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# Sheboygan County Master Gardener



## SAVE THE DATES



### The Future of Sheboygan Master Gardeners' Association

By now, you have received an email from Christina Wilke-Burbach, President Sheboygan County Master Gardeners' Association regarding two "Town Hall" meetings for our membership. The purpose of these meetings include:

1. Discuss changes that UW-Madison has made to the state program.
2. How these changes affect our Sheboygan MG group.
3. Where we go from here [we have two options to discuss with you and realize that your input could provide some insight into other options we may not have considered.]

The board strongly encourages each member to attend one of the Town Hall meetings. Your input is essential in defining our future.

#### Town Hall Meetings

**Date:** Wednesday, October 5, 2022

**Times:** 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

**Location:** UW-Green Bay (Sheboygan campus)  
Rooms 5020 & 5022

Refreshments will be served.

#### Annual Meeting

We will present the information gathered at the Town Hall Meetings, answer questions and distribute a ballot for each member to vote on the direction he/she wants to take.

**Date:** Wednesday, October 19, 2022

**Time:** 6:00 p.m.

**Location:** UW-Green Bay (Sheboygan campus) Rooms 5020 & 5022

Refreshments will be served



# Volunteers at the Fair and the Sheboygan County Garden Walk

## Sheboygan County Fair

The MGV booth for the 2022 Sheboygan County fair was set up by Doris Weber and Sally Neuhaus. Our topic for this year's theme and display was succulents along with a table of informational Sheboygan County Extension handouts, brochures, garden questions forms, etc.

Volunteers who manned the booth kept a rough tally of folks who stopped by with an estimate of more than 450 people.

We heard many positive comments regarding our booth, people enjoy talking about gardening and all

of its joys and challenges! Comments and questions covered a huge scope and included succulents, fruit trees and their unique challenges, all things tomatoes, fall cleanup, tar spot, rhubarb, roses, Japanese beetles, overwintering ferns, native plant sources and many, many more.

We had some interest in the Master Gardener class, but overall opinion was not in favor due mainly to the course being only online and the cost.

Our mystery plant, *Craven Brake Fern*, was once again graciously donated by Steve Nowicki of Moraine Gardens and is always a great attraction; Karen Billman of Sheboygan Falls won the plant.



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## Sheboygan Area Garden Walk

The 25<sup>th</sup> Sheboygan Area Garden Walk was held on Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup>. The weather was perfect for our garden visitors. We were happy to feature seven gardens for the tour and all of them were very different and charming. While touring the gardens, visitors were able to ask questions and all the homeowners were able to answer their questions. We were asked to keep the price the same as the previous year:

Adults, \$20.00  
12- to 18-year-olds, \$10.00  
kids under 12, FREE.

This year we were able to give Bookworm Gardens and Maywood Environmental Park each \$3,000. In recognition of our 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Garden Walk, every 25<sup>th</sup> visitor at each garden was given a prize. Each location also had water for purchase, which visitors appreciated.

So, with many positive comments on the choice of gardens, signage, cheerful volunteers, water to purchase and parking situations we will begin planning the 2023 Garden Walk – offering more gardens to tour for the community to enjoy.

We are looking for gardens large or small in the southern part of Sheboygan County for the 2023 tour. If you are interested in having your garden considered for next year's Garden Walk, contact Sally Neuhaus-838-3014 or Karen Merlau -838-1277

## Sheboygan Master Gardener Association Education Opportunities

To maintain your Master Gardener credentials you must complete a minimum of ten hours of education by December 31, 2022. There are many great educational programs available for you to consider.

### UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

*Wisconsin Horticulture – Division of Extension*

#### Webinars for Wisconsin Gardeners

There are several webinars for Wisconsin Gardeners from which to choose. Don't forget to check the Archives for past Webinars that you may have missed. The link for these programs is provided below.

[Webinars for WI Gardeners – Wisconsin Horticulture](#)

### AMERICAN HORTICULTURE SOCIETY (AHS)

#### Gardening Podcasts

Tune in AHS Q&As with Gardening Greats

The AHS digs deep with expert gardening guests in routine podcast conversations, thanks to our corporate member, Corona Tools. **Listen to AHS podcasts, at <https://ahsgardening.org/gardening-resources/gardening-podcasts/>. Or find them on iTunes and Google Play as “Green Industry Leaders Network.”**

To learn more about the resources available through the American Horticulture Society, visit <https://ahsgardening.org/gardening-resources/>

### FREE WEBINARS PRESENTED BY MELINDA MEYERS

To find a listing of Melinda Myers' on-demand webinars visit,

<https://www.melindamyers.com/about-melinda/on-demand-webinars>

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## MEGAN CAIN

*"With a smart start and continuous learning and inspiration, your garden can provide you with hours of joyful pleasure, beautiful and tasteful food, and a deep connection to nature. It can get addictive, in a good way!"*

### How-To Video Series

<https://www.creativevegetablegardener.com/learningcenter/>

### Megan Cain Blog

In addition to her video series, Megan has a blog that has many interesting, educational, and sometimes humorous articles. Visit Megan's Blog <https://www.creativevegetablegardener.com/blog/>

## OUTDOORS WITH ROB ZIMMER

Rob's podcasts cover 'all things' nature! His show covers local plants, animals, insects, weather, birds – and so much more.

To listen to Outdoors with Rob Zimmer visit <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/outdoors-with-rob-zimmer/id1145026243>

If you have an organization or person you like to follow – learn from – please let me know and I'll include it in the next issue.

## Tidbits from my Reading

By Sue Mathews

**N**ow is the Time for Trees: Make an Impact by Planting the Earth's Most Valuable Resource, by Dan Lambe of the Arbor Day Foundation, 2022.

Fall is the season to be planting trees! According to the Arbor Day Foundation: "Planting in the fall gives trees an extra growing season before the stress of summer. The combination of cooler temperatures and fall rain allows trees to establish their roots, making it easier on them to adjust to extreme heat or drought in the summer."

But aside from giving a single tree a good start, now is the time for trees which are urgently needed to make considerable progress in slowing global warming.



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**S**ix Fall Perennials Butterflies Love by Sherri Ribbey. [Garden Gate Online.](#)

If you are noticing a decline in the butterflies, you are seeing your garden as fall comes, you may want to consider adding these nectar rich plants for your garden next fall. Click on the title link for more information.

- Joe Pyeweed
- 'Firework' Goldenrod
- Verbena bonariensis
- 'Sheffield' Garden mum
- Aster, various hybrids
- Tall sedums

**Personal note:** I have '[Hillside Sheffield Pink](#)' in my garden, and it was covered with pale peach blooms well into November last year...attracting mostly honeybees and bumble bees. If anyone would like a piece of it, contact me. It's easy to grow and easy to pull when it gets out of hand. In 2017, I put two small transplants in a 4 ft square raised bed. They grew profusely and by October 29, had filled the bed.



Hillside Sheffield Pink

**A**sters: Splash Color across Your Autumn Garden with these Perennial Beauties. **Garden Gate, September/October 2022**

There are several types of asters, and each type has its own personality, growing best in certain conditions, showing a unique habit, or blooming at a different time. Most blooms are purple, lavender, or white.

**New York aster** (*Symphyotrichum novi-belgii*) Needs regular moisture and humus-rich soil to produce many purple blooms from late summer to early fall. Plants grow to 5 ft tall and may need staking.

**Blue wood aster** (*Symphyotrichum cordifolium*) Native to woodland edges, it is happiest growing in part shade but can do well in full sun. The pale or deep blue flowers have yellow centers and are present from late summer to midfall. Needs regular moisture and 5 ft plants may flop without stakes.

**Tatarian aster** (*Aster tataricus*) Plants have distinctive very long paddle-shaped leaves. Lots of lavender blossoms showing later than other asters and blooming until frost. A vigorous spreader, it grows six feet tall on sturdy, stiff stems that need no support.

**New England aster** (*Symphyotrichum novae-angliae*) One of the most popular and early blooming asters with lots of varieties to choose from. Needs regular moisture and full sun. Pinch in early summer to prevent flopping. 'Alma Potschke' is deep pink/red.

**Smooth aster** (*Symphyotrichum laeve*) This late-blooming 2-4-foot plant is perfect for meadows, naturalized plantings or borders that don't get a lot of water.

**Aromatic aster** (*Symphyotrichum oblongifolium*) The balsam fragrance of this aster is in its leaves, not its flowers. Lavender blooms appear on the 2-3 ft plants in late fall. It's tighter, mounded shape makes it perfect for the front of the border. It is drought tolerant and grows in a range of soils, including clay.