



SHEBOYGAN COUNTY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION

News from the Board – January 2024

Happy New Year! We are so happy that you decided to join us for 2024 “Year of the Herb.” Right now, we have 38 members of which 36 have had MG training. Twenty-seven members have also decided to join WIMGA (WI Master Gardener Association).

Your MG Board was busy in 2023, which was our first year as a new Association. We concentrated on making the necessary changes to our group in order to be in compliance with the state. These are the things that we accomplished:

- Wrote and revised our By-laws
- Defined roles of our Board members
- Formed and defined our committees
- Reviewed our past Projects and Events and secured a chairperson for each
- Created and maintained a website for up-to-date communication
- Wrote a WIMGA Grant to secure a speaker for 2024
- Planned group tours for educational purposes
- Created a logo contest for our Association and secured a logo
- Planned social events where we could share our gardening experiences
- Organized and presented our year-end Annual Meeting information

The Board met this past week, after taking the month of December off. We are currently working on our goals for the first quarter of 2024 (January – April).

Our goals are to:

- Provide education at each of our meetings
 - Megan Cain, The Creative Vegetable Gardener, All About Herbs online class
 - Zoom Class by Megan Cain: Design Inspiration for a Creative Vegetable Garden
- Review our current Projects and Events; secure a chairperson for each
- Provide a bus trip to PBS WI Garden & Landscape Expo in Madison (February)
- Secure a source for printing, as UW will no longer have a budget for us
- Recruit new members
- Create New Member folders, which contain current Association information
- Plan for the Local Food Fair at Nourish (May 11, 2024)
- Research new ideas for fundraising and grant writing
- Vary the days and times of our Meetings so that all members can participate
- Plan fun events where members can share gardening experiences



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Please visit our website often! It is updated as new information is available.

<https://scmastergardener.weebly.com>

You will be receiving email invites for our January Meeting and our February Bus Trip in the next few days. We are looking forward to seeing you soon!

Deb, Lynn, Val, Michele, and Barb