



Manitoowoc County Master Gardener Association Newsletter

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Master Gardener Class of 2018



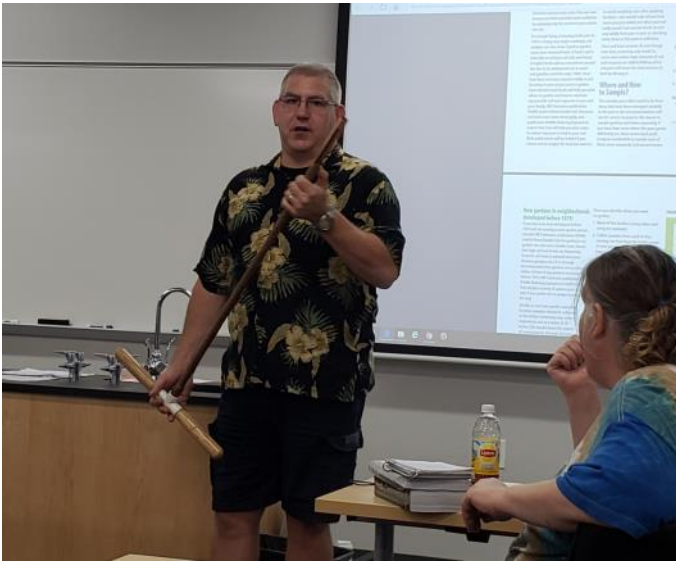
On October 3, 2018 the students from the Master Gardener Level 1 Training class gave presentations as a final project in the class. Pictured from left to right:

Jarrold Bunyard, John Fell, Patricia Fell, Vicki Leider, Lorie Hirssig, Lori Schuette and Patrick Skelton

Presentations were done at U. W. Manitoowoc and was followed by a pot-luck dinner. The students gave a wide variety of presentations ranging from soil sampling using a custom, hand made soil sampling device to an informational presentation on the dangers of Purple Loosestrife.

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Meet the new Master Gardeners, class of 2018



Jarrod Bunyard shows off his soil sampler that he made and talks about the results of the soil samples that he took.

Jarrod Bunyard

In November, 2017 my family and I moved to Kewaunee from the mountains of Northern California. Moving from a state where it seems it is always on fire to one so green has been amazing!

We chose Kewaunee after visiting the area for a Packer game in 2015. Due to an injury sustained as a police officer, I had both of my knees replaced and my neck fused and as a result was retired earlier than planned. Knowing we wouldn't be able to stay in our current home, we thought, "Why not?!" So all six of us moved across the country excited to start our new lives. Having lived my entire life in various parts of California, from big cities like Los Angeles to the Sacramento Valley to coastal communities on the Pacific Ocean and the high desert of the Sierra Nevada, I had lots of experience with different types of gardening. Moving to a Lake Michigan community is definitely something new for me when it comes to gardening though!

I had always wanted to be a Master Gardener in California but work always got in the way. When we moved, this was the perfect opportunity to do it! Kewaunee County wasn't offering the training this year so I enrolled in Manitowoc and have enjoyed every moment of it. I look forward to being able to volunteer in my community and continue learning about Wisconsin gardening.



Lori Schuette gives her presentation on the many varieties of tomatoes that she grows.

Lori Schuette

Why do you wish to become a Master Gardener?

Becoming a Master Gardener will allow me to help inform customers where I work on caring and choosing plants for their environment.

Describe any special training, classes or experiences you've had in gardening/horticulture.

Grown a vegetable garden over 30 years. Gone to garden shows and listened to many lectures. Work seasonally at Hartman's Town and Country Greenhouses.

What is the scope of your gardening experience?

Grew up on a dairy farm, plant a vegetable garden each year which includes many herbs.

List volunteer or work experience with the community:

In the past I've helped family and friends have better gardens by sharing ideas and showing them how to grow better produce.

Meet the new Master Gardeners, class of 2018



Vicky Leider giving her presentation on Native "Weed" plants for pollinators.

Vicky Leider

I started gardening to improve curb appeal at my current home,

In the past when my two kids were young I took care of the basics like lawn cutting, raking leaves & had a few potted plants each year. As my kids got older I had more time to work in the yard

I made a few changes in my front yard but decided to start making bigger changes to my backyard by adding a large flower bed on a slight slope in my yard. I've added more garden beds since then that extend around my home

I have plans to completely redo my front yard by adding a large flower bed. I went to the 2017 Garden Walk to get inspiration & brought home information about the MG program.

I found myself reading more about gardening & decided to sign up for the class. I'm so glad that I took the class & Marilyn was a great teacher! I enjoyed the field trips the most & look forward to using all the skills that I learned in class.



Lorie Hirssig with her display of butterflies

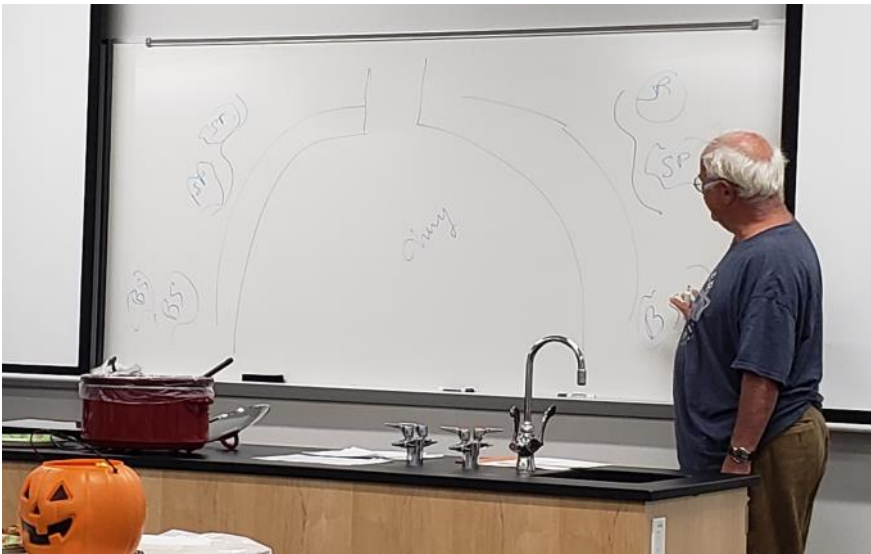
Lorie Hirssig

We moved to Manitowoc 4 years ago from Rochester, MN and we have always enjoyed many aspects of gardening - from houseplants to vegetables and fruit to flowers and trees.

The MGV class was an easy way to learn even more and share common interests with others. Being retired with a house in the country, I also have ample time and opportunity to develop my skills as a gardener.

We have 4 married children and 2 grandchildren with 2 on the way.

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John Fell

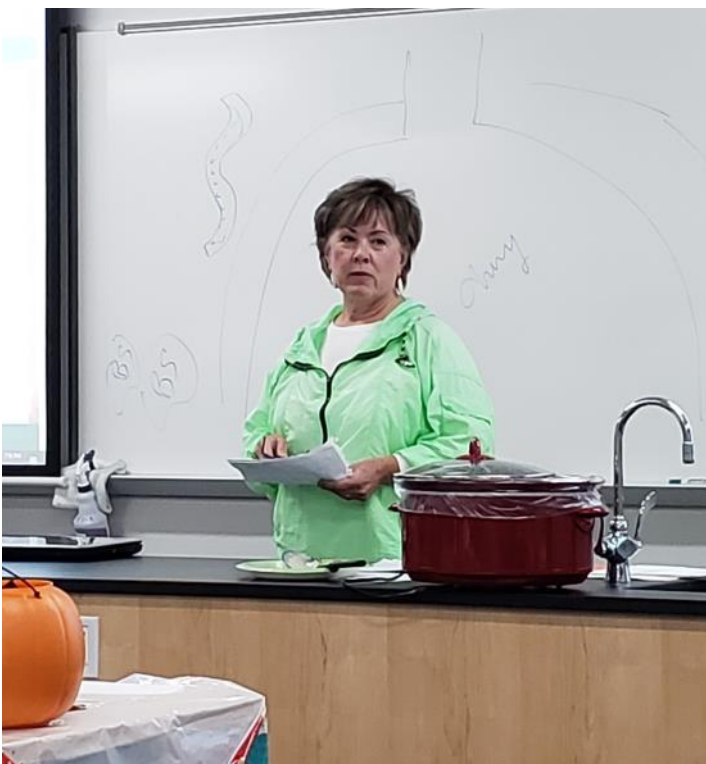
Why do you wish to become a Master Gardener?

To improve my gardening skills

What is the scope of your gardening experience?

Property including enclosed garden with raised beds and general landscaping of shrubs, perennials, dahlias

John Fell draws a diagram of his property during his presentation.



Patricia Fell

Why do you wish to become a Master Gardener?

To improve my gardening skills and knowledge.

What is the scope of your gardening experience?

"Putzing" in my yard - very little experience. Flowers mostly - for cutting to bring indoors.

List volunteer or work experience with the community:

I have not been involved in community organizations since moving here 2 years ago but I belonged to several women's philanthropic organizations over the past 30 years.

Patricia Fell discusses what she enjoys about gardening.

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Patrick Skelton doing his presentation on Purple Loosestrife.

Patrick Skelton

Why do you wish to become a Master Gardener?

I enjoy gardening as a whole, working on projects with others and just being of service.

Describe any special training, classes or experiences you've had in gardening/horticulture.

Botany class in college with Dr. Hart. I grew my own herbs year round & do lots of cooking and making tea.

What is the scope of your gardening experience?

I do a lot of outdoors stuff in my yard as well as tons of house plants.

Groups or affiliations with garden clubs or service organizations.

American Orchid Society since 2016

List volunteer or work experience with the community:

In the past I've helped family and friends have better gardens by sharing ideas and showing them how to grow better produce.

Special skills that you can offer the MG program:

I do freelance design, calligraphy and photography.

County Fair Update

Carol Lallensack received information from the Expo people that Master Gardeners will again be doing the gardens for the fair this year. They will be providing the budget for the plants same as last year. The gardens did well last year and were well received.

This years county fair theme is "Harvesting Memories for 160 Years". Colors are gold and royal blue.

Something to look forward to on these cold February days!

Guest Speakers



Tom Ward

Tom Ward was our guest speaker for the October 22nd meeting. Tom is the Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator for the Manitowoc County Lakes Association. The MCLA works to protect the counties lakes and prevent the spread of invasive species.

In his presentation, Tom talked about a number of invasive species found in the county including Phrag-

mites, Japanese Knotweed and Giant Hogweed. He also discussed the methods that his group uses to remove the species when they are found .

For more information of the MCLA, you can go to <http://www.manitowoccountylakesassociation.org>



Mother Nature

On September 24, Margaret Mary Gerhard, aka "Mother Nature", gave a presentation on "Yardening". Her presentation gave us an alternative idea as to what is a beautiful yard - it doesn't always mean a well manicured lawn.

Replacing your grass with perennial flowers and vegetables can save money on pesticides, fertilizer and water that is often required to maintain a green lawn. And with no grass, there is no mowing which will cut down on exhaust emissions from your lawn mower.

For more information on Margaret Mary and links to video presentations, go to <http://yardeningwithmothernature.blogspot.com> on the internet to view Margaret Mary's website.

Guest Speakers



D's Custom Creations

At our November 26th meeting, Donna Sowinski of D's Custom Creations talked about her customer soaps and lotions that she makes.

Donna talked about the creative process she uses to come up with unique blends of ingredients to create the soaps. She uses essential oils for creating various scent combinations and has experimented with using herbs as well.

She also discussed how the ingredients interact with the dyes used for coloring and how the colors don't always come out not quite as expected.

More information can be found at

<http://customhealthpharmacy.com/ds-custom-creations/>

Master Gardener Program Annual Report

The 2018 annual report is available on the Wisconsin Master Gardener website. The following link will take you to the annual report page:

<https://wimastergardener.org/wisconsin-mg-annual-report/>

On the site you will be able to get the overall statistics for all Wisconsin counties as well as a breakdown by county.

According to the site, the Manitowoc Master Gardeners reported 1158.5 hours of community service, worth a value of over \$27,804.00 in 2018. Overall, Wisconsin Master Gardeners Volunteers reported over 179,000 hours of community service, equivalent to \$4,300,764

Check out the annual report and see how Manitowoc stacks up against the other Master Gardener programs.

Master Gardeners in the News



On December 26th, Master Gardener member Steve Lankton presented Jessica Johnsrud, Asst Director and Education Coordinator at Woodland Dunes with a check for \$500. The money is designated to be used for education.

In other news...

So maybe that Polar Vortex wasn't so bad.....



Maybe that cold weather we had in January wasn't all that bad. A study by the U.S. Forest Service found that temperatures around 20 degrees below zero can reduce emerald ash borer populations in half. If the temps get to 30 degrees below, 90% could be killed off. This only pertains to actual air temps - the emerald ash borer isn't affected to wind chills the way people are.

More info can be found on the Wisconsin Public Radio website (www.wpr.org) and also the U.S. Forest Service website (www.fs.fed.us)

Christmas at the Brandels'

The annual Christmas Pot Luck was held at the home of Linda and Pat Brandel. There was lots of good food and drink and great conversation. Hats off to the bartender. The Brandel's home was gorgeous with all of the Christmas decorations.

The evening also included a gift exchange.



Patrick Skelton, Rosie Bugs, Steve Lankton and Annette Paul



Chris Boeder, Pat Hollen and Carol Lallensack



Sue Elliot opening her exchange gift as Linda Gratz and Pat Hollen watch.



Linda Brandel saying grace before we ate.



Renee Lemberger with her exchange gift.

WIMGA

WIMGA REPORT- October, 2018

An Eastern District meeting was held on Thursday, Sept. 27th in Chilton at 4:30 pm with 9 in attendance.

Agenda items covered included:

Hours reporting on line for 2019 with each MG creating their own password. Project hours that are prior approved by your local group for this reporting period will be only be accepted.

WIMGA Newsletter articles must be scrutinized for accuracy. Possibly down to three issues per year and will only provide electronic issues.

Speakers bureau is not going as well as expected and not taking off like anticipated.

WIMGA annual conference has no host for 2019. Many associations provide a local, one day, presentation on their own which many prefer instead of attending a two day conference.

WIMGA Board vacancy is open for an at-large officer. Election to be held in early 2019 to fill.

Back ground checks are required to be done every four years.

Membership retention was review with various groups mentioning how they handle this. Mostly through mentoring.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 pm.

Doris A. Magyar, WIMGA Rep.

WIMGA

WIMGA REPORT – Face-to-Face, October, 2018

On Saturday, October 13th a face-to face meeting of all WIMGA Board members and local representatives was held at Hancock beginning at 10 am.

Roll call taken of 22 in attendance, approval of minutes of Sept. 10th Board meeting and treasurer's report handled.

Old business covered the report of the Sept. 20 & 21 conference indicating 210 registered with positive feedback on tours and speakers and hotel facilities.

Program office report indicating that beginning in mid-Dec. Susan Mahr will be out of the extension office with official retirement date in early April 2019.

On July 1, 2019 will be the final phase of the U.W. Extension merger.

Hours reporting on-line will not materialize in 2019 as anticipated due to many problems with the program to be resolved.

Master Gardeners are being asked to be patient about up-coming changes.

Awards and Recognition group is looking for additional members, plus a chair person.

Mentoring format to be established to help with new board members and local reps. A leadership seminar to be considered a day of training for this program.

The social media and communications group in need of additional members.

The newsletter committee looking for articles and ideas to share. Newsletter coming out in Nov. At large-officer nominations to be handled. A total of 3,085 newsletters go out with 485 being mailed.

The annual WIMGA conference will be going to every other year with leadership training the year of no conference.

The report to the state for association total hours is Oct. 23 and accomplishment report due by Nov. 1.

New business covered approval of the 2019 budget as presented and re-election of current Board officers was approved.

Several groups present highlighted of their activities done during this year. Very interesting to learn what other groups are doing.

The next Board meeting was established as a WIs-line on Nov. 7th at 4:30 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 3:17 pm. Grant committee then met to review grant applications.

Upcoming events of interest:

ORGANIZATION	DATE	EVENT	FOR MORE INFORMATION
Woodland Dunes	February 19, 2019	Full Moon Walk	https://www.woodlanddunes.org/upcoming-events/
Green Bay Botanical Garden	February 21, 2019	Proper Tree Planting	https://gbbg.org/calendar/
Woodland Dunes	February 23, 2019	Tropical Blast (fundraiser)	https://www.woodlanddunes.org/upcoming-events/
Green Bay Botanical Garden	March 5, 2019	Shade Gardening with Hostas	https://gbbg.org/calendar/
Allen Centennial Garden	March 22-23, 2019	Spring Symposium	https://uwccs.eventsair.com/QuickEventWebsitePortal/acg19symp/info
Northern Lights MGA	March 30, 2019	Spring Garden Conference (UW Green Bay Marinette Campus)	https://marinette.extension.wisc.edu/files/2019/02/2019-web-brochure.pdf
Outagamie Cty. Master Gardeners	April 6, 2019	Garden Conference (Liberty Hall, 800 Eisenhower Dr, Kimberly, WI)	www.ocmga.net (registration info available after mid-February)
Manitowoc County Master Gardeners	July 13, 2019	Garden Walk	

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY PLANNING AND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT 2018/2019 TREE AND SHRUB SALE

The annual Tree and Shrub sale is in progress. Orders are due by February 20th, 2019. For more information and order forms, go to the Sheboygan County website at <https://www.sheboygancounty.com/government/departments-f-q/planning-and-conservation/programs-associations/tree-shrub>

Subscribe to our YouTube Channel

Please visit <https://www.youtube.com/wimastergardener> and subscribe to our YouTube Channel.

Recently, YouTube changed their analytic policy and are preventing us from accessing important viewership data. The tech-rumor mill says that if your channel hits over 1000 subscribers, you regain access. The only way to find out is if we hit that number. We are currently at 809 subscribers. Please log in with your CES net-ID via google.com in order to subscribe.

Thank you!

Chelle

Manitowoc Master Gardener Info

Plant Clinic Hours

Tuesday & Friday from 10:00am till Noon.

May 1st through September 27th

Upcoming Meetings

Date / Time	Topic	Notes
February 25th	SEED, The movie	
March 25th	Becky Salm: Organics, GMO's, Food Chain	
April 22nd	Annual Dinner at Machut's	With guest speaker
May 27th	Zoo cleanup & pot luck	
June 24th	Hemp 101 speaker?	
July 22nd	WI Farm Discovery Center Tour	

Master Gardener Board of Directors

President: Linda Brandel & Annette Paul (co-presidents)

Vice President: Linda Gratz

Secretary: Renee Lemberger

Treasurer: Marilyn Starzewski

Board Member: Carol Lallensack

Board Member: Judy Lango

Master Gardener Websites

<https://wimastergardener.org/>

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

<https://manitowoc.uwex.edu/horticulture/>