



January Open House features pizza, MGV recognitions, gardening for kids



Lauded for its successes in healthy gardening practices, Houlton Elementary School is located in St. Croix County north of Hudson.

by Carolyn Barrette

St. Croix Valley Master Gardeners Association kicks off the 2019 year with a welcoming reception for new MGVs over pizza and dessert on Thursday, Jan. 24. Members of the most recent Extension Master Gardener class, new and continuing members are invited to the reception beginning at 6 p.m. at First Covenant Church in River Falls. A sample of the many volunteer activities by MGVs will be available.

Following the meal, MGV Sandy Madsen will discuss "Healthy Gardening with Kids," detailing the activities at Houlton Elementary School that led to its "U.S. Department

of Education Green Ribbon School" award. The school was cited for innovative efforts in reducing environmental impact, improving health, and ensuring sustainability through the use of volunteer activity while inspiring students and volunteers to implement sustainable gardening practices, especially those that impact water use and quality.

Madsen spoke to the Minnesota and Wisconsin Federations of Garden Clubs conference last fall about the Hudson classroom garden clubs, urging volunteer gardeners to work with children.

The public is invited to her presentation.

January Meeting
Thursday, Jan. 24
6 p.m.

First Covenant Church
1374 N. Main St.
River Falls, WI 54022

(Entrance is on Quarry Rd. Go east at Kwik Trip corner.)

"Prairies, Berries and Trees" at 2019 Garden U

by Carolyn Barrette

The theme of the 2019 Garden U is everything (almost) you wanted to know about growing fruits of all kinds in your gardens.

Prairies is represented by Chris Trosen, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service wildlife biologist, who will talk about the important role prairies play in our environment.

Jerry Clark, Chippewa County Agriculture Agent, will address the basic foundations of small-fruits production.

Rachel Henderson, along with her husband Anton Ptak, owns and operates Mary Dirty Face Farm, a certified organic, mixed-fruit orchard. Rachel will talk about fruit varieties with unique flavors.

Garden U will be held Saturday, March 16, from 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at the Hudson House Grand Hotel, 1600 Crest View in Hudson. Volunteer help is appreciated; please contact [Carolyn Barrette](#).

Community grant applications due March 11

The Grant Committee is currently accepting applications for the 2019 SCVMGA Community Grant Fund.

The committee will consider applications for the beautification of public spaces, horticultural education of the public, community gardens, and/or youth horticulture education.

Applications are due Monday March 11, 2019. Grant awards will be announced by April 25. The application form is attached to this newsletter and is also available on our website under the Forms tab. For questions, please email [Jenny Brazzale](#).

Soil Management, sustainable gardening at February meeting

by Carolyn Barrette

Prof. Kristina Beuning, UW-Eau Claire, will discuss soils management and sustainable vegetable gardening, including building your soil, water conservation, planting to support polli-

nators and permaculture principles as applied to vegetable gardens.

February's meeting will be held at the First Covenant Church. The meeting begins at 6:45 p.m. with the speaker at 7:15. As always, visitors are welcome.

President's Message

The big day has arrived!! My mailbox is full of seed catalogs! It's a cold, drizzly day and I



JoAnn Ryan

really don't want to go outside.

So, armed with my catalogs, a pen and a cup of hot tea, I begin my browsing. As I page through, I find lots of new varieties as well as some that are new to me.

Each year, I choose some things that I have never grown before as well as some new varieties. I never know how they will work out. It will be months before I find out.

This year JoAnn Ryan begins her new role as Board president of the St. Croix Valley Master Gardeners Association.

Last year I grew a soft-ball size cantalope – it was delicious and prolific. A new heirloom tomato was my second choice. It grew to an enormous size! It was 8 feet tall and crowded everything else out. The tomatoes, though, were not very tasty. I should have checked out the Variety Plant Trial results on our [website](#). It's a wonderful resource.

This year's trials sound delicious. Be sure to read **Peg Wastell's** article on Page 5 describing the 2019 selections.

For now, I will set aside my wonderful catalogs and wait for another bad weather day . . . maybe a nice snow-storm and give myself another opportunity to lust over the beauty of a garden.

Educating the public

by Barbara Peterson

SCVMGA is once again going to have a booth at the St. Croix Valley Home Builders Association Spring Expo March 8-9 at the Hudson House Grand Hotel. Based on my experience over the last five years, I am anticipating a fun time sharing my passion for horticulture and research-based information with attendees and at the same time getting to know other Master Gardeners. Once again we will be using the "Are You Smarter than a Rutabaga" game to make it easy to connect with attendees.

If you could help staff the booth for a couple of hours between 1p.m.-7 p.m. on Friday, March 8 or 9 a.m.-6 p.m. on Saturday, March 9, [email me](#), call me at 715-549-6798 or respond to the SignUpGenius email that you be will be receiving shortly. Thank you for considering this possibility.

Sort seeds for Variety Plant Trials

Our seed-sorting potluck is planned for Saturday, Feb.23 where volunteers are needed to fill orders for thousands of seeds. Enjoy great company in a relaxed atmosphere. Let [Peg Wastell](#) know if you're interested.

Earn volunteer hours by contributing your skills, talents to SCVMGA

For questions, email the contacts listed or [Deb Pederstuen](#).

SCVMGA Plant Sale Team Leaders to organize a four-hour plant sale on the first Saturday in June in Hudson. The leaders advertise the event and recruit MGVs to provide plants and help with the sale. Contact [Corky Weeks](#).

Fall Workshop Coordinator(s) to organize a one-day seminar on the last Saturday in September for about 60 to 70 SCVMGA and Western District MGVs in Ellsworth's Seyforth Building. Contact me or former coordinators [Vickie Kittilson](#) or [Peg Wastell](#).

River Falls Farmers Market Coordinator to recruit and schedule MGVs to staff our "Ask a Master Gardener table" Saturday mornings 8 a.m. to noon from June to October. Contact former coordinator [Elaine Baker](#).

Used Garden Book Project Leader to accept, store and display our donated used garden books. Since 2015, used books have been displayed at

MG events, like January Open House, Garden U, Plant Sale, Fall Workshop or monthly meetings and offered for a donation. Contact [Joni Garbe](#).

Pierce County Fair Coordinator to organize and recruit MGVs to staff our booth/tent at the Pierce Co. Fair near the Seyforth Building Aug.7-11. Contact former coordinator [Leroy Clark](#).



Assistant Program Director to assist our Program Director Carolyn Barrette with monthly program scheduling. Contact [Carolyn Barrette](#).

Hospitality Assistants to help Hospitality Coordinator Trina Frank set up and clean up donated food and supplies for our monthly social time. Get both education and volunteer hours at our meetings. Contact [Trina Frank](#).

Speakers Bureau Coordinator or Team to create a list of potential speakers to give presentations to outside groups. Contact [Vickie Kittilson](#).

Membership News

by Deb Pederstuen



Deb is a 1999 MGV class graduate and our first Membership Director beginning in 2000. Her mission is to welcome new members and inform everyone about SCVMGA's activities.

2018 MG INTERNS ARE INVITED

A special invitation is extended to Diana's 18 new graduates from her Fall 2018 MGV Level 1 class. Join us Thursday, Jan. 24 at River Falls' First Covenant Church for our annual 6 p.m. Pizza Party-Open House. Interns should return their completed SCVMGA registration forms at the meeting.

NEW, RENEWED MEMBERS

With 2019 in full swing, we look forward to meeting our first new member, 2018 MGV Intern **Nola Weber** of Hudson and catching up with our 150 members who renewed their memberships.

MORE RENEWALS ACCEPTED

If you missed the Dec. 31 renewal deadline, you may still renew at or before the January meeting, but will need to include the \$10 late renewal fee.

New MG/2018 MG Intern - \$20
Individual MGV Renewal - \$30
Family MGV Renewal - \$35

2019 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Four Board of Directors (BOD) and our WIMGA Representative were elected at our annual meeting on Nov. 15. The time and dedication our directors give to our association is very much appreciated.

President: **JoAnn Ryan**

Treasurer: **Peg Wastell**

Pierce Co. Rep: **Matt Schmitz**

St. Croix Co. Rep: **Sue Klatt**

WIMGA Rep: **Paul VanDenMeerendonk**

Of the four board members, President JoAnn Ryan is the only new

member on the board. It's second time around for the other three, including Paul. We love the experience they all bring to the board!

JoAnn Ryan, a 17-year SCVMGA member, feels like a new member. That's because she has wintered six months in Florida every year. Returning in May, she held popular landscape design classes for six years (2011-2016), where 71 MGVs participated. Being familiar with many members, she served on the Nominations Committee for four years (2014-2017). As Equipment Manager, she stores our supplies.

Treasurer Peg Wastell has come full circle as she was our first Treasurer, (1998-2000). We give her credit for obtaining 501c3 status for our non-profit organization. Other significant positions include WIMGA State Representative for two 3-year terms (2007-2012), our first 2010 Fall Workshop Co-Coordinator, which she organized for four years; and her current six-year Variety Plant Trials project (2013-2018).

Sue Klatt will return to her same St. Croix Co. Rep position she held from 2003-2004. Her past contributions include St. Croix Co. Fair coordinator, 10th Anniversary Committee, and Grant Committee for three years (2016-2018), and many other activities.

Matt Schmitz chose to represent Pierce Co. members another two years after completing his 2018 board-appointed position for Kerry Christopher's one-year vacancy. Previously, Matt was our WIMGA Rep for two 3-year terms (2001-2006).

We're grateful to our fourth WIMGA Rep., Paul VanDenMeerendonk, who agreed to serve another three-year term, (2019-2021).

SPECIAL THANKS

Our sincere appreciation for the work done by our former Board of Directors: **Trent Kowalchyk**, President (2017-2018), **Julie Walsh**, Treasurer

(2017-2018), and **Cindy Doty**, St. Croix County Rep (2017-2018).

We'll also miss our retired coordinators who shared their time and skills: **Elaine Baker**, River Falls Farmers Market Coordinator (2014-2018); **Donna Cadenhead**, SCVMGA Community Garden Coordinator (2016-2018); **Corky Weeks**, Plant Sale Coordinator (2008-2018); **Janet Bliven**, Hospitality Assistant (2017-2018); **Joni Garbe**, Used Garden Book Project Leader (2015-2018); **Leroy Clark**, Pierce Co. Fair Coordinator (2015-2018); and **Vickie Kittilson**, Fall Workshop Coordinator, 2017.

PROUD OF OUR REPRESENTATIVE

We're proud of MGV **Marilyn Gorham** for being one of the five 2018-2019 WIMGA Master Gardeners Advisory Committee members. Meeting twice a year, the committee will provide information from MG volunteers and UW-Extension staff to the MG program office. They will evaluate effects of staffing changes, the merger with UW-Madison, and determine horticultural responsibilities for the counties.

ONLINE REPORTING SYSTEM

Remember to log on to the new [WIMGA Online Reporting System](#) if you haven't done so yet. You should have received an email invitation from WIMGA last fall. You are also responsible for updating your contact information on their website.

NOVEMBER MEETING

Forty-six members and our little Miss Gardener, Ashlyn Bonse, attended our November meeting. Diana talked about jumping worms and then had our heads spinning with Plant Jeopardy. **Matt Schmitz** had the correct answer for final jeopardy. His team took home poinsettias and kalanchoes donated by Diana. We found a \$40 cash donation in our sprinkling can at the welcome table. No guests this month. We thank our mystery donor!

Pudding 'like grandma used to make'

by Karalyn Littlefield

Happy New Year. I remember eating rice pudding as a kid at Grandma's during Christmas time. There it was with its raspberry topping proudly displayed in a Corning Ware Cornflower Blue 1¾ qt. casserole. The layer of raspberries and Junket (a gelatinous dessert made from cornstarch) hid the sweet, smooth and rich rice pudding that hid beneath. Grandma used vanilla to flavor her version, though I have



made it with almond. I tried almond this year and I will not do that again. Vanilla, it is.

The tradition of rice pudding lay dormant for several years until Mom and I found a handwritten recipe on a piece of paper stuck in the binding of the cookbook that Grandma used most and we inherited. It was for Swedish Rice Pudding. Ah, what a find. The recipe gave the ingredients though the instructions were scant. And, I do mean scant, as in barely sufficient. We knew that raspberry junket was used and yes, it can be found by the gelatin desserts in the supermarket, though we have no instructions on that part of the pudding. The recipe we found has cinnamon on top. Mom remembered that the pudding was enriched and lightened with whipped cream. After researching other recipes found online and in church cookbooks, we came up with a starting point.

I took rice pudding to the next Littlefield Family Christmas and everyone raved about the pudding. With a few minor

modifications, I share a more complete recipe.

I also share a few items to consider that I have learned the hard way, shall we say. If you think that you have a wonderful, thick bottom pan and can

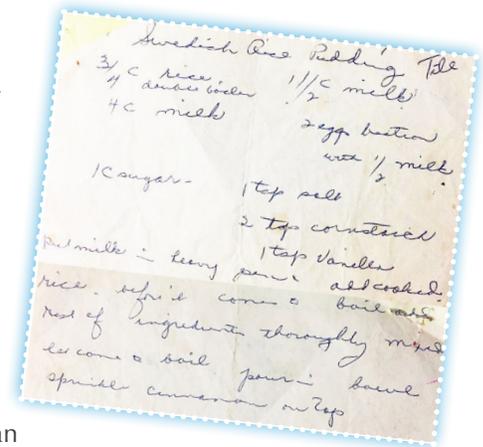
control the heat of your stove so that you do not need to use a double boiler, please THINK AGAIN! There is a very good reason to use a double boiler when cooking rice in milk – prevent scorching. If you have cleaned burnt milk from a pan, or two or even three, you know what I mean.

Secondly, let the pudding cool to room temperature before you fold in the whipped cream. If the pudding is too warm, the whipped cream melts. The melted whipped cream will provide a rich pudding though it will be denser.

Thirdly, I use a short grain rice, though any white rice will work. And, yes, it seems like a lot of milk (5 ½ cups); you will need it.

Finally, this recipe may appear to have several tedious steps that I firmly believe are necessary.

Moving on, here is the recipe. Happy Cooking!



Swedish Rice Pudding with Raspberry Topping

Adapted by Karalyn Littlefield from Grandma Till Planak

Cook in a double boiler, stirring often to prevent clumping and scorching:

- ¾ C. short grain white rice
- 4 C. whole milk

In a bowl, mix together the following:

- 2 eggs, beaten
- ¾ C. whole milk
- 1 C. sugar
- 1 tsp. salt
- 2 Tbsp. corn starch

In a heavy saucepan, add ¾ C. whole milk to the cooked rice. Heat on medium heat, stirring continuously. Before the mixture comes to a boil, add the egg/sugar mixture. Whisk until incorporated, as the mixture thickens, switch from a whisk to a scraper. Bring to a boil and

remove from heat. Stir in 1 tsp. of vanilla. Allow to cool, stirring occasionally to speed cooling and prevent a skin from forming.

Whip 1 C. of whipping cream to a firm peak. When pudding has cooled to room temperature, fold in whipped cream. Pour into serving dish of 1¾ to 2 qt.

Thaw 12 oz. of frozen raspberries in a strainer over a measuring cup. Measure the juice and bring to 2 cups of liquid with water and pour into a saucepan. Stir in 1 pkg (4.75 oz.) Junket Raspberry Danish Dessert. Stir often and bring to a boil. Boil 1 minute, remove from heat and allow to cool.

Add raspberries. Taste for sweetness and adjust with sugar, if needed. The topping should be a bit tangy though not sour.

Pour raspberry/Junket mixture over top of pudding. Cover and refrigerate until serving.

VARIETY PLANT TRIALS

Create healthy salads with this year's trials

by Peg Wastell

This year's Variety Plant Trials fill a salad bowl with delicious vegetables along with a herb new to many and the snappiest of flowers – tall snapdragons.

Sign up by Jan. 31 and join our efforts to find "truth in catalog descriptions." (See cartoon below.)

Results of your observations are compiled with others. The results report will be available on SCVMGA's website. Take a few minutes to peruse our Variety Plant Trial [results](#) going back to 2013 before ordering seeds or giving advice to others. Consider Variety Plant Trials as your reference guide and an opportunity to increase its findings.

This year a challenge to us is growing and evaluating celery. Two of our master gardeners have successful experience in growing **celery**. Sandy Madson and Donna Davis will guide us with their growing instructions, so we are successful too. Save space for a couple of plants of each variety in your garden.

Long burpless **cucumbers** command a high price at the grocery store. Grow your own using our four varieties of three plants each. Evaluate and report which one is best for our climate and local conditions.

A head of lettuce may be too much for one salad but use a mini head of romaine for just the right amount. Our trials include red and green varieties of mini **romaine lettuce** with enough seed to grow a three-foot row of each variety. Consider staggering harvest by planting only a foot of a row of each variety at a time. Which romaine was tastiest?

Who can resist opening a peapod in the garden and sampling those round orbs bringing the taste of spring to you? Grow four rows three feet long of each variety of **peas** to find out which is best in the garden and on your plate.

Have you noticed the variety of **peppers** in the stores? Here is a chance to evaluate sweet non-bell peppers to see what grows here in our local climate. Which one produces the most fruit or has the best tasting flesh? Grow a couple plants of each variety to evaluate and report your findings.



So many kinds of **radishes** are in every catalog. Here is a chance to grow a three-foot row of each variety to find out what elongated radish is ready to eat soonest. Is a French heirloom grown since 1884 better than a new hybrid? Order this radish trial and let us know your results.



Looking for an adventure? Try a new herb: **Shiso**. It is a member of the mint family and has basil like characteristics. Chop up young leaves and add to your salad. Add to stir-fry. There are many uses for this aromatic herb beyond Asian cooking and giving that cool pink look to pickled ginger. Explore the many ways of eating Shiso using four different varieties. Grow it, evaluate it, and report how you used it.

Have you showed a child how to make a **snapdragon** snap? Here is an opportunity to grow four varieties of mixes that will be 2-3 feet tall with plenty of blooms to use. A three-foot row of each variety will give you flowers all summer until frost. Do all four mixes germinate well? How do they compare in number of blooms? Which one would you grow again? All that information and more is evaluated and reported.



The more people who grow trials, the better the results. The goal is to have at least 20 growers for each trial to be able to have scientifically significant data. These trials can be grown in gardens in the ground or in containers — just be consistent in treating each variety the same with the same care. Growing guideline and evaluation forms come with seeds.

The order form (attached to this newsletter) must be mailed by Jan. 31. Please note increased prices are due to increased costs.

Seeds are either mailed or available for pickup at Garden U or the March meeting.



BOOK REVIEW

A rescue effort to keep our planet green

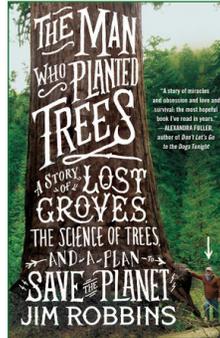
"The Man Who Planted Trees: A Story of Lost Groves, the Science of Trees and a Plan to Save the Planet"
by Jim Robbins, Penguin Random House, 2012, 204 pages

by Pat Angleson

Is David Milarch a modern day version of Johnny Appleseed? Recall the image of a barefooted young man wearing a cooking pot on his head and spreading apple seeds throughout the wilderness. Well, Milarch is every bit as unlikely a hero: street brawler, competitive arm wrestler, recovering alcoholic. After a near death experience, he maintains his mission on earth became clear – to clone and replant the world's champion trees.

In 2001, an article about an organization called The Champion Tree Project caught the eye of journalist Jim Robbins. Wanting to know more about the co-founder, Milarch, he pitched the story to the New York Times Science section. The interview was curious, to say the least, but the scientific approach of cloning seemed sound. And because 90 percent of all old growth forests in the U.S. have disappeared, the importance of studying the survivors was urgent.

Robbins was charmed but didn't see any point in pursuing the topic beyond the one article. That is, until the Ponderosa pines on his Montana property started dying. Within 10 years they were all gone. Robbins had an epiphany: Imagine a world without trees. So he decided to reconnect with Milarch to see what, if any, progress was being made. The result is



this short, but powerful book. Written in alternating chapters, we learn of champion trees across the U.S. chosen for cloning and also the backstory to Milarch's passion.

Forests are the glue that holds Earth's biome together by cleansing the air, creating microclimates and maintaining favorable conditions for most other forms of life. Consider the black willow. Planted along a stream, it releases salicylic acid into the water which helps fish fight infections. One of the first trees to bloom in the spring, its pollen contains antibiotic properties to strengthen bees. And, performing something called phytoremediation, it cleans up toxic waste. Old growth forests have lived hundreds, sometimes several thousand years, proving resistance to climate and environmental changes. Could cloning them provide protection from future decline?

This is not a book just about planting trees. The author reminds us of the economic benefits (carbon sequestration), health benefits (aerosols released through leaves stimulate immune systems) and sacred histories. It's a wonderful story.

To learn more, check out [Archangel Ancient Tree Archive](#) View David Milarch interviews on [YouTube](#)

WIMGA Board tackles three issues

The Wisconsin Master Gardeners Association (WIMGA) is an independent statewide volunteer organization providing leadership and support to county organizations across the state. WIMGA is the collective voice of more than 2,000 MGVs and 53 local associations. WIMGA's Board of Directors includes two members from six districts across the state and three at-large members. Representatives from each local association serve on standing committees. Paul VanDenMeerendonk is SCVMGA's representative.

WIMGA partners with UW-Extension to advance its Master Gardener program, a state-funded service that trains volunteers to educate the public about gardening and natural resources. All Master Gardeners represent UW-Extension.

The president of the Wisconsin Master Gardener Association (WIMGA), Becky Gutzman, outlined three issues facing the statewide organization and actions to be taken:

1. Limiting membership to certified MGVs: Including non-certified members who don't take the mandated reporter training or background check is a liability issue. A committee will be working on a bylaw revision.
2. WIMGA newsletter: Members requesting paper copies via the U.S. mail will no longer receive them beginning

January 2019. This will save WIMGA thousands of dollars.
3. Annual WIMGA conference: A one-day leadership conference of WIMGA reps will occur in three locations across the state instead of one to encourage more participation.

Sprinklings

[SCVMGA Website](#)

Sprinklings is a newsletter publication of the St. Croix Valley Master Gardeners Association and is published eight times a year: monthly issues in May, June, July, and August, and bimonthly issues in September/October, November/December, January/February, and March/April. It is emailed to members in PDF format and archived on the association's website. All SCVMGA members are welcome to contribute articles on any horticultural topic. Please email submissions or inquiries to the editor.

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ST. CROIX VALLEY MASTER GARDENERS ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY SERVICE GRANT APPLICATION FORM 2019

Eligibility Guidelines

Each application will be considered on its individual merits. The number of grant applications received may impact the amount of the grant awards and the number of applications funded. The primary purpose of the grant is to fund horticulture education.

1. Grant application shall not exceed \$250.
2. Government or public agencies with tax-levying ability are not eligible recipients of SCVMGA Community Service Grants.
3. The project must benefit Pierce or St. Croix County residents.
4. The project should serve one or more of the following purposes: community and civic gardening, beautification of parks or schools, improvement of public spaces, horticultural education, area food projects, environmental stewardship, or other educational projects.
5. Submit proposals emailed or postmarked by **Monday, March 11th, 2019** to:
 - ❖ Jenny Brazzale, 319 Young Street N, Prescott, WI, 54021
jenbrazzale@yahoo.com; (715) 307-3217.
6. Grant awards will be announced by April 25th, 2019.

All information is required for application to be considered. Please use additional pages if necessary.

Date of Application _____

Contact Information:

Name of Organization _____

Project Name _____

Name of each Applicant _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ E-Mail address _____

How did you hear about the SCVMGA grant? _____

Location of the project _____

Community or area to be served within St. Croix or Pierce Counties _____

Will the project be on public land? If not, how will the public be served?

(The project should benefit a non-profit or community-based organization.)

Amount requested: \$ _____ Check made payable to: _____

Address to send check to: _____

Project Description:

1. Provide a general description of your project.

2. Check the purposes your project will serve and explain who will benefit from your project.

- Community and civic gardening
- Beautification of park or school
- Improvement of public space
- Dissemination of horticultural information
- Area food projects
- Environmental stewardship, e.g., prairie restoration
- Educational projects

3. Who will be collaborating on this project? Please identify Master Gardeners involved in project.

Project Details: Feel free to use additional pages if necessary.

1. Attach a proposed budget for the amount of funds requested.

2. Provide a list of plants and materials.

Acknowledgment

As a recipient of the 2019 SCVMGA community service fund, I agree that **I will submit my project report by October 1st, 2019, with before and after pictures, an account of funds and receipts.**

This report can be submitted by completing the Project Evaluation Form available at <http://scvmga.weebly.com>. Mail reports by email or United States Postal Service to:

❖ Jenny Brazzale, 319 Young Street N, Prescott, WI 54021

Projects that do not submit a follow-up report will be ineligible for future grant requests for two years and funds granted must be returned.

If grant money cannot be spent or is not used for the specific project, it must be returned to SCVMGA by October 1st, 2019. Returning a grant will not affect eligibility for future grants. Return of funds must be made out to St. Croix Valley Master Gardeners Association and sent to:

❖ Jenny Brazzale, 319 Young Street N, Prescott, WI 54021

Date _____ Signature _____

Note: If the applicant is working for an organization as an intern or short-term employee, manager’s contact information and signature is required.

Managers Name: _____ Phone number: _____

Date: _____ Managers Signature: _____



2019 St. Croix Valley Master Gardener Variety Plant Trials

Order Form

The purpose of these trials is to grow specific vegetable, herb, and flower varieties, evaluate, and share information. Evaluation data includes germination rate, growing habits, flavor, size, color, and texture. Results from data sheets of selected vegetable varieties will be compiled and reported in the SCVMGA newsletter, the state WIMGA newsletter and local newspapers. Results will be used to recommend varieties to gardeners on what grows well in our western part of the state.

Each trial consists of four varieties of a particular type of vegetable, herb, or flower. Each trial comes with seed more than sufficient for trial and a data sheet consisting of growing directions and evaluations. You can grow the seeds in any method you wish – containers, square foot method, raised beds, or traditional garden rows.

Grow all four varieties of each trial using the same method and care so we have consistent results.

Order as few as one trial and up to all eight trials.

Please place a check mark next to trials you are ordering.

Vegetables

- _____ 1. Celery (Conquistador, Golden Self blanching, Tall Utah, Tango)
- _____ 2. Cucumber, long burpless (Summer Dance, Suyo, Tanja, Tendergreen)
- _____ 3. Lettuce, mini romaine (Breen, Little Gem, Monte Carlo, Truchas)
- _____ 4. Peas, garden shelling (Little Marvel, Maestro, Strike, Wando)
- _____ 5. Pepper, Non-Bell Sweet (Boris, Cubanelle, Giant Marconi, Melrose)
- _____ 6. Radish, elongated (China Rose, Dragon Hybrid, French Breakfast, White Icicle)

Herb

- _____ 1. Shiso/Perilla (Asia, Britton, Green, Red)

Flower

- _____ 1. Snapdragon, tall mixes (Jordan, Madame Butterfly, Rocket, Tall Deluxe)

Note: Plant Trial Group reserves right to substitute without notice any variety named above.

Data sheets with growing directions and evaluation form will be delivered with seeds.

Ordered must be placed no later than January 31, 2019

Agreement

I agree to participate in the trials I receive, and will plant and grow the seeds to the best of my ability. Working in cooperation with UW-Extension, I will evaluate each variety for various characteristics such as germination rate, appearance, yield, quality, and whether I would grow it again. Data sheets for each trial have specific evaluations that I will complete and return by the deadline approximately October 31, 2019.

Signature_____

Name_____

Street Address_____

City_____, WI Zip_____

Telephone_____ E-mail_____

Cost:

To help cover the costs of this project, there is a registration cost of **\$2.00 per trial** plus **\$3.00** for postage and handling. For example: if you decide to **grow all 8 trials your cost would be \$16.00** plus postage and handling. Do not add postage and handling if you plan to pick up your trials at the March SCVMGA monthly meeting.

*Note: Increase in price is due to increased seed and postage costs.

_____ # of trials @ \$2.00 per trial	\$_____
\$2.50 for postage and handling	\$3.00
Total Enclosed	\$_____

Make Check Payable to S.C.V.M.G.A.

Mail your completed order form and check to:

SCVMGA Plant Trials Group
Peg Wastell
611 Laurel Drive
New Richmond, WI 54017