



February 2018

2018 Officers:

- Carol Ziehmke, President
- Jean Damm, V.P.
- Lori Nadolski, Secretary
- Linda Haddix, Treasurer
- Donna McElroy, Reporter



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DATE EVENT

FEB 27	MGV MEETING—6PM
MAR 10	LGGG REGISTRATION CLOSES
MAR 24	LGGG, 8:45AM, RIO HIGH SCHOOL
MAR 26	MGV TRAINING—6PM
MAR 27	MGV MEETING & EDUCATIONAL EVENT—6PM
APRIL 24	MGV MEETING & EDUCATIONAL EVENT—6PM

President's Message

At our January meeting Curt Catkins gave an interesting presentation on water in Columbia County. Who knew how involved our county offices were with water quality, regulations and issues! The topic went from small/large farms and run off issues, the health of our lakes, nitrates & phosphors in the drinking water and drinking wells for both individuals as well as municipalities.

Curt talked about a new computer program that helps with the placement and management of wells. He showed us some maps that show the direction that ground water flows throughout our County. The time went quickly and we all left knowing that there is a lot more to learn about this important resource in our community!

Speaking of water, our club is currently looking into a model that would show how water runs into the ground, and eventually into our underground drinking water. We will be discussing this at our next business meeting. The model could be used at public events like "Let's Get Green and Growing" (LLLG) and the county fair to help educate our own members and the general public about ground water.

It is the time of year to browse through the garden catalogues we are getting in the mail. Are we tempted by the same old standards or is something new catching your eye.

Vegetables are an area that is always interesting to me. Last year at the, "Lets Get Green and Growing" event I listened to Rob, from Link's Greenhouse, talk about some of the new varieties of vegetables that are being offered. One that he recommended was a squash variety called Honey Nut. In late spring I went out to their greenhouse and purchased a couple of the Honey Nut squash plants. These plants did well in the garden and the whole family loves the new squash. Rob or Bill from Link's Greenhouse will be coming to our February meeting and will again be giving a presentation on new vegetable and flower varieties.

I look forward to seeing you there!

Carol

Columbia County Master Gardener Volunteer Meeting Minutes—January 23, 2018 Meeting

Carol Called to order 6:05 pm
Secretary's Report (Kelly) None
Treasurer's Report (Jane) None

Introductions:

Each member, introduced themselves and shared something new they did in the past year or planning to do in the current year.

Old Business:

LGGG: (Ardyce & Becky) Planning is going well and right on schedule. Posters and brochures are printed and ready to be put out. Registration begins 2/1/18. Signups needed for setup and the day of, sheets passed around. It will be with George and on the list serve going forward.

Room Hosts will have a mini training session to understand what is needed such as head counts, notes etc.

New CCMGV Class: Dates TBD. Late March, early April, hoping to capture any new/last minute interest from LGGG.

New Business:

George reported the preliminary numbers: 32 members had qualifying hours, 32 members also paid dues, 23 people have both hours and dues.

Election of Officers:

Nominations, M/M and unanimous vote resulted in;
Carol Ziehmke as President
Jean Damm as Vice President
Lori Nadolski as Secretary
Linda Haddix as Treasurer
Donna McElroy as Reporter

Financial Auditing Committee:

Jane Considine, Sue Bradley & Kelly Tomko-Ewing will schedule a meeting and review.

2018 Program Activities:

New Officer Meeting TBD

continued...

Minutes continued....

June Field Trip:

Committee members; Linda Haddix, Lori Nadolski, Becky Gutzman, Carol Ziehmke

Fair Committee Members:

Leah Stark, Jean Damm, Carol Ziehmke, Sue Bradley

WIMGA:

Becky Gutzman reported. The organization has an open spot for a Wisconsin member. Anyone from CCMGV who might be interested can contact her for more information.

Next Meeting: Feb 26, 6:00 PM

Adjournment: 6:55 PM.

Program: Kurt Calkins-Water Quality efforts in Columbia County.

Columbia County Master Gardener Volunteers Meeting Agenda - February 27th - 6pm Room 115, Columbia County Administration Bldg.

Call to Order (Carol)

Secretary's Report (Lori)

Treasurer's Report (Linda)

Audit Team Findings

Introductions

Old Business

LGGG Update (Ardyce/Becky)

Volunteer Sign Ups

Calendar of Events

Summer Field Trip/Bus Tour

Micro Farm Update

New MGV Training—Organizational Meeting, March 26, 6:00pm

New Business

Ground Water Flow Model

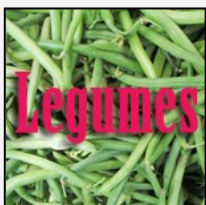
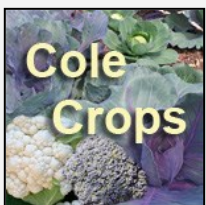
2018 CC MGV Budget Approval

Adjourn

Program

“What's New with GH Plants” - Link's Greenhouse





Now is a Great Time for Pruning!

This time of the year is a great time to prune many trees and shrubs, especially fruit trees in your yard. Dormant pruning is usually the best. However, do not prune spring flowering plants now (lilacs), you will be cutting off the flowers. Wait until after blossoming to prune those shrubs.

Remember the reasons and rules of pruning and prune in this order:

1. Remove dead, diseased, insect-infested or broken branches
2. Remove conflicting branches
3. Change the size or proportion of the plant
4. Develop a special form or shape
5. Increase flower and fruit production
6. Remove wilted or dead flowers and seed pods
7. Rejuvenate a declining plant. Stimulate new growth by pruning older wood

Also remember, use sharp pruning tools, make proper cuts, and disinfect your tools between plants or trees.

Plant Propagation Workshop for MGVs

Join Mike Maddox all day on March 10 at the DC Smith Greenhouse on the UW-Madison campus for this annual plant propagation workshop. The biggest complaint past participants have had about this program is that they are too successful and too many things live! Details are online, but you need to register here or by calling Kristina Crapp at 608-265-5139. Registration is \$35 per person and is limited to only 16 participants. No waiting list.

Need Continuing Ed? We've Got You Covered

As we mentioned previously, the online, interactive training you've grown accustomed to is being revamped for 2019 and will be called Level 3. We hope to use this as a way to better explore timely topics as they relate to your role as a MGV. More to come in the future on this!

Taking the place for Level 2 will be the 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.

"Let's Get Green and Growing" Volunteer Opportunities - 2018

Friday Night Set Up

1. Becky Gutzman
2. Sue Dolgner
3. Kelly Tomko
4. Ardyce Piehl
5. Rita Socha
6. Terry Socha
7. Sue Bradley
8. Ann Bisping
9. Jeff Breuer
10. Jane Breuer
11. Paul Bergum

Vendor Set Up – Assist with carrying items

1. Jean Damm
2. Kelly Tomko
3. Sue Bradley
4. Rita Socha
5. Terry Socha
6. Paul Bergum

Registration Table

1. Lori Nadolski
2. Deb Buechner
3. Rita Socha
4. Lila Waldman
5. John Waldman
6. Jane Considine

Speaker Greeter – Show them to their room

1. Deb Buechner
2. Sue Bradley

3. Kelly Tomko
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

Door Prize Table

1. Sherryl Stolte
2. Sue Dolgner

Holding Room

Session 1:

Lunch:

Session 2: Sherryl Stolte

Session 3: Sherryl Stolte

Master Gardener Sales/Book Swap Table

Opening (9:00 am): Bill Damm

After Keynote: Jane Considine

Lunch:

Between Session 2/3: Terry Socha

End/Clean up: Terry Socha

Photographer (Throughout the Day)

1. Donna McElroy
- 2.

Watch Vendor Tables – Supervise table for vendors who are presenting

Creative Visual Workshop

1. New Life Lavender and Cherry Farm

1.

Speaker Hosts – *Introduce speakers, troubleshoot problems, Complete/turn in Session Info Sheet*

Session 1

- A (Climate Change)
 - 1. Liz Miller
- B (Plant Disease)
 - 1. Terry Socha
- C (Bonsai)
 - 1. Lila Waldman
- D (Free Plants)
 - 1. Robin Abbot
- E (Soil)
 - 1.
- F (Gardening 101)
 - 1.
- G (Tree Roundtable)
 - 1. John Waldman
- H (Rose Care)
 - 1. Lori Nadolski
- I (Gourds)
 - 1.
- J (Lavender)
 - 1. Phyllis Peterson

Session 2

- K (Fairy Garden)
 - 1. Lori Nadolski
 - 2. Donna McElroy
- L (Flower Arranging)
 - 1. Sue Dolgner
- M (Horticulture Therapy)
 - 1. Lila Waldman
- N (Composting)
 - 1.
- O (Pruning)
 - 1. Kelly Tomko
- P (Microgreens)
 - 1. Jean Damm
- Q. (Cold Frames/Hot Houses)
 - 1. Robin Abbott
- R (Container Gardening)
 - 1. Ann Marie Fuerst

- S (Tomatoes)
 - 1.
- T (Houseplants)
 - 1. Liz Miller

Session 3

- U (Fairy Garden)
 - 1. Ann Marie Fuerst
- V (Flower Arranging)
 - 1. Sue Dolgner
- W (Worms)
 - 1. Robin Abbott
- X (Forestry Invasives)
 - 1.
- Y (Organic Gardening)
 - 1. Liz Miller
- Z (Gardening 101)
 - 1.
- AA (LED lights)
 - 1. Donna McElroy
- BB (Hops)
 - 1. John Waldman
- CC (Tool Care)
 - 1. Lila Waldman
- DD (Growing Grapes)
 - 1. Phyllis Peterson

Clean Up

- 1. Leah Stark
- 2. Deb Buechner
- 3. Becky Gutzman
- 4. Ardyce Piehl
- 5. Donna McElroy
- 6. Terry Socha
- 7. Rita Socha
- 8. Paul Bergum
- 9. Lori Nadolski
- 10.



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