

We invite you to join us at a meeting!

We would be happy to have you attend one of our meetings to learn more about our organization!

If you are interested, please mail the form below, email the information or call the office using the contact information below.

We will send you a copy of the latest newsletter with meeting information and how to get involved.

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Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Mail to:
PCMGV – Extension Portage County
1462 Strongs Ave
Stevens Point, WI 54481

Email to:
denise.rocha@wisc.edu

or Call:
(715) 346-1316

Master Gardener training can help you learn. . .

- ◆ how to improve your personal gardening skills and knowledge
- ◆ proper pruning techniques, plant breeding and ways to improve overall plant health
- ◆ about safe use of pesticides and organic or alternative methods of pest management
- ◆ how to protect and improve the world around you, like pollinators or butterflies
- ◆ awareness of soil depletion and water usage
- ◆ planning and landscape design
- ◆ an understanding of food production and safe handling techniques
- ◆ how to recognize and limit the impact of invasive plants and insects such as Emerald Ash Borer and Wild Parsnip
- ◆ ways to discourage and limit wildlife damage to your plants, lawn and property
- ◆ to be a gardening resource to friends and family
- ◆ ways to enhance and improve your community through important volunteer activities
- ◆ or just how to have the nicest lawn on the block



Increase Your Horticulture Knowledge

Master Gardener Information

Becoming a Portage County Master Gardener Volunteer



Portage County Extension Master Gardener Volunteers

WHAT IS A MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEER?

Being a Master Gardener is about becoming a volunteer with Portage County and the University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension to help educate the public about gardening and natural resources. It's not about knowing everything about gardening. It's about learning to ask the right questions and knowing how to look up information from appropriate, research-based resources.



PCMGVs maintain over 15 Portage County public flower beds. You also will find PCMGVs at their annual Plant Sale, Garden Parade, local fairs, the farmers market and other community events. You may also find them writing horticultural articles, delivering youth gardening programs, and helping at Community Gardens.



If you have more questions regarding MGV requirements please contact the Portage County Extension Office at 715-346-1316 or visit our website at www.portage.extension.wisc.edu

INFORMATION ON BECOMING A PORTAGE COUNTY MASTER GARDENER

The next Portage County Master Gardener Level 1 training is scheduled for the end of January 2020.

Prior to the next available training interested persons can join the Master Gardener Volunteers as an Associate member. This allows you to get to know the group, learn from current MGVs, enjoy the activities and see what membership is all about. The yearly dues for an Associate member are \$15.00.

Associate members may attend meetings and seminars and volunteer, however Associates must work with a Certified Master Gardener while volunteering. Neighboring Counties sometimes offer trainings on alternate years. Contact Portage County Extension office for more information at 715-346-1316.

MASTER GARDENER CLASSES

These classes are for individuals who want to increase their knowledge of gardening and horticulture. Class participants become Portage County Extension Master Gardener Volunteers (PCMGVs.)

Classes are taught by guest lecturers that include county agents/educators, state specialists, and current Master Gardener Volunteers and include group discussions and hands-on activities. Classes include lessons on the following:



- ◆ Botany
- ◆ Soils
- ◆ Composting
- ◆ Integrated Pest Management
- ◆ Entomology
- ◆ Plant Pathology
- ◆ Weeds
- ◆ Wildlife
- ◆ Diagnosing Plant Problems
- ◆ General Gardening Practices
- ◆ Herbaceous Ornamentals
- ◆ Woody Ornamentals
- ◆ Lawns
- ◆ Houseplants
- ◆ Edible Plants
- ◆ Vegetables
- ◆ Fruits
- ◆ Landscape Design
- ◆ Organic Gardening
- ◆ Phenology
- ◆ Plant Propagation

University of Wisconsin, United States Department of Agriculture and Wisconsin Counties Cooperating. UW-Madison Division of Extension provides equal opportunities in employment and programming, including Title VI, Title IX and ADA requirements.

Requests for reasonable accommodations for disabilities or limitations should be made prior to the date of the program or activity for which it is needed. Please do so as early as possible prior to the program or activity so that proper arrangements can be made.