University of Illinois Extension Logan-Menard-Sangamon Unit Master Gardener and Master Naturalist Volunteer Monthly News

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NEWS

Master Gardener State Award Winners

Each year a few Master Gardener volunteers are recognized on a state level for their outstanding contributions to the Master Gardener program. This year at the University of Illinois Extension statewide Master Gardener conference, two Logan-Menard-Sangamon Unit Master Gardeners were recognized for their outstanding contributions to the program.

This year's honorees, recognized for their superior contributions to the program, are representative of the state's 3,500 Master Gardener volunteers.

Statewide 42 Master Gardeners, fewer than 2% of active Master Gardeners in the state, received the State Outstanding Master Gardener award. Master Gardeners who receive this award must be an active participant in the program, demonstrate leadership and have volunteered more than 180 hours of service to the program.

Unit 16 Master Gardener volunteers who received this award were Jennifer Justin and Barbara Mackey-Bruzetti

Jennifer Justin of Springfield became a Master Gardener volunteer in 2016. Jennifer volunteered for eight projects before she completed master gardener training. She has chaired four master gardener volunteer projects including Children's Garden committee at Henson Robinson Zoo, Garden Garage Sale committee, Herb plant sale committee and an Iris Fundraiser committee. Jennifer is a member of the Horticulture Advisory committee.

Barbara Mackey-Bruzetti of Springfield became a Master Gardener volunteer in 2011. Barb served as co-chair of the Small Fruits Demonstration Committee in 2013 and 2018. Barbara has been involved with several volunteer projects including Dean Home heirloom vegetable garden, herb garden, herb plant sale, small fruits committee, perennial garden, and garden garage sale.

Congratulations to our Jennifer and Barbara.

Summer Festival Fairy House Materials Collection

Thanks to the many MG/MN volunteers who have already collected and delivered natural materials. Still needed:

Bark

Pine Cones, Buckeyes, Acorns, other Nuts, and Interesting Seed Pods, Dried Flowers, Grasses, Reeds, Curly Willow Shells

Bark may be delivered directly to the Fairy House site at Lincoln Memorial Garden until Wednesday, October 9.

Other dried materials may be taken to the garage behind the LMG Nature Center until Thursday, October 10.

Fresh flowers (in water) may be dropped off at the entrance to the Festival on Friday afternoon, October 11.

If you have questions, want to report volunteer hours, or would like to make other pick up/delivery arrangements, contact Barbara Rogers.

Oak Ridge Tree Tour

Oak Ridge Tree Tour, October 26, from 1 to 4 pm, Oak Ridge Cemetery, 1441 Monument Avenue, Springfield, IL. Oak Ridge Cemetery in Springfield is filled with history...including the thousands of trees that grace the grounds. Some of them can be traced back to Lincoln's time and before, while hundreds of others have been propagated from historic and rare trees from around the temperate world. Take a tour of the great trees at Oak Ridge, a National Living Landmark site recognized by the US Government. Guides will tell their stories. Includes kids activities.

Home, Yard and Pest Newsletter

http://hyg.ipm.illinois.edu/index.php

This newsletter is written to keep professional landscapers, arborists, golf course superintendents, lawn care personnel, and garden center operators up-to-date on the commercial management of diseases, weeds, insects, and other pests. U of I campus specialist will report on the pests they are seeing and anticipating throughout Illinois.

Reporting Hours

Each volunteer and educational opportunity has a Report as... line directly under the heading for an activity/ event, please review this line before reporting activities. We ask that you report hours as they are listed in the newsletter. Volunteer and education activities listed in the newsletter are pre-approved. Any activities not listed in the newsletter are not approved and pre-approval must be requested from Jennifer.

Master Gardener Apparel

Time to order your Master Gardener apparel! From aprons to visors we have 22 high quality items available for sale online and anytime. Website will stay open year round. Be sure to click through the many colors available. Each item is a custom order so please allow 3-5 weeks for delivery to your door. You will look cool and help the MG program at the same time. A small portion of the sales goes toward State MG awards. Word is apparel runs "true to size" whatever that means. Contact vendor for any questions. Now get clicking! https://www.sportsworldfire.com/31-master-gardener

Master Naturalist Apparel

Master Naturalist apparel can be ordered at any time https://www.sportsworldfire.com/29-master-naturalist

Facebook Page

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Help Desk Volunteers needed

Report as Answering Home Garden Questions at Extension Office Help Desk MG opportunity

Volunteers are needed to work at the help desk to answer home garden questions: October 4, 11, 16, 18, 28.

The help desk, located at the Extension office in Springfield, is open 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. Please contact Sandy Duncheon to sign up for a day.

Horticulture Advisory Committee Members openings

The Unit wide Horticulture Advisory committee has the following openings: Logan Master Gardener (3 year term) Sangamon Master Naturalist volunteer Committee positions open until filled. Email Jennifer for an application.

Horticulture Advisory Committee

Report as Horticulture Advisory Committee

The Horticulture Advisory meeting will be **Wednesday**, **November 13 at Noon**, in Springfield. Please share additional agenda items, suggestions with one of the committee members.

Members include: Marsha Gordon, Ann Pictor, Mike Zahn, Barbara Thompson, Bev Noble, Ann Klose, Mary Kay Hinkle, Kathy Iler, Randy Thomas, Jennifer Justin, Max Hammer, and Vince Long.

Volunteers needed for Extension Booth and Fairy House

Report as Lincoln Memorial Garden Indian Summer Festival MN and MG opportunity
October 12 and 13

- Volunteers for U of I Extension booth. Volunteer for a shift to handout information and answer questions. Volunteer to assist Children with a pollinator activity. Shifts are 9:30 am to 1pm or 1 to 4:30 pm. Contact Jennifer Fishburn to sign up.
- Volunteer for a shift to help children at Fairy House site. Shifts are 9:30 am to 1pm or 1 to 4:30 pm. Contact Audra at LMG.

Fruits and Vegetables Demonstration Garden

(At the Extension office)

Report as Fruits Committee

MG opportunity

Co-chairs: Ann Broch, Jim Matheis, Susan Hack

The Small Fruits and Vegetables Demonstration Garden Committee will be meeting next on Monday, October 21, 2019, at 9:30 a.m. at the Extension Building.

Our garden near the Extension Building is continuing to produce. We've been harvesting blackberries, raspberries, tomatoes, cucumbers, zucchini, melons, Swiss Chard and other

produce. Some of the plants are beginning to dry up and look weary! We have had several tomato hornworms that are incubating parasitic wasp eggs—ugh!

We're in the process of planning for the next growing season—gardeners are always looking ahead to next year! Some of our best learning comes as we research for our educational programs and share with others on the committee. Please join us!

Prairies to Perennials Garden

Report as Prairies to Perennials Demonstration Garden MG and MN opportunity

Chair, Sherry Park

The Prairie to Perennial garden group (located in front of extension) will meet Wednesday, October 9 at 9:00 at the extension office. After a brief meeting to discuss the garden and begin the annual garden evaluation we will adjourn to the garden to do routine maintenance. Anyone interested in learning more about this garden group is welcome.

Imagination Station Children's Garden at Henson Robinson Zoo

Report as Children's Garden Henson Robinson Zoo

MN and MG opportunity

Co-chairs: Jennifer Justin and Barbara Thompson

The Children's Garden at Henson Robinson Zoo is beautiful this year! Many came out to enjoy the sights and sounds in the garden Sept. 17. Then on Sept. 28 children visiting the garden were involved in several activities to educate and beautify the garden for spring. They planted tulip and hyacinth bulbs around the garden, created bee rings, leaf rubbings and catapults to simulate the spreading of Pollin, and moving the worms to their winter home.

The next meeting for The Children's Garden is Tuesday, November 5, 9:00 in the garden. We will be cleaning up the garden for the winter.

Plastic Pot Recycling Committee

Report as Plastic Pot Recycling

MG and MN opportunity

Chair: Diana Hetherington and Susie Risser

Plastic Pot Recycling will be held at Lincoln Memorial Garden Indian Summer Festival on Saturday, October 12 and Sunday, October 13. There are two overlapping shifts for both days: (9:30am to 1pm, and 12:30 to 4pm). You can work half a day, the whole day or whatever hours work best for you. The festival is a wonderful family event. It is a fun "gig" and a fairly easy way to earn volunteer hours while hanging out with other master gardeners. We may be asked to help with other Master Gardener activities such as the fairy houses or Master Gardener booth. You will earn hours for all of these volunteer opportunities. We ran the recycling event as self-serve in previous years and did not have any significant problems.

The festival is across from Lincoln Memorial Garden. Our recycling event will be at the exit from the parking area. Look for the trailer with trash cans, pots and recycling signs. Please let Diana know which shift you plan to work. Volunteer check in is at the entrance to the festival.

Wear your name badge and master gardener apparel if you have any. We will have all you need for his activity. Susie R. or Diana H. will provide directions or more information if needed.

Three pot recycling events will be held after LMG's Indian Summer Festival: October 24 (Thursday), 30 (Wednesday) and November 6 (Wednesday), 1 to 4 pm, at our usual place Lincoln Memorial Garden's (LMG's) farm. We will provide everything you will need. Wear something comfortable that you will not mind getting wet and dirty! You might bring some sun screen, bug spray, a hat or anything else to make yourself more comfortable. Wear your name badge (if you can find it.) Because of the effort to put this on we will hold a party if we have at least 10 committed to coming. So please RSVP by the Friday before each party so we can let everyone know that we are a go/no go! Depending upon how much we accomplish each time will determine if we have another party. Our goal is to process everything in the barn.

Dean Home Heirloom Garden (at Lincoln Home National Historic Site)

Report as Dean Home Heirloom Garden

MG opportunity

Contact: Diane Grottola

St. Joseph's Home Garden Therapy

Report as St. Joseph's Home

MG opportunity

Chair: Veronica Fesser

On Thursday, October 3, 2019, Garden Therapy will have the season ending party for St. Joseph's Home Garden Club. Master Gardeners will provide baked goods and cider for the residents, and we will play bingo for prizes.

Dana Thomas House Garden

Report as Dana Thomas House Garden

MG and MN opportunity

Chairs: Loretta Mabie, pretzelmom63@hotmail.com

Work days October 3 and 16, 9:00 a.m. Time to start getting the gardens ready for winter.

Native Wildflower Committee

Report as Lincoln Memorial Garden, Native Wildflower Garden committee

MG and MN opportunity

Coordinators: Barbara Rogers, mbkrogers@yahoo.com

Committee activities are winding down for the year. There will be one more Ostermeier Garden maintenance day in October and a final meeting will be at the Lincoln Memorial Garden Nature Center on Wednesday, November 13 at 12:30 pm. All are welcome. For more information, contact Barbara R.

Plant a Row for the Hungry

Report as Plant a Row for the Hungry Committee

MG opportunity

Chair: Mary Ann Sievers and Mary Alice Keith

The Chairs of both the Plant a Row and Illlinois Products Farmers Market Committees have scheduled a Harvest Party potluck for Monday, October 7, at 11:30 am to be held in the Illini Room of the U of I Extension Office, Springfield. The potluck will be followed by a meeting of both committees to wrap-up the close of the 2019 season. Volunteers are asked to bring a covered dish to share. Please let me know if you plan to attend and if you plan to bring a meat, salad, vegetable or dessert. Iced tea, coffee, ice and paper products will be provided

Several members of Plant a Row were involved with the Central Illinois Foodbank at a World Hunger Days event at University of Illinois at Springfield on Sept 12th. They all felt it was a successful event, and felt we reached a population--college students that we normally don't have interaction with and therefore, an opportunity to do some education with them.

Illinois Products Farmers Market- Master Gardener Booth

(Illinois Department of Agriculture, Illinois State Fairgrounds)

Report as Illinois Products Farmers Market

MG opportunity

Chair: Dennis Suttles

Herb Demonstration Garden/Grape Arbor

(Illinois State Fairgrounds in front of Building #30)

Report as Herb Garden Committee

MG opportunity

Herb Committee Leadership Team: Cathy Adrien, Marilyn Clarke, Kathy Iler, Carol Stapleton, Shirley Wilson.

The last meeting of the Herb Committee will be October 8 at 9 am. It's a breakfast potluck at the Extension office in Springfield. New members please come and see what we are planning for next year.

We will be planting Garlic in October after the first frost; date yet to be determined.

Thanks to everyone who did maintenance all year keeping the garden looking gorgeous. You did a great job. Thanks to all who attended our programs and putting them on as well. We had a very successful year due to great teamwork.

Idea Demonstration Garden

(Illinois State Fairgrounds in front of Building #30)

Report as Idea Garden Committee

MG opportunity

Co-chairs: Karen Kirk, karenkirk1791@gmail.com

The Idea Garden Team will meet on Thursday, October 17 at 9:00 at the Fairgrounds to "take down" and compost our gardens. This will be our last meeting for the year.

Perennial Demonstration Garden

(Illinois State Fairgrounds in front of Building #30)

Report as Perennial Garden Committee, IL State Fair

MG and MN opportunity

Leadership team: Carol Voyles, Brenda Bartelheim

The Perennial Garden Committee will meet at 8:30 am, Monday, October 14, 2019 at the Extension Office in Springfield for a short business meeting, then progress to the Perennial Garden for fall cleanup.

Compost Demonstration

(Illinois State Fairgrounds in front of Building #30)

Report as Compost Committee

MG opportunity
Contact: Ann Pictor

Fall Work Day at Starhill Arboretum

Saturday, October 12, 2019, 9 am - noon

Cooler weather is right around the corner. Time to prepare by loading the greenhouses and tidying up around the Arboretum. Aside from moving potted plants, we will likely be doing a bit of landscape bed maintenance and invasive species removal. Tools and training will be provided. Bring your own gloves, if you have them. At noon, socialize with Friends at a provided lunch around the campfire. For more information, call 217-632-3685 or e-mail alana.mckean@ic.edu. Pre-registration is encouraged to help plan jobs and lunch but not required. Starhill Forest Arboretum, 12000 Boy Scout Trail, Petersburg, IL 62675.

I-Pollinate and Beespotter Citizen Scientist Project

Report as I-Pollinate Citizen Scientist

MG or MN opportunity

University of Illinois Extension is calling all lovers of bees, butterflies, and other pollinators that keep our crops and gardens growing to join scientists in tracking their distribution and habitat use across the state, from the comfort of your home, school, or community garden.

To learn more about becoming a citizen scientist with I-Pollinate or Beespotter, listen to the webinar, and sign up to join, visit the project website at https://publish.illinois.edu/pollinatorproject/.

Invasive Plant Phenology Observers

Report as Invasive Plant Phenology Observer MN opportunity

Stewardship Work at Kickapoo Creek Park

Report as Kickapoo Creek Park Stewardship Master Naturalist Opportunity Kickapoo Creek Park in Lincoln Contact Jim Struebing, 217-671-1086

Trash Pick-Up and Work Days at Adams Wildlife Sanctuary

Report as Adams Wildlife Sanctuary, Stewardship/trash pick-up

MN opportunity

Trash pick-ups are weekly **Wednesday** mornings, 9am to 10am. No equipment needed, gloves and trash bags provided. Weather permitting.

Work Days at Adams Wildlife Sanctuary

Report as Adams Wildlife Sanctuary Stewardship/trash pick-up

MN opportunity

Every Thursday, 9 am to 11 am, general sanctuary maintenance, trails, invasives, etc. Tools and safety equipment provided.

Friends of Sangamon Valley workdays

Report as Friends of Sangamon Valley, (report per specific site) MN opportunity

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Visit web site at www.fosv.org or Facebook for latest updates. Unless noted otherwise, meet at the location at the times listed above. Call Vern LaGesse at 217-525-1410 for more information or for directions. Work gloves and boots are recommended for all work days. All other equipment is provided.

Adams Wildlife Sanctuary: Illinois Audubon Society's sanctuary in Springfield. 2315 E. Clearlake Ave.

Knuppel Sanctuary: Next to Old Salem Chautauqua in Petersburg. Call Vern for more info.

Maple Grove: Near Lake Springfield. Call Vern for more information.

Robinson Woods: Access off Stange in Springfield. Call Vern for more information.

Washington Park: Vern LaGessee will be scheduling workdays throughout the season as he is

available.

Wolf Preserve: Off Boy Scout Trail Rd. across from the Tallula water station near Petersburg.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Winter Sowing

Report as University of Illinois Extension

MG education credit, 1 hour

Join Master Gardener volunteers Geri Niemann and Karla Frank on Monday, October 28, at 1:30 pm to learn all about Winter Sowing, a most successful and easy way to start plants from seeds during the Winter and early Spring. Using milk jugs and Mother Nature you will learn how and why to start your seeds outdoors with minimal effort and maximum results. We will have all the information you need and a hands on demonstration showing you how to prepare the milk jugs for winter sowing, along with information on the best seeds and plants to use. Geri and Karla will have seeds to share. Program will be held at the U of I Extension office, 700 S. Airport Dr., Springfield IL.

What's Next- Project Pictures

Report as University of Illinois Extension

MG and MN education credit

Thank you to all Master Gardeners who have been busy in various gardens this summer! The gardens have all thrived this year! As requested this spring, many of you have been taking pictures of projects. Several volunteers have added these photos to a "Box" account.

So what is the next step? One way to share the pictures of your gardens is to create a short movie that can communicate your mission and display the project. Barbara Thompson will lead a workshop on how to create a short movie using pictures.

The first workshop will be for the Horticulture Advisory Committee on Wednesday, October 30 at 1:00 to 3:00 pm at the Extension Office in Springfield. Please bring an iPad or iPhone to use to produce your movie.

The workshop will repeated on Friday, November 15 at 1:30 to 3:30 pm at the Extension Office in Springfield for members of committees. All participants will need to bring an iPad or iPhone to produce movies.

Pre-registration at https://extension.illinois.edu/lms is encouraged.

Naturalist Education Training

Report as MasterNaturalist Training
MN education credit
October 2, Ornithology/ Soils, Adams Wildlife Sanctuary
October 9, Environamental Ethics/ Geology, Lincoln Memorial Garden
October 16, Mammals, U of I Extension, Springfield

Horticulture Webinars

Counts as MG of MN continuing education, 1 hour *Report as Horticulture Webinars, specify* University of Illinois Extension's Four Seasons Gardening.

Live Webinar - Tree Compartmentalization - October 8, 2019 at 1:30 p.m.

Just think about the amount of tree energy expended to seal over pruning cuts and compartmentalize rot and decay within the boles of our urban trees. University of Illinois Extension Horticulture Educator, Ryan Pankau, will review the processes at play when trees perform the amazing feat of blocking pathogens with their natural defense mechanisms.

Live Webinar - Gardening for Birds - December 3, 2019 at 1:30 p.m.

If You Plant It, They Will Come...A Plan to Attract Birds; i.e. Gardening for the Birds. Not just a program with a plant list but a thoughtful way to incorporate birds, and all their joy, into your garden. Join Peggy Doty, Extension Educator, to consider not only the bird's needs but also the needs of you, your family, children or grandchildren, pets, and of course the current plants in your garden.

Programs will be held at the U of I Extension Buildings, 700 S. Airport Drive, Springfield, and 980 N Postville Drive, Lincoln. To reserve a packet of handouts at one of these locations, preregister on-line at the Logan-Menard-Sangamon unit website at http://web.extension.illinois.edu/lms/.

Participants also have the option to listen to the webinar from home by registering at https://web.extension.illinois.edu/cook/4seasons/. The presentation will be via computer but will allow live discussion between the instructor and gardeners throughout Illinois. Questions call (217) 782-4617.

Logan County Master Gardener meeting

MG education credit

Report as MG monthly meeting

The next Logan County Master Gardener meeting will be held Monday, October 28, at 9 am, at the Logan County Extension office.

Master Naturalist Conference

Counts as MN continuing education

Report as U of I Extension, please specify

Master naturalist pre conference is October 24. A pre-conference tour counts as 4 hours continuing education. Master naturalist conference is October 25. Conference attendance counts as 4.75 hours continuing education.

Here are the direct links to registration pages

MN Conference - https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=20924

Master Naturalist PRE-Conference Birding at Allerton Park-

https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=20960

Master Naturalist PRE-Conference Birds of Prey at Scovill Zoo-

https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=20959

Master Naturalist PRE-Conference at Meadowbrook Park-

https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=20925

Master Naturalist PRE-Conference at Allerton Park: Natural Areas, Gardens and History-

https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=20961

Springfield Civic Garden Club

Counts as MG continuing education

Report as Springfield Civic Garden Club

Springfield Civic Garden Club monthly meeting will be **Monday, October 7, at 9 am** at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, 533 South Walnut Street, Springfield. Guests are welcome. Program is "Japanese Maples and Other Rare Trees: Something for Every Location," by Gale Myers, Davidsan's Japanese Maples.

Springfield Audubon Society Presents: 3rd Thursday Program

Counts as MN continuing education

Report as Adams Wildlife Sanctaury Programs

Adams Wildlife Sanctuary, 2315 Clear Lake Avenue, Springfield, IL

Owl Prowl, presented by Illinois Raptor Center, will be held October 17, 6:00 to 8:30 pm. Observe and learn about these fascinating nocturnal creatures during an indoor presentation followed by a night hike on the trails of Adams Wildlife Sanctuary. View Illinois owls up close and learn about their natural history. Hike will be on unpaved trails, dress for the weather. Not recommended for children 5 and under. Refreshments will be served after the hike. Seating limited reserve your tickets at https://illinoisaudubon.org/field-trip/2019-springfield-audubon-society-owl-prowl/, \$10 for Adults, \$5 children 6-12.

CALENDAR

EDU- Education

VOL- Volunteer

U of I Extension office, 700 S. Airport Drive, Springfield, is denoted by Spfld. U of I Extension office, 980 N. Postville Drive, Lincoln is denoted by Lincoln

October 3- Dana Thomas house committee work day, 9 am, at garden (VOL)

October 3- St Joseph Home garden therapy, 2:15 pm at St. Joseph (VOL)

October 3, 10- IL Products Farmers Market, MG booth, 4 to 7 pm (VOL)

October 7- Plant a Row and IL products farmers market committee, 11:30 am, Ext office Spfld

October 8- Herb garden committee work day, 9 am, Ext office Spfld (VOL)

October 8- Tree Compartmentalization webinar, 1:30 pm, Ext offices Lincoln and Spfld (EDU)

October 9- Prairies to Perennials committee, 9 am, Ext office Spfld (VOL)

October 12 and 13- Indian Summer Festival, Extension booth/ Fairy houses (VOL)

October 14- Perennial garden committee meeting, 8:30 am, at garden (VOL)

October 16- Dana Thomas house committee work day, 9 am, at garden (VOL)

October 17- Idea Garden committee, 9 am, at garden (VOL)

October 21- Fruits committee meeting, 9:30 am, Ext office Spfld (VOL)

October 28- Logan County Master Gardener meet, 9 am, Logan Co Ext office (VOL)

October 28- Winter Sowing, 1:30 pm, Spfld Ext Office (EDU)

November 5- Children Garden Committee, 9 am, at zoo (VOL)

November 13-Native Wildflower Garden committee, at 12:30 pm, LMG (EDU)

November 13- Horticulture Advisory meeting, Noon, Springfield (VOL)

December 3- Gardening for Birds webinar, 1:30 pm, Ext offices Lincoln and Spfld (EDU)

Jennifer Fishburn Unit Educator, Horticulture University of Illinois Extension Logan-Menard-Sangamon Unit University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences.

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If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in this program, please contact (217) 782-4617.

Early requests are strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time for meeting your access needs.

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