

## Wednesday, August 14, 2019 Meeting Notice Prairie Tour at Natives Haven Nursery, 4pm – 7pm

Please join us for the August meeting at a very unique native wildflower nursery in McHenry County called "Natives Haven Nursery." Bill and Terrie Warzecha are the proprietors.

- Natives Haven is a different kind of nursery. Observe native plants available for purchase in a natural setting and in formal beds. Over an acre of land is dedicated to a native wildflower & grass prairie containing 100 different species.
- Groomed paths wind through the nursery, where benches and places to sit allow you to enjoy the sounds of nature the amazing number of butterflies and pollinators. A large pond with a fountain is nestled in between. The tour includes a discussion that takes you on a journey back in time to when Native Americans used plants and wildflowers for food, medicine, clothing, shelter and ceremonies.
- The gardens were showcased by the Wildflower Preservation and Propagation committee in September 2015 and again in September 2018.
- 13809 Durkee Road, Harvard IL 60033
- [www.nativeshaven.com](http://www.nativeshaven.com)
- Bring light snacks to share



### Notes from Nina

**Reporting your Hours:** The Online Reporting System is up and running. The link is <https://wimastergardener.org/report-your-hours/>. Suzanne will be scheduling several training dates to help MG volunteers to log in and record their volunteer and education hours. She is also working to get our Walworth County website updated along with the new Horticultural Educator Julie Hill, and Gonzo. Thanks for your efforts Suzanne!

**Julie Hill Bio:** Our new Horticulture Outreach Specialist for Rock and Walworth Counties received her Master's of Science in Environmental Education from Southern Oregon University – Ashland, OR. She is from East Troy, WI and currently resides in that area with her husband and their son. She has lived in Washington, Oregon, Costa Rica and studied yoga in India to become a certified yoga instructor and teaches in East Troy. By working for UW-Madison Division of Extension, she is looking forward to working with the Master Gardener program and volunteers, supporting garden and nature education in Walworth and Rock counties and bringing university resources to local communities.

### Reminders & Contacts

**Pollinator Tour:** Saturday, July 27, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Hosted by Lake Geneva Conservancy. Join Kathleen Renowden of Delavan Lake for a tour of her pollinator garden in full bloom. Then visit White River County Park for a tour of the prairie restoration. \$10 donation per person, lunch will be available and is an extra charge. Register at [www.genevalakeconservancy.org](http://www.genevalakeconservancy.org). For more details & info go to <https://genevalakeconservancy.org/list-of-events/>

**UW Whitewater Native Prairie & Nature Preserve Tour** Thu, August 1, 6pm – 7pm. Registration & Info found at: <http://www.uww.edu/ce/workshops/personal-enrichment/garden-and-landscape/garden-and-landscape-tours>

**UW Whitewater Campus Core Garden Tours:** Register at: <http://www.uww.edu/ce/workshops/personal-enrichment/garden-and-landscape/garden-and-landscape-tours> Meet at Visitor Lot 7. See listings below for times and tour descriptions:

Thursday, August 8, 6pm – 7:30pm. Tour the West Campus Gardens including the Chopp Arboretum, Campus Memory, Hyer Hall & the Normal School Grounds.

Thursday, August 15, 6:00 – 7:30 pm. Tour the Southeast Campus Gardens (Heide Hall, South Wyman Mall, Hyer Hall, Salisbury Arboretum, Minnieska Springs)

Thursday, August 22, 6:00 – 7:30 pm. Tour the Northeast Campus Gardens (Vegetable garden, Minnieska Springs, Micro Prairie, White Hall)

**The Lake Geneva Farmer Market** began on Thursday May 2. It continues on Thursday's through October 24. If you want to volunteer for the MG info booth, contact Rob Hansen at [doctorrobhansen@gmail.com](mailto:doctorrobhansen@gmail.com)