

HOARD HISTORICAL MUSEUM
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RAIN GARDEN PROGRAM AT HOARD MUSEUM

On Saturday, March 26, the Hoard Historical Museum will host an informational program called “Digging into Rain Gardens.” At 2:00, museum volunteers Beverly Dahl and Ron Langellier will talk about how to build and plant a rain garden in your yard.

Both Dahl and Langellier are Jefferson County Master Gardeners. They will address the environmental and aesthetic values of rain gardens and show colorful slides of a variety of native rain garden plants. Rain gardens are strategically located to collect and filter rain that falls on roofs, driveways and streets. This helps lessen runoff from these surfaces into lakes and streams.

The program launches a new garden initiative at the Hoard Museum. Beverly Dahl, Ron Langellier, and Kitty Welch have been meeting regularly since early February to design the museum’s new rain garden and select the plants. Master Gardener Sue Zimmerman will join the group in April when she returns to Fort.

The rain garden will be located on the south lawn of the museum, adjacent to that part of the building that houses the new Mysteries of the Mounds Gallery. Preparation of the rain garden will take place on Saturday, April 16. Please contact the museum if you are interested in helping with this activity.

Planting will take place in early June. During mid and late May, the museum will be accepting donations of garden plants. These plants may be used in the rain garden or will be offered for sale at the museum on Saturday, May 28. Funds raised from this plant sale will go toward purchasing specialized rain garden plants that are not available through plant donations.

“The Jefferson County Master Gardeners are part of the Wisconsin Master Gardeners Association,” explained Langellier. “WiMGA is a statewide organization affiliated with the University of Wisconsin Extension. Its mission is to support and provide leadership to individual master gardeners and local organizations. The Jefferson County Master Gardeners’ mission is to assist the UW–Extension in community horticultural programs through volunteerism, education, and environmental stewardship. It’s a great program and a great opportunity. We are delighted to help the Hoard Museum with their several gardening projects.”

The Hoard Historical Museum and National Dairy Shrine Museum are located at 401 Whitewater Avenue in Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin. The museums are open Tuesdays through Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. They are closed on Sundays and Mondays. For more information, call the museums at 920/563-7769, e-mail info@hoardmuseum.org, and visit our web-site at www.hoardmuseum.org.