

# Eau Claire Area Master Gardener News



July 2019

## Another Successful Plant Sale...

The annual Eau Claire Area Master Gardener Volunteer Association (ECAMGVA) plant sale was held at Phoenix Park on Sunday, June 9, 2019. It was a beautiful day for the sale because it was overcast, a little windy but no rain or storms. The ECAMGVA and Hosta groups took in over \$5000.00 in three hours! The ECAMGCA sale gross was \$3,150.00 (last year the gross was \$1,813.50).

We would like to thank all who donated plants for the sale especially Dick Lienhardt and Ellen Terwilliger. There was a nice selection of plants available. Thank you also to all the non-MGs who helped with the sale especially Tom Kempen, John Davis, Terry Griffin and Mary Jane's daughter, Kris Choate. Thanks also to all who patronized the sale. A **BIG** thank you to the Plant Sale Committee for all their hard work in preparing for the plant sale.

Next year, our annual Plant Sale will be on Sunday, June 14, 2020 (from 9 or 9:30 to noon) unless the Plant Sale Committee decides on a different date.. If you are dividing houseplants soon, please save one division for the plant sale. We had a nice selection of house plants this year.

Next year, we plan to have potting parties to expedite preparations for the sale. There are MGs who are unable to divide their plants so we will get together to dig, transplant and label the plants. Also, the group will help any MG who needs help with digging, transplanting and labelling plants but the MG must let the plant committee know that they need help. The Plant Sale committee hopes that the members who have jumping worms will help with the potting parties since they cannot donate plants to the sale. Also we do need more volunteers at the sale to help the customers. This year, we had a wide variety of plants and the customers asked about the different plants. We were able to sell more plants since we provided plant info to the buyers. Please consider being a volunteer next year.

Have a Great Summer!  
Mary Jane Griffin and Susan Merten,  
Plant Sale Co-Chairs



*Photos by Chris Southworth*





## Local Master Gardener News

### Changing e-mail? Moving?

If you do, please remember to notify the ECAMG and the newsletter editor of your new e-mail address and/or mailing address so you don't miss any Eau Claire Area Master Gardener happenings!

Email your new information to Carol Cox at [c7w6c2200@charter.net](mailto:c7w6c2200@charter.net) or notify her by snail mail at 1908 Hogeboom Ave., Eau Claire, WI 54701 (or call her at 715-783-0016 - cell).



**Bulletin Board  
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and  
Opportunities!!!**



### ECAMGA Board

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#### Note:

The ECAMGAV Board minutes may be accessed at <https://www.eauclaireareamastergardener.org>.

### Ask a Master Gardener

Here we are at the beginning of July. If you are concerned about getting enough hours this year, join us at the Farmers Market at Phoenix Park on Saturday mornings. We start at 8:00 a.m. by setting up our tables at the location to which we are directed that day (it is never the same place from week to week. Just look for our table with the green tablecloth and "Ask a Master Gardener" banner across the front) We then hang out there and answer questions as people stop by. In between questions we have some great discussions of our own and see friends as they stroll by. We usually pack up at between 11:00 and 11:30.

If you're a little unsure of this, just come and see how it works. No one is pressured to give an answer, and if we don't know the answer to a question, we get their information and tell them someone will get back to them. You can take a break and go do some shopping and enjoy a beautiful day by the river.



If you are interested or have questions, please contact Andy Heren at [Rcktnut007@aol.com](mailto:Rcktnut007@aol.com) or call him at 715/379/8623.



### ECAMGVA

#### 2019 Calendar

*All meetings at Extension Office  
unless otherwise noted*

**July 15, 2019: Meet and Greet (Margaret Murphy/Horticulture Program Coordinator) potluck**

**July 23, 2019: Tour of Square Roots CSA Farm at 9985 West Mallard Rd, Fall Creek, WI**

**August 19, 2019: "What's the Buzz with Bumblebees?" - Mary Jo Fleming, MGVA**

**August 21, 2019: Tour of Pollinator Gardens at the Wissota State Park & Chippewa Fairgrounds with MGVA Sue Crisp**

**September 16, 2019: Annual Harvest Potluck**

**September 30, 2019: Volunteer hours due**

**October 7, 2019: Deadline for MG Photo Contest entries**

**October 21, 2019: The ABCs of Mason Bees – Rita Gundry**

**November 18, 2019: TBA**

**December 16: Annual Holiday Party**



## New Volunteer Opportunities at the Teaching Garden

How about a new way to pick up a few Master Gardener (MG) volunteer hours this summer? We're looking for Master Gardener Volunteers (MGV) interested in committing to just one week of watering the Teaching Garden raised beds – and you choose which week. The garden typically needs watering about three times a week, depending on the weather. Volunteers could choose Monday, Wednesday and Friday, or Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. They could share a week with one of their MGV friends and work out the schedule between them, or even water at the same time, since there are two hoses. If the week is wet, the garden may not need watering. But our rains can be spotty, so volunteers will have to check to be sure it gets enough moisture.

The hose setup has been improved tremendously thanks to MGV Dick Lienhardt. There are two durable, light-weight, non-kinking 50-foot metal hoses. There is no hose reel to contend with. Each hose has an adjustable watering wand and will cover half of the garden. The beds are well mulched to conserve moisture. In other words, watering has become much easier and faster.

The garden will need watering through the first week or two of September. Signing up early gives you more choices. Sign-up can be completed online via the link that Andy Heren has emailed to all MGV's, or by emailing or calling Andy at the Extension Office. Since the email was sent out, volunteers have already filled three more weeks. (Thank you!) There are two orientation sessions planned for those who sign up or who want more information. The sessions are Monday, July 1 at 9 AM or Tuesday, July 2 at 7 PM at the Extension Teaching Garden. Find out how to manage the watering system and get your questions answered. Additional sessions will be announced as needed. Volunteers who cannot attend these sessions can request an individual orientation.

If you have questions about volunteering at the Teaching Garden or about the orientation sessions, please contact Andy Heren at the County Extension Office (715-839-4712). We hope there will be quite a few of you able to help out for a week this summer.

Thank you,

MGV Carla Pelzl  
Teaching Garden Volunteer Coordinator



## Events

### The Tuesday, July 15th ECAMGVA Meeting ...

will be a "Meet and Greet" potluck to introduce Margaret Murphy, our new Horticulture Program Coordinator.

All members are encouraged to come and meet her while we learn what she sees as possibilities for our Master Gardener Program going forward. This will also give us an opportunity to share with her the current projects and programs we are involved with.



The meeting will be at the usual 6:30 starting time in the Extension Office in Altoona. Please bring a dish to pass. Anything goes, appetizers, breads, desserts, salads, hot dishes, etc. Coffee and another beverage will be provided. This is truly POTLUCK, so what we get is what we eat. Please call the office at 715-839-4712 and let us know how many are attending so we can set up accordingly. Let's give Margaret a warm welcome to Eau Claire!!!

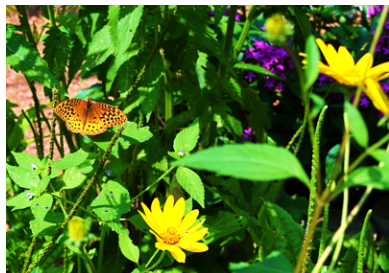




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### 2019 Beaver Creek Butterfly Count

July 9, 2019 from 9:30 am until 4:00 pm

Join other butterfly enthusiasts for the annual Beaver Creek Reserve Butterfly count. Meet at the Wise Nature Center to review species likely to be seen, then get directions for the count and receive a route assignment. Most counters usually spend two to four hours counting, but you may count for as little as one hour, or for most of the day if you wish. The results are forwarded to the North American Butterfly Association. Suitable for children 8 years and older, and adults.

**Please register by Thursday, July 4,** so we can have enough materials on hand for counters.

No Fee—There is a **suggested \$3 donation** (not required) to cover BCR's cost, assessed by NABA, payable on the day of the count.



### Summer Wild Edibles

July 19, 2019 from 1:00 until 4:00 pm

Join a Beaver Creek naturalist for a taste of some summer's wild edibles. We'll take a hike and look for some common, easily-identifiable, wild edible plants. We'll nibble a few things as we hike, and then sample some cooked greens and a wild beverage or two! A list of some plants to try and their use will be provided. Come and join us for a taste of summer from the wild!



### Meet Me in the Garden

July 16th, 2019 – 6 – 7:30 p.m.

Spoooner Agricultural Research  
Station, Teaching & Display  
Garden (780 Orchard Lane)  
Spoooner, WI

Join us in the garden for a program on "Re-use, Recycle, Re-imagine". We will explore reusing plants in containers and the landscape, green techniques in compost, mulch and crops.

Free

For more information contact:  
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A very  
interesting  
flower  
variety!

Picture  
from  
[www.pintrest.com](http://www.pintrest.com)

You are invited to join the Eau Claire Garden Club on a

## **BUS TRIP to DULUTH**

**Thursday, August 1, 2019**

**7:00 A.M. to 9:30 p.m.**

The tour will visit:

- Enger Tower and Gardens,
- Glensheen Mansion and Gardens,
- Duluth Rose Gardens and
- the Canal Park District



If you have never been there or if you haven't for a while, then come with us and see the beauty of Duluth, it's history and gardens. The Club Board did a road trip there to check out *ideas for the trip*. *WOW, we all were very impressed.*

**PICK UP:** Super Target parking lot..... 7 AM **sharp** (Kobussen Bus)  
The bus can also stop in Bloomer and Rice Lake.

**COST:** Members \$40.00; Non-members \$55.00

**Included in cost:** bus, drivers tip, entrance fee, lunch from Panera, waters, fun, and laughter.

**Not included:** Dinner in Canal Park.

**PAYMENT OPTIONS:** Members can pay online on our website under **Events**.

**Then send** an email to Nancy Spak on your food choice. [nancyspak@gmail.com](mailto:nancyspak@gmail.com)

**Or** send a check, made out to Eau Claire Garden Club with your food choice to:

**Susan Girnaui, 1703 Vine St., Eau Claire, Wi. 54703**

**FOOD CHOICES:** Please list the item # you want.

- #1--Roast Turkey, Apple & Cheddar Sandwich
- #2--Napa Almond Chicken Salad Sandwich
- #3--Heritage Ham and Swiss
- #4--Mediterranean Veggie Sandwich
- #5--Asian Sesame Salad with Chicken
- #6--Summer Strawberry Caprese Salad

**DEADLINE for registering for the trip is Thursday, July 25th.**

If you have questions, please email Nancy Spak. Make sure you look up the web sites of the areas we are visiting and the restaurants, which are many.



Enger Tower & Gardens



*It is important to know when to stop arguing  
with people and simply let them be wrong.  
-anonymous*





# Eau Claire *Gardens in Bloom*

*Saturday, July 13, 2019*

Presented by the Eau Claire Garden Club

9am – 4pm 🍷 Tickets – \$15<sup>00</sup>

## Tour 7 West Side Gardens

- Explore a historic family garden featuring 100 colorful named Daylilies
- Discover a secret, sanctuary garden
- Experience a splash of Asia with Pagoda and Tea House surrounded by Wisconsin Perennials
- Appreciate gardens with incredible views of the city and Chippewa River
- Encounter sustainable living with solar, geothermal and extensive gardens
- Delight in a whimsical gardening approach to art, flowers, herbs and vegetables
- Enjoy classic cars, classic garden treasures and classic plantings
- Stroll through an expansive yard featuring roses, wisteria and perennials

## The Garden Marketplace -

*A LARGE collection of creative garden crafts, art work and plant sale*

- Musicians
- Kodak Moments in the beautiful gardens – bring your camera
- Lunch "With a View" with food available from **Big Stack Meat & Catering** 11am – 4pm

Tickets available after June 1st at all three Festival foods, on the [eauclairegardenclub.com](http://eauclairegardenclub.com) website or at garden locations on July 13th.





## Bits & Pieces



**The “Schlegelmilch House Mulchers”**

*(Photo by James Keys)*

Above is a picture submitted by Rhonda Cooke of the boy scouts who have been helping with the mulching at the Schlegelmilch House gardens in downtown Eau Claire. Rhonda says, “They come every year, and the original young man, who earned his Eagle Scout Badge with the planning of the garden years ago when it was in the planning stages still comes too! How great is that?”

Here’s the list of names from Troop 31 helping with mulching on Tuesday, June 18, 2019:

**Youth:**

Will Schlitz  
Joseph Schlitz  
Luke Usher  
Porter Sparkes  
Greyson Sparkes (Pack 31)  
Will & Joseph Schlitz missing from photo.

**Adults:**

James Keys  
Catherine Keys  
Patty Usher  
Jennifer Schlitz  
Bill Sparkes



*A lovely container planting from Fine Gardening’s e-newsletter*



**Eye Candy**



*And, here is a bit of whimsy for your table decoration and fruit salad bowl.*



**Shoes by Anonymous**

My father has a pair of shoes  
So beautiful to see.  
I want to wear my father's shoes.  
They are too big for me.

My baby brother has a pair  
As cunning as can be.  
My feet won't go into that pair.  
They are too small for me.

There's only one thing I can do  
Till I get small or grown.  
If I want to have some fitting shoes  
I'll have to wear my own.

(Shoe picture taken by Carol Cox  
outside of a storefront in Hudson,  
Wisconsin)

**EAU CLAIRE AREA MASTER GARDENER NEWSLETTER**

A newsletter for the Eau Claire Area Master Gardener Association members.

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