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April 17 and 18, 2020

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Red Lion Paper Valley Hotel is set to provide great meals and service.

Fox River Valley District members are ready to help you enjoy the WGCF Convention.

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### *Gardening for Good*

*Education*

*Service*

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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 . . . . .

Have you had an adventure lately? One of the things I was able to do this summer was take a mini-trip to Sheboygan to see Bookworm Gardens. It was so much fun to see the gardens that were brought to life based on the eyes of the children. They were able to experience things by playing in the garden without being told don't touch, or watch out for that plant, etc. There was so much to see. A few of the highlights were a school bus in the garden where the people could play, a living couch, planters of animals, picture frames where the children could have their picture taken, Frankie's dog-house, bears made out of vines, a musical garden with instruments the children could play, a treehouse overlooking the drop-off, a storybook area where stories were read to the children, a butterfly garden with a butterfly bench, a farm area where children could experience planting, a Poppy garden outside a library area, a pond area with gold fish and lily pads, a golf clubhouse with a putting green, the three bears houses, and an area where kids could wash the Dalmatian dog statue. Everything was very hands on. I had as much fun watching them as they did running through the garden and playing. There were smiles everywhere. If you haven't been there, it is a fun little place to go just to be a kid at heart.



In September, I traveled to Appleton to meet with the Scholarship Investment Chairman, Marion Books and the Scholarship Investment Team Lucy Valitchka and Judy Newman to find out more about our investments at the Community Foundation. At that meeting we were given a very thorough explanation of the funds in each of the accounts and the scholarships that were given in 2019. As a reminder, Community Foundation holds the funds for following scholarship funds: WGCF Federation, Della H. Balousek, Myrtle B Ogilvie, and Irene Straus. There were 10 scholarships that were given in 2019 for a total of \$14,500.

As a reminder, the investments at the Community Foundation are monitored by the Foundation. The Community Foundation approaches the schools throughout the state of Wisconsin that have programs that meet the criteria set up for these scholarships to obtain applicants. WGCF works with the Community Foundation in determining the amount distributed for the scholarships. Once the applications are received, they are sent to WGCF, where our WGCF committee reviews these applications. WCGF determines the scholarship award winners and then the Community Foundation distributes the scholarship awards and follows up to ensure the scholarship awards are cashed.

This was my first experience with The Community Foundation. I found the meeting to be extremely informative. Our contact provided a list of

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### 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

WGCF Awards Chair Doris Weber

With our early winter, we think of all the garden projects left to complete. So too, do we plan and put our talents to work preparing for all those awards. We all are creative, hard-working, and determined to tell other garden club members about our successes. We know garden clubs throughout the state have created and worked through challenges to make their projects a success. Wisconsin Garden Club Federation and National Garden Club, Inc. want to recognize and reward your clubs for all the effort put into the projects. We encourage you to apply for any of the WGCF and/NGC listed on their websites: [www.wisconsinclub.org](http://www.wisconsinclub.org) and [www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org). The awards year runs from January 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>. Remember some of the awards have a monetary award, but others still have certificates or silver tray awards. So let's write up an award from each club in the state claiming your hard work and prepare your application. It's worth your time and good luck to all who apply!

Awards Application Deadlines:

Exceptions to timelines or deadline dates are noted in awards description

December 1 - Yearbook Awards Applications, Submit to WGCF Yearbook Chair, WGCF President, your club's District Director and your club District Yearbook Chair.

December 1 - National Garden Club Award Application. Submit to WGCF Awards Chair for processing, WGCF Awards then submits to NGC Awards at later date.

December -1- WGCF Award application, submit to WGCF Awards Chairman.

WGCF President: Lynne Ehnert, W143 N6828 Aspen Drive, Menomonee Falls, WI, 53051

WGCF Yearbook Chair: Pat Ritchie, N3752 County Road O New London, WI, 54961

WGCF Awards Chair: Doris Weber, W1932 Mayberry Road, Sheboygan, WI, 53083

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## President's Message continued

requirements for each of the scholarships, a list of each of the Universities and the contacts they have, and the specifics on the balance of the endowment and the SPOL (amount we can spend for scholarships). We also were able to provide a list of a few other schools they might contact to enhance the pool of applicants.

It seems there is a lot happening in Sheboygan these days. I also attended Flower Show School Series IV in September where Dave Robson and Lynn Fronk were the instructors. For Horticulture we spent time learning the details of the Zinnias and Begonias which was very interesting. The second day we spent the time stretching our artistic design skills learning about abstract designs and creative design designing them with the themes of Pablo Picasso and Claude Monet. Who knew that Garden Club and art were so intertwined?

My last adventure was going to work. I work downtown Milwaukee near Lake Michigan. It was interesting because recently, I had a number of co-workers come to me to ask me to look out the window. Since I work on the 15<sup>th</sup> floor with very large windows, it was not such an unusual request. There is always something going on downtown. On those days though, there were an unusual number of monarch butterflies on their way down south. Who knew you could see them right outside the window on the 15<sup>th</sup> floor. What a nice surprise! Where is your next adventure?

*Lynne*

## News from Clubs around the state

### Paper Valley Garden Club

submitted by Carol Catlin



The Fox Valley Bombers, a group of 8 and 9-year-old boys, planted a tree that was purchased by Paper Valley Garden Club. The tree was planted at Horseshoe Park in Kaukauna. Helping at the tree planting were: (picture above) Aiden, Aiden (in back), Trenton, Camden, Casen and Kaiden. Also helping, but not pictured, were: Carter, David, Zachery and Jason.



Jim Kinderman, Grounds Supervisor for Appleton Parks Department, taught two Americorps students about tree planting. The Americorps students then worked with eight Appleton students on planting the Purple Prince crab apple tree (right photo) which was donated by the Paper Valley Garden Club. The tree was planted at the Scheig Learning Center at Memorial Gardens in Appleton.



### Bangor Garden Club

submitted by Peg Culpitt, Club President

The Bangor Garden Club, one of the recipients of the 2019 WGCF Grant, used their award to purchase planters that were placed next to the new Stockyard Park sign.

Bangor Garden Club worked with the Bangor Historical Society to find a way to educate the community of the stockyard's history and transformation into a park. What they came up with was a sign that would tell that history.

In the early 1900s, the Milwaukee Road Railroad began shipping cattle and hogs from Bangor to a meat packing center in Cudahy. In 1940, Clinton Davey, a stockbuyer, farmer and grocery store owner, and his assistant John Meyer shipped 626 cars of stock from the village's stockyard.

That feat earned Bangor the reputation of being the "shippingest" cattle town of its size in the U.S., according to a November 2, 1941 Milwaukee Sentinel article. In that same article, Davey said that on Mondays and Wednesdays, the Bangor Railroad yards looked like Kansas City.

That stockyard eventually became abandoned when trucking became the preferred method of conveying livestock. The land is now a park where the Bangor Garden Club has put its green touch with planting flowers and shrubs and making it an inviting place to visit.

The sign is a partnership between the Bangor Garden Club, the Bangor Historical Society, the Village of Bangor, and the estate of Margaret Chalsma, who left funds to the community for signage. The sign was made by inmates at the Stanley Correctional Institution, as a part of a vocational program.

Dedication of the sign was held on August 11, during Bangor Fun Daze.



## President's Project

How are you doing on “Leafing Out Wisconsin”?

Are the little sprouts in your area planning on planting saplings?

Are you keeping Debby Walters busy posting pictures to our website?

Don't forget there is a contest. The contest details are:

- Contest Dates: 6/15/19 - 5/1/2021
- Age of Youth: <= Age 18
- Points Awarded:
  - o One point for planting a tree
  - o One extra point if tree is planted in a public place
  - o One extra point if tree is planted with youth and a picture is posted on WGCF website
- Pictures to be posted to WGCF Website (don't forget release is needed)
- Winner: Determined by the greatest % of trees / club member based on May 2021 membership
- Winner to be announced at WGCF Convention

The first story I received regarding the contest came from Alyssa Nelson from Paper Valley Garden Club. She said: 'My family always plants trees at our hunting land every year and this year it got delayed with the weather which is a benefit to our tree planting competition! 25 spruces, 2 pines, 25 oaks'. I was very sad that her plans were ruined, but very excited to hear that she was still planting trees!

Any other good stories to share? Get them posted to the WGCF website and don't forget to save them and include in our counts by letting the District Director know.

District Directors - Please ensure you are keeping Kerry Krokos informed of your counts.

## Volunteers Wanted

We are still looking for a few people to be on the WGCF Board for 2019-2020 WGCF. Below are some of the positions still needed:

- Strategic Planning Committee - 3 year term
- Scholarship Investment Committee - 3 year term
- Grants Committee - 3 year term
- Flower Show Schedule Reviewer
- Gardening Schools Chair
- Arbor Day Education Chair
- Garden Therapy Chair

There are job descriptions for each of these positions on WGCF website. Most of the committees meet via Webex and do not require travel. Some positions just need articles written or posters at the WGCF convention. If you are interested in helping out or know of someone that might be good at helping the organization, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Lynne Ehnert - [lehnert@wi.rr.com](mailto:lehnert@wi.rr.com).

## State and Local Garden School Chairs Needed

Lynne Ehnert, WGCF President

We have had a very successful program in the past with Garden Schools having completed all four series. Lucy Valitchka chaired the most recent series, and will not be continuing in this position. We are looking for a WGCF Chairman and a local Chairman. This can be a co-chair position especially when it comes to the local chairman. Without a volunteer to help out for these positions, we will not have Garden Schools in Wisconsin. We will need to go out of state to attend this school.

I know you all enjoy this school. It would be unfortunate to see this school go away. I ask you to think about it. Part of this is bookkeeping, other parts are arranging for the location and speakers.

Below are the job descriptions from our Standing Rules posted on the website under the GARDENING SCHOOLS. WGCF Gardening School/Credentials Chairman shall:

1. Be a member of the Board of Directors.
2. Provide a display of educational materials for the WGCF Annual Convention.
3. Be a nationally accredited Gardening Consultant responsible for the Gardening Schools held within the State.
4. Follow the current GARDENING SCHOOLS HANDBOOK available through NGC Member Services.
5. Be familiar with requirements for instructors.
6. Keep a permanent file including –
  - a. A copy of all completed forms prepared for NGC WGCF Standing Rules Revised 12-27-2018, page 33
  - b. Course number, location and dates
  - c. Subjects and hours devoted to subject
  - d. A compilation of member and non-member registrants
  - e. Names of those taking any part of the course as make-up from previous courses
  - f. Names of those taking refresher courses and number of refresher certificates issued
  - g. A complete record of all Consultants and students in WGCF with full name, address, name of garden club and district, date of Consultant Certificate, all courses attended, refresher courses and all examination grades maintained in a separate up-to-date file
7. Register all courses with the National Accrediting Chairman and properly accredit the courses.
8. Provide a roster of Gardening Consultants to the Editor of Wisconsin Gardens for the Directory Issue.
9. Refer to the “Schools and Symposia General Guidelines” of the Standing Rules.

Local Gardening School Chairman shall:

1. Set date and acquire suitable facilities.
2. Secure qualified instructors.
3. Organize the school so the four courses will be given in sequence, coordinating dates to avoid conflict with other WGCF, Regional or NGC events.
4. Prepare and present a preliminary budget to the Finance Chairman for approval by the committee at least two weeks prior to the Executive Committee Meeting.
5. Provide information for meals and housing.
6. Provide meals, housing and local transportation for instructors.
7. Supply copies of course outlines for each student + 10 extra copies for the proctors and state files.
8. Duplicate all examinations.
9. Provide and punch student attendance card at every session for each course.
10. Prepare and present a detailed financial report at the close of each course and series.
11. Send a list of all paid attendees of each course to the Awards Chairman prior to the annual Awards Committee meeting.

Please think about how you can help. This is not a situation where we can sit back and wait for the next person to step up. If you are willing to help or work together with someone on this, please let me know. Lucy has offered to help mentor anyone coming into the position.



## Happy 75th Birthday Smokey!!

Since 1944, Smokey Bear has encouraged Americans to prevent and fight forest fires. This year he is celebrating his 75th birthday. A birthday celebration for him was held at the recent Central Region Convention in St. Louis.

For years, the National Garden Club of which WGCF is a member has co-sponsored the Smokey Bear poster contest along with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service.

Wisconsin Garden Club Federation past & present presidents and officers Carol Catlin, Kitty Larkin, Lynne Ehnert, Laura Skoff, and Liz Murken celebrate Smokey's 75th birthday.

### Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest

Pat Ritchie, Chair

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](http://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

Oshkosh Garden Club

## Scholarship Luncheon

*Harmony in the Garden*

**November 23, 2019**

Cocktails 11:30 am & Lunch 12:00 pm

**Oshkosh Convention Center  
2 N Main St, Oshkosh**

**Tickets \$25**

Mary Ellen Sedlachek  
Or any Garden Club Member  
920-426-1084  
[redspark@milwpc.com](mailto:redspark@milwpc.com)

## Blue Star and Gold Star Families Memorial Marker Program

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



*Blue Star  
Service Flag*

NGC's Blue Star Memorial Marker Program began in 1945 to honor the men and women serving in the Armed Forces during World War II. The name was chosen for the star on flags displayed in homes and businesses denoting a family member serving in a time of conflict. If the service member died while serving in a time of conflict, the Service Flag was taken down and replaced with a Gold Star Service Flag.



*Gold Star  
Service Flag*

The designation of Blue Star Highways was achieved through petitions to the state legislatures in cooperation with the Departments of Transportation and a uniform marker was designed to identify those highways. In 1953, Wisconsin legislation created the Blue Star Memorial Highway on STH 23 commencing in Sheboygan and proceeding westerly to its junction with STH 11 in Darlington.

The Blue Star program grew to extend thousands of miles across the continental United States, Alaska and Hawaii. All men and women who have served, are serving, or will serve in the Armed Forces of the United States are included.

Markers continue to be dedicated each year on highways, Veterans' facilities, National Cemeteries, parks, and civic and historic sites, showing our appreciation for those who defend our country.

In May 2015, in conjunction with American Gold Star Mothers, Inc., NGC implemented a Gold Star Families Memorial Marker program to honor Gold Star Families, the immediate family members of a service member who died while serving in a time of conflict. Sheboygan's Marker dedicated in 2016 was the very first purchased through NGC's Gold Star program.

There are two types of Blue Star and Gold Star Markers; both are made of cast aluminum and are created by Sewah Studios for NGC:

The large memorial marker (formerly called a memorial highway marker) currently costs \$1,530.00 including shipping. The plate is 41" high by 45" wide. It has its own post and stands 7'8" tall when installed. This type of marker may be placed along highways, in rest areas and near welcome centers. It may also be placed in national cemeteries, veterans' medical centers, parks, gardens, and other civic locations.

The byway marker currently costs \$510.00 including shipping. This smaller 12" high by 20" wide plaque is designed for mounting on masonry, wood or stone. It is to be placed in civic gardens, parks or at historic sites.

Wisconsin currently has 13 Blue Star Memorial Markers: (1 each in Appleton, Ashland, Beloit, Elm Grove, Hurley, McFarland, Portage, Sheboygan, Superior, Rothschild, and Westfield, and 2 in Milwaukee); 1 Gold Star Memorial Marker (Sheboygan); 1 Blue Star Byway Marker (Manitowoc), and 1 Gold Star [Byway] Marker (Madison). Dedication is pending for a Blue Star Memorial Marker (Past President Peggy Grubbs' Project) in Houlton when construction issues have been resolved. That will bring our State's total to 17.

If your garden club is interested in placing a Blue or Gold Star Marker in your area, please contact WGCF Blue Star and Gold Star Families Memorial Markers Committee co-chairs, Linda and Chuck McCafferty, at [Lkmcem@gmail.com](mailto:Lkmcem@gmail.com).

## Horticulture

Sue Donohoe, Chair

Meet *Ostrya virginiana*, a little known WI native understory tree. *Ostrya* is found in all but 10 of Wisconsin's 72 counties, where it grows in deciduous forests. The *Ostrya* has common names like Ironwood for the very strong wood produced that is often used to make handles for tools or Eastern Hop-hornbeam for the hop-like fruits that are borne on her branches.

*Ostryas* grow to be 25-40' tall with a spread of horizontal or drooping branches reaching 16-26'. It is a slow grower but has a very graceful look as it ages. The leaves are dark green turning yellow in the fall but are not really head-turning and tend to fall early in the season. Because this species is monoecious, the flowers are really catkins. The males are visible throughout winter and the females are visible in the spring, usually in groups of 3. The fruit (called a nut) is found in papery sacs held in clusters just like hops used for making beer. And finally the bark has a peeling appearance as the tree ages.

*Ostrya* tolerates deer and drought but is not able to tolerate standing water or even occasional flooding. It is best grown in soils that are dry & rocky but will grow in southeastern Wisconsin with some amendments to our more clay-like soils.

If you are thinking of planting a tree, and we all are thinking of planting trees, consider an *Ostrya*, and you will have a unique tree in your yard.



## WGCF Life Membership

Carol Catlin, WGCF Life Membership Chair

The WGCF Life Membership, an Honorary Membership, supports the Memorial Scholarship Fund or the Ruth West Continuing Education Fund. One of WGCF's shining stars is the awarding of scholarships to deserving students enrolled in a Wisconsin College or University. The student's major shall be in Horticulture, Botany and related fields of study.

The one-time life membership contribution is \$50 (Fifty dollars). The Life member continues to pay local club, district and WGCF dues.

Often, club members will choose to honor a member or non-garden club person by awarding them a Life Membership. Recipients receive a certificate and a Life Membership card. They write their name in the WGCF Life Membership Book.

The form for Life Membership is found on the WGCF Website under Forms.

Members can purchase a Life Membership any time of the year. Please purchase one or more today.

# PERFECT VISION 2020

NGC NATIONAL CONVENTION  
POTAWATOMI HOTEL & CASINO  
MAY 11 - 16, 2020

National Garden Clubs is a volunteer organization. The talents of each volunteer enhances the uniqueness of National Garden Clubs as well as Wisconsin Garden Club Federation.

## VOLUNTEERS

**V**olunteers are the Heart Beat  
**O**f National Garden Clubs and the  
**L**ife Blood of our  
**U**nwavering Wisconsin Garden Club Federation  
**N**o volunteer will be turned away  
**T**reat others as you wish to be treated  
**E**very volunteer is welcomed  
**E**very guest is our priority  
**R**espect will be given to all  
**S**ervice, Not Self

1. The volunteer you turn away today, will be a "past" member tomorrow or not become a member at all.
2. Many volunteers mean many hands to serve our Federation. Never refuse help.
3. Volunteers are our basis of Service Not Self.
4. **YOU ARE NEEDED.**

There is a need for many volunteers to help with hosting the 2020 National Convention in Milwaukee at the Potawatomi Hotel & Casino May 11 - 16, 2020. Each meal function will need hostesses for each table to collect meal tickets, introduce members and keep conversation flowing. Hostesses are expected to register for the convention and purchase their own meal. The meal functions will be a Wednesday banquet, Thursday luncheon and banquet and Friday luncheon and banquet. If you are available for any of these meal functions contact Julianne Salamone (packermom22@aol.com).

Carol Catlin (crcat34@gmail.com) needs help prior to each meal function to assemble table centerpieces and place them on each table. The centerpieces are all pre-planned and there will be a prototype to follow for each design. You need not register for the convention if you are coming to work but not attend a meal function.

Gerianne Holzman (geriannewgcf@gmail.com) will need volunteers to help cover the registration desk during all of the convention hours.

Lynne Laufenberg (idlehourdesigns@gmail.com) could use a few extra hands to help with hotel décor. She would be happy to hear from you.

Carla Von Haden (carlav8@centurytel.net) would appreciate help with photography at any and all Convention sessions and workshops. If you are planning to attend or help at any part of the Convention, perhaps you could take a few photos for us.

Pages are needed to help attendees find their way around the hotel so a few extra people are needed to welcome attendees and answer questions.

Small items, i.e. pens, pads of paper, candy, or whatever, are needed for tote bags that will go to each attendee. If you have access to any items in quantities from 100 - 600, please contact the source and make arrangements for getting them. Contact Kitty Larkin (kittysltr@wi.rr.com).

If you are aware of any vendor who would add quality items to the sales area of the convention please send contact information to Julianne Salamone (packermom22@aol.com). Julianne and her committee would be happy to make certain their products do not conflict with other vendors.

We are also looking for financial Donors for the convention. They can be individuals, clubs, districts, businesses or whatever. These donations are used to help cover fees for the top quality speakers that will be at every meal function and the break-out sessions for workshops as well as the Program Booklet that will be available to each attendee. There is a donor form available on the WGCF website listing the various categories for the donations and the directions for where to send them. Donor's names will all be listed in the Program Booklet. No amount is too big or too small.

WGCF members attending any portion of the convention pay a \$10.00 registration fee which includes the Petite Horticulture Specialty Show, all of the break-out sessions, and entry into the vendors and exhibitors areas. It also allows you to register for any of the meals which include programs, and tours. Those who wish to help at the convention but not attend any of the events need not pay a registration fee.

We are looking forward to working with everyone to help make this convention a big success.

### **Partner With Us in Volunteering,**

Kitty Larkin, Chairman (kittysltr@wi.rr.com)

Liz Murken, Vice Chairman (Lizmurken@gmail.com)



## TRI-REFRESHER SPONSORED BY WISCONSIN GARDEN CLUBS

Monday, May 11, 2020

Boerner Botanical Gardens

9400 Boerner Drive

Hales Corners, Wisconsin 53130

This is a Pre-NGC Convention event open to all Environmental, Gardening and Landscape Design Consultants. Busses will depart from the Potawatomi Hotel at 7:30 AM and return to the Hotel at 5:00 PM. Lectures will begin at 8:30 on topics meeting all Refresher requirements including: Knock Out Roses, Freshwater Ecology, Water Quality Protection, the History and Development of Boerner Botanical Gardens and the Impact of Jens Jensen on landscape design and growth of public gardens. Refreshers will also be treated to two hours of Docent guided tours of the gardens, rain or shine. All materials needed will be waiting for the Refreshers upon arrival at Boerner including the Schedule for the day, biographical information on our presenters, and "Punch Cards" to document your attendance for the full 7 hours of instruction. The registration fee covers bus rides, beverages all day and a box lunch. See the Registration Form in this issue of Wisconsin Gardens or find it on the WGCFC Website or in NGC's Keeping in Touch publication and website. The Websites have printable forms for your convenience.

Consultants with multiple credentials may only refresh in one area unless they hold a Master Status in all three schools. Those with Master Status in all three schools may refresh in all three, however, they must pay a \$5 refresher fee for EACH school.

Contact Tri-Refresher Chairs Vern Lowell or Gretchen Vest for any questions.

### WISCONSIN GARDEN CLUB FEDERATION

#### Tri-Refresher Schedule

Monday, May 11, 2020 Boerner Botanical Gardens  
Hales Corners, Wisconsin

8:30 AM	Welcome & Introduction	Vern Lowell, Event Co-Chair
8:40 - 9:40 AM	Knock Out Roses	Will Radler, Landscape Architect Radler Rosearium, Rose Hybridizer
9:40 - 10:40 AM	Freshwater Ecology	John Berges, Biological Oceanography UW-Milwaukee, WI
10:40 - 10:50 AM	BREAK	
10:50 - 11:50 AM	Water Treatment	Chris Schultz Milwaukee Metro Sewerage District
11:50 PM	Luncheon and Speaker	
12:00 - 1:00 PM	History and Development of Boerner Botanical Gardens	Shirley Dommer Wolczak Garden Director, Boerner Gardens
1:00 - 2:00 PM	Lecture on Jens Jenson	Nancy Aten, Consulting Architect, The Clearing
2:00 - 2:10 PM	BREAK	
2:10 - 4:10 PM	Guided Tour of Gardens	Friends of Boerner Docents
4:10 - 4:30 PM	Photos and Shopping	
4:30 PM	Board the bus to the hotel	

## TRI-REFRESHER PRESENTERS



Take a seat and enjoy the inspirational tale of the Knock Out Rose (R) as told by its creator Will Radler. Will's award-winning Rose has revolutionized the rose industry for its low-maintenance qualities, e.g., impervious to bugs and black spot, repeat blooming from frost to frost, winter hardiness and self cleaning. It is now the industry standard and the most widely-sold rose in the world. Radler graduated from UW-Madison with a BA in Landscape Architecture and spent the next 26 years with the Milwaukee County Park System, 13 years of which was as the Director of Boerner Botanical Gardens. He now pursues his passion for rose and plant breeding full-time. In 2002, Will formed Rose Innovations, LLC which focuses on research and development, education and philanthropy. He has authored the booklet *Rose Growing Simplified*, currently out of print, and co-authored the book, *Rose Gardening*, available but out of print. He has been featured in several other books focusing on roses.



Dr. John Berges earned his PhD in Biological Oceanography from the University of British Columbia and did his postdoctoral work at Brookhaven National Laboratory. He lectured at Queen's University Belfast before becoming a Professor in both the Department of Biological Sciences and the School of Freshwater Sciences at UW-Milwaukee. His presentation will include an overview of fresh-waters on our planet, their rarity and importance, current threats to freshwaters and our Great Lakes in particular. He will include information on our International Joint Commission and the important roles community involvement plays in freshwater ecology.



Chris Schultz is a Certified Public Manager (CPM) earning his credentials through the University of Wisconsin in 2010. In 2019 he earned his Envision Sustainability Professional credential through the Institute for Sustainable Infrastructure. He is a Senior Project Manager in the Planning, Research and Sustainability (PRS) Division for the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD). He serves as the lead project manager on the Green Infrastructure Partnership Program, a funding program for green infrastructure implementation and as the Director of MMSD's Fresh Coast Resource Center.



Shirley Dommer Wolczak is the Garden Director for Boerner Botanical Gardens. She received her BS from UW-River Falls in Agronomy and Horticulture. She brings over 34 years of experience in public horticulture management including overseeing garden collections and resources, supervising staff and volunteers, offering professional development, representing public agencies within the media and directing fiscal operations. The gardens feature formal gardens, one of the largest crab apple gardens in Wisconsin, a rose display garden with over 500 roses, individual gardens including herbs, annuals, shrubs, dillies and peonies.



Nancy Aten, PLA, ASLA is a landscape architect practicing ecological restoration and conservation planning at her firm, Landscapes of Space in Wisconsin, and serves as a consulting landscape architect for The Clearing in Ellison Bay, Door County. Nancy is a notable expert on the work of Jens Jensen. She will introduce us to Jensen's design experience and key threads to his approach as they are understood today and implemented at the Clearing, a Folk School in Ellison Bay, a place thought to be his masterpiece. Nancy has an MS of Landscape Architecture with distinction from the University of Georgia, an earlier MS from Stanford University and a BS from UW-Milwaukee.



# National Garden Clubs' Pre-Convention Tri-Refresher

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Monday, May 11, 2020 8:00am-4:30pm

Boerner Botanical Gardens, 9400 Boerner Dr., Hales Corners, WI

Limited to 90 people Registration deadline: April 1, 2020



The Tri-Refresher cost is \$125, which includes all admission fees, tours, speakers, lunch, transportation and proceedings. Additionally, those refreshing must pay \$5.00 for each school refreshing. Tours take place, rain or shine so dress appropriately. Layers suggested and no open toe shoes. This event is open to all. Please complete this form and send with check as indicated below, please print or complete as a fillable pdf.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
(As it appears on Consultant's Certificate). (For confirmation)

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Garden Club \_\_\_\_\_ State Garden Club \_\_\_\_\_ Region \_\_\_\_\_

### REQUIRED Most recent Consultant Refresher record:

Gardening School: Event \_\_\_\_\_ City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Environmental School: Event \_\_\_\_\_ City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Landscape Design School: Event \_\_\_\_\_ City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

REQUIRED Please check school(s) in which you are a Master\*. If you are NOT a Master, then check ONE School in which you are accredited to refresh.

Environmental School  Gardening School  Landscape Design School

(\*Master Consultants may refresh in any school in which he/she is a master by paying \$5.00 per school.)

### Please Check your lunch choice:

- Country Club: (ham, turkey, lettuce & tomato on cornmeal roll)
- California Avocado: (arugula, tomato, avocado, black bean spread & chipotle mayo, Ciabatta roll)
- Southwest Chicken: (chicken breast, pepper jack cheese, avocado, chipotle mayo, on telara bread)

Tri-Refresher Fee: \$125.00 \_\_\_\_\_

#School(s) \_\_\_\_\_ X \$5.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail registration form and check payable to WGCF to: WGCF Tri-Refresher  
c/o Gerianne Holzman 7437 Terrace Av, Middleton, WI 53562-3154 (geriannewgcf@gmail.com)

## DATES TO REMEMBER

2020

### February

- 17 WGCF Awards Meeting, Rothschild
- 18 WGCF Board Meeting, Rothschild

### March

- 20-21 Environmental School, Middleton

### April

- 17-18 WGCF Convention, Appleton

### May

- 11 Tri-Refresher, Milwaukee
- 12-16 NGC Convention, Milwaukee

### June

- 17 WGCF Board Meeting, Rothschild

### Tributes, Memorials, Scholarship Donations

Tributes honor any living person for contributions to the Wisconsin Garden Club Federation. Tributes also honor members who already are life members.

Funds derived from Tributes support Wisconsin Scholarships or the WGCF Ruth West Continuing Education Fund.

Memorials honor any deceased member or friend of the Wisconsin Garden Club Federation.

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Clubs or individuals may make donations to the WGCF Scholarship Fund. This is also a way of honoring a club member with a Life Membership in WGCF (\$50).

Each of these forms can be found on the WGCF website. On the opening page of the website, click on "Forms", and you will find Memorial Donation Form, Tribute Donation Form, and Scholarship Donation Form.

## Address changes and corrections

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### Website Update

Debby Walters, Webmaster

WGCF is a diverse organization with many member clubs. Thank you to everyone who alerts me to changes that need to be made to the website to keep it up to date. Please take a moment to look at your club information and see if it is accurate.

As the President's Project (Little Sprouts for Saplings) progresses, photos of youngsters and adults will be posted on the webpage. It will be great fun to document the difference WGCF is making in the state. Photo permission forms are required for adults and youngsters in the picture. If a child is facing away from the camera and cannot be recognized, a permission form is not needed.

The photo permission form is being updated. Each club should keep a photo permission form on file for each of its members. The easiest way to do this is to have new members fill one out as they join. Forms do not need to be sent to Wendy Kramer.

As usual, if your club/district has activities and events that could be featured on the website, please send a photo and short write up to [contactwgcfc@gmail.com](mailto:contactwgcfc@gmail.com) and it will be posted.

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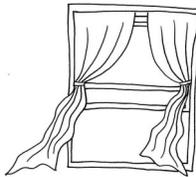
**Deadline for Winter Issue: December 15 — Articles and Photos Welcome**

**Publication approximately: January 10**

Coming in the Winter 2020 issue: 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 find myself reflecting on the song "With Just One Small Voice" that I have heard 4K students learn each year:

*'With just one small voice  
Singing out a song  
With just one small voice  
Singing sweet and strong  
One by one they'll grow  
And together sing along  
And then soon all the world  
Will be singing.'*



I find myself also thinking of Greta Thunberg and how this young person has been able to speak out in public and to political leaders and assemblies. Thunberg is known for her straightforward speaking manner in which she urges immediate action to address what she describes as the climate crisis. At home, Thunberg convinced her parents to adopt several lifestyle choices to reduce their own carbon footprint, including giving up air travel and not eating meat.

If a young voice like Thunberg's can speak out about climate crisis, just think of what a group of gardeners might do in addressing environmental concerns. Perhaps your Club or District has noticed environmental concerns or issues in your area. Let us set an example of asking questions and raising concerns as well as taking time to encourage young voices to speak out. As the title of Thunberg's book states, "No One is Too Small to Make a Difference".

*Carla*

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