

### The Baraboo Seed Library: Plants and Pollinators

The Baraboo Seed Library, located inside the Baraboo Public Library, exists to lend free heirloom seed to community members, and to teach and promote the art of heirloom seed saving and sharing.

This project of the Baraboo Public Library and the Sauk County Master Gardener Association (SCMGA) is coordinated by Master Gardener volunteer **Doreen Hamburg**. Each year, with the support of the SCMGA, Doreen inventories the supply of seeds in the Seed Library, orders heirloom seeds to replenish the seed stock, tests the viability of seeds in packets leftover from previous seasons, and examines, repacks, and labels seeds that have been saved and shared with us by seed saving volunteers.

By saving the seeds from the plants that thrive in their gardens, seed saving volunteers participate in developing varieties that are uniquely adapted to thrive in our growing environment.

By selecting the plant from which to save seeds, seed saving volunteers influence the next generation of that variety. They can decide part of the future of the variety, based on taste, color, texture, or shape—or a combination of all.

We have named 2019 “The Year of the Pollinator” for the Seed Library. Our pollinator focus is to bring additional attention to the global decline of pollinators; and enable gardeners in the Baraboo area to contribute to the body of scientific knowledge about local pollinators in their own gardens. We want to encourage Seed Library patrons to participate in **The Great Sunflower Project**. This project will guide gardeners in recording counts of the pollinators they encounter throughout this

growing season. In addition, people who attend Doreen’s pollinator program on **Thursday, April 25 at 6:30 PM** will be given a packet of Lemon Queen Sunflower seeds. This is the variety of sunflowers that The Great Sunflower Project would like gardeners to cultivate and target for taking pollinator census counts this year.

In past seasons Doreen has stocked the Seed Library with vegetable and herb seeds. This year, aided by a Wisconsin Master Gardeners Association Educational Grant, Doreen has added ornamental flowers to the mix. We hope this addition to the Seed Library will further help Seed Library patrons participate in counting pollinators in their gardens.

Doreen is looking for volunteers who have room in their gardens to plant seeds from a select number of heirloom seeds, and report on their growth, yield, and quality. Results from trials will be shared with heirloom seed catalogs as well as with gardeners throughout Sauk County. If you are interested in becoming a seed trial volunteer, contact Joan Wheeler at 608-356-6166.



**Doreen Hamburg** sorts through flower seed packets in the Baraboo Seed Library. Doreen coordinates the Seed Library as a Sauk County Master Gardener Volunteer.

# April 2019 Programs

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
	1 <b>Photo Scanning at BASCO 12pm - 3pm By Appointment</b> <b>Twilight Tales 6:30pm</b>	2 <b>Booker's Buddies Story Time 10am</b> <b>Rhyme Time Story Time 11am</b> <b>TEEN Tuesday - Next Stop: The Twilight Zone 4pm</b>	3 <b>Babygarten Story Time 9:30am</b> <b>Puppy Club Story Time 11am</b> <b>Building Blocks (LEGO bricks &amp; Minecraft) 1:30pm</b> <b>Read to Desmond 6-7:30pm</b> <b>Registration Required</b>	4 <b>CrafterNoon 3:45 pm</b>	5 <b>Free Play Group 9am</b>	6 <b>Paper Quilting Workshop for Adults 10am</b> <b>Registration required</b>		
7	8 <b>Twilight Tales 6:30pm</b>	9 <b>Booker's Buddies Story Time 10am</b> <b>Rhyme Time Story Time 11am</b> <b>TEEN Tuesday - Fear Factor</b> <b>Grossology 4pm</b> <b>Baraboo Reads Book Discussion for Adults 6:30pm</b>	10 <b>Babygarten at Oak Park Place 9:30am</b> <b>Puppy Club Story Time 11am</b> <b>Building Blocks (LEGO bricks &amp; Minecraft) 1:30pm</b>	11 <b>Homeschooling Program for Families 9:30am</b> <b>CrafterNoon 3:45pm</b> <b>Music with Friends-Wilder Deitz 7pm</b>	12 <b>Free Play Group 9am</b>	13		
14	15 <b>Twilight Tales 6:30pm</b>	16 <b>Booker's Buddies Story Time at Oak Park Place 10am</b> <b>Rhyme Time Story Time 11am</b> <b>TEEN Tuesday - Ice Cream, You Scream 4pm</b> <b>Tuesdays with Murder Book Group 6:30pm</b>	17 <b>Babygarten Story Time 9:30am</b> <b>Puppy Club Story Time 11am</b> <b>Building Blocks (LEGO bricks &amp; Minecraft) 1:30pm</b>	18 <b>CrafterNoon 3:45pm</b>	19 <b>Library Closed</b>	20 <b>Bats Alive@Ochsner Zoo 10am</b>		
21	22 <b>Teen Book Club for Homeschoolers 1pm</b> <b>Twilight Tales 6:30pm</b>	23 <b>Booker's Buddies Story Time 10am</b> <b>Rhyme Time Story Time 11am</b> <b>Scanning Day 4pm-8pm</b> <b>By Appointment</b> <b>TEEN Tuesday - Baraboo Reads 4pm</b> <b>Read to Desmond 6-7:30pm</b> <b>Registration Required</b>	24 <b>Babygarten Story Time 9:30am</b> <b>Puppy Club Story Time 11am</b> <b>Building Blocks (LEGO bricks &amp; Minecraft) 1:30pm</b>	25 <b>CrafterNoon at St. Clare Meadows 4pm</b> <b>Pollinators Count...and You Can Too! 6:30pm</b>	26 <b>Free Play Group 9am</b>	27		
28	29	30 <b>TEEN Tuesday - Video Game Day 4pm</b> <b>Book Art Workshop for Adults 6:30pm</b> <b>Registration Required</b>	 <b>BARABOO</b> PUBLIC LIBRARY				230 Fourth Avenue   Baraboo, WI   53913 608-356-6166   baraboopubliclibrary.org	