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Upper Midwest Regional Master Gardener Conference	5	For more details see the official conference website click here .

Laura Kasdorf, CVMGA Co-President



Calendar of Events 2016

August

- 8** **CVMGA Meeting**, Growing Hops, at the home of Jerry Clark, 12783 115th Avenue, Chippewa Falls, WI

September

- 12** **CVMGA Meeting**, Straw Bale Gardening, Joy Lancour, location TBD.
- 14-16** **Upper Midwest Regional Master Gardener Conference**, Chula Vista Resort, Wisconsin Dells, WI



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CHIPPEWA COUNTY MASTER GARDENER INFORMATION

2016 BOARD of DIRECTORS

Co-Presidents:	Sharon Bergstad (2016)
	Laura Kasdorf (2017)
Secretary:	Sandy Kenner (2016)
Treasurer:	Shirley Blizek (2017)
Membership Director:	Mary Jo Fleming (2017)
Directors at Large:	Sue Crisp (2016)
	Steve Hesselberg (2016)
	Joy Lancour (2016)
	Sue Larson (2016)
	Elaine Olsen (2016)

Elections are held each November.

CVMGA Committees

Pollinator Garden:	Mary Jo Fleming bingnjo@charter.net
Think Spring Seminar:	Laura Kasdorf wolterkasdorf@sbcglobal.net (715-726-1963)
Exhibits/Activities:	Mary Jo Fleming Linda Stockinger ldstocking@aol.com
Programming:	Laura Kasdorf
Bluebird Trail:	Mary Jo Fleming

Newsletter Deadline

Information for the Master Gardener Newsletter is due by the 15th of the month, for the next month's newsletter.

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CVMGA Committees

Master Gardeners Association has a variety of committees our volunteers can participate in. Please see the descriptions below and contact the committee lead if you are interested in helping.

Pollinator Garden Committee: Help plant, label, and manage the native plant pollinator garden at Northern Wisconsin State Fairgrounds.

Think Spring Committee 2017: Help organize venue, speakers, and vendors for 2017.



Exhibits/Activities Committees: Keep our master gardener exhibits up to date and work on activities that we can use at venues such as fairs and other events where we are invited to display what we do.

Program Committee: Work with the board to set up programs and activities for CVMGA members.

Bluebird Committee: Organize a schedule for the nesting season and plan work parties to clean and repair boxes on the Old Abe Bluebird Trail.

Volunteer Opportunities

Articles for the Herald Telegram and the MG newsletter

If interested in writing articles for the Chippewa Herald Green Space column, please let me know. Articles are to be 600-700 words and written with a conversational tone. A photo or graphic and be included as well. Articles will be due on Friday of each week. If interested, please let me know and I will put a schedule together.

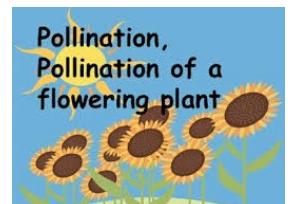
Use your creative writing skills to share your knowledge of gardening with the Chippewa Falls community and the Master Gardeners. Contact Jerry Clark at 715-726-7955 or by email at jerome.clark@ces.uwex.edu

Pollinator Garden Update

The pollinator garden was blooming for the fair and received lots of praise. If you haven't had a chance to see it, the fairgrounds are always open. There are several new additions to the garden space. The Bloomer Middle School Art Club painted bees and butterflies on the newly painted building behind the garden. Next year, when the plants reach full size, they will appear to be flitting above them. A special thank you goes to Mary Ann Gumness, a Bloomer art teacher, who supervised the project. CVMGA also donated a sign identifying the planting as a pollinator garden.



Mary Jo Fleming



Chippewa Valley Master Gardener Exhibit at the 2016 Northern Wisconsin State Fair

This year's fair booth was all about pollinator gardens and monarchs and caterpillars and kids. The booth kept the volunteers busy answering questions, giving presentations, making butterfly craft projects, and trying to keep Linda Stockinger's little caterpillars healthy and active. "Be gentle" and "They'll tickle" was the advice of the day. We used plastic models of the different monarch stages to give the real guys a break over the weekend. Over 330 visors were made and whole families listened to the story of monarchs. There were many requests for information from people who wanted to know more about pollinators and what to plant in their gardens. We had a list of plants that we used in our fair garden and native plant catalogs for those who requested them. The booth drew a lot of attention this year, and the volunteers enjoyed it as much as the kids. Thanks to all our volunteers who put in long hours and made the booth a success:

Linda Stockinger, Mary Jo Fleming, Sue Larson, Gail Fox, Elaine Olson, Sue Crisp, Stacey Bucheger, Laura Kasdorf, and Sandy Kenner. Mary Jo Fleming





Helping Nature Thrive

Gardeners at the Dells

2016 Upper Midwest Regional Master Gardener Conference

September 14-17, 2016

Chula Vista Resort • Wisconsin Dells, WI

Keynote Speakers:



Jerry Apps - born and raised on a Wisconsin farm, is Professor Emeritus at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the author of more than 30 books, many of them on rural history and country life.



Dr. Stanley A. Temple - Beers-Bascom Professor Emeritus in Conservation at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and Senior Fellow at the Aldo Leopold Foundation.

September 14 - Registration and welcome reception

September 15 - Tour Day - Six tour options

September 16 - Three educational breakout sessions, six choices per session

September 17 - Educational breakout session with six choices and closing

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THE DATE**

**Raffles
Waterpark**

Silent Auction

Prizes

Vendor Showcase