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The Yawkey and Woodson House Gardens Highlighted in Tour

The Marathon County Historical Society invites the public to explore their gardens with guided tours of the Yawkey and Woodson House Gardens on Sunday, July 20 from 1:30-3:00 pm.

Tours led by volunteers will leave about every 15 minutes from the Woodson History Center. At each stop the North Central Wisconsin Master Gardeners will explain the history of the gardens and the details of the current gardens. The last tour will leave at 3:00 pm. The tour is free, however donations are appreciated.

The tour will end at the Yawkey Carriage House where visitors are invited to learn more about the Marathon County Historical Society, North Central Master Gardeners and the YWCA Garden Club. Lemonade will also be available for refreshment.

The gardens, which were originally created in 1910, have been planted to create stunning displays throughout the spring and into fall. Today the landscape includes more than 40 varieties of evergreens, shrubs and trees; and about 50 types of bulbs and perennials. There are also a multitude of planters filled with brightly colored annuals. The Yawkey House Garden features a sunken garden with a fountain centerpiece and a pergola covered with a native grapevine.

The gardens of the Yawkey and Woodson Houses are graciously cared for by the volunteers of the YWCA Garden Club and the North Central Wisconsin Master Gardeners.

In Bloom: Yawkey & Woodson House Garden Tour

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Tours every 15 minutes. Last tour begins at 3:00 pm

Tour begins at the Woodson History Center, 410 McIndoe Street, Wausau

No admission fee, but donations appreciated

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The Marathon County Historical Society operates the Woodson History Center and the Yawkey House Museum. Our mission is to collect, preserve and disseminate the knowledge of the history of Marathon County and Wisconsin. We currently have the restored Yawkey House, the Yawkey House gardens, two exhibits, and a research library open for the public to explore.

Updates and event schedules are always available on our website at marathoncountyhistory.com, as well as on Facebook at facebook.com/marathoncountyhistory and Twitter at twitter.com/marathoncohistory. Our Facebook page is also the site of many lively discussions and historic photos from our collections are posted regularly.

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Photos of the Yawkey and Woodson House Gardens available at:

<https://drive.google.com/folderview?id=0B3eDLNNC1nOaQkw3MGo5NIV3VU0&usp=sharing>