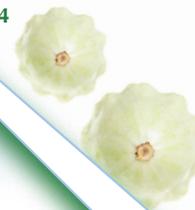




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ST. CROIX VALLEY MASTER GARDENERS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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REMINDER: UNDERLINED WORDS ARE ACTIVE LINKS

Challenges, joys of gardening for a prestigious hotel

by Carolyn Barrette

The January 2020 meeting features MGV **Robyn Wefel** discussing Magnificent Gardens. Robyn is responsible for the St. Paul Hotel gardens, which rank among the top 25 “Historic Hotels with Magnificent Gardens” nationwide. Robyn will describe planning the gardens for the four seasons – paying attention to color and structure, and always creating new designs.



January Meeting

Thursday, Jan. 23

6 p.m. Pizza

7 p.m. Meeting

First Covenant Church

1374 N. Main St.
River Falls, WI 54022

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

January’s meeting is an invitation to the fall graduating class to join SCVMGA and features a pizza dinner. It’s an opportunity for everyone to regroup, renew acquaintances, and revive our passions.

It’s also the time that Diana Alfuth announces our “Rock Star Volunteers.”

Starting from scratch

by Carolyn Barrette

Ever wonder where those little plants that are sold at the River Falls Garden Club plant sale and MGV June plant sale come from?

Many are grown by the Horticulture Department at UW-River Falls under the guidance of Prof. Sonja Maki. Maki teaches horticulture and it’s her students who start and grow the masses of flowers, vegetables, and hanging baskets for area spring plant sales. Maki will describe the process and provide insights into early spring seed planting at our February meeting. The meeting begins at 6:45 p.m. **Thursday, Feb. 27** at the First Covenant Church, 1374 N. Main St. in River Falls.



Share your MGV experience

Remember your first year as an MGV intern? Were you a bit intimidated? Confused? Here’s a chance to give back. Our new **mentoring program** is designed to welcome interns with open arms on a one-to-one basis.

Contact Karalyn Littlefield, Deb Pederstuen or Nola Weber. See Page 3 for more details.

GARDEN U 2020

Wildflowers, hostas, bees

by Carolyn Barrette



Wildflowers, hostas, and bees will be the focus of our 2020 Garden U on **Saturday, March 21** at the Hudson House Grand Hotel.

Heather Holm, author and nationally sought-after speaker on pollinators, will be the afternoon speaker. Her expertise includes interactions with native bees and native plants, including the types of bees in cultivated areas.

Our morning speakers, Kelly Povo and Phyllis Root, have a new book, “Searching for Minnesota’s Native Wildflowers,” which would fit right in with native bees and pollinators. Books from both speakers will be available.

Our other speaker is John Hager, Northern Wisconsin Hosta Society president. John grows a number of hostas at his Eau Claire home and has a garden full of varieties of lilies, as well. The bees like cultivated plants too.

A registration form is attached to this newsletter. The cost remains the same at \$40.

Fliers will be on hand at the January meeting for members to distribute throughout the area. Please take a few to post on community bulletin boards.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Annual enrollment at MG Program now required

The new Online Reporting System (ORS) requires everyone to enroll and update their contact information yearly. **The deadline is Feb. 1.** Education and volunteer hours will not count if you don't register. Go to the bottom of the Toolbox page and click on "Update Contact Info." It will ask for your username and password. Next, verify your contact info and agree to several conditions of service. [Click here](#) for the Toolbox page.

Accepting applications for Community Grants

The Grant Committee is currently accepting applications for the 2020 SCVMGA Community Grant Fund.

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

Note: Past grant recipients in good standing are welcome to reapply on a yearly basis.

Applications are due **Monday, March 9, 2020.** Grant awards will be announced by April 23, 2020. The **application form is attached to this newsletter** and is also available on our website. For questions, please email [Lenny Brazzale](mailto:Lenny.Brazzale).

WIMGA Newsletter



The Wisconsin Master Gardener Association (WIMGA) newsletter is published six times a year: January, March, May, July, September and November and sent via email to all certified Wisconsin Master Gardeners. You can also access it online on the [WIMGA website](#). If you haven't been receiving the newsletter via email, please contact [Hali Dessercker](#), co-editor.

Put down your seed catalogs and learn the latest in gardening

If you're impatiently waiting for spring, these conferences (in addition to Garden U) will help fill the winter void until the ground thaws.

Winter Garden Seminar

Saturday, Feb. 1

8:45 a.m.-3 p.m.

Chippewa Valley Technical College

620 W. Clairemont Ave.

Eau Claire

\$35 by Jan. 24

\$40 after Jan. 24

\$15 for Mushroom Growing Workshop

Lunch and two snack breaks included.

Keynote speaker is Bonnie Blodgett on "Adventures in Gardening." Three break-out sessions offer subjects on floral design, perennials and health, woody invasives, gardening trends,



local food movements, hostas, growing hemp, heirlooms, and mushrooms.

Sponsored by the

Eau Claire Area Master Gardener Volunteers Association and Eau Claire County UW-Extension.

[Click here for registration form.](#)

Spring Begins!

Saturday, March 7

8:30 a.m.-noon

Dunn County Community Services

3001 US Hwy 12 East

Menomonie (basement door on west side)

\$8 before Feb. 28

\$10 after Feb. 28

Diana Alfuth will present sessions on

native plants

and small space

gardening.

Sponsored

by the Dunn

County Master

Gardener Asso-

ciation.

[Click here for registration form.](#)



Think Spring

Saturday, Feb. 15

8 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Avalon Hotel and Conference Center

1009 W. Park Ave. Chippewa Falls

\$25 before Feb. 5

\$30 after Feb. 5

Houseplant workshop fee: \$10

Microgreens workshop fee: \$5

Five sessions cover topics on hydran-

geas, rain gardens,

seedlings, native plants,

pumpkins, edible

perennials, pruning,

gardening with kids,

horticultural therapy,

culinary herbs, high

tunnel systems, house-

plants and microgreens.

Sponsored by the

Chippewa County UW-Extension and

Chippewa Valley Master Gardener

Association.

[Click here for registration form.](#)



What did we do last year?



With over 4,000 volunteer hours reaching more than 8,700 people, SCVMGA members followed through in 2019 to educate the public, promote healthy living and protect the environment – our association's three priorities. [Read our accomplishments here.](#)

Membership News

by *Deb Pederstuen*

MEET DIANA'S 2019 MG V INTERNS

Ring in 2020 at our famous Pizza Party on Thursday, Jan. 23! All of Diana's 2019 Master Gardener Interns are invited to River Falls' First Covenant Church. It's always fun with Diana Alfuth in the house distributing certificates and ID badges for newly certified MGVs.

WELCOME NEW & VETERAN MGVS

Two ambitious 2019 MG Interns, Nora Bennett of River Falls and Cindy Hanson of Hammond, were first in their class of eighteen to join in December. To date, 145 of 171 MGVs have renewed their memberships. We look forward to meeting our new members and catching up with our veterans.

BECOME A MENTOR

We're looking for 10-12 members to help Interns navigate the plethora of information and opportunities at SCVMGA. A special 6 p.m. meeting is planned Feb. 27 for 2019 MG V Interns and their mentors prior to the business meeting. It'll be a time for questions and to review New Member binders and Mentor/Intern Expectations. To assist Interns, Volunteer Coordinator Nola Weber has arranged community projects in each quadrant of Pierce and St. Croix counties.

LAST CHANCE TO RENEW

The last chance to renew your membership will be the January meeting. You can pay by cash or check to SCVMGA: \$15 for 2019 MG Interns and \$25 for renewing members (includes \$10 renewal fee). Forms are available on our website's home page.

BOARD PRESIDENT STEPS DOWN

In mid-December, JoAnn Ryan resigned after filling one year of her two-year term, 2019-2020, as Board President, in order to devote more time to her family. Our thanks to JoAnn for her time and efforts in her mission to increase communication and participation on the Board. Until the Board finds her replacement, VP Karalyn Littlefield

offered to fill in when available.

2020 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Four Board of Directors (BOD) were elected at our annual meeting. We appreciate all the time and dedication our Directors give to our association. Rose Kuebker, who was absent for the election, declined her secretary nomination. At the January Board meeting, Gloria Bonse was appointed secretary for 2020-2021.

Vice President: Karalyn Littlefield

Secretary: Gloria Bonse

Pierce Co. Rep: Carol Franta

St. Croix Rep: Liz Whitchurch

Our new Vice President, Karalyn Littlefield, has shared her treasured family favorite recipes in Sprinklings since March 2015. Karalyn, a six-year member from Turtle Lake, was also a featured speaker at our 2016 "Growing & Using Herbs" Fall Workshop, amusing the audience with her basil pesto demonstration. Being a UW-River Falls professor of Food Science and Animal Science, Karalyn will be a great addition to the board.

Secretary Gloria Bonse, a six-year member from Hudson, earned most of her volunteer hours at the New Richmond Community Garden. Gloria's relationship with her darling granddaughter, Ashlyn Bonse, is probably the envy of all Master Gardeners. Her "Little Miss Gardener" enjoys attending monthly meetings with her grandma.

Our two new County Representatives, MG V Carol Franta from Pierce and MG V Liz Whitchurch from St. Croix, are well prepared for assisting coordinators at the Farmers markets and county fairs.

For seven years, Carol of Spring Valley regularly volunteered at the MG V booth at River Falls Farmers Market and Pierce County Fair. She became a MG V to increase her knowledge to give the best gardening advice to her customers at the lawn and garden center at Hudson's Fleet Farm.

That's impressive!

In 2018, Liz Whitchurch of Hudson, accepted the challenge of SCVMGA Apparel Sales Manager in her first year. She designed our new logo and has done very well negotiating clothing details. She's met many members with her T-shirt sales.

SPECIAL THANKS

We especially thank our retired directors for their time and dedication: JoAnn Ryan, President 2019; Carrie Rogney, Secretary 2018-2019; Leroy Clark, Pierce Co. Rep 2018-2019; and Phyllis Jaworski, St. Croix County Rep., 2018-2019.

We're sorry to lose two valuable coordinators who shared their time, skills, and talents. Amanda Lawrence, St. Croix Co. Fair Coordinator, 2018-2019 and Lynn Steely, Membership Assistant 2015- 2019.

FALL WORKSHOP COORDINATOR NEEDED

The "Last Chance or Fall Workshop," a one-day seminar offered either the third or fourth Saturday in September, is popular with Master Gardeners who need a few extra education or volunteer service hours before the Oct. 1 deadline.

Volunteer or invite a friend to help you organize this favorite seminar for 60-70 SCVMGA members at the Pierce County Fairgrounds' Seyforth Building in Ellsworth. Detailed procedures are available from former coordinators who will be happy to mentor you. To volunteer or ask questions, contact former coordinator [Peg Wastell](#) or [Deb Pederstuen](#).

AVAILABLE POSITION

St. Croix County Fair Coordinator is needed for this year's county fair, July 15-19 in Glenwood City. Our MG booth will be inside the Commercial Building. SignupGenius is effective in scheduling volunteers and Norma Rudesill will assist. If this interests you, contact [Deb Pederstuen](#).

GROW TO COMPARE

Variety Plant Trials for 2020

by Peg Wastell

Time to volunteer to grow, evaluate and report on Variety Plant Trials. By agreeing to do trials you are a member of the Variety Plant Trials Group.

The benefits of being a group member are monthly emails, receive buying matrix after trials are completed, joy of seeing four varieties growing next to each other, feeling of accomplishment when evaluating trials, and connecting as a group.

This year's trials were chosen by dedicated members of variety plant trial group with experience growing trials and based on past requests. Selections can easily fit into a home garden. Most variety plant trials will use three linear feet per variety of growing space and squash uses one hill of each variety. Many trials can grow in containers too.

Have you ever grown those long thin delicious fillet beans? Try the green, yellow, and purple fillet bean trials.

*If you don't have a lot of space,
you can grow many
of these varieties in containers.*

There are so many kinds of beets and they are healthy, delicious, and sweet. We trialed red beets in 2014 and now is the time to see if Detroit Red can hold on to first place.

Bok choy is key to many healthy stir fries. This year make space for mini bok choy to find out which variety is best.

Brighten any wholesome dish with colored carrots from our trials. Another kind of lettuce we have not grown is butterhead, so it is time to try it this year. Retro-looking scallop summer squash will round out our vegetable selections.

This year's herb is good looking and tasty. We are evaluating four varieties of large-leaf basil.

A requested flower, annual phlox, is our colorful and edible flower trial this year.

Consider what a deal it is to get 4 varieties for \$2. Sharing your evaluation averaged with others gives answers to what varieties grow best in our local area. Evaluations act as a check to garden catalog descriptions. They also indicate if "tried and true," heirloom, open-pollinated, or new hybrids are the best choice. Join Variety Plant Trial Group by evaluating one, two, or even all eight varieties.

An order form is attached to this newsletter. Order your selections by **January 31** and expect postal delivery or pick up at March SCVMGA's general meeting.



2020 Variety Plant Trials feature a colorful array of plants: (above) butterhead lettuce, fillet beans, and Detroit Red beets; (second row) Bok choy, and scallop summer squash; (third row) colored carrots; (bottom row) edible phlox and large-leaf basil.

Join in the fun and sort seeds

Another way to be involved with Variety Plant Trials Group is to help sort seeds on **Saturday, Feb. 22** at St. Joseph Town Hall from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

We have thousands of seeds to count, label and pack for delivery. Quick and nimble fingers make short work. Chatting with other Master Gardeners and getting vol-



unteer hours in February all make the day a fun time. Plus, we break for a spectacular pot-luck lunch!

Email Peg Wastell or call her at 651-261-3892.

From molasses to sugar rationing

by Karalyn Littlefield

VE Day, "Victory in Europe," celebrated the end of the Second World War on May 8, 1945. That was over 70 years ago. The war impacted all facets of life, including food. On December 7, 1941, Pearl Harbor was bombed, and when the Japanese conquered the Philippines in the early months of 1942, the U.S. lost a major source of sugar imports. Shipments from Hawaii and Central and South America were reduced by 50 percent as cargo vessels were diverted for military purposes and many cargo ships were destroyed by German U-boats. The sugar supply fell by one-third. To ensure adequate supplies of sugar for the military, manufacturers and civilians, sugar became the first food item to be rationed in June 1942.

In April of 1942, families registered for ration books at their local elementary schools. My maternal grandfather, George Whitner, was the teacher in Polk County responsible for issuing and signing the ration books. At right is a ration book of my paternal great aunt Marie Peterson Gall signed by Grandpa Whitner. Meats, butter, fat and oils, and sometimes, cheese were added to the rationed list. My ancestors were farmers and were not as impacted by these items as they were by sugar rationing. My grandmother would make maple syrup frosting and they always had frosting on their birthday cakes.

Molasses is a by-product of the manufacture of sugar. Sugar cane (or other sugar-producing plants such as beets, palms or sorghum) is crushed and pressed to remove the juice. The juice is boiled down to form sugar crystals, which are removed from the liquid. Molasses is the thick, brown syrup left after the sugar has been removed. The boiling process is repeated several times and each time results in a different type of molasses. Molasses contains roughly 30 percent sucrose, 12 percent glucose and 12 percent fructose compared to table sugar which is more than 99.7 percent pure sucrose. On a volume basis, table sugar is about twice as sweet as molasses.

In the early 1700s, molasses was first imported from the West

Indies to produce rum. Until the 1880s, molasses was the most popular sweetener in the United States because it was much cheaper than refined sugar. After World War I, refined sugar prices dropped drastically, resulting in the migration of consumers from molasses to white sugar crystals. By 1919, U.S. per capita consumption of white sugar was twice what it was in 1880, with most Americans completely switching from molasses to granulated white and brown sugar.

Then, came the rationing of World War II. Ration stickers gave people the ability to purchase sugar, though they were not a guarantee that sugar would be available. This was a time of Victory Gardens and recipe development for replacement ingredients abounded. A wartime edition of the American Woman's Cook

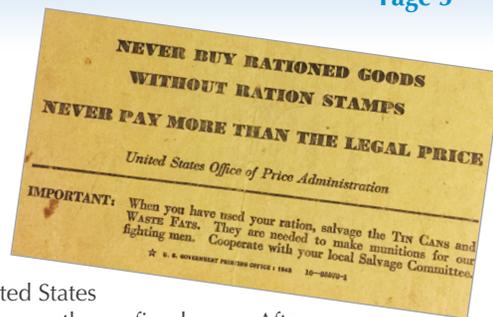
Book contained revised recipes and gave advice on dealing with food shortages.

One recipe that has been handed down in my family is for Soft Molasses Cookies. Grandma Elda Ebert Whitner would make large,

round cutouts that she frosted with white frosting and decorated using toothpicks and paste-food coloring. I have fond memories of these cookies on Halloween and Christmas.

Here are a few hints to keep in mind:

1. The dough is very soft and must be refrigerated prior to rolling. We usually leave it at least overnight.
2. When rolling, take only as much as needed for that roll and return the rest to the refrigerator.
3. Use the least detailed cutters, like trees, bells and stars.
4. Do not overbake. The cookie should bounce back with a finger touch.
5. Leave the baked cookies on the pan for a few minutes so that they do not break as easily.
6. Brush any excess flour off the bottoms of the baked cookies.
7. Enjoy with a glass of milk.



Soft Molasses Cookies

adapted by Karen & Karalyn Littlefield from Delia Ebert

- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup molasses
- 1 cup lard or shortening
- 1 cup sour milk (put 1 T vinegar in a measuring cup and add milk to the 1 cup mark)
- 4 eggs
- 5 cups flour
- 3 tsp baking soda (mix with sour milk immediately before adding to mixing bowl)
- 1/2 tsp salt

Cream lard and sugar. Add molasses and eggs, beating well. Mix soda with sour milk and stir until foaming and add to bowl. Mix well. Stir in salt and flour. Dough will be very soft. Chill well (several hours). Roll dough 1/4" thick, cut into desired shape. Bake in preheated 350°F oven for 5-7 min. Cool, frost and decorate.

Powdered Sugar Frosting

Cream 1/2 stick butter (softened) with 1 lb. powdered sugar. Add 1/2 tsp vanilla and enough milk to make a thin frosting.

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 2020

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 9th, 2020** to:
 - ❖ Jenny Brazzale, 319 Young Street N, Prescott, WI, 54021
jenbrazzale@yahoo.com; (715) 307-3217.
6. Grant awards will be announced by April 23rd, 2020.

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 2020 SCVMGA community service fund, I agree that **I will submit my project report by October 1st, 2020, 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
jenbrazzale@yahoo.com; (715) 307-3217.

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, 2020. 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: _____



St. Croix Valley Master Gardener Variety Plant

2020 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. Bean, Fillet (Masai, Maxibel, Soleil, Velour)
- _____ 2. Beet, Red (Detroit Dark, Merlin, Red Ace, Red Queen)
- _____ 3. Bok Choy, Mini (Asian, Purple Lady, Li Ren Choi, , Toy Choi)
- _____ 4. Carrot, Colored (Atomic, Lunar White, Purple Sun, Solar Yellow)
- _____ 5. Lettuce, Butterhead (Buttercrunch, Edox, Red Cross, Sylvesta)
- _____ 6. Squash, Summer Scallop (Benning's Green Tint , Early White, Golden Custard, Sunburst)

Herb

- _____ 1. Basil, Large Leaf (Italian Large Leaf, Newton, Nufar, Tuscany)

Flower

- _____ 1. Phlox, Annual (Brilliant, Cherry Carmel, Coccinea, Super Stars)

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, 2020

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, 2020.

Signature _____

Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____, WI Zip _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

Cost:

To defray 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	\$ _____
\$3.00 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

Garden “U”

Wildflowers Hostas & Bees



Saturday, March 21

9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Registration begins at 8 a.m.

**Hudson House
Grand Hotel**

1600 Crest View Drive
Hudson, WI 54016

Garden “U”

An annual public educational conference on horticultural topics sponsored by the St. Croix Valley Master Gardeners Association.



- Educating communities
- Promoting healthy living
- Protecting the environment

www.scvmga.weebly.com

Garden “U” 2020



Wildflowers

Hostas

&

Bees





Wildflowers, Hostas

&
Bees



“Searching for Minnesota’s Native Wildflowers”

Phyllis Root, author, and Kelly Povo, photographer

Phyllis and Kelly will share the bounty of beauty they uncovered in Minnesota woods, prairies, hillsides, lakes, and bogs during their years-long search for Minnesota wildflowers. The result of their is a guide-book filled with details, clues, maps and stunning photographs.

“Hostas and Stuff”

John Hager, president, Northern Wisconsin Hosta Society

With over 3,000 hostas and 1,500 varieties, plus daylilies, John warns the audience that “this is not your ordinary hosta presentation.” He will discuss the immense variety of hostas, hosta sports, hybridizing, growing tips, and sources of information, plus “some daylily stuff.”

“Attracting Bees and Beneficial Insects to Fruit and Vegetable Gardens”

Heather Holm, author

Her passion for bees started as a child exploring woodlands and prairies. Today, she’s an acclaimed author with six awards for her 2018 book, “Bees.” Currently, she’s working on a project studying the types of native bees present in cultivated blueberry farms in Wisconsin and Minnesota. Heather will explain how to attract bees and other beneficial insects to fruit and vegetable gardens.

Saturday, March 21, 2020

9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Registration begins at 8 a.m.

Vendor booths from local businesses will be available during lunch and breaktimes.

Fee: **\$40** (lunch is included)

Please use registration form in this brochure.

Questions: 715-549-6438

Hudson House Grand Hotel

1600 Crest View Drive

Hudson, WI 54016

Directions:

I-94 to Exit 2, go south on Carmichael Street

Turn west onto Crest View Drive

(Crest View runs parallel to I-94 on the south side)

Garden “U” 2020

Wildflowers, Hostas

&
Bees



Registration: **\$40** (includes lunch)

Make check payable to **SCVMGA**.

Please print clearly.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Mail this form and check to:

SCVMGA - Barrette
1358 County Road V
Houlton, WI 54082