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February Meeting Agenda

NOTE: LATER DATE DUE TO ELECTION!!

Tuesday, February 12, 7:00 p.m.

Hinckley-Finlayson High School, Room #147, Hinckley, MN

Schedule:

6:00 p.m. Horticulture Day Committee meets

7:00 p.m. "Vegetables for Everyone"
by Barb Videen

Refreshments—Charles Mans

Introduce Yourself—Kevin Stephenson

8:00 p.m. Business Items:

- Revised Bylaws approval
- Education Committee plans and requests—Lauren Meister
- Horticulture Day Committee plans and sign-up—Kim Metz
- Document Storage and Organization update—Kim Metz
- Hinckley Community Garden needs—Barb Fischer
- Other New Business
- Show and Tell

Next Meeting:

- * Tuesday, March 5, 2019
- * Hinckley-Finlayson High School, Room 147, Hinckley
- * 7:00 p.m.
- * Program: "Container Gardening" - Kevin and Nancy Stephenson
- * Committee meetings: 6:00 p.m.—Horticulture Day, Junior Master Gardener, Newspaper Column.



Education Committee Meeting postponed

Due to the cold temperatures and wind-chill on January 29th, the Education Committee meeting has been rescheduled to MONDAY, February 4th at 4 p.m. at the Courthouse Board Room. Bring your ideas for educational activities, community education classes and other workshops that we can plan and hold in 2019.



Horticulture Day Committee to meet February 12

SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY, APRIL 6 for the 17th Annual Pine County Master Gardener Horticulture Day at Pine City High School. Stan Tekiela, Nature photographer and author will be the keynote speaker on *Backyard Birds*.

We will set up on Friday, April 5 from 4:00 to 7:30 p.m.

The **planning committee** will meet prior to our Tuesday, February 12 meeting at 6:00 p.m. at Hinckley-Finlayson High School Room #147. Committee chairs should try to be at this meeting. Bring your ideas for exhibitors. Contact chair Kim Metz to sign up for a committee. We need a committee chair for the Ask a Master Gardener table.



At our February meeting, a sign-up sheet will be passed around on which you can sign-up for a subcommittee. We will have flyers for you to distribute in your community.

Revised Bylaws approval

The Leadership Team, at their December 21 meeting, decided that in 2019 we will not have a monthly meeting in November. This will mean that we will elect officers at our October meeting in years when two-year terms are up. We have revised the bylaws with these changes. We need to vote on these changes at our February meeting.

Hats off to you Master Gardeners—you make a difference

Thirty-Two University of Minnesota Extension Pine County Master Gardeners were honored at our Awards Night and Dinner at the Audubon Center of the North Woods on January 21. All together Pine County Master Gardeners volunteered 2,629 hours and put in 428 education hours in 2018. CONGRATULATIONS!!



Barb Videen, Pine City was recognized for her 1,000 hours of volunteer service. Lyn Johnson, Pine City and Ann Mlaskoch, Willow River were recognized for 15 years of service. Paul Johnson, Pine City was recognized for his 10 years of service. Tara Johnson, Cambridge received her master gardener certification certificate and badge for completing the 50-hour master gardener core course last winter and volunteering over 50 hours of service.

We were treated to an excellent informative and passionate program on “Bringing Back the Purple Martin” by Daryl Lindstrom, Pine City.



Master Gardeners rocked in 2018!

Here are some of the accomplishments that we had in 2018. They were included in our Annual Report that was sent to the State Master Gardener Office in January. *163 non-master gardeners attended our 16th Annual Pine County Horticulture Day; *Three master gardeners met twice a week for 10 weeks with 18 Pine City Summer Food and Fun youth to teach them gardening and cooking skills; *Five Community Education classes were presented at East Central and Pine City on vegetables, buckthorn and pickling; *A Pine City Community Garden Improvement project committee visited seven community and school gardens in five neighboring communities. They received two grants and are applying for more; *We are helping with renovating the Hinckley Elementary School Garden; *”Ask a Master Gardener” booths were held on 16 Fridays at the Pine City Farmers’ Market; 98 people took “Bee Friendly Lawn” survey, 77 completed them and 51 youth built bee stick houses at a very successful Pine County Fair Booth on “Pollinators”; *Three “Coffee with a Master Gardeners” sessions were held at the Sandstone Library; *10 Yard & Garden Thymes Newspaper columns were printed; *The plant sale made a record for sales; *185 liked our Facebook page.

Community Garden update

The Pine City Community Garden is a frozen construction site. Thanks to Kim Metz’s efforts we have received two grants totaling almost \$3,000. We have applied for one more and will apply for two more. The city has assured us that that community garden will be ready by April 15. We will need help this spring to get the garden up and running.



Welcome to our 2019 Officers and Leadership Team

Congratulations and thank you to our officers and leadership team for 2019. They are Kevin Stephenson, President; Barbara Fischer, Vice President; Kim Metz, Secretary; and Tom Rolf, Treasurer; Kara Nelson, Past President; Kari Holmberg, Extension Committee member. Members-at-Large include: Jennifer Eaves; Carol Evans; Nancy Stephenson; Barbara Videen; Jon Hjelm and Coordinator, Terry Salmela.

Check out our 2019 blue planner book

Check out our all new blue 2019 Pine County Master Gardener Planner. It lists our goals for 2019, Leadership Team members, Member information, Committees, Instructions for reporting volunteer and education hours, Monthly meeting schedule and Areas of Interest. Use it each month to write down your volunteer and educational training hours. In that way, you will not forget all the great things that you do during the year when it is time to enter them online.



Charles Mans invites us to dinner—Tuesday, February 12

Charles Mans hosts a dinner at his church the second Tuesday of the month. In February, it falls on the same night as our rescheduled monthly meeting. So, if you would like a supper (for a free will donation) prior to our meeting in Hinckley, here are the details.



BBQ Pork Loin Supper

Tuesday, February 12, 5-6:00 p.m.

First Lutheran Church, 301 Lawler Avenue S, Hinckley

(2-3 blocks south of the west side of Hinckley-Finlayson High School)

Menu: BBQ Roasted Pork Loin, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Vegetable, Dessert, Beverages



A great resource: Yard and Garden News

As volunteering (and gardening) kicks into gear, you are reminded to read the Yard and Garden News online for current issues, concerns and solutions. Written by the educators, Y&G News provides information on timely topics that are helpful to YOU when you are helping others! Yard and Garden News: <https://blog-yard-garden-news.extension.umn.edu/>.

Register for the 2019 Seed Trial!

Want to be a part of this year's seed trial? As a participant, you'll receive seeds in early spring for planting, collect data throughout the growing season and submit results online in mid-October.

Registration is open through Feb. 28. The participation fee is \$15. You must be able to submit data online at the end of the trials. Questions? Send an email to mgseedtrials@umn.edu.

--Seed Trial Team



Welcome new interns for 2019

.We welcome our three new 2019 Master Gardener interns who are now taking the Master Gardener Core Course online. We also thank the following master gardeners for serving as their mentors. They are Anita Flansburg, Hinckley whose mentor is Sally Brewster; Karen Janse, Pine City whose mentor is Kim Metz; and Cassidy Roberts, Rush City whose mentor is Lauren Meister.

Please introduce yourself and make them feel welcome.



Educational Opportunities

REMINDER: 2019 Core Course

Would you like to take the 2019 Core Course and refresh your horticulture knowledge? Send an email to mgweb@umn.edu to get online access. Or drop in at the Arboretum on Friday or Saturday through February 9. There is no fee for active master gardener volunteers.

Schoolyard Gardens Conference

Friday, March 1, 2019 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Minnesota Landscape Arboretum | Chaska, MN

\$70 Arboretum Members & Conference Affiliates

\$80 General Registration

Fee includes Arboretum admission, lunch & coffee break

Certificates of Attendance are available!

Garden-to-Plate Food Conference

Saturday, March 2, 2019 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Minnesota Landscape Arboretum | Chaska, MN

\$70 Arboretum Members & Conference Affiliates

\$80 General Registration

Fee includes Arboretum admission, lunch & coffee break

Certificates of Attendance are available!



Learn at the Arboretum

BRAND NEW classes just posted for **Spring/Summer!** Boost your botanical acumen amidst the lovely surroundings of the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. BONUS! Master Gardeners may take advantage of the discounted "member" rate! Simply select "Member" at the registration screen or call 612-301-1210.

Browse classes by category:

[Gardening - General](#)

[Edible Gardening](#)

[Landscaping Design](#)

[Science of Plant Propagation](#)

[Pollinators](#)

[Pruning Essentials](#)

Extension Master Gardener State Conference

Save the dates of Friday, June 28 and Saturday, June 29 for the State Master Gardener Conference at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. Keynote speakers will be [Ken Druse](#) on Friday and [Dr. Michael Engel](#) on Saturday.



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Podcasts, webinars and events

Listen to the audio podcast [“What’s Killing My Kale?”](#) brought to you by Extension Educators **Annie Klodd** and **Natalie Hoidal**. Learn how to manage weeds, insects, and diseases.

Join in for the free 2019 [Field to Fork Webinar Series](#) hosted by North Dakota State University Extension starting in Feb. 2019. Experts will provide information about growing, processing and serving specialty-crop fruits and vegetables safely.

The [Wild Ones 2019 Design with Nature Conference](#) is on Saturday, Feb. 16, 9:00 am to 4:30 pm, at the University of St. Thomas, St. Paul.

QUICK REFERENCE for Program Resources

Core Course webpage: canvas.umn.edu. Use your University Guest Account to login to the Core Course webpage. Here you will find all the information you need to take this course, such as quizzes and videos. Email cmarsden@umn.edu for questions related to the Horticulture Core Course.

Master Gardener Volunteer webpage: z.umn.edu/mgweb. This is where you will find all the information you will need for being a volunteer, including the Volunteer Database for logging hours, links for learning opportunities, ordering promotional apparel, and more.

MASTGAR listserv: Use this listserv to share horticulture knowledge with fellow Master Gardeners to find answers to horticulture questions. Subscribe on your database profile page. Subscription is optional. Post to the listserv by addressing the email to: MASTGAR@lists.umn.edu.

Master Gardener Volunteer News: blog-mg-volunteer-news.extension.umn.edu. Volunteers are automatically subscribed to this monthly e-newsletter. **To stay up to date on current program offerings and policy information, it is imperative that volunteers read the state program communications.** All newsletters are posted online at z.umn.edu/mgweb

Master Gardener Volunteer Manual: sites.google.com/umn.edu/mgweb/policies-and-procedures. Read the Master Gardener Volunteer program's policies and procedures. All interns receive a printed copy; the manual is also posted online at z.umn.edu/mgweb

Horticulture Information

UMN Yard and Garden resources: extension.umn.edu/yard-and-garden. Use this site to find information on a variety of horticultural topics from the University of Minnesota.

UMN Yard and Garden News: blog-yard-garden-news.extension.umn.edu. Receive up to date information from Horticulture Extension Educators through the Yard and Garden News blog.

UMN Diagnostic tools: apps.extension.umn.edu/garden/diagnose/. Diagnose plant problems using the University of Minnesota Extension Diagnostic Tools such as What’s wrong with my plant? Is this plant a weed?, and What insect is this?



November Monthly Meeting Minutes

Carol Evans gave a presentation on Roses.

Leadership Team update, 2019 goals, schedule, committee sign-up and needs

Leadership team met in October, began planning for 2019. Need more presenters and treats. No response from Green World for July. Lyn cannot commit to presenting or mini-presenting; Carol may commit to hosting for July. Sign-up sheets were passed around.

Horticulture Day Committee

Saturday, April 6, 2019

Speakers: Keynote Stan Tekiela - Backyard Birds; Jackie Froemming - Hostas, Annie Klodd - Stone Fruit Trees or Vegies; Jennifer Knutson - Flowering Shrubs; Need one more.

Keeping format and pricing the same.

Recap of buckthorn class

Around 13 attendees at EC High School; 34 in Pine City.

Regional "Vegetables for Everyone" Training

3 variations on Vegetable: Introduction, Advanced, Container. Opportunity to present to MG's and for Community Ed classes.

PICK'M

Well run event; around 40 attended

Election of Officers for 2019-2020

Kevin Stephenson - President

Barbara Fischer - Vice President

Tom Rolf - Treasurer for Life

Kim Metz - Secretary

Vote was unanimous.

Terry urged us to report hours by December 15 & Read the Master Gardener Volunteer News!

Children's Garden in Residence and Food Preservation Training

Another training opportunity - see newsletter.

*Mini presentation—Tom Rolf - Air plants