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This Season on *Prairie Yard and Garden*...

[The new season of *Prairie Yard and Garden* promises monarchs, master gardeners, a community garden, and more.](#) Upcoming episodes include:

- **Water Quality—March 3:** Eroding shorelines, washouts, algae covered and polluted lakes are real issues that we can do something about. Host Mary Holm visits with landscape designer, Steve Deal to see how using rain gardens, buffer strips, shoreline restoration, and native plants can all increase water quality.
- **Geraniums—March 10:** Some people regard geraniums as old fashioned flowers because they have been around for generations of gardeners. Host Mary Holm visits with master gardener Donna Christen who says “not so fast.” Yes, geraniums have been around a long time, but there are so many new and unusual varieties that they are still a wonderful addition to today’s gardens and containers.
- **Glenwood Community Garden—March 24:** Mike Knutson of Glenwood wanted to do something to help the hungry in his community and decided that gardening was the perfect way to help. With a group of dedicated volunteer Knutson started the Glenwood Community Garden to produce hundreds of pounds of fresh food for people in the area.

A 30-minute television show about gardening in the upper midwest, *Prairie Yard and Garden* is produced by Instructional and Media Technologies in association with Pioneer Public Television. It airs on Thursday nights at 7:30 p.m.

You're Invited: Starting Seeds Indoors

The Come Grow with Us Series continues with Starting Seeds Indoors on Wednesday, March 16, at 12:15 p.m. in the West Central Research and Outreach Center (WCROC) AgCountry Auditorium. The class will cover Join Tom Holm, WCROC greenhouse manager, as he presents on:

- Seeds for beginners as well as for more advanced gardeners
- Equipment and supplies needed
- How to properly germinate (temperature, light, moisture, fertilizer, etc.)
- Preparing your plants for the move outside
- Collecting your own seed

In the News

Kuchenreuther Discusses Monarchs on *PYG*

Margaret Kuchenreuther, associate professor of biology, appeared as a guest last week on Pioneer Public TV's *Prairie Yard and Garden*, where she discussed monarchs and the plants they love. To learn more about the natural history of monarch butterflies and ways to attract them to your property, [watch the program online](#).