

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION



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OUR MISSION - To serve the needs of gardeners in Sheboygan County by providing research-based, environmentally sound horticultural information and educational opportunities. | To promote the understanding of responsible horticultural practices and environmental stewardship. | To develop and increase horticultural knowledge for all members while providing opportunities to share knowledge in social settings.

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I WANDERED LONELY AS A CLOUD

By William Wordsworth

*I wandered lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host, of golden daffodils;
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.*

*Continuous as the stars that shine
And twinkle on the milky way,
They stretched in never-ending line
Along the margin of a bay:
Ten thousand saw I at a glance,
Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.*

*The waves beside them danced; but they
Out-did the sparkling waves in glee:
A poet could not but be gay,
In such a jocund company:*

*I gazed—and gazed—but little thought
What wealth the show to me had
brought:
For oft, when on my couch I lie
In vacant or in pensive mood,
They flash upon that inward eye.*

*Which is the bliss of solitude;
And then my heart with pleasure fills,
And dances with the daffodils.*

UPCOMING EVENTS & EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

REMINDER: Come enjoy the first day of spring at OUR Spring Kickoff, Monday, March 20, at the UW Extension office from 1:00-3:00 pm. It includes our Project/Committee/Event Signup, a Tulips on Canvas class (canvases and acrylic paints will be provided). Bring small art/craft brushes and a pencil, if possible. It is a good time to turn in your Caan's Spring Fundraiser order; another chance to participate in the seeds and magazine swap. Refreshments will be served.

Projects for 2023

- Nourish Farms
- Plymouth Arts Center
- Uptown Social
- UW Green Bay – Sheboygan Campus Gardens
- Waelderhaus Herb Garden
- Volunteer Projects/Events

If you are not able to attend the Spring Kickoff meeting, please let Lynn Thornton know what projects you would like to volunteer for this year. If you would like more information about the projects, visit the Sheboygan County Master Gardener Association website, **SEND YOUR PROJECT SELECTIONS TO**, Lynn Thornton Vice-President, lynnthornton2001@yahoo.com

APRIL 11, 2023 (TUESDAY) | 10:00 -11:00 AM

MG GROUP TOUR AT LAKE ORCHARD FARM AQUAPONICS

[HTTPS://LAKEORCHARDAQUAPONICS.COM/](https://lakeorchardaquaponics.com/)



Join us for a one-hour tour (10:00 – 11:00 am) at Lake Orchard Farm Aquaponics, which is located at N9189 Lakeshore Rd., Sheboygan (between Sheboygan and Cleveland). A \$2.00 non-refundable fee is required to make your reservation for this tour. Send your name, email address, and \$2.00 to Val Gillman at the address below by MARCH 20TH OR bring it to our Spring Kickoff on March 20th. You will receive an email confirmation once your payment has been received.

VAL GILLMAN | W6471 AURORA RD. | PLYMOUTH, WI 53073

April 17, 2023 - At Kiel Public Library 7:00 pm

Spring Speaker Series – GRAVEL GARDENS

Presented by Jeff Epping

Jeff is from Olbrich Botanical Gardens in Madison and will discuss his knowledge in designing and developing gravel gardens. Not your old 70's rock gardens, but gardens that feature colorful perennials and plants that use less water.

May 1, 2023 - At Kiel Public Library at 7:00 PM

Spring Speaker Series

PERENNIALS – NEW & THE TRIED AND TRUE

Presented by Kathy Baum,

Kathy is a Master Gardener from Outagamie County. During her presentation, she will share her experience 'new, tried and true' on perennials

May 18, 2023 – Mushroom Growing Demonstration

Presented by Niles and Barb Klaves

UW Green Bay - Sheboygan Campus (more details to follow)

OUR MEMBERSHIP

Sheboygan County Master Gardener Association Membership 2023

By Val Gillman, Treasurer

Welcome members, new and old, to our restructured association. Over the last couple of years, there have been many changes the Wisconsin Master Gardener, which have affected our membership. When we sponsored our last class for certification (2017-18), we had 108 members. Then came the start of digitizing the system and many were overwhelmed with the changes and expectations for logging their volunteer hours into the UW database system. This was followed by COVID and the many restrictions and changes it caused.

We hope the restructuring of our new association will attract more members. All members still have the option to be a certified master gardener by following the UW guidelines for volunteer work, education, and using the Online Reporting System (ORS). Members who choose not to continue with the UW certification process will still need to volunteer and attend some continuing education, but will not be required to record their hours.

I am happy to say that we currently have 44 members, of which 26 have also joined WIMGA (Wisconsin Master Gardener Association). As the year progresses, we will be looking for people to volunteer on the Membership Committee; duties would include recruiting new members, creating new member packets, and maintaining the current membership information. If you would like to work on this committee, make sure to let us know. "Growing" our association will require all of us to take a part. Below is how our membership has changed over the years.

2017 – 101

2018 – 108

2019 – 103

2020 – 83

2021 – 76

2022 – 63

2023 – 44 (with 26 WIMGA members)

Let's try to get that number to move in the other direction! With your help we can do that!

SPRING FUNDRAISER



[Download File](#)

Caan's has invited us to participate in their voucher program to help raise money for our organization. Click on the PDF icon to view the list of items available for purchase – the selection is HUGE! Gift Cards can also be purchased in amounts of \$15, \$25, or \$50.

We hope you will consider participating in this program, which gives our organization approximately 20% of all voucher purchases and 10% on all gift card purchases. Proceeds will help fund future Sheboygan Master Gardener Association events/programs.

To participate, send your order to Tammy Zorn, UWGB-Sheboygan Campus, 1 University Drive, Sheboygan, WI 53081 NO LATER THAN APRIL 21. Vouchers will be delivered beginning April 22. Redeem your vouchers (at Caan's) by May 31. If you purchase gift cards – they do not expire.

Example Order Form

Your name, address, and phone number

1 flowering flat - \$20

1 vegetable flat - \$25

FAQ

Can flats be mixed or do they need to be all one type of plant? Yes, you can mix flats. A flat of annual flowers is 10 four packs of annual flowers and costs \$20.00. A flat of vegetables is 10 four packs of vegetables and costs \$25.00. (You cannot mix vegetables and flowers together in one flat.)

I did not receive the order form in my email. There is no order form this year. I'm hoping that simplifies the process for you. Just list your purchases on a sheet of paper and attach your payment. **Checks should be made out to Sheboygan County Master Gardeners.**



THE 2023 CHALLENGE

There have been many challenges for Master Gardeners lately as we reshape our relationship with the Wisconsin group and reorganize our local association. Here's one more challenge for you! But it will be more fun; because it's a **Garden Challenge**.

As we get older, we get set in our ways in many aspects of life—and in our gardens, too. We'd like to challenge you to do something new...something you have not done before. It might be a new plant, a trial of new varieties of a favorite, a new tool or technique, or something else that you have wanted to try. Keep track of how it goes, take pictures, and let us know how you're doing. We'll ask you to report on your experience, which we can share in our fall or winter newsletter. So, get ready TO DO SOMETHING NEW!

On your mark, get set... **GO!**

TID BITS

By Sue Mathews

WHEN AND HOW TO "UNFRIEND" A PLANT. [FINE GARDENING, AUG 2]



Because life is too short, a plant needs to go, if....

1. ***It doesn't keep its promises to thrive in your garden.*** Cut it loose for a more robust match.
2. ***It refuses to take care of its own health and well-being.*** No one needs a plant that regularly needs care to prevent or cure disease or insect attacks.
3. ***It's high maintenance.*** Busy work like staking, deadheading, pruning, frequent dividing, fertilizing, etc. will exhaust your patience and energy.

TID BITS [CONTINUED]

4. **The plant is overbearing.** Some plants are just not a good fit for the space they occupy, growing larger than you thought they would and overwhelming your garden.
5. **You've grown apart.** Some plants are great when you first meet them, but your tastes change, and you cease to notice or get pleasure from them.
6. **The plant is holding you back from meeting new plants.** If your space is limited, you must be ruthless; and if you want to try new introductions, you'll have to rehome some old ones. It's okay to want shiny new plants.

HOW TO KILL A TREE [VIRGINIA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION]

Trees are a precious resource in a landscape. They are expensive to purchase, take years to grow to mature beauty, and are easy to kill.

Few residential trees die of "old age." Mechanical damage and improper tree planting and care kill more trees than insects and disease. Here are just a few ways to kill a tree. A graphic that will show you many additional ways to kill your tree can be found at the [Virginia Cooperative Extension](#) site.



"Top" a tree to encourage waterspouts that weaken tree and encourage diseases and pests.

Leave codominant leaders to encourage 'V' growth causing splitting in winds and storms.

Coat pruning cuts with paint or sealer to slow wound healing.

Leave broken branches unpruned to attract pests.

Spray unapproved herbicide over root area to weaken tree.

Prune flush cuts to reduce wound closure.

Dig hole too narrow and over amend backfill to discourage proper root spread.



SUPERTUNIA®S - WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE? [PROVEN WINNERS]

If you've been to a garden center looking for petunias you have surely seen a vast array of Supertunia®s available and have wonder which would best suit your situation...Standard Supertunia®, Supertunia® Vista, or Supertunia® Mini Vista. Their seller, Proven Winners, has provided [a nice description of these plants](#) and their places in our gardens. While you are there, check out their [recipes for container plantings](#).

TID BITS [CONTINUED]

DIY GERMINATION BOX [GARDEN GATE MAGAZINE, FEBRUARY 2023]

When starting seeds indoors, a humid environment is critical. A DIY germination box can be created using shallow plastic storage bins like those that fit under your bed or hold rolls of wrapping paper. Put your seed starting containers on top of the upside-down lid and place the bin over the top to create a mini-greenhouse. If needed, a heating mat can be placed on the lid and under your pots. The bin is easy to store and will last for many years.

YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Please send questions and/or how you would like to put your interests to help benefit our organization to anyone on our board (listed above).



I hope you have enjoyed the new spring issue and ask that if you ever have an idea, photograph, or an article that you would like to share please let me know. You can email me, Stephanie Larson, at; slcreativecom51@gmail.com

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