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Gold Star Memorial Marker in Sheboygan: First in Nation

Mary Kulhanek, WGCF Publicity Chair

By the time you read this, the first Gold Star Memorial Marker, sponsored by Ivy League Garden Club, will have been installed in the Sheboygan County Veterans Memorial Park. NGC recently introduced the Gold Star Memorial Marker as a tribute to Gold Star Families, those families whose loved one paid the ultimate price of defending the United States of America.

Ivy League Garden Club in Sheboygan has had a Blue Star Marker in the park since 1994 and last year had a ceremony to rededicate that marker. Blue Star Markers are dedicated to all those who have served in the defense of our country.

The dedication ceremony on October 15 will bring NGC's Blue Star/Gold Star chairman, Andrea Little, along with WGCF Blue Star/Gold Star Co-Chairs, Charles and Linda McCafferty; NGC Central Region Director, Judy Newman; WGCF President Gerianne Holzman, and 1st Vice President Peggy Grubbs.

The Veterans Memorial Committee will be inviting local and state dignitaries; and, in cooperation with the Wisconsin Gold Star organization, will be inviting members of 370 Gold Star families.

Having attended the rededication of the Blue Star Marker last year, I know this will be a moving ceremony and one that cannot really be described in a way that can convey the pride, patriotism and thankfulness awakened in those attending the ceremony.

Congratulations to Ivy League Garden Club!

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A website is just as good as the information found on it. WGCF clubs are active but the website does not necessarily reflect all that we do. The only solution is to share that information with contactwgcf@gmail.com so it can be posted to the website. Pictures are always welcome.

Many clubs will be changing officers and contact people over the next months, take a moment to check out the Join a Club page to double check the contact information found there. Clubs might consider creating a generic email account through Google or a similar service that could be the “official” club email account. Each year’s president could use it for club business. The account could also be used to store club documents. For example, Botany Belles and Beaus future email address will be: bbbgardenclub@gmail.com. It is currently used on our webpage and has already proved helpful.

As your club or district hosts a special event, send the what, who, where, and when information to contactwgcf@gmail.com and it will be added to the calendar on the website.

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WGCF is a not-for-profit educational organization founded in 1928. It is a member of National Garden Clubs, Inc.

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From Your President

When you put your hand in a flowing stream, you touch the last that has gone before and the first of what is still to come. These words from Leonardo da Vinci resonate with changes within all of our lives. As we enjoyed the grand opening of the Hilary Grace Healing Garden in July, we paused to think of how we came to be in that place at that time. Hilary Grace's legacy brought the garden to life. We will never be able to thank her, in person, for providing the funds for this respite from the hospital environment. However, we can thank all of you for your generous donations of time, money and talents. I can never "stop the stream" and change my sister's cancer diagnosis but I can honor her and future cancer patients with our WGCF involvement at the Garden. Like the flowing stream, life goes on...

Summer - a busy time for some and vacation time for others. We spent our summer remodeling our kitchen - yes, it is finally done and yes, it turned out great - thank you. Our garden was also on the Madison District Garden Tour route and we built a pergola (three ladders and some bolts) and a permanent fire pit. Whew! There were a few things happening in WGCF land amongst the chaos of the summer. We received notification of a change in the Allen J. Shafer Trust. This

trust provides funding for our top WGCF award named in memory of Mr Shafer's wife Lydia. The original trust, dated 1969, provided for an annual WGCF distribution of \$125 for a trophy award. (We have been giving a crystal bowl and plaque.) The administrator of the trust petitioned the court to increase the value of the distributions to 2016 dollars. (WGCF is one of three beneficiaries of the trust.) The petition was granted and the WGCF will now receive \$775 for the Lydia Shafer Award. Yet again, the stream continues to flow.

The Garden Education Summit Committee is shoring up plans for the event. It all happens October 6-7, 2017 in Wisconsin Dells. We are looking for help in marketing, fundraising, sponsorship, tour organizers, etc. If you have the skills and desire to help, please let me know ASAP. The event will be widely advertised outside our garden club community and we need your help to make it a success. Suggestions for making the event extra special and super fun are welcome. Please remember, the Summit is in lieu of our annual convention. There will be no WGCF business conducted at the Summit. Pending decisions made at the upcoming Central Region (CR) Convention, a CR annual meeting will take place following the Summit on October 8, 2017. The Summit is also a chance for any Gardening, Landscape Design and Environmental Consultants to refresh, as it is a Tri-Refresher.

Our **annual business meeting**, awards presentations and officer installation is **May 5, 2017** in Wausau. Officers, executive board members and club delegates please plan to attend. More information will appear in the winter issue of *Wisconsin Gardens*. Now is the time to submit your club and district award applications to Awards Committee Chair Laura Skoff. See the WGCF website for awards information, application forms for yearbook related awards, etc. Everyone is also strongly encouraged to apply for NGC awards through Laura. Our state has received very few awards in the past; it is time for a change. You do amazing work within your clubs and your communities - be proud and receive recognition! It would be an honor to fill up my suitcase with WGCF awards at the 2017 NGC convention. Check out the NGC website for information on all of the awards and remember some of them come with a check.

Thank you for all you do in your communities; your garden tours, parties, plantings and other events all show the public that garden clubs are NOT little ladies in hats and gloves sitting around drinking tea. We DO wear hats - to keep the sun, hair and sweat out of our eyes as we work in our gardens. We DO wear gloves but they are usually covered with soil and generally are worn out and holey. We MAY drink tea but it may also be a glass of wine or good Wisconsin beer. We come in all shapes and sizes and we ARE women and men with a purpose to make our lives and the lives of others just a bit better by working in harmony with nature. Yes, the stream flows, hold a drop of it in your hand and think where you have been and where you are going.

Gardening for Good,

Gerianne

Congratulations Scholarship Recipients!!

Mary Ellen Sedlachek, Scholarship Chair

Sam Marquart, Junior

Recipient of Della Balousek (\$2500) + WGCF (\$1000) Scholarships

Sam is a native of Racine studying Plant Pathology and Life Science Communications, at the University of Wisconsin – Madison. He is interested in educating the public, especially children about being able to efficiently grow their own food using fewer fungicides and being able to produce more urban gardens. In a community outreach position, he endeavors to help the world become a better place. “I was ecstatic when I received acceptance. Thanks again.”



Katelynn Mauk, Junior

Recipient of Della Balousek (\$2500) + WGCF (\$1000) Scholarships

Living just north of Sheboygan, Katelynn found her passion working at Millhome Nursery & Greenhouses, Elkhart Lake during her high school years. Now at the University of Wisconsin – Platteville, she is studying Environmental Horticulture and Agricultural Business hoping to become a landscape architect.

Caysha Fleischman, Junior

Recipient of Carolyn Craig (\$2000) Scholarship

Caysha is one of a set of triplets from Antigo, pursuing a degree in Biology and Conservation Biology from the University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point. This past semester she participated in a National Student Exchange to the University of Alaska Southeast and hopes to be accepted as an intern with the Rocky Mountain Conservation Corps this summer. Caysha intends to go to grad school and is considering the Environmental Studies Program at the University of Oregon.



Eliza Christopher, Junior

Recipient of Irene Strauss (\$1000) + WGCF (\$1000) Scholarships

Eliza is a married, non-traditional student, attending school year around. She attends the University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point studying Urban Forestry with the intent of becoming a researcher and developer for the green industry. She endeavors to develop products for private and municipal landscapes that are sustainable and safe.

Charal Steele, Junior

Recipient of WGCF (\$1000) Scholarship

Charal from Green Bay is studying Environmental Science and Biology at the University of Wisconsin - Oshkosh, which houses the first dry fermentation, anaerobic bio digester in the western hemisphere. This coming fall she will intern at Growing Oshkosh, an urban educational farm, and after graduation would like to work in a water treatment plant or work with testing water conditions.



Tony Willman, Junior

Recipient of WGCF (\$1000) Scholarship

Tony attends the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point and is from Oshkosh. Having a 3.9 GPA, he also was a WGCF winner last year. A dedicated fisherman, he hopes to become a fisheries biologist improving lakes for both fish and human use. After graduate school, he would like to make it possible for future generations to be able to experience the type of fishing that he has been accustomed to.



Corinne (Cora) Marie Demler, Junior

National Scholarship Winner 2015 & 2016

Regional Scholarship Winner 2016

Cora is from Blanchardville, Wisconsin, attending the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, where she is studying Genetics, Cell Biology, and Development under Distinguished McKnight Professor of Entomology, Marla Spivak.

With her parents, Cora began beekeeping as a second grader with one beehive. Progressing to a dozen with honey harvests of over 600 pounds, Cora decided to start a small business through 4-H entitled Cora's Busy Bees when she was in middle school. Future Farmers of America helped to expand the operation.

As a researcher in college with a major in Genetics applying to horticulture and apiculture (bee science), she has been involved in pollinator identification, bee nutrition assessments, and bee breeding projects. Eventually she would like to attend graduate school to help solve societal and environmental concerns relating to apiculture. The Wisconsin Garden Club Federation was delighted to have Cora address our State Garden Club Convention luncheon at Elkhart Lake.

WGCF Scholarships Available: Encourage Students to Apply

Mary Ellen Sedlacek, Scholarship Selection Chair

Congratulations are in store for Corinne Marie Demler as our National Award winner from Wisconsin, for the second year . She will receive \$4,000 for her senior year at the University of Minnesota.

Students from our state received a total of \$17,500, from the State and National Scholarships, and there were only eight applicants.

Do tell your Wisconsin relatives and friends who are studying in a scientific field to access our scholarships at www.wisconsin-gardenclub.org under Awards/Scholarships. The State Scholarships are available to junior, senior, or graduate students who are attending a school in Wisconsin. Our National Scholarships are available to junior, senior, or graduate students in a scientific field attending school in Wisconsin or elsewhere at www.gardenclub.org/youth/scholarships. Material for all is available in December of 2016 and is due to our State Scholarship Selection Chair no later than February 1, 2017.



WGCF AWARDS

Laura Skoff, Awards Chair

As gardeners, we anxiously await our gardens blooming season after all the planting, watering, weeding and pest control that occupied our time. It's a grand reward to see a lovely array of flowers in our yards or to enjoy fresh vegetables and herbs we have grown! Well, WGCF may also reward you for your clubs efforts if you take the time to apply for any of the awards listed on the WGCF website. The awards year runs from January 1 through December 31, unless specified under the award, and all applications should be sent to the WGCF Awards Chairman by December 1. Specific awards, procedures and the applications are online in the members section. Yearbooks should be sent by November 1 to the WGCF Yearbook Chairman Pat Ritchie along with any specific yearbook award applications that you may be applying for.

WGCF Award Chairman Laura Skoff W131N8030 Country Club Drive, Menomonee Falls, WI 53051
WGCF Yearbook Chairman Pat Ritchie N3752 County Road O, New London, WI 54961

Awards will be announced at the May 5, 2017 Annual Business Meeting.



President's Project: Hilary Grace Healing Garden

Janis Dixon, Nancy Sloan, President's Project Co-Chairs

The Hilary Grace Healing Garden is open! It's been a long haul for the Garden team, but well worth the effort. Although the landscaping is young, it's lovely and will only become more beautiful as it matures. On a recent trip to the garden, I noticed three different varieties of bees and hospital staff report they've had hummingbird visitors!

With both sunny and shaded sitting areas under the pergolas, the garden provides a welcome respite from the realities of the hospital. You can enjoy not only the plants and sunshine, but the beautiful artwork installed there. Along with the copper snapdragon wind spinners and kaleidoscope are steel sculptures of woodland animals nestled among the plantings. There is even a Little Library, complete with a planted sedum roof. Placed all around the garden are the annual pots planted by WGCF members. Each one is different from the next and the variety is wonderful. We are so grateful to the people who adopted a pot and lent their time and creative talent to enhance the garden's beauty.

I can't say the garden is complete. It's a living thing that grows and changes. Plants occasionally need to be replaced and maintenance is ongoing. Some reimbursement is provided to the WGCF members who are planting the annual pots for fall and winter, so it still needs our help.

We don't want to overlook the second half of the President's Project which is Gardening for Good. Districts will receive half of all the donations they give for their own local project. We'll be so interested to hear about the different ways that Districts are planning to benefit their communities.



The Hilary Grace Healing Garden is enjoyed by patients at UW Hospital, their visitors and hospital staff.

News from Clubs around the state



Girl Scouts from Troop 8004 at Brookfield Elementary School learn about native flowers and conservation while conducting an amphibian pond study with members of Elmbrook Garden Club in July. Pictured are Club President Laura Skoff and Central Region Director Judy Newman assisting Girl Scouts.

Notes from St. Croix District

- Anita Voiles

The three clubs in St. Croix District have been busy with garden tours, including the Lynn Nehring gardens in Colfax; the Saffert gardens in Rice Lake, touring club members' gardens in Baldwin; the Ag Research Center in Spooner and the Winter Greenhouses in Winter; the Environmental Tour of the St. Croix River Crossing in June; and touring wineries. Projects have included the Welcome Garden project and the WI Wildflower Garden in Chippewa Falls; the continuous Reflection Garden upkeep and the Kaleidoscope Project at Deerfield Gables Senior Living in New Richmond; the continuous Prairie Restoration Project in Woodville, WI. All these activities have kept the St. Croix District members very busy contributing to their communities along with maintaining their own private gardens throughout this summer. Garden club members are never idle, it seems.

Oshkosh Garden Club
Scholarship Luncheon

Holiday inspirations

Food and Décor for your Holiday Home



Saturday, November 19, 2016

Oshkosh Convention Center

2 N. Main St., Oshkosh

Cocktails 11:30 a.m. ~ Lunch Noon

Tickets \$25

For Tickets or More Information

Mary Ellen Sedlachek | 920-426-1084 | redspark@milwpc.com

www.oshkoshgardenclub.org

Bay Gardeners 70th anniversary: October 2016

In October 2016 the Bay Gardeners will celebrate their 70th anniversary. Some highlights from each decade will give us a sense of history and remind us that our love of gardening only grows with the passing of time.

1946: Six women gathered October 10 at 8:30 pm to form Garden Club #9 in Superior, WI. Dues were one dollar a year. The second Monday of the month would be the club day. Members would be fined ten cents for an absence without good cause; three fines meant automatic dismissal of membership. New members could be proposed after membership of six months and names must be approved by unanimous ballot. Fresh green wreaths were made for the holidays. Other programs included wild flowers, soil analysis, flower identification, composting, garden tour and plans for entering the local fair. Any money won at the fair was to be given to the club. In 1950 the club started a gardening newsletter that developed into a newspaper column "Garden Gems" for The Superior Telegram.

1956: This decade included entries into the Flower Show world. Members studied floral design using the same flowers, but in different containers, demonstrated by a club member. Members purchased Hopi crab trees at a price of three dollars for two, one for the member to plant and one given to the city to plant. This project continued several years with many organizations taking part. Birds and butterflies were program topics. The club voted to join the Wisconsin Garden Club Federation in 1960.

1966: Members were assessed one dollar to help fund the National Garden Club Convention in Milwaukee in 1967. A bus to convention started in Superior, stopped in Siren, Spooner, Eau Claire and Manitowoc. Two club members attended. In 1972 the club name was changed to Bay Gardeners. The club did registration for the State Convention at Telemark in 1974 for 354 registered guests.

1976: Dues were raised to three dollars per year. Members helped decorate two Superior banks for the holidays. Programs included herbs, pressed flower note cards, dried designs and rock gardens. Membership in 1979 was 20 members with most meetings held in homes at 1:00 pm. During this decade two members attended Flower Show School to become Judges. Two members also attended Landscape Design School, with one member going on to serve on the Superior Parks and Recreation board for thirty plus years. We started a civic project of planting flower boxes in Billings Park that continued 23 years, until the city removed them.

1986: Three club members chaired the first District Plant Sale, which raised over three hundred dollars. The club held its first Flower Show and won a blue ribbon at the National level. We started a Garden Therapy project with Central Junior High that continued several years and won Garden Therapy Awards at the State level. We studied Lake Trout and Lamprey as related to Lake Superior. Member Nancy Gotham was installed as President of the Wisconsin Garden Club Federation in 1993. We won Garden Club of the year in 1991-92, 1992-93 and 1994-95. Many club members provided leadership at the District and state level.

1996: Our Golden Anniversary was celebrated with a "golden" floral display at the library and a luncheon at The Shack. Members wore hats and gloves to celebrate. We learned about rain gardens, did a Garden Therapy project at Middle River Nursing Home making floral arrangements, sewed stuffed animals for children in the ER at our local hospital where we tended gardens in the summer. We studied miniature design and explored color harmonies combining floral design with quilts made by member Marge Rutan. Garden tours were enjoyed, District Flower Shows entered, endangered species studied along with living topiaries.

2006: The club adopted a large city garden on Barker's Island and continued for eight years. Each year we volunteered about 70 hours in that garden. We made stained glass stepping stones for our gardens, enjoyed a member's century farm, learned about xeriscaping in difficult soils, studied pollinators, seed starting, floral design in birch bark hanging containers, enjoyed garden tours, studied monarch migration, learned about the Lake Superior estuary and said goodbye to many of our beloved members who were 90 plus. They brought so much knowledge to our club and we honor them for years of sharing.

2016: We continue to look forward to our change of seasons, both in life and in our gardens. We encompass a 50-mile distance between members, have some daylong trips that involve some carpooling, but have just gained 4 new members. We are inspired by the legacy we preserve and continue to grow in friendship and garden dreams. We celebrate our heritage through the Bay Gardeners of Indianhead District, Wisconsin Garden Club Federation, Central Region and The National Garden Clubs, Inc.

History compiled by Carol Larson, 2016

Fun, Fantastic Events at Bookworm Gardens

Doris Weber

Bookworm Gardens in Sheboygan, WI, has been buzzing with wonderful events this summer and into autumn. One of the largest events has been, and always is, the Fairyfolk Festival! This year's event was held on July 23rd from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm with the gardens being open till 4:00 pm. 1,160 little fairies enjoyed this event with admission for them being \$3.00 each or free for members. Kids could participate in making fairy/wizard wands, creating fairy houses in the woodlands with lots of natural materials, costumed fairy parade, face painting, tattoos, photos thru 5 foot fairy book, story reading at stations throughout the garden, and over 35 fairy houses created by adults and children which were voted on by visitors during the event. The weather was great and warm, with enjoyable treats served during the day in The Secret Garden.

Another event coming up will be the Happily Haunted Halloween scheduled for October 20-22nd and October 27-29th, 5:00 till 8:00 pm each night. In previous years over 5,000 costumed visitors have attended. The gardens will be filled with thousands of twinkling lights, live book characters, entertainment, and autumn delights during this spine-tingling, not too scary fun event! Cost will be \$5 per person or free for members. Come dressed in costume and dance in our starry musical amphitheater, visit trick or treat stations, listen to book character reading aloud at stations in the garden, and check out the goblin/ghost food menu available for purchase during the event.

Visit many of the events on line at bookwormgardens.org



Fun times at
Bookworm Gardens!!



Wisconsin Group Tax Exemption: The “Umbrella”

Lynnette Rakun, WGCF Treasurer

WGCF Garden Clubs have the opportunity to attain a 501c3 status under the WGCF Group Tax Exemption. To gain a 501c3 status, a WGCF member Garden Club must:

- * be a subordinate member to the Central organization (WGCF) for 15 months or more
- * have an Employer Identification Number (EIN) and a bank number associated with a checking account
- * submit a letter of authorization to be added to the Group Tax Exemption signed by two officers
- * submit a copy of the club’s original bylaws or articles of incorporation showing the incorporation date and signed by at least two club officers
- * submit a current copy of the club’s bylaws or articles of incorporation dated and signed by at least two officers.
- * Include a purpose statement: “The organization is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational and/or scientific purposes under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.”
- * The Club must have the same accounting period as WGCF, “Fiscal year from June 1 to May31.”
- * Include a dissolution statement: “In the event of dissolution, any remaining asset shall be distributed to the federal government, a state or local government or to organizations, organized and operated exclusively for charitable educational or scientific purposes which shall at the time qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.”
- * Document the date organized and/or federated.
- * Document the dates of amendments to the bylaw/articles of incorporation.
- * provide a statement that the subordinate (garden club) is NOT a private foundation

Note: to maintain the 501c3 status, Clubs are required to file a 990N Postcard on the IRS website.



An October tradition for the Hill and Dale Garden Club of Elroy is making scarecrows for a nursing care facility (photo above). Hopefully you can tell the Club members from the scarecrows!

This year, the children in after-school gardening class at Royall Elementary School of Elroy enjoyed the fun of making scarecrows out of the corn from their school garden and sharing them with the residents at the nursing care facility (photo at left).



Create A Little Christmas
A Small Standard Flower Show
Presented by
Elmbrook Garden Club
Brookfield Public Library
1900 N. Calhoun Rd.
Brookfield, WI 53005
December 8, 2016

Open to the public 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at no charge

Little Known Shoe Facts

Mary Kulhanek, Member Services

*In early times, shoes were made of leather or even bear hide and tied together with a single lace of leather. Since leather does not do well when it is wet it usually was not worn during wet seasons. Outside of animal hides there were some shoes believed to be made out of different leaves and plants. Plants were not as durable as leather but since most who wore shoes only wore them for certain times of the year or for certain occasions temporary plant-made shoes were completely acceptable.

*Although there was the traditional leather to lace up the first invented shoes, the invention of the actual shoelace with shoe holes did not come about until 1790.

*Shoes all over the world were identical right up until 1822, when left-footed and right-footed shoes were made for the first time in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, United States of America.

*At an auction held on June 2, 2000, the ruby-red slippers worn by Dorothy (character played by actress Judy Garland) in the movie "The Wizard of Oz" (1939) sold for \$665,000, making the pair the most expensive shoes in the world at the time.

*The boots Neil Armstrong wore when he walked on the Moon are still floating around somewhere in outer space. He had to leave his boots there so that he could bring as many Moon rocks as possible back to Earth.

***Wisconsin Garden Club Federation's shoe drive amassed 179 bags of shoes for a total of 4,375 pairs. They weighed a total of 4,410 pounds and earned the organization \$1,764. The drive kept many shoes out of landfills and got them onto the feet of people in underdeveloped countries...a winning example of Gardening For Good.**



October's Party by George Cooper



October gave a party;
The leaves by hundreds came—
The Chestnuts, Oaks, and Maples,
And leaves of every name.
The Sunshine spread a carpet,
And everything was grand,
Miss Weather led the dancing,
Professor Wind the band.



The Chestnuts came in yellow,
The Oaks in crimson dressed;
The lovely Misses Maple
In scarlet looked their best;
All balanced to their partners,
And gaily fluttered by;
The sight was like a rainbow
New fallen from the sky.

Then, in the rustic hollow,
At hide-and-seek they played,
The party closed at sundown,
And everybody stayed.
Professor Wind played louder;
They flew along the ground;
And then the party ended
In jolly "hands around."

Horticulture

Carol Larson, Horticulture Chair

At convention this spring, we were all charmed by Kristia Wildflower's program on how moments with flowers can give us magical memories that last a lifetime. I especially loved the audience participation in singing "White Coral Bells" at the end of her time with us. I came home to northern Wisconsin and my little neighbor girl came over to ask if I could come to her 3rd grade spring concert the next day. I asked what she would be singing and to my surprise she said, "White Coral Bells"! Of course I had to sing it with her and we went to the garden to see if they were blooming yet. Not in bloom yet, but the Lily of the Valley was in bloom so we shared a moment with them and she happily took a bouquet home to Mom. Amber and I sat on my blue garden bench many times singing and checking to see if the "White Coral Bells" were here yet, a magical moment shared. I learned that same song in a one-room school in South Dakota seventy years ago. Some songs age beautifully!

Did you grow something new this year? I added some new daylilies and in the north it was a spectacular year of bloom for them. My annual sweet peas were a bust, even with all the attention they got. Red dahlia's from last year's plant sale are blooming their hearts out and cutting keeps them blooming. My new plant is *Lochroma cyanea*, a 3 foot annual with purple tubular blooms that the hummers love. I'm also growing *Lofus wine red*, a vining annual with magenta tubular blooms. My sister shared cardinal flower seedlings last fall; they wintered and are blooming even if they are borderline hardy in our area. I'm hoping for seedlings too. Here's where I give a shout-out for local nurseries where you may find interesting possibilities to grow that are just not available at the big retail centers.

Speaking of seedlings, I have been enjoying numerous blue bottle gentian and blue butterfly delphinium seedlings. It seems they love to seed in moss, a natural occurrence in the north woods gardens. I'm thinking the

moss acts as a nursery for the seeds, providing protection and a bit of moisture. Such a bonus, the blue they add to the gardens is striking even from a distance. I've learned not to be too vigorous too early with weeding, give them time to show up and give them a chance to prove what they are.

Don't forget to take some pictures of your garden to enjoy this winter; they will make your heart sing in Janu-



Congratulations

**to the Bay Gardeners of Superior area,
in Indianhead District
on celebrating their 70th anniversary
on October 10, 2016.**

Active members include:

**Karmyn Brown, Mary Coda, Nancy Craig,
Joan & Larry Goebel, Marsha Holter,
Mary Houk, Anja Johnson, Linda Johnson,
Marge Johnson, Pat Johnson, Saundra Kortasma,
Carol Larson, Jennifer Peterson, Betty Renko,
Becky Stuart, Val Tomkins, Shirley Urbaniak
plus Honorary Members Marge Rutan
and Eleanor Upthegrove.**

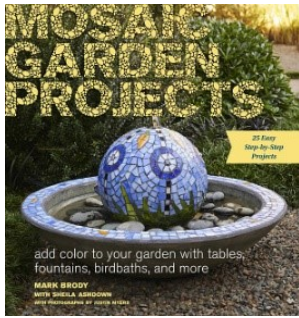
Milwaukee Art Museum Garden Club

On Friday, November 18, Catherine Sawinski, Assistant Curator of Earlier European Art will present: "Floral Works on Paper: The History of the Milwaukee Art Museum's Print Collection: Highlighting Flowers on Paper". The Milwaukee Art Museum Garden Club invites you to join them.

A Continental Breakfast will be at 10:15 a.m. in the Schroder Galleria, and the program will be at 11:00 a.m. in Lubar Auditorium

Mini docent-led tours of the newly renovated Milwaukee Art Museum will be open to everyone after the program. This promises to be an interesting, educational and enjoyable event.

The cost is \$12 which includes continental breakfast, program and docent led tours of museum. Make out checks to MAMGC and send to: Julianne Salamone, 19260 Alta Vista Circle, Brookfield, Wisconsin. 53045

**Mosaic Garden Projects**

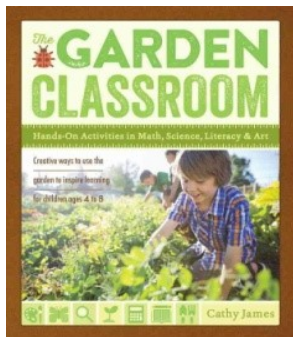
by Mark Brody with Sheila Ashdown

Timber Press, 2015

304 pages

Suggested Retail: \$19.95

Over the years I've made some mosaic objects to place in my garden. My experience involved a great deal of trial and error ~ probably more errors than successes. I wish this book was available to me to study before I started my projects. Creating a mosaic isn't a difficult process but the simple tips included in this book will help you avoid any pitfalls. The book includes information on planting art in your garden; the work-space required to complete the projects; the tools, supplies & materials that are needed; design ideas; and descriptions about the mosaic process. Twenty-five projects are listed in the book with easy to follow instructions, templates, along with step-by-step photographs. This book will inspire you to add some beautiful mosaic pieces to your garden. Give it a try you'll be surprised at how fun and easy it is to personalize your garden.

**The Garden Classroom**

Cathy James

Roost Books, 2015

222 pages

Suggested Retail: \$18.95

This is a great book for WGCF clubs to look at if they are developing children's garden programs. The book focuses on the application of math, science, literacy, and art skills used in gardening. Two-sided learning is what I call it ~ the fundamental 3 Rs with application to our natural world. The lessons cited in the book are oriented to children ages 4 - 8.

The book's introduction discusses how to develop a garden classroom - where to locate it, space required, appropriate clothing, shelter, time requirements, obtaining resources, curriculum, what to grow with children, creating a riot for the senses, inviting wildlife, growing for quick results, growing from seed, crowd pleasers, growing something unexpected, letting kids being hands on, and enjoying the process. Also included in this section is a garden vocabulary. Chapter one of the book covers gardening basics; chapter two focuses on play and imagination; chapter three on reading and writing, chapter four on science and math; chapter five on arts and crafts, and chapter six on garden recipes. Within each chapter are activities to keep the kids engaged, amused, and learning. Each project identifies the goals of the activity, a materials list, instructions, and the learning objectives. One of the projects identified in chapter three (reading and writing) is writing in and keeping a personal garden journal. Each child's literacy and writing skills are developed as they write about the natural world they are observing. The children are encouraged to draw what they see which fosters the development of their artistic skills.

The book is chock-full of creative, fun, and simple garden projects that will entertain the children and they won't even suspect that they are in the classroom.

Dates to Remember

2016

- Oct. 15 Gold Star Marker Dedication, Sheboygan
- Oct. 20 WGCF Fall Executive Committee
Wausau

2017

- Feb. 15 WGCF Awards Committee – Wausau
(evening meeting)
- Feb. 16 WGCF Winter Executive Committee –
Wausau
- April 21 – 22 Gardening Study School, Appleton
- May 5 WGCF Annual Business Meeting,
Wausau
- May 16 – 21 NGC Convention, Richmond, VA
- June (TBA) WGCF Summer Executive Committee
Meeting, Wausau
- August 25-26 Flower Show Symposium,
Havenswood Environmental
Center, Milwaukee
- Sept. 8 – 9 Gardening Study School, Appleton
- Sept. 12 - 15 NGC Fall Executive Board Meeting,
St. Louis, MO
- October 6 - 7 Garden Education Summit &
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- October 8 Central Region Meeting, Wisconsin Dells
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Looking out my window, I'm seeing the same thing that many of you are seeing – gardens that need tending, plants to cut down and leaves to be raked. As I spend time cleaning up the gardens, I try to envision how good it will look when all of the plants are “put to bed or rest” for the winter and how I am helping the plants – rather than thinking about the muscles that are aching. The challenge is to find joy and fun in these cleanup tasks, despite these aches.



If you ever want to see garden cleanup joy at its height, take several young gardeners into a garden in the fall and have a compost or leaf pile nearby. In our school gardening class, we had such fun watching the excitement of children picking pumpkins & squash, harvesting the newly-dug potatoes, and having fun dragging vines to the compost heap. Plus there are other children who greatly enjoy discovering all the bugs, slugs and caterpillars that live there. On a recent day we divided our group into three small groups and had each group make a scarecrow using corn stalks as the body form. Just imagine a group of first through sixth graders creating a scarecrow and you have an idea of the fun we had.

Of course, while we are putting our gardens to bed, we often find ourselves thinking ahead to new plans and ideas we will try next year. Gardening is such a great way to “think outside of the box” and daydreaming about next year’s gardens is a great way to spend the coming winter onths.

Along with thinking about those garden tasks, I also find myself thinking about the numerous ideas and suggestions for Garden Education Summit – so many possibilities. I hope that many of you will join me in attending part or all of the GES in October 2017 in Wisconsin Dells. Thinking about the fun times with the kids and those ahead at the Summit makes some of today’s garden cleanup chores go by so much faster. Wishing the same for you!

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