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JANUARY 2020 BUSINESS MEETING

Please attend our Annual Business and Membership meeting on Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at 6:30 pm at the Horticultural Hall.

- New proposed 2020 budget
- New proposed Bylaws
- Sharing Highlights from your 2019's Volunteer Projects, bring your pictures and/or artifacts!
- New sign-offs



Notes from Nina

- **Soup and Sharing January 8, 2020**—We hope to have good attendance as we will be voting on our proposed budget for 2020, as well as talking about the ORS sign-offs, updating of our bylaws and last year's volunteer projects. I thought our potluck could feature some warm soups, chili with rolls or bread. Of course a plate of cookies/brownies would be a welcome addition too. Arrive at 5:45pm to help set up tables and chairs. It is much appreciated and earns you volunteer time! In case of inclement weather, please check your emails for any cancellations.
- **Project Sharing** —Please bring along any photos of your Volunteer Project from 2019. Be prepared to share with the group a brief recap of it. We will have a table set aside for any photos or artifacts
- **NEW "Conditions of Volunteer Service" agreement sign-offs** —Beginning this December, when Master Gardener volunteers log into the online reporting system (ORS), they will notice a new default screen/page. In order to move forward into the system, volunteers will need to review and respond to new Conditions of Volunteer Service. This will then be an annual requirement. Volunteers will need to agree to:
 - Assumptions of Risk
 - Consent for Emergency Treatment
 - Insurance Coverage/Risk Management
 - Volunteer Behavior Expectations
 - Recorded Media (optional)

Once you agree (by clicking yes) to the terms and conditions, you will be able to log in. Volunteers must be up to date with their Criminal Background Check and have completed the Mandatory Reporter training. Volunteers will be unable to report hours until all conditions are met. Sherry Mathews will have a laptop available at the January meeting to assist any members with the Volunteer Agreements. Please bring your user ID and password if you would like Sherry to help you.

Reminders & Contacts

- **WCMGVA Calendar Contact Change:** Previously, if you wanted to have something put on the WCMGVA calendar you would notify Sherry Mathews. That task has now been transferred to Julie Hill. Please contact Julie Hill, Horticulture Outreach Specialist at 262-741-4958 or julie.hill@wisc.edu to have events added to the calendar.
- **Gardening Workshops** There will be 3 workshops presented by Mark Dwyer in January & February. The fee is \$25.00 per workshop or \$60 for all three. They all will be held at the UW-Whitewater- Rock County-Hyatt Smith Hall, 2909 Kellogg Avenue, Janesville, WI 53546 and run from 8:30am - 12:00pm.
 - January 18th topics include: Gardening as We Age , The Sensory Garden and Container Gardening.
 - The February 1st topics include: New Annuals, New Perennials, New Trees and Shrubs.
 - The February 15th topics include: Basics of Landscape Design, Combining Plants for Color, Texture Considering Landscape Maintenance.
 - For more information contact: Molly Cook at cookmj24@uww.edu , or call her at (608) 758-6549. Registration required, click this link for more information: tinyurl.com/uwwgarden
 - Each workshop is worth 3 Master Gardener CE hours.