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**President's Message**

Greetings Master Gardener Volunteers,

It has been a busy, and wet, summer. Time saved watering gardens was reallocated to picking off Japanese beetles and combating powdery mildew. With gardens it's always something, isn't it? And it is those unpredictable-from-year-to-year "somethings" that make gardening interesting and our job as MG educators important.

CVMGA members deserve pats on their respective backs for all the good work done this summer. Our projects at Lake Wissota State Park, the Northern Wisconsin State Fair, and on the bluebird trail have already, and will in the future, make an impact on our local environment. Through all the teachable moments by Master Gardeners with all they encounter at each venue the messages we promote will spread even farther. As will the innumerable hyssop seeds that we gave out during the fair. Expect to see lots of happy pollinators as they flit all over the Chippewa Valley and beyond to the gardens of those who received and planted those seeds for just that purpose.

Another pat on the back that, if given as enthusiastically as it is deserved, would knock the recipient flat, goes to Laura Franta for her long and faithful service as our local representative to the Wisconsin Master Gardener Association. Thank you Laura!

New MG Cathy Lombard has graciously agreed to fill the position of local representative and will jump right in by attending the WIMGA meeting being held in conjunction with the Masters of the Prairie convention in West Bend in October. Thank you Cathy! More information about that conference and the wonderful line up of tours and speakers can be found in the brochure attached to this newsletter.

Coming up this autumn we will have regular meetings in September, October, and November at the Courthouse on the second Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. In September we will have Jerry Clark as a speaker and begin our Think Spring 2018 planning. In October, Stacy Bucheger-Mazur will be our presenter. November will be our annual meeting. And in December we will go heavy on holiday fun and light on business as we meet on a Saturday morning to socialize and get creative together.

Gardens, fields, and forests in the Chippewa Valley are looking lush, green, and gorgeous. I for one, feel darn lucky to live in this beautiful place where we get to experience four distinct seasons (even if one is a bit brutally cold at times). The payoff for surviving harsh winters is bragging rights and a deeper appreciation for summer than many gardeners in higher numbered zones might experience. So, with summer drawing to a close we have fingers crossed for a nice, long, mellow autumn that lets us extend the harvest and be fully prepared for the season (which shall not be named) ahead.

*Laura Kasdorf  
CVMGA Co-President*

## Calendar of Events 2017

### September

11

**Meeting**, Chippewa County Courthouse, 6:30p.m., Preliminary Think Spring Planning, Speaker: Jerry Clark on Climate Change and It's Effects on Wisconsin



### October

9

**Meeting**, Chippewa County Courthouse, 6:30 p.m., Speaker: Stacey Bucheger-Manzur on Planning and Extending the Harvest

### November

13

**Meeting**, Chippewa County Courthouse, Annual Meeting and Pizza

### December

2

**Evergreen Floral Design Workshop**, 9:00 a.m., Presented by Shirley Blizek

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## CHIPPEWA COUNTY MASTER GARDENER INFORMATION

### 2017 BOARD of DIRECTORS

President: *Laura Kasdorf (2017)*  
 President Elect: *Dora Wood (2017)*  
 Past President: *Sharon Bergstad (2017)*  
 Secretary: *Gail Fox (2018)*  
 Treasurer: *Shirley Blizek (2017)*  
 Membership Director: *Mary Jo Fleming (2017)*  
 Directors at Large: *Sue Crisp (2017)*  
                                   *Elaine Olsen (2017)*  
                                   *Stacey Mazur (2017)*  
                                   *Mary Jo Fleming (2017)*  
                                   *Sandy Kenner (2017)*  
                                   *Peggy Sprague (2017)*

*Elections are held each November.*

### CVMGA Committees

Pollinator Garden: Mary Jo Fleming  
[bingnjo@charter.net](mailto:bingnjo@charter.net)

Think Spring Seminar: Laura Kasdorf  
[wolterkasdorf@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wolterkasdorf@sbcglobal.net)  
 (715-726-1963)

Exhibits/Activities: Mary Jo Fleming  
 Linda Stockinger  
[ldstocking@aol.com](mailto: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.

### UW-Extension Office Contacts, 715-726-7950

*Jerry Clark*, Crops & Soils Agent, [jerome.clark@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:jerome.clark@ces.uwex.edu)  
*Heather Lubs*, Administrative Assistant III, [hubs@co.chippewa.wi.us](mailto:hubs@co.chippewa.wi.us)

## Meeting Minutes

### Chippewa County Master Gardeners Association Meeting Minutes August 14, 2017 - 6:30 p.m. Lake Wissota State Park

In attendance: Beth Kalata; Peggy Sprague; Betsy Wacker; Stacey Mazur; Cathy Lombard; Rosie Weber; Sandy Kenner; Sharon Bergstad; Shirley Blizek; Laura Kasdorf; Dora Wood; Carol Weideman; Sue Crisp; and Gail Fox.

Pre-Meeting began at 4:30PM: Tour of the Lake Wissota State Park's new entrance/office building, the new Pollinator Garden, and a Prairie Restoration Project was conducted by Sue C. who has been a Campground Host at Lake Wissota State Park most of the summer. Sue also arranged for us to meet at the Nature Center, where we had a Potluck Dinner before our meeting.

Meeting was called to order by Laura K. at 6:25PM, with introductions around the table.

**Minutes:** Peggy S. moved to approve the minutes of the May meeting, seconded by Beth K., and unanimously passed without corrections.

**Treasurer's Report:** Shirley B. reported the current balance of accounts at \$17,123.04 plus and noted that we received \$621.44 for assisting with the Land Conservation Department Tree Sorting project at the NWS Fairgrounds on April 20, 2017.

#### Officer and Committee Reports:

Laura K. thanked everyone who worked at or assisted with the Northern Wisconsin State Fair booth and pollinator garden this summer. It was a very successful by all accounts. She also thanked Sue C. for this evening's tour and program and all those who helped at Lake Wissota State Park with the new pollinator garden and other projects over the summer.

#### Programs/Meetings:

**September 11, 2017** –We will be back at the Courthouse and Jerry Clark will make a presentation on "Climate Change in Wisconsin". We will also begin our Think Spring planning and form committees for this event.

**October 9, 2017** –Courthouse –Stacey M. will present a program on "Extending the Harvest".

**November 13, 2017** – is our Annual Meeting. Pizza will be served.

**December 2, 2017** – We will meet at the Avalon at 9:00AM for breakfast and have a Holiday Floral Arrangement Workshop led by Shirley B. Sandy K. will ask Jeff Rowan to reserve a room for us. Members are asked to bring their own container, pruners, and greens (if they have them), more to come.

#### Projects:

**Bluebirds** - Stacey M. and Beth K. reported the Bluebird Trail had a successful year and now the boxes are being cleaned out to prepare for next year.

**Pollinator Garden** - No report—but noted above—Thanks to all who helped work on it this year.

**Fair Week Activities** - Rosie W. reported there were many visitors to the booth of all ages. Linda Stockinger's Monarch Butterfly displays and presentations were a big hit, as were the visors, game, etc. Sandy K. gave a wonderful presentation on raising bees and honey as well. The booth and garden were very successful.

**Grant Projects** – Lake Wissota State Park Garden phase 2 in September and Sue C. will need help to plant. Dora W. will be conducting a "Porch Pots" workshop at the CF Senior Center in mid-October. Fee waived for member volunteers. Laura K. reminded everyone that there are Mini-Grants of up to \$250.00 for projects available to all members.

**Newsletter and Newspaper** – Jerry reminds us to take pictures of all projects and events as well as collecting clippings from the newspapers of our events. These are all helpful to writing articles and our annual report. Please note and submit information to our newsletter that would be helpful to our members.

#### Unfinished Business:

**WIMGA** - Cathy L. volunteered to become our new representative to WIMGA and Laura K., Dora W. and Cathy L. will be our representatives to the WIMGA October 2018 conference at the Lismore in Eau Claire. Others will be needed to assist with finding sponsors, door prizes, donations, etc.

#### New Business:

**Think Spring reservation for February 17, 2018** - The Avalon has increased their fee by \$100.00 and asked for a \$250.00 deposit to hold our reservation by September 30, 2017. Sue C. made a motion that we approve the raise in Avalon's fee and authorize Shirley B. to pay the deposit to the Avalon for our Think Spring event. The motion was seconded by Sharon B. and passed unanimously. There was a short discussion on the possibility of allowing the vendors to set up the night before if Avalon does not have another event.

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## Meeting Minutes (cont'd)

**Nominating Committee** – Both the Treasurer and the President Elect positions are up for nomination/election. Members are asked to consider filling these roles and stepping forward.

**Audit Committee** - Sue C. and Dora W. volunteered to be on this committee and perform the annual audit.

**Around the Room** – Alert-All hours for Master Gardeners are due October 15, 2017 to Jerry Clark; please note <http://wimastergardener.org/articles/> can be read for CE credit (0.5 hours each) if you note in the comments section a specific thing you learned and it is approved by Jerry C.

St Croix is holding a Last Chance Seminar in Ellsworth on September 30;

WFGC Digging in the Dells will be held at Chula Vista Resort on October 6 and 7;  
WIMGA Autumn on the Prairie is being held on October 13 & 14 in West Bend, WI.

Sandy K. moved that we make a donation of \$30.00 to the Friends of Lake Wissota State Park for hospitality and the use of the facilities for our meeting tonight. The motion was seconded by Sharon B. and passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned by Laura K. at 7:24PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gail Fox

If anyone has anything to contribute to the newsletter, please send your submission to Laura Kasdorf at [wolterkasdorf@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wolterkasdorf@sbcglobal.net) or Heather Lubs at [heather.lubs@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:heather.lubs@ces.uwex.edu).

Whether it be an interesting article, recipe, tips and tricks or a garden related craft we would like to make this monthly newsletter great and interesting for all.



## REMINDER:

**Volunteer/Continued Education Yearly Record is due to Jerry Clark in the Chippewa County UW-Extension Office by October 15, 2017.**

## Upcoming Events/Education Opportunities

**St. Croix MG Propagation and Roses** (Last Chance for Education Hours) Seminar in Ellsworth, September 29 (brochure attached)

**WFGC Digging in the Dells** – Chula Vista Resort, October 6-7 (brochure attached)

**WIMGA Autumn on the Prairie** - West Bend, WI (brochure attached)

And don't forget - **WI master gardener articles** Most of the horticulture information articles posted <http://wimastergardener.org/articles/> can be read for CE credit (0.5 hours each) if approved by the local County Coordinator. To get CE, you must note in the comments a specific thing you learned. If there is no comment box, that article cannot be used for CE (these include articles about botanic gardens, All-America Selections winners and a few others).

## Committee Reports

### Chippewa Valley Master Gardener Volunteer Project Grant 2017-Lake Wissota State Park Butterfly Garden

The Planning for the monarch butterfly garden at Lake Wissota State Park started in March of 2017. The layout of the site began in May. Phase one consisting of mulching and planting pollinator friendly shrubs began the first week of June. It also included a birdbath and sundial. By the end of June, additional native pollinator garden plants were donated and planted.

The cost of phase one was over \$900.00 dollars. The Friends of Lake Wissota State Park matched the \$250.00 grant of Chippewa Valley Master Gardener Association. Additional funds of \$100.00 came from Friends of Wisconsin State Parks and private donations.

The volunteers from CVMGA included Sue Crisp, Mary Jo Fleming, Betsy Wacker, Rosie Weber, and Laura Kasdorf's husband, as well as, members of Friends of Lake Wissota State Park. They donated 70.5 hours as of July 15, 2017.

## Youth Opportunity

### The Chippewa-Eau Claire County Beekeeping Association is looking for a 2018 Honey Queen.

Qualifications Include:

- Must be at least a senior in high school.
- Willing to learn about beekeeping? As Honey Queen you will be out in the public educating and promoting the honey industry.
- Willing to give talks and demonstrations.
- Able to travel by oneself?
- Will be required to dress professionally in dresses that are at least knee length with suit jacket.
- Attention to detail and prompt.
- Grammar skills for writing articles.

There are scholarships available. The honey queen program offers a young woman many experiences that will help her with employability skills, communication skills, and time management skills.

If you know of a young lady that you feel will be interested in this position, please have her contact Karri Burzynski (Queen Program chair), Chippewa-Eau Claire County Beekeepers Association by email at [karri\\_22us@yahoo.com](mailto:karri_22us@yahoo.com) or by phone at 715-644-5681.

## 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 2018:** Help organize venue, speakers, and vendors for 2018.

**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.

## Future Dates to be aware of:

**October 15, 2017** - Master Gardener Continued Education/Volunteer Hours report to Jerry Clark at the UWEX Office.

**November 13, 2017** - Annual Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Courthouse - Room 16

**February, 17, 2018** - CVMGA Think Spring Seminar at the Avalon Hotel and Conference Center.

**September 21-22, 2018** - WIMGA Autumn at the River Conference at the Lismore Hotel in Eau Claire. Event hosted by the St. Croix, Eau Claire, Dunn, Chippewa And Barron County Master Gardeners.

## Volunteer Opportunities

### School Conservation Day

School Conservation Day is an outdoor event geared towards 5th grade students to teach them about various conservation/outdoor related topics such as conserving energy, protecting groundwater, surveying, outdoor safety and a day in the life of a warden just to name a few.

Linda Stockinger is looking for assistance with the Chippewa Valley Master Gardeners presentation on "Investigating Pollinators" for the School Conservation Days. Dates and places are Thursday, September 21 at Brunet Island State Park in Cornell from 9:45 am-1:30 pm. The second date is Thursday, September 28 at Lake Wissota State Park with the same time-frame. For more information contact Linda at [ldstocking@aol.com](mailto:ldstocking@aol.com).



### Winter Porch Pot Class

A winter porch pot class is planned for Thursday, November 16, 2017 beginning at 1:30 p.m. at the Chippewa Falls Senior Center. If you are available to assist with this class please contact Dora Wood at 715-828-3856 or by email at [chuckdora1986@aol.com](mailto:chuckdora1986@aol.com). Dora will need assistance with guiding participants with their project or help with supplies, etc. The cost of the class is \$20.00. If you would also like to participate and make your own porch pot you may contact the Senior Center at 715-720-1666 to register.

### Lake Wissota State Park (LWSP) Pollinator Garden

Volunteers will be needed the week of September 11th at the Lake Wissota State park to plant wildflower plugs and bulbs. If interested, please email Laura Kasdorf at [wolterkasdorf@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wolterkasdorf@sbcglobal.net) or call at 715-861-3253. If you signed up at the August CVMG meeting you are already on the list.





### Voluntary Demographic Data

As an EEO/AA employer, UW-Extension strives to provide programs and employment opportunities without discrimination. To help us improve our civil rights efforts, please complete the following. This information will only be used by UW-Extension for the express purpose of civil rights compliance and is NOT kept in the MG Program database and is NOT connected with an individual's personal information other than county.

**Race** (check one):

- White
- African American
- American Indian/Alaska Native
- Asian
- Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
- Some other race
- Two or more races

**Ethnicity** (check one):

- Hispanic or Latino
- Not Hispanic or Latino

**Gender** (check one):

- Male
- Female

**Year of Birth** \_\_\_\_\_

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**If you want your name, address, phone and email withheld from lists that are released upon request, please sign and date the following statement (this must be submitted annually):**

I do not want the University of Wisconsin-Extension to reveal my name, address, or telephone number to the public as part of a record or list.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**INDIVIDUAL WI MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEER  
SERVICE HOURS & CONTINUING EDUCATION  
YEARLY RECORD SHEET**

Use the first page of this form to record your Master Gardener volunteer activities and C.E. hours. *Keep a copy for your files*, then turn in hours to the recordkeeper listed by the deadline, unless an earlier date is specified by your training facilitator.

- Intern MGVs** – record volunteer hours for initial certification. Additional Continuing Education hours are **NOT** required the first year (but you can record them anyway). A minimum of 24 hours of volunteer service are required.
- MGVs recertifying** – record both volunteer and continuing education hours. A minimum of 24 hours of volunteer service and 10 hours of continuing education are required annually.
- MGVs inactive for 5 or more years** – record volunteer and continuing education hours. A minimum of 24 hours of volunteer service and 20 hours CE are required. Recertification for the next year returns to 10 hours CE.
- Out-of-State MG seeking WI certification** – contact your local Extension agent or the MG Program Office for guidelines.

All volunteer projects and C.E. should be for UW-Extension sponsored programs or projects or community or civic group projects or programs, and **should be approved by the local sponsoring UW-Extension Agent**. **Travel time** based on the time a MGV leaves home until returning home, minus personal errands, and **preparation and research time** on projects or programs can be included in volunteer service hours. (Travel time to CE programs **cannot be counted**.)

**Record volunteer hours by the following categories:**

<b>Youth Education (Youth Ed)</b> – volunteer hours dedicated to youth education e.g. 4-H projects & activities, county fair, youth clubs & organizations, school classroom presentations,		
<b>Community Education (Comm. Ed)</b> – volunteer hours dedicated to adult/community education e.g. recycling, water quality & environmental displays & presentations, Farmer’s Market, Gardenline, trips or tours for the public, group presentations, writing articles for newspapers, newsletters or websites, etc. This includes researching and preparing for presentations.		
<b>Support Services</b> – volunteer hours dedicated to service projects e.g. community beautification, water quality and environmental projects, community committees, and research projects. Also coordinating MG activities, newsletters, or UW-Ext. office projects, meetings by officers, committees and board members of local MG associations and the WIMGA and local MG meetings, <u>but only</u> for portions of meetings dedicated to planning or working on Extension approved programs or projects.		
<b>Continuing Education (CE)</b> – education hours from attending programs offered by:		
<input type="checkbox"/> UW-Extension.....		
Level 2 MG Training	Horticulture webinars	Research Station Field days
Weekly summer Hort Update programs	Materials from UW-Media Collection	International MG Conference
Advanced Hort programs	WIMGA Annual Conference	Other Ext. programs
Public Radio Show hosting Ext. Specialists	Regional MG Conference	Other states’ Ext. programs
<input type="checkbox"/> Groups or businesses that focus on horticulture topics or leadership skill development, such as .....		
Master Gardeners	Tech Schools	Guided Garden Tours
Garden Centers	Universities or Colleges	WI Gardener on Public TV
Botanical Gardens	Trade Shows	WI DNR or other state agencies

**NOTE:** While gardening books, unapproved television programs, the Internet and self guided garden tours are encouraged, they **DO NOT QUALIFY** for Continuing Education recertification hours. The quality of this information is variable and difficult to evaluate. The WI Gardener and other selected TV programs approved by the local sponsoring UW-Extension Agent **DO** qualify.

## Registration

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

### Registration fee:

\$15 payable to SCVMGA  
Includes lunch on site

**Mail to:** SCVMGA – Reschke  
2630 Overlook Ave N.  
Stillwater, MN 55082

### Questions:

Phone: 612-708-9393  
Email: [vickie.reschke@gmail.com](mailto:vickie.reschke@gmail.com)

### Directions to Seyforth Building:

#### From Hudson

94E to 35S (River Falls exit) to 65S to Ellsworth and Fairgrounds

#### From Menomonie

94W to 35S (River Falls exit) to 65S to Ellsworth and Fairgrounds

#### From Red Wing

63N to 10E to 65N to Ellsworth and Fairgrounds

#### From Prescott

10E 50 65N to Ellsworth and Fairgrounds

## Workshop Schedule

9:00 a.m.- 9:25 a.m. Registration & chat time

9:25 a.m.- 9:30 a.m. Welcome & Housekeeping

9:30 a.m. **Brian Smith, Professor of Horticulture**  
*Budding and Grafting Propagation Techniques*

11 a.m. Break – check out displays

11:15 a.m. **David Zlesak, Associate Professor of Horticulture**  
*The Cutting Edge of Landscape Roses*

12:15 Lunch

1:15 p.m. **Vickie Reschke**  
*Propagating Sedum*

1:50 p.m. Break – check out displays

2:00 p.m. **Jonna Klukas, Garden Expressions**  
*Fall Wreath Demonstration*

2:50 p.m. Wrap-up/drawing

3:00 p.m. End of Conference



Western District Specialized  
Master Gardener Volunteer Workshop

## “Propagation and Roses”

Last chance  
for education /volunteer hours

# 2017



## Saturday September 30th

**Seyforth Building**  
**Pierce County Fairgrounds**  
**364 North Maple Street**  
**Ellsworth, WI 54011**

S.C.V.M.G.A. is proud to host and sponsor the eighth annual Western District Round-Robin Specialized Master Gardener Volunteer workshop.

Our workshop is open to all certified and intern master gardener volunteers.

Western District Specialized MGV workshops provide excellent and very low cost opportunities for education hours learning about a variety of topics presented at a high level by experts.

St. Croix Valley Master Gardener Association is an all-volunteer organization sponsored by the University of Wisconsin-Extension. Visit our web sites for more information.

[www.wimastergardener.org/?q=StCroixValley](http://www.wimastergardener.org/?q=StCroixValley)  
or [scvmga.weebly.com](http://scvmga.weebly.com)

## 2017 Speakers

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### **Brian Smith, Ph.D.**

*Professor of Horticulture  
Director, Fruit Research, Extension  
and Teaching Facility, UWRF*

#### **Budding and Grafting Propagation Techniques**

Ever tried budding or grafting and had a miserable failure? So did the ancient Romans but they eventually honed their skills! Learn the mild to wild possibilities with this evolving concept. Timing and techniques to ensure success whether humans and/or machines are being used. Emphasis will be on fruit trees but grafting of seedling vegetables will also be explored. Learn which rootstocks to use, when to collect budwood and scionwood and critical aftercare of your grafted plants.

### **David Zlesak, Ph.D.**

*Associate Professor of Horticulture  
UWRF Plant and Earth Science Department*

#### **The Cutting Edge of Landscape Roses**

There are significant changes underway in the breeding, testing, production, distribution and use of landscape roses. Spurred on by high consumer expectations, recent research, and creative innovation by industry to satisfy customers in a tight economy, there is much to look forward to in the rose industry. There is an increasing push to regional trialing and marketing of regionally superior cultivars and greater commitment than ever to roses with truly elevated disease resistance. Strong performing newer roses for the upper Midwest will be highlighted.

### **Vickie Reschke**

*SCVMGA Master Gardener*

#### **Propagating succulents**

### **Jonna Klukas**

*Garden Expressions*

#### **Fall Wreath Demonstration**

THANKS to our  
speakers

THANK YOU to all our  
MG Volunteer workers!

THANKS to Pierce County  
Fair for space!

Wisconsin Garden Club Federation

Presents

# *Digging in the Dells*

A Gathering for Gardeners

October 6 & 7, 2017



**CHULA VISTA RESORT  
2501 RIVER ROAD WISCONSIN DELLS, WI**

**Information & On-line Registration:  
[wisconsinclub.org](http://wisconsinclub.org)**

# *Digging in the Dells* – A Gathering for Gardeners: Schedule of Events

## Friday, October 6, 2017

8:00 - 5:30	Registration Pick up your name badge, proceedings and one free raffle ticket.
9:00 - 9:30	Board bus for Tour A Gather in the Chula Vista Lobby
9:30 - 3:00	Tour A: Aldo Leopold Foundation & International Crane Foundation with box lunch Stretch your legs with a walk on the wild side of the Dells area.
11:00 - 6:00	Vendors, Raffle, Silent Auction Shop for special gardening, personal and home decorating items.
12:30 - 1:30	Seminar A: Noel Valdes Learn how to create a raised bed veggie garden without all the hard work.
1:45 - 2:45	Seminar B: Nathan Larson Learn how you can help bring fresh food to schools through the WSGN.
3:30 - 4:30	Seminar C: Rob Zimmer Learn how to landscape your shade garden with Hostas and native plants.
5:30 - 6:30	Reception Spend some time with your fellow gardeners and meet our dinner speaker.
6:30 - 8:30	Dinner & Presentation: Mark Dwyer Enjoy dinner then learn how to create winter interest in your garden.
8:30 - 9:30	Live Auction Bid on fantastic treasures during this spirited event.

## Saturday, October 7, 2017

8:30 - 5:00	Registration Pick up your name badge, proceedings and one free raffle ticket.
8:00 - 6:00	Vendors, Raffle, Silent Auction Shop for special gardening, personal and home decorating items.
9:00 - 9:45	Seminar D: Joe Cook Learn how Sparta High School students help the environment with recycling food.
10:00 - 11:00	Seminar E: Luke Klobberdanz "Walk" the Ice Age Trail as you learn about one of only 11 National Scenic Trails in the country.
11:30 - 1:30	Presentation & Lunch: Bernadette Williams Learn about the newest exotic species invading our landscapes: jumping worms, then enjoy lunch.
1:45 - 2:15	Board boat for Tour B Follow the trail directly from the hotel to the boat dock or grab a lift on the shuttle.
2:15 - 4:15	Tour B: Upper Dells Boat Tour Relax and enjoy the scenery as you hear of Wisconsin's river heritage and geology.
2:15 - 4:15	Workshop A: Painting & Wine (Space is limited to 25 participants.) Explore your inner artist as you paint a garden scene and sip a bit of Wisconsin wine.
2:15 - 4:15	Workshop B: Floral Design (Space is limited to 25 participants.) Create your own floral masterpiece using seasonal flowers.
5:00 - 8:30	Evening with Melinda Myers Mingle with fellow gardeners and meet Melinda while getting your book signed prior to enjoying dinner then learn how to make your garden friendly for pollinators of all kinds.

# Digging in the Dells – A Gathering for Gardeners: Speakers, Tours & Workshops



## Keynote - An Evening with Melinda Myers

**Saturday, 10/7/2017 5:00 - 6:15 (Reception & Book Signing), 6:30 (Dinner & Presentation)**

*Digging into a Pollinator's Garden/Gardening Q & A*

Nationally known gardening expert, TV/radio host, author & columnist Melinda has over 30 years of horticulture experience and has written over 20 gardening books, including *Small Space Gardening*, *MN & WI Getting Started Garden Guide*, *MN & WI Month-by-Month Gardening* and the *Midwest Gardener's Handbook*. She hosts the nationally-syndicated "Melinda's Garden Moment" TV and radio program and the internationally distributed Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" DVD series, including the latest *Food Gardening for Everyone* DVD set. She is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* and *Wisconsin Gardening* magazines and writes the twice-monthly "Gardeners' Questions" newspaper column. Prior to her current media work, Melinda hosted "The Plant Doctor" radio show for over 20 years as well as seven seasons of "Great Lakes Gardener" on PBS. Myers holds a master's degree in horticulture and she was a tenured horticulture instructor. Melinda has received recognition and numerous awards, including the national American Horticultural Society's B.Y. Morrison Communication Award.



## *Digging into Recycling*

**Joe Cook - Seminar D**

**Saturday, 10/7/17 9:00 - 9:45**

Joe is in his 25th year of teaching German at Sparta High School. Since 2008, he has supervised the school's Earth Club. His dedication to conservation and the environment began at an early age while watching his grandparents farm their land with an interest in preserving woodlands and croplands. The Earth Club has been doing multiple things to reduce its footprint on the environment while helping the district financially. They set up a district recycling and sustainability program that includes the purchase of an Ecovim©. This is an industrial type food dehydrator that recycles the high school's food waste. Using student raised funds, matched by the school board, the dehydrator was purchased in 2014. This is the first in any high school in the nation. The dehydrator produces gray water and an inert soil augmentation. Joe and his students have received much recognition via news media. Recently, state recognition from the DNR came in the form of the Recycling Excellence Award for Projects and Initiatives.



## *Digging into Winter Garden Interest*

**Mark Dwyer - Dinner & Presentation**

**Friday, 10/6/2017 6:30 (5:30 Reception)**

Mark has been the Director of Horticulture at Rotary Botanical Gardens in Janesville, WI for the past 18 years. He directs the continued maintenance and improvement of this 20-acre botanical resource with a talented grounds staff and many dedicated volunteers. Mark previously worked at Fernwood Botanical Garden (Niles, MI) and as a landscape designer in Appleton, WI. Mark has degrees in landscape architecture (University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana) and urban forestry (UW-Stevens Point). Mark's true passion is obtaining, growing, observing and photographing all types of plants. Mark also blogs daily from the gardens at [www.rotarybotanicalgardens.org](http://www.rotarybotanicalgardens.org).



## *Digging into The Ice Age Trail*

**Luke Kloberdanz - Seminar E**

**Saturday, 10/7/17 10:00 - 11:00**

Luke leads the Ice Age Trail Alliance's Outreach & Education programs. This includes managing Saunters, the IATA's school hiking program, coordinating outreach events, and designing training opportunities for volunteers. Luke utilizes his considerable skills as a teacher towards getting kids out of the four walls of the classroom and into an experience with nature. Saunters is the Alliance's primary youth engagement program that helps over 1,000 youth experience the Trail as a medium for learning and personal well-being. He also makes connections with communities and partners to create new opportunities to get people out on the Ice Age Trail. Luke lives in Lodi with wife Letha & sons Gus and Wynn.

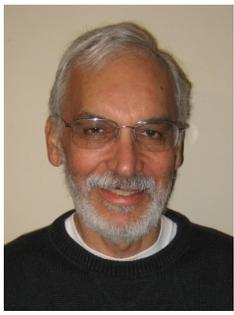


## *Digging into School Gardens*

**Nathan Larson - Seminar B**

**Friday, 10/6/2017 1:45 - 2:45**

Nathan is the director of the Wisconsin School Garden Network, which is supported by Community GroundWorks, the UW-Madison Environmental Design Lab and other partners around the state. Over the past two decades, Nathan has worked to grow the fields of farm and garden-based education locally, statewide and nationally. He is the author of *Teaching in Nature's Classroom: Core Principles of Garden-Based Education*, which has reached over 6,000 educators in every state in the U.S. and over 40 countries around the world since its release in 2016. Nathan serves on the leadership group for the National School Garden Network and on the board of directors for the Wisconsin Association for Environmental Education.



### **Digging into Raised Veggie Gardens**

#### **Noel Valdes - Seminar A**

**Friday, 10/6/2017 12:30 - 1:30**

Noel Valdes is a home gardener and the owner of CobraHead LLC, Cambridge, WI. CobraHead produces garden hand tools of Noel's design. Noel has been perfecting open raised bed vegetable growing for over 30 years. He writes about and gives

talks promoting the use of open raised beds for food production in the home garden. Intensively grown raised beds can work in most home gardens. They can be low cost and require no power tools and minimal external inputs. Noel and his wife Judy maintain a blog for CobraHead and they publish a newsletter periodically. Noel writes about gardening and growing food. Judy writes about the recipes that she creates to prepare the homegrown bounty. Noel is the past president of the Direct Gardening Association, and is a member of the Garden Writers Association. Noel believes that a return to small-scale food production is essential for the health of the planet.

### **Digging into Jumping Worms**



#### **Bernie Williams - Presentation & Lunch**

**Saturday, 10/7/2017 11:30**

Bernadette (Bernie) loves worms and plants (native and invasive) and she considers herself very lucky to have a job that allows her to work with both. She is the WI DNR Invasive Plants and Earthworms Outreach Specialist. Bernie graduated from the University of Pitts-

burgh and found herself in Wisconsin after obtaining her master's degree. While she is still trying to figure out why the hills here are called "mountains," Wisconsin has become home. If you take one thing away from her presentation, Bernie hopes its curiosity and intrigue. Everyone, every plant, every worm, has a story to tell and the key to understanding is to listen, learn and watch. You never know, you may just walk away having a soft spot for those 'villains' invading your garden.

### **Digging into Shade Gardening with Hostas and Native Plants**



#### **Rob Zimmer - Seminar C & Book Signing**

**Friday, 10/6/2017 3:30 - 4:30**

Rob is an award-winning nature and garden author, columnist and radio host who has written for many daily newspapers throughout Wisconsin such as the *Manitowoc Herald Times Reporter*, *Fond du Lac Reporter*, *Appleton Post-Crescent*, *Green Bay Press-Gazette*, *Oshkosh Northwestern*.

His columns also appear weekly in the *Wisconsin State Farmer*. He is the author of the books *Voices of the Wind: Four Seasons in Wild Wisconsin*, *Wild Seasons: The Beauty of Native Wildflowers*, *Shadows and Light: Showcasing a Hosta Love Affair*, *Color By Nature*, *Spring Is My Season*, *Summer Is*

*My Season*, *Fall Is My Season*, *Winter Is My Season*, *Don't Forget Where You Belong* and *Reflecting: Nature in Black and White*. His features and photographs have also appeared in a number of magazines, including *Wisconsin Gardening*, *Wisconsin Sportsman*, *Michigan Out-of-Doors*, *Wisconsin Natural Resources*, *Bird Watcher's Digest*, *Birders World*, *Wildlife Conservation*, *Country Journal*, *Silent Sports and Camping Today*. Rob also hosts the radio program *Outdoors with Rob Zimmer*, every Saturday, on WHBY radio.

### **Tour A: Digging the Environment & Landscape**

#### **Guided Tours of the Aldo Leopold Foundation & Shack and the International Crane Foundation - Friday 10/6 9:30 - 3:00**

Enjoy a scenic bus ride through the colorful Wisconsin countryside to the Aldo Leopold Foundation established, by the Leopold family, to inspire an ethical, caring relationship between people and nature through Leopold's legacy. Visit Aldo Leopold's Shack in the woods and learn about the foundation's conservation efforts through its LEED building and landscaping. Box lunch served on-site. Then it is on to the International Crane Foundation (ICF) to learn about the foundation's mission to conserve cranes and their ecosystems. The ICF is the only place on the planet where you can see all 15 of the world's crane species. While meeting the cranes, visitors walk among the surrounding prairie and peaceful landscapes.

### **Tour B: Digging the Wisconsin River's Upper Dells**

#### **Guided Boat Tour on the River - Saturday 10/7 2:15 - 4:15**

Board the boat from the Chula Vista dock and take a peaceful journey to view fantastic fall color along the Wisconsin River. Learn about the ecology of the river as the on-board naturalist describes this path of the ancient glaciers. Pass by cliffs, narrows and take a short stroll through the woods. You may even see the famous cliff-jumping dog at Stand Rock.

### **Workshop A: Digging into Garden Painting & Wine**

#### **Painting and Wine Tasting - Saturday, 10/7 2:15 - 4:15**

Enjoy this fun experience as an artist guides you step by step to create a painting of your choice - all while sipping a glass of Wisconsin wine. No prior painting knowledge necessary, must be over 21 to receive included wine ticket. (Limited to 25 participants.)

### **Workshop B: Digging into Floral Design**

#### **Floral Design - Saturday, 10/7 2:15 - 4:15**

Create and take home a seasonal floral design to brighten your home. Learn special tips and techniques from an expert floral design instructor. Have fun with flowers! No experience necessary, all materials included. (Limited to 25 participants.)

**Extras: Do you own a book authored by one of our speakers? Bring it along for a book signing or purchase a book on-site. Enjoy unique vendors, fantastic raffle and silent auction items as well as a hilarious live auction on Friday night. Don't miss the lovely floral designs throughout the event.**



**Registration**  
**Wisconsin Garden Club Federation**  
*Digging in the Dells*  
**A Gathering for Gardeners**



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

WGCF Member Garden Club & District (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

**Register for full time package or individual events. Package includes items marked (\*). Package does NOT include tours or workshops - extra fee required. Please check all that apply. Thank you!**

	<b>Full Time Package*</b> includes 10/6 Reception & Dinner, 10/7 Lunch & Dinner, all presentations & seminars – early bird deadline 9/1/2017	\$140
	<b>WGCF Member Full Time Package*</b> includes 10/6 Reception & Dinner, 10/7 Lunch & Dinner, all presentations & seminars – early bird deadline 9/1/2017	\$125
	<b>Tour A:</b> Aldo Leopold Foundation, International Crane Foundation, bus & box lunch – Friday, 10/6 (9:30 – 3:00)	\$50
	<b>Tour B:</b> Wisconsin River Boat Tour – Saturday 10/7 (2:15 – 4:15)	\$25
	<b>Workshop A:</b> Garden Painting & Wine Tasting - Saturday 10/7 (2:15 – 4:15)	\$25
	<b>Workshop B:</b> Floral Design – Saturday 10/7 (2:15 – 4:15)	\$40
	<b>Seminar A*:</b> Raised Vegetable Gardens – Friday 10/6 (12:30 – 1:30)	\$10
	<b>Seminar B*:</b> Wisconsin School Garden Network – Friday 10/6 (1:45 – 2:45)	\$10
	<b>Seminar C*:</b> Shade Gardening and Book Signing – Friday 10/6 (3:30 – 4:30)	\$10
	<b>Seminar D*:</b> School Lunch Food Dehydrator – Saturday, 10/7 (9:00 – 9:45)	\$10
	<b>Seminar E*:</b> Wisconsin’s Ice Age Trail – Saturday, 10/7 (10:00 – 11:00)	\$10
	<b>10/6 Reception, Dinner &amp; Presentation*:</b> Gardening for Winter Interest Reception (5:30 – 6:30), Dinner & Presentation (6:30 – 8:30), live auction to follow	\$40
	<b>10/7 Presentation &amp; Lunch*:</b> Jumping Worms (11:30 – 1:30)	\$30
	<b>10/7 Evening with Melinda Myers*:</b> Create a Pollinator’s Garden Book Signing & Reception (5:00 – 6:15), Dinner & Presentation (6:30 – 8:30)	\$50
	<b>Garden club member Refresher Fee:</b> Indicate school to refresh:	\$5
	<b>Late fee:</b> Registration after 9/1/2017 – <b>no registrations accepted after 9/15/2017</b>	\$30
	<b>Total enclosed</b>	

Dietary restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail registration:** complete form and send with check payable to WGCF: Susan Johansen, Registrar, 2249 122nd St, New Richmond, WI 54017 (h23j19@frontiernet.net or 715-248-7870)

**Register on-line:** [wisconsingardenclub.org/education/digging-in-the-dells-oct-2017](http://wisconsingardenclub.org/education/digging-in-the-dells-oct-2017)

**Hotel Reservations:** Chula Vista Resort & Waterpark 855-388-4782, Tower Junior Suite \$99+tax includes waterpark passes, parking and waived resort fee, use code “Garden Club”

## LOCATION

The Prairie Center  
West Bend Mutual Insurance Company  
1900 South 18th Avenue  
West Bend, WI 53095

A block of rooms is reserved at the Hampton Inn & Suites (1975 South 18th Avenue West Bend ). King bed rate is \$129. Two queen beds is \$109. Reserve by September 14, 2017 and mention the UW-Extension WI Master Gardener Association to get these rates. Call 262-438-1500 to book your room.

## REGISTRATION

Full conference registration is \$115 (Friday dinner not included). Friday Only is \$30 with an optional dinner fee of \$14. Saturday Only is \$90 which includes a light breakfast and lunch.

Please register by mailing the enclosed registration form and payment.

## FEATURED SPEAKERS

### Edgar and Martine Anderson—

Edgar and Martine are the proprietors of Fragrant Isle, the Midwest's largest lavender farm. Their presentation will include the joys and challenges of growing lavender in Wisconsin; controlling disease and pests; and harvesting, processing, and distilling lavender.

### Susan Carpenter—

Wisconsin prairies provide inspiration and a diverse native plant palette for our gardens and landscapes. As the outreach specialist at the UW-Arboretum, Susan will highlight versatile, sustainable, and beautiful prairie gardens. She will also cover practical tips for creating and maintaining appropriate plantings in these sunny spaces.

Vendors and a silent auction will also be available throughout the conference.

For more information...

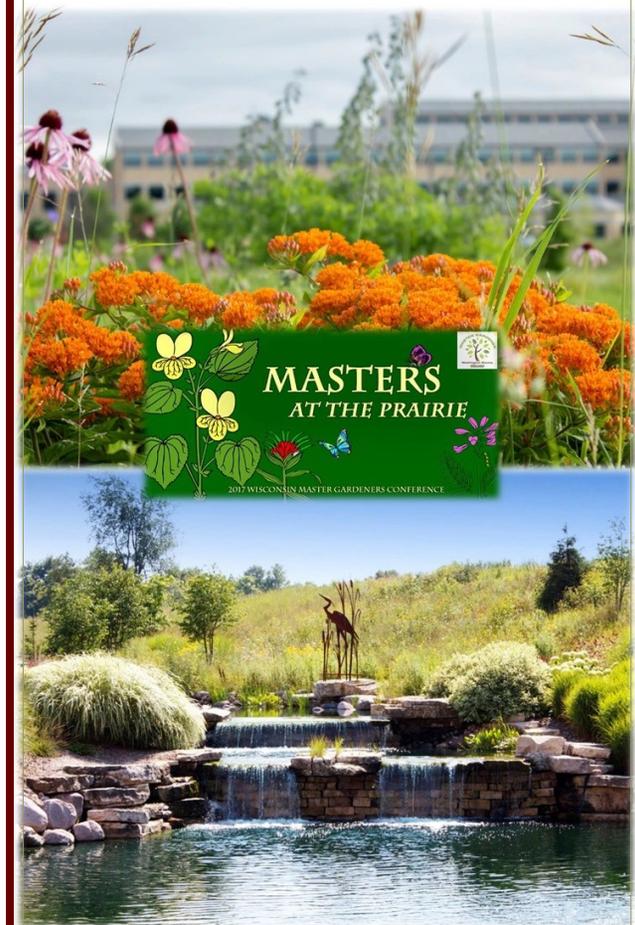
[www.wcmastergardeners.com](http://www.wcmastergardeners.com)

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# 2017 WIMGA Annual Conference



**October 13 & 14, 2017**

Hosted by the Washington County  
Master Gardener Association



# 2017 WIMGA Annual Conference—Registration

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**Saturday Sessions:** Please rank session choices

Session 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Track 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Track 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Track 3  
 Session 2: \_\_\_\_\_ Track 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Track 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Track 3  
 Session 3: \_\_\_\_\_ Track 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Track 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Track 3  
 Session 4: \_\_\_\_\_ Track 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Track 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Track 3  
 Session 5: \_\_\_\_\_ Track 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Track 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Track 3

Friday Dinner (optional): Please indicate sandwich choice

Hamburger  Brat  Portobello mushroom

	Cost per Person	#	Total
Both Days— October 13 & 14 (Dinner not included.)	\$115	X	=
Optional Dinner— October 13	\$14	X	=
Friday Only— October 13	\$30	X	=
Saturday Only— October 14	\$90	X	=
TOTAL ENCLOSED			

**Payment Options**

Check—Payable to WIMGA

Payment **must** accompany registration.

**Registration deadline is August 30.**

**\*\*Walk-in registration will not be allowed. Registration opened to the general public September 1.\*\***

**Mail Registration Form and Payment to:**

Byron Hacker, WIMGA Treasurer  
 N4511 Hwy 57  
 Chilton, WI 53014

# Conference Agenda

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13

- 4:00 pm Registration and Picnic Buffet (optional)
- 5:00 pm Welcome and Introductions  
 - Vicky Hopp, WCMGA Board President  
 & Ryan Amerling, WB Mutual & MGV
- 5:10 pm WIMGA Annual Meeting
- 5:45 pm Break
- 6:00 pm Inspiring Prairie Gardens and Landscapes  
 - Susan Carpenter, UW—Arboretum
- 7:00 pm Break
- 7:15 pm Growing Lavender in Wisconsin  
 - Edgar & Martine Anderson, Owners of Fragrant Isle Lavender Farm & Shop



## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

8:00 am	Registration & Breakfast		
	<b>Track 1</b>	<b>Track 2</b>	<b>Track 3</b>
8:45 am Session 1	Gardening for Pollinators <i>Zannah Crowe</i>	Deer 'Resistant' Landscapes <i>Carrie Hennessy</i>	Everyday Herbs for Brain Health <i>Amy Mae Miller</i>
9:55 am Session 2	Succulents: Easy to Grow <i>Rob Charlier Anglim</i>	The Beauty of Hostas <i>Rob Zimmer</i>	Growing Sweet Potatoes and Garlic in Wisconsin <i>Noel Valdes</i>
11:05 am Session 3	Brown is a Color, Too <i>Ben Futa</i>	Facebook for MGVs <i>Mike Maddox</i>	Mushroom Gardening and Forest Farming <i>Laura Kahles</i>
12:00 pm	Lunch Opportunity to visit vendors and bid at the silent auction.		
1:00 pm Session 4	Permaculture : A Toolbox of Design Techniques <i>Bryce Ruddock</i>	Creating Lasting Memories with a Photo <i>Rob Zimmer</i>	Extension of the Growing Season : Vegetables <i>Dr. Julie Dawson</i>
2:10 pm Session 5	No Till/Low Till Garden Soil and Cover Crops <i>Jamie Patton</i>	Gardening for Hummingbirds <i>Kathi and Michael Rock</i>	Winter Gardening: Microgreens <i>Steph Plaster</i>

There will be 15 minute breaks between each session. Silent auction closes at 2:30 pm Saturday. Please visit our website to view a more detailed description for each topic and a list of our vendors.

We hope to see you there!