

Horticulture and Poultry Management Workshops

2017 Library Series: Oconto & Marinette County

All events are free and presented by UW-Extension Agriculture / Horticulture Agent, Scott Reuss. More information is available for all these events by contacting Marinette County UW-Extension at 715-732-7510, e-mail to sreuss@marinettecounty.com or visiting their web page at <http://marinette.uwex.edu/> or by checking out their facebook page. You can also get information from the host libraries. UW-Extension publications regarding the workshop topic will be given out at the sessions.

Meat Bird Production Workshop: Thursday, April 6 – starting at 6:30 p.m.

@ The Oconto Falls Comm. Library Raising your own meat birds, whether they be chickens, turkeys, guinea fowl, or other species, is a worthwhile endeavor in our area. There are many aspects of meat bird production that producers can manage properly to minimize cost of production, time and/or effort required, and minimize risk of poultry health issues.

Thursday, April 13 @ The Crivitz Library

1 p.m. Successful Vegetable Gardening: Sorting your seeds and Managing Pests.

Two key parts of growing high quality vegetables for your family are planting the right things and managing the pests your vegetables may face. Part of selection is knowing how to read a seed packet and understanding what the different terms you see on the packet actually mean. We will also focus on the species and cultivars that do well in our area, then turn our attention to proper pest identification and management in the home veggie garden.

3:15 p.m. Raising Meat Birds. See description for April 6 program above.

Monday, April 17 @ the Wausaukee library, 4 p.m. start

Raising Poultry for Egg Production

Raising chickens or ducks for egg production can be rewarding, but it can also have some distinct challenges. This workshop will focus on properly selecting and managing a flock of poultry to meet your production goals, and will also feature a quick review of the laws surrounding selling of eggs to others in the State of Wisconsin.

Thursday, April 20 @ the Coleman Library; 4 p.m. start

Raising Chickens for meat and/or eggs

A flock of chickens can be a major source of protein for your family's diet, providing both eggs and meat. The breeds which you decide to raise will make a huge difference in the quality and quantity of both meat and eggs produced. We'll start out this discussion by reviewing chicken breeds and their uses in the home flock. We will then walk through the life of a chicken, from chick care and feeding to processing and the legalities of selling meat birds and eggs. Along the way, we will detail feed, water, and living quarters' management, and review a few of the problems which you may face while raising them. Bonus: Door prize sponsored by Zeitler Agri-Center.

More on the back!

Thursday, April 27 at the Gillett Comm. Library, 6 p.m. start The ABC's of Vegetable Gardening

What do IPM, NPK, PVPA, AAS, VFNT and other acronyms mean to you and your vegetable garden? We'll spend some time talking about each of these, with a focus on soil health and proper pest management in your home vegetable garden.

Monday, May 1 @ the Stephenson Public Library (Marinette)

Going Big, Bold, and Beautiful – starting at 2 p.m.

Flower beds which have been selected, designed, and cared for correctly can be a showcase for both a particular season and the entire growing season. Join Scott Reuss, UW-Extension Horticulture Agent, for a review of how to establish fabulous flower beds to give your yard the 'wow' factor you are searching to achieve. We'll review soil preparation; plant starting / purchasing and selection; and in-season management principles. There will be discussion of both perennials and annuals, as well as how to integrate the two types for longer season color and texture.

Vegetable Gardening in Unconventional Spaces & Places – starting at 6 p.m.

You do not need a large, flat, perfectly managed area to be able to grow vegetables at home. We can achieve the goals of producing healthy, home-grown vegetables even in areas that would not seem very amenable to good plant growth. We will review the principles of small-space gardening, containerized vegetable production, and how to manage around obvious problems such as shallow soil, concrete, asphalt, and insufficient sunlight. The focus will be on selecting the right types of vegetables to meet your needs and desires, as well as in-season management of them to produce high-quality produce.

Thursday, May 4 @ The Coleman Library, 4 p.m. start Home Garden Vegetable Management

Getting the most from your new, small, or continuing vegetable garden space doesn't take a PhD. in anything, but knowing how to select the right seeds, identify and manage pests, and properly plant your vegetables certainly makes a big difference in the final quality and yield of your veggies. Join Scott Reuss, UW-Extension Horticulture Agent, as he provides management tips and techniques that will make your vegetable gardening experience more bountiful and less frustrating.

