

12th Annual

Let's Get Green



and Growing!

*Presented by Columbia County Master
Gardener Association*

*Keynote Speaker: Zannah Crowe—Creating a
Garden with Four Season Interest*

When: Saturday, March 28, 2020

Time: 8:45 am—2:45 pm

Where: Rio High School

411 Church Street, Rio

Registration: \$10/person

(Registration opens Feb. 1, closes March 13)

Registration day of event \$20/person



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UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON
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- 8:45 am Doors Open
- 9:15 am Welcome and Announcements
- 9:30-10:30 Keynote Speaker: Zannah Crowe
She is a professional horticulturist with over 30 years of experience. Her area of expertise is herbaceous perennials but she is an avid plant enthusiast with a keen interest in vegetation of all sorts.
The title of her presentation is:
“Creating a Garden of Four Season Interest”
Planning and planting for all-season interest will distribute beauty and increase enjoyment of your yard and garden throughout the year.
- 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 beverages, network 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

Check out the Vendor Market

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 Free Plants!**—Cal Bouwkamp, Horticulture Educator, will explain the why and how of plant propagation. You will take home several plants propagated during this session. (Limit: 20 participants)
- B Spring Into Tree Disease**—Brian Hudelson, UW Plant Disease Diagnostic Clinic, will share what may be on the horizon for foliar diseases in trees and shrubs. Don't let your peach leaves curl, your apples scab or your leaves spot without talking to "Dr. Death".
- C Gardening 101**—Gain gardening confidence with MGV Jane Breuer and Jeff Breuer who will help you plan, prepare and plant your garden. Site, seeds and soil will be covered.
- D Rose Care**—What better way to enjoy the beauty of the garden than by growing roses? Ann Marie Fuerst, MGV, will share her knowledge of growing and caring for roses, including the many varieties to choose from today. (Limit: 24 participants)
- E Magnificent Monarchs**—Enjoy an overview of the iconic monarch butterflies, their amazing life cycle and how to raise them successfully. Gae Bergmann, Dodge County MGV is passionate about these important pollinators.
- F The Life of a Gourd in the Art World**—Barb Rothwell, MGV, will show you how to grow, cure and clean gourds. Learn simple techniques to help you successfully grow gourds and turn them into beautiful and useful items.
- G Food Preservation: Sassy Salsa**—MGV Becky Gutzman will share what's new in ingredients, methods and products for making salsa. Participants will help make a quick salsa and take home a sample. (Limit: 20 participants)
- H Gardening in a Changing Climate**—Gardeners are keenly aware of the effects of climate change. Learn more about what this means and how to respond with Margaret Mooney, Education and Public Outreach Director at CIMSS.
- I Timely Tool Care**—Tool care is an important, but often overlooked activity. Bill Damm, MGV, will help you choose the right tool for the job and share the proper methods to prolong the life of your tools and how to keep them sharp and safer to use.
- J Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Beets**—You may know how to grow them, but there is so much more to learn about this fascinating vegetable. Join Amy Freidig, Associate Outreach Specialist, WI Master Gardener Program to gain a new appreciation for the story behind beets and you'll be able to tell your friends why they taste like dirt!

BREAKOUT SESSION 2: 1:00—1:45 pm

- K What's In a Name?**—Keynote Speaker Zannah Crowe will expand your knowledge of botanical nomenclature and the information a gardener can glean from knowing a plant's proper name.
- L Secrets of Soil Health**—George Koepp, Extension Ag Educator will share how we can improve garden soil health in order to have healthier plants and more produce. Knowing the living, the dead and the very dead in your soil will make you a better gardener.
- M Wild Edibles: If you can't beat them, eat them!**—With the merger of survival food gathering and worldwide cuisine, research has shown that many of our “weeds” are nutritious and tasty! Join Cal Bouwkamp, Horticulture Educator, to explore some options to enhance our mealtime nutrition.
- N What is a Microfarm?**—Learn about the mobile growing unit that incorporates gardening into classrooms and senior centers to experience planting seeds, caring for plants, harvesting and tasting the results. Columbia County MGVs will share how you can use this tool in your community.
- O 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.
- P Seed Tape Solutions**—If you like to save time and money then this is for YOU! MGVs Kate Rietmann, Leah Stark and Ardyce Piehl will show you how to make your own seed tapes with common household materials. (Limit: 25 participants)
- Q Tree Roundtable**—Paul Bergum, MGV, will share his extensive knowledge of trees and lead this interactive discussion. Participants are encouraged to bring their tree related questions and join the discussion.
- R From Her Roots—The Story of Roots Chocolate** – Learn the delicious story of how Lisa Nelson returned to her family farm to grow her business. This Wisconsin foodie travels the world to select the best cacao to pair with plants she grows on her farm to create her fine chocolates.
- S Prairie Plants**—Would you like to add the beauty of native prairie plants to your yard on a small scale? Graham Steinhauer, Resident Land Steward, Goose Pond Sanctuary, will guide you with plant selection, care, seed sources and more.
- T Windowsill Herbs**—Fresh herbs through the winter are possible! Join Dodge County MGVs Carol Shirk and Diane Hemling in planting herb seeds, with tips on growing, which will do best indoors, how to combat pests and recipes to feature herbs. (Limit: 20 participants)

BREAKOUT SESSION 3: 2:00—2:45 pm

U Daylilies: The Perfect Perennial—Learn why with MGV Pat Trapp who will explore daylily choices and care as well where to purchase her favorites! She will share her passion for the perennial that blooms for weeks while others droop!

V Grafting Tomatoes Plus—Extend your gardening knowledge with Rob Geum of Link's Greenhouse and Farms who will discuss the why and how of tomato and vegetable grafting. Learn how to select seeds, root stock and the techniques used to graft or implant them to gain the best qualities of both.

W Organic Gardening Techniques—Kate and Tyler Rowe, Burr Oak Gardens, LLC, share lessons they have learned while growing their crops organically, including fertilizing, weed and insect control.

X Growing the Next Generation—Join Ozaukee County MGVs to learn how they engaged youth in a yearlong gardening project. The youth constructed and planted a garden, harvested and exhibited at the fair. They will share lessons, activities and hands on projects that you can use to get kids gardening in your community.

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Z Understanding the Role of Land and Water Conservation in Managing Surface Water and Groundwater—All of us depend on groundwater for our homes and gardens. Kurt Calkins, Columbia County Land and Water Conservation Director will help us understand groundwater movement and the environmental factors that affect its quality.

AA Mason Bee Houses—Join Judi Benade, MGV, to learn about Wisconsin's native solitary bees and their importance as pollinators. Attendees will construct a small Mason Bee house out of natural materials to encourage these important pollinators in your yard. (Limit: 20 participants)

BB 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!

CC The Invasive Garden—The majority of invasive plants in Wisconsin were originally introduced as ornamentals. Nisa Karimi, UW-Madison Dept. of Botany will help us learn how to recognize invasives, learn what may be on the horizon, and give us tools for managing and avoiding them on our properties.

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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 horticultural workshops and talks;
- ◆ Assist with horticultural therapy projects;
- ◆ Organize or manage farmer's markets;
- ◆ Answer inquiries for horticultural information;
- ◆ Write newspaper gardening columns;
- ◆ Teach the Micro-farm project;
- ◆ Volunteer at your County Fair;
- ◆ 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@wisc.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. Make check payable to *Columbia County Master Gardener Assn* and mail to: **Columbia County Extension, 112 E. Edgewater St., Room 212, Portage, WI 53901.** Registration opens February 1st and ends March 13th. Registrations must be postmarked or delivered to the Columbia County Extension office by **March 13th**. Registration day of event is possible but sessions are limited and fee is \$20. No Refunds.

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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| <input type="checkbox"/> B. Tree Diseases | <input type="checkbox"/> G. Food Preservation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> C. Gardening 101 | <input type="checkbox"/> H. Gardening <i>(In a changing climate)</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> D. Rose Care | <input type="checkbox"/> I. Timely Tool Care |
| <input type="checkbox"/> E. Magnificent Monarchs | <input type="checkbox"/> J. Everything About Beets |

Session 2: 1:00-1:45 am

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Session 3: 2:00-2:45 pm

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