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2023 Annual Convention "ROLLING ON THE RIVER"

Kathy Casberg and Maureen Wild-Gordon, Co-Chairs

The Coulee and Madison Districts invite you to join us for the WGCF 95th Annual Business Meeting and Convention "Rolling on the River", May 21-23, 2023 at the Stoney Creek Resort in Onalaska. Committee chairs and members from both districts are working together to bring you a fun and educational convention!

A pre-convention tour of the Riverside International Friendship Gardens and a Mississippi River excursion on the La Crosse River Queen, promise to entertain with sightings of eagles and other wildlife possible. Space is limited on this optional tour, so please register early.



Program speakers include Tiana Lueck from the National Eagle Center, Wabasha, Minnesota, with information on eagle behavior, biology, and past conservation efforts to save the bald eagle from extinction. Meet a live representative of this avian family! Our breakout sessions will include the renowned and inspiring Soil Sisters, a network of women farmers that preach sustainable farming; Gardening by the Moon Phases with popular Jane Hawley Stevens; Secrets on Caring for Summer Bulbs with Andre Paquette; and tips for Connecting with Facebook.

Monday evening sit back and enjoy a floral design competition featuring some of our very own members of Judges Council and emceed by talented designer Dawn Mozgowa. Following the installation of officers at Tuesday's luncheon, Linda McCafferty will share her vision and President's Project.



This convention promises something for everyone as well as opportunities to make new friends and visit with old ones.

We look forward to seeing you in May!

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Message from our President

Our winter season is just beginning with its snow dusted naked trees which presents a great opportunity for many of us – ideal conditions for birding (aka birdwatching). Bird lovers are called ornithophiles and I’m sure many of our members will say they are indeed proud to be known as one. As I gather my camera and head outdoors, I secretly wish for a sighting of a snowy owl now that Wisconsin is experiencing an event known as “irruption” – large numbers moving into the state.



Regarding moving around the state, I will be back on the road again after the holidays visiting clubs. As I peruse the wonderful yearbooks that I have received, the variety of programs being offered to our members is incredible! Thank-you for sharing your club events.

My sincere gratitude to the club presidents and their officers as they step into a leadership role, which will hopefully continue with a future position on our WGCF Board of Directors. I cannot thank our state officers enough for their ideas, dedication and hard work this past year! You are all very, very much appreciated.

In the last few months, several workshops, flower shows, and a symposium were held throughout the state educating members about floral design by members of the WGCF Judges Council. Thank you for sharing your knowledge and personal designs with us.

Please mark your calendars now for the NGC Convention May 2 – 5, 2023, at the fabulous Greenbriar Resort nestled in the Allegheny Mountains in West Virginia. Then pack your bags and head to the WGCF Convention May 21 – 23, 2023, in the Coulee District at the Stoney Creek Resort in Onalaska, just 10 minutes from La Crosse. Enjoy a tour on the Mississippi River and a visit to the International Friendship Gardens, highlighting gardens from around the world. Information on the schedule and how to register is in this issue of WI Gardens.

Here's to a joyous New Year filled with peace and hope!

Laura



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Rolling on the River

Wisconsin Garden Club Federation's 95th Annual Convention

Hosted by the Coulee and Madison Districts
Kathy Casberg and Maureen Wild Gordon, Co-Chairs

May 21–23, 2023, Stoney Creek Hotel La Crosse – Onalaska,
3060 S. Kinney Coulee Road, Onalaska, WI 54650



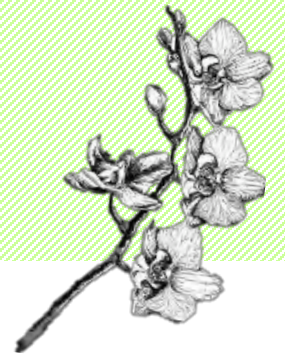
SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2023

PRE-CONVENTION ACTIVITIES

10:30 – 11:30	Tri-Council Meeting	Timberland Room
11:00 – 5:00	Educational Exhibits Setup	Hearth Room Hallway
11:30 – 3:30	Optional Tour -- LaCrosse Queen Riverboat and Riverside International Friendship Gardens	Bus Pickup in Parking Lot
12:00 – 3:00	Member Services/Ticket-A-Ticket/Vendors Setup	Hearth Room, SW Hallway
1:00 – 6:00	REGISTRATION OPEN	Hearth Room Foyer
3:00 – 6:30	Member Services/Ticket-A-Ticket/Vendors Open	Hearth Room, SW Hallway
4:15 – 5:30	Pre-Convention Board of Directors Meeting WGCF Officers, District Directors and Committee Members	Timberland Room

CONVENTION ACTIVITIES

6:30	Reception -- Bar Service Available	Hearth Room
7:00	Banquet Honoring: WGCF Board Members Presiding: Laura Skoff, WGCF President Speaker: Steve Glandt, Bronze Award Winner Topic: Lyfe Gardens Aquaponics Flower Show and Educational Awards	Salon A



MONDAY, MAY 22, 2023

Breakfast on your own		The Galley
7:30 – 8:30	Registration	Hearth Room Foyer
8:00 – 12:30	Member Services/Ticket-A-Ticket/Vendors Open	Hearth Room, SW Hallway

9:00 – 11:30	95 th ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING Youth and Yearbook Awards	Salon B
11:30 – 12:00	Registration	Hearth Room Foyer
12:00 – 2:30	Lunch Honoring: Lynne Ehnert, Central Region Director Presiding: Laura Skoff, WGCF President Speaker: Tiana Lueck, National Eagle Center Topic: Eagle Conservation Wisconsin Garden Club Awards	Salon A
2:30 – 6:30	Member Services/Ticket-A-Tasket/Vendors Open	Hearth Room/SW Hallway
2:45 – 3:45	Breakout Session 1 - Heather Lynch Soil Sisters, Women Caring for Our Land	Salon B
	Breakout Session 2 - Jane Hawley Stevens Gardening by the Moon Phases	Salon C
4:00 – 5:00	Breakout Session 3 - Andre Paquette Caring for Summer Bulbs	Salon B
	Breakout Session 4 - Connecting with Facebook Moderator, Debbie Walters, WGCF Webmaster	Salon C
5:00 – 6:30	Registration	Hearth Room Foyer
6:30	Reception - Bar Service Available	Hearth Room
7:00	Banquet Honoring: Gerianne Holzman, NGC 3 rd Vice President Presiding: Laura Skoff, WGCF President Program: Dawn Mozgawa, Floral Design Competition Lydia Shafer Award	Salon A

TUESDAY, MAY 23, 2023

Breakfast on your own		The Galley
8:00 – 11:00	Member Services/Ticket-A-Tasket/Vendors Open	Hearth Room/SW Hallway
11:30	Lunch Presiding: Linda McCafferty, WGCF President Elect Invitation to the 2024 State Convention WGCF Officer Installation Ticket-A-Tasket Raffle Closing of Convention	Salon A



POST- CONVENTION ACTIVITIES

2:00	WGCF President Board of Directors Meeting	Salon A
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Distinguished Guests



Guest of Honor, Central Region Director, Lynne Ehnert Monday lunch, May 22, 2023



Lynne Ehnert, former President of the Wisconsin Garden Club Federation, was elected as the 2023 – 2025 Central Region Director at the WGCF Convention in April. According to the state rotation schedule, it was Wisconsin's turn to select the next director. Lynne's interest in garden clubs may have been predestined. She attended her first National Convention in 1997 with her mother, Kitty Larkin, just to see what it was all about. Lynne went on to participate in several national committees as well as various committees and chairmanships in the WGCF. Her interest in floral design led to becoming a Master Judge. Travel and meeting people have led to interest in the environment and her conviction that she can help everyone to live a more fruitful life.

Guest of Honor, NGC 3rd Vice President, Gerianne Holzman Monday banquet, Monday, May 22, 2023



Gerianne Holzman, NGC Corresponding Secretary and The National Gardener editor, is a long-time member of the Sunset Garden Club in Madison. She joined the garden club in her twenties at the urging of Shirley Cuccia, her friend and mentor. Seeing something in Gerianne, that she did not see in herself, Shirley encouraged Gerianne to pursue the challenges of becoming a Flower Show Judge. Now, a Master Judge and NGC five-star member, Gerianne is a mentor to others. As a former WGCF President, wanting to give back to an organization that has given her so much, Gerianne is pursuing leadership roles in NGC

Speakers and Presenters

Bronze Award Winner **Steve Glandt, Lyfe Gardens Aquaponics** Sunday banquet, May 21, 2023



Steve Glandt and his wife Michelle are school teachers by trade. In 2014, they and their children, started building a hydroponic farm business, Lyfe Gardens, where they would focus on raising fresh vegetables. The project took two years to complete and they have been in business for about five years. They now provide the greater La Crosse community with high quality, healthy produce grown through a self-sustainable agricultural process crossed with aquaculture called aquaponics. Multiple types of lettuce, tomatoes, cucumbers, herbs, and tilapia are raised and marketed all year long within their 6,000 square foot greenhouse located in Bangor, Wisconsin.

Tiana Lueck, National Eagle Center Monday lunch, May 22, 2023



Tiana Lueck earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Zoology and Animal Biology at Ohio University. For the last five years, she has been the Visitor and Services Lead and Program and Events Manager for the National Eagle Center located on the banks of the Mississippi River in Wabasha, Minnesota. The organization is home to four non-releasable bald eagles and a red-tailed hawk who have become their cherished ambassadors. The Center is also a nesting place for hundreds of other eagles who come for the winter. No doubt, Tiana will invite you to visit and learn about eagle habitats and their environmental concerns.

Speakers and Presenters

Heather Lynch, Breakout Session 1

Soil Sisters, Women Caring for Our Land, Monday, 2:45 - 3:45, Salon B



Heather Lynch is a Conservation Ambassador for WFAN, the Women, Food and Agriculture Network. She earned her UW Extension Master Gardener certification, and enjoys teaching youth groups how to grow food that is donated to local food pantries. She uses her knowledge to educate in Soil Sisters, a Green County based group. This session will examine how local women farmers are getting involved with the land. When women who share a passion come together to champion and celebrate conservation, they can impact our landscape for generations to come.

Jane Hawley Stevens, Breakout Session 2

Gardening by the Moon Phases, Monday, 2:45 - 3:45, Salon C

Jane Hawley Stevens began specializing in herbs in 1981 after earning her Horticulture degree from U.W. Madison. Herb garden design evolved into cooking and home remedies. In 1987 she began *Four Elements Organic Herbs*, continuing to grow herbs used for well-being. Grown on her 130-acre farm in Baraboo Bluffs of Wisconsin, products are handmade by dedicated local women. Jane continues to inspire others through her effective products and teaching at organic herb, garden, and professional events. Her herbal wellness products now sell across the country.



Andre Paquette, Breakout Session 3

Caring for Summer Bulbs, Monday, 4:00 - 5:00, Salon B



Andre Paquette is owner of Firefly Farm and Mercantile in Cashton, Wisconsin. He readily admits, running a business is hard work, with challenges and opportunities around every corner. The business started with the love of two hobbies, gardening, and film. This makes for an eclectic store. Andre specializes in heirloom seeds and bulbs, enjoys speaking on gardening, has a monthly newsletter and the Midwest Garden Community group on Facebook. He will share his expertise on caring for summer bulbs.

Debby Walters, WGCF Webmaster, Breakout Session 4

Connecting with Facebook, Monday, 4:00 - 5:00, Salon C

Debby Walters, a former library media specialist, is the Wisconsin Garden Club Federation's webmaster. She has served as *Botany, Belles and Beaus* President and is the St. Croix District Director. She will speak and moderate *Connecting with Facebook*. Social media is a useful way to connect with the community in your area and Facebook is a way to publicize your garden club's accomplishments and activities. Learn how to create an account and post events. There will be time for questions and sharing tips and tricks for the Facebook experience.



Dawn Mozgawa, NGC Master Flower Show Judge

Floral Design Competition at the Banquet, Monday, May 22



Dawn Mozgawa is an NGC Master Flower Show Judge from Madison, Wisconsin. A past District Director of WGCF, she is currently Co-President of the Sugar River Gardeners. She founded the club in the town of Verona more than twenty-five years ago, because the community did not have a garden club. The group's very first project was building and planting 24 wooden planter boxes to assist in civic beautification. Dawn enjoys gardening and floral design, creative writing, photography and raising English Setters. She will be Master of Ceremony for a spontaneous design presentation with surprise participants, creativity, and laughter.



Rolling on the River

WGCF 95th Annual Convention, May 21-23, 2023

HOSTED BY COULEE AND MADISON DISTRICTS

The Stoney Creek Hotel and Conference Center, 3060 S Kinney Coulee Road, Onalaska, WI 53460

Note: this form is a fillable pdf, download it to complete, print and send in with your check.

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip+4 _____

Phone _____ Email _____

District _____ Club _____

Please check all that apply: WGCF Officer _____ Board Member _____
Past President _____ Club Delegate _____ Club Alternate _____ Guest _____

PRE-CONVENTION EVENT

The combined tour of the International Friendship Gardens and the La Crosse Queen Riverboat excursion has a limit of 40 persons. A boxed lunch is included with choice of sandwich, cookie, and water.

Select Ham on Wheat Sandwich _____ or Turkey on White Sandwich _____.

Cost before April 22, 2023 is \$46 \$ _____

Cost after April 22, 2023 is \$55 \$ _____

CONVENTION EVENTS, PACKAGE PLAN

Package Plan before April 22, 2023, \$155 per person \$ _____

Package Plan after April 22, 2023, \$175 per person \$ _____

Includes Registration, two banquets and two lunches with programs and breakout sessions.

Meals will be served buffet style.

Sunday Banquet: Chicken Florentine, and Salmon

Monday Lunch: Pulled Pork Sandwiches and Chicken Salad Sandwiches

Monday Banquet: Prime Rib

Tuesday Lunch: Chicken and Beef Taco Bar

List dietary restriction _____

CONVENTION COSTS FOR THOSE NOT SELECTING A PACKAGE PLAN

Registration fee, \$25 \$ _____

Late event fee after April 22, 2023, \$10. \$ _____

Select your buffet style meal event including program.

Sunday Banquet: Chicken Florentine and Prosciutto, and Salmon \$40 _____

Monday Lunch: Pulled Pork Sandwiches and Chicken Salad Sandwiches \$27 _____

Monday Banquet: Prime Rib \$40 _____

Tuesday Lunch: Chicken and Beef Taco Bar \$28 _____

List dietary restriction _____

BREAKOUT SESSIONS, included in Package Plan, select one in each time period.

Not selecting the Package Plan? Select session with \$10 fee applicable.

May 22, Monday, 2:45–3:45

1. Soil Sisters, How Wisconsin Women are Caring for the Land \$10 _____

2. Gardening by the Moon \$10 _____

May 22, Monday, 4:00–5:00

3. Caring for Summer Bulbs \$10 _____

4. Connecting with Facebook \$10 _____

Additional registration fee for a non-member, \$10 \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO WGCF. Send with registration form to:

Sylvia Lowell 3435 State Road 78 Mt. Horeb, WI, 53572-1341

No refunds after May 6, 2023. A 25% handling fee will be retained on all cancellations.



HOTEL RESERVATIONS

STONEY CREEK HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTER

The room rate is \$85.00 per night, plus tax. Deadline for the room rate is April 20, 2023. Rooms available include Deluxe King, and Deluxe Queen. Deluxe King and Queen Accessible are available at request.

Continental breakfast is included.

ONLINE RESERVATION:

1. Go to <https://reservations.travelclick.com/109238#/guestsandrooms>.
2. Ensure that the top of the website says, La Crosse.
3. Select **Add Code** and from the drop down, select **Group Attendee**.
4. Enter the correlating block code, **2305WISCON**



PHONE IN RESERVATION:

Reservations can be made by calling the Hotel at 608-781-3060 and pressing 3 to reach the front desk. Attendees can notify them of the block code, **2305WISCON**, to make a reservation and receive the discount.

Wisconsin Garden Club Federation



WGCF WEBSITE: wisconsingardenclub.org

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Send photos and a short writeup to: contactwgcf@gmail.com.
Debby Walters, WGCF webmaster



STANDING RULES

WISCONSIN GARDEN CLUB FEDERATION ANNUAL MEETING 2023 CONVENTION

They shall be approved at the opening of each Annual Meeting for adoption by the delegates.

These Standing Rules are those procedures which apply only to the Annual Meeting of the WGCF. They are based on the most current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, as applicable to the WGCF under the most current bylaws.

1. Only those with Official Delegate cards and paddles shall be seated with the voting body.
2. Minutes of the Annual Meeting, Board of Directors Meetings and the Executive Meeting shall be corrected by a committee of the body, appointed by the President. Approval shall be reported by the Committee Chairman.
3. Guests may be invited to a State Convention, but they may not vote, debate, make motions, hold office, or serve on Standing Committees. They shall pay the same fee as a regular member to attend the meeting.
4. No member shall speak in debate more than once on the same question on the same day or longer than two (2) minutes without permission of the convention granted by 2/3 vote without debate.
5. All resolutions, other than courtesy, to come before the Annual Meeting shall be sent to the Parliamentarian, in writing, at least two weeks before the meeting convenes.
6. No resolutions presented by an individual shall be considered at the Annual Meeting unless approved by the club of the member.
7. In an election year, the names of WGCF Chairmen, as approved by the Board of Directors shall be read.
8. All cellphones must be turned off or set in the vibrating position.

WGCF BOARD OF DIRECTORS END OF TERM REPORTS

All Wisconsin Garden Club Federation Board of Directors, (BOD), members must submit their end-of-term report, by May 10, 2023, to Susan Wallace, Recording Secretary. The BOD reports are included as part of the annual business meeting minutes and published in the members-only section of the WGCF website.

Officers, District Directors, and Committee Chairs, please send reports to Susan at naffer65@gmail.com. BOD members may also provide a verbal presentation in addition to their electronic reports. These are limited to two minutes, except for the President. To expedite the meeting and allow everyone an equal opportunity, timekeepers will stop anyone from exceeding this time limit. Thank you for respecting and adhering to this rule.





Enjoy Your Orchid

Sue Donohoe, Horticulture Chairman

Orchids are one of the most intriguing flowers we know of, and their beauty comes in many sizes, shapes, and colors. Plants have the same basic anatomy but different growing needs. This article will look at the three basic needs of the orchid: light, water, and temperature. As with any plant, once we know what they want from us, we find success in growing them.

ORCHID LIGHT REQUIREMENTS

Light comes in many forms and to successfully grow orchids you need to evaluate the light in your growing space. When you've determined how much light you can give your plant, you can choose the best flower for you. Most orchids grow attached to another plant, usually a tree, so they are not usually exposed to direct sun. Leaves should be a grassy green. Dark or faded green would indicate too little or too much light.

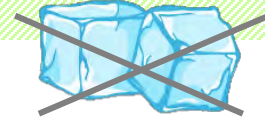
LOW LIGHT refers to an indirect light source that casts very little shadow when you place your hand between the window and the orchid. Eastern window or filtered morning sun of a south or west window would be low light. Phalaenopsis orchids do well in low light.



Phalaenopsis, or moth orchid

MEDIUM LIGHT could be an unfiltered morning light that casts a medium shadow. An unfiltered eastern window is good. Brassia, Cattleya, Dendrobium *kingianum*, Oncidium, Miltonia, and Dendrobium *nobile* like that east window!

HIGH LIGHT comes from a bright window that casts a strong shadow. Usually, a southern window is good for this exposure. Vanda, Dendrobium *phalaenopsis*, and Cymbidium orchids prefer bright light. A western facing window will provide sun that is too hot and drying and should be avoided.



WATERING YOUR ORCHID

When an orchid is purchased, directions often say to give the plant one or two ice cubes weekly. Ice cubes are cold and plants don't like cold water, so this is a questionable instruction. In addition, your orchid may be planted in a container that does not allow complete and quick water drainage.



Orchids need containers with good drainage. Pots and baskets without proper drainage cause overwatering and root disease. Select pots with 4 to 12 drainage holes on the bottom and the sides. Orchids prefer shallower squat pots, as roots don't like the moisture

retained in deep pots and roots spread out, not down. New emerging roots signal the best time to re-pot, as the orchid is at the beginning of active growth. Leave aerial roots in the air and potted roots in the potting medium.

It is best to water an orchid by holding them under room temperature running water until water runs out freely. **NEVER** let an orchid sit in standing water. Orchids are best watered in the morning about once a week, or when the potting medium is completely dry. Water early in the day so the plant has a chance to dry off before cooler nighttime temperatures!



Vanda orchids are commonly cultivated for the marketplace.



Fertilize regularly when you water. Growers suggest a balanced or an orchid fertilizer. They do better with too little fertilizer than too much. Many growers recommend a weak, weekly approach, applying a dilute fertilizer, 1/4 strength, each time they water. It is best to water and follow with the fertilizer solution, so as not to burn the roots.

After purchasing, or when transplanting, use a potting medium specifically for orchids. A bark-based mix with very little sphagnum moss is best. You do not want water to hold around the roots.

A WORD ABOUT ROOTS

Orchids are epiphytes, and in fact the **Orchidaceae** family is the largest epiphyte plant group, containing 440 genera and 13,951 species. Epiphytes are defined as plants that grow on another plant but are not parasitic.

Many orchids have aerial roots. They live in the air, and are looking for a tree branch to attach to. These roots absorb moisture from the air, so **do not cut them off**. Just let them do their thing. They aid in photosynthesis and affix the plant to its host.



Healthy orchid plant roots are round and plump. The outermost root layer is velamen, a porous, silvery-green root covering that takes in moisture and nutrients. Nutrients filter down to the vascular tissue, which routes the moisture and nutrients up from the roots to the plant itself.

Root tips will be green or sometimes red. Longer tips indicate actively growing roots. Roots may grow up, down, or sideways. Brown or brittle roots are unhealthy and should be removed. If your orchid roots are bright green, they are wet, and the plant may be overwatered. Wait until the roots are a silvery-green before watering again.

TEMPERATURE

Orchids prefer warmer days and cooler nights, mimicking natural growing conditions. Nighttime temperature is more critical than the daytime temperature. Try to have at least a 10-degree temperature difference between days and nights. There are three categories of temperature for orchids.



Dendrobium phalaenopsis likes a bright window and a warm home.

WARM, with days at 68 degrees or higher and nights not below 60 degrees. The *Phalaenopsis* orchid, the Vanda, and *Dendrobium phalaenopsis* fall into this category. Note that the first tolerates low light, and the other two need bright light. These may work best in home temperatures.

INTERMEDIATE, with days at 60 degrees or higher and nights between 50-60 degrees. These plants, Brassia, Cattleya, *Dendrobium kingianum*, Oncidium, and Miltonia want nights below 50 degrees. Too warm and the orchid will not do well.



Cymbidium

COOL, with days at 55 degrees or higher and nights between 40-50 degrees. *Dendrobium nobile* and the Cymbidium orchid like cold nights!

WHAT ORCHID BEST FITS YOUR HOME

Now that you know the basics of orchids, pick up one and give it a try. They are easy to find at almost any grocery or big box store. *Phalaenopsis*, or Moth Orchid, is the most common and the easiest for the beginner. They bloom for a long time and will start you down the path of being an orchid lover.

The American Orchid Society has a wonderful website that can help you along the way and answer many of your questions. Once you have success with the beautiful moth orchid, try your hand at another type. Remember that it takes time to get to know your orchid and then to get it to rebloom so be patient with yourself and your orchid, and you will find success in your orchid growing endeavor.



Phalaenopsis or Moth Orchid

Above all, ENJOY YOUR ORCHID!

Sheboygan District News



Karen Merlau, Director



The Sheboygan District would like to highlight member Sally Neuhaus. Sally has belonged to the Lake Shore Garden Club for the last six years.

Director Karen Merlau asked Sally how she got involved with the club and became a member. Sally answered that she was a volunteer with the Plymouth Historical Society and each year they would host a tea. She was the hostess for a table that included Doris Weber and Mary Kulhanek. That is how she met them. They talked to her about the Lake Shore Garden Club and encouraged her to join, which eventually she did when she retired.

Sally says she loves all the club members, their friendliness, and feels embraced by the group. People are easy to work with and she enjoys the camaraderie. She enjoys the yearly bus trips and the monthly programs as well.

An avid gardener herself, Sally's special interest is in heirloom, Victorian, herbal, and other historic gardens.

Sally has stepped up to take on a leadership role in the club where she serves as Co-Vice President. She is also a recent recipient of the "And Then Some" award. She feels that she gets more out of the club than she ever thought she would. It has been a great confidence booster for her and has helped her with her public speaking skills.

Holiday Decorating

Members of both the Lake Shore and Ivy League Garden Clubs participated in holiday decorating in November at the Sheboygan County Historical Society and Museum complex. The David Taylor House is a restored historic home that is part of the complex. Members helped decorate this grand home with numerous Christmas trees, fireplace mantel arrangements, and stair decorations.

The public will get to enjoy this at a special after-hours event with live music, twinkling lights, and festive holiday drinks and snacks. The museum itself was also decorated for the annual Holiday Memories Event where visitors stroll through a large exhibit of window displays that were widely enjoyed in the H.C. Prange Department Store windows beginning in the 1940s.

It truly is a trip down memory lane for many, enhanced by the decorating skills of our club members.



Members of the Lake Shore and Ivy League Garden Clubs

2023-2024 WGCF Nominations



The following candidates are being proposed for election for the 2023-24 WGCF term.

President: LINDA MCCAFFERTY – Madison District

As a member of the Sun Prairie Garden Club since 1991, I have served in officer and committee positions. I have been Director of the Madison District and I am the Co-Chair of the Blue Star and Gold Star Families Memorial Markers. In 2019 I was elected as WGCF Second Vice-President, and I currently serve as 1st Vice President. I am a member of Sun Prairie American Legion Auxiliary, the Second Vice President, Parliamentarian, as well as the Americanism, and Sunshine chairs, and coordinate the quarterly Blood Drives. I love to preserve and I can the produce of my vegetable garden and spend time with my two granddaughters. If elected your President, I promise to do my absolute best, but will need your help and the support of the entire WGCF membership.



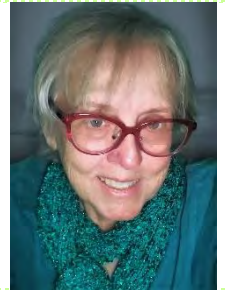
First Vice-President: JOE POWELKA – Madison District

I have served in a variety of roles as a member of Sun Prairie Garden Club since 1992. I was Madison District Director and am now serving as the Second Vice-President of WGCF. I am a veteran and a retired architect but still work for the WI Department of Military Affairs as an energy manager. I have served on the National Board for Wild Ones, six years as national President, promoting environmentally friendly and sound landscaping to preserve biodiversity. My wife Diane and I have been married for over 50 years and have four children and seven grandchildren. I am a photographer and a painter and enjoy researching genealogy in what spare time I have!



Second Vice-President: NANCY GREGORY – Milwaukee District:

I am Co-President of Town and Country Garden Club, Milwaukee, and serve as Blue Star Marker Chairman for the Milwaukee District. I joined WGCF in 2004 and was Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, and District Director for the Milwaukee District. I served as Chairman for the Environmental School, and a Consultant for Environmental and Landscape Design. I love what garden club membership has offered me, and tell everyone I meet, even strangers at the grocery store. I often suggest people join a garden club, and maybe I'll see them at a future meeting or convention.



Treasurer: MARY JANE HULL – Madison District

Since 2005, I have been a member of Mound Vue Garden Club, and have served as treasurer since 2007. I have been active on local, district, and state activities. As State Treasurer, I have upgraded our records, streamlined the accounting reports, and maintained WGCF financial. If elected WGCF Treasurer again, I will convert our accounting system to one supported by QuickBooks, as our current system is no longer supported. I have been pleased to serve as WGCF treasurer and, if elected for another term, will be happy to continue to give my time and support to WGCF for the betterment of the organization.



Recording Secretary: SUSAN WALLACE – St. Croix District

I worked for the Wisconsin DNR for over 20 years and gained knowledge and appreciation for our environment. After retirement, I continued my love of nature by becoming a member of the Spooner Garden Club, Lake Wissota Garden Club and WGCF Indianhead District Director. I've gained a lot, as involvement is key to making friends and acquiring knowledge. I continue to learn about plants and the environment from the WGCF schools. I've helped with the planning of our *Native Plants for All* workshop. I contribute by being part of the planning committee for the upcoming workshop, *Your Garden, A Bird's Paradise*. I've made friends and had lots of fun through the clubs and conventions.



Membership Secretary: SUSAN JOHANSEN – St. Croix District

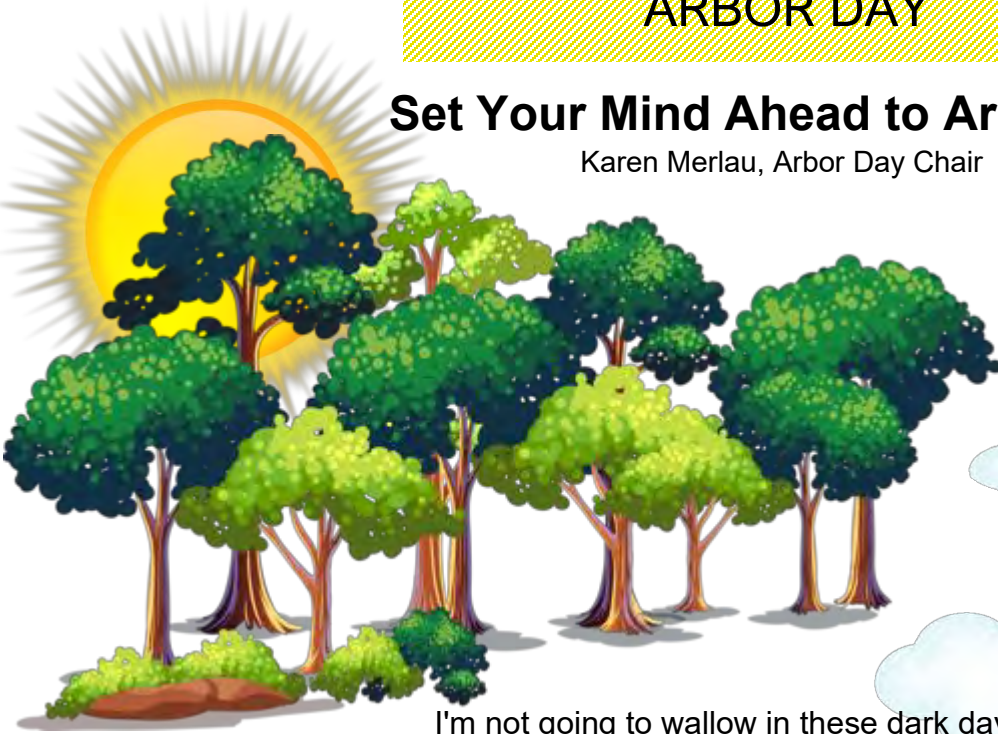
I joined the Willow River Garden Club in 2009. Although not a gardener, I run our club's Gertens Greenhouse fundraiser, putting together and printing our club yearbook, and any other "non-hands-in-the-dirt" projects. I previously served as WGCF webmaster and WGCF Finance Chair. I am currently serving as Club Treasurer, St Croix District Treasurer, WGCF Membership Secretary and WGCF Organizational Studies Committee member.



ARBOR DAY

Set Your Mind Ahead to Arbor Day

Karen Merlau, Arbor Day Chair



Short, cloudy gray days are a struggle at this time of year. My coping mechanism is doing something that I call "Setting Our Minds Ahead to Next Spring."

Just like the clocks spring ahead or fall back on schedule with Daylight Saving Time, each of us tries to imagine what spring will be like and we tell ourselves it's not that far away.

I'm not going to wallow in these dark days, eating too much and feeling sorry for myself rather than focus on what can I do now to prepare for next spring.

That's what the trees do as well. They drop their leaves and set the buds for next spring.

It's only 5 months away when we will be at Arbor Day and our hearts will sing with the thought of the entire summer ahead of us. Arbor Day is held on the last Friday in April in the state of Wisconsin. Next year it will fall on Friday April 28, 2023.

Watch for Arbor Day observances in your area and help plant trees if you can. I leave you with an inspirational quote about trees.

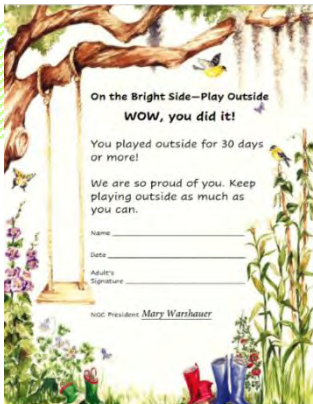
"Acts of creation are ordinarily reserved for gods and poets, but humbler folk may circumvent this restriction if they know how.

To plant a pine, for example, one need be neither God nor poet; one need only own a shovel."

Aldo Leopold



Have You Noticed?



On the National Garden Club's website is a 10-page workbook you can print and give to a child.

Play Outside Workbook

Outdoor activities improve health and happiness. Download and print our new Play Outside Activity Log and share it with a child close to you.

It includes pages to color, a list of outdoor activities, and a playtime log. The last page is a congratulations for playing outside for thirty days or more.

Mequon Nature Preserve

THE MISSION OF THE MEQUON NATURE PRESERVE

We will restore the land to pre-European settlement conditions with reverence and conviction, expanding our influence to create the most blue/green corridor in southeast Wisconsin and to reestablish native habitat in support of biodiversity.

The Mequon Nature Preserve is open to the public, free of charge at any time. The Greater Milwaukee Garden Club held their October meeting, program, and box lunch at the preserve.



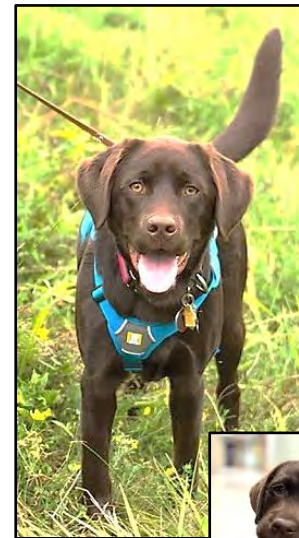
The Mequon Nature Preserve was initially created with a generous contribution from Mr. Richard Paddock. Mr. Paddock thought "It would be good to save a little land," and the City of Mequon took up his challenge. The preserve has grown to 510 acres and has over five miles of trails, an observation tower, a play space, and an education center. It provides classes for thousands of children and has set out to restore the beech maple forest and wooded wetlands that existed on the property in the early 1800's. All programs and activities are funded by charitable contributions.

There is a full-time staff of seven, and executive director Kristin Gies invites all to visit often and bring families. This may be a destination for a garden club field trip.

Tilia, the chocolate lab, was a great attraction. She is a conservation canine, trained to sniff out garlic mustard, and other invasive plants, as well as salamanders! Her nephew Timber will be joining her when he gets past the puppy stage!

Did you even know there was such a thing as a conservation dog? We all learned something new.

Dr. Michael Schläppi was the speaker for the Greater Milwaukee Garden Club program. He teaches courses in biology, genetics, and chromosome structure at Marquette University. The brilliant Dr. Schläppi created a rice paddy at the Mequon Nature Preserve. His mission is to isolate a strain of cold tolerant rice, capable of becoming a major Wisconsin crop.



Tilia and Timber



Dr. Michael Schläppi

You may wonder why this is important. Half of the rice grown in this country comes from Arkansas, with large amounts being produced in California and Louisiana. Rice requires warm temperatures and lots of water, lots, and lots of water. Dr. Schläppi told us, however, that the aquifer, or water level, in those states is dropping. The latest report on Arkansas' water usage paints a bleak picture of its sustainability, especially because water-intensive agriculture is the largest industry.

Wisconsin has plenty of water, but cooler temperatures. Rice is an annual, planted every spring, so cold winters are not the issue. However, a drop in spring or early summer to 50 degrees will kill these plants. In a nut shell, Dr. Schläppi's mission is to isolate plants that are tolerant of a cold dip in temperature, making them viable in the state.

Members of the Greater Milwaukee Garden Club enjoyed Dr. Schläppi's enthusiastic lecture!

How Rice Grows

Field Preparation and Planting, February through early May

Rice is a semi-aquatic plant requiring irrigation. Heavy clay and silt loam soils ill-suited to other crops retain water well, perfect for rice. Prior to planting, farmers prepare the land using precision equipment to create uniform grades, which decreases water use and increases productivity.

Planting goes on February through May. Farmers plant the seed by grain drill or airplane. A grain drill enables growers to plant seed across rows at consistent depths and spacing. It creates a furrow and seeds are inserted through a tube. At the back end are press wheels to compact and firm up the soil.



Irrigation and Growing in March through August

Rice plants grow to a height of three to four feet over an average of 120 days. During this time, the rice is irrigated. The traditional irrigation method is to construct earthen levees following the contour of the land and flood the field with two to four inches of water.

Farmers also irrigate with poly-tubing, using punched holes. Water is applied periodically during the growing season instead of maintaining a layer of water. By mid to late summer, the grain appears in long panicles on the top.

Harvest and milling, mid-July through November

Water is drained and combines cut the rice and separate the grain from the stalks. Grains are taken to drying facilities where forced warm air reduces the moisture and the rice moves to the milling process.

At the mill, the harvested "rough rice" passes through sheller machines to remove the inedible hulls. This yields brown rice with the bran layers intact. Brown rice can be used as is or further milled by machines that remove the bran layer to produce white rice. Finally, the white rice is enriched with a thin coating of vitamins to replace some of the nutrients lost during milling.

The Future of Rice Farming . . . What about in Wisconsin?

The United States is a rice exporter, with nearly half the annual sales made on the global market. Arkansas, California, and Louisiana produce virtually all the country's rice crop. Dr. Michael Schläppi, Marquette University, says, however, "There could be a bright future for rice farming in Wisconsin."

Schläppi is harvesting rice in Mequon, just north of Milwaukee. Water is plentiful in Wisconsin, in contrast to water issues elsewhere, and his research focuses on rice that can tolerate some cold. He says, "There is a variety from southern Russia that seems to be perfectly adapted to our climate." Schläppi believes larger-scale paddies could be a way for Wisconsin farmers to maximize wet land where they cannot grow corn, soybeans, or wheat.

Schläppi hopes to get about a 1,000 pounds out of this harvest and expand production in the coming years. He sells the rice at the Fondy Food Center's Winter Farmers Market, held on Saturdays at the Mitchell Park Domes.



Dr. Michael Schläppi

WGCF Scholarships Available

Mary Ellen Sedlachek, Scholarship Chair

Scholarship time has arrived, and we are waiting for applicants for the following WGCF Scholarships:

Della Balousek Scholarship, three awards of \$2,500

Myrtle B. Ogilvie Scholarship, one at \$1,250, for an underclassman.

Irene Straus Scholarship, one at \$1,000

WGCF Scholarships, five at \$1,000



All the above, except for the Myrtle B. Ogilvie Scholarship, are for juniors, seniors, or graduate students pursuing the study of horticulture, landscaping, environmental sciences, conservation, forestry, or a similar field of study. Applicants should be residents of Wisconsin attending a Wisconsin school.

There is a national scholarship, one for Wisconsin, of \$4,000. It is awarded each year to the applicants applying for the scholarships listed above. The requirements are the same.

If you know of any students who may be interested, go to our website at www.gardenclub.org for specifics. Deadline for applications is February 1, 2023.

President's Project Update, The Crane Foundation

Jim Vest

The last herbicide application was the end of September.

They have had very good results eradicating unwanted vegetation on the hillside below the Outlook location. They worked to maximize seed contact with the soil.

They have been collecting seeds from 85 native plants and planted the seeds in November.



DATES for your calendar

Friday through Sunday, February 10 – 12, 2023

PBS Wisconsin's Garden and Landscape Expo, Madison, WI

Thursday, February 16, 2023

WGCF Executive Committee Meeting, Wausau, WI

Tuesday through Friday, May 2-5, 2023

NGC Annual Convention, White Sulphur Springs, WV

Sunday through Tuesday, May 21-23, 2023

WGCF Annual Convention, Onalaska, WI



St. Croix District Events

A COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROJECT

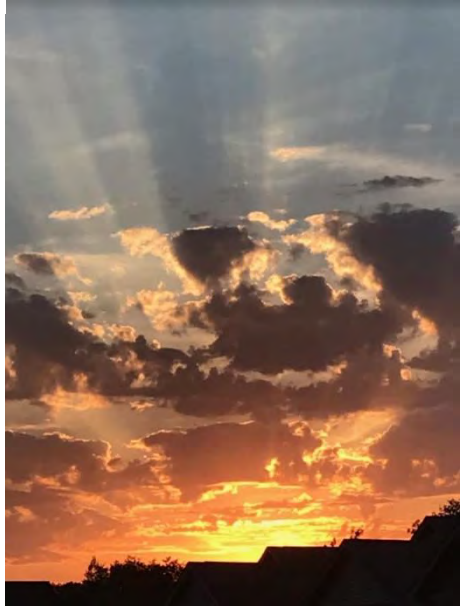
For the past eight years, the Botany Belles & Beaus Garden Club has sponsored a Nature Photography Show for amateur photographers.

Youth category:
Lily Wang's
Summer Sunset



Birds, Bugs and Beasts category: Debby Walter's **Breakfast**, no prize given.

Rustic Buildings category: Cheryl DeJong's **Schools Out**



Landscape category: Amy Hanson Boldt's **Casey Lake**



Plant Portrait category: Erin Averill's **Sunflowers**



Are you trying to grow your garden Club?

What a terrific way to draw attention to your group!



Sunrise/Sunset category: Sheri Erickson's **Early Pink**

The submitted photos were displayed during Baldwin's Chili Fest on October 7, and the public voted for their favorite photo in each category. Winning photographers received Baldwin Chamber Bucks.



St. Croix District News

Debby Walters, District Director

Debby is excited that all their clubs are growing.

Put it on your calendar! On July 21, the St. Croix District will sponsor a workshop, **Your Garden, A Bird's Paradise**. The focus is on habitat in your yard to help reverse the decline of 50 percent of our bird species. Cost will be reasonable and will include free native plants. This seminar is open to WGCF members, Master Gardeners, and the public.

BOTANY BELLES AND BEAUS

- \$2,000 was earned for community outreach from the *Doe on the Go* birdseed wreath sale.
- BBBGC is holding quarterly education programs for youngsters in conjunction with the public libraries.
- Tara Daun, of the Wisconsin Farmers Union, talked to us farmers working on watershed protection.
- Projects . . . porch pots, Christmas gnomes, ornament stakes and mug arrangements.
- Three new members joined this fall thanks to the new Welcome Committee
- An ART IN BLOOM display based on high school art projects is scheduled for January 19th.



Front row, Bonnie, Nancy, Elvera, Marilyn, Karen, Dru, and Mickie
Back, Ilse, Mary's sister, Mary, Ellen, Faye, and Sandy



Linda Bergen and Lois Koziol finishing up a kissing ball

LAKE WISSOTA GARDEN CLUB, ALWAYS BUSY!

- Member Linda Bergen led attendees in the process of painting on 12-inch square pavers and demonstrated the creation of a *Victorian Kissing Ball* in November.
- Young Sprouts, our junior club, made Christmas arrangements in mugs and learned about evergreen trees.
- Winter floral arrangements were installed at the Heyde Center for the Arts.
- A Blue Star Byway Marker was purchased and a dedication ceremony is scheduled in spring.
- A video of their Wildflower Sanctuary was featured in a video as a grant recipient of a grant from Chippewa County.
- The club is creating educational displays for Irvine Park's Welcome Center.

WILLOW RIVER GARDEN CLUB

- Is excited about new members who are bringing fresh ideas, additional energy, and enthusiasm!
- They created beautiful Christmas Garden planters to grace the entrance of the Deerfield Residence.
- Their big project was preparing for the Northwood Craft Sale. The porch pots they designed were sold out by mid-afternoon.
- The Christmas potluck get-together was enjoyable as always.
- In January and February, garden craft projects are on the agenda.



WETLAND PLANTS

Diane Powelka, Operation Wildflower Chairman

With all the changes we are having with climate change, we have the challenge of invasive plants moving in and being hard to eradicate. I do not see many plants of Purple Loosestrife, *Lythrum salicaria*, in the wetlands. I'm sure, however, that they are still present.



Purple Loosestrife provides no benefits for wildlife. Reed Canary Grass is still a problem at Generation's Park, my volunteer project, and so many other places.

The best time to cut these invasives and apply Roundup or Rodeo is early spring. Cut the plant and remove the vegetation. Apply Roundup or Rodeo and put black plastic around the area. Be very careful not to misapply these products on other plants in the area.

If anyone has dealt with this problem, I would like to hear how you handled the application. Aggressive non-native plants will dominate an area and native plants will be squeezed out.

What plants like their feet wet? Here is a good list. You can find these plants at your native plant nurseries.

- Canada Anemone, *Anemone canadensis*;
- Rose Coreopsis, *Coreopsis rosea*
- Common Bluestar, *Amsonia tabernaemontana*
- Mountain Mint, *Pycnanthemum virginianum*
- Cardinal Flower, *Lobelia cardinalis*
- Great Blue Lobelia, *Lobelia siphilitca*
- Obedient Plant, *Physostegia virginiana*
- Blue Vervain, *Verbena hastata*
- Culver's Root, *Veronicastrum virginicum*
- MonkeyFlower, *Mimulus ringens*
- Tall Ironweed, *Veronica altrissima*
- March Phlox, *Phlox glaberrima*
- Queen of the Prairie, *Filipendula rubra*
- Red Milkweed, *Aclepias incarnata*
- Rose Mallow, *Hibiscus palustris*
- Marsh Marigold, *Caltha palustris*
- White Turtlehead, *chelone glabra*



These plants do best in moist to wet soil. If you plant them in the prairie they will not flourish.



- Tall Joe Pye Weed, *Eupatorium fistulosum*
- Joe Pye Weed, *Eupatorium maculatum*
- Royal Catchfly, *silene regia*

In the Spring areas populated by Jewelweed, *Impatiens capensis*, indicate that the area is wet. Jewelweed is good for inflammation and relieving pain and itching from exposure to poison ivy or poison sumac. Mash the plant then apply the pulpy mass to the skin.



Joe and I put in a bog by our pond and planted Yellow Iris, *Iris pseudacorus*, and Marsh



Marigold, *Caltha palustris*. We found



out that yellow iris was invasive and took over the area. I tried to cut out the iris and ended up pulling everything out of the bog and throwing everything away.

A year later I planted another Marsh Marigold and Blue Flag Iris, *Iris versicolor*. They are doing well. Since it is a small area, I'm able to weed out small plants that appear



Button Bush, *Cephalanthus occidentalis*, was planted next to a downspout. It is a remarkable bush but does not tolerate shade. Joe staked it, as it tends to get spindly and lean. This bush attracts insects and butterflies. The flowers are sweet smelling and very soft to the touch. It is one of the last bushes to leaf out in spring.

This is a small article on all the wonderful plants in the swamp and bogs. I hope to interest more gardeners in this fascinating world.



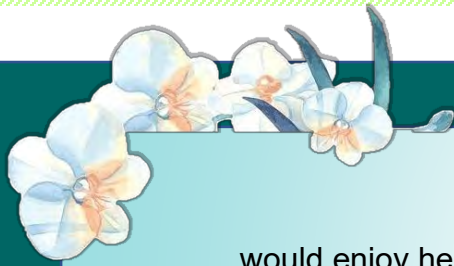
Strategic Planning

Linda McCafferty, Chair Strategic Planning

How do we continue to interest those of our members who do not use the internet?

It appears that this may boil down to our District Directors and Club Presidents conducting inviting and interesting meetings with speakers who will energize members and motivate them to continue with their clubs' projects and perhaps even pursuing new ones thereby retaining members.

It is easy to access members who are technically involved but it is important as well to keep in touch with members who are not so inclined. We must find a way to do this.



PLEASE SHARE

Garden club members throughout Wisconsin would enjoy hearing about your club and district's activities and adventures.

Please email your stories to Jan Blooming, Editor, bloomingj@hotmail.com, for inclusion in *WISCONSIN GARDENS*, Wisconsin Garden Club Federation newsletter. Editor reserves the right to edit for length and content.



Tri-Council Report

Carol Catlin, Chairman Tri-Council

Tri-council had a wonderful summer. Chairman Gerianne Holzman, for Door County Days, summarized the event in the last *WISCONSIN GARDENS*.

Another wonderful event was hosted by Ginger Wierman and Lake Wissota Garden Club. A day of lectures and tours of the wildflower gardens was enjoyed by over 50 participants. Each attendee received four free wildflower plants!

NGC continues to sponsor Zoom schools at inexpensive prices. Recently, I attended the Gardening Study Zoom. The lectures, where I learned so much more about gardening, were wonderful! A tip one of the instructors provided is to take your house plants every few months to your sink for a wash. Using tepid water, rinse the plant which removes dirt and can dislodge pests. Let the pot fill with water for a good drink and then let the plant drain in the sink until all the excess water runs out. If your plants are large, place them in a shower and give them a good rinse.



You can find Zoom schools at gardenclubs.org, the NGC website. If you need to refresh, this is a very good way to do it. The Chairman of Garden Study School said that NGC is planning a Zoom course for Landscape Design School and Environmental School in 2023. Many other States are planning schools, too.

Stay tuned for the Tri-Council meeting which will be held at the WGCF Convention. We will join other guests and members on a boat trip along the Mississippi.



Blue Star Markers



Linda and Chuck McCafferty, Co-Chairs
Blue Star and Gold Star Families Memorial Markers Committee

West Side Garden Club's members reside on the far west side of Madison. The Blue Star Memorial Highway Marker they sponsor is in Babcock Park in McFarland on the far southeast side of Madison.



It is becoming difficult for their members to maintain their marker, so West Side Garden Club has requested relocating it to a Veteran's Tribute area in Middleton's Lakeview Park on the corner of Mendota Avenue and Allen Boulevard. Allen Boulevard is also designated as County Highway Q; therefore, this site complies with the NGC requirement that a Blue Star Marker be placed on a highway.

Relocation has tentatively been approved by NGC Blue Star and Gold Star Families Memorial Markers Committee Chair Candace Wells.

Blue Star Marker, Babcock Park, McFarland, WI



Lake Wissota Garden Club is planning placement of a Blue Star By-Way Marker at Ray's Beach Park overlooking Lake Wissota. This area is currently being improved by Lafayette Township and will include a Veteran's Memorial with eight flags representing branches of the Armed Forces and a raised monument in the center. It is anticipated that the By-Way Marker would be placed on the side of the monument at a 45-degree angle allowing for good visibility. The Marker has been ordered; however, with supply issues being what they presently are, it may not be shipped until sometime this winter or early spring. Dedication will probably take place when the Marker is installed.

Blue Star Mothers of Southeastern Wisconsin, Chapter 2, is a non-profit service organization whose members have children serving or have served in the military. Their purpose is to support each other, their children, and Veterans, while promoting patriotism.

They will be placing a Blue Star By-Way Marker and Gold Star Families By-Way Marker in Racine's Pritchard Park near the Veterans Memorial. Markers have been ordered, but with supply issues being what they presently are, they may not be shipped until winter or early spring. We anticipate that markers will be installed in the spring and a dedication held.



Veterans Memorial, Pritchard Park, Racine, WI



The markers placed by Lake Wissota and Blue Star Mothers will bring to twenty the number of BlueStar Markers placed in the great State of Wisconsin.



Central Region Garden Club

National Garden Clubs, Inc. (NGC) is the largest gardening organization in the world. The NGC mission is to provide education, resources, and national networking opportunities to its members, to promote the love of gardening, floral design, civic and environmental responsibility.



The National Garden Club, [Homepage | National Garden Clubs, Inc.](#), is divided into eight regions, New England, Central, Central Atlantic, Deep South, South Central, South Atlantic, Pacific, and Rocky Mountain.

Wisconsin is in the Central Region, along with Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, and Missouri.



89TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

The Central Region's 89th Annual Convention and the National Garden Club Petite Flower Show, "Bee Terrific," were held October 16 -18, 2022, at the Hyatt Regency, Bloomington, Minnesota.

Great presenters shared their expertise. Dr. David Gentry from the Audubon Society spoke about birds and the plants birds depend on. Linette Sorrentino gave a most informative talk on peonies, followed by a lively auction of some of her specimens. Jennifer Teegarden from the Minnesota DNR, talked about trees in our landscape.

Wisconsin attendees at the Central Region Convention included, left to right, past Wisconsin Garden Club Federation Presidents Liz Murkin, Marion Books, Kitty Larkin, Gerianne Holzman, Carol Catlin, current 2nd VP Joe Powelka, current WGCF President Laura Skoff, Operation Wildflower Chairman, Diane Powelka, and Judges Council, Wendy Kramer.



The 2021 - 2023 Central Region Director is Carol Yee. The theme is *Plant America: Sow the Seeds and Keep Growing.*



More information is at the website ngccentralregion.org

You are a member!



Caring for your POINSETTIA

CHOOSING THE BEST POINSETTIA

Poinsettias start dropping their brightly-colored bracts, the leaves that get mistaken for petals, soon after the holidays. When you're picking out a poinsettia, look for healthy green leaves. Also, check the real flowers in the center. They're tiny, but for long-lasting poinsettias, you want ones that are still tightly closed, without yellow pollen showing.

Make sure your tropical plant is well-protected on the way home. Poinsettias come from Mexico and Central America, so if it's any colder than 50°F outside, wrap them up to protect them from cold air.



SOLID COLOR POINSETTIAS

Plants with solid red bracts are the most popular during the holiday

JINGLE OR GLITTER POINSETTIAS

This variety has bracts of one color, like red or pink, with white or cream flecks and splotches.



MARBLE POINSETTIAS

These plants have gorgeous two-tone bracts with a darker color like red or pink in the middle, fading to yellow or cream around the edges.

TAKING CARE OF A POINSETTIA DURING THE HOLIDAYS

To keep your poinsettia through the holiday season, place it in bright, indirect light. Water regularly so that the soil stays evenly moist, but don't let roots sit in water or they start to rot. This is important if you put your poinsettia inside a larger decorative container that doesn't have drainage holes. Place a layer of small rocks on the bottom of the decorative container to hold your poinsettia above any standing water.

Keep the temperature between 60-70°F, and watch for chilly drafts. If your plant is exposed to drafts when outside doors are opened, the cold can damage the leaves. Don't be shy about moving your plants around or switching rooms until you find a spot where they are happy.

GETTING POINSETTIAS TO REBLOOM

Poinsettias are easy to keep alive during the short holiday season, but getting them to rebloom next year is challenging. Once the colorful bracts fade and fall off, cut back the stems just below the flowers. You can keep growing them like a houseplant, but when the temperatures at night are regularly above 50°F, put your poinsettias outside. Choose a spot that gets bright, indirect light. Somewhere that gets shade in the afternoon would be perfect. They'll stay completely green all summer, and you will see new growth.

At the beginning of June, prune back the plants so they're about six inches tall. Repot them in a slightly larger container with fresh potting soil. Feed them once a month with half-strength, balanced liquid fertilizer. In August, pinch off about an inch from each growing tip to encourage your plants to branch out. Bring them inside at the end of the summer before overnight temperatures fall below 60°F.

For about eight weeks, your plants will need 14 or 15 hours of darkness, and nighttime temperatures around 65°F. This is the trick for triggering new flowers and for the bracts to turn red. Overnight, the plants can't get any light, and even the crack under a door will disrupt them. Place them in a closet about 5:00. This will reduce light, but to eliminate it, cover them with a box or a blanket, and uncover in the morning between 7:00 and 8:00. During the day, place the poinsettia in bright indirect sunlight.

If you're successful, you should see color by early to mid-November. Once the bracts have started turning red, you can stop covering them every night and start caring for them like normal through the holiday season.

Fox River Valley Events

Sandy Smet, Director



The Oshkosh Garden Club held its Scholarship Luncheon November 12 at the Best Western Waterfront Hotel. They were excited to offer this event in 2022 after several years were missed due to the pandemic. The scholarship program started in 1983.



Ken Friedman, Helene Nimmer, Ann Gratton, and Mary Ellen Sedlachek

The club awards two \$1000 scholarships to students pursuing degrees in horticulture, conservation, landscape design, or a related field. The fun continued after lunch as raffle tickets were drawn.

As you can see, Mary Ellen Sedlachek, had lots of help, including her granddaughter, Norah Nimmer. Here Norah is announcing the winning raffle ticket numbers.



Luncheon speaker was Larry Conrad, local Master Gardener

Larry Conrad and his wife, Sarah, were awarded the Wisconsin Garden Club Federation's Bronze Award two seasons ago. Larry showed us the reason why, as he ran through a series of slides showcasing the gardens at their home, Oak Lawn Cheese Factory. The building originates from the 1850's, and is surrounded by farms. The Conrads bought the two acres in 1972 and began renovating and planting.



A music teacher, he taught many years in Rosendale. He also creates replica Tiffany lamps, and he brought several to show. Larry confessed the earnings just purchase **MORE** plants.



To see more, go to Conrad Art Glass & Gardens
<https://conradartglassgardens.blogspot.com>

The Oshkosh Garden Club meets the second Thursday of each month, and new members and guests are welcome. The rewards of belonging to the Garden Club go far beyond the pleasure of growing things. Membership also provides an opportunity to expand interests and build friendships while bettering the community and the environment.

The club is already looking forward to the **Annual Spring Plant Sale** on Saturday, May 29, at the Oshkosh Public Museum, and the **Summer Garden Walk**, July 9. It will feature five area gardens.



Deb Weyenberg, Sue Zinth, and Mary Ellen Sedlachek

A Garden Journal



New Year's Resolution . . . Keep a Journal to Become a Better Gardener



A journal is the story of your garden. It will help you make smart plant choices. Keeping records of varieties of flowers and veggies stops you from repeating mistakes and helps you repeat successes.

You will better time your gardening chores. Observations about temperature determine when you can set out plants without damage. Start simple, recording highs and lows.

As recording becomes a habit, note what you've bought, where you planted it and how it has done. The lists help in winter when you are planning for spring. If you start seeds, don't rely on memory. Record the date you started each seed as well as the variety.

A plain notebook works fine, or you may wish to work online. Even jotting down a few key notes on a blank calendar is a way to get started. It's easy to go back and look back at dates for bloom time and insect emergence. Hand-written journals allow you to insert extras like typed lists, plant tags, magazine clippings, and catalog details.

Your journal doesn't have to be perfect. The most important thing is developing the habit of observation. Reading through your journal from the previous year will help set you up to create an even better garden in the year ahead. You'll be reminded of the plants you tried, the experiments that worked (or maybe didn't), and the joy you experienced.





Madison District Events

Maureen Wild Gordon, District Director

December brought Westside Garden Clubs annual winter workshop making seasonal evergreen decorations.



Many of the clubs also planned holiday events much enjoyed by their members.



Sunset Garden Club having fun on an evening out.

Madison Garden Clubs and the Madison District are preparing for the upcoming flower show, *Captivating Color*, that will be held at the PBS Garden and Landscape Expo February 10-12, 2023 in the Alliant Energy Center in Madison.

Several presentations have focused on design this fall. Sugar River Garden Club member and Master Judge, Dawn Mozgawa, created several designs. In addition, Sugar River Garden Club members created designs at the September meeting using their own container, flowers, and greenery.

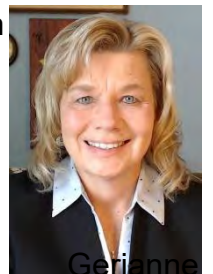


Gerianne



In October, Westside Garden Club had Gerianne Holzman, Master Judge, present a talk on *Learning Floral Design for Judging*. In November for the District, Gerianne Holzman gave a talk on *Creating Botanical Arts Plus a Few Surprises*.

All presentations were open to district members.



Gerianne

Preparing for Spring

WINTER PLANT PROTECTION

Young trees, shrubs and perennials need protection from fluctuating and extreme temperatures. You can use wraps and plant covers to lessen damage, removing them as spring arrives! Check the bases of your small perennials and shrubs during freeze-thaw cycles. They can be pushed up out of their planting holes. If this happens, simply tuck them back into place and water just as you did when you first planted them.

Many assume plants become dormant in the winter and no longer require watering. Wrong. Young trees and shrubs require consistent moisture for the first several years, even during winter months. When the ground thaws, replenish lost moisture by watering deeply.



An antitranspirant or antidesiccant spray is a good way to maintain moisture during the winter, especially when applied to broad-leaved evergreens and rhododendrons. The spray covers the plant with a waxy substance that slows down moisture loss. This prevents the plant from drying out during freezing weather.

PREPARE FOR THE SEASON AHEAD



Winter is the time to tend to your tools. If you have not yet done so, winterize garden hoses by disconnecting and draining them from both ends. Leaving nozzles or sprinklers attached could result in future leaks, so twist off all watering tools and drain. Installing quick connectors for easy disconnection and draining can reduce the frustration of constantly twisting off hoses at both ends.

WINTER DAYS CAN BE SPENT GETTING READY FOR A BUSY SPRING.

- Extend the life of your tools by taking time to sharpen, lubricate and repair as needed.
- Check your lawn mower for rust or other potential problems.
- Take inventory of mulches and fertilizers you use throughout the growing season.
- Inspect your hoses and sprinklers for missing or damaged washers, seals, and caps.
- Read all those gardening magazines and seed catalogues you have piling up.
- Order seeds to ensure you get those you want for the upcoming growing season.

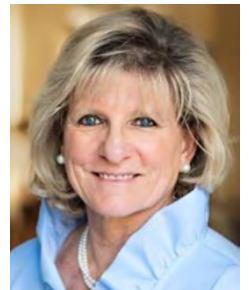
PAT . . . PLANT A TREE

National Garden Club Project,
Each Member Plant One, Preferably Native Tree

Our National President, Mary Warshauer, would love for each member to plant a native tree during her term as president, 2021-2023.

This project began in the fall of 2019 with past president Gay Austin's initiative and Mary would like to see it continue. WGCN President Laura Skoff has asked district directors to report the number of trees planted by all members, and the species.

At the end of each year, this information will be reported to NGC. State numbers will be reported at the National 2023 convention.



Mary



The **2024** State Convention will be held in Milwaukee on May 19-21.

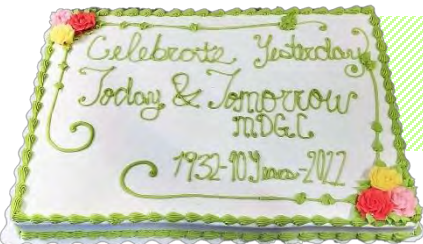
Milwaukee District News

Diane Olsen, District Director

All clubs in the district will be asked to help in planning and hosting the convention.

90TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED

Celebrate Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow



The Milwaukee District Garden Clubs held its 90th Anniversary celebration and Fall Meeting at the North Hills Country Club in October.

District Director Diane Olsen chaired the meeting, and officers and committee chairs shared updates. Connie Sandell, representing Habitat for

Humanity, said the Plant Share will be held on June 3, 2023. As you clean and put away your gardening tools for winter, please consider spring donations to the Plant Share, along with gardening books.

Recording Secretary Kerry Krokos announced the VIP Awards. The Garden Club of Greater Milwaukee gave the award to Nancy Cody, Floral Design Chair and technical advisor. Fox Point nominated Susan Westergard, who served many years as Program Chair. Julie Rather was selected by the Racine Club. Julie held many positions, including Co-Chair for their garden tour. Ikebana International #22 Garden Club selected Lynn Laufenberg, who created another wonderful entry for Art in Bloom this past year.



Diane Olsen and WGCF President Laura Skoff

Nominating Committee Chair, Cheryl Lausten, said that GCGM members Nicholas Lemus and Janet Wintersberger were nominated for 2nd Vice Director and Recording Secretary, respectively. Their terms will begin in the Spring of 2023.

The meeting was followed by a delicious lunch and a flower show. Judges for the flower show were Liz Murkin, Marion Books, Wendy Kramer, Carol Caitlin, Gerianne Holzman, and Dawn Mozgawa. Following lunch, several judges spoke about judging a show, and their audience listened intently.

Kitty Larkin later explained how a flower show is evaluated. She said that judges consider Conformance, or is the design the type of design the schedule requires. They consider the selection of Components, and whether are they expressive and distinctive.

Judges are guided by the Elements of Art, color, form, light, line, patterns, size, space, and texture, as well as Principles of Design, which include balance, contrast, dominance, proportion, rhythm, and scale.

It was also noted that judges never judge the class or section they are entered in or take part in scoring if their design or horticulture is eligible for a top award.

Gerianne Holzman received several awards, including a Designer's Choice for this arrangement.



Barb Hemmingsen won an award for her decorated hat.



Norma McReynolds received a Designer's Choice Award for this Floral Design.



The next Milwaukee District meeting will be May 31 at the Polish Community Center from 1:00 to 4:30.



Milwaukee District continued

SOUTH SHORE GARDEN CLUB

South Shore Garden Club celebrated 32 years, has 28 members, and their president is Kitty Schaefer. They meet eight months of the year, and enjoyed their White Elephant Christmas Party in December. Members look forward to their Spring luncheon at the Wisconsin Club on April 22, and club picnic and garden tour in the summer.

Abbey Bell and Ben Voltner are two of South Shore's younger members. Kitty sent photos showing just how inventive they are. Ben explains, "We moved into our new house in December of 2020 and our yard was a blank slate. I build a large caged in garden made of chicken wire. To maximize the space inside the cage, which also contained three garden beds, I decided to plant vertically. Being in the city meant limited space, so up was the only way to go."

"I bought several large 8-foot PVC tubes and drilled 10 holes on each side, giving me 20 holes for planting per tube. I filled them with dirt and stood them in the center of the cage. Currently I have three tubes but eventually I want 12 inside the cage and additional vertical planting in other areas of the garden. The first year, in 2021, I used the tubes to grow strawberries. This year in the spring we planted lettuce, partly to feed our pet bunnies, and in the fall, I planted them with Swiss Chard. I used them mostly for spring and fall crops, because in summer the tubes dry out fast and need to be watered twice a day when it's above 90 F. So far that's the only drawback I found."

"Now all the tubes contain dirt but eventually I want to change everything to hydroponics and sometime after that I want the hydroponics system hooked up to a pond so the fish fertilizer provides nutrients to plants."



Ben and Abbey

GARDEN CLUB OF GREATER MILWAUKEE

The **Garden Club of Greater Milwaukee** has been out and about and would be happy to recommend things to do and places to go. We made a visit to the Mequon Nature Preserve and the Museum of Wisconsin Art in West Bend. Both would make great day trips for your club. GCGM also gathered at the Boerner Botanical Garden community center for three workshops on wreath and floral design guided by member Nancy Cody, owner of Rose and Twig Floral Design.



Sandy Ruesink and Charlene Kordus

The Annual Holiday Social was held in the ballroom at the Milwaukee Athletic Club, wonderfully decked out for the season. The atmosphere of giving was intensified by the Scholarship Raffle. Beautiful, member-designed and donated centerpieces were raffled off to help fund two scholarships to be awarded in 2023.

GCGM programming for the months ahead include a Zoom presentation by author and photographer, Larry Lederman. Zoom allows us to bring top-tier speakers, such as Lederman, to the club. Plans are in the works for a trip to the PBS Garden Expo in Madison.



We are also looking forward to tours of local gardens in the summer of 2023 brought to you by the collaboration of the Garden Club of Greater Milwaukee and **THE GARDEN CONSERVANCY**. Gardens will include eight properties in Whitefish Bay, Port Washington, Brown Deer and River Hills, June 24 – 25 and August 19 – 20, 2023.

Watch for more in the months ahead!

Anyone who thinks gardening begins in the spring and ends in the fall, is missing the best part of the year.

Gardening begins in January, with the dream.

Coming in Spring 2023

Endangered Species, Flower Show Schedules and Evaluations, Flower School Schools, Habitat for Humanity, Birds, Horticulture, National Garden Week, Operation Wildflower, Scholarships, Yearbooks, Program, Membership

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I know the sun is shining somewhere but just not as often in winter. Seems to be blocked by those swirly things.

The winter landscape is usually quiet, making it a good time to study the surroundings. Take a walk on a sunny afternoon, and see how the flowerbeds and shrubs along the foundation are faring.

The south side of the house gets more sun than the north, but is the mulch still in place or has it been tossed aside by wind? Is there a corner more protected that will sustain a more tender shrub? Is the snow melt from the roof impacting the area below? Is it too wet and making a trench? Is it icy and do you need salt? Should you rake the roof?

Moving away from your home, look up in the deciduous trees. They will probably never be barer than they are now, so consider this inspection time. You should be able to spot branches crossing in an unusual way or loose bark.

When you are back in the warm kitchen, look out the window. Do you like your winter landscape? Maybe a red twig dogwood would enhance the view? Are there birds in the trees and bushes? How about a bird feeder to entertain Kitty?

Sit down and join me with a doughnut and a cup of coffee, so I don't feel guilty! Let's plan for the new year!



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