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<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
AUG 22	MGV MEETING, "ROSES", MUSEUM AT THE PORTAGE—5:30PM
SEPT 26	MGV MEETING, "WISCONSIN FOOD CO-OP" LOCATION TBD
OCT 24	MGV MEETING, "APPLE CIDER" - LOCATION TBD
NOV 28	POTLUCK & MEMBER ACTIVITY

President's Message

It is now August and time to get all those summer activities in, before the month is over. Pressure is on!

We have struggled with our garden this year. On the good side, we have had lots of rain, so watering has not been a problem. On the negative side, all the rain and weather we are having is not producing an abundant crop. We did put up a deer fence of fish line, which was effective until the grandchild decided he could cut it with the trimming shires I let him use. We have more critters in the garden this year—the wild ones as well the grandchild. Luckily we live in an area that has multiple local produce stands and farmers markets. I love having food on the dinner table that was harvested from the garden that day.

The fair had great weather this year and a good turnout. I was involved with the flowers & vegetable displays and of course our MGV booth. I am putting the MGV booth on our agenda for discussion at our next meeting. I though it was a success! Children recognize the micro greens wagon and draw their parents in to see it and discuss how they used it in their classroom. The children love making the flower balls.

On the last day of the fair there is a Parade of Champions. We give plaques and money to for the Junior flower and vegetable entries and one award for the Open Class flowers. The other areas in which awards are distributed are: swine, cattle, rabbit, poultry and cultural arts. It was nice to see all the proud children, their parents and the many supporting adults who work with the youth in these programs. There are photos on the MGV Facebook page of the winners and their entries.

Our next meeting and program is at the Portage Historical Museum. Their President, John Waldman, will give a tour of the museum before our meeting. A new MGV member Ann Marie Fuerst will talk about the roses that are grown there. Zona Gale always loved to have roses in her garden!



Carol

Master Gardener Volunteers at the Columbia County Fair

Along with very good weather we had a great turnout of volunteers to staff our fair display this year. From Wednesday afternoon through Sunday close there were members ready to answer questions and education the public about the UW Extension Master Gardening Program.

There were two educational activities for the children. Making seed bombs to increase the milkweed population was fun and messy, while learning how to plant seeds to grow healthy food was popular with the younger children.

Thanks to Columbia County Pheasants Forever for donating the milkweed seeds and Monarch posters.

Thank you to all the members who attended the display and a **SPECIAL** thank you to our newest volunteers- Marcy Read, Jessica Asch, Sue Dolgner, Anne Marie Fuerst and Kathleen Delaney.



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Meeting Agenda—August 22nd

5:30 Museum Tour: Portage Historical Society President John Waldman

6:00 MGV meeting

- Call the Meeting to Order (Carol)

- Secretary's Report (Kelly)

- Treasurer's Report (Jane)

- Introductions

- Old Business

Report on International Master Gardener Conference in July 2017 that was held in Portland Oregon (we had 3 members attend)

- Columbia County Fair Booth

- Plaques award at county fair

- Food Security Project—Garden Lessons at the Portage Library (Sue and Becky)

- Vegetable Garden and Heritage Apple Trees at Indian Agency House

- Comments on other MGV projects

- New Business

- Next Month's Program – Sarah Lloyd, "WI Food Co-op" (Carol Coordinator)

- Meeting Location??

- Other

- Adjournment

7:00 Ann Marie Fuerst's talk on "Roses"



Please submit all 2016-2017 MGV hours to George by October 1!

MGVs are required to complete a minimum of **24 hours of volunteer service** in one or more locally approved projects annually and a minimum of **10 hours of continuing education** after the first year in order to be certified.

Need a new form, please contact George or Jennifer for a printed or electronic copy.

Keeping a record of your hours and turning them in by the deadline each year is very important. Not only do these records allow for recognition of volunteers for their hard work, but they are also invaluable for program evaluation. This provides a record of the many ways MGVs serve the public. Local and state governments, which fund the program, are very interested in how effectively UW-Extension uses tax revenues. Consequently detailed records benefit both the MG Program and its clients.

Couldn't Complete All Your Hours?

If you are unable to complete the minimum number of hours for recertification, you can **complete a one year exemption request form** and submit it to your local county in order to receive MG Program Office communications for the following year. It is expected you will resume normal participation and submit hours the following year.

What Counts?

Guidelines and suggestions for activities that qualify for volunteer hours are outlined on the last page of the standard timesheet. However, the **County Coordinator** is the final authority on determining what is acceptable. A general rule of thumb is that the activity benefits the community (not just an individual). Contact your local county UW-Extension office **BEFORE** you embark on a project to make sure it is OK as volunteer service! Travel time based on the time a MGV leaves home until returning home, minus personal errands, and preparation and research time can be included in volunteer service hours. (Travel time to CE programs cannot be counted.) See Volunteer Projects for more information.

Continuing Education Hours

Continuing education (CE or professional development) is a way for MGVs to learn more after Level 1 training and keep up with the latest horticultural information. Policies on what counts as CE vary by area. Check with your County Coordinator (usually the county UW-Extension agent) to be sure of what is acceptable in your county. CE may include:

- Horticulture programs at your local meetings
- Twilight meetings or field days
- Horticultural seminars at local colleges
- Lectures at botanical gardens, or presentations by MGVs
- MG conferences
- Level 2 training
- Online advanced training
- Approved TV programs
- **Wisconsin Horticulture Updates**
- **Responding to Horticulture Inquiries**
- Reading **articles on this website** (if approved by your facilitator)



Composting

From: "Making and Using Compost in the Garden"

TABLE 1. Materials for composting

Brown materials (2 parts)	Green materials (1 part)	DO NOT COMPOST
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dry leaves • Twigs less than ¼" in diameter • Shredded newspaper • Straw • Shredded household cardboard: egg cartons, paper towel and toilet paper rolls • Sawdust (if enough extra green material is added) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green leaves • Grass clippings^a • Weeds (before they have gone to seed) • Leftover plants at the end of the season • Coffee grounds • Fruit and vegetable scraps • Eggshells • Manure (cow, horse, or poultry) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meat • Bones • Grease • Whole eggs • Dairy products • Diseased or insect-infested plants • Pet waste • Persistent perennial weeds such as yellow nutsedge, Canada thistle, quackgrass • Wood ash^b • Black walnut leaves^c

^a **Caution:** Do not compost with yard waste treated with pesticides, insecticides, herbicides, or fungicides.

^b Adding wood ash is risky as it's easy to overdo (see A3635 in Resources).

^c Black walnut leaves contain juglone, a compound that can be harmful to other plants.

TABLE 2. Common compost problems

Problem	Solution
Your compost pile smells bad.	Too much water or too many nitrogen-rich green materials may cause the pile to have a bad odor. Add more brown materials and turn the pile.
Your compost pile isn't heating up; in fact, nothing seems to be happening.	Too much brown material or not enough water may have slowed your pile's rate of decomposition. Turn in more green materials and add water, if needed.



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