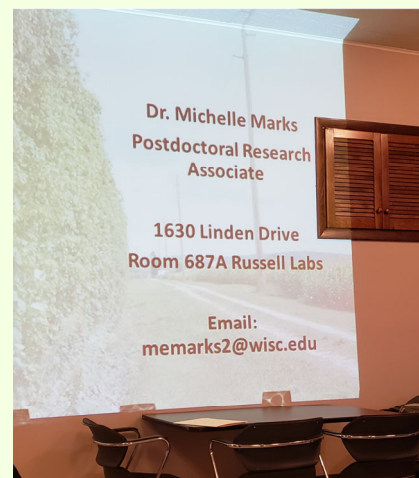




Manitowoc County Master Gardeners Association Newsletter

Early Summer 2019

Annual Meeting 2019



Our annual dinner meeting was held on April 26th at City Limits.

Guest speaker was Dr. Michelle Marks. Dr. Marks is a Postdoctoral Research Associate at University of Wisconsin-Madison. Her work focuses on gaining a better understanding of the pathogen *Pseudoperonospora humuli*, causing hop downy mildew, as it exists in Wisconsin.

Dr. Marks presentation was on Hops growing in Wisconsin.

During the annual meeting we voted for the 2 vacant positions on the board. Winners were RK Greening and Steve Lankton.

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Annual Dinner Meeting 2019



Carol counting the ballots.



Ready for dinner!



Our newest board members - RK and Steve



Door prizes!

Garden Walk 2019



July 13th, 2019

2019 Garden Walk Manitowoc County

*Master Gardener Volunteers of Manitowoc County will be holding their Garden Walk on
July 13, 2019*

*This year we are excited to be showcasing gardens in the southern part of the city of
Manitowoc and the rural areas of our county.*

Area gardens to be showcased include:

*Wesener Garden, 15618 S. Cedar Lake Rd., Kiel
Retlich Garden, 14118 Pigeon River Road, Cleveland
Lindemann Garden, 13032 Newton Rd., Valders
Wiles Garden, 13118 S. Union Rd., Newton
Robinson Garden, 1662 Skyline Drive, Manitowoc
Lankton Garden, 4623 S. 10th St., Manitowoc*

*Adults and children over 10 welcome (no pets please)
"Tickets are available to all Gardens with a \$10.00 Donation"*

*Please join us for a day of fun and learning on July 13, 2019 from 9:00-4:00
Visit our website at <https://manitowoc.uwex.edu/horticulture> ; and our Facebook page at
<https://www.facebook.com/ManitowocCountyMasterGardeners>*



Our garden walk committee has been hard at work finalizing the details for our 2019 garden walk. They are still looking for volunteers to fill some spots.

A free preview of the gardens for Master Gardener members who have volunteered to work for the garden walk will be Thursday, July 11th.

The love of gardening is a seed once sown that never dies.

A garden is a grand teacher. It teaches patience and careful watchfulness; it teaches industry and thrift; above all it teaches entire trust.

-Gertrude Jekyll

Gertrude Jekyll was a British horticulturist, garden designer, craftswoman, photographer, writer and artist. She created over 400 gardens in the United Kingdom, Europe and the United States, and wrote over 1,000 articles for magazines such as Country Life and William Robinson's The Garden.

Meeting Guests Speakers



Becky Salm, who is with the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation, gave a presentation at our March meeting on Organics & GMO's and how to cut through the hype.



Tammy Hagenow, who is one of the coordinators for the Garden Faire, spoke to us during the March meeting about the possibility of the Master Gardeners having a booth at the June 8th Garden Faire Extraordinaire.



Ken Hall, with the Lincoln Park Zoo, discusses available gardens at the zoo at our May meeting.



Chris Boeder shows off our new sign that will be used at events that the Master Gardeners will be taking part in.

Volunteer Opportunities

If you are looking for ways to get volunteer hours, the Community Projects Committee has been working on a list projects and other opportunities.

Here is a list that they have been working on for approved Master Gardener projects:

- Plant Clinic
- Garden Walk
- Garden Talk
- Woodland Dunes
- Public, City & County Parks & Gardens (inc. Community Gardens)
- Manitowoc County Historical Society – Pinecrest Village
- Local churches – landscape maintenance
- Expo display gardens – Manitowoc County Fair
- Riverview School – outdoor classroom garden
- Manitowoc Public Library – seed planting program
- Mariners Trail – public gardens
- U.W. Food Wise Program
- Badger Car Ferry plantings
- Garden Fair Booth
- Vegetable Donations to Food Pantries
- Youth & Community Education
- Green Bay Botanical Garden
- Earth Care Festival
- MGV Committee work

As a reminder, we need to fill some spots yet for the Garden Walk on July 13th. We will also need volunteers to work the County Fair August 21st - 25th.

Master Gardeners in Action

Earth Care Festival on May 11 at U. W.



Manitowoc County Master Gardeners had a table at the Earth Care Festival held at U. W. Manitowoc.

Carol Lallensack and Chris Boeder manned the table with information on the Master Gardeners program. "Save the Date" cards for the Garden Walk were also given out to attendees.

Featured speaker at the festival was Dr. Titus Seilheimer of the Wisconsin Sea Grant.

The Festival was sponsored by Grace Congregational Church, League of women Voters and Lakeshore Universalist Fellowship.



Stopped by the Expo grounds to check on the beds. I found Mary Shimon and Eileen Kummer planting flowers in their bed. Hopefully things will grow as nicely as last year. Just need some warm weather and sunshine!

We are making out the schedule for working at the County Fair which is August 21st to 25th. Shifts will be from 2pm to 6pm in 2 hour increments. Sunday will be from 12pm - 3pm.

Let us know if you can help. You get a free pass to the fair for the day you work and its an easy way to get volunteer hours. We can add your name to the work schedule if you want us to or sign up at the next meeting.

News from the President

I would like to thank everyone who attended our very successful annual dinner and our annual zoo cleaning and potluck meeting.

Kudos to Renee L. for another great annual dinner! Everyone seemed to have a great time and I look forward to working with all of us in the new year.

I believe our new community projects / services approval committee will be a great addition to our chapter so that we are a little more selective in our community services. Aligning our service goals with the WIMGA strategies will better serve all of us with our limited time and physical abilities, as our volunteers are getting a bit older. (I am working on recruiting some of our Hmong elders to join the group!)

I have been so happy to see our new members join us in the past few years and realize this is so critical to keep our chapter fresh. I'd like to take a minute to thank Marilyn S. for her unsurpassed dedication to our level 1 MGCV training program! She has worked tirelessly to prepare lessons, schedule classes with the UW Manitowoc horticulture and biology staff, guest speakers, etc.

Chelle B. began to get the UW Manitowoc relationship started a few years ago and we really appreciate her time and efforts as well. Our prayers are with Chelle at all times now.

Linda B. did a great job as president these past few years also and I enjoyed collaborating with her. Linda was awesome at keeping us on track during our meetings and we all appreciate that! I will try to do the same. She, Carol L., Linda G., and other board members have constantly been busy behind the scenes keeping our small chapter alive and thriving. Our group is always in need of new leadership so we all don't burn out and I am really delighted to have Steve L. and RK G. join the board this year.

We will put them to work!

Last but not least, I would like to thank ALL of our MGCV volunteers who keep our newsletter and website fresh, continue to support all of our various fundraising committees, community service garden committees, etc. I know we must do community service and our continuing education to maintain our MGCV certification, but I sincerely believe that's what makes our garden "club" better than any other.

Please contact me anytime with ideas, criticisms, comments, etc. I look forward to working with our new board members and know we're going to have a great year, when the rain stops!

Sincerely,

Annette

920-901-7299 (cell)

Good Things to Know



RABBIT-RESISTANT PLANTS

Because rabbits will eat just about anything and they will adapt and adjust to what's available, it's hard to classify any plant as truly rabbit proof

However, there are plants that they simply don't prefer. Keep in mind, there can be some trial and error involved in finding what works in your garden, as a plant that works great for your neighbor might be considered a delicacy in your garden

Here are some plants to try that are known to be their least favorites:

Sweet Alyssum	Snapdragon	Vinca	Catmint
Lantana	Sunflower	Juniper	Butterfly bush
Marigold	Salvia	Spirea	Clematis
Geranium	Milkweed	Lilac	Coral Berry
Wax begonia	Deutzia	Rose of Sharon	

April was National Safe Digging month, a perfect reason to tell others about the importance of enlisting the free services of Diggers Hotline. It's as simple as calling 811 or filing online at [DiggersHotline.com](https://www.diggershotline.com/). Diggers will contact all the appropriate companies who will mark the location of their underground utilities in the designated work area. This eliminates the danger and inconvenience of accidentally knocking out power, cable or other utilities while creating a beautiful landscape.

This may be old news for you, but a step often overlooked by the gardeners. In a survey conducted by Common Ground Alliance (CGA) they found that four out of ten homeowners are planning projects involving digging. Forty five percent of those will not contact their local utility notification center. Two thirds of those surveyed believe they won't be the ones to hit an underground utility despite the fact that somewhere in the country someone damages an underground utility every three minutes.

Be safe with your projects - call Diggers Hotline, 811 or 1-800-242-8511

Or go on-line at <https://www.diggershotline.com/>



Upcoming Events of Interest

ORGANIZATION OR EVENT	DATE	EVENT	FOR MORE INFORMATION
Garden Faire Extraordinaire	June 8th 9:00am - 3:00pm	Washington Park 1115 Washington Street, Manitowoc	https://manitowocsgardenfaire.com/
Waupaca County Master Gardener	June 22	Annual Garden Walk and Art Stroll	https://wimastergardener.org/events/waupaca-county-master-gardener-annual-garden-walk-and-art-stroll/
Outagamie County Master Gardener Association	June 22	Annual Garden Walk	http://www.ocmga.net/2019/04/23/annual-garden-walk/
U.W. Stevens Point	June 28	Plants for Pollinators: Creating a Pollinator's Paradise	https://www.uwsp.edu/conted/Pages/Plants-for-pollinators.aspx
North Central Wisconsin Master Gardeners	July 12th & 13th	Garden Walk 2019	https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/marathonmg/garden-walk/
Manitowoc County Master Gardeners	July 13	Garden Walk	
Sheboygan County Master Gardeners	July 13	Garden Walk	www.Sheboygangardeners.com

Master Gardener Board of Directors

President: Annette Paul
 Vice President: Steve Lankton
 Secretary: Carol Lallensack
 Treasurer: Linda Gratz
 Board Member: RK Greening
 Board Member: Marilyn Starzewski

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
June 24th	USDA Industrial "Hemp 101" speaker	At Extension
July 22nd	Ag Research Station Tour, Door County "Potato Guy" talk	Board bus at 4:30pm at Extension building (tentative)
August	Carol Lallensack home garden tour	
September	WI Farm Discovery Center Tour	
October	?	
November	Hartmann's Greenhouse tour	
December	Christmas Party	

Master Gardener Websites

<https://wimastergardener.org/>

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

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

WIMGA

WIMGA REPORT – May - 2019

A WIMGA meeting of Board members and local representatives from each association began at 10:09 AM at Hancock, Wisconsin with John Hahn chairing the meeting. 31 people were in attendance.

Roll call was taken and included the seating of the recently elected at-large Director Diane Therime, also welcomed were local representatives: Judy Campbell of Iowa County, Darlene Kroening of Wolf River- Shawano, and Menominee Counties, and Dave Bowman of Polk County.

Approval of the February 28, 2019 minutes and Treasurers report were approved and accepted as reported.

A Program office Report was given by Mike Maddox: A swat analysis was E-mailed out and responses were many informative replies received. Work is still being done to clarify the relationship between WIMGA and the U.W. Extension. Projects from groups being up-loaded into the system. Asking associations to get theirs in. Working to reach younger members by offering information on organics, gardening with kids, use of garden produce for meals, and pollinators. Looking to find out what the dropout rate is for members after completing the basic class is being considered. Improving the mentor program for new folks to retain them. Hours were a big discussion and how it will finally be handled. A designated person can help with entering hours for members lacking a computer access.

The Membership Procedures Committee gave a brief report on Bylaw changes of Article III, Section 1-3. Any updates or changes to be discussed on June 6, 2019 during the Board Teleconference meeting.

Leadership Conference will include presentation skills, using social media, and program development. It will be a full day session (hours to be determined) which would include morning refreshments and a lunch. A small registration fee will be collected and will count towards CE hours.

Dates: Thursday September 12, 2019 at Wausau

Saturday September 14, 2019 at Madison

Friday September 20, 2019 at Eau Claire

Completed information will be sent out soon.

The annual meeting is set for Saturday October 26, 2019 in Stevens Point at the Dreyfuss Center. This will be full face to face meeting for all local representatives, Board members, and all WIMGA members are welcome. This meeting will cover any bylaw changes and any other changes that come before the group.

The newsletter committee is looking for articles. Speakers bureau is hoping those interested in being available as a speaker will enter their information.

The WIMGA Conference for 2020 will be hosted by the Washington County Association. There is a need for a host for 2021.

WIMGA (continued)

Future meeting dates as follows:

Thursday June 6, 2019 at 4:30 – 6 P.M. Board by teleconference

Thursday August 22, 2019 at 4:30 – 6 P.M. Board by teleconference

Saturday October 26, 2019 at 1-3 P.M. Fall face to face / annual meeting

Thursday December 5, 2019 at 4:30 – 6 P.M. Board by teleconference

Project sharing by Power Point given by the following groups:

North Counties Master Gardeners - Twilight Tour at Research Gardens

Racine – Kenosha Counties Master Gardeners – Project at VA center in Union Grove

Jefferson County Master Gardeners – School Garden Project

When the Power Point presentations were finished, a full and interesting discussion covered the jumping worm problems. This has prevented many associations from having their annual plant sales.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:45 P.M.

Doris A. Magyar, WIMGA Representative