

Nature and Horticulture Programs

2019



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2019 Schedule of Events



All events free to attend, unless otherwise noted

April

- 2nd @ 5 p.m. [Oconto Library 715 Main Street](#)
4th @ 3 p.m. [Lakewood Library 15238 Hwy. 32](#)
6th @ 10 a.m. [Lena Library 200 East Main Street](#)
8th @ 1 p.m. [Oconto Falls Library 251 North Main Street](#)
17th @ 4 p.m. [Suring Library 604 East Main Street](#)
23rd @ 6 p.m. [Gillett Library 200 East Main Street](#)

Manure & Water Quality in Oconto County

Manure is one of nature's most perfect fertilizers, but can create surface and ground water quality issues in some situations. Join one of these conversations to learn more about manure usage, manure management laws in WI, and the current water quality situation in Oconto County. All six sites are hosting the same topic, although it is likely that questions will cause discussion to differ slightly.

May

- 2 **Froggy Night Hike** 5:30 - 6:45 pm
An evening hike to learn about the interesting lives of our native frogs. Hear frog songs and learn to identify them and learn about other frog lore. **The hike is about 2.5 miles and will be cancelled if inclement weather. Held at: [Hemlock Curve Nature Trail](#).
- 4 **Spring Wildflower Walk** 9 - 11 am
Take a guided tour of the spring wildflowers with local wildflower enthusiasts. Good walking shoes and insect repellent recommended. **About 1 mile hike and will be cancelled if inclement weather.
- 7 **Maximizing the Home Vegetable Garden** 6:30 - 8:00 pm
Matching vegetables and herbs to maximize their positive neighborly traits and minimize negative interactions is key to a productive home garden. Learn about companion planting principles & details of how it can work for you in your own gardens.
- 15 **Astronomy at the Arboretum** 8:15 - 9:30 pm
Introduction to stars, constellations, star lore and other space-related topics – includes a stargazing tour. Dress for the weather, hot beverages will be provided; if rain/snow or mostly overcast, event will be cancelled**.
- 18 **Plant Sale & Plant Pest Clinic** 9:00 am - Noon
Support the work done at Harmony Arboretum by purchasing plants from the Northern Lights Master Gardener Volunteers. Extension Horticulture Agent will be on hand to identify any plant pest samples brought in and assist in pest management issues.
- 22 **Fruit Crop Pest Management** 6:30 - 8:00 pm
Proper pest (insect and disease) management requires identification and the use of effective, safe management strategies. Tree fruit and small fruit pests will be reviewed and analyzed.

**If concerned about potential cancellation of these events, please contact Land & Water Conservation at 715-732-7780 prior to 4:30 pm the day of the event, or Friday prior if a Saturday program.

June

- 1 **Bird Hike** 6:00 - 8:00 am
Take a guided hike through the Harmony Hardwoods to learn about our native forest bird species. Field guides and some binoculars will be available. Dress for the weather, cancelled if inclement weather.
- 12 **Moss Gardens** 6:30 - 8:00 pm
Join Master Gardener Volunteers as they showcase how moss can be used in the home landscape. The newly renovated shade garden will house this discussion.
- 18 **Vegetable Garden Pest Management** 6:30 - 8:00 pm
Vegetable growth is in full gear at this time of the year, but so are all the insects, diseases, and weeds that can negatively impact vegetables. Join in the discussion and hands-on identification at this session led by Extension Horticulture Agent Scott Reuss.
- 19-21 **Sand Lake Conservation Camp**
For Wisconsin & Upper Michigan youth attending grades 6-8. It provides positive outdoor experiences and helps foster an appreciation for nature. Held at: [Camp Bird -Crivitz](#) Registration: \$100 fee until May 22; after May 22 is \$150. Detailed information can be found on website.
- 30 **Marinette County Breakfast on the Farm** 7:30 am - Noon
Annual all-you-can eat and family-oriented activities event. Enjoy some great food and then tour the farm operations and other displays. Look it up on Facebook. Hosted by [Dan-Sue & Son Dairy Farm](#), 2 miles south-east of Hwy. 64/Cty. W intersection in Town of Grover.

July

- 2 **Landscape Plant Disease ID & Mgmt** 2:00 - 4:00 pm
Join Dr. Brian Hudelson, UW Plant Disease Diagnostician, for a hands-on opportunity to learn about both common and unusual diseases that affect our landscape plants. His insight will help you be able to better identify and manage these disease. Attendees are welcome to bring samples from their own landscapes.
- 9 **Ancient Gardening Techniques for Northern WI** 6:30 - 8 pm
People have adapted their food cultivation practices to overcome soil, climatic, and pest challenges for centuries. Common traditional soil amendments, landscape adaptations, and companion plantings will be discussed, as well as contemporary applications of these techniques.
- 20 **9th Annual Garden Walk** 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Northern Lights Master Gardeners sponsor this self-guided tour of local private and public gardens. For more details visit the website. Same day tickets available at Harmony Arboretum.
Adult Tickets \$10 advance \$12 at event, Children 7-12yr \$5 under 6yr-free.



August

5 Astronomy at the Arboretum 7:45 - 9:00 pm

Introduction to stars, constellations, star lore, and other space-related topics - includes a stargazing tour. Dress for the weather, beverages will be provided; if rain or mostly overcast, event will be cancelled**.

7 Prairie Walk 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Stroll the 17-acre prairie at Harmony Arboretum with local native plant enthusiasts. Spend an evening learning what constitutes a prairie and why people are creating or restoring them. The trail is approximately one-half mile and does cover uneven terrain.

15 Composting at the Home Landscape Level 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Composting of plant materials is the most natural way to truly recycle the nutrients found in those plants. Extension staff and area Master Composters will share starting & managing compost piles and share great ways to best utilize the end products.

22-25 Marinette County Fair - Wausaukee

The Extension Marinette County office educators will again have an extensive display of the varied areas of expertise that they offer to the public, along with Master Gardener Volunteers and the M & O Beekeepers. Visit them at the Fair in the Main Exhibit Building.

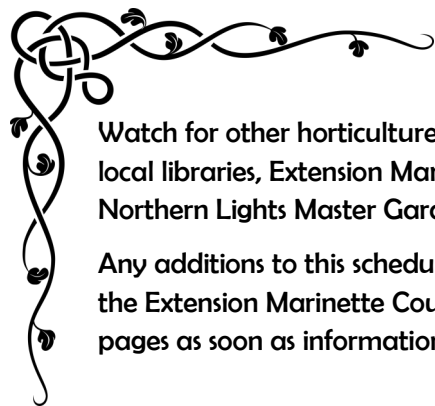
September

5 Salsa Night 6:00 - 8:00 pm

This fun and flavorful event celebrates America's favorite condiment and the plants we grow from which it is made. Join us as we share safe salsa recipes, growing hints for the vegetables and herbs used in salsa, and a taste bud tantalizing sampling of great salsa recipes. Please consider bringing a batch of your own salsa, or some chips/crackers to share.

14 Plant Sale / Plant Pest Clinic 9:00am - Noon

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Watch for other horticulture programs hosted by local libraries, Extension Marinette County, or Northern Lights Master Gardeners'.

Any additions to this schedule will be added onto the Extension Marinette County web and Facebook pages as soon as information is available.

October

12 Fall Family Fun Fest 2:00 - 5:00 pm

A family oriented event for kids. Hands-on nature crafts, games, farm animal learning & petting area, with many more activities.

Check the website for more program details. Free ~ but food pantry donations accepted at entrance.

28 Astronomy at the Arboretum 6 - 7:30 pm

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November

20 Astronomy at the Arboretum 5:00 - 6:30 pm

Introduction to stars, constellations, star lore, and other space related topics - includes a stargazing tour. Dress for the weather, hot beverages will be provided; if rain/snow or mostly overcast, event will be cancelled.

All events will be held at

Harmony Arboretum Demonstration Gardens

unless location is underlined and noted in description

These programs are held outdoors; dress for the weather with walking shoes. Insect repellent is also recommended.

Directions to other Locations:

Library Branches: See addresses listed in April events and refer to their web pages for specific branch location directions.

To get to Hemlock Curve: take the Peshtigo Exit from Highway 41. Once on Business 41 in Peshtigo, go south on West Front Street (first street west of the bridge). This street eventually turns into Hale Road outside the city limits. After a few miles, turn left onto Harbor Road, then left onto Badger Road.

Camp Bird Youth Camp: West out of Crivitz on Hwy W for 13 miles, then north 1.5 miles on Caldron Falls Road.

Marinette County Breakfast on the Farm: South on Cty. Hwy W from Hwy. 64 2 miles to Red School Road, east to parking field—watch for and follow signs. OR North on W, 1 mile north of Cty. Hwy. M intersection to Red School Road.

About Harmony Arboretum

This 468-acre former “county farm” has been developed into a conservation and horticulture education and demonstration area. In the Arboretum is a majestic hardwood forest, winding walking trails, a demonstration prairie, and vegetable and flower gardens. It is always open to the public and free.

Harmony Arboretum is owned by Marinette County, with overall property management duties performed by the Land & Water Conservation Division. However, the community is key in its success. Many groups work to make it better each year:

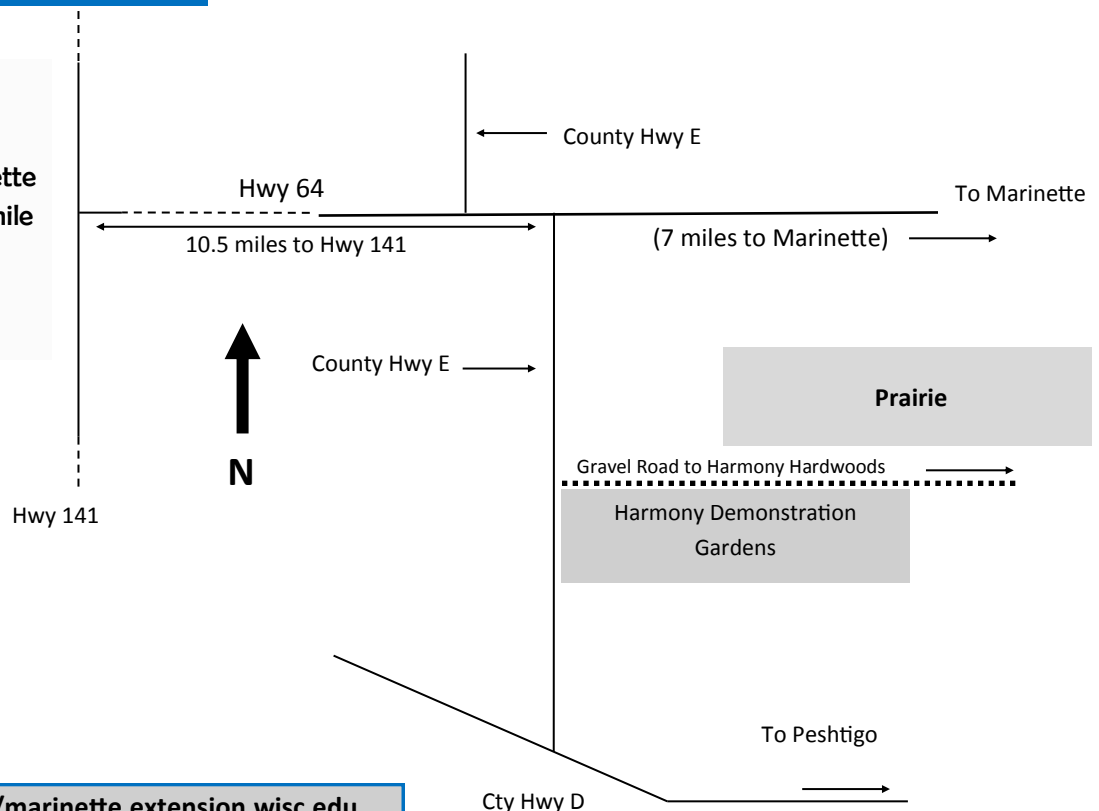
- ◆ Northern Lights Master Gardeners Association
- ◆ Chappee Rapids Audubon Society
- ◆ Extension Marinette County
- ◆ Marinette County Land & Water Conservation
- ◆ Friends in the community

Harmony Arboretum



Directions to Harmony

Harmony Arboretum
N3890 CTY Hwy E
7 miles west of Marinette
on Hwy 64, then 1/2 mile
south on County E.



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