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*"Don't judge
each day by the
harvest you reap
but by the seeds
you plant."*

Robert Louis Stevenson

Wisconsin Garden Club Federation

presents "Digging in the Dells"

Gathering for Gardeners,

Central Region Annual Convention and Tri-Refresher

Gerianne Holzman, WGCF President

Sound ambitious – yes it is! WGCF members have an excellent opportunity to spend some quality time with fellow gardeners, floral designers, environmentalists and landscape designers while enjoying the beautiful fall color along the Wisconsin River. Come to the Chula Vista Resort and Waterpark in the quiet part of Wisconsin Dells for great presentations, tours and more.

The Central Region (CR) convention brings garden club members together from our seven states of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri and Wisconsin. Come to the Dells to chat with other gardeners from around the country, learn what works and does not work in their clubs and give all of them a big Wisconsin welcome. NGC president (2017-19) Nancy Hargroves will join in the festivities. CR events, October 4 and 5, include:

- Welcome dinner with Lizzie Condon of the International Crane Foundation (ICF), the WGCF and CR have supported the ICF with past projects
- Breakfast with Jane Buck of Iowa speaking on invasive plants
- Lunch with Neil Diboll of Prairie Nursery speaking on landscaping with native plants
- Dinner with Ardith Beveridge, AIFD instructor and designer extraordinaire – presenting designs, with materials from your gardens, for transitioning seasons.

The Central Region business meeting and awards round out the convention.

The Gathering for Gardeners (GFG), our new WGCF signature event, immediately follows the CR convention. The planning committee has worked feverishly to create an interesting, informative and entertaining experience for garden club members, master gardeners and anyone interested in the natural world. It all begins on October 6 and concludes with a very special keynote address by Melinda Myers on October 7.

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Gardening for Good

Education

Service

Friendship



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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From our President

Here we are, almost two years since becoming your WGCF president. Wow, time really does fly. Looking back over the last couple of years, we have accomplished much. While some of the changes may not have been easy, I personally thank all of you for your efforts in working with these opportunities and challenges. In looking back, we accomplished all of this and more:



- Creation of new WGCF website including electronic versions of all forms
- Publication of our *Month to Month Garden Journal*
- Initiation of our Grants Program
- Electronic publication of *Wisconsin Gardens* along with full-color paper copies
- Conduction of WGCF's first Leadership Workshop
- Unification of WGCF branding on all publications
- Production of new WGCF membership brochure
- Donation of thousands of dollars to Hilary Grace Healing Garden with thousands returning to districts for their own Gardening for Good projects
- Origination of first Gold Star Family marker in the country
- Presentation of \$26,000 in scholarship to Wisconsin students
- Separation of WGCF annual business meeting and education opportunities
- Collection of 8,700 shoes for charity and elimination of these shoes from the landfill
- Simplification of procedures with electronic reports, on-line meetings and committee changes
- Continuation of great flower shows, environmental and gardening studies school
- Organization of a wonderful convention, meetings and special events

Thank you ALL for making these great things happen and thank you for allowing me to help you lead the way.

Two years ago, some goals were to make the WGCF more relevant to our members, provide outreach and bring us into the 21st Century. As I say good-bye as your president, I leave with a sense of accomplishment and a longing to have done more. Our WGCF continues in good hands with our new president Peggy. She promises to continue moving forward with the progress already accomplished.

Traveling around the state and the country as your representative has given me opportunities of a lifetime. Meeting garden club members near and far has created life-long friendships and I cherish the time we have spent together. I look to the future with new hope as our WGCF continues to grow and flourish. You all do so much for your clubs and communities through floral design, gardening, environmental initiatives and designing landscapes. **You are all Gardeners for Good.**

Thank you and please keep in touch.
Gardening for Good,

Gerianne

We live in a wonderful world that is full of beauty, charm and adventure. There is no end to the adventures that we can have if only we seek them with our eyes open.

– Jawaharlal Nehru

ADVERTISING RATES

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

Gathering for Gardeners, Central Region Convention & Tri-Refresher

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GFG events include:

Guided Tours: Aldo Leopold Foundation including Leopold's Shack and the foundation's environmentally certified building and grounds, International Crane Foundation with all of the world's species of cranes and beautiful habitat including the WGCF sponsored prairie, boat tour of the Wisconsin River highlighting its geologic and ecologic history

Seminars presented by

Noel Valdes of Cobrahead Tools - Raised Vegetable Gardening Made Easy

Nathan Larson of the WI School Garden Network - Getting Gardens into Schools

Rob Zimmer, journalist - Shade Gardening with Hostas and Natives along with a book signing opportunity

Joe Cook of Sparta High School - Saving the Environment with Food Dehydration

Luke Kloberdanz of the Ice Age Trail Alliance - Wisconsin's National Treasure - the Ice Age Trail

Presentations and meals

Dinner with Mark Dwyer of Rotary Gardens - Winter Garden Interest

Lunch with Bernadette Williams of the DNR - Jumping Worms, a New Threat

Reception, dinner and book signing with Melinda Myers - Creating a Pollinator Garden and Gardening Q & A

Workshops

Paint a Garden while sipping some great Wisconsin wine

Floral Design

Opportunities

Live Auction

Silent Auction

Vendors

Book purchase and signing with Rob Zimmer and Melinda Myers

WGCF members receive a special discounted rate for the Gathering for Gardeners. All events are open to the public with advanced registration required. Rooms at the Chula Vista Resort are at a special rate of \$99 and include waterpark passes, free parking and waived resort fees. Save the dates for these wonderful events and come Digging in the Dells. Please see related article (below) for Tri-Refresher details.

(Additional information is on pages 7-11)

Digging in the Dells

A Tri-Refresher

How Do I Register for the Central Region Convention?

Gerianne Holzman

At press time, the Central Region Registration information was not complete. Please visit the WGCF website (wisconsinclub.org) or the Central Region website (ngccentralregion.org) for more information. A complete registration form will appear in the summer issue of *Wisconsin Gardens*.

All Environmental, Gardening Study and Landscape Design Consultants are invited to Wisconsin Dells for *Digging in the Dells - A Gathering for Gardeners*. This new WGCF event offers tours, seminars and presentations to provide Consultants with more than the required eight hours needed to refresh in their respective disciplines. (See related article for more information.) A monitor, at each session, will punch a Tri-Refresher attendance card - available upon registration on the day of the event. It is up to each consultant to decide which sessions to attend as long as a minimum of eight hours is reached. Consultants with multiple credentials may only refresh in one area unless they hold a Master Status in all three schools. A \$5 refresher fee must be added to the registration along with the school to be refreshed. Those with a Master Status in all three schools may refresh in all three, however, they must pay a \$5 refresher fee for EACH section. Contact Tri-Refresher Chair Vern Lowell for any questions.

WGCF Annual Business Meeting

Gerianne Holzman, WGCF President

The WGCF 2017 Annual Business Meeting is right around the corner on May 5 in Wausau. Please remember to register by April 15. The registration form is on the WGCF website and in the winter issue of *Wisconsin Gardens*. The cost is \$36, which includes lunch and snacks. Please join your fellow members as we present awards, honor our departed loved ones and learn about environmental innovation in a Wisconsin School. We will, of course, conduct the business of the WGCF and install our new leaders. Please note: there will be no Tisket-Tasket baskets or other traditional "convention" activities at this meeting. Please contact Gerianne with any questions. See you in Wausau.

Autumn Floral Design - in Spring?

It is easy to put together a great floral design in spring and summer with our plethora of blooms and plant material. What about Autumn and (yikes) Winter? Ardith Beveridge, our floral design instructor for the Central Region Convention, wants to show you what to do with YOUR plant material. Plan ahead with your spring plantings and see what Ardith can do with this challenge. She has requested WGCF members to bring plant materials from their own gardens so you can see how easy it is to decorate for fall transitioning into winter. The fun part is she will have no idea, in advance, of what materials she will get. After the CR Convention design program, you will have a fun opportunity to bid-on and take home the wonderful creations. Our own, Mary Kulhanek, will conduct the auction so you know it will be lively.

Gardening Study School Update

Lucy Valitchka, Gardening Study School State Chairman

The third course of Gardening Study School Series 8 is scheduled for April 21-22 at Fox Valley Technical College in Appleton, WI.

Course I enrollment was 28 students, Friday & 23 on Saturday. Course II, 22 students Friday & 21 on Saturday. We hope the students who are taking the series for credit will continue as they are half completed with the series.

Consultants refresh their credentials at these schools. This is required at least every five years to remain accredited through the National Garden Club Federation. Consultants may refresh as often as once a year. The NGC schools offered in Wisconsin are on a rotating basis. When we complete our series this fall we won't offer another Gardening Study School for two years. During that time Flower Show School and Environmental Studies will be offered. That is why it is a good idea for consultants to take a course once a year during a series.

Our schools are open to the public. Anyone may participate in the schools and are not required to take the exams unless they want to become a consultant.

While you are getting a break from outdoor chores, consider what we have to offer at our school in April. These are the topics we will be covering: Container Gardening; Weed Control; Factors that Influence Plant Growth; New Plant Development & Evaluation and Houseplant Basics.

In addition we have planned a wonderful teaching tour of the Green Bay Botanical Garden on April 21st. Yes, we know there could be snow on the ground yet, but NGC does not allow us to switch classes from one course to another. Maybe in the future they can be encouraged to be more flexible.

I was advised by NGC that there is a lot more to gardens than blooms. "The bones of the garden is where it is!" Look outside now & you will see what I mean.

Take a look at the GSS registration form that was included with the Winter Issue of *Wisconsin Gardens*, and is also on the WGCF website (www.wisconsin-gardenclub.org). It has everything you need to know about our school.

If you have any questions contact any of the people listed on the form. We are happy to assist you.

If you have never attended a Gardening Study School give it some serious thought. We guarantee you will not be disappointed.

Resources for Gardeners

Mary Kulhanek, Publicity Chair

Gardeners are always looking for more information and inspiration. There will be plenty of both at A Gathering For Gardeners in October. Here are three resources for information, inspiration and publicity opportunities.

Rob Zimmer, a favorite of gardeners on Wisconsin's east coast will be at Digging in The Dells! Check out Rob Zimmer's facebook page for colorful photos, information on educational opportunities and an all-around celebration of the outdoors. As a friend of garden clubs, he may even mention your event if you send it to him. <https://www.facebook.com/RobZimmerOutdoors/>

An Evening With Melinda Meyers at A Gathering for Gardeners promises to be one of the highlights of this event. Melinda Meyers' website offers the opportunity to ask questions, check out her videos, gardening tips and her scheduled appearances. You can also sign up for her email newsletter and even better, you can list your gardening event! Click on the heading Gardening Connections and scroll to Garden Event Sign Up to submit your event. <http://www.melindameyers.com/>

National Gardening Association has a nice website with a Learning Library and Plant Database. You may also sign up for a weekly email newsletter, review past newsletters or again, check out gardening events, or list your own. Click on Community and scroll to Gardening Calendar of Events. <https://garden.org/>

National Garden Week

Doris Weber

NATIONAL GARDEN WEEK CELEBRATION - June 4th thru June 10th, 2017 is a wonderful time to focus public attention on all activities of our garden clubs. It is a great time to recruit new members with special programs, garden tours, garden walks, plant sales or other related projects to ensure our future in gardening and clubs. Invite them to all these events!

News releases and other media methods are also a good way to promote public awareness of what your club does for your community. All these methods are helpful in promoting the work done by local clubs who are members of National Garden Club, Inc.

Posters proclaiming this special NGC celebration are available from the NGC website, NGC member services, or contact me at: doris@johngweber.com

During this celebration week, Lake Shore Garden Club has always planned a bus trip to a certain region of interest to all gardeners and friends. We have gained many friends and also new garden club members from our trips of over fifteen years. We fill up the 56 passenger bus, have a lightbreakfast on the bus, and play games including our famous flower-pot races, tour greenhouses, private gardens, box lunches or served a meal onsite, treated to demos on site, surprises along the way, and a local wine-tour/tasting treat to top it off. The day is complete with a good supply of snacks along the way, many prizes, and jokes at day's end by our famous joke-telling member, Mary! At day's end, we have proof of MANY tired friends, members and guests!

Along with displays proclaiming NATIONAL GARDEN WEEK at various businesses and libraries, this is how Lake Shore Garden Club in Sheboygan celebrates this gardening week.



News from around the state

Milwaukee District Garden Club

Lynne Ehnert, District Director

As you are aware, gardening in the wintertime in Wisconsin is a time for indoor activities. In the Milwaukee District, this is where we end the season celebrating our friendships and accomplishments and begin to plan for the new year. In December, Elmbrook Garden Club had a Holiday Flower Show which was the first flower show in many years. There was a lot of mentoring from National Flower Show Judges within the District who answered many questions from those entering the show. There were members from other clubs that are also planning on putting on a future shows that came to attend to get ideas and determine next steps for their show. This was a win/win for members within the district.

Our clubs in the Milwaukee District take this time during the spring to start planning for the upcoming year with programs on designing their gardens and caring for roses. Many of the clubs in our district that are heavily into the gardening aspect are working over the winter months for the spring plant sales. This is also the time of year for the Home and Garden Show. Some of the clubs are venturing out of our district by attending the Madison Home and Garden Show.

The Milwaukee District Garden Club is planning two workshops this spring, one working with flower pots, just a fun event to get people together to get to know each other and the second event in May to plant containers at a garden center and have the garden center watch our plantings in May while we are busy getting the rest of our garden ready.

Milwaukee Art Museum held Art in Bloom on March 24, 2017 and Floral Designers will sponsor the flower show "Leaping into Spring" on April 29, 2017. Town and Country is also planning a flower show later this year.

Racine Garden Club

"Growing Gardeners Since 1927"

Submitted by Lynn Felle

The Racine Garden Club members have MOVED. This past March, we secured a new and wonderful meeting location at Christ Church United Methodist. For over 40 years we had been holding our meetings at Atonement Lutheran Church, in Racine, but because of the growing programs provided at that church, our room was needed. Just as in gardening, sometimes transplanting is needed for the good of the entire flower bed! The Racine Garden Club members are like beautiful flowers in a flower bed. We can be transplanted and yet thrive in a new location. We have a beautiful room with bright sunny windows at Christ Church, just what we need to continue growing our club as we celebrate our 90th Birthday! Our membership at this time is 70 members strong and this year we are working to increase our membership by 10% as we have done in past years.

We are beginning to create committees for our 2018 Summer Magic Garden Tour. This event will be held on Sunday, July 15, 2018. Mark your calendar, because you don't want to miss our beautiful garden tour.

Again we have awarded Horticultural Scholarships to five exceptional and deserving students presently enrolled in the Gateway Horticultural Program. We will meet them in person at our April meeting. This is our way of Growing Gardeners in Racine.

HAPPY 40TH BIRTHDAY WILLIAMSBURG GARDEN!!

On June 12th at 6:00 PM, we invite all who would like to attend our rededication/birthday party for the Williamsburg Garden in Downtown Racine. The Mayor of Racine along with Pastor Bill, will be on hand to rededicate and bless our garden. After the ceremony, we will be serving refreshments in the historic Racine Fire Bell Station next to the garden. If you plan on attending our dedication program, please RSVP to Lynn Felle at 262-498-3474 or email me at tollys2@wi.rr.com. Remember to mark your calendar.

The Racine Garden Club Program Committee members have been busy making plans for our annual August Bus Trip. This year, we will be visiting Cantigny Gardens in Wheaton, Illinois in the morning. After lunch, we will then travel to Lake Forest, Illinois to tour The Gardens at 900 North Waukegan Road. If you would like more information regarding this trip, visit our web site at: www.racinegardenclub.org.

Wisconsin Garden Club Federation
Presents

Digging in the Dells

A Gathering for Gardeners
October 6 & 7, 2017



CHULA VISTA RESORT
2501 RIVER ROAD WISCONSIN DELLS, WI

Information & On-line Registration:
wisconsinclub.org

Digging in the Dells - A Gathering for Gardeners: Schedule of Events

Friday, October 6, 2017

8:00 - 5:30	Registration Pick up your name badge, proceedings and one free raffle ticket.
9:00 - 9:30	Board bus for Tour A Gather in the Chula Vista Lobby
9:30 - 3:00	Tour A: Aldo Leopold Foundation & International Crane Foundation with box lunch Stretch your legs with a walk on the wild side of the Dells area.
11:00 - 6:00	Vendors, Raffle, Silent Auction Shop for special gardening, personal and home decorating items.
12:30 - 1:30	Seminar A: Noel Valdes Learn how to create a raised bed veggie garden without all the hard work.
1:45 - 2:45	Seminar B: Nathan Larson Learn how you can help bring fresh food to schools through the WSGN.
3:30 - 4:30	Seminar C: Rob Zimmer Learn how to landscape your shade garden with Hostas and native plants.
5:30 - 6:30	Reception Spend some time with your fellow gardeners and meet our dinner speaker.
6:30 - 8:30	Dinner & Presentation: Mark Dwyer Enjoy dinner then learn how to create winter interest in your garden.
8:30 - 9:30	Live Auction Bid on fantastic treasures during this spirited event.

Saturday, October 7, 2017

8:30 - 5:00	Registration Pick up your name badge, proceedings and one free raffle ticket.
8:00 - 6:00	Vendors, Raffle, Silent Auction Shop for special gardening, personal and home decorating items.
9:00 - 9:45	Seminar D: Joe Cook Learn how Sparta High School students help the environment with recycling food.
10:00 - 11:00	Seminar E: Luke Kloberdanz "Walk" the Ice Age Trail as you learn about one of only 11 National Scenic Trails in the country.
11:30 - 1:30	Presentation & Lunch: Bernadette Williams Learn about the newest exotic species invading our landscapes: jumping worms, then enjoy lunch.
1:45 - 2:15	Board boat for Tour B Follow the trail directly from the hotel to the boat dock or grab a lift on the shuttle.
2:15 - 4:15	Tour B: Upper Dells Boat Tour Relax and enjoy the scenery as you hear of Wisconsin's river heritage and geology.
2:15 - 4:15	Workshop A: Painting & Wine (Space is limited to 25 participants.) Explore your inner artist as you paint a garden scene and sip a bit of Wisconsin wine.
2:15 - 4:15	Workshop B: Floral Design (Space is limited to 25 participants.) Create your own floral masterpiece using seasonal flowers.
5:00 - 8:30	Evening with Melinda Myers Mingle with fellow gardeners and meet Melinda while getting your book signed prior to enjoying dinner then learn how to make your garden friendly for pollinators of all kinds.

Digging in the Dells - A Gathering for Gardeners: Speakers, Tours & Workshops



Keynote - An Evening with Melinda Myers

Saturday, 10/7/2017 5:00 - 6:15 (Reception & Book Signing), 6:30 (Dinner & Presentation)

Digging into a Pollinator's Garden/Gardening Q & A

Nationally known gardening expert, TV/radio host, author & columnist Melinda has over 30 years of horticulture experience and has written over 20 gardening books, including *Small Space Gardening*, *MN & WI Getting Started Garden Guide*, *MN & WI Month-by-Month Gardening* and the *Midwest Gardener's Handbook*. She hosts the nationally-syndicated "Melinda's Garden Moment" TV and radio program and the internationally distributed Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" DVD series, including the latest *Food Gardening for Everyone* DVD set. She is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* and *Wisconsin Gardening* magazines and writes the twice-monthly "Gardeners' Questions" newspaper column. Prior to her current media work, Melinda hosted "The Plant Doctor" radio show for over 20 years as well as seven seasons of "Great Lakes Gardener" on PBS. Myers holds a master's degree in horticulture and she was a tenured horticulture instructor. Melinda has received recognition and numerous awards, including the national American Horticultural Society's B.Y. Morrison Communication Award.



Digging into Recycling

Joe Cook - Seminar D

Saturday, 10/7/17 9:00 - 9:45

Joe is in his 25th year of teaching German at Sparta High School. Since 2008, he has supervised the school's Earth Club. His dedication to conservation and the environment began at an early age while watching his grandparents farm their land with an interest in preserving woodlands and croplands. The Earth Club has been doing multiple things to reduce its footprint on the environment while helping the district financially. They set up a district recycling and sustainability program that includes the purchase of an Ecovim®. This is an industrial type food dehydrator that recycles the high school's food waste. Using student raised funds, matched by the school board, the dehydrator was purchased in 2014. This is the first in any high school in the nation. The dehydrator produces gray water and an inert soil augmentation. Joe and his students have received much recognition via news media. Recently, state recognition from the DNR came in the form of the Recycling Excellence Award for Projects and Initiatives.



Digging into The Ice Age Trail

Luke Kloberdanz - Seminar E

Saturday, 10/7/17 10:00 - 11:00

Luke leads the Ice Age Trail Alliance's Outreach & Education programs. This includes managing Saunters, the IATA's school hiking program, coordinating outreach events, and designing training opportunities for volunteers. Luke utilizes his considerable skills as a teacher towards getting kids out of the four walls of the classroom and into an experience with nature. Saunters is the Alliance's primary youth engagement program that helps over 1,000 youth experience the Trail as a medium for learning and personal well-being. He also makes connections with communities and partners to create new opportunities to get people out on the Ice Age Trail. Luke lives in Lodi with wife Letha & sons Gus and Wynn.



Digging into Winter Garden Interest

Mark Dwyer - Dinner & Presentation

Friday, 10/6/2017 6:30 (5:30 Reception)

Mark has been the Director of Horticulture at Rotary Botanical Gardens in Janesville, WI for the past 18 years. He directs the continued maintenance and improvement of this 20-acre botanical resource with a talented grounds staff and many dedicated volunteers. Mark previously worked at Fernwood Botanical Garden (Niles, MI) and as a landscape designer in Appleton, WI. Mark has degrees in landscape architecture (University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana) and urban forestry (UW-Stevens Point). Mark's true passion is obtaining, growing, observing and photographing all types of plants. Mark also blogs daily from the gardens at www.rotarybotanicalgardens.org.



Digging into School Gardens

Nathan Larson - Seminar B

Friday, 10/6/2017 1:45 - 2:45

Nathan is the director of the Wisconsin School Garden Network, which is supported by Community GroundWorks, the UW-Madison Environmental Design Lab and other partners around the state. Over the past two decades, Nathan has worked to grow the fields of farm and garden-based education locally, statewide and nationally. He is the author of *Teaching in Nature's Classroom: Core Principles of Garden-Based Education*, which has reached over 6,000 educators in every state in the U.S. and over 40 countries around the world since its release in 2016. Nathan serves on the leadership group for the National School Garden Network and on the board of directors for the Wisconsin Association for Environmental Education.



Digging into Raised Veggie Gardens

Noel Valdes - Seminar A

Friday, 10/6/2017 12:30 - 1:30

Noel Valdes is a home gardener and the owner of CobraHead LLC, Cambridge, WI. CobraHead produces garden hand tools of Noel's design. Noel has been perfecting open raised bed vegetable growing for over 30 years. He writes about and gives

talks promoting the use of open raised beds for food production in the home garden. Intensively grown raised beds can work in most home gardens. They can be low cost and require no power tools and minimal external inputs. Noel and his wife Judy maintain a blog for CobraHead and they publish a newsletter periodically. Noel writes about gardening and growing food. Judy writes about the recipes that she creates to prepare the homegrown bounty. Noel is the past president of the Direct Gardening Association, and is a member of the Garden Writers Association. Noel believes that a return to small-scale food production is essential for the health of the planet.

Digging into Jumping Worms



Bernie Williams - Presentation & Lunch Saturday, 10/7/2017 11:30

Bernadette (Bernie) loves worms and plants (native and invasive) and she considers herself very lucky to have a job that allows her to work with both. She is the WI DNR Invasive Plants and Earthworms Outreach Specialist. Bernie graduated from the University of Pitts-

burgh and found herself in Wisconsin after obtaining her master's degree. While she is still trying to figure out why the hills here are called "mountains," Wisconsin has become home. If you take one thing away from her presentation, Bernie hopes its curiosity and intrigue. Everyone, every plant, every worm, has a story to tell and the key to understanding is to listen, learn and watch. You never know, you may just walk away having a soft spot for those 'villains' invading your garden.

Digging into Shade Gardening with Hostas and Native Plants



Rob Zimmer - Seminar C & Book Signing

Friday, 10/6/2017 3:30 - 4:30

Rob is an award-winning nature and garden author, columnist and radio host who has written for many daily newspapers throughout Wisconsin such as the *Manitowoc Herald Times Reporter*, *Fond du Lac Reporter*, *Appleton Post-Crescent*, *Green Bay Press-Gazette*, *Oshkosh Northwestern*.

His columns also appear weekly in the *Wisconsin State Farmer*. He is the author of the books *Voices of the Wind: Four Seasons in Wild Wisconsin*, *Wild Seasons: The Beauty of Native Wildflowers*, *Shadows and Light: Showcasing a Hosta Love Affair*, *Color By Nature*, *Spring Is My Season*, *Summer Is*

My Season, *Fall Is My Season*, *Winter Is My Season*, *Don't Forget Where You Belong* and *Reflecting: Nature in Black and White*. His features and photographs have also appeared in a number of magazines, including *Wisconsin Gardening*, *Wisconsin Sportsman*, *Michigan Out-of-Doors*, *Wisconsin Natural Resources*, *Bird Watcher's Digest*, *Birders World*, *Wildlife Conservation*, *Country Journal*, *Silent Sports and Camping Today*. Rob also hosts the radio program *Outdoors with Rob Zimmer*, every Saturday, on WHBY radio.

Tour A: Digging the Environment & Landscape Guided Tours of the Aldo Leopold Foundation & Shack and the International Crane Foundation - Friday 10/6 9:30 - 3:00

Enjoy a scenic bus ride through the colorful Wisconsin countryside to the Aldo Leopold Foundation established, by the Leopold family, to inspire an ethical, caring relationship between people and nature through Leopold's legacy. Visit Aldo Leopold's Shack in the woods and learn about the foundation's conservation efforts through its LEED building and landscaping. Box lunch served on-site. Then it is on to the International Crane Foundation (ICF) to learn about the foundation's mission to conserve cranes and their ecosystems. The ICF is the only place on the planet where you can see all 15 of the world's crane species. While meeting the cranes, visitors walk among the surrounding prairie and peaceful landscapes.

Tour B: Digging the Wisconsin River's Upper Dells Guided Boat Tour on the River - Saturday 10/7 2:15 - 4:15

Board the boat from the Chula Vista dock and take a peaceful journey to view fantastic fall color along the Wisconsin River. Learn about the ecology of the river as the on-board naturalist describes this path of the ancient glaciers. Pass by cliffs, narrows and take a short stroll through the woods. You may even see the famous cliff-jumping dog at Stand Rock.

Workshop A: Digging into Garden Painting & Wine Painting and Wine Tasting - Saturday, 10/7 2:15 - 4:15

Enjoy this fun experience as an artist guides you step by step to create a painting of your choice - all while sipping a glass of Wisconsin wine. No prior painting knowledge necessary, must be over 21 to receive included wine ticket. (Limited to 25 participants.)

Workshop B: Digging into Floral Design Floral Design - Saturday, 10/7 2:15 - 4:15

Create and take home a seasonal floral design to brighten your home. Learn special tips and techniques from an expert floral design instructor. Have fun with flowers! No experience necessary, all materials included. (Limited to 25 participants.)

Extras: Do you own a book authored by one of our speakers? Bring it along for a book signing or purchase a book on-site. Enjoy unique vendors, fantastic raffle and silent auction items as well as a hilarious live auction on Friday night. Don't miss the lovely floral designs throughout the event.



Registration
Wisconsin Garden Club Federation
Digging in the Dells
A Gathering for Gardeners



Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

WGCF Member Garden Club & District (if applicable): _____

Register for full time package or individual events. Package includes items marked (*). Package does NOT include tours or workshops - extra fee required. Please check all that apply. Thank you!

	Full Time Package* includes 10/6 Reception & Dinner, 10/7 Lunch & Dinner, all presentations & seminars – early bird deadline 9/1/2017	\$140
	WGCF Member Full Time Package* includes 10/6 Reception & Dinner, 10/7 Lunch & Dinner, all presentations & seminars – early bird deadline 9/1/2017	\$125
	Tour A: Aldo Leopold Foundation, International Crane Foundation, bus & box lunch – Friday, 10/6 (9:30 – 3:00)	\$50
	Tour B: Wisconsin River Boat Tour – Saturday 10/7 (2:15 – 4:15)	\$25
	Workshop A: Garden Painting & Wine Tasting - Saturday 10/7 (2:15 – 4:15)	\$25
	Workshop B: Floral Design – Saturday 10/7 (2:15 – 4:15)	\$40
	Seminar A*: Raised Vegetable Gardens – Friday 10/6 (12:30 – 1:30)	\$10
	Seminar B*: Wisconsin School Garden Network – Friday 10/6 (1:45 – 2:45)	\$10
	Seminar C*: Shade Gardening and Book Signing – Friday 10/6 (3:30 – 4:30)	\$10
	Seminar D*: School Lunch Food Dehydrator – Saturday, 10/7 (9:00 – 9:45)	\$10
	Seminar E*: Wisconsin’s Ice Age Trail – Saturday, 10/7 (10:00 – 11:00)	\$10
	10/6 Reception, Dinner & Presentation*: Gardening for Winter Interest Reception (5:30 – 6:30), Dinner & Presentation (6:30 – 8:30), live auction to follow	\$40
	10/7 Presentation & Lunch*: Jumping Worms (11:30 – 1:30)	\$30
	10/7 Evening with Melinda Myers*: Create a Pollinator’s Garden Book Signing & Reception (5:00 – 6:15), Dinner & Presentation (6:30 – 8:30)	\$50
	Garden club member Refresher Fee: Indicate school to refresh:	\$5
	Late fee: Registration after 9/1/2017 – no registrations accepted after 9/15/2017	\$30
	Total enclosed	

Dietary restrictions: _____

Mail registration: complete form and send with check payable to WGCF: Susan Johansen, Registrar, 2249 122nd St, New Richmond, WI 54017 (h23j19@frontiernet.net or 715-248-7870)

Register on-line: wisconsingardenclub.org/education/digging-in-the-dells-oct-2017

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**WISCONSIN GARDEN CLUB FEDERATION
SYMPOSIUM "WHAT'S NEW PUSSYCAT"**



AUGUST 25-26, 2017

**Location: Havenwoods Environmental Awareness Center
5141 N. Hopkins St. Milwaukee, WI 53209**

**August 25th - Horticulture 8:00 a.m.
"Showstopping Salvia" - "Selective Sedum"
Instructor: Jim Schmidt, Champaign, Illinois**

**August 26th - Design 8:00 a.m.
"What's New Pussycat" - New Designs
Instructor: Lynn Fronk, Worthington, Ohio**

**Allied Topic: Handbook Changes
1 hr. each day - Jim Schmidt/Lynn Fronk**

**Fees: \$ 83.00 Full Time; Per Day \$45.00
Refresher Fee \$5.00 Lunch \$10.00 per day**

**Hotel: Check Internet for hotels on Silver Spring Drive
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**Registration: Kitty Larkin, Registrar
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All outlines will be sent by email upon receipt of registration.



Photos taken by Debby Walters during her trip to Mexico to see the Monarch reserves. (Above photo) Monarchs feeding in Mexico's El Rosario Reserve in preparation for migrating north.



Monarchs at El Rosario Reserve in Mexico; enjoying sunshine and warm weather; getting ready to move north.

Are you Prepared to host and feed Monarchs?

Debby Walters

There are some long distance travelers coming your way. Are you prepared to host and feed them? Monarch butterflies will depart their overwintering grounds in Mexico in mid-March and begin the trek north. A generation is born in northern Mexico or the southern United States and that generation continues the north until it reaches Wisconsin in May. Once here, the monarchs continue to reproduce and die over the summer until the generation that is born in August/September makes the long journey back to its wintering grounds in Mexico.

So are you ready? Is milkweed found on your property? Milkweed is the ONLY food that monarch caterpillars eat. Common milkweed (*Asclepias syriaca*) can get out of control but is easy to grow. Butterfly weed (*Asclepias tuberosa*) is a smaller plant with orange blossoms that doesn't grow rampant. Or if you have a wetter area, try swamp milkweed (*Asclepias incarnate*). Native milkweed plants such as these are better for monarchs than the tropical milkweeds as they do not promote the spread of *Ophryocystis elektroscirrha* (OE) which is a parasite which weakens the monarchs.

Adult monarchs need nectar and can feed on almost any flowering plant; however, they do have favorites. An easy to grow annual monarch favorite is zinnias. All types of asters, coneflowers, and rudbeckias are also popular. Meadow blazing star liatris and Joe Pye Weed are other great choices. By adding these plants to your yard, monarchs will be delighted to spend their time in the north with you.

If you are interested in following this year's monarch migration from Mexico, this is a very interesting website: **Monarch Butterfly Journey North:** <http://www.learner.org/jnorth/monarch/index.html>.

Grant Resource Directory

Enables Garden Clubs to find Sources of Funding

Garden clubs offer local communities a wealth of knowledge and experience that can act as a focal point for members to participate in numerous community service projects. Such community projects may serve in many capacities such as civic beautification, learning opportunities and to support the wellbeing of the local environment. While many clubs have community projects that they support either entirely by themselves or in partnership with other organizations, one of the major limiting factors in being able to execute such projects is the availability of funds that can be used to purchase the needed resources. The cost of plant material, soil amendment material, equipment rental, hardscape materials and goods that are needed to successfully complete a project, even if the labor is donated are frequently a limiting factor in a club's ability to participate in such projects.

In the last issue of the WGCF newsletter the Grants committee announced the inaugural WGCF grants program, designed to provide some limited support to local community projects. In order to supplement this program the Grants committee is pleased to announce that they have compiled a list of places where grants can be applied for to support community projects. This Grant Resource Directory can be viewed through the WGCF website at the following link <http://www.wisconsin-gardenclub.org/awards/grants/> you will find the following options:

Other Funding Sources

Grant Sources: Compiled by WGCF Grant Committee: This is a work in progress, if you are aware of other funding sources throughout the state, contact WGCF.

Grant Sources is split into sections, the first tab is a list of places where grants can be applied for from any location in the state and the following tabs are places where grants can be applied for if the garden club/project is in a specific geographic location as shown on the tab. We hope that you will visit the Grant Resource Directory and will find this a useful resource.

The Grants Resource Directory is a work in progress and we know that many garden clubs have already been successful in applying for grants to support their projects. We are therefore very interested in hearing about places that supported community garden projects and would very much appreciate hearing from you about your experience. If you could take time to send a short e-mail to Roger Greathead at roghead@frontier.com, outlining your experience and source of grant funding this would be appreciated. We are keen to both expand the current list and also as we move forward to provide more specific feedback and guidance as to the different potential sources of grants. This feedback will enable us to harness the power of all our membership to successfully grow, prune and cultivate the Grant Resource Directory.

Sincerely,
The WGCF Grant Committee

In an article from the *Native Plant News Fall/Winter 2015*: one of the key insights states “Humans and most other animals are almost entirely dependent on plants, directly or indirectly, through a highly complex system of integrations. The loss of a single plant species can affect the fates of many other species in ways that are difficult to predict.”

That statement should make us even more aware of what we are doing to our environment. Let us start this year using less pesticides and herbicides. If you are not using them, great, as the chemicals you use don't vapor into thin air. Now how about the glass of water you were going to drink. If you were spraying what are the chances that the chemicals did not enter your water. Getting rid of toxic chemicals should not include them being poured down the drain. Clean Sweep takes chemicals but it usually has a small charge. Clean Sweep sometimes will have a day to drop off your chemicals at a certain location at no cost. What does this all have to do with Operation Wildflower? It is important to understand that what we do in our everyday activity affects our wildflowers and, more importantly, our lives.

Knowing what you can grow in your landscape is very important. Not all native plants are suitable for every landscape. Someone with a dry, sandy soil needs prairie plants that will thrive in that type of soil. Some possible appropriate plants include: Leadplant (*Amorpha canescens*), Sky Blue Aster (*Aster azureus*), Heath Aster (*Aster ericoides*), Butterfly Weed (*Asclepias tuberosa*), New Jersey Tea (*Ceanothus americanus*), Lupine (*Lupinus perennis*), etc. In moist soils you will want to plant: Queen of the Prairie (*Filipendula rubra*), Blue Flag Iris (*Iris versicolor*), Red Milkweed (*Asclepias incarnata*), Tall Ironweed (*Veronica altissima*), etc. For shade plants, you could plant: Jacob's Ladder (*Polemonium reptans*), Red Baneberry (*Actaea rubra*), Ferns, Shooting Stars, etc.

Add a few to your landscape along with your other perennials or try them in a container on your deck. Some make wonderful cut flowers but then you will also be cutting next years seeds so be selective. Enjoy your native plants.

Award Presented to Judy Pitcher

Recently, Judy Pitcher of the Blue Star Garden Club was recognized by American Legion Post 492 located in Rothschild, Wisconsin for her work with the Veterans Memorial Park. Judy received the Citizen Legionnaire of the Year award for 2016. Beginning in 2003, Judy worked to locate the Blue Star Marker which at one time was located in a wayside near Mosinee; once that wayside was closed the marker disappeared. In 2005, the marker was finally located in Rothschild. The Blue Star Memorials honor all the men and women that have served or are serving in the United States Armed Forces. The Wisconsin Garden Club Federation sponsored original placement of the Blue Star Memorial marker.

Restoration of the marker was an expensive proposition. With the help of her neighbor, Joe Kelbley (a Vietnam War veteran) and Jessica Maple (another veteran), organizations and individuals were approached and \$28,000 was raised. The Blue Star Marker and memorial was rededicated in Rothschild's Veterans Memorial Park in 2007.

Members of the Wausau YWCA Garden Club planned, planted and maintained the gardens by the marker. When that group decided to leave WGCF in 2011, Judy with the help of Bonnie Anderson, Rose Wicker, and her daughter, Danielle formed the Blue Star Garden Club in 2012. The club's service project is to plant and maintain Veterans Park. The park also honors fallen soldiers and is currently working to establish a Gold Star Mother's Memorial. This tribute to Gold Star Mothers will be one of four in the nation.



Judy Pitcher is shown with the award she received from American Legion Post 492. (left photo)

The Blue Star Marker at Rothschild's Veterans Memorial Park (right photo).



The Bee-Friendly Garden, Kate Frey and Gretchen LeBuhn, Ten Speed Press, 2016, 214 pages.

One of my earliest childhood memories is being stung by a fat bumblebee. I suspect that I was about two years old and I was either trying to play with the bee or picking the towering flower spike from a hosta growing near the driveway of our home. I've been stung many times in my life (90+) and because of it I've also developed a sensitivity to bee stings (most of those encounters were with nests of social bees such as honeybees, wasps, or yellow jackets). But my experiences haven't deterred me from being a gardener or offering pollen-laden flowers to the insects that visit my slice of Eden. I've found that the more native plants I offer in my garden the more native bees species I see inhabiting it and there are fewer social swarming varieties of insects. The plus for me is that native bees are more docile and it takes a lot to provoke them to sting. I have many asters, monarda, and nepeta growing in my garden which provide a long season of pollen sources for them to feed. It's not unusual to see the plants bobbing up and down because of the weight of all of the bees landing and taking off of the flowers. My husband and I refer to it as an insect ballet performance.

Your garden is not just flowers but an eco system of life forms. More than 70% of plants worldwide are dependent on animal pollination. The most efficient pollinators are native bees. Only 250 Mason bees are needed to pollinate an acre of apples while it takes 20,000 honey bees to do the same amount of work. Native bees also are more tolerant of colder and wetter weather conditions (a plus for us living through a typical Wisconsin spring) and therefore are more productive pollinators than other bee species. So how do we bring more native bees to live in our gardens?

This book is a great place to start to learn more. It's easy to read and has very good information. It discusses the benefits of a bee-friendly garden; the anatomy and life cycles of the various bee species along with photographs to identify them; information on what plants attract native bees; how to meet their basic needs such as a profusion of blooms throughout the seasons, nesting sites, and eliminating the use of insecticides (which is a function of putting the right plant in the right place ~ a happy plant is not stressed and therefore will not be attacked by insects so you don't need to use an insecticide); how to design a bee garden; and becoming a bee activist to help these creatures. The book also includes extensive list of plants for different regions of the country to help attract native bees.

Now go, learn more, and bee proactive!

Horticulture

Carol Larson

The calendar says we need to think spring, even if winter may still hold a few surprises for us. Are you planning your edible garden produce? I encourage you to grow some leaf lettuce, either for the first time or just for old times sake! Do you remember leaf lettuce from the garden as a child with the always-present little bug in your salad as a reminder that we were ahead of the times in growing organic? That was before salad spinners, and some added protein seemed inevitable with garden grown lettuce. Leaf lettuce is easily grown in containers and enjoys some extra shade from companion planting. It tends to bolt when it gets hot and develops a bitter flavor. You can tame the bitterness by washing it and storing it in the refrigerator for a couple days before using. It has Vitamin A, Potassium, Calcium, Iron, Copper plus Vitamin C; all with only 9 calories per cup! Cool nights and plenty of water with a compost mulch keep it growing. You can harvest when it gets about 6 inches tall, leave an inch at the crown to keep it growing. It is a cut and come again treat. The oak leaf and red varieties are slower to bolt. Lettuce is ready in about 45 - 55 days after planting. It is one of the oldest known plants, coming from India and Central Asia. In my family, I consider a leaf lettuce salad a gourmet treat. My Swedish heritage included a 3-2-1 dressing recipe that I would like to share with you. It is 3 parts whipping cream. 2 parts sugar, 1 part vinegar; note that the ingredients are in alphabetical order. Mix it up, drizzle it over the garden grown lettuce, throw in some wild blueberries, raspberries or small strawberries and savor! Enjoy this gift from your garden all summer long.

21ST ANNUAL SHEBOYGAN AREA GARDEN WALK

Saturday, July 8, 2017

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Rain or Shine

FEATURING 7 PRIVATE GARDENS & PLANT SALE

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No children under 10, no strollers & no pets!

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Saying a Goodbye is Never Easy

Anita Voiles, Assistant Editor

The Spring 2017 Issue is my last official duty with the Wisconsin Gardens as Assistant Editor/Advertising Manager due to two facts: 1) I felt 10 years as Assistant Editor and then the past few years as the Advertising Manager added to Assistant Editor duties were as much as I wanted to give at this point in my life; and, 2) I will be moving to Eastern Wisconsin and have decided that I want no responsibilities in my life except for enjoying gardening on a limited basis and enjoying the joy of being around growing grandchildren on a more frequent basis.

As of this time of writing this article in March, there has been no replacement chosen for these positions which means that Carla Von Haden will be doubly busy with her job as Editor and now Assistant Editor – which requires the proofing of the “almost” finished magazine and Advertising Manager which requires a bit of time accepting, possibly generating and recording paid fees and sending fees to the WGCF Treasurer in a timely manner while acknowledging and sending contracts and receipts to advertisers. In other words, you can see Carla will be exceptionally busy with each edition if someone doesn't volunteer for the two combined positions. There had been a year's notice about my “retirement” from these positions, so this is not short notice on my part.

So, for the Summer '17 issue, articles and ads will be due to Carla by the deadline of June 1, with a first reminder going out May 1 as to what articles are needed for that issue. Her email is: wisconsingardens@centurytel.net .

Hopefully, there will be a replacement in place before May 1 to get the ball rolling. Any materials/binders will be turned over to Carla at the May 5th business meeting. This is not a job that Carla needs to handle by herself – nor should she.

Thank you all for your support over the past ten years. It has been a pleasure meeting so many fine people who love gardening, nature and the environment through WGCF. May our paths meet again while strolling through some beautiful gardens.

Website Updating:

A Continual Process

Deb Walters, Webmaster

The WGCF website contains the essential information about this organization. For “outsiders” interested in joining a garden club, the contact information for clubs throughout the state is very helpful BUT it is only helpful if it is accurate. Please take a moment to check the “Join a Club” page for accuracy. If a change needs to be made, use contactwgcf@gmail.com to submit the correction. If your club has an event to be posted on the website or pictures of activities, the same email address can be used. An award application for the website has been submitted to the National Garden Club.

The Garden Clubs^{of} Elm Grove
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10 am to 4 pm

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tourlejardin@gmail.com or 414-257-2583

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Dates to Remember

- April 21 - 22 Gardening Study School, Appleton
- May 5 WGCF Annual Business Meeting,
Jefferson St. Inn, Wausau
- May 16 - 21 NGC Convention, Richmond, VA
- June (TBA) WGCF Summer Executive Committee
Meeting, Wausau
- August 25-26 Flower Show Symposium, Milwaukee
- September 8-9 Gardening Study School, Appleton
- September 12-15 NGC Fall Executive Board Meeting,
St. Louis, MO
- October 4-5 Central Region Meeting, Wisconsin Dells
- October 6-7 Garden Education Summit &
Tri-Refresher, Wisconsin Dells

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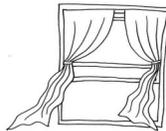
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Deadline for Summer Issue: May 1 — Submissions Welcome
Publication approximately: June 1

Coming in the Summer 2017: Annual Meeting Report; Awards; Books, Central Region Convention; Design; Judges' Council; Membership Promotion; Memorials and Tributes; Smokey the Bear/Woodsy the Owl; Treasurer (Annual Financial Report); Tri-Council; and Yearbooks.

Articles also needed by members, please consider writing about your garden club, activities, club projects, etc.

As I look out my window at my lawn and gardens, I think of how the garden beds will change this summer because of trees that have been removed and having more sunny spots. I'm also thinking of a comment from a friend who said she downsized and changed her flower gardens because of not being able to keep up with all of the work. I want to "think smart" this spring and create more areas that will take minimal maintenance, while also keeping in mind the need for more food for the pollinators, and reducing the use of chemicals. Lots to think about on this rainy spring day!!



Thinking of the changes in these flower beds also makes me think of friends who are moving in the next few months and changes they will face. The moves are either because of wanting to be closer to family or needing different accommodations for a family member. As a member from Racine Garden Club noted, we are like flowers and can be transplanted.

One of the people who's making such a move has been a great help with *Wisconsin Gardens* for the past 10 years. . . Anita Voiles. She has patiently and efficiently worked with two editors and very capably completed the task of proofreading. She was very prompt in reminding District Directors, Officers and others of articles that were needed, and for the past few years, Anita was also willing to take on the responsibilities as Advertising Editor. A big Thank You to Anita for the many ways she helped her Club, District and WGCF. Her assistance and expertise were valuable & will be missed.!

Many of our Clubs have people like this, who faithfully help where needed and we can all be taking the time to thank those around us, for what they are doing for our Clubs and communities. We are like flowers and can be transplanted, and like flowers, we all enjoy being appreciated. Take time today to contact someone and thank them for their efforts in "gardening for good".

Carla

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