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Digging in Dodge

Online Reporting System is Now Live!

Wisconsin has been long overdue in implementing an online reporting system for volunteers to report their hours. In 2018 we selected a system used by a number of other states. At the end of 2018, we migrated every certified MGV into the new system and new folks have been added to the system as needed. In May we started adding projects. Now, in June, we are ready to open it up for everyone to use!



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Visit <https://wimastergardener.org/report-your-hours/> to access the system and for directions. First time users will need to activate their account before entering their hours. Follow the posted instructions. Watch the training videos (and count that for 0.6 continuing hours). We fully expect bugs in the system-- there always are. I ask for your patience as we continue the roll out of the system. Please contact Mike Maddox, RJ (the developer), and your county coordinator if you have questions. You may need to contact your local coordinator for specific instructions on how to find and report against your local projects.



I apologize for not sending out a May newsletter and for making this one brief. Looking forward to October's newsletter and including results of your plant trials. The Gardening for Gold brochure is almost ready. Watch your email and/or Facebook for when you can start registering. Hope your summers are going well and your gardens are prosperous. Chris Jacobs, Digging in Dodge Editor

Upcoming Meetings

Anyone with an interest in gardening is welcome to attend the following free programs. Master Gardener meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of the month. Unless otherwise noted, the meetings are at 6:30 p.m. in the Administration Building, 127 E. Oak Street, Juneau.

July 25— TBD. Watch your emails or Facebook for more information.

August 22—*How to Identify Wisconsin Trees* by Steve Ziobro. Identify trees by using leaves, cones, seeds, bark, branching patterns, tree form, and location. The focus is on native trees but also includes some common trees used in landscaping. Steve has been employed for 33 years at McKay Nursery in Waterloo and 3 years at a nursery in Montana. He has a degree in Forestry from U.W. Stevens Point.

September 26— *Urban Wildlife Workshop* by David Drake. About 85% of Americans live in an urban environment, and increasingly, wildlife are sharing the same areas with us. This workshop will help you create, enhance, and manage wildlife habitat in your yard, neighborhood, and community to attract beneficial wildlife and discourage wildlife that cause problems. Creating habitat in your yard helps native wildlife and plant species, increases your property value, improves human health, and beautifies your surroundings. David is an Extension Wildlife Specialist/Professor in the Dept. of Forest and Wildlife Ecology at the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

October 24—*Heritage seeds/Seed Saving* by Kari Witthuhn-Henning, an Outagamie County Master Gardener and founder of the Appleton Seed Library will be sharing her experience and knowledge of Heirloom seed saving. Our time together will be educational, inspirational and hands on fun. Heirloom seeds will be available to take home; bring some to share!



Master Gardener Websites

<http://www.wimastergardener.org/>

<https://wimga.org/>

<http://dodge.uwex.edu/master-gardener/>

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Events of Interest

Prairie Fest 2019

Saturday, August 3rd, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Featuring the annual Butterfly Release and Electric Vehicle Show!

At the Gottfried Prairie and Arboretum on the UW-Fond du Lac Campus, 400 University Drive (enter from Highway 23/Johnson St.). Prairie Fest provides a day of activities for the whole family. Prairie Fest is presented FREE to the public thanks to our sponsors: UW Fond du Lac, KFIZ, and the Fond du Lac Area Foundation

Please contact us if you have any questions! info@gottfriedprairiearboretum.org.
<http://gottfriedprairiearboretum.org/prairie-fest/>



Native by Design: Gardening for a Sustainable Future Arboretum Native Gardening Conference Sunday September 15, 8:45 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Enjoy an inspiring and informative day dedicated to helping you plan, maintain, and improve your native garden. Beginning to experienced gardeners will learn from a range of experts, explore new aspects of their gardens, network with fellow gardeners, and come away with enthusiasm and insight, ready to get growing.

[Conference information and registration»](#)



2019 Dodge County Clean Sweep

Extension Dodge County announces a 2019 Clean Sweep Collection on Saturday, August 24, 2019, one collection site will be available for county residents to dispose of hazardous waste.

- Collection Time: 8 a.m. – 12 Noon
- Site: Dodge County Highway Dept. Shop (Town of Trenton), N8856 CTH A, Beaver Dam, WI 53916
- Hazardous Materials Collected: household, farm, business.
- Cost: \$10/Household; Agriculture/Free-must pre-register
- Small Business (VSQG)/must pre-register-cost will be assessed

Clean Sweep programs provide the public with opportunities to safely and legally dispose of unwanted pesticides, household products and chemicals. This program collects, treats, stores, or disposes of waste in an environmentally safe method through a licensed hazardous waste facility. Hazardous wastes can usually be identified by products which contain any of the following words: caution, warning, danger, poison, toxic, ignitable or flammable, acid, corrosive or reactive

<https://dodge.extension.wisc.edu/community-development/clean-sweep-recycling/>



Congratulations!



Significant Milestones

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| Carol Shirk | 5000 hours |
| Berwyn Westra | 1000 hours |
| Diane Hemling | 750 hours |
| Jacque Huebner | 500 hours |
| Donna Klawitter | 150 hours |



Certified Interns

Diane Hemling (President) presenting certificates to:

- Linda Allen
- Connie Alderden
- Deb Steinich



Certified Master Gardeners

Left to right:

Front row: Kay Voelker, Marianne Zastrow, Deb Steinich

Middle row: Tina Hopp, Diane Hemling, Jim Kluetzman, Kathy McMichael, Donna Klawitter, Connie Alderden, Jane Erstad

Back row: Carol Shirk, Terry Zimmerlee, Berwyn Westra, Glen Greenfield, Helen Weisensel, Becky Goodrich, Jacque Huebner, Chris Jacobs, Linda Allen

Not pictured: Gae Bergmann, Kim Faye, Ben Hagman, Judy Hagman, Sheri Hicken, Al Krause, Jan Krause, Dennis Loomis, Joan Loomis, Jean Ramer, John Schellinger, Lynn Stanton, Caryl Watterson

Officers



Left to Right
 Carol Shirk Vice President
 Deb Steinich Secretary
 Diane Hemling President
 Donna Klawitter Treasurer
 Not Pictured
 Gae Bergman Record Keeper

Master Gardeners in Action



Cloverbud Presentation



Senior Expo, Beaver Dam

Container Garden Presentation, Watermark



Hummingbird Presentation, Watermark

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