



Master Gardener News

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Columbia County MGV 2019 Activities

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
June 16	Peony Day in Rosendale, Sisson's Peony Garden
June 25	MGV Bus Tour, Paine Art Center and Gardens, Oshkosh
July 20	Pre-Fair Cleanup, 9am - 1pm, CC Fairgrounds
July 23	July Meeting, CC Fair Set-up
July 23-28	Columbia County Fair



President's Message

Hello Friends,

We flipped another month on the calendar and are now half way through the year! (GASP!!!) How can that be? We've only just begun. Someone please make it slow down!!

I FINALLY got my vegetable garden planted this last weekend. I think this is the latest I've ever had to wait. And then I hear the farm report and unfortunately some of the farmers aren't doing so well either. My rhubarb has been plentiful, and my asparagus has been just enough for two of us (kids won't eat it!) I put potatoes in pots this year. Have you ever tried a purple flesh potato? Me neither, but I thought it would be fun for my kids to try! We've also been busy watching the birds. I didn't realize just how many different kinds birds like grape jelly, its not just for Orioles anymore!

After a slow-to-warm-up spring, I realized the extent of winter loss I have. My heart breaks for the BEAUTIFUL 15 yr old Japanese Maple that is near death. The cambium layer has split, and its only a matter of time (next year probably) that it will have succumbed to its injuries. I also lost a Burning Bush that is about the same age, and am losing an Autumn Purple Ash to EAB. If you are ever in my neighborhood, stop on by...there is always something going on around my yard.

May has been a busy month for MGVs. The Lincoln Park Gardens are well underway. The raised beds have been planted and are ready to grow. I look forward to seeing and hearing about the progress it has in the neighborhood.

We had our annual container planting night with the 4-Hers out at Links Greenhouse, which is always fun. We had 3 clubs join us this year. Be sure to look for them around the grounds at the County Fair.

Our June 27 field trip to Payne Gardens in Oshkosh has been finalized. Please check your email for that information.

The Fair Booth committee has met and has some neat ideas for our booth at the fair. "Celebrate Wisconsin" is the theme. We will be set up in the Flower Building this year, not the Commercial Building.



Planning for Tomatopalooza is in the works. Save the date...August 17, Edge-water Greenhouse. Watch for more info on that as well.

We will not be having a business meeting in June or July (I'm sure you're sad about that!) However, there is still business that needs to be done. We have a lot of volunteer opportunities that will be coming our way; I hope you can join in on all the fun! ...stay tuned...

Once again, a reminder that if you have anything that you would like to submit for our newsletter, please don't hesitate! And a Thank You to all of you for the hours you put in volunteering. Every little bit does help, and together we make a pretty great team!

Leah Stark

Horticultural Therapy Workshops

Mike is again taking his Horticultural Therapy Workshop on the road this summer to Door, Washington, Douglas, and Marinette Counties. Registration is currently open for the June 1 workshop in Sturgeon Bay and the June 8 workshop in West Bend. Read more details. Space is limited!



Plant Identification Workshop Series

Attend a workshop put on the UW-Stevens Point. Four workshops include: Woodland Plant Identification and Sampling, Grasses and Sedges Identification and Sampling, Wetland Plant Identification and Sampling, and Prairie Plant Identification and Sampling.

[Registration materials](#) include date and location information.

Correction: Garlic Mustard/Biocontrol Testing in Ontario article from May was originally from the Midwest Invasive

Plant Network,

<https://www.mipn.org/>

MGV help plant and donate funds for a Heritage Apple Tree at HIAH



Continuing Education Opportunities

Learn at Wimastergardener.org

Read these articles and more at wimastergardener.org. We turned the comments section off, but you can still get ½ hour CE by reading the articles.



Rhubarb is the first “fruit” of the season – used as a fruit, but grows like a vegetable. With huge leaves on long red to green petioles it can also make a dramatic statement in the garden. This old fashioned perennial is very easy to grow, coming back bigger year after year with little care. Learn more about rhubarb at <https://wimastergardener.org/article/rhubarb-rheum-rhabarbarum/>



There aren't many native woodland plants that also double as vegetables, but the spring ephemeral *Allium tricoccum* is one. Commonly known as ramps or wild leek, this native onion species is frequently collected and sold at farmers markets or served in upscale restaurants. To find out more about this perennial plant, read this article at <https://wimastergardener.org/article/ramps-allium-tricoccum/>



Mayapple is a native wildflower with distinctive, deeply lobed, umbrella-shaped leaves. It forms dense colonies in open deciduous woodlands and other shaded sites. It can be a wonderful groundcover, outcompeting most weeds in a woodland garden or naturalized setting. To learn more about this unique herbaceous perennial, read this article at <https://wimastergardener.org/article/mayapple-podophyllum-peltatum/>

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Plants Plus

Get your continuing education with our 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.



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



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<https://wimastergardener.org/article/container-design/>



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<http://fyi.uwex.edu/mastergardener/article/root-crops/>



<https://wimastergardener.org/article/invasive-plants/>

THE MONTH OF JUNE 2019: FUN FACTS, & FOLKLORE

What's happening in June 2019? June brings beautiful bouquets, delicious fruits and vegetables, and an urge to get out there and enjoy the sunshine.

- June was most likely named for the Roman goddess Juno, patroness of marriage and the well-being of women. Another interpretation says that the name came from the Latin juvenis, "young people," who were celebrated at this time.
- The summer solstice heralds the start of summer. In 2019, the solstice falls on June 21. In the Southern Hemisphere, winter begins at this time.
- If June be sunny, harvest comes early, June damp and warm does the farmer no harm.
- June's birth flowers are the honeysuckle and the rose.
- A rose in general indicates love or desire. Specific roses may relate other messages. For example, a white rose may mean "silence" or "new beginnings," while a yellow rose signifies "jealousy."
- The honeysuckle denotes the bonds of love, or generous and devoted affection.
- Tuesday, June 5 is World Environment Day to raise environmental awareness across the globe.
- Wednesday, June 14 is Flag Day (U.S.). Be sure to raise the flag!
- The Full Strawberry Moon rises on June 17 at 4:31 a.m. EDT
- June's birthstone is generally considered the Pearl but also Alexandrite and Moonstone.
- Pearls are associated with purity, honesty, and calmness. If you dream of a pearl ring, expect romance.



*It is the month of June,
The month of leaves and roses,
When pleasant sights salute the eyes,
And pleasant scents the noses.*
—N. P. Willis (1807-67)



Columbia County Master Gardener Volunteers

May 21st, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order. Introductions around the table were in response to the question: How are you spending Memorial weekend.

Secretary's Report: secretary was not present; there was no Secretary's Report.

Treasurer's Report: Checkbook balanced. We have a balance of \$5647.55; audit was done and everything was good. Verbal approval of Treasurer's report.

Past meeting notes from the MGCV bulletin were approved noting that LGGG dollars was not the net amount as it did not include the money spent.

Old Business: Tomatopalooza tomatoes are available at Edgewater. Present the coupon George Koepp emailed to MGCVs to Edgewater Greenhouse staff to receive two tomato plants and two pepper plants. Varieties available were in the "short" list emailed.

Lincoln Park Garden: Five of the six gardens are planted; just one left and that will be planted soon. It was mentioned that it's probably best to work in the garden during food pantry hours -- Monday and Wednesday 11 a.m. to noon; or Thursday 5 to 6 p.m., that way pantry users can see what we're doing and if they have questions, they can be addressed. So far, two families have expressed interest in being involved in this project.

June Field Trip: Donna has compiled the results from the survey and will work with Linda Haddix to firm up plans. So far it sounds as though we'll go to Paine Art and Garden in Oshkosh, have lunch and then go to another location that is of interest to us in general. It was noted that last year's bus cost \$1300, and suggestion was made that perhaps we hire a smaller bus or a school bus, as Oshkosh isn't that far to go without stopping and is better than driving individually. When Donna and Linda get firm plans they will email to MGCV list serve.

ORS Update: George and Becky Gutzman are working on this and expect to have this program up and operating by the end of June.

Columbia County Fair Update: This committee will meet soon; stay tuned.

4H Container Gardeners at Links Greenhouse: It went well; three groups were involved in this. Ardyce will send a thank you to the Links.

4H/MGCV Plantings Around Fair Buildings: Park and Rec will provide mulch; \$100 from Edgewater Greenhouse for plantings. Date for planting is to be determined. Info will be sent by Leah to the list serve.

How to Display Vegetables and Flowers at the Fair: Info to come. It was mentioned that it would be a good idea if we could host a session to 4H-ers on what judges

look for when they're judging flower plantings and arrangements. The Columbia County Fair is Tuesday through Sunday, July 23 through July 27.

New Business: WHU Friday meetings on Zoom are held at 9:30 a.m. so you add the Zoom app, use 594 689 234 as the code and mute so your background noise isn't included in the presentation. The info can also be accessed by listening to the recorded session later.

Paul Bergum indicated that anyone interested in helping with the Rio Gardens Tour can contact him. The hours of the tour is Friday, June 28 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturday, June 29 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Next Meetings: June's meeting will be the field trip; July's meeting is the Columbia County Fair set-up on Tuesday, July 23.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Debra Buechner

Attention Peony Lovers!

Did you know that the nearby town of Rosendale, in Fond du Lac County, is known for something other than its infamous speed trap? And did you know that by proclamation, the second week in June is "Peony Week" in Wisconsin? In 1968, Gov. Warren Knowles issued a proclamation declaring it so, honoring Rosendale and the Peony Festival held there for many years. Rosendale is home to the historic Sisson's Peony Gardens, which was founded in the 1920's by Wilbur Sisson. In retirement, he moved to Rosendale to live with his widowed sister and started growing peonies in her backyard. This expanded into a business as his hobby grew and he began shipping peonies to customers throughout the United States and beyond. As his business expanded, he hired Jesse Phillips, who later became a partner, and then owner, after the death of Mr. Sisson in 1950. In 1979, Phillips sold the garden. Later on, part of the property was sold for residential development and the garden closed in 1988.

After years of neglect, the remaining garden was given to the Rosendale Historical Society in 2005, and the garden restored for viewing. Rosendale still honors this heritage and the Rosendale Historical Society hosts Peony Sunday every year when the many varieties of herbaceous, tree, and intersectional peonies bloom. Here is information sent to me by Emajeane Westphal about this year's festival. She also notes that the state is resurfacing Highway 26 from Rosendale to Oshkosh, but motorists are still able to reach Rosendale even though they have Rosendale blocked off the highway sign on Hwy. 151 outside of Waupun. Sisson's Peony Gardens' address is 207 North Main St, Rosendale.



PEONY DAY in ROSENDALE

The Rosendale Historical Society will host Peony Sunday in the historic Sisson's Peony Gardens on Sunday, June 16. A plate lunch, including a hot sandwich and homemade dessert, will be available for purchase from 11 AM to 2 PM on June 16. The public is invited to view the blossoms in the Peony Gardens, located on Highway 26, just 1 block north of the intersection with Hwy. 23, at any time. The Peonies will be blossoming for several weeks during the month of June. Visitors are welcome to tour the Gardens now or at any time during the summer. There is no admission charge to tour the gardens.

The State of Wisconsin will not allow parking on Highway 26, but there is ample parking around the corner from the Gardens on Wisconsin St. The Gardens can also be accessed from the rear on Lafayette St.

Beginning in the spring of 2005, the Rosendale Historical Society began the restoration of these Gardens. Volunteers from the Village and surrounding area have adopted various rows in the gardens to keep weeded. Susan Pinch is the current chairperson of the Peony Gardens.

In 2006, the Sisson's Peony Gardens in Rosendale was placed on the State Register of Historic Places and this was followed by acceptance on the National Register of Historic Places in 2007. This garden was founded in 1919 by Wilbur Sisson and expanded by Jesse Phillips, the succeeding owner. At its peak in 1960 the Gardens encompassed 4 ½ acres with 2500 peonies. The original windmill built in 1929 still stands near the entrance to the Gardens.



Columbia County Fair

Celebrate Wisconsin Native Plants will be the theme for this year's booth in our new location—the Flower and Vegetable exhibit building! The committee of Leah, Jean, Carol, Ardyce and Becky met and planned the booth's educational content and activities, as well as brainstormed some ideas for decorating the rest of the building, where we will expand the theme to Celebrate Wisconsin's Local Foods. We will need your help in several important ways;

Saturday, July 20, 9 am – 1 pm: pre-fair clean-up of the Flower building; bring your own cleaning supplies.

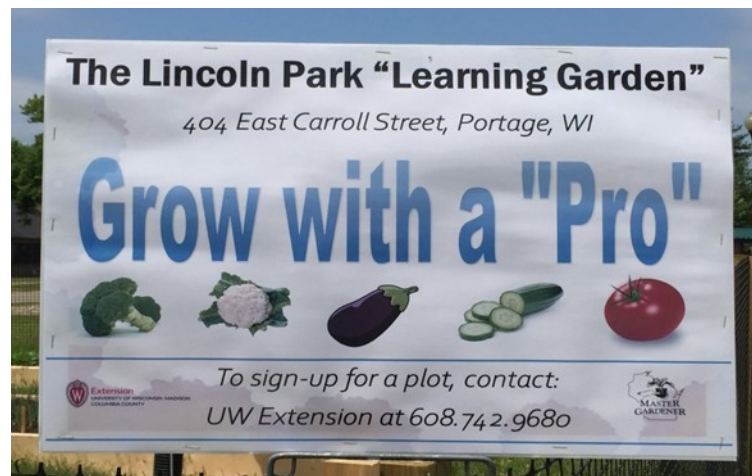
Tuesday, July 23, 6 pm set up booth and displays in Flower building (this takes the place of our regular meeting) and 7 pm, select Gardener's Choice Awards for Junior Class flower and vegetables exhibits.

Wednesday, July 24, 9 -11 am (or later): assist with accepting floral entries and placing them in correct areas; at approximately 1 pm, more or additional helpers will be needed to assist with judging. This involves moving entries around, attaching ribbons and recording placings, NOT actual judging. Carol and Sue have some new ideas to implement this year, and we would like to have plenty of help to make things go as smoothly as possible. And you learn a lot!! After judging is complete the Gardener's Choice Awards for Open Class will be selected.

Sunday, July 28, 4-6 pm: Exhibit release—a few helpers are needed to help exhibitors and clean up.

Wednesday through Sunday, we will need MGs to staff the booth; that sign-up form will come out later in June and will be in the July newsletter.

Thanks in advance for your help!!



On May 29th, a group of MGVs, including Rita Socha, Carol Ziehmke, Anne Marie Fuerst, Bill Damm, Linda Haddix and Extension staff George Koepp and Caitlin Richardson met at the community garden with Food Pantry volunteers Barb Chesney and Judy Keppert.

Barb and Judy spoke to the group and led us on a tour of the food pantry. The food pantry is a USDA pantry and they receive many food items through that program. Other foods are donated from local businesses such as Aldi's, Kwik Trip, Brakebush, AMPI, Penda Corporation, Second Harvest Food Bank and others, and though cash donations. It did not appear the pantry had a lot of fresh produce, so this is where our participation comes to light.

All food harvested through the program must be weighed, and it was suggested for members to purchase a luggage type scale for this purpose. There is also a scale inside the pantry to use when they are open. We need to keep track of how much food is harvested for record keeping purposes. Send Caitlin a list of what is planted and she will come up with some recipes using these ingredients.

The produce we provide will be distributed to the participants through the food pantry. The general rules were discussed by the group and include donating fresh produce toward the beginning of the week. The pantry is open Monday and Wednesdays from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. and Thursdays from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. If produce is harvested after Thursdays, it will not be distributed until the following Monday and could go bad. In this case, we need to contact George or Caitlin for distribution to alternative

pantries or facilities.

When we mentoring with interested individuals, we should have the persons do most of the work and water whenever possible. One note, do not wash the produce, as it will encourage deterioration.

A food prep demonstration is being planned for a later date. Also, Lincoln Park is a site with free food for kids this summer, and we'd like to have our produce be a part of that project.

There will be a large plastic tote set inside the pantry that we can use, when the pantry is open. More to come...

Linda Haddix

"Recipes from the Garden"

Rhubarb Crumb Coffee Cake

Rhubarb filling:

- 8 cups chopped rhubarb
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 4 tsp. cornstarch
- 1 tsp. ground ginger

For the cake:

- 2/3 cup sour cream
- 2 large eggs
- 2 large egg yolks
- 4 tsp. vanilla
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 1 1/2 stick butter cut into 12 pieces

For the crumbs:

- 2/3 cup brown sugar
- 2/3 cup white sugar
- 2 tsp. ground cinnamon
- 1 tsp. ground ginger
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1 cup butter
- 3 1/2 cups flour

- 2 cups cake flour
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 1/2 tsp. salt



Preheat oven to 325. Slice rhubarb and toss with sugar, cornstarch and ginger, set aside. For the crumbs, whisk sugars and spices into melted butter until smooth. Then add flour, stir. Leave pressed together and set aside. For the cake, stir sour cream, eggs, egg yolks and vanilla. Mix flour, sugar, baking soda, powder and salt. Add butter and sour cream mixture a little at a time, mix on medium speed until moistened. Put 1/2 batter into greased 9x13 pan, pour rhubarb mixture on top and then spoon remaining cake mixture on top of rhubarb. Sprinkle the crumb mixture on top, bake for 45 - 55 minutes until center is set. Cool.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR TOUR ON JUNE 25, 2019

Here is the tour we have put together based on the recent survey completed by our members. We hope you will be able to join us on **Tuesday, June 25th**, for a tour of **Paine Art Center and Gardens, 1410 Algoma Blvd., Oshkosh, WI 54901**. We will taking a guided tour of the mansion and their many garden areas. There are also two special exhibits included in the admission for viewing on our own, **Maker and Muse: Women and Early Twentieth Century Art Jewelry and Treasures from the R. Harder Gallery of Gems and Minerals**: <https://www.thepaine.org/art/exhibitions/>.



After the tour, we will stop at **Golden Corral, 580 S. Koeller Road**, for a buffet lunch. Lunch is not included in the cost of the tour. Price quote is \$9.19 w/o drink.

Then we will travel to **Vines and Rushes Winery, 410 County Rd. E, Ripon**, for wine tasting and a tour of their vineyard and winemaking facilities. On the way home we'll make a quick stop at **Bloch's Greenhouse, Green Lake**, for shopping.

Schedule:

8:00 - leave Portage Market Square (1 1/2 hr. travel time)

10-12:15 - tour Paine: <https://www.thepaine.org/gardens/about-gardens/>

12:15-1:15 - lunch at Golden Corral

1:15- 2:00 - travel to Vines and Rushes (1/2 hr. travel time): <http://vinesandrushes.com>

2:00-3:15 - wine tasting and tour

3:15-3:30 - travel to Bloch's Greenhouse for 1/2 hr. shopping: <https://blochsfarm.com>

4:00-5:00 - travel back to Portage (53 min.)

Guests are welcome, please let us know how many you would like to bring. Cost of the tours and bus fare is \$55. Lunch price is not included and will be an added cost.

RESERVATION DEADLINE: MONDAY, JUNE 10th

To register, send an email to lindahaddix211@gmail.com or call her at 608-697-9377.

Please mail your payment of \$55.00 and registration form (**page 18**) by Sat., JUNE 15th. Checks made payable to: CC Master Gardener Association, mailed to: Linda Haddix, 7526 North Star Rd., Pardeeville, WI 53954.



Preparing for the Online Reporting System (ORS)

By Becky Gutzman

By the time you read this, the ORS will be “live” and we can start reporting this year’s MG hours into the new system. George and I have gone through your hour reports from previous years and listened as you described your projects at a recent meeting, to build the list of projects that you will choose from when you enter the ORS. I think it will be helpful for you to see the choices that are currently in the system:

- ✿ Microfarm Project in Schools
- ✿ County Fair MGV Booths
- ✿ Columbia County Fair Flower Dept. Superintendent
- ✿ Let's Get Green and Growing Planning and Support
- ✿ Let's Get Green and Growing Teaching Sessions
- ✿ Teaching 4-H Members
- ✿ Planting and Maintaining Public Areas
- ✿ Growing Together FoodWise Garden at Lincoln Park
- ✿ Supporting Community Gardens
- ✿ Garden-related Education at Public Events
- ✿ Supporting School Gardens
- ✿ CCMGA and WIMGA Leadership
- ✿ Teaching at Libraries
- ✿ Mackenzie Environmental Center
- ✿ Invasive Species Eradication
- ✿ Tomatopalooza
- ✿ Historic Indian Agency House at Fort Winnebago
- ✿ Pollinator Protection and Promotion

We have tried to keep the projects specific enough to be able to generate a clear story about what happens at this project, and we’ve purposely tried to keep the list manageable by grouping some similar projects. For example, last year members taught at the Portage Library and the Wyocena Library; we hope that others will teach at more libraries in the county, so that seems like a discrete project. In the notes section, you’ll be asked to tell what your specific topic was and which location. We have several schools that we take our microfarm project to, but we have grouped those altogether and again, you’ll note which school you worked at in the notes sec-

tion. You will use the “Teaching 4-H Members” project to report your volunteer time at the Planter Night at Link’s, but you can also use that if you are working with a local 4-H club or if we hold a county 4-H session. If you are looking for the place to report your work on beautification projects, they are grouped as “Planting and Maintaining Public Areas.”

Projects have a description, purpose, expected outcomes statement and audience already selected. In some cases, there could be an adult OR a youth audience; if that’s the case, the notes section will ask you to specify which and how many. Not all projects will have contacts to report, such as a service project like maintaining a public planting.

I have no doubt that we have missed some projects, but we can add to this list so let George or me know. This year our goal is just to get everyone using the system and get their hours in. As we move forward, we can refine the project descriptions. Already, I can see that we are going to get so much more information to use in telling our Master Gardener story to stakeholders, funders and our communities. Please let me know of any questions you have about using the ORS—I will be happy to coach you and answer questions: buckhill@centurylink.net or 920-382-4511.

Master Gardener Gloves !!

We have gloves available for sale at the UW-Extension office,
112 E. Edgewater Street, Room 212, Portage, WI

Kids size: XS

Adult size: S, M, L, XL

\$5.00



Tomatopalooza

TOMATO & PEPPER TASTING

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17TH

11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

EDGEWATER HOME & GARDEN

{ SAMPLE HEIRLOOM TOMATOES
Sample Peppers MILD TO HOT!
LIVE MUSIC SALSA CONTEST
Talk to Master Gardeners }



I do hereby certify that I am a member of the Columbia County Master Gardener Volunteers in order to claim my two (2) tomato plants.

Print Name: _____

Sign Name: _____



Master Gardener Social Media Guidelines

Mike Maddox, Master Gardener Program Director

Social media, like it or not, is here to stay. MGVs have stepped up and created numerous pages and groups on Facebook to communicate about what's going on locally and sharing horticultural information. I really appreciate these efforts and realize there have been no guidelines or policies to guide page administrators with what they should and should not do. So, it is with that point of view that I'm very gently putting it out there.... *Be careful what you are posting online.* I have observed a number of MG association pages posting materials from questionable sources and sharing information that is not credible (pretty much most DIY home remedy solutions are sketchy and a no-no). Remember, as Extension Master Gardener Volunteers we use unbiased, research based information. If you are responsible for sharing information to a social media platform and need help determining what is appropriate to share, I strongly suggest you use the following pages for your source material:

<https://www.facebook.com/wimastergardener/>
<https://www.facebook.com/WisconsinGarden/>
<https://www.facebook.com/extensionmastergardener/>

Please continue to share your local events and pictures of your volunteer projects to your MG pages! And, you can post whatever you want on your own personal page. But, when it comes to the horticultural stuff on a MG page ensure it is from an appropriate source.

We are working on guidelines and policies to help guide you with these efforts. In the meantime, be open to a few gentle pokes and reminders from me if I see something inappropriate online.

Bus Tour Registration Form

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____

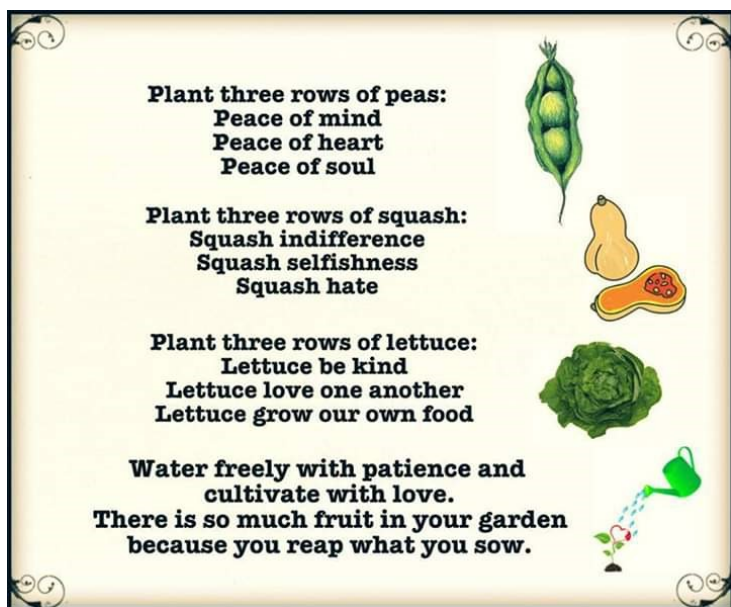
No. of Guests: _____



*Include \$55.00 check made payable to: CC Master Gardener Association and mail to:
Linda Haddix, 7526 North Star Road, Pardeeville, WI 53954*

GARDENING TIPS FOR JUNE, *from the Old Farmer's Almanac*

- All vegetable crops, including warm-season plants, can go in the ground now.
- Continue to sow carrots, beets, and beans to spread out the harvest.
- Pull out any bolted lettuce, spinach, or radish plants.
- Harvest early season fruits and vegetables.
- Pull soil up against potato plants when they are 9 to 12 inches tall.
- Sidedress asparagus and rhubarb with aged manure or fertilizer (10-10-10 formulation).
- Protect ripening strawberries from birds.
- Eliminate weeds when they are small and easy to pull. By keeping your plants well-watered and -fertilized, they will quickly fill in spaces instead of weeds.
- Thin your seedlings to their proper spacing so as to avoid overcrowding. Remove dead flowers from plants to encourage new growth.
- Remember to water your plants. It is better to water your garden thoroughly once a week to ensure that a deep root system is established.
- Deadhead fading blossoms from perennials and roses.
- Prune older canes from climbing roses.
- Fertilize roses after the flowers start to fade.
- Give perennials a fertilizer boost (5-10-10 formula).
- Divide and replant iris.
- Finish pruning spring-flowering trees and shrubs by the end of the month.
- Mow your lawn when grass is at a height of 2 to 3 inches to best keep weeds down.
- Start seedlings of broccoli, cauliflower, and cabbage now so they can be transplanted in the fall.
- Thin overloaded fruit trees; thinning them will allow for larger and healthier fruit to grow.
- Protect fruit trees from animals and pests.



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