

# Sheboygan County Master Gardener Association

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This is a Bulletin designed to keep you informed of the many activities that occur between newsletters!

However, to ensure you don't miss anything, please visit the Sheboygan County Master Gardener Association's website at <https://scmastergardener.weebly.com>. The website is a wonderful way to become more acquainted with the association and will always have opportunities for you to consider.

Our members have been busy!

## Pine Haven Planting Day

Sheboygan County Master Gardener Association members helped residents of Pine Haven plant the courtyard with a mix of vegetables and flowers (plants and seeds) in four raised brick beds. Approximately six residents helped plant and a few more watched. We shared gardening stories and tips as we planted. One of the residents was a migrant worker and told a story of planting and harvesting fruits and vegetables for years traveling between Texas, Oklahoma, and Wisconsin farms. In the afternoon, we planted in the Covenant House courtyard. Many of these residents, who have dementia and Alzheimer's, enjoyed watching the planting. A few got their hands dirty and instructed us on planting. One lady had worked at Caan's for more than ten years and shared tips that she learned from growing up helping plant her mother's garden on the farm and from working at Caan's. We made some new friends and created a garden that these people can enjoy for the summer. Many were excited to be able to water and weed these beds. Several of our volunteers will stop back over the summer to help with the maintenance of the beds. We plan to do this project next year. **Volunteer: Laura Drew, Barb Marten, Therese McCormack, Abbie Palenske and her sons, JJ and Henry, and Val Gillman. Special thanks to Laura and Therese who donated some plants and seeds. Also, thanks to JJ and Henry Palenske, who were not afraid to climb up into the beds to put seeds and plants in the center of the beds.**



## Learn How to Take Better Wildflower Photos



Lynn Thornton (Master Gardener)

During the workshop, Lynn discussed:

- How to use macro mode on your point-and-shoot camera.
- Discovering simple tips to improve your flower photographs.
- How to photograph a flower close-up.

Each participant received a handout to help them practice on their own.

After the presentation, participants experimented, taking photos in the UW-GB Sheboygan Campus Garden.

## Our Members Visited Gourmet's Delight on June 12



### Maywood Walk with Karen Merlau



Eight people enjoyed an evening stroll through Maywood trails with Karen Merlau on June 19. She is not only a Master Gardener, but also a Master Naturalist and member of several Gardening organizations. We walked the Maple Trail, around the Rain Garden (which is maintained by Master Gardeners) and looped the River Trail in search of spring blooming flowers. Karen shared information on the blooms, grasses and already spent plants we found. She also told us about the Snapshot Wisconsin trail camera program that she participates in monitoring wildlife activities in a specific area. She manages the camera set up at Maywood and another at her residence. All wildlife photos are downloaded to the Wis DNR website. Maywood is celebrating 40 years this year and has several special events this year to honor the Maywood's who donated the land for this beautiful park.

Thanks to Karen for sharing her knowledge. All participants noted they had learned something new on this walk.



As you can see, we have a highly active group! Please visit the website frequently to make sure you don't miss any future activities!

## REMINDER

The 2023 Garden Walk is Saturday July 15, and we still need volunteers. Anyone interested can contact Karen Merlau or Doris Weber.

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## UPCOMING EVENT

### Garden Crawl

Wednesday, July 26, 2023

9:00 am - 2:45 pm

Purpose: to promote and view and tour our current SCMGA Projects

9:00 - 9:30 UW Green Bay - Sheboygan Campus

9:45 - 10:20 Uptown Social

10:45 - 11:30 Waelderhaus (parking lot is across the road)

11:45 - 12:45 Nourish Farms (eat lunch in the beautiful loft)

1:15-2:15 Plymouth Arts Center

2:45 Back to UW Green Bay (if you are carpooling)

This event will be held rain or shine. Carpooling is encouraged. Please RSVP for this event by July 15, and is for SCMGA members only.

We will meet at UW Green Bay - Sheboygan Campus at 9:00 and view the gardens there. We will then travel to Uptown Social for a short tour. From there we will head to the Waelderhaus for a short tour of the building and the outdoor gardens. Then we will meet at Nourish for a short tour, eat our lunches in the loft, and relax for a bit. We will finish with a visit to the Plymouth Arts Center.

**NOTE: Wear your name tag. Bring water, your lunch, sunscreen, a hat, and a lawn chair, just in case we need a short break.**

### Questions | Suggestions | Comments?

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