

**Boone County Master Gardener February Agenda**  
**Thursday, February 19, 2026**  
**6PM**

**Volunteer Gateway**

Kelli will be in contact if there is paperwork due.

**Give Pulse**

Travel time. Tracking hours.

**State MG Advisory Committee Opening**

Applications due by 4/15/26. <https://extension.illinois.edu/mg/state-advisory-committee>

**Help Desk**

Bobbi, Barb and Minoo will answer off season help desk questions.

2026 schedule

**2026 Planning**

**Ida Library**

We have bimonthly Speakers Bureaus planned for March, April and May.

Pam McClain will be taking care of the gardens when Sandie retires. She would be interested in having a MG program at the garden.

Late June or July Ida has requested an Heirloom Seed/Seed History program for the 250<sup>th</sup> year of American Independence.

Their summer reading program is titled Plant A Seed Read. (Suggested: Make Seed Paper) Seed swap is 3/19 from 12-2pm

**Perry Elementary School, Grade 5**

Amber Fultz is interested in a lesson on prepping a garden bed and proper seed planting one day and help with seed planting another day.

She also requested a tree specialist to know if they have any trees older than the school.

**Caledonia Elementary Art and Nature After School Group**

Brianne and Pam did a program with the students from 2-3:15pm on Feb 18.

**Social Connections, formerly Keen Age Center**

Interested in programming. Stephanie Meyers, activities coordinator, inquired about three programs that Tenley is already working on for the library.

Emma Lischalk is having a Garden Meditation Day on Wed. May 6 at noon for 15 participants. She would like the program Floriography: The Meaning of Flowers and to have each participant make one or two newspaper seedling pots to take home.

## **Cherry Valley Library**

Winnebago Extension has given permission to set up programming. The library is looking for programming from June to August at this time.

## **Buchanan Street Garden**

Know More, Grow More Grant, Plant request sent to BNHS Ag Dept.

## **NASR**

Idea submitted to make seed paper. Peggy Anesi has offered to train the trainer on making paper (Tentative date being May 14 at 1pm at Russell Woods Forest Preserve)

## **Upcoming Events of Interest:**

Gardeners Pathway Feb 28, 2026, 7:30am-3pm at DeKalb County Farm Bureau, \$50

<https://extension.illinois.edu/events/2026-02-28-gardeners-pathway-artisan-market>

\*\*Group of MG going to Gardeners Pathway if you would like to meet at extension and carpool

Pruning Young Shade Trees March 3, 2026, 1:30-2:30pm Four Seasons Gardening Webinar.

<https://extension.illinois.edu/events/2026-03-03-pruning-young-shade-trees>

Gardening for Pollinators March 5, 2026, 6:00pm at Ida Library. MG Tenley.

Gardening for Food, Flowers, & Fun March 14, 2026, 9am-12pm at NIU Rockford Conference Center

Preregistration \$20, At the door \$25. <https://registration.extension.illinois.edu/start/gardening-for-food-flowers-fun-2026-rockford>

Gardening with Natives March 15, 2026, 6:00pm at Ida Library. MG Tenley.

Wild Neighbors: Coyotes March 21, 2026, 9-10:30am at Boone County Conservation District, Free

Peggy Anesi presenting. Registration required. Limited seating.

<https://registration.extension.illinois.edu/start/wild-neighbors-coyotes>

Ready, Set, Grow March 28, 2026, 8am-1pm at Sauk Community College, \$25

<https://extension.illinois.edu/events/2026-03-28-2026-readysetgrow-gardening-workshop>

Rock Valley Garden Center 785 N. Bell School Road, Rockford. Always has free to low-cost events year-round. <https://www.rockvalleygardencenter.com/education.html>

