

2020

Dodge County Master Gardener Association

Monthly Educational Program Schedule

January 23—*Project Year in Review* by Dodge County Master Gardener Volunteers A review of projects they participated in during 2019, complete with photos and discussion.

February 27—*Maple Syrup* by Theresa Baroun Theresa will talk about the History of Wisconsin Maple Industry. We will explore Beginner Maple 101: how to make maple syrup, tree identification, how to tap, and how to finish the product. We will learn differences in grades of syrup, nutritional value, and value-added products. Theresa is a maple syrup producer at Maple Sweet Dairy in De Pere and has been the Executive Director of the WMSPA for four years. In her position she takes care of planning WMSPA Association events, membership, working with the state on maple issues and attends many maple events throughout the year.

March 26—*Growing Roses in a Cold Environment* by Dick Zondag. Dick joined the family business, Jung Seed Company after attending Hope College, UW Madison, and receiving his MS from Cornell. He also occasionally appears on WI Public Radio on “Garden Talk”. He is now partially retired, but still enjoys his radio program on the radio station in Beaver Dam, WI answering gardening question from his audience. He has been on many industry and other boards including Wisconsin Lutheran College.

April 23—*Annual Business Meeting*. Association business, including presentation of certification cards, updates on all projects and the annual potluck.

May 28—*Pests* by Art Wagner. Art will discuss invasive species that threaten Wisconsin and are of particular interest to USDA’s Plant Protection & Quarantine Program (PPQ) as they relate to international trade and regulatory activity. Art was born in Chicago and received his BS in Botany from Eastern Illinois University, his MS in Plant Pathology from Iowa State University. He has served as a plant pathologist for the Washington State Department of Agriculture (Olympia) and is currently the Pest Survey Specialist for Wisconsin and Kansas, USDA’s PPQ Program (Madison).

June 25—*Raspberries* by Lisa Johnson. Learn how to get the most out of your raspberry bushes. Variety selection, proper site placement, planting, disease and insect pest ID and management as well as and pruning will be covered for both summer and fall-bearing raspberry varieties. Lisa has a BS in Horticulture from UW-Madison and a MS in Life Sciences Communication. She spent eight years working in the horticulture industry. She has been the Dane County UW-Extension Horticulture Educator since 2004.



July 23—Tour of Ebert's Greenhouse Village We will be touring Ebert's, located in Ixonia, WI. We will get an introduction and history of the business, see the new (hopefully operational) greenhouse, meet the staff, and the growers. We will be able to enjoy the annual and perennial gardens as well as do a little shopping, if we wish. **NOTE: The time of this meeting will be different from our regular meeting time. Please stay informed via our newsletter or our Facebook page for updates.**

August 27—How to Grow Potatoes in Wisconsin by Larry Alsum, Larry is the president and CEO, of Alsum Farms & Produce. He truly loves being in the soil and sharing about the farm. Larry will discuss how to grow russet, red, gold, fingerling and specialty potatoes on the more than 2,500 acres of land in Spring Green and Grand Marsh, WI farm locations. They are committed to growing their potatoes as part of the Wisconsin Healthy Grown Program and the Prairie Restoration Project at Alsum Farms.

September 24—Gardening in a Warming World by Joe Zimbrick. Climate change is continuing to make headlines as the frequency and intensity of extreme weather events is on the rise. In this presentation we will explore how the climate has changed in Wisconsin and we'll discuss a variety of adaptation and mitigation strategies that backyard gardeners can use to help combat this problem. Joe received his B.S. and M.S. degree in agronomy from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and he currently works as the UW-Extension crops and soils educator for Dodge and Fond du Lac counties.

October 22—Companion Planting for the Native Garden by Danielle Bell. In Wisconsin, winters seem never ending and summers are gone fast. So how do we get the most out of our growing season? The key is diversity. Using companion plants will reward you with twice as much color during the seasons. As one species fades, another is there to take its place. By pairing species that have different bloom periods, heights, textures, and colors you will be rewarded with a plethora of color and pollinators in your landscape. As the owner of Native Roots, LLC, Danielle Bell focuses not only on the plants that are aesthetically pleasing to people, but also provide food and habitat for insects, birds and mammals. Danielle received degrees from UW-Milwaukee in Architectural Design and Conservation of Environmental Services where she focused on sustainable design. Her passion is to restore sterile turf monocultures into healthy, sustainable, diverse habitats that benefit both people and animals.

November and December—No meetings. Happy Holidays!!

All meetings are held in the Administration Building in Juneau at 127 East Oak Street on the 4th Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. and are free and open to the public. Gardeners of all stages of expertise are invited! Come and bring a friend. Contact us at: askamastergardener@att.net or like us on Facebook.