

September 2018 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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Time's Up

Your volunteer hour submission form deadline is October 1, 2018. You may submit them any time before then. Please submit them by mail or e-mail to Terry Wood (75 Preston Dr, Platteville, WI 53818, woodfam@centurytel.net). You will find the form on our website. Your yearly dues of \$10.00 should be included, or pay at the September meeting. This covers both WIMGA and our local organization.



Grant County Fair

Thank you to Melody Bahr and Mary Rasmussen for all their help with the fair booth display. Corey and I were able to assist throughout the event. The photo cut out was a huge hit with the fair crowd. Both children and adults enjoyed it. On Saturday, Mary and I helped 28 kids plant Spider, Snake or Goosefoot plants. Children decorated the pot with burlap and ribbon. Thank you to all who donated plants. We displayed over twenty plants. One woman purchased pots when we were cleaning up and donated \$10.00.

Others were given away.



Pictured are Eila and Wyatt George with their decorated pots and plant.

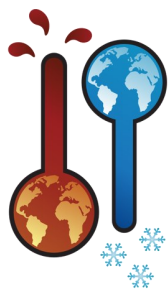
Important Websites for MGVs: <http://wimastergardener.org>

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

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

Inquiries for MGV Training

Names are being collected for interested parties for future MGV training. If you know of somebody interested, ask him or her to call the UWEX office and submit his or her name. We are not offering training this year in order to give Amanda Cauffman, our new Agriculture Educator, time to adjust to her duties.



September Meeting

Chris Underwood from UWP will be speaking on TREES AND CLIMATE CHANGE. Our regular meeting is September 20, to begin at 6:30 PM at the Youth and Ag Building, followed by refreshments and then our speaker. Wendy will be leading the meeting.

A GOODBYE TO KAREN MAHONEY

Karen will be moving to Delavan, WI. with a target date of October 15. She will be closer to her two sons and her daughter will be only 1 ½ hours away. Karen has been a dedicated member to our group and secretary for the 9th year. Karen we wish you the best on your new adventure. Please know that we will miss you and hope you find another MGVA association!

PROJECT UPDATES



The August 1 event **GARDENS, GREENS and GADGETS** was attended by over 100! A big thank you to all MGVA who helped Corey with the booth, demonstrations and gift basket.

The Food Wise Boscobel garden by Chris Swans was highlighted in the Boscobel Dial with pictures provided by Chris. All through the summer, she has been weighing and counting the vegetables. We are awaiting the year-end report, but I know it has been very successful!

In the works by Wendy Johnson is an opportunity to form a partnership with the **Platteville Mining Museum**. Wendy will be reporting soon on this.

Appearing at the Belmont Community Fair will be our Display Board with handouts on September 15.

SAVE THE DATES

March 23, 2019 is booked at Vesperman's for our Fourth Convention! May 11, 2019 is our Plant Sale and May 10 is the set up date.

PLANT SALE 2019

I have been walking through my garden noting what plants to divide and donate for the 2019 plant sale. There is enough room in my garden so I start a row with plants and shrubs that I will donate. I find it is much easier for me to do this in the fall then in the busy spring. So far, I have Hydrangeas, Peonies, Spirea, and a few miscellaneous items. You might consider doing this in your garden! Remember to save bulbs also!

TEE SHIRT ORDER

Several people have suggested we order Tee Shirts again. Corey will be gathering suggestions for a new design. At our events, the public has shown interest in purchasing them also. We need to think about this. Do we want two colors, one for members, one for the public? Please submit your garden inspirational saying and/or design to Corey at cweydert@grantregional.com or bring it to the September 20 meeting. **We would like to vote on this on September 20 and possibly have our shirts by November's meeting.**



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