

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Mar. 31, 2025**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City & Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Garden or Environmental interest group/club:  
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\$\_\_\_\_ Registration Fee (\$65) includes

2 speakers, Floral design luncheon & 2 breakouts

Session 1: (Choose one AM breakout session)

\_\_\_\_ Breakout 1 - Stained Glass Dangler

(\$15 for supplies)

\_\_\_\_ Breakout 2 - Sustainable Veggie Gardening

Session 2: (Choose one PM breakout session)

\_\_\_\_ Breakout 3 - Growing Flowers for Cutting

\_\_\_\_ Breakout 4 - Getting Fit for Gardening

\_\_\_\_ Optional Monday Evening Banquet (add \$37)

\$\_\_\_\_ Late fee, (\$10), if registering between March 31st and April 10th

\$\_\_\_\_ TOTAL

Luncheon Choice:

\_\_\_\_ Cobb Salad (chicken, bacon, egg)

\_\_\_\_ Veggie Cobb (egg)

Make check out to:  
Wisconsin Garden Club Federation  
and send to:

**Susan Wallace**  
**1006 Parkland Dr.**  
**Chippewa Falls, WI 54729**

## **Monday, April 28, 2025**

# **GARDENING SYMPOSIUM**

**8:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

(See speaker details in this brochure)

### **Morning Schedule:**

**8:00:** Registration, Vendors, Sales Room and "Creativity on the Chippewa" Art & Floral Design Show

**9:00-9:50:** Gardening Trends for 2025

**10:00-10:50:** Micro-manage Your Soil? Understanding Plant Nutrients

**11:00-11:50:** Breakouts 1 & 2  
#1 Stained Glass Dangler  
(Addl. \$15 fee for supplies)  
#2 Sustainable Veggie Gardening

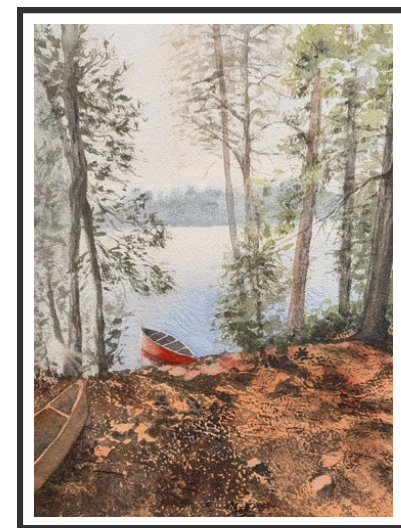
### **Afternoon Schedule:**

**12:00-2:00:** Floral Design Luncheon  
Brent Douglas Flowers

**2:10-3:00:** Breakouts 3 & 4  
#3 Growing Flowers for Cutting  
#4 Getting Fit for Gardening

**To register using a credit card, visit:**  
[www.wisconsin-gardenclub.org](http://www.wisconsin-gardenclub.org)

THE ST. CROIX DISTRICT OF THE  
WISCONSIN GARDEN CLUB FEDERATION  
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## **Conversations on the Chippewa**

97th Annual WGCF Convention  
April 27-29, 2025  
Sun. – Tues.

The Lismore Hotel, 333 Gibson St.  
Eau Claire, WI

The WGCF convention offers learning, floral design, food, shopping, a little exercise and is open to all. Attend the Monday, April 28th Gardening Symposium or the full 3 day Sunday- Tuesday, April 27th – 29th

Interested in the full Convention?

For more details:

[www.wisconsin-gardenclub.org](http://www.wisconsin-gardenclub.org)



# Conversations on the Chippewa

**Monday, April 28th**

## A one day symposium

Beginning at 9 in the morning to 3 in the afternoon, the day's agenda covers a potpourri of topics pertinent to today's gardener from what's new in the garden, soil health, floral design, garden décor and care of the gardener.

### Cost: \$65 includes:

- ◆ 2 morning speakers,
- ◆ Luncheon & Floral Design Program
- ◆ 2 Breakout Sessions

### PLUS from 8am to 4pm:

- ◆ Vendors displaying a variety of gardening and craft products.
- ◆ Tisket-a-Tasket Baskets
- ◆ Creativity on the Chippewa - a display of art from regional artists and accompanying floral interpretations.

## JOIN IN THE CONVERSATION!

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### *Gardening Trends for 2025* **Mary Schier**

Mary Lahr Schier has been watching gardening trends for over 20 years. As the former editor of Northern Gardener magazine and author of *The Northern Gardener: From Apples to Zinnias*, she is well-versed in the latest trends in the gardening world.



### *Micro-Manage Your Soil? Understanding Plant Nutrients*

**Diana Alfuth**

Diana served as the UW-Extension's Horticulture Outreach Specialist for 22 years. With a bachelor's and master's degree from the University of Minnesota, she continues to educate people about horticulture to improve their yards and gardens. What does your soil really need?



### SESSION 1 - Choose Breakout 1 or 2

#### *AM Breakout 1 - Stained Glass Danglers* **Linda Bergen**

Linda is known as the crafty one of Lake Wissota Garden Club. She comes up with and leads many creative activities. Join her as she guides you in making a 25" long stained glass dangler to add some dazzle to your home or garden. (Additional \$15 cost for supplies.)



#### *AM Breakout 2 - Sustainable Veggie Gardening* **Kristina Beuning**

Kristina's Sunbow Farm is a CSA that has supplied the Chippewa Valley with fresh sustainably grown fruits and vegetables for over 21 years. She'll share her tips for success with us.



## LUNCHEON AND FLORAL DESIGN PROGRAM

### *Speaker: Brent Douglas Stelzer* **Floral Designer**

Voted the best florist for the past 14 years in the Chippewa Valley and known for creating unique designs for special occasions, Brent is the owner of Brent Douglas Flowers. He will demonstrate his design talents for us during the luncheon.



### SESSION 2: Choose Breakout 3 or 4

#### *PM Breakout 3 - Growing Flowers for Cutting* **Christine Melby**

As the owner of Two Bees and a Bud, Christine wants people to enjoy the beauty of nature. She raises specialty flowers to cut and will share her tips for success to plant a cutting garden.



#### *PM Breakout 4 - Getting Fit for Gardening* **Andrea Cronk**

The gardening season is fast approaching! Andrea, OTR/L and NASM Certified Personal Trainer, enjoys anything outdoors including gardening. She'll give you a free resistance band and lead you in an exercise session providing ways to allow us to garden with greater ease and joy.



## STAY FOR SUPPER & DESSERT?

**Douglas Owens-Pike**, author of *Beautifully Sustainable* and Board Chairman of the Lower Chippewa Invasives Partnership is WGCF's Bronze Award winner.



He will speak during the evening banquet: **Growing Wild for Pollinators**  
Banquet cost: Additional \$37.