

Nature and Horticulture Programs

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2016 Schedule of Events

March

26 21st Annual Spring Garden Conference 8:00am - 3:45pm
Melinda Myers, nationally known gardening expert, will start the event with a presentation and book signing. Northern Lights Master Gardener Volunteers host this day full of horticulture related programs. See full schedule on website. Held at: UW Marinette Campus. Registration: Keynote only- \$20 Entire conference- \$40

31 Ornamental Alliums 6:00 - 7:30 pm
A visual review with management and selection details of the plethora of flowering alliums available for use in Marinette County landscapes. Held at: Marinette County Courthouse; Jury Assembly Room

April

7 Astronomy 8:00 - 9:15 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.

21 Beginner Vegetable Gardening 6:00 - 7:30 pm
Learn about the keys to setting up a successful vegetable garden, including selection of plants and basic pest management. Held at: Marinette County Courthouse; Jury Assembly Room

May

4 Garlic and Onion family vegetables 6:00 - 7:30 pm
Review proper spring management of garlic and what to consider when planting and managing onions, leeks, and shallots.

5 Froggy Night Hike 6:15 - 7:45 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.

7 Spring Wildflower Walk 9:30 - 11:30 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.

10 Selecting Perennial Flowers 6:00 - 7:30 pm
Having long lived, pleasing flower gardens depends on selection of hardy, high-performing species and cultivars. We'll also review selection hints for purchase of individual plants.

21 Plant Sale / Kid's Vegetable Gardening 9:00am - Noon
Support the work done at Harmony Arboretum by purchasing plants from the Northern Lights Master Gardener Volunteers. Take part in hands-on activities that get youth involved in your family's vegetable garden.

26 Growing Vegetables in Containers 6:30 - 8:00 pm
Many different vegetables can be grown in small spaces using appropriate containers, but proper selection, care, and placement need to take place for them to be successful.

June

2 Weed Identification and Management 6:30 - 8:30 pm
Learn to identify common lawn and garden weeds and how you can effectively manage them in your gardens.

7 Perennials Management & Maintenance 6:30 - 8:00 pm
Learn about the proper timing and methods of management activities to help your perennial flowers perform and look their best.

11 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.

14 Growing Strawberries 6:30 - 8:00 pm
Growing the most popular small fruit in home gardens is more fulfilling when you know what types to establish and how to best maintain and manage them.

23 Invasive Plant Species 5:30 - 7:30 pm
Wild Rivers Invasive Species Coalition and Northern Lights Master Gardener Association invite citizens to this free training to learn how to identify invasive plants and their best control options.

22-24 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 18; after May 18 is \$150. Detailed information can be found on website.

26 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. \$6 for adults, \$4 for youth, children free.

30 Super Fruits 6:30 - 8:00 pm
Consider capturing the potential health benefits of some nontraditional small fruits by growing them in your own gardens or landscapes.

July

7 Onion Diseases & Pests 6:30 - 8:00 pm
The onion family vegetables have fewer pests than most other vegetables, but this workshop will review identification and management of those diseases and insects that do affect them.

12 Sensory Gardens 6:30 - 8:00 pm
Growing specific plants that allow both youth and adults to experience the variety of textures, smells, and sounds in the garden can increase their interest and appreciation of growing plants.



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July

14 Astronomy at the Arboretum 9:00 - 10:15 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 or mostly overcast, event will be cancelled.

16 7th 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.
Adult Tickets \$10 advance \$12 at event, Children 7-12yr \$5 under 6yr \$5.

20 Raspberries 6:30 - 8:00 pm
Learn more about the types of raspberries you can grow, management techniques, and the pests that can affect them.

28 Harvesting and Storing Garlic & Onions 6:30 - 8:00 pm
Garlic, onions, and their relatives can store very well when harvested, cured, and stored correctly. Learn the proper timing and techniques to allow for maximum flavor retention.

August

3 Soil Health in the Garden 6:30 - 7:30 pm
Soil health is critical to optimum plant growth and health. Learn how to use cover crops and other soil management techniques effectively in the garden to maximize production potential.

6 Art in the Garden 9:00 am - Noon
Northern Lights Master Gardener Volunteers lead various demonstrations and hands on workshops focused on art and creativity in the garden. Workshop fees may apply to certain projects.

11 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.

16 Insect Hotels 6:00 - 7:30 pm
A hands-on workshop for youth to build an insect hotel for their home, as well as for Harmony Arboretum. Learn why they can be so good for your landscape.

25-28 Marinette County Fair - Wausaukee

The UW-Extension office educators will again have an extensive display of the many areas of expertise that they offer to the public. Visit them at the Fair in the Main Exhibit Building.

30 Cooking with Garlic & Onions 6:00 - 8:00 pm
Experience the possibilities with garlic, onions, and their relatives as you taste test the dozens of different cultivars grown at Harmony in 2016 and learn more about cooking with them and preserving them.

September

8 Astronomy at the Arboretum 7:30 - 8:45 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 or mostly overcast, event will be cancelled.

10 Plant Sale / Extending the Garden Season 9:00am - Noon
Support the work done at Harmony Arboretum by purchasing plants from the Northern Lights Master Gardener Volunteers and learn how to extend the growing season for your vegetables, fruits and flowers.

October

15 Halloween 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.

November

21 Astronomy at the Arboretum 5:45 - 7:00 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 or mostly overcast, event will be cancelled.

All events will be held at *Harmony Arboretum Demonstration Gardens*



unless location otherwise noted in description

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

Directions to other Locations:

Marinette County Courthouse: 1926 Hall Avenue, Marinette downtown Marinette across from city hall, parking by Veterans Memorial fountain

UW Marinette Campus: 750 West Bay Shore Street, Marinette Take 41 to T, turn south, follow T to University Dr., continue on University Dr. to Bay Shore St., campus entrance on left

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



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 Department. However, the community is key in its success. Many groups work to make it better each year:

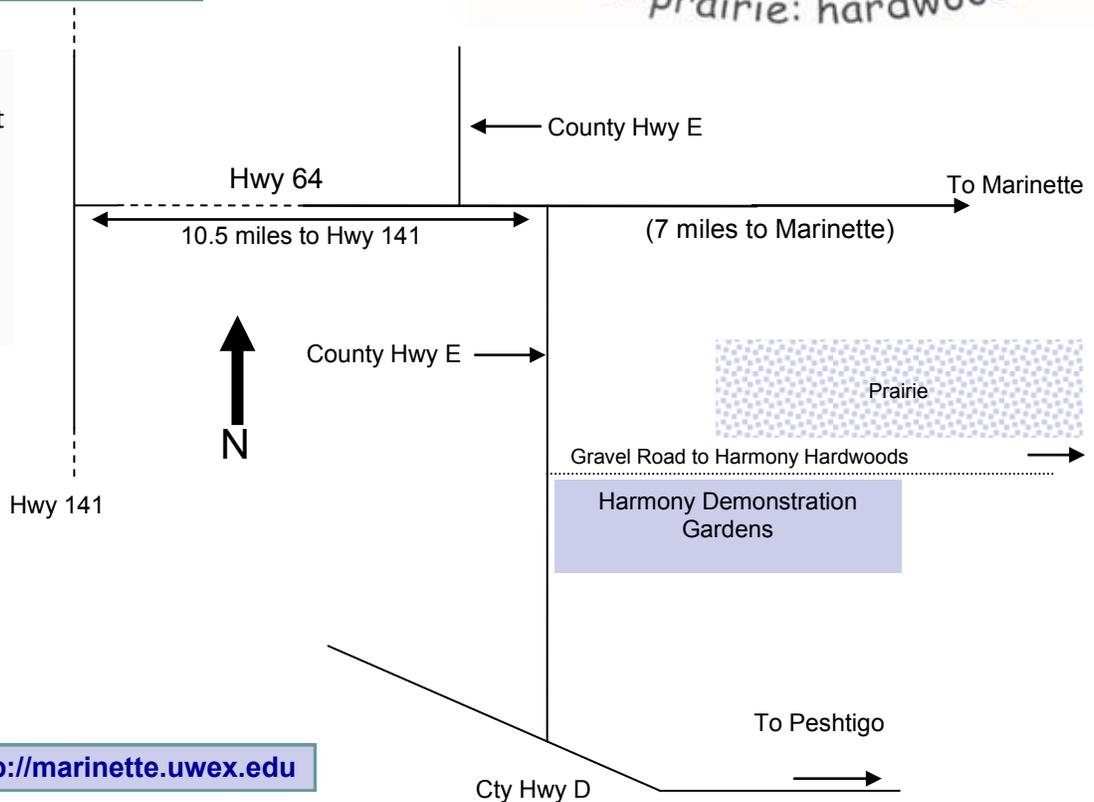
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- ◆ Chappee Rapids Audubon Society
- ◆ UW-Extension
- ◆ Marinette County Land & Water Conservation
- ◆ Friends in the community

Harmony Arboretum



Directions to Harmony

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



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