

# Sheboygan County Master Gardener



## Message From the President Marty Steinbruecker



## Mark Your Calendar

» UPCOMING EVENTS

**H**ello Gardeners,,,

It is early November as I write this, and I am still picking the last of my lettuce from the garden, enjoying every last bite, as the highs coming up will only be in the mid 30's. I am hoping for a few 50-degree days yet, but that may be wishful thinking. I always have mixed feeling about this time of the year. I will miss all the fresh local garden produce, but do enjoy the break from work as well as the upcoming holidays. I love the lights, decorations, and music, all helping to brighten the shorter days.



### January 2019

**Monday, January 7 – Master Gardener Board Meeting - 6:00 pm**

**Saturday, January 19 - Ray Rogers Program - 9:30-11:00 am**

### February 2019

**Saturday, February 16 - Master Gardener Recognition Meeting - 9:30-11:00 am**

### March 2019

**Monday, March 4 - Master Gardener Board Meeting - 6:00 pm**

**Tuesday, March 12 - Master Gardener Potluck & Project Sign-up - 6:00 pm**

A thank you goes out to Ruth Davis who served as president the last two years. She has done a great job leading our group.

If anyone has any ideas for our organization, please feel free to contact any of the board members or myself. We are always looking for new ways to make our organization stronger, providing education, service, and of course, fun!

I wish everyone a wonderful holiday season.

Marty Steinbruecker  
President, Master Gardener Volunteers  
Sheboygan County



## Ray Rogers to Speak on January 19

**R**ay Rogers will speak on "Bringing Nature Home (for the Birds)." Inspired by a book of the same name, Ray is working on making his home landscape more appealing and nourishing for insects and birds. Ray encourages planting and growing more native plants that support healthy populations of insects and other potential food for nestlings (not just fruiting plants to support adult birds). He will also discuss non-native and invasive plants as they relate to bird populations.



The program will be held on **Saturday morning, January 19, from 9:30 to 11:00** in UWEX Room 5020. It is open to the public.

Ray Rogers formerly taught in the Sustainable Landscape Horticulture course at LTC. He loves daffodils and coleus and has written books on coleus, succulents and cactus, and container gardens.

Also coming up...Rob Zimmer (March 9) will discuss using houseplants in the garden.

## New Master Gardeners...The Class of 2018

**A** big gardener's welcome to the BIG Master Gardener Volunteers Level 1 Class of 2018. We are so glad that you are joining us. And we hope to get to meet you at the Recognition Meeting and the Potluck and Project Signup coming up this winter. These are the first opportunities for the new MGVs to meet the veteran MGVs. It's also a great opportunity to hear about the projects and talk to the project leaders.



In no particular order: Sven Almgren, Joyce Babel-Worth, Ellen Crow-Vodicka, Denise Daley, Carrie Delray, Kathryn DuFour, Beth Friedl, Sue Garski, Mary Jo Holzer, Jenna Krejci, Jeff Ladwig, Carey LeRoy, Terri Lohr, Karen Merlau, Jo Miller, Kari Noll, Michele Nordhagen, John Nugent, Mary Paquette, Lonna Peterson, Leah Rauk, Linda Rauwerdink, Jason Schlegel, Nicki Schumacher, Mary Simmelink, Joann Wieland and Linda Xiong

# Fall Color 101

By Sherry Speth

**H**ave you ever wondered why some years we have beautiful Fall color and other years it's just plain blah? For example, this year was a great year in my yard but last year was disappointing. This year even our normally no-Fall-color Norway maple developed a beautiful golden yellow before leaf drop.

What was the difference between Autumn 2017 and 2018? If you remember, in 2017, we had a protracted warm Fall and Winter came in like a lion when the temperature suddenly dropped. Many of the trees and bushes had not dropped their leaves and no Fall color developed. That extended warm period followed by a sudden cold snap prevented the normal stages the plant goes through to prepare for Winter. As a result, leaves were left on bushes and trees, and very little color developed. Because they did not go through normal shut-down, many of us plant-lovers were worried we would lose some of the more cold sensitive plants. Fortunately, this Spring our trees and bushes leafed out normally.



Color development depends on the plants' genetics and, of course, mother nature. Color will not develop if the plant genetics do not account for it. Likewise, we can't control Fall weather conditions. But there are some things you can do to encourage good Fall color, assuming the weather conditions are cooperating.

First, select colorful cultivars such as; Viburnum dentatum 'red feather'; Witch hazels 'Arnold's Promise'; Itea 'little Henry', Oakleaf hydrangea 'Snow Queen', Japanese maples, Fothergillas 'Mount Airy'. *Dirr's Hardy Trees and Shrubs* lists many more.

Second, don't fertilize after July 4. Late fertilization only encourages growth later into the year, which interferes with color development.

Finally, make sure the plants have adequate moisture in the Fall.

We can't control the weather, but we can create an environment that maximizes color.



## **M**et the Sheboygan County MGV Board of Directors and Officers for the up-coming year.

Three new board members were elected at the annual meeting on September 27, 2018. They are Kimm Merrill, Deb Erickson and Christina Wilke-Burbach. Mark Smith was appointed to fill the position of Ruth Davis who recently resigned from the board.

**A huge thanks to Ruth Davis for her years of service on the board and as President. Thanks also to Debbie Ott (Treasurer for 6 years), Barb Retlich and Niles Klaves for serving and completing terms on the board.**

Board members serve three-year terms and can be re-elected once, serving a maximum of six years. The board reorganizes each year to elect their officers for the up-coming year.

Please reach out to any of the officers and board members with suggestions and/or questions.

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# Tidbits from my Garden Reading

By Sue Mathews

## Create garden-fresh gift-tag, **Fine Gardening, August 2018**

If your Christmas giving includes gifts from the garden, create a gift tag with a picture of the veggies and fruits that went into your salsa, sauce or preserves. Print the photos on card stock for personalized gift tags. My Suggestion: If you didn't think far enough ahead to do this check out popular online seed catalogs for photos of the varieties that went into your gift. Just right-click on a photo, select 'Save Image As' and save it somewhere you can find it when you need to print it out.



fall foliage; fruit is attractive to birds

- Flowering dogwood (*Cornus florida*): Fall fruits are decorative and beloved of birds; red fall foliage
- Staghorn sumac (*Rhus typhina*): Dark red fruits feed bird thru winter. Striking red fall foliage
- Downy serviceberry (*Amelanchier arborea*): Summer fruit attracts bird; bright gold and red leaves in fall
- Eastern redbud (*Cersis canadensis*): bright autumn foliage on some cultivars

## Ask Our Experts, **Wisconsin Gardening, July/August 2018**

The question was: What are some good plant/tree choices to block an unattractive view of neighbor's house.

Holly Muenchow (Breezy Hill Nursery), Lisa Briggs (The Bruce Co Middleton) and Belinda Abendschein (Burlington Garden Center) responded with these suggestions:

- Arborvitae (*Thuja spp.*) will provide year-round screening.

Consider these

varieties:

Emerald

Green

('Smaragd'),

'Holmstrup',

'Techny' and

Dark Green

('Nigra'). Or

DeGroot ('DeGroot's Spire') which at 20 ft tall and 4'5 feet wide is great for narrow spaces.

- Hemlock (*Tsug spp.*) which tolerates shade and has lovely dark green needles
- If you only want privacy in spring and summer there are many options such as arrowwood viburnum, Burkwood viburnum, lilacs, rose of Sharon. Or choose ninebark which has many varieties with striking colorful foliage.
- For a colorful mixed border include Norway spruce or Black Hills spruce in a staggered line with a few red-twig dogwoods and Ivory Halo dogwoods in between to give the border a more natural look and add winter interest.



## Ask Our Experts, **Chicagoland Gardening, January February 2014**

The question was: What is a garden mistake you made in the past, and what did you learn from the experience.

Roy Diblik (Northwind Perennial Farm) responded:

"When folk see me moving plant, weeding and mulching with leaves, I'm not correcting mistakes or laboring; I'm simply gardening. Here are three principles I've learned. First, you appreciate a plant's life and well-being when you come to know it closely. Second, all life on Earth lives in healthy communities. Third, product-driven practices confuse the simplicity of gardening. Not one herbaceous plant on Earth evolved with the yearly application of wood or bagged fertilizers. Leaves are one of the greatest garden products. If perennial gardening is laborious, that's a mistake."

## Trees for Bees, **Horticulture, September/October 2018**

To help ensure that native bees can find food when they need it, include early blooming native trees in your garden scheme.

- Chokeberry (*Prunus virginiana*): Dark red fruit is a favorite of songbirds
- Tulip poplar (*Liriodendrum tulipifera*): Bright yellow in fall; seeds are attractive to birds/squirrels
- Linden (*Tilia americana*): Fragrant flowers; large leaves provide dense shade; bright yellow fall color
- Black tupelo (*Nyssa sylvatica*): Vivid, multi-hued

# A Visit to the Frederik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park

By Sarah Britt

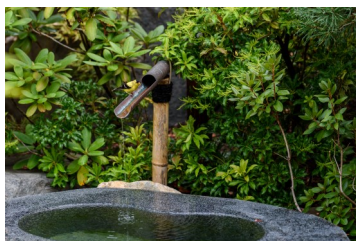


Imagine a colossal bronze horse, revealed as you stroll around a curve of the path. Or an immense silver orb radiating tentacles that

appears as a giant spark on the prairie. They are two of the many surprises waiting to be discovered at the Frederik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park located in Grand Rapids, MI. The garden's long name is rather unwieldy to say, but to omit the "Sculpture Park" portion does not do the garden justice. Granted, there are many beautiful displays of plants and themed gardens, but the sculptures are integral to the experience.

The 158-acre park encompasses several themed gardens, including a woodland shade garden,

children's garden, Michigan farm garden and more. I visited the park in August and spent most of my time in the Japanese Garden. It was designed by Hoichi

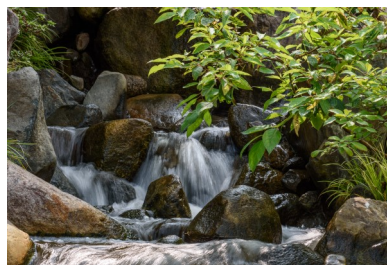


Kurisu, a leading designer of Japanese gardens, and is situated around a small lake with beautiful vistas appearing as I strolled the path. Seven sculptures are integrated into the design which combines boulders, plants and water that are found in traditional Japanese gardens. In August, the

floral display was dominated by different varieties of hydrangeas.

Each season will have its own special charms such as cherry blossoms,

flaming maples and birch. Waterfalls and stonework provide year-round interest. A Japanese Tea House is the site of a traditional Japanese Tea Ceremony prepared by tea masters on a monthly basis.



Besides the outdoor displays, Frederik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park is home to a conservatory with several different rooms featuring desert, tropical and carnivorous plants. An art gallery displays collections on a rotating basis and the Speaker's Series brings in thought-provoking speakers lecturing on divergent topics.

In any season there would be delightful displays indoors and outdoors. I hope my story and photos pique your interest in visiting the park. But don't look for the horse mentioned in the introduction, because I'm not including its picture. You will have to visit and discover that for yourself!

## Project Leaders Needed

Please consider the opportunities below. New Master Gardeners...this is an opportunity to jump into the program feet first. Don't worry... there are veterans who will show you the ropes.

### **Plymouth Plank Road Trail Trailhead – Highway 57**

Sarah Britt will be "retiring" as project leader after many years. Sarah is willing to talk with you regarding the responsibilities for the project. Contact her: [Brittsn92@gmail.com](mailto:Brittsn92@gmail.com)

**Sensory Gardens** – located on Pennsylvania Avenue next to the riverfront, Barb Pence is looking for someone to take over as leader beginning next year. You can contact her for more information 459-7962.

**Education and Program Committee** – Sue Mathews is looking for more members for the committee, with the goal of someone taking over the project leadership in the future. Responsibilities include the quarterly newsletter, and coordinating speakers for events and planning bus trips. Contact Sue if you would like to join the committee... [sukarma2@yahoo.com](mailto:sukarma2@yahoo.com)



# 2019 Landscape & Grounds Maintenance Short Course



## Week 1 - Friday, February 8 - 1:00 pm

### ◆ **Turf Bug Bootcamp: Fundamentals of Turfgrass Insects and Their Management**

White grubs may be king, but we have a number of other turf pests of concern. Review Wisconsin's turfgrass insect pests with emphasis on identification, biology, and management.

*PJ Liesch, Director, Insect Diagnostic Lab, UW-Madison*

### ◆ **Jumping Worms**

We've got all sorts of earth worms in Wisconsin and none of them are native. The discovery of Jumping Worms in 2013, an Asian species, is presenting new challenges. Why is it a big deal?

*Bernie Williams, Conservation Biologist, WI DNR*

## Week 2 - Friday, February 15 - 1:00 pm

### ◆ **The Latest and Greats in Lawns: New Bluegrasses and Organic Weed Control Options**

Learn about research updates from the O.J. Noer Turfgrass Research Facility regarding Kentucky bluegrass (and where to find the new varieties) and how various organic weed control options stack up against conventional weed control.

*Doug Soldat, UW-Extension Soil Specialist*

### ◆ **Managing Natural Areas for Invasive Plants**

Learn about procedures and practices to control invasive plants in natural areas.

*Michael Hansen, Land Manager, UW-Madison Arboretum*

## Week 3 - Friday, February 22 - 1:00 pm

### ◆ **Ten Plant Diseases to Watch for in 2019**

Learn about new and emerging diseases that may make growing and maintaining woody and herbaceous ornamentals a challenge in 2019.

*Brian Hudelson, Director, Plant Disease Diagnostic Clinic, UW-Madison*

### ◆ **Understanding and Managing Turfgrass Diseases**

Common and destructive diseases of home lawns and strategies for their effective management.

*Paul Koch, Turfgrass Specialist, UW-Madison*

## Week 4 - Friday, March 1 - 1:00 pm

### ◆ **New Trends in Herbaceous Plants**

Current trends in herbaceous plants and some of the best plants for a wide range of garden applications. Appropriate plant siting and care will also be discussed.

*Mark Dwyer, Director, Rotary Botanic Gardens*

### ◆ **Tree Planting for Bio-Diversity and Climate Change**

Tree diversity in the wake of EAB and changing climate. Tree planting for the future.

*Laura Jull, UW-Madison Woody Plants Specialist*

### Sheboygan County Master Gardener Volunteers 2019 Landscape & Grounds Maintenance Short Course

Special  
Educational Rate  
For  
Sheboygan  
County Master  
Gardeners Only

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**Registration Requested by January 31 or Call (920) 459-5904.**

**Make checks payable to: Sheboygan County UW-Extension . Course Location: UW-Extension**

<b>Mail to:</b>	_____	\$25.00 (per person all 4 sessions)
Sheboygan County UW-Extension	_____	\$8.00 Week 1
Attn: Tammy	_____	\$8.00 Week 2
5 University Drive	_____	\$8.00 Week 3
Sheboygan, WI 53081	_____	\$8.00 Week 4

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