

Racine/Kenosha Master Gardener Association (RKMGA)

The mission of the Racine/Kenosha Master Gardener Association (RKMGA) is to educate, beautify, and preserve the community through trained Master Gardener Volunteers. We have about 160 members and 25 projects throughout Racine and Kenosha counties. Our diverse range of volunteer opportunities includes staffing a plant help line, creating and maintaining demonstration gardens, working with youth, teaching horticultural skills to adults with disabilities, and sharing information at special events. The Racine/Kenosha Master Gardener Association is part of the Wisconsin Master Gardener Association.

The Association meets monthly for a short business meeting followed by a gardening/horticulture presentation. Field trips are also offered by the Association.

RKMGA Executive Committee

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UW-Madison Extension Approved Projects

RKMGA volunteers sign up to dedicate their Extension Master Gardener hours to these approved projects.

PLANT HEALTH ADVISING/PLANT DIAGNOSTICS

- Horticulture Help Desk
- Outreach Sites

TEACHING YOUTH

- Botany in the Classroom
- Curtis Strange Elementary School
- Racine Youthful Offender Correctional Facility

VEGETABLE PRODUCTION/TEACHING GARDENS

- Garden of Giving
- Racine County Teaching Garden

THERAPEUTIC HORTICULTURE

- Greenworks at Southern Wisconsin Center
- Hospice Meditation Garden
- Wisconsin Veterans' Home Therapeutic Garden

DEMONSTRATION GARDENS

- Gardens at Bong State Recreation Area
- Gardens of DeKoven
- Graham Public Library
- The Kemper Center
- Kenosha County Center Demonstration Garden
- Mt. Pleasant Civic Campus
- Pioneer Cabin Vintage Garden
- Racine County Visitors Bureau/REAL Racine
- Racine Public Library
- Sturtevant Beautification
- Waterford Rain Garden/Norway Gardens
- Wind Point Lighthouse Gardens

NATURAL AREAS

- Chiwaukee Prairie

OTHER

- Special Event Information Booth
- Speaker's Bureau

Fascinating Past RKMGA Monthly Meetings & More to Come

- Small Plants –Big Impact
- Hostas
- Hoy Audubon Society
- All About Gourds
- Raising Monarchs & Growing Pollinator Plants
- Lifelong Gardening
- Preparing Winter Garden for Animal Visitors
- Bringing Food into the Landscape
- Tropical Treasures-Comparing Eco Systems
- Preserving: To Can or to Freeze, That is the Question
- Straw Bale Gardening
- Rain Gardens
- Designing a Garden for Four Season Color

Previous Field Trips

- Aquaponics
- Rotary Botanical Gardens
- Anderson Japanese Gardens
- Thompson Strawberry Farm
- Center for Sustainable Living-Gateway Technical College

In addition to being part of the fun, becoming a member of RKMGA allows you to keep up to date with the latest developments in horticulture, continue your education, and participate in the state and international master gardener organizations, while helping the community.

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Membership Application

CONTACT INFORMATION—Will be used as your contact information in the membership directory – PLEASE PRINT

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Home phone _____

Cell phone _____

Email _____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION—Please indicate any skills/special talents you might be willing to share with the organization.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Graphics/Displays | <input type="checkbox"/> Web Design |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Presentations | <input type="checkbox"/> Carpentry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Writing/Editing | <input type="checkbox"/> Accounting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social Media | <input type="checkbox"/> MS Access |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Relations | <input type="checkbox"/> MS Excel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Project Mgmt. | <input type="checkbox"/> MS Publisher |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other | |

ANNUAL DUES ARE \$20 PAYABLE BY OCTOBER 1ST TO THE RKMGA TREASURER (\$15 RKMGA DUES; \$5 WIMGA DUES)
____ PLEASE CHECK HERE IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO BE INCLUDED IN THE RKMGA MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY. (We do not share or sell your personal information.)

RKMGA
c/o Kenosha County Extension
Kenosha County Center
19600-75th Street, Suite 2
Bristol, WI 53104

Racine/Kenosha Master Gardener Association

Committees

- Project
- Program
- Communications (Newsletter & social media)
- Hospitality
- Budget/Finance
- Long Range Planning
- Retention/Membership

Meetings – 2020

Racine County meetings are held at Sturtevant Village Hall
2801 – 89 Street
Sturtevant, WI 53177

- January 27
- March 23
- May 18
- July 27
- September 28
- November 16

Kenosha County meetings are held at the Kenosha County Center
19600 – 75 Street
Bristol, WI 53104

- February 24
- April 27
- June 22
- August 24
- October 26
- December 14

Field Trips are scheduled when location/facility is available and will replace meetings during the month in which the field trip is scheduled.

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