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Wednesday, December 11, 2019 Meeting Notice

Make a Holiday Centerpiece at our Meeting

For the December meeting we welcome Jerry from Wishing Well Florist in Elkhorn to demonstrate how to design a centerpiece for the Holiday. The Holiday Pot Luck will be at our normal time 6:30pm (come at 5:45pm to help set up tables and chairs and earn volunteer time!) Centerpiece assembly will begin about 7pm. Even if you don't want to make an arrangement, please come for some camaraderie and Holiday Cheer!!

- Cost \$15 for Walworth County MG members in good standing
- Invite a friend! Guest price is \$20
- Wishing Well will supply the base, greens, holly, carnations, roses and ribbons
- Bring your own ornaments, sticks, or anything else that you would like to include in the arrangement
- Bring your own gloves & clippers
- Fill out the form and send to the WCMGV address on the form to reserve your spot(s)
- Reservations & payments due November 28th

Notes from Nina

I hope you enjoyed the recognition dinner at the Duck Inn this month. We had a great turn out. Julie Hill compiled a PowerPoint of the highlights over the past year. It is amazing to see the contribution of volunteer hours from our Walworth County Master Gardeners. In case you missed it, we provided 3,527 hours! Congratulations to those Master Gardeners who earned State milestone hours and made significant contributions to our group this summer.

- Here is a link to the November newsletter from the Wisconsin Master Gardener Association or WIMGA https://7810056e-b353-46b8-89ff-32dacc5c7954.filesusr.com/ugd/2dfa63_355292fdfff54329ad704af6fc676d30.pdf It is interesting to see what is happening from around our state.
- With our gardens tucked away for the season, now is a good time to focus on indoor learning. Look for various educational opportunities to earn those hours this winter.
- Level I Training will begin in February. You can attend a class and earn hours that way. Just a reminder that 10 continuing education and 24 volunteer hours are the requirement each year.
- Please share with us if you see something worth posting to the group.
- Check the calendar on the WCMG page for opportunities or meetings.
- The board is looking for a member or two to help update our organization bylaws. The structure is in place but needs some tweaking. It would require meeting 2 or 3 times when/where convenient with a board member to finalize changes and then we would bring it to the membership for discussion and approval. If you are interested email or call Nina at nruskey16@gmail.com /262-745-1351. You can use this as volunteer hours, too.
- Looking ahead we will be back at Horticultural Hall December 11th for a holiday centerpiece class and potluck.
- January 8th, we plan to have a Soup and Sharing night at Horticultural Hall. Bring pictures and posters of your volunteer project that night.

Happy Holidays!
Nina Ruskey



Reminders

MGV Level 1 Training Sessions - The University of Wisconsin-Madison, Division of Extension of Walworth and Rock Counties is still accepting applications for the Level I Training. Spread the word about the upcoming information session. Attending an informational orientation session in-person is required. There is one on Thursday, December 5th at the Walworth County Gov't Building, 100 W. Walworth Street, Elkhorn (same building as the Extension Office). It is from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm in Room 214. Those wishing to take Level 1 training should contact Julie Hill, Horticulture Outreach Specialist at 262-741-4958 or julie.hill@wisc.edu .