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Dishing the Dirt with the Sherburne County Master Gardeners

Welcome to our first Community Newsletter! The Sherburne County Master Gardeners are sending this out to you to keep you informed of our upcoming events, to share garden tips and to let you know what we have been doing. We hope that you enjoy reading this.

Our first ever Fall Workshop took place on October 3rd at the Sherburne County History Center in Becker. It was a great success and classes were held on seed starting, pruning, putting your gardens to bed, fall containers and dividing perennials. Our goal is to have a quarterly event so stay tuned to catch other workshops.

Did you know that you can grow garlic in Minnesota?

Garlic grows best in well-drained soils high in organic matter. Garlic in Minnesota should be planted in the fall, generally within one or two weeks after the first killing frost. It is recommended the first or second week of October. Plant the bulbs and cover them with deep layers of organic materials. Compost material works great. The garlic shoots will appear around April and garlic can be harvested in late July. For more information go to extension.umn.edu and search on garlic or click the link below.

http://www.extension.umn.edu/garden/fruit-vegetable/growing-garlic-in-minnesota/

Do you have a garden question that you just can’t seem to solve?

We can help!
The Sherburne County Master Gardeners host a Horticulture Line for garden related questions. Call us! 763-765-3080.
Fun to Know Facts!

- There are 54 Master Gardeners in Sherburne County
- Together, these 54 people have volunteered 3,677 hours AND completed 564 hours of continuing education (for year 2014)

What does it take to become a Master Gardener?

Call our Hort Line at 763-765-3080 and leave your name & phone number & someone will get back to you promptly. We also have sign up sheets at all of our events.

Potential Master Gardeners first go through an interview process around October of each year and a background check. Once those are completed, they must sign up and attend the Core Courses through the University of Minnesota. These classes can be taken in person or online. Once the courses are completed, the person is now a Master Gardener Intern. Interns must complete 50 hours of volunteer work for the calendar year. In Sherburne County we have Interns matched up with a Master Gardener Mentor to assist the Intern throughout the years.

Upcoming Events!

Mark your calendars & save the date!
11th Annual Garden Education Expo
Saturday, February 20, 2016
Becker High School
Keynote Speaker Melinda Myers
www.melindamyers.com: