibe.
2. Go to the state website and familiarize yourself with the Continuing Education policy. Remember 10 hours completed by Sept 30th is still required this year for re-certification.
3. Go to the State Master Gardener website and read project guidelines, review the forms and watch the training video under Updates for the Wisconsin Master Gardener Program

Please read the September WIMGA newsletter, <https://www.wimga.org/> We have two articles in this month honoring our members Wendy, Julie, and Chris. Congratulation to all of you for your time in making others smile and pause a moment to take in the beauty of nature.

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

[https://
learningstore.extension.wisc.edu](https://learningstore.extension.wisc.edu)

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

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

[http://labs.russell.wisc.edu/
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<https://pddc.wisc.edu/>

[http://
grantcountymastergardeners.we
ebly.com/online-reporting---
forms-reports.html](http://grantcountymastergardeners.weebly.com/online-reporting---forms-reports.html)



HOURS: Don't panic time is not running out yet for hours that are due this year. With the new year running December 31, 2020 we have 3 extra months. You can come up with 10 hours of Continuing Ed hours by watching or listening to webinars, Public Radio with Larry Meiller, and the Plant Plus Series.



Level 2: Plants Plus Series – a remix of new and past training presentations, printed materials and other references focused on specific plants or topics to help you increase your knowledge so you can better answer homeowner questions. To get **2 hours** of continuing education credit, complete the videos, reading and take a short quiz!

This Plants Plus package focuses on gardening options for smaller spaces. Go to <https://wimastergardener.org/article/small-space-gardening/> to get started.

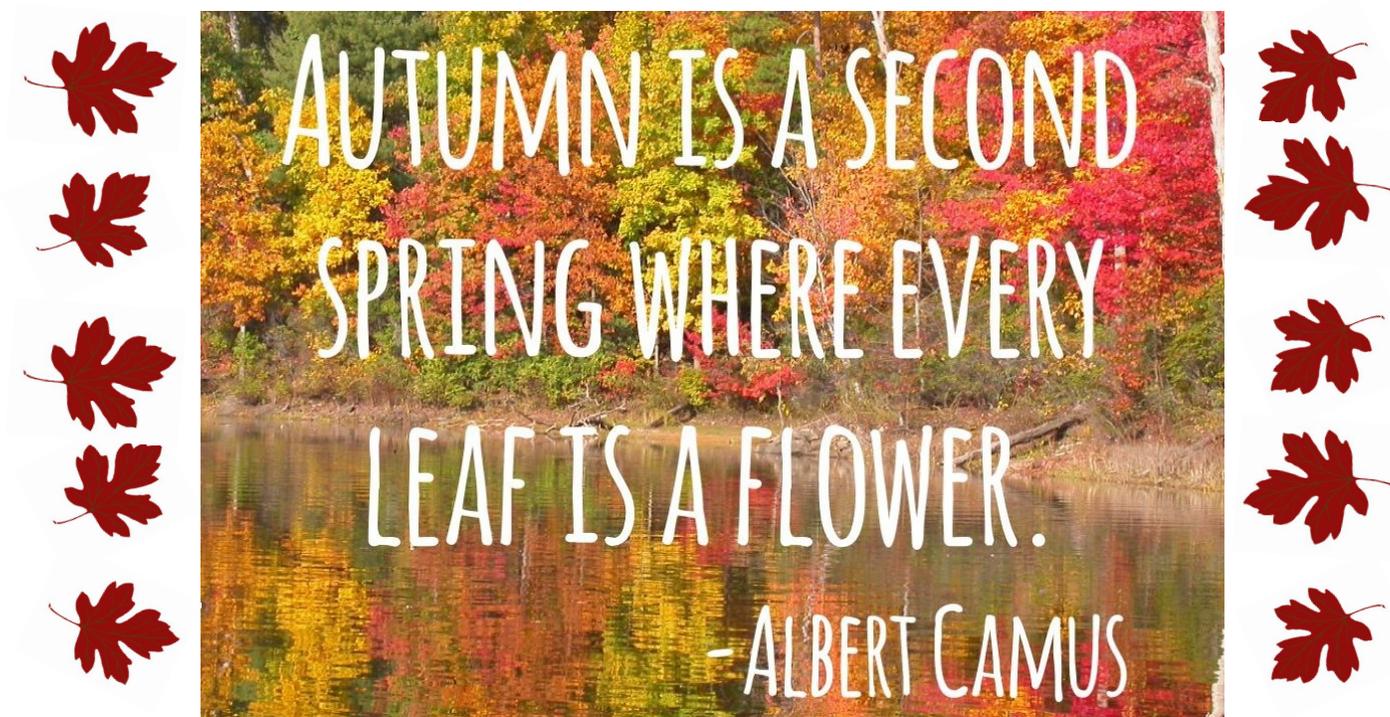
THANK YOU!

THANK YOU: Goes out to all that participated in our first virtual plant sale this year. The plant sale committee did an excellent job in organizing everything from list of plants, emails to participants, and packaging orders.

We were able to use the crop building for set up, but had to keep a minimum of 10 people. It was a beautiful day. so everything went outside and the customers drove through to pick up their plants

which were boxed together in orders and ready to go. We all jumped for joy when the last one went out because we did not have to babysit them anymore this year.

We are already talking about how to do a spring sale. Let's hope the virus is gone or at least we can do face to face by then.



ZOOM MEETING: September 17, at 6:30PM. I will have Amanda send out the information so you can log in. We have end-of-year information we need to discuss and I would like your opinions in person this time.



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