

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 250th 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-readyssetgrow-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>

