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## Master Gardener News



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### Notes from the President...

Happy June all...hopefully we got everything planted before the glorious rain we've gotten in the past few days. Now for the growth spurts, including the weeds! I read an article recently that mentioned keeping up with weeding starting early and throughout the gardening season for good results. This is especially true after rain as it's easiest to pull entire roots. I'll be sure to try this as best as I can. Sometimes the weeds take over my gardens before I can get to them - not this time!

Our strawberries are really popping and getting red. It won't be long until we get to eat the sweet treat. And the flowers look beautiful in my backyard as I write this article. After three days of rain, the colors are brilliant. The deer are sure enjoying my flowers at the end of my driveway. They especially liked the red salvia that was starting to flourish. I learned my lesson - don't plant them there next year.

And let's not forget the upcoming summer solstice, which will occur on June 21st, marking the astronomical first day of summer, the longest day and shortest night of the calendar year. Hopefully, the sun will shine brightly on that day.

Several members were able to attend our field trip to Ovan's Peony Farm near Beaver Dam and the original Jungs farm near Randolph. Even though it rained most of the day, it was educational and fun. Thanks to all who could make it that day.

I hope many of us can get together in person for this month's meeting, held at our friend Pat Trapp's house located at W2915 County Road K, Columbus, WI. We have included a map later in the newsletter for your reference.

Happy gardening, and I hope to see everyone on the 28th.

Linda Haddix  
President

### Columbia County MGV Activities

6/14 Flag Day  
6/19 Father's Day  
6/21 Summer Begins  
6/28 MGV Meeting  
7/4 Independence Day  
7/26-31 Volunteer At the Fair



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CC MGV Lori Richter

## *Columbia County Master Gardener's Association* *Minutes - May 24, 2022*

In attendance: Terry and Rita Socha, Jean Damm, Ann Marie Fuerst, Ardyce Piehl, Carol Ziehmke, Becky Gutzman, Linda Haddix, Lori Richter, Lori Nadolski, Pat Trapp. Guests: Gae and Bob Bergmann

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by Linda. Motion (Becky/Lori R.) to approve the minutes as printed passed. Treasurer's report will be sent to audit; the current balance is \$4,222.33. Jean pointed out that our tax exempt status has been approved. Contact Jean for the tax exempt number when making purchases.

A field trip to Ovans Peony Farm in Beaver Dam and Jungs in Randolph will be held on June 6. Becky took a count on number of people attending. Carpooling was encouraged.

The microfarm harvest at Muir Elementary (4 classrooms with 80 students) was completed on May 13. The wagons have been delivered to the Extension office. It was suggested that both wagons not be used at the same time in the future because of transporting difficulties. Questions followed about use of student photos for our library display.

Ardyce reported on the Library Connections program. Ardyce gave a presentation at the Wisconsin Dells library, and Lila gave one at the Poynette library. Becky will enter the county's libraries into the MGV system for reporting these hours. Additional questions followed about entering hours.

Linda announced that Owen Jones of Cambria Friesland High School received our \$750 scholarship.

New Business: Becky reminded everyone to place a note on the listserv whenever a project is planned. We need to encourage all members to participate. George is still administering the listserv.

The next meeting will be June 28, 6 p.m., at Pat Trapp's house and include a tour of her garden. Motion (Ardyce/Terry) to adjourn the meeting passed. The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Gae Bergmann, Dodge County MGV, gave a presentation on Magnificent Monarchs.



## Columbia County Master Gardener Volunteers Agenda June 28, 2022

Call to Order—Linda

Secretary's Report—Lila

Treasurer's Report—Jean

Old Business:

Committee Reports:

Other Business:

Tour CCMGV Pat Trapp's farm &  
Talk about daylilies



Columbia County MGV Upcoming Events – At a Glance				
Data	Event	Time	Location	Topic/Speaker
Tuesday, 6/28/22	CCMGA Meeting	6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Pat's Garden	Garden Tour, Pat Trapp, CCMGV
Tuesday, 8/23/22	CCMGA Meeting	6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Lori's Garden	Garden Tour, Lori Richter, CCMGV
Tuesday, 9/27/22	CCMGA Meeting	6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Kelly's Garden	Garden Tour, Kelly Tomko -Ewing, CCMGV
Tuesday, 10/25/22	CCMGA Meeting	6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Bidwell Room at Portage Library, 253 W. Edgewater St., Portage, WI (Virtual Option)	Super Skill Training: Let's Present, Lori Nadolski and George Koepp
Tuesday, 11/22/22	CCMGA Meeting	6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Bidwell Room at Portage Library, 253 W. Edgewater St., Portage, WI (Virtual Option)	Super Skill Training: Let's Get Techy, Kate Rietmann



## Columbia County Master Gardener Volunteers, Inc. May Treasurer's Report

<b>BEGINING BALANCE</b>	<b>\$4,369.35</b>
<small>( PORTAGE COMMUNITY GARDENS \$1209.29 MGA \$3160.06)</small>	

### DEPOSITS

Sale of Compost Pail	\$ 25.00
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<b>TOTAL DEPOSITS</b>	<b>\$ 25.00</b>
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### EXPENSES

George Koepp- Garden Supplies-PCG	\$ 72.02
Link's Greenhouse- PCG	\$100.00

<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 172.02</b>
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<b>BALANCE 5/24/2022</b>	<b>\$4,222.33</b>
<small>(Portage Community Gardens \$1,037.27 MGA \$3,185.06)</small>	



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Admin. Assistant  
Sarah Millard*

## Continuing Education Opportunities

### Wisconsin Horticulture Updates – Most Fridays

The Wisconsin Horticulture Update (WHU) is a weekly series providing free professional development to Wisconsin Master Gardeners and Extension staff. Sessions take place most Fridays from 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM and cover a range of plant diagnostics and horticulture topics.

To view recordings of previous sessions, log into <https://canvas.wisc.edu/>. Click EXT AGI-005 (Master Gardener Program). Then scroll to Wisconsin Horticulture Update (WHU).

Here is the meeting link to join a future session (it is the same every week): <https://uwmadison.zoom.us/j/95293040728?pwd=WU5hNTJSUXFMVTBkcUhlTNGtITdvdz09> – Master Gardeners can claim one hour of Continuing Education (CE) for each session attended.

### Plants Plus: Apple Bagging

Are you seeking educational training opportunities? Log into the UW-Extension Canvas Classroom to view a number of convenient, web-based training (WBT) continuing education (CE) opportunities, including the newest selection on Apple Bagging to improve the quality of your apples while mitigating or avoiding the use of pesticides.



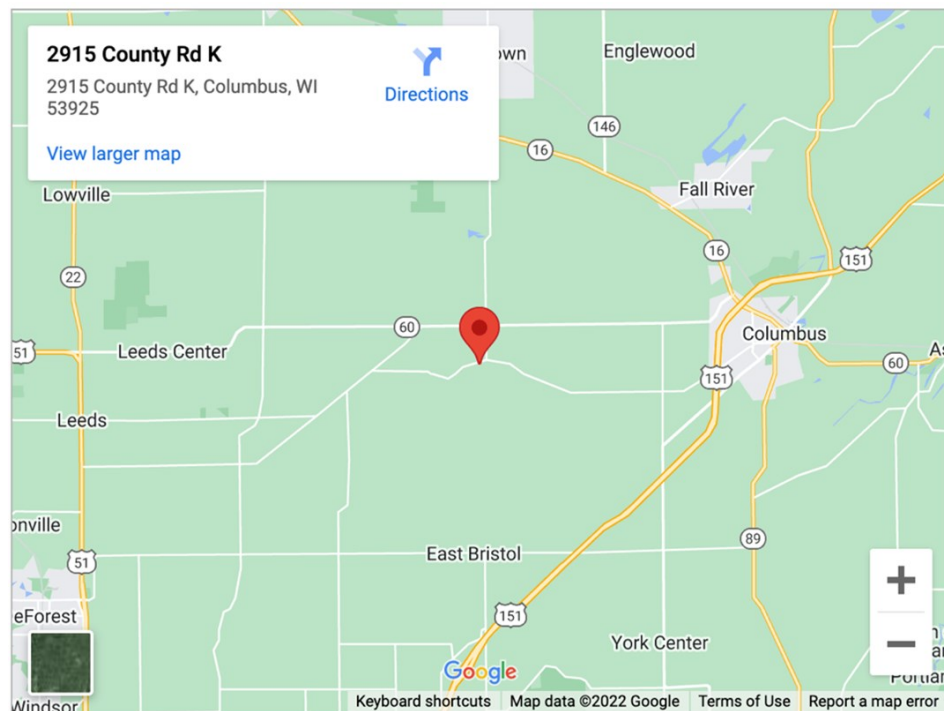
Each Plants Plus web-based training counts for 1-2 CE hours toward your annual MGV training requirements.



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CC MGV Lori Richter*

## June 2022 CC MGA Meeting Location and Program Reminder

The June CC MGA Meeting will include a tour of CC MGV Pat Trapp's garden, focusing on daylilies and other perennials. We will meet at Pat's home at 2915 County Road K, Columbus on Tuesday, June 28, 2022, at 6:00 PM. If you need transportation, please contact any of the CCMGA Officers listed at the top of this newsletter.



### Share your Knowledge of Native Plants!

If you have planted a native garden in your yard, please share your story with your fellow Master Gardeners! MGV Reporter Lori Richter ([buckysabee@icloud.com](mailto:buckysabee@icloud.com)) is seeking native plant gardeners to interview for a future MGV Newsletter.

## Pollinator Week June 20-26, 2022



Join your fellow Master Garden Volunteers and others throughout Wisconsin in building capacity around understanding how to enhance the lives of pollinators. To find out more about Extension events happening around the state, visit the Pollinator Week Homepage: <https://hort.extension.wisc.edu/pollinator-week/>. The site also includes a library of resources, including general pollinator resources, planting guides, and information about the pollinator citizen science MGV volunteer opportunity.

There are several ways you can participate:

**Daily Webinars:** Free and will be recorded. Registration is required.

Monday, June 20, 2022, 12:00 PM – Pollinator Gardens: Plan Selection and Garden Care (Susan Carpenter, UW Arboretum) Register here: [https://uwmadison.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_QEfa429GRSGqUuVWRIHtg](https://uwmadison.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_QEfa429GRSGqUuVWRIHtg)

Tuesday, June 21, 2022, 12:00 PM – Join in Community Science with the Wisconsin Wild Bee App (Claudio Gratton and Hannah Gaines-Day, UW-Madison Entomology Department). Register here: [https://uwmadison.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_3qfz3SwcQKaVqWf6K8FANg](https://uwmadison.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_3qfz3SwcQKaVqWf6K8FANg)

Wednesday, June 22, 2022, 12:00 PM – Wisconsin's Busy Bee: Getting to Know the Bees in Your Area (PJ Liesch, University of Wisconsin Insect Diagnostic Lab). Register here: [https://uwmadison.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_nCoF0phdRh6YQUxLxL716g](https://uwmadison.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_nCoF0phdRh6YQUxLxL716g)

Thursday, June 23, 2022, 12:00 PM – 10 Things to Consider for Weed Management When Establishing Pollinator Plantings (Mark Renz, UW-Madison). Register here: [https://uwmadison.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_mrjdoerRwqtVH1L1A0N9Q](https://uwmadison.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_mrjdoerRwqtVH1L1A0N9Q)

Friday, June 24, 2022, 12:00 PM – How Do Pesticides Affect Pollinators and Songbirds in Your Yard? (Lynn Markham, UW-Extension Land Use Specialist). Register here: [https://uwmadison.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_7RIHiXgRHWO1JZiW04Uw](https://uwmadison.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_7RIHiXgRHWO1JZiW04Uw)



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## Pollinator Week June 20-26, 2022 (con't)

**Pollinator Activity Pack:** SOLD OUT

**Pollinator Scavenger Hunt and BioBlitz:**

Link to Pollinator Week Scavenger Hunt: <https://hort.extension.wisc.edu/files/2022/05/Pollinator-Week-Scavenger-Hunt.pdf>

Download iNaturalist smartphone app from the app store on your smartphone and search for *Wisconsin Celebrates Pollinator Week*

**Poster Contest:**

Link to instructions and online entry form: <https://hort.extension.wisc.edu/files/2022/04/Poster-Contest-Instructions-and-Mail-in-Entry-Form.pdf>

Watch your email and the Pollinator Week Homepage for more information: <https://hort.extension.wisc.edu/pollinator-week/>



## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### Columbia County Fair

If you are looking for an upcoming volunteer opportunity, we have several needs related to the upcoming Columbia County Fair, which is scheduled for July 27 – July 31, 2022. The theme of the fair this year is “Fair Lights, Country Nights.” These include:

#### Booth Committee

The CC MGV will be putting together a booth for the Columbia County Fair and is seeking volunteers. The booth will promote our organization and projects and will be available to attendees from 2-8 PM on Thursday-Saturday of the fair and from 2-5 PM on Sunday.


Jean Damm and others have worked on this in previous years. Jean has offered to give advice on what's been done in the past, but cannot serve this year. Won't YOU step up and help with this activity?

#### Other Volunteer Opportunities at the Fair

- Wednesday, July 27, morning and afternoon, help with entry and exhibiting of Open Class floral entries
- Wednesday, July 27, morning and afternoon, help with selecting the Master Gardener's Choice Awards from open class and youth exhibits

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If you have any questions or are interested in any of these volunteer opportunities, please reach out to Becky Gutzman or Jean Damm.



## Microgarden at Muir Elementary School, Portage

By Lila Waldman, Columbia County Master Gardener Volunteer and MGA Secretary

On March 22, eight Columbia County Master Gardener Volunteers (MGV) worked with approximately 80 students from four, third grade classrooms to plant eight flats in both microgarden wagons. Over the next seven weeks, with a few reminders, students watered the plantings and observed them as they germinated and sprouted. The MGVS returned on May 13 to help the students harvest the greens and serve a salad which included radish greens, carrot tops, nasturtium, spinach, Swiss chard, kale--as well as lettuce. With so many students, it was necessary to supplement with some store-bought mixed greens. The students and the MGVS had an enjoyable experience. Students are always surprised when they taste greens that they would ordinarily not consider eating.

Thanks to CCMGVs, Phyllis Peterson, Barb Rothwell, Becky Gutzman, Lloyd Moberg, Len Betley, Linda Haddix, Lila Waldman, and Carol Ziehmke for working with the students and to Bill and Jean Damm for transporting the microgarden wagons from and back to the Extension office.

Third grader Liam presented a special thank you to Lila and Carol.

## CC MGA May Meeting Monarch Butterfly & Butterfly Gardening Resources

The May CC MGA meeting included a presentation on Magnificent Monarchs! by Gae Bergman, Dodge County Master Gardener. Gae shared information about the state of monarch populations, threats, and remedies. She shared pictures from her travels to monarch sanctuaries and showed us how to raise these beautiful creatures at home and create a successful habitat for them.

As part of her presentation, Gae shared a number of informative websites and helpful resources, including:

- Monarch Watch: <https://monarchwatch.org>
- Journey North: <https://journeynorth.org>
- Live Monarch Foundation: <https://www.livemonarch.com>
- Monarch Joint Venture: <https://monarchjointventure.org>
- North American Butterfly Association: <https://www.naba.org>
- Wild Ones: Native Plants, Natural Landscapes: <https://wildones.org>

According to Wild Ones' informational brochure that Gae provided, planting a native butterfly garden or monarch waystation benefits pollinators, protects native plants and habitats, and enhances biodiversity. The brochure includes seven key steps for success:

1. Preparation of a suitable site with six or more hours of sun daily
2. Design considerations for beauty and, pollen, and to provide host plants
3. Plant selection
4. Initial maintenance to establish the garden
5. Register your garden or waystation through MonarchWatch.org
6. Monitor the monarchs through one of several monitoring programs
7. Share your seeds or divisions with others

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# GROWING LIBRARY CONNECTIONS

## with the Columbia County Master Gardener Volunteers

By Ardyce Piehl, CC MGv

**Growing Library Connections** was launched by the Columbia County Master Gardeners in early April with the goal “to provide horticultural learning opportunities for patrons of Columbia County libraries”. The following is a list of topics currently offered:

**Let It Rot** - This program will stir up your enthusiasm for home composting. Learn how to make “black gold” to enrich your garden from kitchen and yard waste.

**Growing Rhubarb and Asparagus** - Nothing says spring like rhubarb and asparagus! Learn how to successfully plant and grow these perennial vegetables.

**Worms Eat My Garbage** - Worms + Food Waste = Nutrient Rich Fertilizer. Learn about this simple, efficient, noiseless method of keeping food waste out of landfills and helping your garden grow

**Rose Care** - Everything you want to know about that wonderful flower you love to smell but are terrified to grow. Learn how to choose, grow and care for roses in Wisconsin.

**What is a Weed?** - Weeds are but unloved flowers. Why do we have so many, where did they originate, and how do we eradicate them? Or do we learn to live with them?

**Mighty Microgreens** - Tiny microgreens pack a giant nutritional punch. In this make and take, participants plant a reusable microgreen planter to grow these tasty little greens for year ‘round enjoyment.

**Vegetable and Flower Gardening 101** - Gain gardening confidence and learn how to plan, prepare and plant your garden. Site, seeds and soil will be covered.

**Soak Up the Rain** - Adding a rain garden to your landscape absorbs rainwater runoff and improves water quality of our natural water systems. Learn what they are, how they help and how to build one.

**Please Eat the Centerpiece** - The basics of container gardening will be demonstrated so participants can create and enjoy a tabletop garden of salad greens and herbs at home. This salad bowl garden is tasty and pretty, too!

**Mason Bee Houses** - Mason bees are excellent pollinators! In this make and take, learn about these amazing bees and how to build and locate a mason bee house in your yard.

**Sweet on Sweet Potatoes** - Sweet potatoes are tasty, nutritious, and easy to grow garden plants. Learn how to choose, plant and grow short maturing varieties suitable for Wisconsin.

**Daylily Delight** - Daylilies are popular garden choices! Learn how to select and care for the myriad of varieties.

To date, several of our members have been part of programming at local libraries. Do you have an idea/program you would like to develop and share? Contact Ardyce Piehl at [ccmg.lib@gmail.com](mailto:ccmg.lib@gmail.com) to learn more.

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)



### Question of the Month:

When do I need to have my hours entered for 2022?

### Answer:

The deadline for reporting hours is December 31 each year. We highly recommend entering your hours throughout the year as you complete volunteer work and take training. This way, you always know where you stand in fulfilling your requirements and can avoid any last-minute technical issues.

Please reach out to any of the CCMGA Officers listed at the top of this newsletter if you have any additional questions about annual reporting on the ORS.



### **Key Links**—Following are helpful links to keep at hand:

Columbia County Extension: [columbia.extension.wisc.edu](http://columbia.extension.wisc.edu)

Columbia County Master Gardener Homepage:

<https://columbia.extension.wisc.edu/master-gardener/>

Master Gardener Volunteers of Columbia County WI Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/mastergardenersofcolumbiacounty/>

UW-Madison Division of Extension: [learningstore.extension.wisc.edu](http://learningstore.extension.wisc.edu)

Wisconsin Horticulture: <https://hort.extension.wisc.edu>

Wisconsin Master Gardener Program: [wimastergardener.org](http://wimastergardener.org)

*If you have a link to a page that may be of interest to your CC MGv peers, please get in touch with Lori Richter at [buckysbabee@icloud.com](mailto:buckysbabee@icloud.com), and we'll include its definition in a future newsletter.*

### **Acronyms**

CCMGv: Columbia County Master Gardener Association

CC MGv: Columbia County Master Gardener volunteers

CE: Continuing Education (10 CE hours are required each year)

LGGG: Let's Get Green & Growing (event)

MG: Master Gardener

MGA: Master Gardeners Association

MGv: Master Gardener volunteer

ORS: Online Reporting System (used for reporting your volunteer and CE hours)

UWEX: University of Wisconsin Extension

WBT: Web-based training

WIMGA: Wisconsin Master Gardeners Association

*If there is an acronym used within CC MGv for which you don't know the meaning, please get in touch with Lori Richter at [buckysbabee@icloud.com](mailto:buckysbabee@icloud.com), and we'll include its definition in a future newsletter.*





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