

11th Annual

Let's Get Green



and Growing

*Presented by Columbia County Master
Gardener Association*

When: Saturday, March 30, 2019

Time: 8:45 am—2:45 pm

**Where: Rio High School
411 Church Street**

Registration: \$10/person

(Registration opens Feb. 1, closes March 15)

Registration day of event \$20/person

Let's Get Green and Growing!

Saturday, March 30, 2019



- 8:45 am Doors Open
- 9:15 am Welcome and Announcements
- 9:30-10:30 Keynote Speaker: **Ben Futa**, Director, Allen Centennial Garden, - *"Gardens Will Save the World: How the Allen Centennial Garden Fosters A Community of Plant Lovers"* - Public Gardens offer spaces where it is possible for all kinds of people to come together. We need spaces and invitations to rediscover our humanity and our connection to nature.
- 10:30-11:00 Visit with Vendors
- 11:00-11:45 Break-out Session #1
- 11:45-1:00 Lunch available by Rio FFA for \$7.00, includes sub sandwich, chips, fruit, and beverage; network, chat with experts and visit vendors.
- 1:00-1:45 Break-out Session #2
- 1:45-2:00 Visit with Vendors
- 2:00-2:45 Break-out Session #3

Vendors include: Copper Penny Garlic Farm, Creative Visual Workshop, Gerry's Garden, Laura Gramer Service Dog Fundraiser, Lemon Blossom Fairy Soaps, Link's Greenhouse and Farm, New Life Lavender and Cherry Farm, Ancient Arts Bonsai, Portage Friends of the Library & Stone-Crete Company (*others may be added*).

*Vendors will be donating door prizes. Drawing will be held during Session 2 and posted by end of Session 3.

*Garden book and magazine swap in gymnasium. Bring yours to the exchange table; you do not have to bring an item to take an item!

BREAKOUT SESSION 1: 11:00 -11:45 AM

MGV = Master Gardener Volunteer

- A Peony Perfection** – Bring these beauties to your garden! Learn from Floyd Ravet of the Madison Peony Society how to select, plant and care for these garden gems.
- B Strawberry Success** – MGVs Kerry and Tina Kurt will impart their 18 years of experience in growing strawberries, providing growing tips and Q and A time to answer all of your strawberry questions.
- C Small Space Gardening** – A small space doesn't mean you can't have a beautiful garden. MGV Jane Breuer and Jeff Breuer will show you that with imagination and smart choices you can have a garden anywhere!
- D Garlic - It's Not Just for Vampires Anymore** - Jennifer Blau of Copper Penny Garlic Farm will share her expertise of growing and harvesting garlic and its versatility of use.
- E Free Plants** – Cal Bouwkamp, Horticulture Educator, will explain the why's and how's of indoor plant propagation. You will take home several plants propagated during this session. (Limit: 20 participants)
- F Food Preservation** – In a Jelly or In a Jam? – MGV Becky Gutzman will share what's new in ingredients, methods and products for fruit preserves. Participants will help make a quick freezer jam and take home a sample. (Limit 20 participants)
- G Let It Rot!** – Dean Piehl, Horticulture Educator, will stir up your enthusiasm for composting at home. Learn how to make "black gold" to enrich your garden from kitchen and yard waste.
- H Low Impact Lawn Care** – Discover how you can have a "green" AND a beautiful lawn with Bruce Schweiger, UW-Extension Superintendent of the O J Noer Turfgrass Research and Education Center.
- I Pollinator Power** – Bats and birds and butterflies and bees – oh my! Dr. Pat Delwiche describes what we can do to help protect and foster the pollinators that are needed for flower and food production.
- J The Art of Bonsai** – Growing bonsai is a unique combination of art and horticulture. Join Karl Bethke, President of the Badger Bonsai Society, as he demonstrates how to choose, style and care for bonsai materials.

BREAKOUT SESSION 2: 1:00—1:45 pm

- K Gardens Will Save the World** – Join keynote speaker Ben Futa and Elin Meliska in this interactive session to help you reach new audiences in your community. You will learn tools and guidance to build meaningful relationships between plants and people through public spaces and projects. **(also being offered in Session U)*
- L Heirloom Plants in the Landscape** – Phyllis Both, Sauk County Horticulture Educator, will explain what heirloom plants are, the benefits of using them and tips for designing with them in your landscape.
- M Organic Gardening** – What does it take to have an organic garden? MGVS Jane Breuer and Jeff Breuer will discuss inputs, methods and techniques for achieving organic success.
- N Deep Mulching** – Dean Piehl, Horticulture Educator, shares ideas on how to control weeds, manage soil, water and plant production and health by using deep mulching methods. Dean likes to garden smarter, not harder!
- O Growing Plants With LED Lights** – LED light technology for growing plants has greatly improved and become very reasonable in cost. Learn the basics of setting up a LED system with Cal Bouwkamp, Horticulture Educator.
- P Teatime from the Garden** – Gale Borger, of Gerry's Garden, will present plants to grow for teas and tisanes and then guide participants in making their own teabags to take home. A tea party will round out the presentation! Please include extra \$5 material fee. (Limit 25 participants)
- Q Perennial Vegetables in Wisconsin** – Are you anxious for your asparagus and rhubarb to peek through? MGVS Becky Gutzman will share planting and growing advice for these plus other less common perennial vegetables.
- R Jumping Worms and Other Invasives** – Jumping worms are an invasive earthworm that reproduces and spreads quickly. Our environment is also threatened by other invasive plants, animals, insects and fungi. Bernie Williams, WI DNR will help us learn what to look for and slow their spread.
- S Terrific Tomatoes** – Tomatoes continue to be the #1 veggie grown by home gardeners. George Koepp, UW-Extension Ag Educator, will share tips for selecting and growing the best varieties for Wisconsin and for dealing with diseases and pests of this favorite plant.
- T Orchids for Everyone** - Keith Nelson of the Orchid Growers Guild of Madison will introduce you to the joy of growing and caring for orchids. He currently grows 300 orchids himself!

BREAKOUT SESSION 3: 2:00—2:45 pm

U Gardens Will Save the World - Join keynote speaker Ben Futa and Elin Meliska in this interactive session to help you reach new audiences in your community. You will learn tools and guidance to build meaningful relationships between plants and people through public spaces and projects.
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V Worms Eat My Garbage - MGVS Kate Rietmann will demonstrate how worms + food waste = nutrient rich fertilizer! Learn about this simple, efficient, noiseless method that rebuilds soil while saving water and energy.

W Sweet Potatoes – This nutritious vegetable is increasing in popularity on our tables; why not try growing your own? MGVS Ann Robson will share how to grow them in Wisconsin and each participant will take home a starter slip.

X Soak Up the Rain – Roger Bannerman, WI DNR, shares tips on creating rain gardens in your landscape to absorb rainwater runoff and improve water quality of our natural water systems.

Y Lovely Lavender – Lavender has long been enjoyed in the garden for its scent as well as many household uses. Join Laura McReynolds of New Life Lavender and Cherry Farm to learn how to grow and enjoy lavender in your garden.

Z Garden Seed Saving for the Novice – If you are new to seed saving, this is the class for you, presented by MGVS Doreen Hamburg. Learn about the history of seed saving, common seed terminology and how to plant and save seeds for best results.

AA Using Cover Crops in Your Garden - Jamie Patton of the UW-Extension Nutrient and Pest Management Program, shares how planting cover crops improves soil health, decreases erosion and reduces runoff. Find out how to use cover crops in your garden.

BB Straw Bale Gardening – Straw bale gardening is essentially another form of container gardening. Explore this interesting technique with MGVS Kelly Tomko to see if it can work for you!

CC What's New in the Greenhouse? - Bill Link of Link's Greenhouse and Farm will highlight some of the new plant varieties, colors and shapes that will be showing up in the greenhouse in 2019.

DD Tree and Shrub Pruning – Brian Wahl, WI DNR, will demonstrate how and when to prune and share the best tools for the purpose. Q and A time will be provided.

What is the Master Gardener Program?

Master Gardener Volunteers are trained individuals who aid UW-Extension staff by helping people in the community better understand horticulture and their environment. This national program was introduced to Wisconsin in 1977. Today the Master Gardener program is available in all 50 states and several countries.

In the Master Gardener program, you receive 36 hours of horticultural training with UW-Extension specialists and faculty and local experts. The course fee includes instructional materials, which you keep.

To become a certified Master Gardener Volunteer, you must attend the designated training sessions, pass a final exam, and provide at least 24 hours of volunteer service in your community. To remain certified, each year you will need to acquire 10 hours of continuing education and volunteer a minimum of 24 hours.

What you can do as a Master Gardener Volunteer:

- ♦ Be a Community Garden mentor, organizer;
- ♦ Present at horticultural workshops and talks;
- ♦ Assist with horticultural therapy projects;
- ♦ Organize or manage farmer's markets;
- ♦ Answering telephone inquiries for horticultural information;
- ♦ Write newspaper gardening columns;
- ♦ Teach elementary classrooms Micro-farm project;
- ♦ Volunteer at your county Extension office;
- ♦ Work at local parks or assist with beautification committees;
- ♦ Lead youth education with 4-H, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, etc.



Many Master Gardener Volunteers give much more time beyond the required minimum number of hours. Master Gardener Volunteers contribute thousands of hours of horticulture-related community service projects annually.

If you are interested in becoming a Master Gardener Volunteer, you can contact your local Extension office. Columbia County residents can call Jennifer Evans at 608-742-9687 or email Jennifer.evans@ces.uwex.edu and she will notify you when the next training is scheduled.

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Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

\$10.00 registration fee includes all sessions. *There is an extra \$5.00 fee for Session P. Make check payable to *Columbia County Master Gardener Assn* and mail to: **UW-Extension, 112 E. Edgewater St., Room 212, Portage, WI 53901.** Registration opens February 1st and ends March 15th. Registrations must be postmarked or delivered to the UW-Extension office by March 15th. Registration day of event is possible but choices are limited and fee is \$20.

No refunds, except for materials fee, if that session is filled before your registration is received.

You must indicate your 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choices for each session. We will make every effort to accommodate your selections; no selections are guaranteed.

Session 1: 11:00-11:45 am

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Session 2: 1:00-1:45 am

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Session 3: 2:00-2:45 am

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