



Wisconsin Gardens



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You are invited to

Generations Park Celebration

October 18th at 10 a.m.

Celebrating the completion of the entrance columns & Installation of the commemorative plaque supported by funds raised by WGCF.

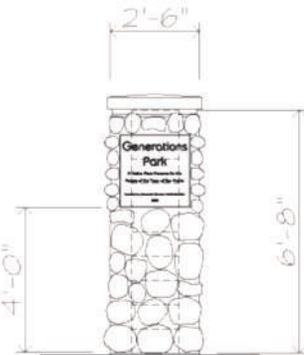
Generations Park is located at
5640 Twin Lane Road, Marshall.

We also celebrate WGCF Presidents Marion Books and Sylvia Lowell who have supported Generations Park as their WGCF President's Projects.

Accomplishments completed over the past three years include: Generations Park has been formally recognized as the first public park in the Town of Sun Prairie; improved off-street parking with the revised entrance design; native plant contributions; and support of on-going Boy Scout Eagle projects.

We appreciate all of the support from WGCF through your donations. Your support will be remembered and appreciated through future generations. Refreshments will be served at this celebration.

Joe & Diane Powelka, President's Project Co-Chairs



From sketched design to actuality, Diane Powelka stands proudly next to one of the stone entrance columns for Generations Park. You are invited to visit the park at any time, and especially on October 18th for this Celebration Ceremony and Ribbon Cutting.

Photo by Carla Von Haden



Gardening Thoughts

*“Never give up
listening to the
sounds of birds.”*

—John James Audobon



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PROVIDES EDUCATION, RESOURCES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR ITS MEMBERS TO PROMOTE AND SHARE THE LOVE OF GARDENING, FLORAL DESIGN, CIVIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY.

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Bus. Card	\$20	\$20

Notes from our President....



Fall, a myriad of yellows, bronzes and reds, is upon us! It is hard to believe that our gardens are about ready to be put to "bed" and that all summer activities are behind us for this year. Gardens were especially nice this past summer and I do hope that you were able to visit each other's gardens as well as the botanical gardens in your area. Members of the Madison District visited our garden in early July when the Daylilies were beginning to come into full bloom. It rained later that evening but as you might expect of gardeners, many remained outside under the overhang of the house to enjoy the scenery and conversation. The abundance of beautiful flowers provided material for designers to use in competitions for fairs around Wisconsin. We visited the State Fair and viewed designs created by members of Ikebana Chapter 22, a Milwaukee District Club. See pictures below. Floral design was being demonstrated the following weekend by members of other Milwaukee clubs. Nancy Gregory also gave a talk about WGCF. Kudos to all WGCF members who worked at fairs this past summer!

At the end of July I met with members of the Indianhead District who make up the committee which is organizing the 2015 WGCF convention for you. Planning is well under way. One breakout session will be a harbor cruise on the afternoon of May 29, 2015. The cruise involves a narrative of buildings, boats and bridges as you move around the harbor in a multi-deck boat. While it turned out to be a rainy, warm afternoon when we took the cruise, May could be different. Bring a coat. In addition to speakers, the Indianhead committee is also planning a suggested adventure that you could take advantage of during your trip to or upon leaving Superior. So, your fun could begin about 50 miles from Superior.

While you are at the 2015 WGCF convention, you will hear more about the dynamic Strategic Planning event that took place after our June Executive meeting. Most everyone in attendance went away enthused about the process and what was accomplished. So, "Taking It To The Lake" will inform, educate and provide you with lots of fun. It doesn't get any better than that.

"Flourishing In A Garden Of Change"

Sylvia



Helen Surridge



Alka Bhargava



Barbara Wesley



Cindy Hum

Photos by Cindy Hum & Sylvia Lowell

WGCF Scholarship Recipients

Mary Ellen Sedlachek, Scholarship Selection Chair

The Scholarship Selection Committee was puzzled after it received only six applicants for a total of nine available scholarships. Last year eighteen students had applied. Prior to this year three state universities were personally notified of our scholarships in addition to the WGCF website. This year three additional schools were notified. The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point sent five of the applicants, who each received awards recognizing their accomplishments.



Ashley Vande Voort from Seymour, was awarded the Carolyn Craig Scholarship of \$2,000 in addition to a WGCF Scholarship of \$1,000. A senior possessing a 3.8 grade point average, Ashley was employed by the State of Iowa DNR this summer monitoring shallow lakes and wetlands and hopes to find a job conducting ecosystem restoration after graduation. One of her letters of recommendation states: "Ashley is one of the most

naturally intelligent and hardworking students I have worked with in my 20+ years at UWSP."



A junior from Mt. Horeb, Lisa Moehlman, received one of the \$2500 Della Balousek Scholarships. Lisa and her sister have taken over caring for the gardens established 78 years ago surrounding their home, after their father was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease. She works two jobs in addition to maintaining a 3.82 grade point average. Her goal is to work in waste management and

restore public beautification of closed landfills.



Elizabeth Vind, a junior, living on the banks of the Wisconsin River at Poynette, knew she wanted to protect the lush environment in which she grew up. A first generation college graduate, Elizabeth, studied in the Nyumbani Village located in Kenya this summer. She hopes to bring their methods of sustainable practices and knowledge of permaculture to America. She is the student manager of the University's catering company,

working 20 hours a week along with her majors of Land Use Planning and Biology. Elizabeth's Della Balousek scholarship of \$2500 will lessen her reliance on student loans.



Those of you who attended our State Convention this May met Taylor Christiansen. She poured out her gratefulness to us as a speaker at the scholarship luncheon after being awarded the Irene Strauss Scholarship of \$1,000 and a WGCF Scholarship of \$1,000. A sophomore from New Berlin, Taylor is passionate about becoming an urban agriculturist. One of her three jobs, Greens and Goods, enables her to assist in growing in three hoop houses in an urban environment and go into local markets and teach the community about growing and why it is important to support local food production.



Native American of Ojibwa lineage, Devin Murray, from Milwaukee received a WGCF Scholarship of \$1,000 to continue his studies in Urban Forestry. A talented artist, he hopes to combine his artistry and be an arborist. Devin is a sophomore who has previously worked with Growing Power in Milwaukee. He strongly supports their efforts of producing local foods as a direct source, so that people know the origin of

their food. In the future he would like to assist in returning native species to environments which have nearly disappeared.



Our lone applicant from UW-Madison, is graduate student Tegan McGillivray who is majoring in Anthropology. Tegan graduated from the University of Colorado - Boulder in 2009 with a B.A. in Anthropology and Ecology and Evolutionary Biology. After graduation, she worked as a research and teaching assistant until she came to Madison in 2011 to study Southeast Asian archaeology. She learned to

speak Vietnamese fluently and has done extensive field-work in Southeast Asia allowing her to publish her research and maps. She received her M.A. from the Dept. of Anthropology in December of 2013. Tegan hopes to become an advanced degree professor.

Next year the Scholarship Selection Committee consisting of Mary Ellen Sedlachek, Chairman; Joyce Beth, and Marcia Topel will be assisted by the Community Foundation of the Fox Valley Region to advertise awards and provide an online review process. Students must submit their applications to WGCF by February 1, 2015, to be eligible. Anyone in a scientific field of study may apply prior to their junior year by accessing www.gardenclub.org/Youth/Scholarships.aspx for the National Scholarship or www.wisconsin.gardenclub.org for the Wisconsin Scholarships.

News from around the State.....

Botany Belles and Beaus Garden Club

Anita Voiles, President

On Wednesday, June 25th, at 7 a.m., 5 members of the Botany Belles and Beaus, and one very welcome guest, hopped in an SUV for a trip to Sheboygan to visit Bookworm Gardens as their major stopping point. What a delightful time we had.

After driving in a torrential downpour for part of the 5 hour trip from western WI, we wondered "was our entire trip going to be rained out?". But, half-way there, the skies cleared and we had smooth sailing. We arrived at Bookworm Gardens after lunch and were met by Lake Shore Garden Club members Doris Weber and Mary Kulhanek. It was wonderful to be guided through the gardens personally by these two gracious WGCF members who took the time to give us inside insight into the gardens. These gardens are a work of love for all who give of their time and energy and it shows. They are beautiful, serene, delightful and full of color. And, having a "card" like Mary along keeps a group in stitches as you can see from the picture below.

After visiting the gardens, our group stopped in Kohler, WI (which is just down the road) to visit the Kohler Design Center. We had fun "playing in the water", testing out different faucets and visiting the "wall of china" and seeing all the latest in kitchen/bathroom designs. We stopped at a quaint local grocery store and stocked up on some cheese and crackers and liquid refreshments to take back to the hotel for later and then stopped to visit a

member's daughter who recently bought a home in Kohler and desperately needed advice on what to do for an overgrown landscape situation. Would you believe the previous owners actually planted Queen Anne's Lace as a ground cover? This couple has a ton of work ahead of them; but there is potential for a beautiful yard and they appreciated the advice given by seasoned gardeners. Supper was at the Horse and Plow at the American Club and members headed back to the hotel for discussion on what we would do the next day. The snacks and liquid refreshments were quickly consumed and the schedule settled on.

Thursday started out beautifully with a sunny morning and a trip to the lakeshore and a walk out to the lighthouse. From there, we just had to stop at the Mustard Seed Nursery in Sheboygan Falls and all of us brought back some plants as a reminder of our trip. The Wreath Factory outside of Plymouth was our next stop and then into Plymouth for lunch and a quick walk around town to view the wall murals on buildings.

We headed back to Baldwin around 2:30 p.m., stopped for an ice cream treat at a sweet little shop in Abbotsford and were all safely home by 8:30 p.m.

I would advise everyone to visit Bookworm Gardens to fully appreciate the work and dedication involved by those who helped build and maintain it. It is a lovely spot to make as a destination trip and the Sheboygan area has so much to offer. We are all so happy we took the time to make this trip and wish we could have included everyone to come along.



Carolyn Iverson, Anita Voiles, Ellen Hurtgen, Rocky Gerhardt, Debby Walters and Wendy Kramer enjoyed their trip to the lakeshore area and visited many interesting places. (photo at left)



During their summer trip, club members and a guest enjoyed the Bookworm Gardens (entrance is shown in above photo), tested different faucets at the Kohler Design Center (left photo) and visited the Wreath Factory in Plymouth (right photo)



Photos by Anita Voiles

'HIGH HOPES" Flower Show Symposium

Kitty Larkin, Chair

The "High Hopes" for our Flower Show Symposium were fulfilled by enthusiastic students and instructors alike. Participation included 21 Wisconsin Judges, 6 out-of-state Judges and one curious WGCF member who was very interested in the entire process and has now expressed the desire to attend Flower Show School.

Coulee District was helpful in suggesting the West Salem Presbyterian Church which provided us with a very satisfying ambiance to set the mood for the Symposium as well as providing us with a team of ladies headed by Diane Engle and her husband who prepared delicious lunches and snacks for break-time. Our thanks go out to the entire crew who certainly made us welcome and furnished all our needs beyond our highest hopes. Local housing provided by a Coulee member was greatly appreciated and helped the Symposium stay within budget. This was a great opportunity to become better acquainted with a member beyond our own back door.

"Delightful Dahlias" and "Hardy Heucheras" became future specimens to enhance our gardens under the tutelage of Gay Austin from Mississippi. She encouraged everyone to discover new varieties to grow and show while teaching their judging qualities. Lynn Fronk from Ohio encouraged everyone to think outside of the box while presenting "Sky High Kinetics" and the proper techniques for creatively displaying them in flower shows with expression and ingeniousness. The Collage Workshop gave everyone the opportunity to participate and display their creative energy by making a collage with artistic effort.

Thanks go out to all Wisconsin Judges who held chairmanships for this endeavor while providing specimens for the horticulture discussions, providing transportation for instructors, fashioning designs for classroom point scoring and testing point scoring, and doing countless other jobs that led to this being a top-notch symposium. But most of all THANKS go to everyone for attending and fulfilling our "High Hopes" to the nth degree.

Editor's Note: Additional photos from the Symposium Collage Workshop may be viewed on WGCF website.

How can YOU serve?

Gerianne Holzman, WGCF 1st VP

Fall is in the air and the winter winds will soon be blowing but before long (ok, it really is more than half of a year) spring will once again be upon us. It is time to start thinking about how you might want to serve the WGCF in the upcoming 2015-2017 term of office. Exciting times are coming to the WGCF as we move through strategic planning to create an even better organization for its members and the communities we serve. This is your chance to be part of this rare opportunity. Please consider volunteering to serve as a committee chair or provide other assistance. All committees are listed in the WGCF handbook and in this Directory Issue. Presently, many committee chairs provide intermittent educational articles in *Wisconsin Gardens* and perhaps a display at convention. Other chairs and their committee members work diligently through the year to monitor the pulse of the organization. Most committee chairs serve a two-year term. The exception is Organizational Study, Finance and Strategic Planning where members are appointed on a rotating three-year term. If you are interested in serving the WGCF in any capacity during the 2015-2017 term, please send me an email with your contact information, I will be in touch. Thanks! Gerianne (geriannewgcf@gmail.com)



Gay Austin (photo above) and Lynn Fronk (photo below) encouraged Flower Show Judges to expand their creativity in their designs. Lynn also provided instruction for the collage workshop. Carole Hopp, Gerianne Holzman, and Helen Surridge are shown working on their collages (photo at lower left). The floral design in lower left photo was created by Lynn Fronk.



Photos by Carla Von Haden and Lynn Laufenberg

WGCF Awards

Liz Murken, Awards Chairman

The new awards year begins on January 1 and continues through December 31 of each year. We're in the middle of the new awards year so keep in mind things you need to be doing now so that you will be prepared to apply for these awards by December 1.

Just a reminder that Yearbooks are due by November 1. As soon as you complete your yearbook, send it on to WGCF President, Sylvia Lowell; to WGCF Yearbook Chairman, Pat Ritchie; to your District Director and your District Yearbook Chairman. All yearbooks will be judged in November again this year, so don't be late sending yours in.

It is time to begin thinking about nominations for the following awards:

- WGCF Award No. 1 Lydia Shafer Award
- WGCF Award No 2 Bronze Award
- WGCF Award No. 3 Creative Horticultural Achievement Award

Remember, you need to fill out the Yearbook Award Application Form if you are applying for the following awards: # 7 Ruth West Horticulture Award, # 8 Conservation Award; # 16 Pat Dvorak Yearbook Theme Award; # 27 Design Award; and # 32 Nancy Gotham Endangered Species Award.

Please send all award applications to me by December 1, except for Yearbooks which are due by November 1. If you have questions on any awards, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me. LizMurken@gmail.com



President's Project Report

Diane Powelka, Project Co-Chair

Generations Park now has two stone columns at the front entrance of the park, thanks to the support from the WGCF President's Project. The donations from WGCF have had a major impact on park development and will continue to influence future park improvements.

The next phase of the columns project is setting the commemorative plaque on one of the columns and adding landscaping around each column. Joe and I have been reviewing what native plants we would like to see, such as short native grasses and native forbs. We welcome any suggestions that you, the readers, might have.

I'm also looking into ways to get the public more aware of the park and how to recruit volunteers to work on the endless weed and invasive removals, etc.

Joe and I are currently working with two Boy Scouts on their Eagle Scout projects. One will be installing steps at the east end of the trail that was constructed last year as an Eagle Scout project. The second Scout will be reconstructing and expanding an earlier butterfly garden that has become overgrown. I have sent out a list of additional ideas for any Scouts that would like to work on an Eagle Scout project at Generations Park.

I will continue to inform WGCF on any improvements that the Township Park Committee has recently completed. Since becoming a member of the committee, it has been my honor to work with other town citizens on this important project for the township.

The funds raised for the President's project do more than benefit a few individuals – it is creating a public space that will be used by many people for generations to come. I

want to emphasize that without the support of Marion Books and Sylvia Lowell, we would never have achieved the native park that Joe and I have been working on for twenty years and would never have seen the establishment of a Park Committee that supports the vision that we have. The old saying that "one person can make a difference" is so true. WGCF is making things happen for a better world and I thank you for all of your donations and moral support!



Members of the Hill and Dale Garden Club of Elroy visited Generations Park during their annual summer trip and were excited to be the first to see the new entrance columns at the Park. Diane Powelka provided an informative tour of the park, and being the first to view this new column meant it was time for a photo! Club members (left to right) are: Betty Lackas, Veronica Sustar, JoAnn Blonien, Diane Powelka, Gail Hitchcock and Beverly Kozlowski.

Photo by Carla Von Haden

Horticulture: Beautiful Biennials

Nancy Gotham, Horticulture

Gardeners grow annuals and perennials on a regular basis; how many of us grow biennials every season? Biennial plants are a type of plant which grows well for a year without flowering. In its second year of growth it begins to flower and bloom around springtime and sets seed before dying in its third year of growth. Some plants men call a biennial “may be a biennial or short-lived perennial”.

Biennial means occurring every two years. Some examples are foxglove, hollyhock, evening primrose, or dame’s rocket. Some experts view them as “in-between annual and perennial plants”.

Some horticulturists have a list of the top seven biennials as follows:

1. Canterbury Bells (*Campanula*) has boxy bell-shaped flowers in blue, pink, white and lavender. They prefer full sun.
2. Forget-me-not (*Myosotis*) blooms in early spring and self-sows. They prefer full sun and moist soil. They bloom in yellow, pink, blue and purple with speckled throats.
3. Foxglove (*Digitalis*) Hummingbirds, bees and butterflies disappear inside these trumpeted beauties. They grow well in full sun or part-shade.

4. Hollyhocks (*Alcea rosea*) These statuesque soldiers grow to 6 feet. Hollyhocks have been grown since the 1500s and are popular world-wide. They bloom in raspberry, white, yellow, several shades of pink and magenta.
5. Honesty (*Lunaria annua*) has a “silver dollar” seed pod that prompts some people to grow this plant. It prefers partial shade and moist soil.
6. Stock (*Matthiola*) has a lovely scent. They bloom early and welcome the cool temperatures of spring. Their bloom may be white, pink, yellow, lavender and deep reds. *Matthiola longpeaks* and *M. Incarna* are two of the most popular species. *Matthiola Bicornis* saves its scent until evening. They are wonderful cut flowers.
7. Sweet William (*Dianthus barbatus*) Their clove-like scent wafts through an entire garden. If kept dead-headed, they will last all spring and into summer also. Plant in full sun and butterflies, bees and hummingbirds will dine all season.

If a gardener wants biennials to bloom every year in the same spot, be sure to plant them two years in a row. Then you will always have some first-year vegetative plants and second-year blooming plants.

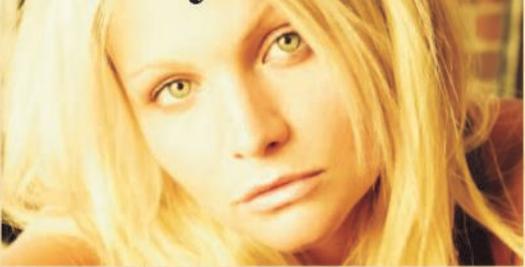
Jung Seed catalog, this year, is offering a bright true red-blooming hollyhock that blooms annually.

Perhaps some of you gardeners might enjoy growing biennials if you currently have none in your gardens. They are very rewarding.

Happy Gardening!

The Oshkosh Garden Club
invites you to join us for our annual

Holiday Luncheon



With musical entertainment
By Protégé of Michael Buble - Pop singer and Songwriter

Erin Boheme

And piano accompaniment by Blaise Gratton

November 22, 2014
Cocktails 11:30am – Lunch Noon

LaSure's Banquet Hall
3125 S. Washburn St., Oshkosh

New Venue!

Tickets \$25. Contact Mary Ellen at 920-426-1084
or redspark@milwpc.com, or go to
www.oshkoshgardenclub.org.

Membership Promotion

Donita Bruder, Membership Chair

Ideas to Increase Membership:

- Hold a Gardening program at the Library
- Have a booth at a Home Show
- Choose a Yard of the Month & invite them to a meeting to present the award
 - Send letters to new residents
 - Provide flowers for the Library or other visible place with your club name and information
- Put club information in Church bulletins
- Have a Plant Party—invite the public
- If there is a parade in town, have a garden club float
- Put flyers around town with your club info on it
- Collect seeds from your club members’ gardens and hand them out, along with your Club information

Good Luck getting new members!!

Strategic Planning Update

Gerianne Holzman,
Strategic Planning Committee Chair

The Strategic Planning Retreat in June was a great success with much heated and intriguing discussion by all of the attendees. Participants aired their opinions in an inclusive setting and everyone had the opportunity to share their views. Action plans are in the process of being written for the following topics: WGCF structure, local educational opportunities, fundraising, leadership, technology, membership, image/relevance, communication and convention. Ad-hoc committees of Retreat attendees and other interested members will then tackle these subjects to aid in planning for the future of the WGCF. Stay tuned....

Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest

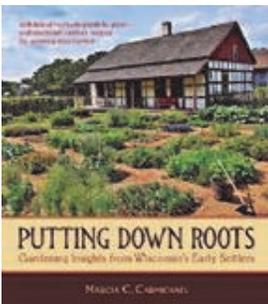
Pat Ritchie, Chair

This is a reminder to contact schools, scout troops, 4-H clubs, home school friends and your neighbors, after school programs or any other groups that have children in grades 1-5 for this year's Smokey Bear Woodsy Owl Poster Contest. Information will be given out at the Fall Board meeting. If you don't receive information from your District director after the fall board meeting contact them. The posters will be due to me by January 15, 2015. The rules are much the same as last year. Please participate and grow our numbers. Make sure all the information is included on the back of the poster: Child's full name, Address, Phone number, Name of the school and the participating Garden Club. The address can be the school's so there is a way to contact the child or club if I have questions. If the information is not complete the poster may not be able to be sent on if it is a winner.

Thank you for all your help in this fun and educational event.

From the Bookshelf

Kay Villa



Putting Down Roots

By Marcia Carmichael,
Wisconsin Historical Society Press,
2011
Suggested Retail \$24.95

Over Memorial Day weekend I finally made the trek to Old World Wisconsin open air museum in Eagle. I've wanted to visit for years but since I lived half way across the

country for much of the past four decades and with the limited months of museum operation it just never happened. I was rewarded with a fun day, a fabulous learning experience, the opportunity to reconnect with a WGCF member, and a chance encounter to meet the author of a garden book.

As I was visiting the German Village I was watching a woman skillfully weaving a wattle fence from dead tree branches. I said to myself that woman looks familiar and then recognized it was WGCF member and Incoming Central Region Director, Judy Newman. *Bear in mind she had on historic clothing and a fabric bonnet which partially obscured her face.* Judy told me that she's been a garden volunteer at the museum for two years; and told me that WGCF was instrumental in establishing the historic gardens in 1976 during the American Bicentennial. Judy then introduced me to one of her fellow gardeners, Marcia Carmichael, and told me that Marcia had written a book about the museum's gardens titled *Putting Down Roots*. Judy recommended that I read it and I told them that I would and I'd plan to write a book review about it. I was delighted to have the opportunity to meet Marcia and to see her gardening in one of her favorite places.

If you enjoy Wisconsin history and gardening add this book to your fall or winter reading list. It's filled with stories

about the dwellings that have been moved to the site, the families that lived in the buildings, their cultural identities, and the plants they preferred to grow for both food and commerce. It describes in great detail how these families put down their roots to establish a new life and what they planted to help them live in this new environment. Similar to how Old World Wisconsin is laid out; the book chapters are laid out based on the cultural identities of the settlers. There are Yankee (*East Coast*), African American, German, Norwegian, Irish, Danish, Polish, and Finish settler gardens. I descend from five of these eight different Wisconsin settler cultural groups and I learned so much about how my family members lived and what it took to establish a life in this new land. Also included in the book are many of the families' recipes. I was delighted to find my grandmother's Norwegian coffee recipe. *It requires the use of an egg along with the shells ~ they grab and hold the coffee grounds to produce a clear cup of coffee.* The Germans in particular were fond of growing lots of different fresh vegetables close to each other in rectangular raised beds. The invention of U.S. cultivating and seeding equipment is what shifted the immigrants away from this practice because it was easier to use this equipment when the plants were lined up in long rows ~ *that's why so many of us learned from our family members to grow our vegetables in long rows.* The book also has special sections on garden equipment from the first hand-crafted rudimentary tools to products made by commercial manufacturers. The last section of the book includes lists of plants grown by each of the different cultural groups.

If you or your club will be developing or restoring a garden on a historical property this would be an excellent book to study. Or if you just want to know more about how your ancestors settled in Wisconsin please read the book. Put Old World Wisconsin Museum on your bucket list of places to visit sometime soon; and be on the lookout for someone you just might know working in the gardens.

Wisconsin Hummingbirds

Dorothy Legler, Birds Chair

I've enjoyed seeing and hearing the Ruby-Throated Hummingbirds in my yard as they nectar at a feeder and on tubular flowers such as Cannas, Cardinal Flower, Hollyhocks, Royal Catchfly, Phlox, Morning Glories, Hostas, Impatiens and others. Every year people ask me when to take down their feeders. The answer is to leave them up through fall. If left up in fall, it will not delay their migration, but will provide much needed fuel for their long journey south to Mexico and Central America. Some will fly up to 1,000 miles with 500 miles of that over the open waters of the Gulf of Mexico. (They don't migrate on the backs of geese, as an old myth has it!) As you probably know, Wisconsin has only one breeding species of hummingbird, the Ruby-Throated, but six other species have strayed to Wisconsin from the South and West, during migration. Rare hummingbirds that have been seen in Wisconsin are: Anna's, Rufous, Broad-billed, Green Violet-ear, and Green-breasted Mango.

This reminds me that back in 1990, we learned through the Birding Hotline that a very rare, first state record, Anna's Hummingbird was coming to a feeder at a south-

eastern Wisconsin residence in early December. It was 2,000 miles east of its range on the Pacific Coast. The Anna's was hopelessly lost and only the feeder was keeping it alive. We went to see it but were very dismayed when we left because the forecast for the next day was a blizzard that would dump 17" of snow! The Hummingbird would not be able to survive. The doomed hummingbird was in our thoughts for days. Then a few weeks later we learned that in the midst of the blizzard, a bird bander had caught the hummingbird and got permission to release it inside the Tropical Dome of Milwaukee's Mitchell Park Conservatory! We were elated! In response, we set up a Madison Audubon Society field trip to the Milwaukee Public Museum (for geology) and the Domes (for plants and the remarkable Anna's Hummingbird!)

So carefully observe and enjoy the hummingbirds in your yard. Keep your hummingbird feeder through the fall, and keep binoculars and a bird guide handy. On average, two to three rare stray hummingbirds are observed at feeders in the state each year. Maybe someday, one will turn up in your yard!

Central Region Life Membership

Lynne Ehnert, Chair

It's that time of year where we will be getting together for our Central Region Convention. This is always a good time to think about how we can support the scholarships that are awarded through Central Region. Scholarships are important because we support the NGC objectives of education and because we are educating our youth to ensure we will have sustainability for the future. We need to invest in our future.

One way you can support our scholarship fund is to purchase a Central Region Life Membership. The cost is \$50. All funds received for these memberships go toward the scholarship fund. Purchasing a membership may also be a great way to honor someone in your club.

Central Region Life Membership

Name: _____

Address: _____

City State Zip: _____

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National Life Membership

Judy Newman, WGCN Chair

Your choice of becoming a National Life Member demonstrates your commitment to the youth of our nation and to the world. Your gift of \$200 to become a life member is shared equally by the Scholarship Fund and the Permanent Home Endowment Fund.

The recipient receives a lifetime subscription to *The National Gardener* magazine, may attend the National Life Member Banquet at all conventions, and the contribution is tax deductible. Most important of all however, is the knowledge that they have helped to educate our youth.

Who can receive an NGC Life Membership?

A gift of a Life Membership may be given to any individual deserving an honor such as a state or club president, a husband, a wife, someone in the community who shares our garden club interests...or you!



Please note: According to the IRS Ruling, effective January 1, 1994, the value of the subscription to *The National Gardener* magazine is \$81.00. This means that you can only use \$119.00 as a charitable deduction for tax purposes. One half of the National Life Membership fee is credited to the Permanent Home and Endowment Fund and one half goes to the NGC Scholarship Fund.

For a copy of the NGC Life Membership form go to: <http://www.gardenclub.org/resources/ngc-form-life-membership-app.pdf> or contact Judy Newman, WGCN NGC Life Membership Chairman.

NGC Member Services offers a variety of jewelry options for your Life Membership. A charm for women, lapel pin for men, or National Life Member pin. Please call Member Services at 1-800-550-6007 or shop online at www.shopgardenclub.org for prices and to place orders.

Member Services

Wendy Kramer

The 2015 Vision of Beauty calendar is available from Member Services for \$5.00. This is a flower arrangement and engagement calendar created by NGC. It includes beautiful full page color pictures of floral designs in addition to a calendar to mark your appointments. This calendar makes a lovely gift and is a resource for ideas to do your own floral designs. Calendars will be available from Member Services at the upcoming Landscape Design and Environmental Studies schools.

I will also send out calendars upon request with an additional fee to cover postage.



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November 22nd and 23rd

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Series V - Course 2

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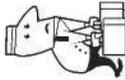
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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2014

8:00 - 8:20 a.m.Registration
 8:20 - 8:25 a.m.Announcements
 8:25 - 9:25 a.m. Judy Klippel
 Wildlife/Animals-The Misperceptions*
 9:35 - 10:35 a.m. Francie Szostak
 ..Plants - Agriculture*
 10:35 - 10:50 a.m. Break
 10:50 - 11:50 a.m. Jamie Ferschinger
 Ecology - Land*
 11:50 a.m. Lunch
 CU cafeteria open menu \$8
 12:50 - 1:50 p.m. Joseph Fillingham
 Coastal Zone Management*
 1:50 - 2:10 p.m.Travel time
 Travel to Cedarburg Bog
 2:15 - 4:15 p.m. James Reinartz
 Nature Discovery Field Trip

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2014

8:00 a.m. - 8:20 a.m.Registration
 8:20 a.m. - 8:25 a.m.Announcements
 8:25 a.m. - 9:25 a.m.Bruce Bessert
 Environmental Science*
 9:35 a.m. - 10:35 a.m. Don Korte
 Source Reduction Of Pollutants, Toxics & Materials*
 10:35 a.m. - 10:50 a.m.Break
 10:50 a.m. - 11:50 a.m. Sharon Morrissey
 Earth Stewardship - Gardening With Nature*
 11:50 a.m. Lunch
 CU cafeteria open menu \$8
 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.....Chris Cunningham
 Medicinal Herbs*
 2:10 p.m. - 3:10 p.m.....Exam Review
 3:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.....Exam (optional)
 Held at Concordia University

*Examination to be given on these topics

INSTRUCTORS

Prof. Bruce Bessert, CCEs Director
 Concordia University Wisconsin
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 Jamie Ferschinger, Branch Manager
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 Joseph Fillingham
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 Dr. Don Korte, Natural Science
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 UW-Extension
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 UWM Field Station
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 Wellspring Organic Farm

REQUIRED READING

Miller, G. Tyler - *Living in the Environment*
 Chapters for required readings based upon book edition
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HOW TO BECOME ELIGIBLE FOR A
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- Student attendees must:
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FOR OUR NON-MEMBER STUDENTS

- 1) Courses and exams are open to everyone.
- 2) Consultant Certification Cards are issued only to members of NGC.
- 3) Non-member students successfully completing all (4) courses may apply for Consultant Certification upon joining an NGC affiliated Federated garden club within 6 months after series completion.
- 4) Certificates of Completion are awarded to non-NGC students attending a full series.

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 SERIES V - COURSE 3
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 SERIES V - COURSE 4
 SEP 14-15

***HANDBOOK* changes which reflect actions approved at the Annual Meeting
in May, 2014 to amend the WGCF Bylaws.
Update your copy of the *HANDBOOK* accordingly.**

**WGCF BYLAWS
ARTICLE IV
MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1. LIFE MEMBERSHIP: Wisconsin Life Membership reflects donations to designated scholarship funds. This fee is not in lieu of payment of annual dues.

**ARTICLE VII
Duties of Elected and Appointed Officers**

Section 5. The duties of the Second Vice-President are:

- (a) To be a member of the Core Team.
- (b) To serve as the Chairman of the Finance Committee.
- (c) To serve as Marketing Co-ordinator.
- (d) To assume the Chair in the absence of the President and First Vice-President.

Section 9. The duties of the Parliamentarian are:

- (a) To serve as an ex-official (non-voting) member of the Core Team.
- (b) To serve as an ex-official (non-voting) member on the Organizational Study Committee.
- (c) To act as a consultant to the President and other officers and members on matters of Parliamentary procedure.
- (d) To call the attention of the Chair to any error in the proceedings that may affect the rights of any member and to establish that a quorum is present at all official meetings.
- (e) To serve as the principal advisor to the President, the officers and the committee chairmen regarding management of the annual Convention as it relates to the actual transaction of business.
- (f) To assist new or existing clubs in formulating or amending Bylaws

**ARTICLE X
CORE TEAM**

Section 1. The Core Team is comprised of the President, First-Vice President/ President-elect, Second Vice-President, and the Immediate Former President, and the Recording Secretary. The Parliamentarian shall serve as ex-officio (non-voting) member.

**ARTICLE XI
STANDING COMMITTEES AND DUTIES**

Section 6 (c) The President shall serve as an ex-officio (non-voting) member.

Section 8. The Strategic Planning Committee shall be comprised of the First Vice-President, who shall serve as chairman and four additional voting members, one of whom shall be a Former President. The President shall serve as an ex-officio (non-voting) member of this committee.

**ARTICLE XII
NOMINATION AND ELIGIBILITY**

Section 2. b) The slate of officers shall be sent to *Wisconsin Gardens* by the Chairman of the Nominating Committee for publication in the Winter issue **in the odd-numbered year.**

HANDBOOK changes which reflect actions approved at the February 2014
Executive Board Meeting to amend Standing Rules and Bylaws.
Update your copy of the **HANDBOOK** accordingly.

The following is considered “Housekeeping”.

Change all reference of “Past” President/s to “Former” President/s in Bylaws and Standing Rules.

Change “composed of” or “consist of” to “comprised of” - a more accurate description in the following articles/sections of the WGCF Bylaws:

Article VIII, WGCF Board of Directors, Section 1. Shall be (composed) Change to: **comprised**

Article IX, Executive Committee, Section 1. Shall (consist) Change to: **comprised**.....

Article XI, Standing Committees and Duties, Section 2. The Advisory Committee shall be **composed** Change to: **comprised**.....

Article XI, Section 3. The Auditing Committee shall be **composed** Change to: **comprised**

Article XI, Section 4. The Credentials Committee shall be **composed** Change to: **comprised**

Article XI, Section 5. The Editorial Staff shall be **composed** Change to: **comprised**.

Article XI, Section 6. The Finance Committee shall be **composed** Change to: **comprised**

Article XI, Section 7. The Organizational Study Committee shall be **composed** Change to: **comprised**

Article XI, Section 8. The Strategic Planning Committee shall be **composed** Change to: **comprised**.

Article XI, Section 9. The Scholarship Investment Committee shall be **composed** Change to - **comprised**.

Article XII, Nomination and Eligibility, Section 1. The Nominating Committee shall be **composed of nine** members.
Change to: **comprised of eight members**

In the WGCF Standing Rules, Change “composed” to “comprised”

Page 10. WGCF Board of Directors, The Board of Directors is **composed** Change to: **comprised**.

Page 15. Advisory - The Advisory Committee shall be **composed** Change to: **comprised**.

Page 17. Auditing - The Auditing Committee shall be **composed** Change to: **comprised**

Page 17. Awards - The WGCF Awards Committee shall be **composed** Change to: **comprised**

Page 44. Organizational Study Committee - second paragraph: The Organizational Study Committee shall be **composed** -
Change to: **comprised**

Page 61. Strategic Planning - second paragraph - The Strategic Planning Committee is **composed** Change to: **shall be comprised of**

WGCF Life Membership

Marion Books, WGCF Life Membership Chair

The WGCF Life Membership is an Honorary Membership, and was established in 1968. It originated to support the WGCF Memorial Scholarship Fund and shows pride in the Wisconsin Garden Club Federation. New Wisconsin Life Members are announced and honored at the WGCF Annual Convention. There is a one-time life membership contribution of fifty dollars (\$50.00) which is credited to the Memorial Scholarship Fund. A Life Member continues to pay annual club, district and WGCF dues.

Life Memberships may be given at any time throughout the year. Recipients receive a certificate and Life Membership card. Memberships may be purchased by an individual or presented as a gift. Non-garden club members may be honored with a WGCF Life Membership, also.

To honor a WGCF Life Member, fill out the form for Memorial Scholarship Fund Donations. A Life Membership is

given one time only to any person. Donations “In Honor” or “In Memory Of” may be given many times to the same individual.

All forms and checks are sent to the WGCF Scholarship Fund, c/o Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region, Inc., 4455 West Laurence Street, Appleton, WI 54914.

New WGCF Life Members for 2014 are:

477 Sue Zinth

478 Nancy Mancusi

479 Laura Skoft

480 Salem United Methodist Church

Dates to Remember

OCTOBER

23 WGCF Executive Board Meeting, Sparta

NOVEMBER

14-15 Environmental Studies School, Mequon
Series V, Course 2

2015

FEBRUARY

4 WGCF Awards Meeting, Rothschild
5 WGCF Executive Board Meeting, Rothschild
13-15 Garden Expo, Madison, WI

APRIL

10-11 Environmental Studies School, Mequon
Series V, Course 3
14-15 Landscape Design School, Madison,
Series X, Course 3

MAY

12-15 NGC Convention, Kentucky
28-30 WGCF Convention, Barkers Island, Superior

JUNE

WGCF Executive Meeting, Madison

SEPTEMBER

18-19 Environmental Studies School, Mequon
Series V, Course 4
22-23 Landscape Design School, Madison
Series X, Course 4

In Memoriam

Helen H. Jasperson, 96, of Wisconsin Rapids, died in July 2014. She was a former member of the Yard and Garden Club and the Cranmoor Garden Club. Upon her marriage to Newell Jasperson in 1940, Helen became part of a third generation family cranberry marsh, Whittlesey Cranberry, which was founded in 1871. She and Newell had a true partnership in the marsh. Being a nature enthusiast, Helen was the soul and spark of the marsh. Her devotion to flowers was evident in the gardens around her home. Her love for nature led her to discover Power's Bluff Park which was a very special place for her to investigate every spring. Helen was an outdoor person and loved every aspect of nature- wildflowers, birds, ferns, trees, and especially the sky at night. She enjoyed sharing her passion for nature with others.



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Diane Olsen, 4838 North 71st St Milwaukee 53218

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Coming in the Winter 2015 Issue: Arbor Day, By-Laws and Standing Rules, Nominating, Convention 2015, Outlook Recommendations and Historian. Highlighting All Districts - directors send reports. Articles also needed by Clubs throughout the state.



Looking out my window, I am thinking about the seeds that have been planted this year with the work our garden club has done with children in the school gardens, along with teachers of the elementary school. The children's excitement about harvesting the produce from the gardens reminds me of the movie "Field of Dreams" with the classic line of "if you build it, they will come". For gardeners, I think that line could be changed to "if they grow it, they will try eating it". As we harvested vegetables from the school garden, the children were saying "can we try eating this?" or "what does this taste like?" I was amazed as the children were soon cracking and eating cucumbers that were very large and ready for a compost pile. And just when I thought we would save the bean pods for seed, I noticed a few girls eating them. While one of the Garden Club members was weeding the herb garden, the children were surrounding her with questions about which leaves could they eat, and soon they were sampling parsley, basil and dill.

Over the course of this season, the children's knowledge of the many types of vegetables and their willingness to sample vegetables grew as the season progressed. After they harvested produce, they also asked about being able to take some home. Their excitement over vegetables they didn't even know about a few months ago was part of the harvest. Hopefully, the more children are involved in the entire process from planting to harvest, the more they will want to sample the vegetables, and by taking them home, it may even encourage more use of the veggies by their families.

As we were participating in our final fall class, one of the 1st graders came over to show me the carrots she had just pulled up - she was so proud of this and wanted to take them home. I remembered that one year ago she stood on the side of the garden because she didn't want to get her hands dirty and would ask, "When can we go back inside?" I shared that memory with her to let her know of her own growth, and she beamed. Many things have happened in her life in one year, and I hope we have helped to plant a seed for her interest in gardening. Who knows where this will lead?

I hope your harvest has been bountiful and the memories of beautiful gardens will feed your spirit through the months ahead.

Carla

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