

NEWS FROM EXTENSION

UW-Madison Division of Extension Brown County



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Welcome Annie Schmitz Community Gardens Coordinator



"Hello Everyone! My name is Annie Schmitz, and I am the new Community Gardens Coordinator. I am so excited to get started with you all and learn the ropes! I previously was with The Farmory, an educational nonprofit where we specialized in aquaculture and aquaponics, as the Hatchery Manager. Through that role I managed our yellow perch hatchery and about 20 volunteers that helped take care of the thousands of fish. My background lies deeply in the fisheries field however, I have a great passion for sustainability within our food systems and

making fresh food more accessible. I just recently became a new mom this past August and have been enjoying all the baby snuggles I can get!"

Community Garden Program, 2023

Annie is hard at work getting things ready to kick-start the next season. The Community Garden Renewal process will begin soon for 2022 registered gardeners. Community Garden Registration for new gardeners will begin in February. If you would like to be notified about this registration period, subscribe to the Community Gardens Newsletter below.

[Subscribe to the Community Gardens Newsletter here!](#)



Brown County Extension is now hiring!

We are hiring for a position in our dynamic and exciting office:

Secretary III (PTE)

To support our team, we are looking for someone who has experience in design and digital marketing. In this role, you will curate content for our monthly newsletter, submit events to local press, manage social media, create engaging content, and more! Other responsibilities include supporting educators in the office, general bookkeeping, and customer service.

[Visit the Brown County Jobs site here](#) to see more information.



Extension Brown County Community Gardens Selected as Recipient

Brown County Extension Community Gardens Program will be the honored recipient of a grant from **Doctors in Recital** following their January 28, 2023 concert. After a two-year hiatus caused by the corona virus pandemic, the concert will take the stage at the Weidner Center for the Performing Arts at 7:00 PM on the 28th. The amount of proceeds is based on ticket sales and sponsorship. Previous recipients have received grants well into five figures. Ticket sales and sponsorships for the 2023 show have been brisk, and this year's grant should be similarly generous.

The Brown County Community Gardens is a program of Extension Brown County, which provides garden space and logistic assistance to Brown County residents to facilitate access to affordable, nutritious and culturally appropriate food. Created in 1996, it increases food security in Brown County. It continues to expand to meet ongoing demand for more space. More than 200 gardening families participate in the program, around 70% of which are low or moderate-income.

Participants rent a space for the growing season, and are responsible for planting, maintaining and harvesting the plot. Most gardeners grow for their families, though some also grow to sell at farmers' markets or donate to food pantries. Participants in this program report that they eat more fruits and vegetables, are more physically active, have an easier time providing food for their own families, experience less stress, and meet more people from cultures or backgrounds other than their own. The community gardens program also offers community events and gardening education programs for adults and youth. They include mentoring programs, youth gardening classes, and a produce donation program. There is also a garden exclusively for veterans.

Doctors in Recital

Doctors in Recital is an evening of musical excellence put on by area physicians donating their time and talents to raise money for a local cause. Each act is headlined by an area physician with a passion for music, as well as a commitment to patient care.

General-admission tickets are \$25.00 each, and can be purchased from Festival Foods, TicketStar, and Doctors in Recital performers. Extension Brown County is also selling tickets with payment of either cash or check.

Proceeds from the recital will benefit Friends of the Community Gardens, a 501 (c)(3) organization founded in 2017 to protect, grow and support community gardens.

Doctors in Recital was started in 2005. Each year, doctors from all three major health organizations, the Medical College of Wisconsin, and area private practices come together to put on a charity concert that will benefit one Brown County nonprofit organization, and one music-education program. Since its first 2005 performance, Doctors in Recital has donated over \$250,000 to Brown County nonprofit programs.

More information on this program: <http://www.doctorsinrecital.org/>

We hope to see you there!

DOCTORS IN RECITAL



SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 2023

7PM • Tickets \$25

WEIDNER CENTER
FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

For tickets, go to
www.DoctorsInRecital.org
facebook.com/DoctorsInRecital

2023 proceeds benefit:

Brown County Community Gardens,
Birder Studio of Performing Arts and
GBAPS East High School Choral Department



Nonprofit Education Opportunities in 2023

Extension has partnered with UW-Green Bay to offer resources for nonprofit organizations in the area. These resources can be found at the [UW-Green Bay Nonprofit Network site here](#).

Grant Writing Basics Virtual Workshop

Offered in English, Spanish, and Hmong/Hmoob
February 15 from 10:00-12:00

Nonprofit Leader Conversations

Beginning on January 12, and hosted on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month from 9:00-10:00, Extension Brown County and UW-Green Bay will hold virtual Nonprofit Leader Conversations via Zoom.

Topics that will be discussed include:

- Fundraising campaigns
- Board sessions
- Marketing
- Organizational roles
- Leadership

[Registration and topics will be available here.](#)

Excellence in Nonprofit Leadership Certificate

Registration open. To register and to read the session descriptions visit <https://www.uwgb.edu/certificate-programs/nonprofit-leadership/>.

Participants that complete the five sessions and the capstone project can receive a badge from UW-Green Bay.

The first session is Building a Strong Fund Development Program. Self-study materials will be available beginning January 13 with a virtual class on Friday, January 20. Extension will be teaching the second class, Developing an Active Board of Directors, on February 10. The remaining classes are Foundations of Financial Management, Human Resource Management, and Marketing & Communication Strategy. There is a discount to register for all five sessions and the capstone.



[Learn more about the Community Gardens Program here](#)



4-H At-Home Holiday Activity Guide Available Online

A holiday break is right around the corner for many. If you are looking for a few holiday activities to do to try a new skill, spark an interest, or just have fun, check out the three activities that National 4-H has to keep us connected over the break! Learn to build a bubbling snowman, up your cookie knowledge, and make a DIY wish pillow. There is even a 4-H at-home Holiday Activity Guide, with 15 activities and more than 20 cookie recipes!

[This activity guide and more is available online here!](#)

 **Northeastern Wisconsin Master Gardeners**
FIND YOUR NICHE AND GROW
2023 SPEAKER SERIES
March 4 | April 15

N.E.W. Master Gardeners 2023 Speaker Series

All sessions will be located at the STEM Innovation Center on UWGB's campus. Registration is required. Each event can be attended in-person or virtually.

March 4, 2023 | 10am-11:30am

Plants You Should Know and Grow

Jerry Gorchels retired after 35 years with Pan American Seed in 2022. He has worked with the world's top breeders developing and marketing thousands of plants. He will present the best annuals, perennials and vegetables for the upper midwest.

April 15, 2023 | 10am-11:30am

Insider Information on Peonies

Nate Bremer, President of The American Peony Society, and owner of Solaris Farms, grower and breeder of day lilies and peonies. He has the insider knowledge of peonies.

Advance Registration: \$10

Day-of Registration: \$15

Register here: go.wisc.edu/1szgo7



Staying in compliance with your permit. An update meeting for WPEDES permitted CAFO owners & managers, nutrient management plan writers, and engineers.

REGISTRATION LINKS

Payment information and registration options are available at the links below for each location

2/9/23 FOND DU LAC
go.wisc.edu/fdl23cafo

2/10/23 GREEN BAY
go.wisc.edu/gb23cafo

2/16/23 DARLINGTON
go.wisc.edu/dar23cafo

2/17/23 JEFFERSON
go.wisc.edu/jef23cafo

2/23/23 STRATFORD
go.wisc.edu/str23cafo

2/24/23 MENOMONIE
go.wisc.edu/men23cafo

Advance registration: \$45, meal included

Late registration/Walk-ins: \$55, meal not guaranteed

No price adjustments. No refunds.

For information about this program, contact Kevin Erb, Conservation Professional Training Program, at 920.391.4652 or Kevin.Erb@wisc.edu

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AGENDA

10:00 Welcome

- Nutrient Management Update
- Permit issues: process & timelines
- Engineering: start to finish
- Lunch & informal networking
- Impact of Farmer Led Watershed groups
- Enviro-Money demonstration
- Permit Compliance Lightning Round
- Long Haul-Considerations for transporting pre-weaned and market cows (Green Bay & Fond du Lac)*
- Manure Innovation & Management (farmer panel discussion)

3:30 Informal Networking w/ DNR staff

4:00 Event ends

**Different local topics at other locations*

LLC Changes Effective January 1, 2023

The new law (Chapter 183) replaces the existing statute and is based on the Revised Uniform Limited Liability Company Act already adopted in some form by other states. This new law made changes to the statute governing limited liability companies (LLCs) organized in Wisconsin. Owners with existing LLCs have the option to: (i) by December 31, file a statement of non-applicability with the Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions (WDFI) to continue the status quo and have your LLC governed by current LLC law; or (ii) do nothing, and on January 1, 2023, your LLC will be governed by the new statute by operation of law.

If you operate as a single-member LLC --

The change in the law will have less practical effect on single-member LLCs, as there are no issues related to liability among members because there is only one member. If you do nothing, the new LLC Law will automatically apply to your LLC as of January 1, 2023. Note: You may still want to put in place a written operating agreement, even for single-member LLCs.

If you operate as a multi-member LLC --

The new LLC law is somewhat more restrictive as to what you can and cannot do via a written operating agreement. Also, the new LLC law contains updates to the duties of care, loyalty, good faith, and fair dealing among and between members, and limits the ability to change these duties via a written operating agreement. Because of these changes, you may want to restate or amend your current written operating agreement to address those restrictions. If this cannot be accomplished before the end of 2022, it may make sense to opt out of the New LLC Law by December 31. Later you can opt in once you have updated your operating agreement or are satisfied you are set.

If you wonder what is changing and how the changes might impact your LLC and its owners/managers, or if you have other questions about the operation of your business, contact the [Small Business Development Center at UW-Green Bay](#).

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