**St Croix Valley Master Gardener Assn.**

**2017 Monthly Programs**

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| Date | Speaker and subject | Notes |

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| Jan 26  **6:00 PM** | **Christine McGinnis, Landscape Architect & SCVMGA member -** will talk about **Art & Structure in the Garden –** design techniques she used in her gardens that were featured in 2014 Artful Garden Tour and in the Hudson Hospital gardens she designed. | First Covenant 1374 N Main St River Falls |
| Feb 23  6:45 PM | **John Ramstad**, **MG/new 2016 SCVMGA member** - **Hydroponics** – will share his experiences of setting up a home hydroponic system in his basement and how he grows plants using artificial lighting and other low-cost methods. | First Covenant 1374 N Main St River Falls |
| Mar 18  **Garden U** | **Dan Sandager - Abrahamsons Nursery Owner– Landscaping**  **Theresa Marrone, Author - Wild Berries and Fruits**  **Lynn Steiner, Author - Grow Native: Bringing Natural Beauty to your Garden** | Hudson House Grand Hotel  1616 Crest View, Hudson |
| Mar 23  6:45 PM | **Sonja Maki, PhD., UW-RF Dept of Plant & Earth Sciences** - **Portable Green Wall** -will explain environmental benefits and maintenance of an indoor portable green wall of plants featured at the university. | First Covenant 1374 N Main St River Falls |
| April 27  6:45 PM | **Ernie Betker - Care and Pruning of Grapes –** will describe what’s involved in starting, pruning, and maintaining his five-acre grape vineyard. | First Covenant 1374 N Main River Falls |
| May 25  6:45 PM | **David Fodrosci - Kinnikinnic River Land Trust** – will highlight surprising outcomes from the Priority Watershed Project and summarize initiatives to conserve the land and water resources of this prime trout stream flowing through River Falls. | First Covenant 1374 N Main St River Falls |
| June 3 | **SCVMGA’s Plant Sale @ The Octagon House** | Hudson |
| June 22  6:45 PM | **Teresa Marrone, Author & Garden U speaker - Weeds!** Teresa will help us learn how to identify weeds, our perennial problem, and how to take care of them. | First Covenant 1374 N Main River Falls |
| July 19 | **St Croix Co Fair - Glenwood City** |  |
| July 27  6:45 PM | **Rock Landscape and Gardens** - **Rick Rock** -Nursery summer tour specializing in lilies, many new hosta varieties, and landscape designs that will appeal to MGVs. | 1054 240th St. Baldwin |
| Aug 9 | **Pierce County Fair, Ellsworth** |  |
| Aug 24  6:45 PM | **African Violets** - **A to Z** - **Pat Mattson** – will share interesting facts and simple tricks for success in raising & propagating this beautiful flowering house plant. | First Covenant 1374 N Main River Falls |
| Saturday  Sept 30  9am -3pm | **SCVMGA Fall Workshop -** TBA | Pierce Co. Fairgrounds Seyforth Bldg, |
| Sept 28  6:45 PM | TBA |  |
| Oct 26  6:45 PM | **2017 SCVMGA Grant Recipients’ Presentations -**unique projects selected by the Grant Committee. See how funds raised from our Plant Sale & Garden U seminar contribute to valuable community projects. | First Covenant 1374 N Main River Falls |
| Nov 16  6:45 PM | **3rd Thursday - Annual Meeting – Election/Reports, Seed Sharing**  **Garden Divas’ presentation** | First Covenant 1374 N Main River Falls |

**Meetings are always subject to change - call or check website for updated meeting schedule.**