

North Country Master Gardener Volunteers Association 2019



Member Handbook

**University of Wisconsin-Madison, Division of Extension
Master Gardener Volunteer Program**

Our goal shall be to encourage, foster, support and promote horticulture for all residents of Burnett, Sawyer and Washburn Counties; and to promote the UW-Extension from which we are founded.

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Abbreviations and acronyms used in this booklet:

- AAS — All-America Selections
- MGV — Master Gardener Volunteers
- NCMGVA—North Country Master Gardener Volunteer Association
- SARS Building—Spooner Agricultural Research Station Building
- SARS Garden— Spooner Agricultural Research Station Teaching & Display Garden

(Please send handbook corrections to Sue Reinardy at sreinardy@centurytel.net.)

NCMGVA Greetings

Welcome to the 2019 gardening season at the Spooner Agricultural Research Station. The station has been an All -America Selection (AAS) site for many years. Perhaps you have seen plants referred to as AAS in garden catalogues and magazines. Our season begins with planting in early June, TLC all season long and peaks with the Twilight Tour on August 13.

Our perennial garden is a Monarch Butterfly Station, hosting native pollinator plants. We will feature pollinator plants and herbs along with tomato and pepper plants at our My 18 plant sale.

Master Gardeners host Meet me in the Garden discussions, tours for garden clubs, youth groups and provide other educational opportunities including Geo Caching.

Our events calendar may be found at northcountryMGV.org. The website also includes our garden blog, pictures, community events and training information. Additionally, the Spooner Agricultural Research Station Facebook page provides additional pictures and information. Like our page for continued updates.

In order to continue the Teaching and Display Garden and surrounding communities with leadership, we offer Level 1 Master Gardener Training. Sessions begin on April 2 and run through June 18. Orientation is on March 26 at the station. Details are on our website.

Time in a garden is well spent, so come join us this season.

Carol Taylor

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2018 Annual Accomplishment Reports

North Country Master Gardener Volunteers

Burnett, Sawyer, and Washburn Counties

For the complete County reports go to:

<http://www.northcountrymgv.org/annual-accomplishment-reports.html>

Statistical information

We currently have 34 active MGVs in our group. In 2018 we contributed over 2,745 hours in our communities.

Award-winning Garden

The theme for our 2018 gardening programs was “Get Social in the Garden”, also the theme for the All-America Selections Landscape Design competition.

The Spooner Agricultural Research Station Teaching & Display Garden once again had an award winning season in 2018 receiving an Honorable Mention for our collaboration with local community groups in the All-America Selections Landscape Design Contest. This is the 6th year of awards in the national design contest.

2013—2nd place (*no theme*)

2014—1st place “Down on the Farm”

2015—2nd place “Garden Geometry”

2016—2nd place “Pollinators”

2017—1st Place “Foodscaping”

The 2019 Garden Theme is **“Re-use, Recycle, Re-imagine ”** adapted from the All-America Selections Landscape Garden Design Contest.

2019 Schedule of Events

All events are at the SARS building or garden unless otherwise noted.

See the NCMGVA website for more events and details at:

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

NCMGVA Monthly Meetings (4th Thursday),

5:30 pm (except where noted) Subject to change—check website

- January 24 - Season Planning
- February 28 - Season Planning
- March 28 – seed starting, planning
- April 25 – plans for garden and plant sale
- May 23 – educational topic
- June 27 – To Be Determined
- July 25 – planning for Twilight Garden Tour
- August 22 - critique Twilight Garden Tour
- September 26 – Annual Meeting and Election of Officers (4:00) & Pot-luck Celebration
- October 24 - Past season critique and next season planning

Master Gardener Volunteer Level 1 Training

- Tuesdays, March 26-June 18, 6:00 – 9:00 pm

Mini-Master Gardener Short Course

March 30, 9:00-Noon, Bashaw Valley Farm and Greenhouse, Shell Lake

Pruning and Grafting Workshops (Please Register)

- April 4, 6:30-8:30 pm Apple Grafting Workshop, SARS Building (Preregistration required, \$20)
- April 13, Grape Pruning Workshop at SARS Garden, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm (Sponsored by UW-Extension)

NCMGVA Plant Sale – Saturday, May 18, 8:00 -11:00 (or when sold out)

2019 Schedule of Events

Spooner Research Garden Activities

Group tours available on request, call 715-635-3506

- Apple Grafting Workshop – April 4, 6:30-8:30 pm
- Grape Pruning Workshop - April 13, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm
- Kids in the Garden— June 10/11, June 24/25, July 8/9, July 22/23, August 5/6, Mondays 4:00-5:30 pm, Tuesdays 9:30-11:00am
- Meet Me in the Garden Series:
 - July 16 @ 6pm
 - September 7 @ 10AM

Twilight Garden Tour – August 13, 4:00 to Twilight

2019 Conferences

Barron County Master Gardener Volunteers Spring Expo, April 6 at the WITC Conference Center in Rice Lake. For information: www.barron.extension.wisc.edu/files/2019/02/Brochure-2019-Spring-Expo.pdf

International Master Gardener Conference 2019, June 17-21, 2019, Greater Philadelphia Region/Valley Forge . Information at: <http://www.internationalmastergardener.com/>

A comprehensive schedule of events throughout the state and region can be found on the WIMGA webpage at:

<http://wimastergardener.org>

March 2019

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- March 26—June 18 6:00-9:00pm **MGV Level 1** training
- March 28 , 5:30pm **NCMGVA Meeting:**
Seed Starting, 2019 planning
- March 30, 8:30-Noon – **Mini-Master Gardener Short Course**,
Bashaw Valley Greenhouse, W7402 Fox Trail Road, Shell Lake
(Registration Required, call the Spooner Ag Station)
- March, TBD—Seed Starting, Greenhouse Cleaning

Notes: For all events determine availability of room with SARS Office calendar.

April 2019

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- March 26-June 18, 6:00-9:00pm **MGV Level 1 Training**, SARS Building
- April 4 6:30-8:30 PM **Apple Grafting Workshop**, SARS Building
(Preregistration required, \$20)
- April 6, **Barron County Spring Expo**, Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College Conference Center, Rice Lake, WI
- April 10, **Herbs: Now and in the Past**, Larsen Family Public Library, Webster, 4:00 pm
- April 13, **Grape Pruning Workshop**, SARS Garden, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm
- April 25 @ 5:30pm, **NCMGVA Meeting**: Discuss plans for Plant Sale and Demonstration Gardens

Notes: For all events determine availability of room with SARS Office calendar.

May 2019

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- March 26 -June 18, 6:00-9:00 pm **MGV Level 1 Training**
- May 1 – Publicity Press Release for Plant Sale
- May 18, 8:00-11:00 **NCMGVA Plant Sale**, SARS Building
- May 23 @ 5:30 pm, **NCMGVA Meeting**
- **Garden Planting:** Dependent on plant delivery & weather

Notes: For all events determine availability of room with SARS Office calendar.

June 2019

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- March 26-June 18, 6:00-9:00 pm **MGV Level 1 Training**
- 1st week of June (Dates TBD), **Garden planting** contingent on weather and receipt of plants from UW-Madison
- June 1, 11:00 am-3:00 pm, **Washburn County Family Festival**, Fairgrounds, Spooner
- **Kids in the Garden**—Mondays June 10 and 24, 4:00 to 5:30 pm, Tuesdays June 11 and 25, 9:30-11:00 am
- June 25 – Publicity Press Release for July Meet Me in the Garden
- June 27 @ 5:30 pm, **NCMGVA Meeting**

Notes: For all events determine availability of room with SARS Office calendar.

July 2019

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- **Kids in the Garden:** Mondays July 8 and 22, 4:00 to 5:30pm, Tuesdays July 9 and 23, 9:30 to 11:00 am
- July 16 **Meet Me in The Garden @ 6PM**
- July 15-21 Barron County Fair
- July 25 @ 5:30 pm, **NCMGVA Meeting:** planning for Twilight Tour
- July 25-28 Washburn County Fair

Notes: For all events determine availability of room with SARS Office calendar.

August 2019

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- August 1 – Publicity Press Release for Twilight Tour
- Kids in the Garden: Monday August 5, 4:00 to 5:30pm, Tuesday, August 6, 9:30-11:00am
- August 6, Hudson Home & Garden Club visit SARS Garden
- August 13, 4:00 to Twilight, SARS Garden – **Twilight Garden Tour**
- August 16, 10:00 am **Benet Garden Club visit to SARS Garden**
- August 17, Geocaching Event in SARS Garden
- August 18, Burnett County 4-H Families visit SARS Garden
- August 22 @ 5:30 pm , **NCMGVA Meeting:** Critique Twilight Tour
- August 22-25 – Burnett County Fair, Grantsburg
- August 22-25 – Sawyer County Fair, Hayward

Notes: For all events determine availability of room with SARS Office calendar.

September 2019

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- September to December—Barron County sponsors Level 1 Training
- September 6, 9:30-11:30 am, Washburn County Home School Groups
- September 6, 1:00-3:00 pm Polk-Burnett-Barron Home School Groups
- September 7, 10:00 AM – **Meet Me in the Garden**
- September 13, **Volunteer Hours** due to Kevin Schoessow
- September 20-22, Central Burnett County Fair, Webster
- September 26, 4:00 pm, **NCMGVA Meeting:** Annual Meeting with election of officers; Potluck & Celebration at 5:30pm

Notes: For all events determine availability of room with SARS Office calendar.

October 2019

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- October 15 - **Annual Accomplishment Report** submissions for each county due to our WIMGA representative
- October 24, **NCMGVA Meeting** Critique current year and plan for new season
- October (TBD), **SARS Garden clean-up** and winter preparation

Notes: For all events determine availability of room with SARS Office calendar.

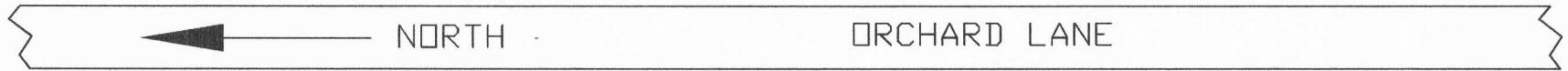
November 2019-February 2020

- **Annual Accomplishment Report** is due to the State Program Office on November 1
- **Dues to WIMGA Treasurer** due January 15
- **Schedule 2020 Planning Meetings** with the NCMGVA Board
- **Schedule initial member meetings for January and February** to begin the 2020 scheduling of events and activities
- Decision/schedule **Level 1 MGVA Training**

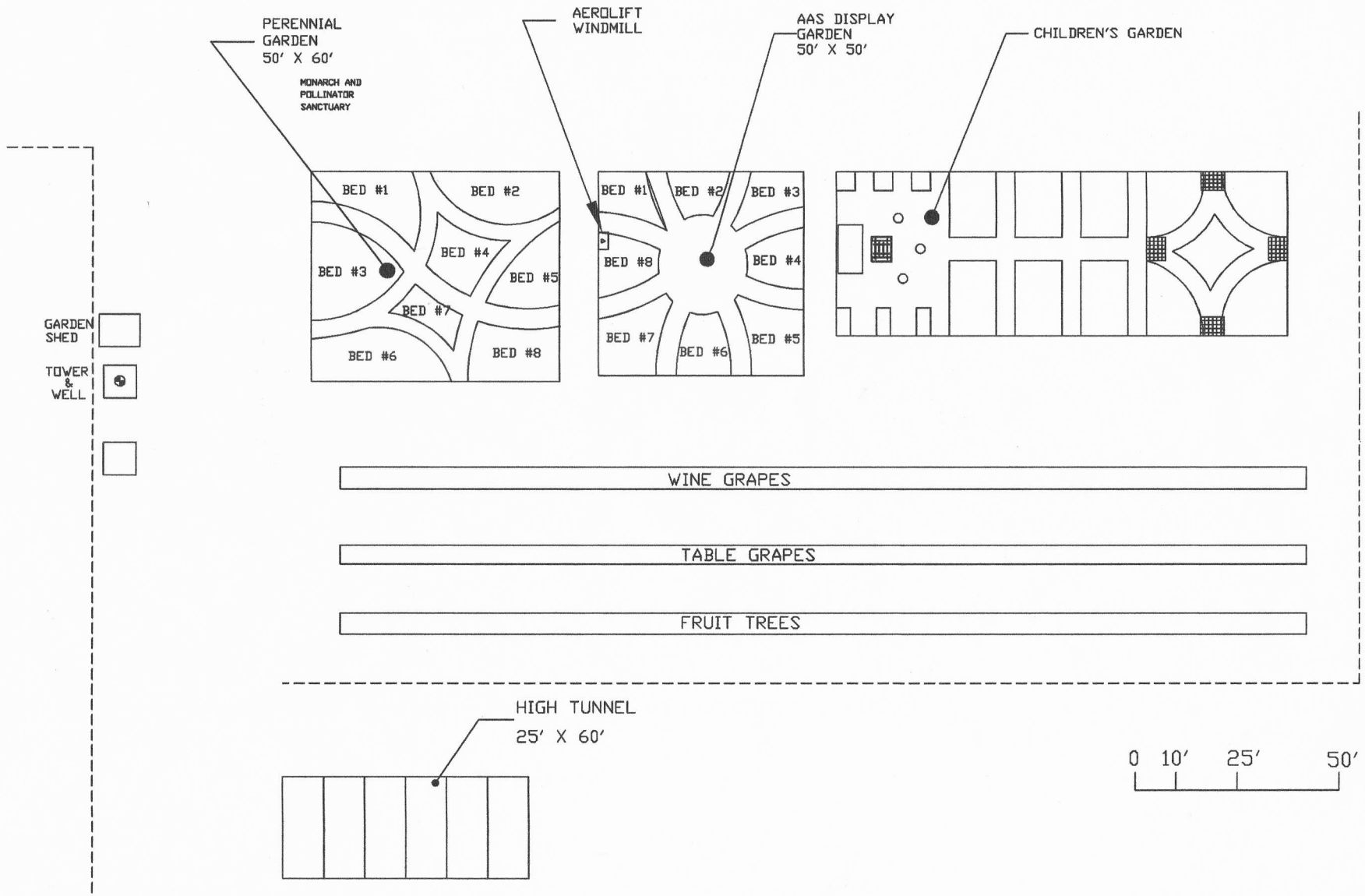
Communicating with Master Gardener Volunteers and other gardeners

- **WisLine Anytime Service** can handle up to 50 phone lines. Members who cannot come to meetings can listen to the meetings live via WisLine (by phone). Contact Lorraine (715-635-3735) in advance of the meeting and she will give the member the number to call and the code to enter to participate in the meetings.
- **Listserve** is maintained by Lorraine Toman to communicate via email with current or former members of the NCMGVA, MGVA trainees or former trainees. The email address: mastergardenvolunteers@lists.wisc.edu will reach about 80 gardeners associated with NCMGVA. If you would like to unsubscribe from this list, please email leave-mastergardenvolunteers@lists.wisc.edu with your request.
- **Community List**—Lorraine Toman also maintains an email list of community members who are interested in our programs. This list contains over 400 emails and can be used to promote events and provide information to the wider community. Contact Lorraine for distribution to this list.

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SPOONER AGRICULTURE RESEARCH STATION TEACHING & DISPLAY GARDENS



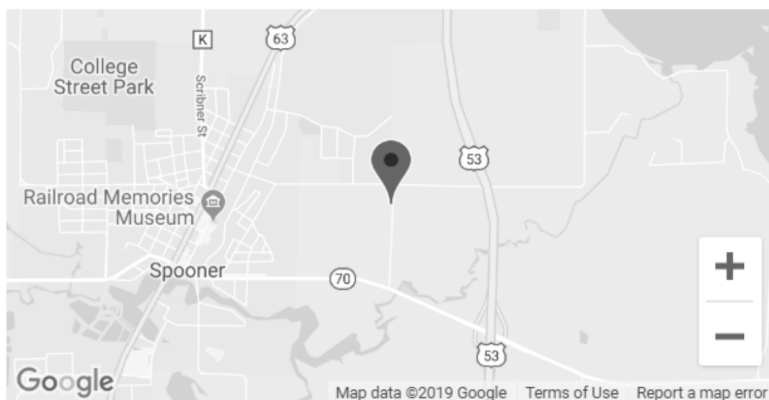
SARS Teaching and Display Garden

<http://spooner.ars.wisc.edu/demonstration-garden/>

780 Orchard Lane, Spooner WI 715-635-3735

spooner@cals.wisc.edu

Open to the public for self-guided tours during day light hours, seven days a week mid-May through mid-September.



The Teaching & Display Garden is a joint effort between the Spooner Agriculture Research Station, operated by the University of Wisconsin-Madison College of Agriculture and Life Science, the University of Wisconsin-Madison-Extension and area UW-Extension Master Gardener Volunteers. The display garden is at 780 Orchard Lane, located 1½ miles east of Spooner on Highway 70 or ½ mile west of the Hwy 70/53 interchange.

Established in 1988 as a small test garden for winter hardy plants, this flourishing garden includes nearly 1 acre of landscaped, themed vegetable gardens and displays of grapes, and fruit trees. It is an official All-America Selections Display Garden that has received national award recognition.

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NCMGVA Officers

President Carol Taylor – Term expires 9/30/19
 Vice-President Roseann Meixelsperger – Term expires 9/30/19
 Secretary Lynn Ford – Term expires 9/30/20
 Treasurer Sheila Squires – Term expires 9/30/19

Directors

Russ Parker – Term expires 9/30/20
 Vicki Gee-Treft – Term expires 9/30/19
 Mark Fox – Term expires 9/30/20

WIMGA Representative
 Roseann Meixelsperger

President of the Wisconsin Master Gardener Association (WIMGA)

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Committees

- Seed Starting, Saving and Plant Maintenance
- May Plant Sale
- Level 1 Master Gardener Volunteer Training
- Children and Youth Programs
- Teaching and Display Garden
 - Overall Planning
 - SARS Beds
 - All-America Selections
 - Monarch & Pollinator Sanctuary (perennial)
 - Meet Me in the Garden
 - Twilight Garden Tour
 - Geocaching
 - Home School Association Field Trips
 - Club Visits
- Publicity and Marketing
- Horticulture Inquiries
- Communications to Public and Members:
 Member Handbook, Website

Member Directory

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Volunteer & Continuing Education Hours

Deadline for submitting volunteer hours is September 15

A new online system begins in 2019. Check the NCMGVA website for information and instructions for MGVs to access and maintain your hours. Our reporting period is October 1, 2018 to September 30, 2019. To comply by the September 15 submission deadline estimate your hours.

Online reporting system—log in at:

https://volunteers.wimastergardener.org/vms/mg_access_form

If you do not have the required 24 hours of volunteer service or the 10 hours of continued education for the past year, that is ok. Report what hours you do have so we can give you credit for them.

When you miss a year or fall short of the required hours, you are considered inactive for the coming year and will no longer have your \$5 dues paid to the Wisconsin Master Gardener Association (WIMGA) or receive the WIMGA newsletter. To regain your active status you can resubmit your volunteer time sheets with the required 24 hours of volunteer service and 10 hours of continued education. See the State Program website for more information and an exemption form at:

www.wimastergardener.org/about-hours

For those looking for continued education opportunities here are some:

- Listen to Wisconsin Public Radio's 'On Garden Talk' call-in radio show. Aired live on Fridays at 11 am or rebroadcast on Saturday at 7 am. Local affiliates are 88.3 or 90.3 FM. Podcast can also be found on the WPR website
- Gardening with Belinda and Bobby, TV KARE channel 11 (Mpls), 8 a. m. Saturdays
- Audit Master Gardener Volunteer training sessions and educational events in the Spooner Research Station Teaching and Display Garden
- Webinars on the State MGVA website <http://wimastergardener.org/> under 'Horticulture Info' tab

Level 1 MGVA Training modules are available for all to view and the link can be found at: www.northcountrymgva.org

NCMGVA Association By-Laws

Article I Name and Location:

North Country Master Gardener Volunteers Association
 UW-Extension Agricultural Research Station
 W6646 Hwy. 70 , Spooner, WI 54801

Article II Objectives

The goal of this organization shall be to encourage, foster, support, and promote horticulture for all residents of Burnett, Washburn, and Sawyer counties; and to promote the UW-Extension from which we are founded.

Article III Membership

Section 1. Membership in this association will be in compliance with the guidelines set by the Wisconsin Master Gardeners Association and University of Wisconsin-Extension.

Section 2. Voting Members

- a.** Certified Master Gardeners – those persons certified by UW-Extension who are in good standing. Good standing is accomplished by completing the yearly training and service required by UW-Extension for maintenance of certification as a Master Gardener as determined by the state association, and after paying dues.
- b.** Intern Master Gardeners – those persons who have completed the UW-Extension Master Gardener training program, but who have not satisfied the service requirement for certification within twelve (12) months of completion of their Master Gardener Training.

Section 3. Non-Voting Members

- a.** Inactive Master Gardeners – those persons who have been active Master Gardeners but who have not accomplished the yearly training and service required by UW-Extension as determined by the state association.
- b.** Student Master Gardeners – those persons currently taking Master Gardener training, but have not completed the training program.
 - Must work with a certified or intern MG on any MG project.
 - Must not represent themselves as a UW-Extension MG or give advice representing UW-Extension until they become intern MG's.
- c.** Associates – those persons who join during the period when MG training is not available but plan to comply with the standards set for Certified Master Gardeners at the next available training opportunity.
 - Must work with a certified or intern MG on any MG project.
 - Must not represent themselves as a UW-Extension MG or give advice representing UW-Extension until they become Intern MG's.
- d.** Friends of Master Gardeners – those persons who wish to support the association from industry, business or the community, but do not plan to take MG training. Friends also include persons who take the MG training for a higher fee with the understanding that there will be no volunteer service hours required.

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Article IV Volunteers and Volunteer Activities

In return for training, volunteers are obligated to donate equivalent volunteer hours within the 12-month period following training. Under UW-Extension guidelines, they will share their expertise with their community: both formally, with youth and other groups; and informally, with acquaintances, friends and relatives. Master Gardeners must meet their volunteer and continuing educational requirements to remain certified. Each individual is responsible for keeping track of their participation records, and to turn them in for proper credit.

Some volunteer activities could include:

- Extension demonstrations and community gardens
- Extension office work
- Public libraries, displays, etc.
- Public gardens
- Horticultural workshops and talks
- Answering telephone inquiries for gardening information
- Writing newspaper and newsletter gardening articles
- Initiating or conducting horticultural projects
- Working with other community service organizations
- Working with youth groups

Article V Elected Officers

Section 1. President – It shall be the duty of the President to keep order and preside at all meetings of this association.

Section 2. Vice President – In the absence or disability of the President, the Vice President shall perform the duties of the President. The Vice President's duties include greeting new members and sending courtesy correspondence.

Section 3. Secretary – The Secretary shall record and keep minutes of all proceedings, submit the minutes from the previous meeting, and have them approved at the next meeting.

Section 4. Treasurer – The Treasurer shall receive and safely keep all funds of the association, and pay out of same on the order of the Board and/or President. The Treasurer shall make reports at each regular meeting of receipts and disbursements.

Section 5. Directors – There shall be three elected Directors to be representatives of the Voting and Associate members on the Board of Directors. A maximum of one Associate member may be on the Board of Directors.

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Article VI Board of Directors

Section 1. The membership of the Board of Directors shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Directors.

Section 2. All members of the Board of Directors are voting members.

Section 3. The President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer of North Country Master Gardeners shall hold the same positions on the Board of Directors.

Section 4. A Quorum for the Board of Directors shall be a majority of the Board of Directors present.

Section 5. The duty of the Board of Directors is to ensure that the necessary business of the NCMGVA is completed.

Section 6. At the annual meeting, the Board of Directors shall present a summary of its past year's activities and its recommendations for the future.

Section 7. The number and nature of committees will be determined by the board and/or membership on an as needed basis.

Article VII Honorary Positions

Section 1. Advisor – The Advisor will answer questions, retrieve information, and facilitate projects and programs of the North Country Master Gardeners Association through UW-Extension.

Section 2. Records Keeper – The Records Keeper will gather and record Master Gardener volunteer and continuing education hours yearly for all North Country Master Gardeners and insure they are submitted for recognition to the state Master Gardener Association in December.

Article VIII Elections

Section 1. Officers will be nominated in August. A slate of officers will be nominated by the board of directors. Elections will be held at the annual meeting in September. Officers elected will begin to serve in October.

Section 2. A member shall be eligible for the elected office of President, Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer if that person is a voting member.

Section 3. A member shall be eligible for the elected office of Director if that person is a voting or associate member.

Section 4. The term of office shall be one year for President. The Vice President shall assume the Presidency after serving as Vice President for one year. All other officers shall have two year terms not to exceed two consecutive terms.

Section 5. Vacancies in elected offices

a. An elected office shall be determined vacant if:

- An elected officer resigns his/her position in writing.
- An elected officer accrues three (3) unexcused absences per term from board or general meetings as determined by a majority of the board members.
- An elected officer has been removed from office by a 2/3rd majority vote of all voting members.

b. Vacancies in office may be filled at any monthly association meeting, provided that nominations are taken from the floor and the replacement officer is elected by a majority vote of the members present.

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Article IX Meetings

Section 1. An annual meeting will be held in September of each year.

Section 2. Regular association meetings will generally be held on a monthly basis. The association year runs from October 1 through September 30.

Section 3. Each voting member will be entitled to cast one vote at any election or on any motion at these meetings. A motion or election will be passed by a majority of the voting members present. Except as specified under Article VIII, section 5a and Article XI.

Section 4. The provisions of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern the conduct of all meetings of the membership when applicable and when not inconsistent with the by-laws and any special rules of order the Association may adopt.

Article X Finances

Section 1. The annual dues rate shall be determined yearly at the annual meeting by a majority vote. Dues are payable at the annual meeting in September or upon joining.

Section 2. Funds may be solicited for purposes previously approved by the Board of Directors. The Board will approve only such purposes as are not in conflict with the stated purpose of the association.

Section 3. In case of dissolution of the association, monies, assets and records will be handed over to the UW-Extension office in Spooner.

Section 4. At the end of each accounting year, the audit committee, appointed by the Board of Directors, will make an audit of the finances.

Section 5. The Association's accounting year is defined as beginning January 1 and ending December 31 of each year.

Article XI Amendments

These by-laws may be altered, amended, or repealed and new by-laws adopted by a 2/3rd majority of the voting membership present at any association meeting, as long as any changes to the by-laws are presented at least one month prior to the voting.

These bylaws were initially approved in September 2001.

Revised January 2005.

Revised November 2010

(http://www.northcountrymgv.org/uploads/6/9/3/7/69377869/NCMGVA_by-laws__pdf.pdf)

Volunteer Projects

There are many ways for volunteers to contribute. This is a sampling of the various volunteer activities of NCMGVA.

Seed Starting, Saving & Plant Maintenance: Perform germination tests on older seed where applicable and procure new seed from established sources. Develop schedules for all seed starting, pot cleaning, transplanting and maintenance, e.g., watering, fertilizing, hardening off, harvesting, etc. Save seed from selected open-pollinated plant specimens grown at the Teaching & Display Garden to maintain varieties offered at the annual plant sale and other MG horticultural needs.

May Plant Sale: Activities include seed starting, signage, publicity/marketing, preparing materials, set-up/breakdown, collecting monies & assisting the public during the sale.

Level 1 Master Gardener Volunteer Training Program: Organize and conduct 36 hours of UW Master Gardener Volunteer curriculum sessions with hands-on training, in addition to online videos. Tasks may include review of trainee applications; assist with class set-up/breakdown and needs of the presenter and trainees; manage videos, nametags and attendance; and provide hands-on training if interested.

Children and Youth Programs:

School & Gardens: Provide leadership and support to schools interested in horticulture & gardens (Locations: Spooner, Shell Lake, Webster, Hayward, etc)

Mini Gardens: Half-day educational programs provided to youth (Mini-Masters or Family Fest)

Children's Garden: Assist with hands-on, educational sessions with children, ages 3 to 12, bi-monthly from mid-June to mid-August at the Teaching & Display Garden.

Volunteer Projects

Teaching & Display Garden: Participate in the educational demonstrations and tours throughout the Garden, including the All-America Selections ornamental & edible plants, Monarch and Pollinator Sanctuary (MAPS) aka perennial garden, and Children's Garden. Assist with planning, planting, maintaining, harvesting & promoting.

Overall Planning: Participate in the overall planning of the Teaching & Display Garden.

All-America Selections: Plan the garden beds and assist with planting/maintaining the AAS edible & ornamental plants. If participating in the annual design contest, manage that process.

Monarch & Pollinator Sanctuary: Plan/review layout of the perennial garden and assist with maintenance.

Meet Me in the Garden: Participate in the planning and programming of an adult educational series offered in the Garden.

Twilight Garden Tour: Plan and participate in an August event, featuring educational speakers, booths, food tastings, which attract 300 visitors.

Groups Tours and Visits: Plan event, guide groups and provide information.

Horticulture Inquiries: Listen, probe, record, research and respond to the public's horticultural questions and concerns, and demonstrate available resources. Onsite, Farmers Market or phone/email inquiries.

Speakers Bureau: Speak on educational/horticultural subjects, which may include seminars, hands-on activities and informal/formal presentations.

Communications to Public & Members: Provide input to Member Handbook, Website & Blog.

Wisconsin Master Gardener Association (WIMGA): Attend two meetings a year as our representative to the Statewide Association, participate in committees, assist in district-wide communications and provide WIMGA required information and documents.

Publicity/Marketing/Signage: Each committee manages its own needs and coordinates with others.

Online Links

North Country Master Gardener Volunteers

www.northcountrymgv.org

Spooner Agricultural Research Station Website

spooner.ars.wisc.edu/demonstration-garden/

Spooner Agricultural Research Station Facebook Page

www.facebook.com/spoonerag

University of Wisconsin-Madison

Division of Extension, Master Gardener Program

wimastergardener.org

Wisconsin Master Gardener Association (WIMGA)

www.wimga.org

