



May 2018

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Columbia County MGV 2018 Activities

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
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
July 24-29	Columbia County Fair, Portage Fairgrounds

**CCMGV March Agenda—May 22nd -
6:00pm**

Administration Building, 112 E. Edgewater Street, Portage



- Call to Order
- Secretary's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Introductions
- Old Business
- New Business

"BEE-utiful Design", "What does your garden look like from a bee's perspective?" presentation by Katey (Smith) Pratt, Horticulturist, Olbrich Gardens, Madison

Adjourn

Fall Festival

Master Gardener Volunteers of Columbia County & Their Families

Tuesday, October 23rd



President's Message

May is always a beautiful month. The trees are leafing out, the grass is turning green and the spring bulbs are in their glory. The days are longer, and the time change gives us that extra hour in the evening so we have more time to enjoy nature.

I just took a trip to Chicago and the city plantings were gorgeous. The tulips could not have been more beautiful, orange and purple combinations, forsythia and yellow dogwood, blue water with white sailboats, tall skyscrapers and beautiful old architecture. The outdoor seating for restaurants was open and customers were enjoying the beautiful weather and food.

We have all those things in our own neighborhood just on a smaller scale. A new outdoor deck is under construction at the new wine bar in Portage, the car ferry is running on Lake Wisconsin, our favorite walks around the county are calling us and the Farmers Markets are opening.



I had my first taste of asparagus and it was just as delicious as always! I am looking forward to those first radishes from our garden but am going to see if I can find

some at a Farmers Market for now.

The Tri County Produce Auction is open to the public and features a plant and flower auction. For the month of May there are two auctions each week on Tuesdays and Fridays starting at 11AM. In June, July, August and September there are three

auctions each week. Anyone who grows produce within a 100-mile radius of the Tri-County Produce Auction Co-op, whether a large commercial grower or just a gardener with surplus vegetables, is considered a local grower. The majority of the items come from the Amish that live in the area.



Tri-County Auction-Donna McElroy

This time of the year most of the items are flowers and vegetable plants. Later it will be

produce from the gardens. Individuals and buyers from business are there to purchase items for their own use or to turn around and resell. The Auction is an interesting and fun event to check out!

Our local greenhouses are full of flowers and vegetables. It is always fun to see what combinations of flowers are put together each year. What is today's theme, monochrome or contrast?

I have had the pleasure of spending time on front porches lately. In South Carolina, Chicago and at home. It is always interesting to sit out front and watch the neighborhood. People walking their dogs, with their children, jogging or out for an evening stroll. Everyone seems happier with warmer weather and being able to be outside and enjoy it.

~Carol



Master Gardener Volunteers of Columbia County 2018 Summer Field Trip Tuesday, June 26th



7:45 AM
Board Bus at Market Square in Portage

Bookworm Gardens
Sheboygan, WI
www.bookwormgardens.org

Horicon Marsh Education and Visitor's
Center, Horicon, WI
www.horiconmarsh.org

Lunch: sandwich, chips, cookie

Bloch's Farm
Green Lake, WI
www.blochsfarm.com

Return to Portage Market Square
6:00 PM

Cost is \$60 per person/ \$55 for CCMGA Members
Registration Deadline: May 22, 2018
To Register, contact Linda Haddix: 608-697-9377
Make checks out to: Columbia County Master Gardener Assoc.
Mail to: W7526 North Star Road, Pardeeville, WI 53954

Columbia County Master Gardener Volunteers

Vice President Jean Damm called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM, and lead the meeting until President Carol Ziehmke arrived at 6:15 PM. Carol had a previous commitment. Meeting was hosted at the Columbia County Administration Building.

Minutes: Secretary's Notes from the March meeting were moved to approve by Marie Rohrbacher and seconded by Lila Waldman. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: March's account balance was \$6,885.76. Our new balance is \$6,310.76. The report will be sent to the audit committee.

Introductions: Tonight we shared our name and what we did to enjoy today's weather. In attendance were: George Koepp, Lori Nadolski, Bill Damm, Lila Waldman, Linda Haddix, Sue Bradley, Marie Rohrbacher, Sherryl Stolte, Leah Stark, Debbie Buechner, Donna McElroy, Don Meyer, Jean Damm, Ardyce Piehl, Carol Zeihmke.

Old Business

LGGG 2018 – Financially we ended up approximately \$76 in profit, when taking into account the support of the extension office. The committee has a lot of evaluative data to assess. Ardyce Piehl distributed two papers to members: the budget review and the evaluation packet.

"Spring Fling" at Ace Hardware Report—This event went very well. Our table had a front spot. Lila Waldman took the first shift. Our Master Gardener Volunteers taught how to transplant seedlings. Kelly Tomko demonstrated how to make seed tape with toilet paper. They answered a lot of questions. Even though the weather was bad, there was a good turn out and people will probably request this again in the future.

MGV Banner Update—We used our table sign at the "Spring Fling" event, but it will be nice to have a new banner. Carol Ziehmke has contacted Two River Signs and their Graphic Designer is currently working on it. We hope to have it completed and in our possession for the county fair. Members discussed which logo to use. The UW extension logo will be changing, and we may wait until that is complete. We imagine that a combination of our in house photos, selected logo and

contact information will be a part of the layout. When a prototype is complete, it will be shared.

Summer Bus Trip—Linda Haddix reported that a check was sent to Bookworm Gardens. We are estimating 30 participants. The bus will cost \$40/person. We will likely reserve a classroom at the Visitor Center at the Horicon Marsh. The cost for the room is \$35.00. Cost will need to include a tip for the bus driver. The committee will meet soon to finalize the cost per person, determine the lunch menu, registration deadline, advertisements, and any remaining tasks.

Micro-Farm Recap—Both farms are currently here at the extension office. Events for this past Spring were: Pardeeville kindergarten class, John Muir 3rd graders, and the Heritage House. Events this last fall were: Fall River, St. John's, Randolph. At the Heritage House, residents reminisced about their childhood memories with our MGV's. They wanted to plant beets. We left a flat with them to re-pot outside. There was at least a dozen participants. Some of the staff helped out. We are told that the residents sang to the plants.

MGV Training class Update—We have 12 students this year! This is the largest class in many years. They are enthusiastic.

Portage Community Garden Update—Sue Bradley reported. There are 24 plots and a waiting list to get in. A rototiller was donated by Ardyce Piehl. George leads monthly meetings at 6 PM, on the third Thursdays of each month for this summer. They may ask for mentors. Sue will forward requests to our group if more mentors are needed. The garden is located on Silver Lake Drive in Portage, by the airport.

Columbus Community Garden—If someone is looking for hours, the Columbus Community Garden could use help coordinating and organizing the garden. They could also use some help for advertising. If someone has interest, let George know and he will forward your name to them.

New Business—4-H Planter at Links

May 17th at 6:00 PM. The 4-H clubs can arrive earlier if necessary. Becky Gutzman and Ardyce Piehl will be there. It's fun to see the containers at the Fair.

Columbia County Fair Committee—Jean Damm, Leah Stark and Carol Ziehmke are on this committee. This is the fair booth that we have put up at the county fair the last several years. Our members work the

booth and sign up each year. George will arrange making the deposit to reserve our spot/booth. \$150.00

CC Health Center Perennial Flower Bed—Mandy Herwig called George. It is a 10 x 15 plot that needs some work. It's full of Echinacea, phlox, and other perennials that have become overgrown. We might be able to relocate those plants down by the water. Residents may help if possible. Jean Damm has the written contact information from Mandy.

Pardeeville Ambulance Building—Carol Ziehmke was contacted by someone on the board of the Ambulance Building, located by the post office. It's a large metal building with only grass. They are thinking about adding some shrubs and are asking for suggestions and/or ideas for plantings. We could maybe use the list we got from Dave and LGGG and give it to them.

Linda Haddix moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 PM. Deb Buechner seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Educational Hour: Bill Damm "Tool Time/ Tool Care"

With Respect, Lori Nadolski, Secretary

MGV worked in the perennial garden at Columbia County Health Care Center on Monday May 7th.



Pictured left to right:

Kathleen Delaney, Carol Ziehmke, Marcy Read, Rita Socha, Jean Damm and Mr. and Mrs. Schultz.

Mr. Schultz donated the funds for the original garden, so his wife could enjoy the site.



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