

North Country Master Gardener Volunteer Association



2017 Member Handbook

**University of Wisconsin Extension
Master Gardener Volunteer Program**

*Providing university-based research and information in agriculture,
horticulture and natural resources for the residents of Burnett, Sawyer
and Washburn Counties.*

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NCMGV Association Greetings

Greetings, North Country MG Volunteers

It's almost spring and we have accomplishments to celebrate and work to do!

In 2016 the Perennial Garden in the Spooner Ag Station Teaching and Display Garden was redesigned as a Monarch and Pollinator Sanctuary (MAPS), and became a Certified Monarch Way Station. What an exciting and rewarding project, and many thanks to all involved.

We begin this season with a focus on "Foodscaping: Interspersing Edibles in the Ornamental Garden", the theme for the All American Selection Design competition in 2017. Our AAS garden will be designed to participate this year. We have historically received top honors for our garden, and plan to again. Foodscaping will be the theme for all events this season.

Volunteer opportunities abound as we roll out the AAS Garden, conduct a "Mini Master Gardener" event April 1 at Bashaw's Valley, and create a new "Children's' Garden" with grant money received for hardscape materials.

Very exciting is the beginning of Level 1 Master Gardener Training, with 13 trainees beginning March 7. Welcoming and integrating new team members is a top priority. "Meet Me in the Garden" will be held July 13, and the "Twilight Garden Tour" is August 15.

Our primary resource for NCMGV information is our web site, www.northcountryMGV.org - find meetings and event dates, volunteer and educational opportunities, and other great information.

We are looking forward to a happy and healthy season – let's have fun. Your time, talents, ideas and skills are key to our success!

All the best,
Janet Mangold
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NCMGV President

2016 Annual Accomplishment Reports

North Country Master Gardener Volunteers

Submitted by Kevin Schoessow, Area Ag Development Agent
Burnett, Washburn and Sawyer Counties

For the complete County reports go to:

<http://www.northcountrymgv.org/about-us.html>

Statistical information

We currently have 24 active MGVs in our group. In 2016 we volunteered 131 hours in youth education, 289 hours in community education, and 1,820 hours in support services valued at \$40,947.

Our membership includes a very active and diverse group of volunteers working on a wide range of projects in communities across Burnett, Sawyer and Washburn Counties. While our official group meetings are in Spooner, we have several satellite groups in Hayward, Winter, Webster and Siren that are active in their communities. In addition to our monthly meetings and various educational events members stay connected through email, the *North Country Gardeners* newsletter, our website (<http://www.northcountrymgv.org/>) and Facebook.

**Congratulations to these
Master Gardener Volunteers**

Cumulative volunteer service awards for 2016

**Carol Taylor – 150 hours
Terri Johnson – 250 hours
Katie Childs – 500 hours
Susan Armstrong – 750 hours
Sue Reinardy – 750 hours
Terrie Strand – 750 hours**

2017 Schedule of Events

All events are at the Spooner Research Station unless otherwise noted.

See the NCMGV website for more events and details at:

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

NCMGV Monthly Meetings (4th Thursday)

- April 27, 4:00
- May 25, 4:00
- June 22, 4:00
- July 27, 4:00
- August 24, 4:00
- September 28, 4:00 (Annual Meeting & Election of Officers)
- October 26 5:00 - celebrate successes and potluck dinner

Mini-Master Gardener Short Course

- April 1, 9:00-Noon, Bashaw Valley Farm and Greenhouse, Shell Lake

Pruning and Grafting Workshops

- March 30 "Apple Pruning & Grafting" at Holms Lake Orchard, 12966 Co Rd Z, Grantsburg by Dr. Brian Smith, UW-Extension Fruit Specialist, 4:00-6:00pm (grafting 6:30-8:00pm)
- April 8 Grape Management and Pruning Workshop at Spooner Ag Station, 9:00-noon, Kevin Schoessow, UW-Extension
- April 12 Apple Grafting Workshop at Spooner Ag Station, 6:30-8:30 pm (Sponsored by UW-Extension)

NCMGV Plant Sale – Saturday, May 20, 8:00 -11:00 (or when sold out)

Special Programs

- April 6 "Insects in the Landscape: from the Back Woods to the Back Yard" at WITC-Hayward, 10:30-noon, by PJ Liesch, Entomologist and Director of the UW-Madison Insect Diagnostic Lab and Paul Cigan, DNR Forest Health Specialist
- April 11 "Seed Starting" at the Webster Library 2:30-4:00

2017 Schedule of Events

Spooner Research Garden Activities

- See page 11 for volunteering at the garden
- Group tours available on request, call 715-635-3506
- Grape Management & Pruning Workshop - April 8 9:00-noon
- Apple Grafting Workshop – April 12 6:30-8:30pm
- Meet Me in the Garden, July 13 @ 6pm “Ornamental Edibles”
- **Annual Symposium and Twilight Tour** – August 15, 4:00 to Twilight

Master Gardener Volunteer Level 1 Training

Training every Tuesday from March 7 to May 30 from 6:00 -9:00 pm. See website for complete schedule, MGVs welcome to attend.

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

WIMGA 2017 State Conference

The conference is October 13-14 in West Bend, WI at the West Bend Mutual Insurance Company Prairie Center. This conference is being hosted by Washington County.

<http://wimastergardener.org/events/master-at-the-prairie-wisconsin-master-gardener-association-state-conference/>

International Master Gardener Conference 2017

Wherever your garden grows on this planet, you will find a wealth of new ideas at the 2017 International Master Gardener Conference (IMGC) in Portland, Oregon, **July 10-14, 2017.**

<http://blogs.oregonstate.edu/2017imgc/>

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

<http://wimastergardener.org>

Monthly Activities

(For all events determine availability of room with SARS Office calendar.)

April 2017

- April 1 – **Mini-MG Short Course** at Bashaw Valley Greenhouse, 9:00-Noon
 - April 1 – Intent to enter due for AAS Landscape Design Contest
 - April 6 – **“Insects in the Landscape: from the Back Woods to the Back Yard”** at WITC-Hayward, 10:30-Noon by PJ Liesch, entomologist UW-Madison and Paul Cigan, Forest Health Specialist for the WI-DNR.
 - April 8—**Grape Management & Pruning Workshop** at Spooner Ag Station 9:00 –Noon, Kevin Schoessow
 - April 11 – **“Seed Starting”** at the Webster Library 2:30-4:00 by Kathryn Schiedermayer, UW-Extension MGV
 - April 12 – **Apple Grafting Workshop** at Spooner Ag Station, 6:30-8:30 pm (\$15/person) by Kevin Schoessow
 - April 19 – **“Buckthorn Remove Workshop”** at Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary, Sarona, 9:00-Noon Sponsored by Red Cedar Cooperative Weed Management Area
 - April 20 – **Deadline for May Newsletter** articles to be submitted to Julie Hustvet mastergardenerivol@centurylink.net
 - April 27 @ 4:00pm, **NCMGV Meeting:** Discuss plans for Plant Sale and Demonstration Garden
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May 2017

- May 1 – Publicity Press Release for Plant Sale
 - May 20 **Hunt Hill Prairie Fling**, 10 am-4 pm (Sponsored by Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary) www.hunthill.org
 - May 20, 8:00-11:00 **NCMGV Plant Sale**
 - May 25 @ 4:00pm, **NCMGV Meeting:** educational topic
 - **AAS Planting:** Dependent on plant delivery & weather
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June 2017

- 1st week of June (Dates TBD), **AAS Garden planting** contingent on weather and receipt of plants from UW-Madison (Sharon Tarras)
 - June 3, 11:00-3:00pm, Spooner Fairgrounds, **Washburn County Family Festival**
 - June 22 @ 4:00pm, **NCMGV Meeting:** planning for Twilight Tour
 - June 27 – Publicity Press Release for July 13 Meet Me in the Garden
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July 2017

- July 13 **Meet Me in The Garden @ 6PM** “Ornamental Edibles” (Sue Reinardy)
 - July 10-14 International Master Gardener Conference 2017, Portland, Oregon
July 20, **Deadline for articles** for August edition of NCMGV Newsletter submit articles to Julie Hustvet
mastergardenervol@centurylink.net
 - July 27 @ 4:00pm, **NCMGV Meeting:** planning for Twilight Tour
 - July 31 Progress report or summary of the poster presentation must be submitted electronically to the MG Program Coordinator for the WIMGA grant received for the Children’s Garden.
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August 2017

- August 1 – Publicity Press Release for Twilight Tour
 - August 15 4:00 to Twilight, Spooner Demonstration Garden – **Annual Symposium and Twilight Tour**
 - August 24 @ 4:00pm , **NCMGV Meeting:** Critique Twilight Tour
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September 2017

- September 14 AAS Landscape Design Contest Application Due
 - September 28 @ 4:00pm, **NCMGV Meeting:** Annual Meeting with election of officers
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October 2017

- October 1 – **Volunteer Hours due** to Kevin Schoessow
 - October 13-14 WIMGA 2017 State Conference, at the West Bend Mutual Insurance Company Prairie Center, West Bend, WI.
 - October 26, 5:00 pm **NCMGV Meeting and Potluck:** Celebrate successes of the year and recognition
 - October (TBD), **SARS garden clean-up** and winter preparation
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November 2017 – January 2018

- **Annual Accomplishment Report** is due to the State Program Office on November 1.
- **Dues to WIMGA** due January 15.

Spooner Agriculture Research Station Teaching and Display Gardens

<http://spooner.ars.wisc.edu/demonstration-garden/>
W6646 Hwy 70, Spooner WI 54801
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 Gardens are 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 Cooperative Extension and area UW-Extension Master Gardener Volunteers.

The Gardens include:

1. Monarch and Pollinator Sanctuary (MAPS) Garden and certified Monarch Waystation (formally the Perennial Garden)
2. All-America Selections Display Garden (featuring annual flowers and bedding plants)
3. Raised Bed Garden Area
4. Vegetable Garden
5. Perennial Fruits Display area (featuring bush fruits, cold hardy wine and table grapes and fruit trees)
6. The Hoophouse Project (a work in progress)
7. Children's Garden (under development)

The display garden can be found across from the Sheep Research Facility at N5264 Orchard Lane. Orchard Lane is located 1½ miles east of Spooner on Highway 70 or ½ mile west of the Hwy 70/53 interchange.

Volunteering at the Garden

All are welcome to volunteer at the gardens. There is usually a list of tasks needing attention. Check the mailbox or shed.

Most volunteers gather on Monday evenings (4:00-7:00) or Tuesday mornings (8:00am to Noon) from June through August (weather permitting) to keep the gardens in top shape.

Spring planting usually takes place the first week in June. Announcements will come via email.

Fall clean-up is after the first frost, also announced by email.

Docents/presenters are needed for the events and for group tours.

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

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Officers, Directors and UWEX Contacts

NCMGV Officers

President Janet Mangold – Term expires 9/30/17
Vice-President Donna Amidon – Term expires 9/30/17
Secretary Deb Studley – Term expires 9/30/17
Treasurer Barb Boatman – Term expires 9/30/17

Directors

Vicki Gee-Treft – Term expires 9/30/18
Carol Taylor – Term expires 9/30/18
Tony Webber – Term expires 9/30/18

WIMGA Representative

Sue Reinardy

Committee Chairs

- Teaching & Display Garden –
- Member Handbook, Website, Meet Me in the Garden - Sue Reinardy
- NCMGV Bi-annual Newsletter - Julie Hustvet
- Seed Starter - Russ Parker
- May Plant Sale –Carol Taylor
- August Twilight Event –
- Education, Schools –Vicki Gee-Treft, Russ Parker, Nancy Reis, Sue Reinardy, Kevin Schoessow
- Publicity – Kevin Schoessow
- AAS Contest Committee –
- Children’s Garden Project – Roseann Meixelsperger, Russ Parker

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*- responsible for everything other than training (website,
newsletter, volunteer hour records, etc.)*
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Wisconsin Master Gardener Association (WIMGA)
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Member & Trainee Directory

Details deleted – please contact Sue Reinardy at sreinardy@centurytel.net for member information.

Email Group

A list is maintained to communicate via email with current or former members of the NCMGVA, or a Master Gardener Volunteer trainees or former trainees. The email address: mastergardenervolunteers@lists.wisc.edu will reach about 80 gardeners associated with NCMGVA.

If you would like to unsubscribe from this list, please email leave-mastergardenervolunteers@lists.wisc.edu with your request.



Volunteer Projects

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

Teaching and Display Garden, Spooner Agriculture Station

A major volunteer activity is the Display Garden. This garden is a joint effort between the Spooner Agricultural Research Station, operated by the University of Wisconsin-Madison College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, the University of Wisconsin Cooperative Extension Service and area UW-Extension Master Gardener Volunteers. Its purpose is to demonstrate perennial and annual plants that are suitable for growing in zone 3. In addition, there are many perennial plantings being evaluated for winter survival and growth habit. Part of the garden is an official All-America Selections Display Garden. This AAS display is one of only seven sites found in Wisconsin. The garden was awarded first-place in 2014 and second place in 2015 for the All-American Selections national landscape design contest.

Volunteer Projects

Fort Folle Avoine Historical Park MGVs maintain various raised gardens at this 80 acre historic park (owned and operated by Burnett Co., located near Danbury) that feature native plants, heirloom vegetables, herbs, perennials, and cut flowers.

School/Community Gardens Several communities have school community gardens that MGVs are directly involved with including Hayward, Winter, and Spooner, among others. Along with assisting teachers with in-class instruction and organizing activities in the garden, produce from the gardens is served in school and donated to needy families.

Food Shelves MGVs have partnered with local area food shelves. For example, the Winter Green Community Garden grows produce and offers garden space to clients to expand access to fresh produce to those in need. Food has been donated from the Spooner Teaching and Display Garden as well as other gardens where MGVs volunteer.

Educational Presentations MGVs make numerous presentations to area groups and at the Spooner Teaching and Display Garden including a summer “*Meet Me in The Garden*” series. Several MGVs have developed presentations and teaching notes on a variety of topics. These presentations have been given to area garden clubs, senior centers, workshops, and other community organizations.

Twilight Garden Tour The annual Twilight Garden Tour in the Teaching and Display Garden located at the Spooner Agricultural Research Station features guest speakers, demonstrations, displays, vegetable tasting, a silent auction, and live music.

NCMGV Newsletter Twice each year a newsletter is produced with up-to-date information about horticulture subjects and area events. MGVs research and write articles for the newsletter.

Community Projects Each year there are a variety of community projects that MGVs contribute their time and resources. These include such projects as designing planters at the Spooner Veterans Cemetery, distributing seedlings to veterans, designing/maintaining planting beds at libraries, schools, and other public spaces, assisting with eradication of invasive species, 4-H and county fair activities.

Volunteer Hours

Deadline for submitting volunteer hours is October 1.

The timesheets can be downloaded from: wimastergardener.org

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 (whether from last year or from years ago) all you have to do is resubmit your volunteer time sheets with the required 24 hours of volunteer service and 10 hours of continued education.

For those looking for continued education opportunities here are some:

- Listen to Wisconsin Public Radio's 'On Garden Talk' call in radio show. Airs 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.
- Watch episodes of 'The Wisconsin Gardener' produced by Wis. Public TV. Archived programs can be found at <http://wpt.org/Wisconsin-Gardener/Topics>
- 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 MGV website <http://wimastergardener.org/> under 'Horticulture Info' tab

"A volunteer's time is the true example of selfless giving" JRC

2017 Volunteer Hours and Continuing Education

MGV – 24 volunteer hours and 10 hours of CE

Interns – 24 volunteer hours and completion of initial training

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Online Links

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www.northcountrymgv.org

Spooner Agricultural Research Station Website

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

Spooner Agricultural Research Station Facebook Page

www.facebook.com/spoonerag

Wisconsin Master Gardener Program

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