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

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NEWS

Master Gardener Volunteer Training Program

The University of Illinois Extension Logan, Menard and Sangamon county unit is accepting applications through December 6 to participate in the 2019 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, 2019. 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!](https://www.sportsworldfire.com/31-master-gardener) 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

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:

November 8, 27.

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.

Fruits and Vegetables Demonstration Garden

(At the Extension office)

Report as Fruits Committee

MG opportunity

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

November 2019

Those of us on this committee are about two work days away from closing the 2019 gardening season. Just recently we've been able to snatch a few berries from the late raspberries and blackberries as well as the everbearing strawberries.

As true gardeners we've been looking ahead to next year--planning programs, suggesting new annual plants to try and saving seeds to share.

The 2019 gardening experience for us was SO enhanced by the watering system improvements. Previously we've dragged a long heavy hose from the building to the garden—and back. Now we have a system actually IN the garden that utilizes emitters, soaker hoses and regular hose nozzles to water as needed. Wonderful! Thank you, Barney.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 18, 2019, at 9:30 a.m. at the Extension Building. We will be having a potluck and seed exchange at this meeting. YOU are invited, 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 committee, will have the last meeting of the year on Wednesday, November 13 at 9:00 am, weather permitting. If there is extreme weather (snow, freezing rain, etc.) the meeting will be canceled and rescheduled for a different date. The meeting will be an end of year summary discussion followed by some clean up in the extension garden. The concrete urn also will be decorated for fall/winter season. Input from other master gardeners are always appreciated.

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

Thanks to all of our volunteers, we have had a beautiful garden filled with activities for the visiting children this season. Tuesday, November 5 at 9:00 am will be our final meeting for the year. It will be the final clean up day. We hope to see many of you there!

Plastic Pot Recycling Committee

Report as Plastic Pot Recycling

MG and MN opportunity

Chair: Diana Hetherington and Susie Risser

The Weather Outside is Frightful!

Our only joint SCGC - Master Gardener Committee, Pot Recycling has recycled the plastic pot recycling party scheduled for November 6 into a POT Luck! Meet us at 11:30AM at the Extension office. The festivities will be followed by a planning meeting at 1 PM. Please participate...remember, this committee is the reason we have pots for our annual plant sale!

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

Dana Thomas House Garden

Report as Dana Thomas House Garden

MG and MN opportunity

Chairs: Loretta Mabie, pretzelmom63@hotmail.com

Work Party 11/6, Wednesday, at 10:30: winterizing the gardens and decorating urns for the holiday season.

Work Party 11/20, time and location to be determined (depending on weather). Email confirmation of date and time will be sent closer to meeting date.

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

Native Wildflower Committee

Report as Lincoln Memorial Garden, Native Wildflower Garden committee

MG and MN opportunity

Coordinators: Barbara Rogers, mbkrogers@yahoo.com; Brenda Allan

Native Wildflower Garden (NWG) Committee will meet on Wednesday, November 13, at 12:30 pm at the Lincoln Memorial Garden Nature Center to talk about existing projects as well as some new initiatives for next year. Interested Master Gardeners and Master Naturalists are always welcome.

Also, thanks to all MN/MGs who donated bark, cones, shells, flowers, and other natural materials for Fairy House building at Indian Summer Festival. Children built hundreds of houses and completely used up all the materials that we collected.

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

Idea Demonstration Garden

(Illinois State Fairgrounds in front of Building #30)

Report as Idea Garden Committee

MG opportunity

Co-chairs:

The Idea Garden has closed another year of beautifully designed and maintained Garden Ideas at the Illinois State Fair. Idea Garden meetings have concluded 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 9 a.m., Monday, November 11th at the Extension Office for the final meeting of the year. Discussion will include a roundup of 2019 activities and plans for 2020.

Compost Demonstration

(Illinois State Fairgrounds in front of Building #30)

Report as Compost Committee

MG opportunity

Contact: Ann Pictor

The compost committee will join the Plastic Pot Recycling committee for a potluck November 6 at 11:30 am. We will have our Fall meeting at 1 pm after the potluck. Please come to the meeting if you would like to learn more about our committee and our activities.

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.

Knappel 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

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 workshop will be 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.

Horticulture Webinars

Counts as MG or MN continuing education, 1 hour

Report as Horticulture Webinars, specify

University of Illinois Extension's Four Seasons Gardening.

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, 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://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, November 25, at 9 am, at the Logan County Extension office. Jim Struebing will give a presentation on garden weeds.

Introduction to Industrial Hemp

MG education credit (attending this meeting does not imply that a MG volunteer can teach about Hemp production. Jennifer is allowing this to count as credit because several volunteers need education hours)

Report as U of I Extension other

The signing of the Illinois hemp bill has provided opportunities for the cultivation, distribution, and processing of hemp for fiber, grain, and CBD. Learn more about the options available in legal hemp production. This versatile cash crop has the potential to empower small farmers, but is not without its own set of challenges. To help give some perspective and provide information on this new crop, University of Illinois will be hosting an "Introduction to Industrial Hemp" program on Monday, November 25, from 1-4pm. This program will be held at University of Illinois Extension office, 700 S. Airport Drive, Springfield, Illinois. Cost is \$5 per person. Seating is limited therefore pre-registration is required. Register on U of I Extension website at <https://extension.illinois.edu/lms>.

This workshop will discuss grain, fiber, and CBD production and will also focus on the many applications for this new crop. Demonstrations of various production systems and planting methods will be shown while addressing issues faced throughout the growing season. Join Extension Educator, Phillip Alberti as he talks about his experiences with this potential new cash crop for producers in Illinois. Additional topics covered include: Licensing, rules and regulations, end products, and an update on hemp across the state of Illinois. This will also be a great opportunity to network with persons of similar interests and get some of the most up to date information around.

Alberti will be discussing Industrial Hemp and how farmers looking for an alternative crop that takes up a small acreage might consider growing Industrial Hemp as a short term cash crop.

Topics include: types of hemp, production systems, licensing, rules, and regulations, end products; and an update on hemp in Illinois.

Succulent Wreath Workshop, Jacksonville

MG education credit

Report as U of I Extension other

If you have ever wondered how to use succulents in a creative way, this class is for you! Learn about succulents and their care as well as how to create a succulent wreath. You'll also have an opportunity to create your own wreath with a mix of succulents you can enjoy through the holiday season.

This program will take place at the Morgan County Extension Office in Jacksonville (104 N. Westgate Ave.) on Wednesday, November 13 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$20 and includes all materials to create a wreath to take home. Register online at

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=21048>

Springfield Audubon Society

MN education credit

Report as Springfield Audubon Society

Monthly meeting and program on Thursday, November 21, at 7 pm at Adams Wildlife Sanctuary. Program will be Wade Kammin, Wild Birds Unlimited, Winter Feeding and critter control

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

- November 5- Children Garden Committee, 9 am, at zoo (VOL)
- November 6- Dana Thomas house committee work day, 10:30 am, at garden (VOL)
- November 6- Plastic Pot committee, 11:30/ 1pm, Ext office Spfld (VOL)
- November 6- Compost Committee, 11:30/ 1pm, Ext office Spfld (VOL)
- November 11- Perennial garden committee meeting, 9am, Ext office Spfld (VOL)
- November 13- Prairies to Perennials committee, 9 am, Ext office Spfld (VOL)
- November 13- Native Wildflower Garden committee, at 12:30 pm, LMG (EDU)
- November 13- Horticulture Advisory meeting, Noon, Springfield (VOL)
- November 15- What's Next, Project Pictures, 1:30 pm, Ext office Spfld (EDU)
- November 18- Fruits committee meeting, 9:30 am, Ext office Spfld (VOL)
- November 25- Logan County Master Gardener meet, 9 am, Logan Co Ext office (VOL)
- November 25- Introduction to Industrial Hemp, 1 pm, Ext office Spfld (EDU)
- December 3- Gardening for Birds webinar, 1:30 pm, Ext offices Lincoln and Spfld (EDU)

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University of Illinois Extension provides equal opportunities in programs and employment.

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.