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

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NEWS

Happy Holidays!

Have a safe, healthy and Happy Holiday season from Jennifer, Sandy, Kalyn, and the rest of the Logan-Menard-Sangamon Unit Extension staff!

Master Gardener volunteer and education reporting

Please report your 2019 Master Gardener volunteer and education hours before December 18. If you need assistance please contact Jennifer prior to that date.

Agreements

Please send completed 2019 volunteer agreements to the office by December 18.

Sangamon and Menard Master Gardener Recognition,

Master Gardener Recognition for Sangamon and Menard volunteers on **Tuesday, January 28, from 2 to 4 pm** at the Extension Building in Springfield. I hope that everyone can attend. Years of service certificates and the Dick Lewis Memorial Award will be presented at 3 pm.

Hors d'oeuvres will be provided (meat, cheese tray, fruit, vegetables). If you would like to provide a dessert, contact Sandy or Jennifer.

Logan Master Gardener Recognition, January 27

Logan County Master Gardeners will meet on Monday, January 27, at 9am at the Logan County Extension office. A breakfast potluck will be held. Bring a dish to share. During the meeting volunteers will be recognized for years of service.

Christmas Gift? Gloves and Soil Knives available for purchase

Atlas gloves are available for sale \$5 each or 2 for \$8. Sizes are XS to XL. Colors vary. Soil knives are \$30. Items can be purchased at the Springfield and Lincoln office during regular business hours.

Master Gardener Volunteer Training Program

The University of Illinois Extension Logan, Menard and Sangamon county unit is accepting applications through December 18 to participate in the 2020 Master Gardener Training Program. This volunteer program is a great learning opportunity for gardening enthusiast and beginners.

U of I Extension Master Gardener volunteers are adult members of the community who are interested in learning more about lawns, trees, shrubs, flowers, vegetables, the environment and much more. Master Gardener trainees receive 60 hours of in-depth unbiased, research-based horticulture training from University of Illinois Extension educators and specialists.

A Master Gardener Intern is expected to return 60 hours of volunteer service in the year following their graduation. To learn more about the Master Gardener program visit <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/mg/>.

Classes will be offered on Tuesday's from 9am to 4pm, starting February 4 and ending April 14, 2020. Training classes are face to face. Cost of the training which includes the Master Gardener training manual is \$225.

If you would like an application or have questions, call University of Illinois Extension at (217) 782-4617.

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

Stay connected via our facebook page. Anyone can like or friend our page. Visit Horticulture Program Facebook page. Click on the Facebook logo on the Logan-Menard-Sangamon Horticulture page, http://web.extension.illinois.edu/lms/sm_facebook.html

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Master Gardener Recognition Host/ Hostesses Needed

MG opportunity

Master Gardeners are needed to assist with the Master Gardener open House on , **January 28**. First shift of volunteers, **Noon to 2:30 pm**, will assemble Hors d'oeuvres trays (cheese tray, fruit, vegetables, cookies) and set up for the event. Second shift, **2:30 to 4:30 pm**, will assist with serving food and clean up Contact Jennifer or Sandy if you would like to assist with this event.

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, February 19, 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.

Fruits and Vegetables Demonstration Garden

(At the Extension office)

Report as Fruits Committee

MG opportunity

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

Prairies to Perennials Garden

Report as Prairies to Perennials Demonstration Garden

MG and MN opportunity

Chair, Sherry Park

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

Plastic Pot Recycling Committee

Report as Plastic Pot Recycling

MG and MN opportunity

Chair: Diana Hetherington and Susie Risser

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

Report as Dean Home Heirloom Garden

MG opportunity

Contact: Cathy Adrien

St. Joseph's Home Garden Therapy

Report as St. Joseph's Home

MG opportunity

Chair: Veronica Fesser

Dana Thomas House Garden

Report as Dana Thomas House Garden

MG and MN opportunity

Chairs: Loretta Mabie, pretzelmom63@hotmail.com

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 PAR committee met on December 3rd for a wrap up meeting of the year. It was felt we had a very successful year with the various subcommittees reporting their different activities.

Several ideas were discussed regarding making some of the activities more efficient, and will be further discussed at the next meeting. A name change was also discussed again, and will be determined if a change is needed and what new name at our meeting March 27, at 9am at the Springfield Extension office.

Native Wildflower Committee

Report as Lincoln Memorial Garden, Native Wildflower Garden committee

MG and MN opportunity

Coordinators: Brenda Allan (allan.brenda@uis.edu) or Barbara Rogers (mbkrogers@yahoo.com)

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

The IPFM committee met on December 3rd for a wrap up meeting for the year. There was discussion on getting other committees to be involved on Thursday night as well as continuing to tweak our basic plan. Our first meeting will be March 5, at 9am at the extension office and a follow up meeting right after the PAR meeting on March 27, at 10:30am.

Herb Demonstration Garden/Grape Arbor

(Illinois State Fairgrounds in front of Building #30)

Report as Herb Garden Committee

MG opportunity

Idea Demonstration Garden

(Illinois State Fairgrounds in front of Building #30)

Report as Idea Garden Committee

MG opportunity

Co-chairs:

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

Compost Demonstration

(Illinois State Fairgrounds in front of Building #30)

Report as Compost Committee

MG opportunity

Contact: Ann Pictor

We will meet December 10 at Panera's 3101 W. White Oaks Dr, Springfield at 9:00 am to review the year and plan for next year. Anyone interested in learning more about the compost committee is welcome to join us.

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 **Thursday** mornings, 9 to 10 am. 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

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 LaGessee 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

Springfield Audubon Society

MN education credit

Report as Springfield Audubon Society Program, please specify

Scientific Value of Bird Banding, **Tony Rothering, LLCC**

December 19, **at 6:00 p.m. at Adams Wildlife Sanctuary**

Please join us as Tony Rothering, LLCC Biology Professor and a permitted bander with the Lincoln Land Association of Bird Banders discusses the scientific value of bird banding.

Tony will also provide us with an update on bird banding projects in the Springfield area.

Springfield Civic Garden Club

MG education credit

Report as Springfield Civic Garden Club Monthly Program

Springfield Civic Garden Club monthly meeting will be **Monday, January 6, at 9 am** at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, 533 South Walnut St., Springfield. Guests are welcome.

Program is "Why Local Flowers?" by Stacy Shanks.

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Illinois Specialty Crops, Agritourism, and Organic Conference (ISCAOC)

MG education credit

Report as Education, other, please specify

The Illinois Specialty Crops, Agritourism, and Organic Conference and Trade Show will be January 8 to 10, 2020, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel and Convention Center, Springfield, Illinois. Conference brochure and registration, <https://www.specialtygrowers.org/>.

Live Horticulture Webinars

Counts as MG continuing education, 1 hour

Report as Horticulture Webinars, specify

University of Illinois Extension's Four Seasons Gardening.

Planning your Garden for Seed Saving – Gemini Bhalsod – January 14, at 1:30 pm

This year, instead of deciding in the fall that you want to save seeds for planting, plan your garden around it! Join Illinois Extension, Horticulture Educator, Gemini Bhalsod in a webinar to learn important concepts and techniques for seed saving such as open pollination and variety isolation to get the best quality seeds for your garden! We will also discuss harvesting and seed storage.

Winter Sowing of Seeds - Nicole Flowers-Kimmerle – January 28, at 1:30 pm

Learn how to start some types of seeds outdoors this winter. Join Illinois Extension, Horticulture Educator, Nicole Flowers-Kimmerle in a webinar to learn important concepts and techniques for winter sowing seeds outdoors as a cost-effective way of growing your own seedlings for your garden.

Colorful Conifers – Martha Smith - February 25, at 1:30 pm

Get ready to add “shock & awe” to your landscape all season long with colorful conifers of all sizes. Did you know some conifers change colors through the seasons? Working with all-yearlong foliage color can be challenging. Martha Smith, Horticulture Educator will show you how to re-think your landscape to bring out the best foliage display!

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, pre-register 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://extension.illinois.edu/ccdms/four-seasons-gardening-webinar-series>. The presentation will be via computer but will allow live discussion between the instructor and gardeners throughout Illinois. Questions call (217) 782-4617.

Introduction to Beekeeping- 2020

MG education credit

Report as University of Illinois Extension, please specify

Explore the fascinating world of honey bees and the steps to becoming a beekeeper at “Introduction to Beekeeping”. This six part series will cover all aspects of beginning beekeeping, whether you think you might like to become a beekeeper or would just like to learn

more about honey bees. This program is sponsored by University of Illinois Extension Logan-Menard-Sangamon Unit, Sangamon County Farm Bureau and Prairie State Beekeepers.

Session dates are on Thursdays, February 20, 27, March 5, 12, 19, 26 from 6 to 9 pm. Sessions will be held at the University of Illinois Extension Building, 700 S. Airport Drive, Springfield, IL.

Registration fee of \$35 (includes copy of First Lessons in Beekeeping book). Pre-registration opens on January 2. Advance registration is required and is on-line via the Logan-Menard-Sangamon website, <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/lms/>. Class size will be limited. Questions, call the Extension office at (217) 782-4617.

Lacking a Few Educational Hours

MG education credit

Report as University of Illinois Extension, please specify

University of Illinois Extension Horticulture You Tube videos,

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCEYBGqFXZS6Sn37n1mVcY1g>

This YouTube site has recordings of four season webinar series.

All videos count as master gardener continuing education. Some would count as master naturalist continuing education.

University of Illinois Extension Master Gardener website,

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/mg/events/default.cfm>

Online training modules and taped webinars.

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

January 14- Planning Your Garden for Seed Saving webinar, 1:30 pm, Ext offices Lincoln and Spfld (EDU)

January 27- Logan County Master Gardener meet, 9 am, Logan Co Ext office (VOL)

January 28- Sangamon and Menard Master Gardener Recognition, Spfld, 2 pm

January 28- Winter Sowing of Seeds, 1:30 pm, Ext offices Lincoln and Spfld (EDU)

February 19- Horticulture Advisory meeting, Noon, Springfield (VOL)

February 25- Colorful Conifers, 1:30 pm, Ext offices Lincoln and Spfld (EDU)

February 20, 27, March 5, 12, 19, 26- Introduction to Beekeeping, 6 to 9 pm, Spfld (EDU)

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