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Highlights of Gathering for Gardeners October 2018

Garden Club members and friends from Wisconsin and Minnesota enjoyed the programs and activities offered at Gathering for Gardeners and at Stillwater's Harvest Fest.



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

Mission: WGCF 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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A Message from our President



Fall is usually my favorite season of the year. This one has been an exception! I am sick of the rainy, cold and gloomy weather. It was hard to get motivated to do any outside work. That being said, we gardeners are a hearty, optimistic lot!. I've been shopping overtime at our local garden centers snapping up things to use for the next growing season. One of my treasures is a 36" diameter, moss covered, hanging basket. I am sure that it will have many iterations for planting over the next 6 months.

The National Garden Club's Fall Board meeting was held in Orlando, Florida in late September. I was able to network with presidents of many state garden clubs. We talked about the challenges facing all clubs. A declining membership due to advancing age is one of them. Many ideas were discussed to attract new, younger members. NGC is working hard to change with the time. They again had a workshop on using social media. This is not the wave of the future, it is already here. We must use the various platforms to get our message out and share with the public all of the wonderful things our clubs do for their communities.

Congratulations to the committees who worked so hard to put on both the Flower Show School in Sheboygan and the Environmental School in Middleton. St. Croix District will be sponsoring a Landscape Design series in 2020. We look forward to having that school in our part of the state. These schools are the backbone of our organization. I urge all members to take advantage of them.

Congratulations also to the 2018 Gathering for Gardeners committee for the educational speakers, excellent floral design program, a fun, interesting tour, and great workshops. Your efforts are greatly appreciated!

The WGCF Nominating Committee is looking for leaders to help direct our organization in the future. Please consider how you might help. Being state president was never on my radar, but here I am. I know that there are lots of people with lots of great ideas and passions out there. Volunteer! You won't regret it!

Warm regards,
Peggy Grubbs

ADVERTISING RATES

Size	WGCF	Other
Full page	\$150	\$200
Half page	\$75	\$100
Quarter page	\$37.50	\$50
Bus. Card	\$20	\$20

State and National Award Opportunities

Char Schulze, WGCF Awards Chair

Garden club projects are much like gardening. We plan, plant, nurture and invest our talents and resources. We are hopeful, creative, determined and hardworking. Garden clubs throughout the state have created projects and worked through challenges to make their projects successful. Wisconsin Garden Club Federation and National Garden Club, Inc. want to recognize and reward your club for its efforts. We encourage your club to apply for any of the WGCF and/or NGC Awards listed on these websites:

www.wisconsin gardenclub.org and www.gardenclub.org.

The awards year runs from January 1 through December 31. Starting this year, several awards have been changed from certificates or silver trays to monetary awards. Check out the award opportunities for your club today and start preparing your applications. Good Luck!

Awards will be announced at the May Convention.

Awards Application Deadlines:

Exceptions to timelines or deadline dates are noted in award descriptions.

December 1 WGCF Award applications. Submit to WGCF Awards Chair.

WGCF President: Peggy Grubbs, 2350 80th Street, New Richmond, WI 54017

WGCF Awards Chair: Char Schulze, 18975 Still Point Trail, Brookfield, WI 53045

Wreath Workshop at Gathering for Gardeners

Debby Walters

Gardeners who attended the Wreath Workshop during Gathering for Gardeners asked for a list of the plant materials which were used.

As requested, here is a list of the materials that we used.

- Oregonia (boxwood)
- Golden Grevalia
- Transparent Oak leaves
- Agonis
- Seeded Eucalyptus
- Limonium
- Hydrangea
- Thistle (Eryngium)
- Curly Willow



Wreath creations are being enjoyed in many homes since the workshop at Gathering for Gardeners. This photo was shared by Barb Barrickman who hung the wreath as soon as she got home from GFG.

NGC Schools Sponsored in Wisconsin by WGCF Tri-Council

How do they work?

Vern Lowell, Tri-Council Chair

Article 2 of a Series

In the Summer issue of Wisconsin Gardens we provided an overview of Tri-Council and its role in sponsoring educational schools in the areas of Gardening, Landscape Design and Environmentalism.

These schools are set up by NGC to provide high level instruction in the three areas of study. We recruit local instructors from University faculty, University Extension and local professionals in the school discipline, e.g., Landscape Architects. After four sessions, two days each, over a two-year time period and successful completion of examinations covering the key points in each lecture, field trip or required reading, students receive certification from NGC as a qualified Consultant in that field of study. To maintain their credentials, Certified Consultants “refresh” regularly by attending additional schools in the same discipline over a period of 7 years, to become a Master Consultant.

Typically, classes begin about 8:00 a.m. each day and end around 4:00 p.m. On the second day, there is a review of the material to be tested on plus the actual test which could last until around 5:00 PM.

What does it cost to attend these schools? Tri-Council keeps the cost as reasonable as we can for students. Students pay a tuition “registration” fee and a separate fee for food if they wish to have Tri-Council provide it. We provide food for a light breakfast and nourishing lunch with appropriate beverages throughout the day. Some students bring their own food. We have costs to rent a classroom facility for two days for each school. There are costs to pay some of our instructors although we sometimes have some who do not charge us to share their expertise with us. There is also some cost for office supplies. We hope to break even after all four schools in a series are completed. WGCF has funds available in the Ruth West Fund dedicated to supporting education. Each school can get \$200 in seed money from this fund to cover expenses incurred before registrations start coming in. This Fund will also be available to schools who incur a deficit with expenses exceeding income. If we have more income than expenses for a school, the excess money is returned to the Ruth West Fund. Students must cover their own expenses for lodging. Sometimes it is possible for a student to “room” with a local garden club member or family member living in the area for little or no expense. Tri-Council will provide suggestions for reasonably priced hotels convenient to the school location with your registration materials in Wisconsin Gardens. Students working on certification or refreshing their credentials also pay a \$5 fee to NGC to cover their expenses in supporting the schools. Typical costs for registration, food and exam fee for two days are about \$100.

Watch for our next article in the Winter Wisconsin Gardens covering topics like school leadership and locations around Wisconsin. In the meantime, feel free to talk to any Tri-Council member if you have questions we haven't answered yet.

Scholarship Recipients Announced

Mary Ellen Sedlachek, Scholarship Chair

The **Della Balousek Scholarship** of \$2500 each was awarded to three students from University of Wisconsin schools:

Emily Drown, a junior studying Biology at UW-Green Bay, grew up in Little Suamico. One of four children in her family, the Drowns recently lost their home in a house fire. Emily is a first generation college student.

Taylor North from Janesville is a junior at UW-River Falls studying Animal Science, Horticulture, and Chemistry. Her family is involved in pig farming, and she hopes to become a genetics researcher. She is employed as a greenhouse manager.

Growing up in Menominee, Alex Wittmershaus, a sophomore, chose UW-Platteville to study Environmental Engineering. He is a hunting instructor and plans to travel to Ghana in 2019 to work on water ecology.

The **Myrtle B. Ogilvie Scholarship** of \$1,000 was awarded to Menasha native, Kyle Lichtenberg, a senior studying Biology and Environmental Studies at UW-Oshkosh. Prior to coming to Oshkosh, he was a leader in the Department of Biological Studies at Fox Valley Extension and has done summer course work at UW- Milwaukee.

Zachary Urquhart received the **Irene Straus Scholarship** of \$1,000. His home is in Hatley and, as a sophomore from Stevens Point, he is studying Paper Science and Chemical Engineering.

The following students each received \$1,000 scholarships from the **Wisconsin Garden Club Federation**. All are from different Wisconsin schools with differing emphases.

Lauralynn Anderson from West Bend is a junior studying Ecology and Environmental Biology at UW-Eau Claire. She works as a gymnast and hopes to do research in the future.

Tia Federman, a junior from Mineral Point is majoring in Geography at UW-Platteville. She is passionate about preserving the environment.

Jonathon Knusta studies Natural Resources and Forestry at Northland College. A junior from Lublin, he recently lost his father and struggles to work the family farm.

Noah Langenfeld from Hancock is a sophomore at UW-Stevens Point studying Biology, Aquaponics, and Chemistry. He is also an English teaching assistant and a pilot.

Milwaukee native, Alyson Stadler, a junior studying Conservation and Environmental Science at UW-Milwaukee, has worked as a City Year Corps Member in California and as an education coordinator at Milwaukee Area Technical School. She plans to go to Ecuador to do GIS tracking.

In addition to the above state scholarships, Mikayla Moran, a junior at the University of Georgia, studying Family and Consumer Science Education with a minor in Consumer Foods was our National Winner for the State of Wisconsin. This is the second year Mikayla has received this award of \$4,000. A veteran baton twirler, she continues to teach twirling in college and is captain of the University of Georgia Majorette Team. She realizes the combination of good nutrition and exercise impacts the performance of student classwork. As a result, she hopes to focus on nutrition and health in the classroom and community.

Twenty eligible students applied for Wisconsin scholarships this past year. Karen Baumeister and Carolyn Craig assisted in selecting recipients. Any sophomore, junior, or senior in a scientific area of study is able to apply for scholarships by accessing www.wisconsin-gardenclub.org under Awards/Scholarships for a student attending an accredited college in Wisconsin or www.gardenclub.org/youth/scholarships for the National award. Information for the 2019 school year will be available prior to December 2018, with a deadline for applications no later than February 1, 2019.

WGCF Flower Show School III

May 10-12, 2019 Sheboygan

Julie Schoenike, Flower Show School Chair

Ivy League Garden Club's eleven members are pleased to offer all potentially interested gardeners the opportunity to learn about Standard Flower Shows, horticulture and judging. This school offers a National Garden Club's cultural opportunity.

The Sheboygan District Club plans course three for May 10-12, 2019 at Weill Center for the Performing Arts. All are invited to participate and learn about the things that constitute designs, Standard Flower Shows and judging.

New designs to be taught will be Cascade and Multi-Rhythmic by Claudia Chopp, National Design Instructor. She will also include information on exhibitor awards, judging vocabulary and judging procedure.

Wisconsin's Judy Newman, National Horticulture Instructor, will cover tulips, flowering branches, Flower Show procedure and judging ethics.

Flower Shows are a positive occupation that helps people to smile by creating beautiful gardens and thereby to enjoy a happier life by portraying integrity, creative skills and volunteerism.

Registration Information is available from Lynnette Rakun: lmrakun@live.com or 920-946-1673.



Flower Show School attendees create floral designs according to certain guidelines. Designs from Flower Show School, Series II, were of An Exhibition Table or A Functional Table Design, and were used for Class Discussion & Instruction, or Design Point Scoring Exam. Designs on this page were created by: Lynnette Rakun (above left), Julie Schoenike (above right), Kathy George (left), Gail Fox (below center), and Gerianne Holzman (right).

Additional photos on page 12.



Environmental School

The Living Earth, Course 1

Gerianne Holzman, Environmental School Chair

Thirteen individuals traveled to Middleton in September to attend Course 1 of Environmental School. These introductions to Environmental Studies included presentations on environmental leaders and issues, sustainability, networking, ecology and environmental science along with a wonderful tour of the Aldo Leopold Nature Center in Monona. Many of the nationally recognized instructors come to us from the Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies at UW-Madison and from the Aldo Leopold Foundation in Baraboo. Ideas were exchanged in lively and engaging sessions. We welcome all WGCF members to Course 2 to be held in the spring of 2019.



As part of the 2-day course in September, the Environmental School students enjoyed the tour of the Aldo Leopold Nature Center, and learned of the many educational programs and workshops offered for children and adults. During their tour, the students gathered samples from the pond and examined these samples for various insects (above right photo). After completing the tour, it was time for a class photo (below).



Gold Star Memorial Dedicated in Madison on August 22

The First Marker to be Erected on any State Capitol Grounds

by Linda and Chuck McCafferty, WGCF Blue Star & Gold Star Families Committee

By Way of Background

For almost three years, we negotiated with the State of Wisconsin Department of Administration for placement of a Gold Star Memorial (By-Way) Marker in the Gold Star Memorial Garden on Madison Capitol grounds; however, approval was required from the State Capitol Executive Residence Board, chaired by Senator Fred Risser, District 26, Madison. The Board's purpose is to oversee the continuing and consistent maintenance of the Capitol grounds, among other things; nothing is to be placed thereon until approved by the Board "as to design, structure, composition and appropriateness." In addition, Board resolution prohibits erection of any new memorials on the grounds. Because of its size, the Board was receptive to placement of a By-Way Marker at the proposed site because it identifies an existing "Memorial" (i.e., the Gold Star Memorial Garden which was established around the time of World War I). At an October 16, 2017, Board meeting held at the Governor's Mansion, to which we were invited to formally present our request, placement of the Marker was approved.

Thereafter, while preparing the order form for the Marker, the Department of Administration again raised objection to the term "by-way" because it is defined as "a road or track not following a main route; a minor road or path." *Oxford-Dictionaries.com* STH 151 is a direct thoroughfare through an isthmus bordered by Lakes Mendota and Monona. The Capitol Square is located on the Isthmus which is the metropolitan hub of Madison, definitely not a By-Way. That was discussed several times earlier but the Marker was ultimately accepted as a Gold Star Memorial By-Way Marker; however, now By-Way became a major issue. A request was made of Andrea Little, NGC Blue/Gold Star Chair, to modify the Marker and after several discussions, she received permission from Sewah Studios for a one-time only removal of the term.

After the Marker was delivered to the Capitol, the Department of Administration ordered a marble base from one of the quarries that provided materials when the Capitol Building was constructed 100 years ago so it would be a definite match. Plans then began for the actual Dedication to be held August 22, 2018.

Will It Rain on Our Dedication?

Torrential rain of about two to four inches per hour started falling Monday, August 20, and continued early Tuesday hammering Dane County, flooding several major roads and intersections, washing out bridges, swamping homes, cars and businesses, and knocking out power to thousands. Wednesday, August 22 dawned sunny with blue skies and continued the entire day despite flooded streets not far from the Capitol. We were very lucky.

The Big Day is Finally Here

The Dedication drew dozens of Gold Star Families who were each presented with a yellow rose. As the speakers and other invited guests (veterans, active duty military, local government officials, garden club members and the general public) began assembling near the Garden, Madison Pipes and Drums member, Marilyn Duguid, a bagpiper in full regalia, began playing.

Chuck welcomed everyone to the Dedication. "This was a good program for Linda and me to get into because I was in the service and we've been all around the state with the Blue Star."

The Dedication began with the typical patriotic protocol, presentation of colors, National Anthem and Pledge of Allegiance. Rev. Jenny Arneson, Sun Prairie United Methodist Church provided the Invocation.

Patti Smith, founder and President of America's Gold Star Mothers, is a double Blue Star Mother. She helped implement the Gold Star Families Memorial Marker program with NGC. After explaining the history of the Gold Star Marker, she stated, "I could not stop thinking about the families whose loved one did not come home, and that's what led me to founding America's Gold Star Mothers. Our mission is to provide honor, hope and healing to those grieving any loss."

Thereafter, various Dane County, City of Madison, and State of Wisconsin representatives greeted attendees to the Dedication. In addition, remarks were provided by representatives of the American Legion and Auxiliary Department of Wisconsin and VFW Department of Wisconsin.

Peggy Grubbs, WGCF President, emphasized the need to remember the ultimate sacrifices made by our men and women in uniform and indicated this Marker will help to do that for future generations.

Representative Gary Hebl, Wisconsin 46th Assembly District, stated, "More veterans need to be in office because those who have served understand the meaning of sacrifice. We as a nation need to pay closer attention to the sacrifices of our men and women in uniform. We must share the risk and burden as a country."

Senator Fred Risser, who is the last surviving World War II Veteran serving in the Wisconsin state legislature, spoke about the Garden itself, “This Garden has been in existence for over 100 years and hopefully for many, many more years to come.”

Maj. Gen. Don Dunbar, Wisconsin’s adjutant general, delivered the keynote address and indicated the importance of honoring Gold Star Families, their service and sacrifice. “The Gold Star Memorial Garden on the Capitol grounds has served for decades as a reminder of military families who have lost relatives in combat, and this marker will build further awareness of the Garden’s significance.”

Patti Smith unveiled the new Gold Star Memorial Marker with the help of three young Gold Star Children who attended the Dedication.

Fran Stueck, Director of Central Region Garden Clubs, dedicated the Marker. “Today, let’s remember the Gold Star Families whose children will never know their father or mother, uncle or aunt; or the father who will never hold his newborn child; and the parents who will never see their sons or daughters again. We must remember.”

Finally, Department of Administration Ellen Nowak, accepted the Marker for the State of Wisconsin. “On behalf of Governor Walker and the State of Wisconsin, we appreciate the efforts of everyone who helped make this Marker a reality, and we honor Gold Star Families and the men and women who have protected our nation by serving in the United States Armed Forces.” She also presented Commendations to NGC, WGCF and this Committee for the work involved in placing the Marker in the Garden.

The Benediction was presented by Rev. Jenny Arneson.

At the conclusion of the Dedication, photographs of garden club members in attendance were taken near the Marker.



WGCF President Peggy Grubbs addressed the Gold Star families and guests during the Dedication ceremony (above). WGCF members gathered for a photo after the inspirational dedication ceremony (below).

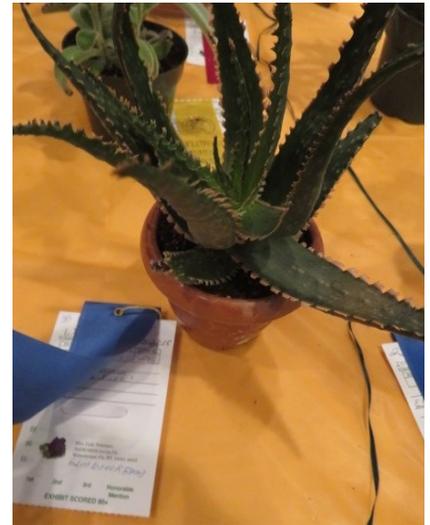


Central Region Convention October 2018



During the Central Region Annual Convention, Central Region Director Fran Stueck and the CR state presidents were given Blumenkrantz wreaths which were made out of fresh flowers. (above photo).

“Wander to Michigan”, a NGC Horticulture Specialty Flower Show, was held during the Convention. WGCF members who received awards at the Flower Show included: Kitty Larkin, Blue Ribbon & Arboreal Award for the petite branch (center left); Judy Newman, Blue ribbon for a coral fire aloe (center right); Carol Catlin, red ribbon for her American Beech branch exhibit in Division III, Botanical Arts (below left); and Marion Books, red ribbon for her branch exhibit (below right) .



Other WGCF members who received awards at the Flower Show were: Lynne Ehnert, blue ribbon for a coral cactus and Judy Newman, blue ribbon for a thyme plant.



Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest

Pat Ritchie, Chair

In celebration of Smokey Bear's 75th birthday, children from first through fifth grade are invited to participate in the 2019 National Garden Clubs, Inc. Poster Contest! The U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service and the National Garden Clubs, Inc. are giving students the opportunity to demonstrate through original drawings of Smokey Bear their understanding of wildfire prevention. **Please note: only pictures that depict Smokey Bear will be accepted for this year's contest.**

Information about the Poster Contest will be distributed to Garden Clubs from their District Director. If you wish to learn more about the other Youth Contests, go to www.gardenclub.org and then look under the Youth Programs section for the Youth Contests.

If you have questions about the Contests, please contact: Pat Ritchie, N3752 County Road O, New London, WI 54961

Wisconsin Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Winners for 2018

First Grade	Breanna Neubert	St. Edward School, Appleton Submitted by Paper Valley Garden Club
Second Grade	Gavin Nimmer	Franklin School, Oshkosh Submitted by Oshkosh Garden Club
Third Grade	Jylian Sprangers	St. Edward School, Appleton Submitted by Paper Valley Garden Club
Fourth Grade	Emmy Strey	Odyssey Magnet School, Appleton Submitted by Paper Valley Garden Club
Fifth Grade	Braeden Cownart	St. Edward School, Appleton Submitted by Paper Valley Garden Club

Poetry Contest

First Grade	Mackenna Gyron	Edison School, Appleton Submitted by Paper Valley Garden Club
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Sculpture Contest

Sixth Grade	Carianna Stevenson	Jefferson School, Appleton Submitted by Paper Valley Garden Club
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We Want You

Gerianne Holzman, Nominating Committee

The WGCF is looking for a few good people to fill important positions within our organization. Want to learn more about the WGCF? Curious about how things happen? Apply today to fill an important position as an officer or committee chair. Officer positions to be filled and the general duties are:

2nd Vice President: serves on the finance committee and as marketing coordinator to raise the profile of the WGCF

Membership Secretary: maintains membership information including addresses, dues and *Wisconsin Gardens* subscription lists

Recording Secretary: compiles minutes of meetings of the executive committee, executive board and general business meeting along with the annual reports

Treasurer: prepares financial documents working closely with the finance committee and works with individual clubs requesting tax exempt status under the WGCF umbrella, accounting experience is very beneficial

Committee chairs: organize committee of choice and promote a subject of interest (e.g. birds, wildflowers, environment, etc.)

For more information on any of these positions, please contact the nominating chair Gerianne Holzman (geriannewgcf@gmail.com). To apply, please fill out the Officer and Board of Directors Application Form found on the WGCF website under "forms." or on page 13 of this publication. Thank you!



Floral Designs created by Instructor Lynn Fronk (left), Carol Catlin (right), Wendy Kramer (below left) and Lynne Ehnert (below right) were enjoyed during the Flower Show School held in Sheboygan in September. The Exhibition Table designs were to be staged on a table top in front of a staging panel and must include a Decorative Unit and some fresh plant material was to be used





**Wisconsin Garden Club Federation
Officer and Board of Directors Application**

Duties of Officers and Directors – see WGCF Standing Rules, on website, for full description.

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I am currently serving the WGCF in the following position(s) and wish to continue:

Please note the WGCF members elect the officers, district members elect their district directors and the president appoints committee members and chairs.

Other information you wish to share, please include club and district:

Please return this form to Gerianne Holzman, WGCF Nominating Chair, by August 10, 2018 – geriannewgcf@gmail.com Thank you for your interest in serving the WGCF.

In Memoriam - - - Marie Pluemer

Submitted by Lucy Valitchka

Marie Pluemer, one of two remaining charter members of the Paper Valley Garden Club, died September 17, 2018 in Appleton, WI. Marion Books is the only remaining charter member in our club. Our club was chartered in 1975.

Marie was a member of the PVGC for 28 years from 1975-2003. She resigned from our club because of health reasons. She had a lifetime membership from National Garden Clubs, Inc.

She was a passionate gardener and earned honors for her service to National Council of State Garden Clubs, later named National Garden Clubs, Inc. Marie attended Flower Show School and became a Flower Show Judge. She achieved even more credentials when she completed studies to become a Flower Show School Horticulture Instructor. Marie & Myrt Ogilvie, another deceased member of the PVGC, were quite a team as they traveled together to judge flower show schools.

One of Marie's garden specialties was bearded iris. She was a great resource for those who had gardening questions. She would tell gardeners to enjoy what they have in their gardens. They may not be perfect, but if they are happy with the results, that is the most important.

I attended the visitation for Marie on September 29th at St. Pius Church in Appleton. She spent many years at St. Pius tending to the flower arrangements in church. Her daughter, Ann, from San Francisco, CA said she & family members arranged many tribute bouquets of roses at the visitation to honor Marie's love of flowers.

A table of memories to Marie contained many honors from National Garden Clubs, Inc. The highest honor was the Lydia Shafer Award presented by the Wisconsin Garden Club Federation. Another tribute was an emeritus Flower Show Judge certificate signed by one of the National Garden Club presidents.

We keep our garden clubs vibrant by diverse membership of young & older members.

It's wise to remember the past members who have helped shape what we are today.

A Girl Scout song sums it up with the phrase, "Make new friends, but keep the old, one is silver & the other gold".

Marie Pluemer is certainly one of those who helped shape the past of the PVGC & Wisconsin Garden Club Federation.



Garden Club members enjoy decorating in their communities for the holidays and various seasons. Members of Willow River Garden Club (above left) decorate the planters at the senior living residences in New Richmond. Hill and Dale Garden Club members annually enter the scarecrow contest at a nursing care facility in Elroy (one member wanted to try on a mask for the photo!! above right).

DATES TO REMEMBER

2018

December 1 WGCF Awards Applications due to
State Awards Chair

2019

February 21 Executive Board Meeting, Rothschild

Spring Environmental School, Course II

May 10-12 Flower Show School, Course III

May 16-18 WGCF Convention, Madison

ADDRESS CORRECTIONS

Please send address corrections to: Membership Secretary Maureen Wild-Gordon, 742 Oak Ridge Rd. Oregon, WI 53575 or email Maureen at: wildgordon@prontomail.com

Memorial Scholarship

Fund Donations

Please make checks payable to
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c/o Community Foundation for
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The enclosed donation of \$ _____ is designated for the WGCF Scholarship Fund.

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Deadline for Winter Issue: December 1 — Articles and Photos Welcome

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Coming in the Winter 2018: Arbor Day; Convention; Organizational Studies (*By-Laws*); Design; Environmental Concerns; Historian; Strategic Planning; President's Project update. Articles also needed by Club Officers & members, please consider writing about your garden club, activities, club projects, etc.

Looking out my window, I am reminded that my great intentions of the summer and fall are flying away like the dried maple leaves. I'm hearing those familiar words running through my mind — "I'll take care of it next year".

As I look at my yard and gardens, I am reflecting on how grateful I am that my home is located where it is, and I didn't have the problem and devastation that others in our area faced with the Flood of 2018. Many of us look back at particular years and think "I'll never forget the summer of" For me, that strong memory will be about how the Floods of 2018 greatly affected our community and many other areas in Wisconsin. There are homes which will probably be declared not repairable/not inhabitable, and families are struggling to find new housing. To drive down a street and see most or all of the items of a household being thrown into a dumpster, or to see all of the furnishings from the lower level of a church being thrown into that dumpster, is a picture I won't forget. Walking into a home and seeing Emergency Responders mucking out a house is something that isn't forgotten. To hear of basement walls collapsing is hard to imagine. Somehow as a result of being in the right place at the right time, I've become involved in a Long Term Recovery Partnership — what a learning experience to hear about the numerous grants and programs that are available to help families and individuals when they have experienced a disaster. The application and rebuilding process is lengthy, often frustrating, but hopefully families will find assistance with rebuilding their lives.

As I witness all of this, I'm reminded that my fleeting gardening intentions will still be with me in the spring, and I have so much to be thankful for. I will have a backyard that I can work in and I don't need to be scrambling to find a different home.

During this season of "giving thanks", let us each take time to express to our family and friends how much they mean to us. Find time to reach out to a neighbor and see if you might help them with some task. Maybe it's taking them a plate of cookies and letting them know that someone cares about them. Perhaps you can lend a hand by helping to care for their children so they can take care of appointments. Random acts of kindness can help so many of those around us. May you feel blessed during the holiday seasons, and may you be a blessing to others.

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