**St Croix Valley Master Gardeners Association**

**2018 Schedule of Events**

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| Date | Speaker and Subject | Location |

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| Jan 25  **6:00 PM** | **Debbie Lonnee** – Bailey Nursery – Lonnee is an expert on what’s new in the nursery world to brighten our winter and whet our appetites for the coming season.  Meet’n’greet our new members over pizza. | First Covenant 1374 N Main St River Falls |
| Feb 22  6:45 PM | **Sonja McGill** – Physical Therapist – Courage Center, Stillwater. **Gardening Ergonomics** **and Safe Procedures -** learn how to get in shape for the upcoming gardening season. | First Covenant 1374 N Main St River Falls |
| Mar 17  9-3pm | **Janine Kohn** – MN DNR; **Monica Zachay**, St Croix River Basin Assn; **Bonnie Blodgett**, Garden columnist St Paul Pioneer Press – **Importance of Protecting our Ground Water.** All will discuss land and water programs. $40.00 includes lunch, breaks, and vendors at Garden Market Place | Hudson House Grand Hotel  1616 Crest View, Hudson |
| Mar 22  6:45 PM | **Diana Alfuth** – **Japanese Beetles** – What do we do about them? – She’ll discuss other garden problems so we can get a jump on the upcoming season.  Seed Exchange | First Covenant 1374 N Main St River Falls |
| April 26  6:45 PM | **Donavan Taylor, PhD.  UWRF Horticulture Dept** – **Lawn Care –** He willprovide lawn care tips just as the grass – or whatever – is greening up and perhaps ready for mowing. | First Covenant 1374 N Main River Falls |
| May 24  6:45 PM | **Heidi Doering** – former St. Croix Co. Horticulture Educator - now Koppert Biological Systems’ Technical Sales Rep - **Biological Insect Control-** she’ll emphasize integrated pest management (IPM) to protect our pollinators. | First Covenant 1374 N Main St River Falls |
| June 2 | **SCVMGA’s Plant Sale @ The Octagon House** | Hudson |
| June 28  6:00 PM | **20th Anniversary Celebration – Greg Zwald, White Pine Berry Farm Owner –** shares fruits and vegetables grown; pest control. Lake Elmo Inn’s Salads/Sandwiches & Fresh Strawberry Shortcake. | White Pine  1482 Oak Dr., River Falls |
| July 18-22 | **St Croix Co Fair - Glenwood City** | Fairgrounds |
| July 27  **\* 6:30 PM** | **Starla Enger, My Sister’s Garden** – **Unusual Edible Plants** and different vegetable varieties she grows. Explains Hudson Tree Treks program. | 850 Kelly Rd.  Hudson |
| Aug 8-12 | **Pierce County Fair, Ellsworth** | Fairgrounds |
| Aug 23  6:45 PM | **Chris Trosen, Manager of Star Prairie Seed Farm** – informs us of native prairie plant species grown & harvested for restored grasslands and wetlands, managed by WDNR and U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service; Fire# 1643 | 6 mi No of New Richmond on Co 65; 2 mi East on Co. H |
| Sept 21-22 | **Wisconsin MGA Conference – Autumn at the River** at The Lismore Hotel in Eau Claire, WI 54701 Register at https://www.wimgaconferences.com/ | 333 Gibson St., Eau Claire |
| Sept 27  6:45 PM | **Vickie Kittilson, MGV, SCVMGA member – Succulents** – catch Vickie’s class on succulents plus a follow up from her 2017 Fall Workshop class. | First Covenant 1374 N Main River Falls |
| Oct 25  6:45 PM | **2018 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 15  6:45 PM | **3rd Thursday - Annual Meeting – Election/Reports, Seed Sharing**  **Diana Alfuth –** leads another challenging **Jeopardy Game** | First Covenant 1374 N Main River Falls |

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