



# Northeastern Wisconsin Master Gardeners

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**May 19, 2023**

## **Message from the President and Past President**

Thank you all for your participation in the NEWMG Plant Sale. The Sale was a great success; we exceeded total 2022 sales on the first day! Volunteer participation was the real reason for success. As you return to your gardens, we wish you a joyful gardening season. Please share on Facebook your garden learnings, issues and success.

## **Did anyone say free plants?**

NEWMGs are welcome to take any leftover plants from the plant sale (mostly tomato plants remain). The free plants are on the pallets, on the north side of the greenhouse.

## **Volunteer opportunities for new projects and Breakfast on the Farm**

Please see Eben's earlier email about opportunities for some new projects. Sign up if interested in any of these opportunities [here](#). Also, please consider helping to staff the NEWMG information table at Breakfast on the Farm, Sunday, June 4. The event is at [3489 Hill Rd, Greenleaf, WI 54126](#). The signup is [here](#).

## **Local vendors offer us discounts and bus tour for NEWMGs!**

*Green Bay Nursery* and *Wery's Blossom Creek*, [3692 Lakeview Drive, Suamico](#), and *Schroeder's Floral* are offering a 10% discount to NEWMGA members. Please show your ID prior to checkout to get this discount and *thank them for the discount*.

**Save the date for the June 16, 7:15 am-6 pm Horticulture Bus Tour!** The \$95 reservation includes tours Sisson's Peony Garden, Vines and Rushes, Jung Seed Company, Kelley's Creamery and Park Ridge Organics, bus transportation, lunch, wine tasting, and an ice cream break. NEWMGs and their friends will receive priority treatment if registered by May 5. Please send your payment check **payable to NEWMG** and mail to Eileen Rueden, PO Box 200, Forest Junction, WI 54123. Contact [Eileen Rueden](#), 920-470-5562, with any questions. *Revised additional information is also attached. Sign up [here](#).*

## **News from the Brown County Seed Library**

The next seed sorting and packing date is Tuesday, June 13, 5:30 pm-7:30 pm, Central Branch, Brown County Library. No RSVP needed. Also, if you would like to volunteer to write for the Seed Saving Library newsletter, contact [Melissa Wass](#).

## **April 21, 2023**

### **President Kate Fix's Message**

Celebrate Earth Day on April 22! The world loves good deed doers and Master Gardeners support environmental protection. Why not walk your neighborhood during the week, April 22-29 and pick up trash remaining in the street from winter's wrath? Mother Earth will welcome our help.

### **2023 Plant Sale**

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We will sell plants grown in our greenhouse and donated plants from members. We are accepting donations of "bare root plants." They may be donated at the STEM Center April 24-May 1. With the concern of jumping worms, remember to wash off all bare plant roots before donating them. There will be a self-serve-repotting table near our greenhouse. Please see the attached handout on jumping worms.

We will also sell gardening books and washed tools and garden ornaments during the Plant Sale.

Please deposit them April 25-May 1 in the tote under the back stairs near the greenhouse.

New benefit and bus tour for NEWMGs!

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Like to write? The Brown County Seed Library seeks a volunteer to write a short article (one or two paragraphs) on Gaillardia—how to grow, when it blooms, and a little history of it. Also, consider sharing a seasonal recipe. And, stay posted for a June seed packing event.

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## Continuing education

### 2023 Bob Mongin Garden Series and NEWMG member meeting

Save April 15, 2023 for the NEWMG Bob Mongin Garden Series (presentation on growing peonies) and NEWMG membership meeting. Share on Facebook by clicking [here](#). To register for the presentation, click [here](#) (walk up registrations are also available; \$10 for Master Gardeners, \$15 for others); if you forgot if you are already registered, contact [Eben](#). After the presentation, there will be a general membership meeting, 11:30 am-1 pm with a taco bar lunch (you may bring a dish to pass), organizational update, and new nametags. *Bring your own tableware for the lunch.*

## Volunteer needs

[STEM Center Family Day](#); April 29, 2023, 9 am-2:30 pm

This is a free event for kids of all ages. UWGB STEM student organizations, Brown County Extension and the Einstein Project are hosting a plethora of other organizations all providing hands-on STEM engagement. Sign up [here](#) to volunteer. For more information, contact Eileen Rueden, 920-470-5562.

## Photographer needed

If you would like to volunteer as a photographer at our events and work sites, please contact [Kate Fix](#).

## Donation needs

We have been granted storage space at the STEM Center. We seek a lockable donated file cabinet, plastic shelving to hold totes, clean totes and shelving, and a dry erase board. Email [Kate Fix](#) if you can help.

**New Leaf Foods** requests donated perennial food plants (such as asparagus, strawberries, rhubarb, fruit bushes [elderberry, raspberries, blackberries] and fruit trees) for the Urban Food Forest program. Contact [Garden Blitz](#), (920) 32B-LITZ.

## March 17, 2023

### Attention! Tree Pruning Schedule Change

The March 18 tree pruning workshop **has been postponed until March 25, 2023, 9:30 am-noon, 526 N Erie St. De Pere**. With the change in date, please confirm or reconfirm your desire to attend **this free workshop for Master Gardeners only** by emailing [jclasson@yahoo.com](mailto:jclasson@yahoo.com). Coffee and snacks will be provided, but please bring your own mug.

### Update from the March 8 NEWMG Board meeting

Draft minutes from the last Board meeting are attached. Note well that we decided to form **an ad hoc committee to explore the establishment of a Master Gardener internship program**. This program would allow people to assist on a project and meet MGs before making a commitment to Master Gardener training. Interested committee members are welcome to a meeting at 5 pm, Monday, March 27, at the STEM Center, Board Conference Room. For more information about the ad hoc committee, contact [Kate Fix](#).

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There will be a meeting for planning the 2023 NEWMG Plant Sale on Tuesday, March 21, 5 pm, STEM Center. **The sale will be held 9 am-5 pm, May 11; 9 am-5 pm, May 12, and 9 am-2 pm, May 13.** For more information, contact [Eileen Rueden](#), 920-470-5562

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### Volunteer needs

The Seed Saving Library seeks volunteers to help pack seeds at the STEM Center, Sat. March 25, 9 am-noon and Sun, March 26, noon-3 pm. There is no need to register as a volunteer. MGs are also invited to be Seed Stewards (seed savers) for the Library; sign up [here](#). Contact [Melissa Wass](#) with questions.

### Spring Fling at Heritage Hill

Sat. April, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. We will share stories of our work in Green Bay and at Heritage Hill's Tank Garden. To volunteer for any amount of time, contact [Peggy Loritz](#).

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## March 3, 2023

### News from Wisconsin Master Gardener Office

Online Reporting System (ORS) is back online. The ORS has a new website link, [ors.wimastergardener.org](https://ors.wimastergardener.org)—please bookmark. Please indicate your preferred name in ORS.

### NEWMGA member meeting

Plan to attend a membership meeting at the STEM Center, Sat. April 15, 11:30 am-1 pm. Taco bar lunch (you may bring a dish to pass), organizational updates, and new name badges!

### 2023 Plant Sale

Save the date for the May 9-11 Plant Sale at the STEM Center. We all seek volunteers to lead informational seminars or construct educational displays. For more information, contact [Eileen Rueden](#), 920-470-5562

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#### Introduction to Installing a Rain Garden

5:00 pm-6:30 pm, Thursday, March 9, 2023, Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary. Sponsored by Green Bay Conservation Corps. Click [here](#) for more information about this free event.

**2023 PDDC Plant Disease Talks**, Brian Hudelson, UW-Madison Plant Pathology. There are 12 free talks sponsored throughout 2023. Click [here](#) for information about each talk (ZOOM) and the series.

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### Can you help supply?

[Chris Reitmeyer](#), a local horticulturist, seeks leads for scion wood for sweet cherry varieties that are cold hardy to this region. Please let him know if you have a connection.

## February 3, 2023

### Continuing education

#### **“PBS Wisconsin Garden & Landscape Expo”**

The Extension office has two one-day passes to the PBS Wisconsin Garden and Landscape Expo. If you are interested contact [Eben](#).

**“Prairie Plants for Urban and Suburban Gardens,”** Neil Diboll, 10 am–Noon, Feb. 18, 2023. Registration is now closed.

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## January 6, 2023

## **Membership news**

### *Where do you shop?*

Our Outreach Committee is polling all members to determine your go to businesses for plants, seeds and gardening equipment and supplies. The hope is for our organization to form partnerships with our favorite businesses that can provide discounts for members' and organizational purchases. Click [here](#) to answer the survey. **Please complete the survey by January 9, 2023.**

### *Reminder to log hours*

Don't forget to log your 2022 community service and continuing education hours into ORS by **Jan. 9, 2023**. Every certified Master Gardener must accrue 24 service hours and 10 continuing education hours in 2022.

## **Continuing education**

### *Green Bay Botanical Garden blog posts*

Our friends at the Green Bay Botanical Garden have highlighted their most popular 2022 blog posts: [Tips for Planting Spring Bulbs in the Fall](#), [7 Edible Plants to Grow in Smaller Living Spaces](#), [Keep It Clean or Not: How to Tidy Up Your Outdoor Spaces & Still Protect Wildlife Habitats](#), [Threats to Monarch Migration](#), [Good Bugs You Need in Your Garden & How to Protect Them](#). Check them out for continued learning!

### **"Plant Diagnostics: The Step-by-Step Approach to Identifying Plant Problems"**

Offered by the University of Wisconsin, Extension Division. Click [here](#) for information about this February 1, 2023-April 30, 2023 online course.

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## **Donation request**

*Toilet paper tubes are needed for a Master Gardener community service project. Please drop tubes at Melissa Wass' house, 3120 Essen Rd, Green Bay (see silver box in front porch).*