

May MWS Newsletter



Master Water Stewards,

Raingarden planting season has arrived! Check out this month's newsletter for upcoming opportunities to get involved!

Important Reminders

2015 Stewards:

- If you are still in need of a capstone project or partner, contact [Lindsey](#) RIGHT AWAY! She can help pair you up with someone or help you find a project.

Everyone:

- If you have a **project installation or outreach event** you need volunteers for, use the [Google Group](#) to get the message out. We now have 82 Stewards who would love to help you out! Remember, work on each others' capstone project counts toward MWS volunteer hours!
- Don't forget to sign up to help staff the [Minnehaha Creek Clean Up](#) on July 26th! You will get volunteer hours, a free T-shirt, and a free lunch (including beer)! Email [Peggy](#) with your preferred volunteer shift, email, and T-shirt size.
- Keep us up-to-date with your volunteer projects and continuing education hours by entering your hours in on our [website reporting page](#).
- Let us know if you need more **MWS business cards**, or if your information has changed; we will be printing more soon!

Upcoming Events

2015 Training:

- **Conducting a Site Assessment:** Tuesday, May 19th, 6-9pm. We will be splitting into two groups and meeting at the sites we will practice on. More details will be sent out in the coming weeks.
- **Capstone Design Charette:** Tuesday, June 2, 6-9pm at MCWD. By this class, you should have done a site assessment for your own capstone project. Bring your ideas and questions to discuss with landscape designers and education/outreach professionals

If you missed one of the Rainscaping classes, let us know right away so we can arrange a way for you to make it up.

Volunteer Opportunities:

- **Union Congregational Church Raingarden Planting:** Saturday, May 9. Help Master Water Stewards Sue & Randy finish their capstone project! Come to 3700 Alabama Ave.

S. in St. Louis Park at either 10am or 11am, and bring a spade and gardening gloves! Contact [Sue Nissen](#) for details.

- **Seward Neighborhood Master Gardener Day:** Saturday, May 30, 11am-1pm. Staff a booth at Welna II Hardware, 2201 E. Franklin, Minneapolis, and spread the word about Maser Water Stewards! Contact [Julie Vanatta](#) for details.
- **Become a Water Bar Tender** at the Northern Spark Festival, June 13-14, for a 2-hour shift between sunset and sunrise. Water bar tenders serve different kinds of tap water and discuss water quality and availability issues with people at the festival! Find out more [here](#). Sign up [here](#).
- **Metro Blooms Raingarden Workshops:** Volunteer to help homeowners plan their summer raingarden projects and practice your teaching skills! Find the workshop dates and locations [here](#). Contact [Becky Rice](#) for more information.

Other Upcoming Events:

- **Recycling/Composting Volunteers at Saints Games:** The St. Paul Saints have just started a new recycling/organics program, and are in need of volunteers to help implement it. There is a volunteer orientation and TOUR OF CHS STADIUM on May 14th. Volunteers will also get FREE ADMISSION to games they volunteer at. Sign up [here!](#)
- **Zero-Waste Volunteers at Indeed Brewing Company's Whirlygig:** May 15-17, afternoon through evening shifts. Volunteers get free snacks, soda, and a free beer ticket! Sign up [here](#).
- **Volunteer at Northeast's Art-A-Whirl** May 15-17. You can help out at the silent auction, at info tables, and be a trolley guide! Volunteers get free T-shirts, too. Sign up [here!](#)
- **Ramsey-Washington "Make N' Take" Rain Barrel Workshop:** May 18, 6-7:30pm, Washington Conservation Center (455 Hayward Ave. North, Oakdale). Ramsey-Washington will share the cost of a rain barrel, and help you build and decorate it at the workshop! Find out more [here!](#)
- **Wild Ones Native Plant Management Talk:** Tuesday, May 19 from 6:30-8:45pm at Wood Lake Nature Center, 6710 Lake Shore Dr. Richfield. Come learn about native plants! Find out more [here](#).
- **WaterFest 2015:** Saturday, May 30 from 11am-4pm at Lake Phalen in St. Paul. Come for the celebration, or volunteer at the event! More information [here](#).
- **Landscape Revival:** Saturday, June 6 from 9am-3pm at Cub Foods Community Pavilion, 1201 Larpenteur Ave. W. in Roseville. This is a native plant expo and market, with great deals and resources for native plantings. Find out more [here](#).
- **MWMO Crochet Coral Reef Crochet Circles:** May-July. Help the Minneapolis Institute of Arts and Mississippi Watershed Management Organization create a crochet coral reef! Find dates and times [here](#).

Check out our [calendar](#) to stay up to date with Master Water Steward events!

Questions?

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