

Extension UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON WALWORTH COUNTY



Wed, March 11, 6:00pm - 7:30pm The SouthEast Wisconsin Master Gardeners will present Lifelong Gardening Free and open to the public.

Please join us at Horticultural Hall for a presentation given by the SouthEast Wisconsin Master Gardeners. This is a very popular presentation and everyone who sees it says really good things about it! You won't want to miss it. *Please note the earlier time. Also, there will be no pot luck this month. Set up is at 5:30 pm.*

- Their mission is to educate the public on principles and methods that enable gardeners to enjoy gardening throughout their lifetime.
- How adaptive tools can make gardening as we age easier, safer and more convenient.
- Education is designed to teach:
- (1) How to modify the garden accessibility and plant selection.
- (2) How to modify the gardener techniques and tools.
- Feel Free to invite your family and friends, there is no charge and it is open to the public

Notes from Nina

♣ On Saturday February 1st, I had the opportunity to award our \$1,000 Scholarship to a Gateway Technical College student in Kenosha. Our recipient was Regina Harder who is a student studying Horticulture Greenhouse and Marketing. There were over 256 Scholarships awarded that day amounting to over \$210,000. These Scholarships make a difference for many students who face financial challenges. They make education accessible and affordable. I felt proud that we were part of their success story. I hope that with our fundraising projects this year; we can increase our Scholarship amounts to provide even more in the future. Gateway Technical College began in 1911 as America's first publicly funded technical college, preparing students to achieve their academic and professional goals. They serve students in Kenosha, Racine and Walworth County and have over 9 locations.

• Thank you to Sherry Mathews who is organizing a spring raffle with a variety of local prizes. Raffle tickets and prize information will be available at the March 11th program and various other events this spring.

• Joann Hollander is looking for a volunteer or two to take over her project of planting and maintaining the "flower boxes" at the Horticultural Hall. Email Nina Ruskey at <u>nruskey16@gmail.com</u> if interested.

Join us for an informative and entertaining program, Lifelong Gardening, on Wednesday, March 11th 6:00 pm at the Horticultural Hall.

• We have sent out an email with the Master Gardener apparel order form. Orders and money need to be in by March 11th. For your convenience, I've attached order blank and information to this meeting notice.

Reminders

♣Volunteer Work day at Kishwauketoe Nature Conservancy, first 3 Saturdays in March. March 7, 14 & 21, 8:30am – 11:30am. 251 Elkhorn Rd, Williams Bay. Meet by the Arboretum off of Harris Road and/or follow the Volunteer Workday signs posted.

♣4th Annual Seed Swap Sat, March 7, 9am – 12pm Michael Fields Agricultural Institute, N8030 Townline Rd, East Troy, WI. Join us for this free, family friendly event! There will be a kids coloring corner this year. No registration required. Questions contact Allison: apszeliga@michaelfields.org or 262-642-3303 ext 107

♣Please also note the Gardening Workshops with Mark Dwyer throughout the month of March. Consult the WCMGA calendar for dates and times. These count as continuing education hours (CU's). Registration is required.

♣Price Park Spring Workday Sat March 28, 9am – 12pm. N6418 Hodunk Rd, Elkhorn, WI. Followed by a complementary lunch. All skill levels welcome. RSVP to Colleen Lesniak, 262-741-4223 or info@kmlandtrust.org so they can have enough lunch, water and supplies.