

MAMGA Newsletter

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A Scene from Gleam at Olbrich Gardens 2022

Photo by Lisa Seidman

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President's Column

by Ed Meachen

I'm writing this on October 27th. We had a really good frost out at our place this morning. It wiped out the rest of the zinnias, the rest of the hostas, and most everything else. The mums abide! The report from the vegetable garden is good for the Brussels sprouts and carrots ready to dig...but nothing else. It's a great time of the year. No more canning, no more freezing, no more mowing (!!!), no more apple picking. I love fall cleanup. Looks like more good days in the 60's coming up to work outside. I'm sure like you, we have plenty to do

outside, and work outside is like the perfect tonic against dark nights, depression and worries. Thanks to all of you who have renewed your membership. We've had good numbers in October, but we still have a long way to go to complete our member renewals. Also, thank you to everyone who came out to our tiny orchard and took away some apples. We have no more programs for 2022, but we do have Green Thumb Tuesdays to get together and talk about fall gardens and winter trips.

November's Green Thumb luncheon will be at 12:30 at Breakwater restaurant where Bridge Road crosses the Yahara in Monona. The address is 6308 Metropolitan Lane, Monona, just off Bridge Rd as it crosses the Yahara River. We will have our own room, so ask for the Master Gardeners' room. I hope everyone has a great winter!

If you have any interest whatever in serving on the board, please contact me at willismeachen@gmail.com and I will talk to you about what's involved in serving on the board.

Calendar Events

November is a great month to renew your MAMGA membership. Do it now while you are thinking about it and avoid feelings of guilt and extra postage and effort that are needed to remind people in December & January.

November 1 Tuesday 12:30 – 2pm Green Thumb Tuesday moves to the Breakwater Restaurant, 6308 Metropolitan Lane, Monona, just off Bridge Road. We have a separate room for our group.

November 1 Tuesday marks the opening of the MAMGA grant application period which will close on March 1, 2023. See pages 3 – 5 for more information. The [MAMGA website](#) has the grant application information.

November 7 Monday 3 – 4:30pm MAMGA Board Meeting First floor meeting room, 5201 Fen Oak Court, Madison. Anyone interested in joining the Board is encouraged to attend and see what is involved.

December 31 is an Important Deadline (if you want to maintain your MGV certification! Remember that MGVs need to report their volunteer (24 hrs) and continuing education hours (10) on the online reporting system before December 31 to keep MGV certification current. There will be no assistance available on that day (Saturday), so take the plunge and get your hours entered before that. Remember that you can be a member of MAMGA regardless of your MGV certification status.

[Mosaicultures Exhibit in Quebec](#) by Mary Collet

Photos and text are available on the MAMGA website posted above.

Greenhouse Project Nears Completion by Karen Allenstein



Significant progress has been made on the greenhouse project! Plumbing, gas and electric lines that run from the Extension building to the greenhouse have been laid and concrete piers to support the structure are installed. The next step is final grading of the site before the greenhouse structure will be built. Once the structure is built, the fans, heater and vents will be installed. The two storage sheds currently located in the parking lot will be moved to their new locations soon after the greenhouse is installed. For current updates on progress of the project during November, visit the Teaching Garden facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/uwexteachinggarden/>.

We started planning for the greenhouse in 2018 and are thrilled to be able to begin seed starting in a proper environment next year!

Fall Green Thumb Classes have Started

If you or someone you know is looking for any gardening classes this fall, Lisa Johnson's Green Thumb Gardening series will continue through December 8.

Register at <https://dane.extension.wisc.edu/horticulture/fall2022series/> for any of the following classes:

Tues Nov 1 6-8 pm Planning/Techniques for the Organic Vegetable Garden (Claire Strader)
 Thurs November 3 6-8 pm Weed ID and Management (Lisa Johnson)
 Mon Nov 7 6-8 pm Vegetable Garden Crop Management, Pests and Diseases (Lisa Johnson)
 Thurs Nov 10 6-8 pm Tree Fruits (Lisa Johnson)
 Mon Nov 14 6-8 pm Wildlife in the Garden (David Drake)
 Thurs November 17 Invasive Plant ID and Management (Lisa Johnson)
 Mon Nov 21 6-8 pm Intro to Growing Berries (Lisa Johnson)
 Mon Nov 28 6-8 pm Perennials (Lisa Johnson)
 Mon Dec 5 6-8 pm Annuals (Lisa Johnson)
 Thurs December 8 Native Plants and Pollinators (Lisa Johnson)

Applications for MAMGA's Gardening and Horticulture Grants are now being accepted for 2023. **The grant application period begins November 1, 2022 and closes March 1, 2023.**

The purpose of these grants is to help support school garden and public or nonprofit community gardening projects located within the Dane County area. The project must be sponsored by a MAMGA Master Gardener. Grants cannot be used to benefit individual home gardens or private businesses.

MAMGA grant applicants must complete the following sections and include each heading as listed in bold. Individual grant applications may request up to \$500. Grant funds may be used for seeds, plants, fertilizer, mulch, tools, garden infrastructure, and information and education of students and the community; funds may not be used for paid labor.

For information on the UW Extension's Master Gardener Training and Certification program, see <https://mastergardener.extension.wisc.edu/>; for information about MAMGA, see <https://www.mamgawi.org/>

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1. Title of project:

2. Name of MAMGA Master Gardener applying for grant: Provide name, phone number and email address for MAMGA member who will sponsor and oversee the project through completion. Students currently enrolled in Master Gardener training are not eligible to apply but are encouraged to assist with a gardening project. If need be, MAMGA can provide a sponsor.

3. Contact person: Contact information for primary person(s) working with MAMGA sponsor. Include name, address, phone number and e-mail address.

4. Location of project: Provide name of school or community garden, street address, and phone number.

5. Nonprofit organization: Include a contact person's name and the exact name and address of the nonprofit organization (or school) they are representing, so that a check can be mailed directly to that organization. The nonprofit issues reimbursements to individuals for grant expenditures.

6. Description of the project:

Describe in detail what will be accomplished by the project and how grant funds will be used.

Provide an overall goal and individual steps for achieving the goal. Detail each step and provide a schedule for each to show how they will be accomplished. Include the anticipated project completion date.

Provide a list of all persons, including volunteers, participating in the project and describe their responsibilities.

7. Community benefit: How and who will this project benefit in the community? Name several indicators that will demonstrate that the benefits have been achieved.

8. Education: How will this project increase individual and community knowledge about gardening/horticulture and promote the exchange of gardening-related ideas and information? Describe specific activities as applicable.

9. Community Participation: Collaboration with other groups is encouraged to maximize project effectiveness. Describe the other organizations involved in the project, including schools, youth, neighborhoods and businesses. What will they contribute in funds, time and materials? Note that there are sources of free seeds, seedlings and other materials in the Dane County area that might be incorporated into the project.

10. Budget: Applicants must follow the format of the Budget Sheet available on the [MAMGA website](#) and shown below in a shortened version for informational purposes only. The budget must be realistic and well conceived. Budget information must be detailed to support the goals identified in the application. **Successful applicants must keep receipts for one year after project completion.** Funds not accounted for must be returned to MAMGA.

Applications should be about two pages, double-spaced (not including the budget sheet). This is a competitive grant process, so not all projects submitted for consideration will be funded; some may be partially funded. Each application will be reviewed and scored for completeness and likelihood of success. Applications meeting the scoring criteria will be given priority for funding.

All applications must be submitted by March 1, 2023. No late applications will be accepted. Grant applicants will be notified on or about March 15, 2023. **Applications should be emailed, with “MAMGA GRANT 2023” in the subject line, to Mary Collet at mpcollet@sbcglobal.net.** An email will be sent to successful applicants. The check will be mailed to the nonprofit organization identified in the grant. Successful grant projects will be announced on the MAMGA website.

A MAMGA representative will schedule a visit to the site when the project is underway. Grantees will be supplied with a sign indicating MAMGA sponsorship, which is to be posted at the project site.

Projects and a final report must be completed by October 1, 2023. The grant applicant should email a final report to the MAMGA grant coordinator, Mary Collet, documenting how the goals were met (or not met where issues arose) along with the actual budget expenditures. If issues arise with meeting grant goals, please notify the MAMGA project sponsor and the grant coordinator so they can help to determine how to move forward. We look forward to a successful grant process.

Mary Collet, MAMGA Community Services Grant Coordinator, mpcollet@sbcglobal.net

Grant Budget Sheet

Anticipated Expenditures

Identify materials, approximate quantity and approximate cost per item, and total.

1. _____ \$ _____ Total \$ _____

2. _____ \$ _____ Total \$ _____

3. _____ \$ _____ Total \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Income

Sources other than MAMGA for funding and donations:

1. _____ Amount \$ _____

2. _____ Amount \$ _____

3. _____ Amount \$ _____

4. _____ Amount \$ _____

Thank you for your participation!

Volunteer (V) Opportunities are listed on the MAMGA website under [Resources](#). MAMGA lists that information as a courtesy to our local organizations, businesses & employers. Feel free to pass this information to anyone who might be interested.

(V) Two projects at the Fitchburg Public Library located at 5530 Lacy Road.

(1) Develop & maintain a raised bed pollinator garden on the library's south facing patio.

Two library staff have gardening experience but we need help assessing the soil condition and determining the best plants for this bed. This planter has sun exposure all day long and direct water access.

(2) Collaborate with a master gardener to develop children's programming related to the pollinator garden.

Please contact: Outreach Librarian Minda Maurer at minda.maurer@fitchburgwi.gov or (608) 729-1791 for more information.