

Earth News

2000

Favorite Garden Tools

by Good Earth News Editors

Here's a new feature for Master Gardeners: Please share your favorite garden tool with others through the Good Earth News. Tell us why you like the tool and attach a photo. The deadline for the next issue is April 1. Forward your article to Sandy Manning (SandyManning@gmail.com) and Janet Wintersberger (jhw53045@gmail.com)

My favorite garden tool(s) are elevated planter beds near my patio doors. One was not enough so I now have two located side-byside. One bed is planted with bright pink and white geraniums fronted by verbena. It's a nod to my mom's favorite plant and the window

boxes I planted for her each Mother's Day. The second elevated bed had been filled with veggies planted and grown by the kids next door. Because they have moved, it will become a cut flower garden!

I love the furniture-look of the elevated beds, the ease of gardening, their beauty and enjoyment that's within my view. About \$150 through Amazon.



Southeast Wisconsin MGVs spreading the word
Recently, we've had a presence at the Realtors Home and Garden Show
and given presentations there; MGVs have been speaking at local
libraries and private groups; one enterprising MGV (Natalie Lester) has
launched a "Seed Library" at the Brookfield Public Library and on April 13,
we'll be at Boerner Botanical Gardens to introduce many other
opportunities.





2024 Home and Garden Show

2024 Realtors Home & Garden Show a Big Success

by MGV Valorie Sangsland, Events Chair

The 2024 Home & Garden Show saw SEWMG reach new levels of community engagement and media exposure and was a huge success! Our booth title and focus this year was "Help Nature / Plant Natives!"

In 2023, the Realtors Home & Garden Show organizer, Amanda Falk, was excited to see how engaged visitors were with the volunteers manning our booth, so last fall she contacted me to say she wanted to increase our presence in 2024. In 2023 we set up our standard "double booth" at 10 x 20 feet along the side of one of the first rows in the show and much nearer to the Garden Promenade than we had enjoyed in a long while. That new location alone provided us with increased visitor counts. This year, the show provided us with two booths directly between the front entrance and the Garden Promenade. Visitors could not enter the show without walking past the two SEWMG booths. Immediately inside the door was our large 15 x 25-foot booth containing our primary Pop-Up display and cabana bar. Then across the aisle was our secondary 15 x 15 foot "walk through" booth where we had two high-top tables forming conversation areas, plus a skirted banquet table to display literature and for our visitors from Wild Ones to share some of their publications and Native Plant expertise with our visitors. We split our literature and our SEWMG volunteers between the two booths and had a great flow of visitors.

I was able to do a quick media interview with Brian Kramp of Fox6 on Wednesday morning at 10:35 a.m. telling a bit about SEWMG and what visitors could expect at our booth. The show this year was actually one day shorter than last year, ending the Saturday before Easter. Yet by comparison, our attendance nearly doubled from 259 visitors per day in 2023 to 516 visitors per day this year, in spite of a blizzard on the first Friday. Kudos to our stalwart volunteers who braved terrible driving conditions to arrive early and ready to engage with visitors on Friday morning!

We brought forty-one different publications to the event, with many new documents surrounding our Native Plant topic, including a new handout sharing regional sources for Native plants. Visitors took 7,944 different hand-outs/brochures home with them. We had QR codes linking visitors to Native plant catalogs by Prairie Moon Nursery and Johnson's Nursery, as well as to a great article on Periodical Cicadas by PJ Liesch, which you can read here:

https://hort.extension.wisc.edu/articles/periodical-cicadas/.

To enhance our SEWMG volunteer experience this year we held a Zoom session with a presentation by Jennifer Lazewski on native gardening, where she shared some of the successful techniques and buzzwords she used when discussing the topic with the general public, and during that same meeting I showcased some of the presentation binders we created for use in the booth: Why Natives, Native Garden Planning, Native Garden Maintenance, and Wisconsin Bee Information. We also posted all of the handouts on the feature topic on the SEWMG website several weeks in advance of the show so that SEWMG volunteers manning the booth could take their time reading through the material, making them more knowledgeable about the topic as well as aware of all the resources that would be available at the booth during their shifts.

SEWMG speakers gave five presentations on the Minor's Garden Center Solutions Stage which were at nearly full attendance, if not standing room only. All speakers were featured with their photos in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel special Home & Garden Show insert on Sunday, March 17.

Pat Roberts presented Container Gardening on Friday, March

Jennifer Lazewski presented Natural Landscaping on Saturday, March 23

Mary Jane Swedberg presented Planning and Planting a Vegetable Garden on Sunday, March 24

Kirsten Villegas presented Container Gardening on Friday, March 29 and Composting Short Course on Saturday, March 30

An extremely popular feature of our booth this year was a greatly-expanded offering of free seed packets. We received a huge donation of over 3000 packets of 2022 flower and vegetable seeds from Stein's, 376 packets of 2023 flower and vegetable seeds from High Mowing Seeds, 643 packets of 2023 annual and perennial flower seed packets from Select Seeds, and over a thousand 2024 packets of native Agastache Foeniculum (Anise Hyssop) from Prairie Moon Nursery. With an incredible amount of organization and energy, my co-chair Dawn Scherr sorted all the seeds, divided them up by day and provided daily packets of seeds to the shift captain manning the first shift of each day. This prevented the booth from becoming a seed warehouse, and also ensured that there were an equal amount and variety of seeds for every single day. We're learning each year how to improve this process and have found we need to limit the number of seeds on display at any given time and have signage stating how many packets visitors are allowed to take so that the later shifts each day still have a good offering. There were only about a hundred packets left on the final Saturday evening and those were donated by SEWMG: some went to a local Montessori school and the balance to the Gerald Ignace Indian Health Center on 9th and Mitchell. Thank you, Kathy **Bondar** for the suggestion of donating to the All Nations Wellness Center Garden.

I would be remiss if I didn't thank the SEWMG volunteers who researched and worked to create our new display topic last fall and this spring: Cathy Devries, Jennifer Lazewski, Kathy Intravaia, Kristie Kroening, Mary Lange, and finally Susan McDonell who took all of our scattered input and worked to augment, improve and weave everything into a cohesive set of presentation materials. Jennifer's outstanding library of native plant photographs provided the raw material for an absolutely stunning display that really drew in our visitors.

Finally, the set-up and tear-down teams made everything flow amazingly well. Thank you to Jean Georgson, Terry Fabian, Judy McCormick, Dawn Scherr, Kristie Kroening, Alan Nichols, Virginia Geraghty, and several long-suffering family members! Many hands truly do make light work! As you can see, the annual Realtor's Home and Garden Show provides hundreds of hours of volunteer opportunities for SEWMG members every year. I hope you will join us next year! We'll be happy to have you!

Start Your Own Seed Library

by MGV Natalie Lester

Natalie Lester is a second-year Master Gardener. "Part of my inspiration to join SEWMG was to create my own program in our community, which is why I created the Brookfield Public Library Seed Library."

A Seed Library is a collection of seeds that allows community members to borrow seeds, cultivate them, and harvest the next generation of seeds from mature plants to return to the library. They create opportunities for people of all ages to gain hands-on experience growing, maintaining, and harvesting their own food. A Seed Library enriches our local gardening community by allowing gardeners to share and exchange seeds. By creating a shared community resource, this will give both experienced and novice gardeners the chance to experiment in a low-risk and affordable fashion. Seed libraries create botanical literacy which is an essential form of education to our community.

Creating your own Seed Library can be done in a few steps. Choose a location that you think will get a lot of traffic from the community. I chose the Brookfield Public Library to host my Seed Library. Public libraries are a great location because they create enrichment through sharing books, education programs, and supporting our community.

I spoke with the library's director who was definitely interested in the seed library. I then wrote a proposal to discuss the implementation and logistics. In my proposal, I discussed that we would create a display to let patrons know how to "check out" the seeds and provide information on how to start your own seeds and save seeds.

Having a source to get your Seed Library going is absolutely essential. I was generously donated over one hundred of last year's leftover seed packets from the Baker Creek Heirloom Seed Company. This donation included over 40,000 individual seeds. Using these donation seeds and mini envelopes, I created smaller seed packets that contain anywhere from 3-10 seeds depending on variety. Using photocopies of the larger packets to create labels for the smaller envelopes gives patrons information on how to plant the seeds. To make it easy to use, seeds are organized into three binders depending on variety: Vegetables & Fruits, Herbs, and Flowers. A donation box for anyone wanting to donate seeds keeps the inventory going.

Along with creating the display, I also have UW-Madison information pamphlets next to the seeds to assist gardeners on how to get their gardens going. Our system is quite easy: Borrow, Plant, and Return. The idea is that patrons will choose the seeds they would like to grow, plant them in their home gardens, and then harvest the seeds to return to the seed library's donation box. This creates a localized inventory that will continue to provide for the community. Patrons are allowed to "check out" two seed packets each visit. Limiting the number of packets allowed to be borrowed helps reach more in the community. This limitation also ensures that those using the seed library will be able to focus on starting a few seeds at a time.

Creating your own Seed Library is a lot of work up front and has been a great way to get volunteer hours. Although it is time consuming, it is extremely rewarding. I hope that more of you create your own Seed Libraries so we can connect and share seeds with not only our communities, but also each other!

Meet Natalie Lester, Creator of the Seed Library

by MGV Natalie Lester

Natalie's gardening inspiration came from "her grandmother. I knew about the Master Gardener program and always admired her dedication to volunteering with them. Following after the inspiration she instilled in me, I decided to become a Master Gardener myself. My goal has always been to create programs in the community. As a homeschooling mom of two, we spend a lot of time at the Brookfield Public Library and I have always wanted to see more hands-on gardening programs there. This project has been a great way to familiarize myself with the staff and discuss gardening with our community. Creating the Seed Library is only the beginning of my gardening endeavorers at the library. We have future goals of creating a community and children's garden on the property along with native pollinator gardens.

From proposal to creating inventory, seed sorting to packaging and labeling, designing the display, and countless meetings along the way - getting the library going has taken over 80 volunteer hours. And there is more seed inventory, sorting and labeling be done as we collect more donation seeds. I am also spending additional hours creating programming and presentations for the community."

Borrow, Plant, and Return

A location with lots of community traffic
A source of seeds
An accepted proposal
A systematic approach
Sustained determination

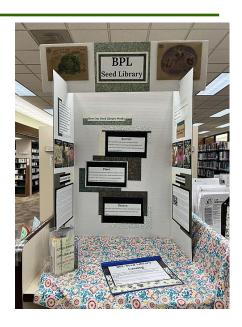


Start Your Own Seed Library Pictures

by MGV Natalie Lester











President's Letter

by MGV Jane Belanger



I want to share some information with you that I find interesting and important, in the hope that you will as well. The SEWMG email group is: SEWMG-members@googlegroups.com. This is the group we use to let you know about member meetings, volunteer opportunities, etc. Be sure to get Extension continuing education notices by signing up for updates on this link.

https://mastergardener.extension.wisc.edu/get-started/

The Extension email group is: mgvs-milwwauk-counties@ggroups.wi.edu is now gone. This email list had 584 addresses, including SEWMG members, MG members of other garden groups and master gardeners not affiliated with an organized group.

It's worth noting that in the past three years we have had a consistent group of the same 300 members. This year we have approximately 370 members. New members have joined and some members left SEWMG in the past three years. With the changes that have occurred since 2020, membership number fluctuations were predictable. If both lists, Extension and ours, are current then we have the potential for a 200 member increase. Members have worked hard to create a significant organization in the horticulture community. I believe we offer those 200 master gardeners a varied, interesting volunteer and educational experience. And, I believe those 200 master gardeners can help us improve with fresh ideas and initiatives.

When I looked at Onboard Lite, I was confused about the term credentialed as opposed to certified so I reached out to Ann Wied. When I have a moment, or five hours, I will read through Onboard Lite 2024 and perhaps I'll find my answer.

But I did want to share, here, Ann's response to participation levels.

"Certified - The master gardener (MG) reported both a minimum of 24 volunteer hours and 10 Continuing Education (CE) hours by the Dec. 31 deadline.

Active - The MG reported at least 1 volunteer hour and 1 CE hour by the Dec. 31 deadline

Inactive - The MG reported less than 1 hour in either volunteer service or CE by the Dec. 31 deadline. All new MG participants who complete Onboarding will enter the program at this We need member representatives for our Farmer's Market tables. This participation level for that first year they are a MG while earning hours for the following year.

Deactivated - The MG reported less than 1 hour in either volunteer service or CE by the Dec. 31 deadline for 3 years. So if someone records less than one hour in either (volunteer or CE hours) for 3 years, they will be deactivated from the MG Program.

Honored - Criteria is currently being revised"

It is important to note that as members of SEWMG you are expected to maintain your certified status.

Plant Health Advisors I have found that not every member is familiar with this group at Boerner Botanical Gardens in the Extension office. This program offers additional education, the opportunity to interact with the public and offer plant health advice. Vijai Pandian and Susan Taylor have administered PHA. Extension will likely make changes here as well, in the near future. I feel it is vital for us to maintain a relationship with Extension in the real world. This group is one of very

few opportunities to do that. If this volunteer opportunity interests you, as it does me, Vijai is going to need help to keep it moving forward.

Thank you. I want to thank Jane Browne in finding and reserving meeting spaces and speakers. You may have noticed that two of our member meeting speakers this year are our own committee people. Their work, I believe, deserves to be showcased, acknowledged and supported with some of our volunteer hours to thrive. So, thank you also, Ann Loper (Life Long Gardening) and Karla Geiger (Youth Gardening Outreach).

When you read this, we will have held our Volunteer Information Morning. (It is still several days away as I write this.) I can tell you that I had enthusiastic responses from both garden representatives and grateful members happy to have the event back again after a brief

Thank you, Mary Johnson, for donating the fifty 5-gallon buckets given away at the event. Mary is my son's mother-in-law whose career is wallpapering. Hence the wallpaper paste buckets. Additionally, I want to thank Mercedes Vega for acquiring a donation of fifty pairs of gardening gloves from Hahn Ace Hardware in Mequon. Last year, donated garden gloves were given out at Neighborhood Gatherings and, I believe, the Home and Garden Show.

After this spring's Logo Wear Sale, Bette Frangesch and Peg Schellin are retiring. The Logo Wear sale is typically held twice a year. Bette and Peg have contacts that make the job manageable but you can develop your own as well. If you are interested in being a part of this committee please contact either Peg (pnschellin3@wi.rr.com), Bette (bfrangesch@aol.com) or myself and we can get you started.

A Silent Auction is held during our SEWMG picnic. We need to replace Deb Petersen, the current Silent Auction chair. Deb can give you all the information needed to be successful (Maypetersen@earthlink.net).

Thank you, John Hahn, for your donation of gardening books for the Silent Auction/book and magazine give-away table.

is a chance to share gardening knowledge at a variety of interesting events. Please contact Eileen Quinlan, emquinlan@yahoo.com

A board change For those of you who are not aware we have a board change this year. The first two months of this year I met with Thomas Johnson, the incumbent board chair, to sort out the basics of the respective positions, board chair and president. Our extensive review and discussion of Bylaws and the Strategic Planning Summary, provided a smooth transition, for me, into the board chair position after Thomas made the difficult decision to step away.

It should be a smooth transition because I had participated on the Strategic Planning and Membership Committees and I have created a combined positions calendar for the year and Strategic Action spreadsheet so the map to move forward is in place.

During our annual picnic, we will be acknowledging Ann Wied's service as Extension Outreach Specialists and celebrating her retirement. If you would like to contribute to a gift and a commemorative plaque, Watch for an email from Diane Thieme toward the end of May.

Share Plants with Habitat for Humanity

by Susan Miller, Milwaukee District Garden Club

Many MGVs donated plants and garden tools with this approved MGV project last year. Residents and others greatly appreciated your help with the annual plant share project. Help spread the joy of gardening.

The Milwaukee District Garden Club will once again sponsor the Habitat for Humanity Plant Share. The event will be held on Saturday, June 1st at 3726 N. Booth St. Last year approximately 150 families received plants for their gardens. Donations of annuals, perennials,

vegetables, household plants, shrubs and trees are all needed. Garden tools, either new or gently used, pots, and books related to gardening are also appreciated. Items can be brought to the Booth Street address on May 30 or 31 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon, or arrangements can be made to pick up the items from your home.

If you have items you would like to donate or have questions, contact Susan Miller at sk8trmom@gmail.com or at 414-254-5944.

Habitat for Humanity Plant Share Thursday, May 30 and Friday, May 31 9 a.m. – Noon 3726 N. Booth Street Milwaukee

Speaker's Bureau Update

by MGVs Jean Akhter and Terri Hartellis

Upcoming Events:

May 6 6:30PM Composting Short Course May 11 9:30AM Composting Short Course West Allis Public Library Carrol Doebler Ten Chimneys Kristen Villegas

If you are interested in embracing SEWMG's goal of public education on approved gardening topics, we would love to hear from you. Feel free to contact us via email so we can add your name to our list of volunteers who are willing to make presentations. For those of you already making presentations please reach out to us with any community requests you receive for presentations or support you need from us to facilitate your speaking needs.

To make presentations on behalf of SEWMG keep the following guidelines in mind:

- 1. Begin by watching the Speakers Bureau training video on making presentations on behalf of SEWMG for important details. Follow the steps below.
 - · Go to sewmg.org
 - Click on the ACTIVITIES drop down menu
 - Select OUTREACH
 - · Scroll down to Public Presentations click here tab
 - Login to your account (OR) create an account for new users
 - Scroll down to Public Presentations
 - Press red start button to begin the training video
- 2. Use only presentations that are on the SEWMG approved list.
- 3. Present research-based information about gardening and yard care.

Please email both Terri and Jean when corresponding with the Speakers Bureau. Terri will coordinate scheduling with volunteers and community organizations. Jean will work on program support and development. Jean Akhter, jean.admin07@gmail.com

Terri, terrihartellis@gmail.com

Landfills, Methane Gas and Climate Change

by MGV Cheryl Lausten

Most people assume that food waste and other organic matter in a landfill simply decomposes like a giant compost pile, but unfortunately that is not the case. There are two separate chemical processes that take place in a landfill versus a compost system. A healthy compost pile utilizes an aerobic process where the bacteria present need oxygen for any decomposition.

Landfills are not designed to break down waste, only to store it. The landfill environment is strictly regulated and uses many steps to ensure there is no contamination of air or ground water around the site. Waste materials are layered with soil and clay liners and tightly compacted. This process eliminates oxygen, and any decomposition now goes through an anerobic process instead. This anaerobic decomposition of organic matter leads to the production of methane gas.

Methane is a powerful greenhouse gas that traps over twenty times more heat than carbon dioxide and is a leading contributor to climate change. The largest percentage of methane gas present in the atmosphere comes from landfills. Americans throw away nearly 40% of the food purchased. The anaerobic decomposition of this organic matter takes an exceptionally long time. As an example, a single head of lettuce in a landfill will be producing methane for up to 25 years as it slowly decomposes.

Food loss and waste undermines the sustainability of our food systems. Food waste squanders not only the food itself but also the soil, water, fertilizers, labor, and energy that went into

growing it. 25% of freshwater consumed and 4% of all oil used goes to produce food we never eat. The land used to grow this food is also lost habitat for wildlife.

It is important that we all find ways to reduce our environmental footprint and find means to lessen the production of methane gas. California and New England states are addressing the problem by passing laws to keep food scraps out of the landfills, forcing more composting activities. Institutions such as schools and hospitals are investing in food digesters to help combat the problem. Methods to use the methane gas produced as an energy source are also being explored.

As gardeners, we know organic waste is full of nutrients that can be returned to the soil. Once we practice methods to reduce the quantity of food waste by planning meals, shopping smart, and storing food correctly -let's compost!

International Compost Awareness Week is the first week in May and is your chance to learn more.

Suggested books for more information:

Drawdown: Most Comprehensive Plan to Reverse Global

Warming. Edited by Paul Hawken

American Wasteland: How America Throws Away Nearly Half

of Its Food by Jonathan Bloom

Garbology: Our Dirty Love Affair with Trash by Edward Humes

Sunshine News

by MGV Janet Wintersberger

Occasionally, you may see emails headed "Sunshine News." It's a way for us to stay connected and support friendships formed through volunteering. You will receive those when a member experiences happy events, illness or death in the family. MGV Judy Savage has an affinity to ensuring other members are kept updated about the lives of members. Please let Judy know when you know an MGV who would benefit from a friendly greeting. bjsavage@wi.rr.com or 414-217-1144.



Help Gardeners Boost their Home's Curb Appeal

by Melinda Myers

Gardening continues to be on the rise. That means we will all be busy helping new and experienced gardeners select plants and tackle new gardening and landscaping projects this year.

Survey results from Axiom Marketing showed that 64.7% of the people ages 19 to 58 who were surveyed plan to plant more and expand their gardens. Nearly 58% of those surveyed plan on creating front-of-the-house plantings to boost their home's curb appeal. We have an opportunity to help them boost the beauty of their front entrance no matter their available budget and time.

I am a fan of starting with short-term achievable goals that help keep gardeners motivated and avoid becoming overwhelmed. Sprucing up the front door is a great place to start. Perhaps it's just a fresh coat of paint or stain or maybe trying a new color that complements their home's siding and the surrounding landscape. Adding a wreath or other door decoration that echoes the season is sure to have friends looking forward to their next visit.

Container gardens are always a welcome addition. Help them select a color and size that complements their home's size and architectural style. They can reduce maintenance and boost success with self-watering containers that extend the time between watering. Further their enjoyment with solar-illuminated planters powered by the sun to add a magical glow to the front landscape as the sun sets.

Next, help them move beyond the front porch. Remind them that any project that involves digging in their landscape should start with a call to 811 or filing a request online at www.DiggersHotline.com at least three business days in advance. This step is often overlooked so as a result April has been recognized across the country as National Safe Digging Month. In a 2022 national survey by Common Ground Alliance, they found more than 49.3 million Americans did not plan to contact 811 before digging. Many people are not aware of this free service or its importance. Let them know that Diggers Hotline contacts all the appropriate companies who will mark the location of their underground utilities in their work area. This helps reduce the risk of injury and inconvenience of accidentally knocking out power, cable, or other utilities while creating a beautiful front landscape.

The next step is to discuss the time involved in creating, planting, and maintaining garden beds. We all have big plans at the start of the season only to find a lack of time and energy available to implement and maintain them. Your experience and expertise can help them set realistic goals as they develop their plans. Perhaps defining an existing bed with a clean edge, removing weeds, dividing overgrown perennials, and pruning existing shrubs are the best options if time and money are limited.

Edging materials are an option but just creating a V-shaped trench around small garden beds with a sharp shovel or renting an edging machine for larger areas can boost the overall appearance. Once the trenches are complete, filling them with mulch that matches that in the garden bed creates a mowing edge and slows the infiltration of weeds and grass into the garden bed.

As you know, weeding garden beds can greatly improve the

beauty and health of garden plants. Explaining that weeds not only compete with their desirable plants for water and nutrients, but many also act as hosts for insect pests and diseases that can harm desirable plants will help encourage gardeners to do this task.

Advise them how to invigorate flopping, poor flowering, and overgrown perennials by dividing these plants. Perhaps pruning rather than replacing overgrown shrubs is also all that is needed. But if the plants are beyond saving or are the wrong plants for the location, help them select those better suited to the growing conditions, garden design, and available space.

Once gardens are weeded, perennials divided, and any new plants added, it is time to mulch the soil. Remind them this one task provides a variety of benefits. Organic mulches help conserve moisture, insulate plant roots from temperature extremes, suppress weeds, protect the soil from erosion and compaction, and add organic matter and nutrients to the soil as they break down. Just spread a one-to-three-inch layer of organic mulch like shredded leaves, evergreen needles, or wood chips over the soil surface. The finer the material, the thinner the layer of mulch needed. Select a mulch that is aesthetically pleasing and won't overwhelm the beauty of the plants.

Remind them to keep mulch off tree trunks, shrub stems, and crowns of perennial and annual plants. Covering stems and plant crowns can lead to root rot and other problems that can negatively impact the plants' health and longevity.

Helping them phase in improvements to their landscapes is a great way to boost their confidence as they gain more gardening experience. Soon they will be helping others do the same, thanks to your guidance.

• Be safe: Call Diggers Hotline (811) three days before you dig

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including the recently released Midwest Gardener's Handbook, 2nd Edition and Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" DVD instant video series and the nationally syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine and was commissioned by Diggers Hotline to write this article. Myers' website is www.MelindaMyers.com.









Find us on Facebook or Instagram





Master Gardener - Information/Contact Information

For more information:

Good Earth News Editors:

Sandy Manning sandymanning@gmail.com
Janet Wintersberger jhw53045@gmail.com

Laurie Baker, Seasonal Photography

On the Web sewmg.org

State:

Wisconsin Extension Master Gardener Program Office - University of Wisconsin-Madison email: wimastergardener@extension.wisc.edu

Our Mission Statement

"We are Master Gardeners who serve as a resource in the art and science of gardening to cultivate community connections."