



SHEBOYGAN COUNTY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION

News from the Board – March 2024

Thank you! We are so happy that so many of you have been active in our events, committees, and meetings! We currently have 41 members of which 39 have had UW Master Gardener Training. Twenty-eight members have also decided to join WIMGA (WI Master Gardener Association).

Your MG Board was busy during the first quarter of 2024 (January – March). We concentrated on adding an educational experience to each of our events. These are the things that we, along with the Education, Events, Fundraising, and Membership Committees, accomplished:

- Provided education at each of our meetings
 - Megan Cain, The Creative Vegetable Gardener, All About Herbs online class (January 22, 2024 and February 28, 2024)
 - Introduction to Winter Sowing: Sue Mathews (January 22, 2024)
 - Zoom Class by Megan Cain: Design Inspiration for a Creative Vegetable Garden (March 4, 2024)
- Reviewed our current Projects and Events; secured a chairperson or contact person for each
- Provided a bus trip to PBS WI Garden & Landscape Expo in Madison (February 10, 2024)
- Hosted a Seed/Magazine/Book Swap (February 28, 2024)
- Provided amazing snacks and hot tea at our events ☺
- Secured a source for printing (Leonard's Printing), as UW will no longer have a budget for us. A new banner, rack cards, posters, and rubber stamps with our Association's new logo on them were purchased for future use. This amount was included in the 2024 Working Budget. These items will help in our recruitment of new members and will be used for many years.
- Recruited new members: We continue to extend personal invitations to those interested in gardening.
- Created New Member folders, which contain current Association information
- Continued planning for the Local Food Fair at Nourish (May 11, 2024)
- Varied the days and times of our meetings so that all members can participate



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The Board meets at least once per month. We are currently working on our goals for the second quarter of 2024 (April – June).

Our goals are to:

- Plan a Project Chair Meeting (date to be announced soon)
- Continue to plan educational activities for and participate in the **Local Food Fair at Nourish Farms** (May 11, 2024): plan education for adults and children; have seeds available to purchase to plant an herb garden; possibly have herbs to sell; and promote our Master Gardener Association. A budget of \$500 has been set for this event. We hope to recoup a substantial amount of this amount at the Local Food Fair. Items included in the budget amount are: \$30 space/entrance fee; 6 aprons, which will be used in future events; dried lavender; seeds and soil, small seed packets; printing; plastic tablecloths; and a door prize. For comparison, in the past a typical weekend at the Sheboygan County Fair included the following: \$400 for a double booth, \$85.00 for insurance, and \$50 for a door prize.
- Plan a Member Meeting in April to complete projects necessary for the Local Food Fair
- Plan education for future meetings
- Secure a member (PR person) to advertise our educational events that are open to the public
- Secure a member to facilitate the bringing of snacks to our meetings

Current Operating Balance of our Checking Account: \$10,578.33

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

<https://scmastergardener.weebly.com>

You will be receiving an email invite for our April meeting in the next few days. We are looking forward to seeing you soon!

Deb, Lynn, Val, Michele, and Barb