

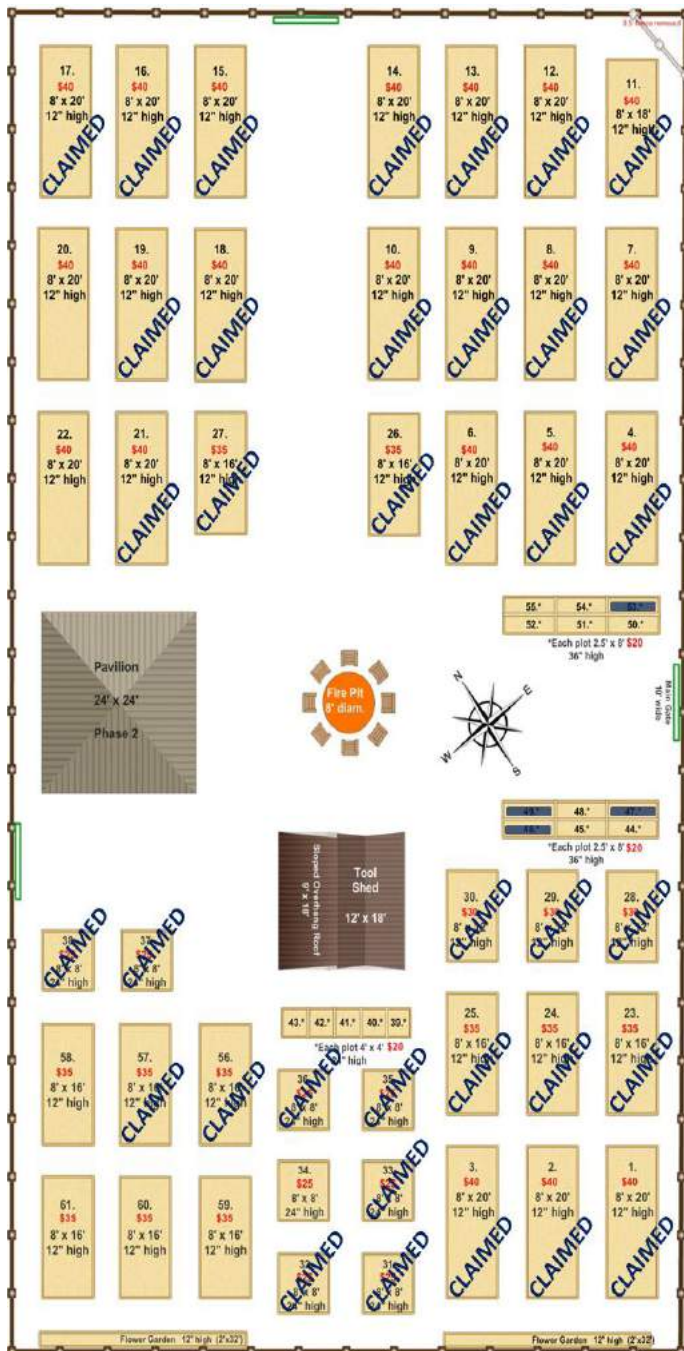
COMMUNITY GARDENERS OF MANITOWISH WATERS

NEWS



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TIME IS RUNNING OUT!!!
SUBMIT YOUR 2019 GARDEN PLOT REGISTRATION NOW!



Free Gardening Forum: First Year Food Gardening in the Northwoods

When:
 Saturday
 May 18th at 10:00am

Where:
 Manitowish Waters Town Hall

Presentation by:
 Master Gardener
 Cheryl Pytlarz

Gardening is an adventurous journey. Learn how soil is your best friend, selecting plants from so many choices, and keeping everything warm *Up North!*

See you there!





★ SPECIAL FEATURE ARTICLE ★



Even though I'm a newbie gardener, I still understand the importance of attracting pollinators to gardens. Pollinators such as bees are threatened worldwide, and we can do something about it locally. However, being knowledgeable on what constitutes a *pollinator-friendly* garden is another issue all together. So I set out to identify books and websites that might be useful for us to use as we develop our Community Garden.

I discovered a new book at the Mercer Library called Pollinator Friendly Gardening by Rhonda Fleming Hayes. It's about developing a healthy garden that will attract bees, butterflies, hummingbirds, and other pollinators. It holds a wealth of information on understanding pollinators, enhancing their habitat, and tips on what to plant. In her book, Fleming Hayes says: "Two-thirds of the entire world's plant species depend upon animal pollination. Yet many people don't realize the critical role pollination plays in maintaining human sustenance and a healthy, diverse ecosystem. Far from a nuisance, pollen is the magic dust that makes everything possible. *Pollination* is the transfer of these pollen grains from the anther of one flower to the stigma of the same or another flower. This helps the plant successfully reproduce." (continued)

Pollinator Gardening (continued)

Did you know that, besides being the Director of the Koller Memorial Library, Janelle Kohl is also a beekeeper with a great deal of knowledge about garden pollinators. She suggests checking out a website called "Protect Our Pollinators" at: www.propollinators.org/ This site has great tips on planting to attract pollinators, including the importance of a pesticide-free landscape. Since ours will be an organic garden, we can check that off our list!

The Koller Library and the Northern Waters Library System have many books on bees, pollination and gardening.

Please check out the additional websites listed under the FOR GARDENERS tab – RESOURCES option of our www.growmw.org website.



Kid's Love Dirt . . .

. . . and they love planting seeds and watching them grow. But what kids love most are fun plants which hold their interest. Capture a child's attention through sensory elements by including plants with interesting or unusual characteristics as well as those that stimulate or appeal to their senses. Kids not only enjoy plants having various shapes and colors but those they can smell, taste, touch and hear. Let's take a look at a favorite fun plant for kids:

Kids love colorful flowers in a variety of shapes. Here is a great selection to try – Sunflowers! What kid can resist the fun-filled sunflower? Sunflowers come in a variety of sizes and colors, from the nearly 12-foot tall 'Mammoth' variety to the smaller 3-foot 'Sonya.'

Read more at : Fun Plants For Kids
www.gardeningknowhow.com/special/children/fun-plants-for-kids.htm