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Columbia County MGV 2018 Activities

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Apr 24	MGV Meeting—6:00pm—Administration Bldg.
May 17	4-H Planter Night, Link's Greenhouse, 6:00 pm
May 22	MGV Meeting—6:00pm—Administration Bldg.
June 14-16	Upper Midwest Regional Master Gardener Conf., Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, Chaska, MN
June 26	MGV Bus Tour—Bookworm Gardens, Sheboygan, Horicon Marsh & Bloch Farm, Green Lake

**CCMGV March Agenda—April 24th -
6:00pm**

Administration Building, 112 E. Edgewater Street, Portage

Call to Order

Secretary's Report

Treasurer's Report

Introductions

Old Business

LGGG Update

Summer Field Trip/Bus Tour

New MGV Training

New Business

"Tool Time" presentation by Bill Damm

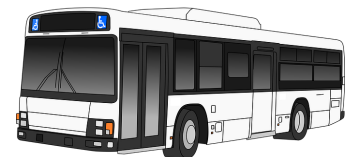
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June 26th

What: Bus Trip

Where: Bookworm Gardens in Sheboygan, tour and lunch at Horicon Marsh & Bloch's Nursery



President's Message



I just returned from a trip to South Carolina and Georgia. What a great time to travel to a warmer part of the country, especially with our last snow storms! The spring flowers were beautiful, dogwood and crab apple trees in bloom and azaleas in their bright colors. The pansies that were planted in the fall and growing all winter are now looking their best, while the tulips were starting to bloom. Many of the plants I recognized, or looked familiar, but are not grown in our Zone 4 or 5 areas. We stayed in Greenville, SC which used to be a big textile area. The town had some beautiful water falls that had been covered up with a 4 lane road and bridge in 1960. In 1974 the Carolina Foothills Garden Club saw the potential for the water falls and surrounding land and adopted the area as a major beautification project. Over the next several decades the Club slowly made small but important improvements to the nearly forgotten and disused

area. Over time, the Club and the City of Greenville, working with a team of local and international designers developed a broad vision for a beautiful park surrounding the falls—a vision that could only be fully realized with removal of the highway bridge. In 2000 this was accomplished. And the area is beautiful! Walking paths, bridges and benches allow the local residents and the tourists to stroll the area, get some exercise and take in the beauty of the water and the expertly landscaped grounds. There are lots of businesses that are located along this newly remodeled area making use of the old historical buildings.



trimming and then to go out and actually do the work. A great learning experience. And we earned some education and volunteer time to use for our timesheets.

The apple tree trimming at Mackenzie was a great success! Thanks to all who participated. It worked out great to have a lesson on tree

~Carol

Need Continuing Ed? We've Got You Covered

Get your continuing education with our new Level 2 Plants Plus Series – a remix of past training presentations, printed materials and other references focused on specific plants or topics to help you increase your knowledge so you can better answer homeowner questions. To get 2 hours of continuing education credit for watching and reading this package of information, just complete the short quiz! Click on the image or link to access the module.



<http://fyi.uwex.edu/mastergardener/article/tree-roots/> NEW!



<https://wimastergardener.org/article/apples/>



<https://wimastergardener.org/article/shade-and-light/>



<https://wimastergardener.org/article/cole-crops/>



<https://wimastergardener.org/article/legumes-2/>



<https://wimastergardener.org/article/worms/>



<https://wimastergardener.org/article/post-harvest-handling/>

Responding to Horticulture Inquiries

Will you be answering gardening and other horticulture questions in your UW-Extension office this growing season? Get the scoop on all the resources available to help when answering questions in a day-long workshop. This annual program provided by the Horticulture Team is held at three different locations on different dates:

April 20, Dunn Co. (Menomonie) - registration deadline April 13

May 22, Dane Co. (Madison) - registration deadline May 15

May 23, Portage Co. (Stevens Point) - registration deadline May 16

Everyone MUST register ahead of time with the county where they will be attending.

Here is the link to register for the Madison Event: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/responding-to-hort-inquiries-tickets-43618025689>

For more info or questions contact Lisa Johnson, 608-224-3715 or email at johnson.lisa@countyofdane.com

Free Webinar: Pesticides, People, and Pollinators: Answers to Tricky Pesticide Questions for Master Gardeners

Discussing pesticides with the public can be tricky, even for trained professionals. Master gardeners are on the front line, providing information directly to the public on a wide range of topics. In this webinar, pesticide specialists with the National Pesticide Information Center ([NPIC](#)) will provide

resources that master gardeners can use to navigate these conversations. We will discuss topics including protecting pollinators from pesticides, comparing organic and conventional pesticides, how to minimize exposures to pesticides, and how individual risk perception influences behavior. Join us for live Q&A after the presentation. A recording of the webinar will be posted to the [NPIC YouTube channel](#) .

Thursday, April 12th at 1:00pm EST (10:00am PT)

Target audience: Master Gardeners, County Extension Agents, Universities

Presenters: Alicia Leytem & April Strid,
Pesticide Specialists, NPIC

Duration: 1 hour

Cost: Free



To Join:

Registration is required for this free webinar.

Registration will be accepted up to the day of the webinar.

Participants may join the webinar **up to 10 minutes early** .

To Register:

<https://oregonstate.webex.com/oregonstate/onstage/g.php?MTID=e730999a7bf8a7580242869dc7c96dd02>

Event number: **921 552 205**

For audio by phone:

[+1-415-655-0002](tel:+14156550002) (US Toll)

Access code: 921 552 205

Monthly Meeting Minutes—March 27, 2018

Columbia County Master Gardener Volunteers

President Carol Ziemke called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Meeting was hosted at The MacKenzie Center in the Badger Den building.

Minutes: Motion was passed to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as published in the newsletter, with three changes reported and approved on the spot.

Treasurer's Report: Current balance in the checking account is \$6,630.76. The Rio High School was paid up front for LGGG, but we still need to pay for the lunches. Ardyce Piehl said that the committee will go through the numbers and finish the final calculations. The financial numbers for the sale of the pails will be separate.

Introductions: Tonight's Ice Breaker was to state your name and your favorite tree.

Old Business: LGGG 2018

We counted between 240–250 people in attendance. The rooms were full. We have begun going through evaluations and we are learning a lot. The attendees like the wide variety of topics. Requests were made for a salad option at lunch. Heat was an issue. The committee will finish tallying and debriefing soon. Ardyce Piehl shared Burr Oak INC., handouts and cupcake business cards. Becky Gutzman talked to Mike Maddox, and he had good things to say too. Thank you to every volunteer.

Field Trip : The 2018 field trip is still scheduled for our June meeting. We will be going to Bookworm Gardens in Sheboygan, the Horicon Marsh for a tour and lunch, and then Bloch's Greenhouse. Linda Haddix spoke with Bookworm Gardens and they will be ready to correspond back in May. Sign up for this event will commence soon.

Level 1 MGV Classes: This year's class will be starting up soon. Six people are registered so far, but we need four more to run the class. Spread the word. Donna McElroy will place a call to action on Facebook. Interested people can register from other counties.

Banner Project: As a group, we still intend to purchase a large banner for educational presentations and all events. The design of the New Life Lavender and Cherry Farm was admired by many and was highlighted as a good example of what we hope to acquire.

New Business: The Tomato Project, Donna McElroy spoke to the group about how we have done blight resistant projects in the past, but we didn't last year. Do we want to do it this year? Anyone interested? We are looking for volunteers to plant the tomatoes, grow them and take regular photos to report evaluation of plant health. George Koepp shared that we would be better off buying a 6 pack of already started seeds. George may contact Madison for "defiant" varieties. People interested in volunteering should contact Donna McElroy.

4-H Planter at Links: Question from Jennifer in the office: are we going to do the planter box for 4-H, at Links Greenhouse this year? If so, the date needs to be selected soon. In previous years, Leah Stark and Becky Gutzman volunteered for this event. Ardyce Piehl volunteered to contact parties involved by email. Carol Ziehmke expressed that the 4-H group may be expecting it to occur.

Columbia County Fair 2018: Jean Damm shared that the theme for this year's fair is going to be "Super Heroes."

www.countryradiance.com: George Koepp shared a new post published on a website/Blog that was authored by MGV Lori Nadolski. The article is useful for recruitment of new MGV members, as well as depicting the purpose and community of people involved in our group. Share for positive public relations.

The motion to adjourn the meeting passed at 6:54 PM.

With Respect, Lori Nadolski, Secretary

Blight-Resistant Tomato Project



After a one-year hiatus, we are thinking of bringing back the Blight-Resistant Tomato Project this year. Therefore, we are looking for volunteers to participate by planting some blight-resistant tomatoes (that the club provides) in their gardens this summer.

We would also like volunteers to help with the project by possibly starting plants, sending out reminders at the proper times for participants to check the progress of their developing tomatoes, or by collecting the participants' data at the end of the growing season for analysis. This will all count towards your volunteer hours (and you get tomatoes!).

This project will tie in with our August 28th meeting to be held at Wyona Park near Wyocena, where we plan to have members bring samples of produce from our gardens, tomatoes in particular, for taste-testing.

If you wish to volunteer help and/or want to participate by planting tomatoes this year, please send an email by April 20th to Donna McElroy: mceldonna@gmail.com.



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