



2014 WGCFF Convention Highlights

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WGCFF members were welcomed to the 2014 Convention (above left) by Central Region Alternate Director Julie Hansen (left) and WGCFF President Sylvia Lowell. Oshkosh Mayor Buck Tower (above right) welcomed Convention-goers to the City of Oshkosh and praised Clubs for their efforts in adding to the aesthetics in their communities.



Claudia Chopp (above left) shared her expertise using unusual botanical specimens in her creative designs at the closing luncheon program. Her designs were spectacular. Nate Bremer (above right) gave an interesting, and sometimes humorous, presentation on hybridizing peonies.



Gardening Thoughts

"If you want to be happy for a lifetime, plant a garden."

— Chinese saying



Pat Grahm (left) took us on a trip down "bridal lane" after dinner as we enjoyed vintage bridal gowns and the history behind them.

Dennis Prusik (right) shared his thoughts on "when does spring arrive" as he spoke of the changing seasons and how we can keep track of the changes.





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....

This past May, the WGCF convention took place in Oshkosh. Fox Valley District members did a wonderful job of handling details for meals, breakout sessions, speakers, and vendors.

The business of WGCF was completed and we were entertained too. Extraordinary weather complemented the entire event.

During pre-convention activities, the Tri-Council arranged for a tour of the Paine Art Center and Gardens. The history of the mansion is fascinating and the gardens were at their springtime best.



Our education continued with four breakout sessions and dinner speakers. An individual could learn about birding, the biodigester at UW-Oshkosh, Orchids or feeding the soil. And, the orchids were beautiful and for sale.

Dinner speakers, Pat Grahn, described wedding trends as old wedding dresses were modeled and Nate Bremer, the Bronze award winner, shared his journey to becoming a hybridizer of Paeonia, Hemerocallis, and Lillium.

At the closing luncheon, we enjoyed the talents of Floral Designer, Claudia Chopp, who said that “if something sits around too long, it gets painted”. It was amazing what she could do with parts of a seed pod from the Banana tree.

Awards, presented at meals, carried surprises and thrills for WGCF members. Marion Books was thrilled to be named the 2014 Lydia Schafer Award winner. At the NGC convention, I proudly accepted the NGC awards earned by WGCF members. These awards were among some of the surprises and thrills. Look for these awards in this issue. I encourage more members and clubs to apply for awards.

After the meeting was adjourned on May 22nd, Joan Goebel shared an informative PowerPoint program explaining the finances of WGCF. Members had a chance to ask questions, learn, and express their opinions. Additional ideas were solicited during the Strategic Planning workshop which took place June 12th.

Work and play were in the right proportion for this convention. It appears that the 2015 convention in Superior, Wisconsin will be fun, too. If you have not attended a WGCF convention or have not attended in years, I invite you to “take it to the lake!”

“Flourish in a Garden of Change”

Sylvia

“The love of gardening is a seed once sown that never dies.”
– Gertrude Jekyll

ADVERTISING RATES

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

NGC Awards Given out during State Convention



WGC President Sylvia Lowell graciously and proudly accepts the NGC Awards from NGC President Linda Nelson, on behalf of Garden Clubs in Wisconsin (photo at left).

In the photo on the right, Nancy Gotham accepts the NGC Certificate of Commendation from WGC President Sylvia Lowell for Lake Superior Garden Club's yearbook.



Botany Belles and Beaus Club President Anita Voiles accepts the NGC Award for A Club Standard Flower Show Achievement Award for her Club's Flower Show of "Under the Big Top" (photo at left).

Judy Newman accepts the NGC Award for A Standard Flower Show staged in a Building, for Floral Designers of Wisconsin's Flower Show, entitled "Parade of Festivals". (photo at right)



Hill and Dale Garden Club President Carla Von Haden accepts the NGC Youth Horticulture Award, which the Club received for their work with school gardening classes and Health Fair (photo at left).

WGC President Sylvia Lowell congratulates Wisconsin Gardens Editor Carla Von Haden and Assistant Editor Anita Voiles for the publication receiving a 1st place for the NGC Tommy Doonan Publication Award (photo at right).



Congratulations 2014 WGCF Award Recipients!!



LYDIA SCHAFFER AWARD
Marion Books



BRONZE AWARD
and Convention Speaker
Nate Bremer



CREATIVE HORTICULTURAL
ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
*Venice Williams,
Milwaukee District
Bruce Wright accepting award*



GARDEN CLUB
OF THE YEAR AWARD
*Elm Grove Garden Club
Kathy Rincon, President*



GOLD SEAL CLUB AWARD
*Elmbrook Garden Club
Judy Newman, President*



RUTH WEST
HORTICULTURAL AWARD
*Bay Gardeners
Karmyn Brown accepting award*



WISCONSIN CIVIC
ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
*Bangor Garden Club
Mollie Van Wormer accepting award*



KUETHER DISTRICT
MEMBERSHIP AWARD
*Madison District
Vern Lowell, Director*



PAT DVORAK
YEARBOOK THEME AWARD
*Wisconsin River Garden Club
Nancy Mancusi accepting award*



LARKIN LIFE
MEMBERSHIP AWARD
*Fox River Valley District
Pat Ritchie, Director*



MURKEN MEMORIAL
SCHOLARSHIP FUND AWARD
*Sheboygan District
Joyce Beth, Director*



RUTH SMITH
EVALUATION AWARD
Dawn Mozgawa

Congratulations 2014 WGCF Award Recipients!!



FLOWER SHOW
ACHIEVEMENT AWARD #17a
Botany Belles and Beaus
Anita Voiles, President



FLOWER SHOW
ACHIEVEMENT AWARD #17a
Floral Designers of Wisconsin
Judy Newman accepting award



FLOWER SHOW
ACHIEVEMENT AWARD #17c
Madison District
Dawn Mozgawa accepting award



DOROTHY NELLE SANDERS
SMALL STANDARD FLOWER
SHOW AWARD # 21
Creative Flower Arrangers
Judy Pitcher accepting award



WISCONSIN JUDGES COUNCIL
EDUCATIONAL AWARD #22
Madison District
Gerianne Holzmann accepting award

WGCF AWARD EXPLANATIONS

Lydia Schafer Award Bronze Award	Given to an individual for distinctive achievement and/or service to WGCF Presented to a non-member for exceptional & outstanding accomplishments in any field that advances WGCF objectives
Creative Horticultural Award	Presented to a member who has made outstanding contribution to creative horticulture
Garden Club of the Year	Presented to the Garden Club whose achievements do the most to promote the objectives of WGCF
Gold Seal Club	Presented to a Garden Club whose point total is 91 or higher on the application for Garden Club of the Year
Wisconsin Civic Achievement Award	Presented to a club, clubs or district for a civic achievement in one of these categories: Civic Achievement, Preservation of Beauty, Operation Wildflower, Rustic Roads & Historic Trails
Kuether District Membership Award	Presented to the District having the greatest percentage of increase in membership
Pat Dvorak Yearbook Theme Award	Presented to the Club with the most effective use of a theme displayed throughout their yearbook
Larkin Life Membership Award	Presented to the District having the greatest percentage of increase in Wisconsin Life Memberships
Murken Memorial Scholarship Award	Presented to the District that gives the greatest amount of money per capita to the Memorial Scholarship Fund
Flower Show Achievement Awards	Criteria is listed in the WGCF Handbook, along with the procedure for applying for any of the awards listed above.



**FLOWER SHOW SCHEDULE
AWARD #23
Madison District
Dawn Mozgawa accepting award**



**DESIGN AWARD #27
Lake Wissota Garden Club
Sandra Kenner, President**

“And Then Some” Awards

Delores Rhyme, Coulee District

Pat Greathead, Madison District

Mary McDaniels, Fox River Valley District

Veronica Wallace-Kramer, Milwaukee District

Marsha Holter, Indianhead District

Marion Oldenburg, Sheboygan District

Deb Walters, St. Croix District

YEARBOOK AWARDS

CLUBS HAVING 12 MEMBERS AND UNDER

Creative Flower Arrangers Fox River Valley District 3rd Place

CLUBS HAVING 13-17 MEMBERS

Elm Grove Garden Club Milwaukee District 1st Place

Bay Gardeners Indianhead District 1st Place

Wisconsin River Garden Club Fox River Valley District 2nd Place

Sun Prairie Garden Club Madison District 3rd Place

CLUBS HAVING 18-22 MEMBERS

Lake Superior Garden Club Indianhead District 1st Place

Floral Designers of Wisconsin Milwaukee District 2nd Place

Paper Valley Garden Club Fox River Valley District 3rd Place

CLUBS HAVING 23-29 MEMBERS

Lake Wissota Garden Club St. Croix District 1st Place

Elmbrook Garden Club Milwaukee District 2nd Place

Bangor Garden Club Coulee District 3rd Place

CLUBS HAVING 30-39 MEMBERS

Whitefish Bay Garden Club Milwaukee District 1st Place

Lake Shore Garden Club Sheboygan District 2nd Place

Ikebana International #22 Milwaukee District 3rd Place

CLUBS HAVING 40 OR MORE MEMBERS

Green Thumb Garden Club Fox River Valley District 2nd Place

WISCONSIN 1st PLACE WINNERS: SMOKEY BEAR/WOODSY OWL CONTEST:

Grade 1	Grace Wenthold	Tilling Thyme Garden Club	Coulee District
Grade 2	Anna Lasater	Blue Star Garden Club	Fox River Valley District
Grade 3	Elizabeth Titus	Hill and Dale Garden Club	Coulee District
Grade 4	Amanda Gray	Paper Valley Garden Club	Fox River Valley District
Grade 5	Benjamin Gladen	Mound Vue Garden Club	Madison District



Convention Break-out Sessions on Birds by Anita Carpenter (above left), Biodigesters by Brad Spanbauer (above), Orchids by Mary Stewart (above) and Improving our Soil with Earthworm Castings by Steve Finley (above right) were educational and enjoyable for Convention-goers. Each presenter provided helpful information for gardeners.



Scholarship winners, Elizabeth Vind and Taylor Christiansen (front row) spoke about their educational and career plans during a Convention luncheon. Such energy and enthusiasm these two recipients have for their career fields!! WGCF Scholarship Selection Chair Mary Ellen Sedlacek and Carolyn Craig (back row) enjoyed further conversation with the students after their presentations.

Memorial Service

as presented at Convention by Wendy Kramer

“Poem of Life”

Life is but a stopping place, A pause in what’s to be
 A resting place along the road, to sweet eternity.
 We all have different journeys; different paths along the way;
 We were all meant to learn some things, but never meant to stay.
 Our destination is a place far greater than we know.
 For some, the journey’s quicker; for some the journey’s slow.
 And when the journey finally ends, we’ll claim a great reward, and find an
 Everlasting peace, together with the Lord.

This year’s memorials were given to the following:
 Doris Swartz, Greg Warner, Douglas Ogilvie, Myrtle Ogilvie, Stuart Nelson, Marian Mooney, Dorie Becker, Phyllis Guskowski, Dorothy Nelle Sanders,

Rosemary Sablejak, Blossom Skirvanie, Ruby Toft, William Kregel, Evelyn Eyermann, Dorothy Simon, Judith Forss, Sarah Stoll, Lois Doyle, Merle Klug, Karla Jill Koranda, Michele Marie Males, and Ida Schilstra.



We thank you Lord, for each life mentioned here and for the good deeds upon the earth. We pray that you will bless those who mourn, eternal God, with the comfort of your love; that they may face each new day with hope and the certainty that nothing can destroy the good that has been enriched with friendships and their lives encircled by your love. Amen

Submitted by Elvera Jacot, Memorials Chair

The Reflection Garden

On June 11th, 2014, the 13 members of the Willow River Garden Club of New Richmond, Wisconsin, proudly commemorated its Reflection Garden project at The Deerfield Senior Living Community and Gables Care Center with a “Dedication Celebration”. Celebrate, we did – for we had just completed a \$40,000 garden with meandering paths, a bird sanctuary with trees & shrubs to attract birds, a raised bed therapy garden, a rain garden, dry river beds, a bubbling fountain, a “Plant It Pink Garden”, attractive garden seating made of recycled plastic, wild flowers & grasses to attract butterflies, 800 tulip & daffodil bulbs, old time perennials, & some annuals for continuous color!

When the project was initiated in 2013, we didn’t know if it would take one year or five years to complete. Funding was critical, but the landscape architect’s plan for the garden that was posted close to the garden entrance generated excitement! As residents, family members, visitors, & businesses started to see the garden’s potential, their heartfelt gifts came pouring in. Over the summer, we completed the garden in four stages with over \$30,000 in donations received. Several foundations granted another \$10,000.

The rewards are many: wheelchair bound residents circling the garden with their loved ones, noting the new blossoms that have just opened; families and staff members enjoying their lunches or coffee breaks on the patio; a retired horticulturist planning the raised bed therapy garden and numerous residents gathering to plant it; a stroke victim learning how to say words by singing them with her music therapist on a beautiful sunny day in the garden – and we could go on...

I personally celebrate the members of the Willow River Garden Club who said, “yes” to an enormous project. Working with the challenges of construction debris, compacted soil, extreme heat & drought, members contributed hours of volunteer labor to help make it happen. The “little garden club that could” can now look forward to the continuing rewards of having created this beautiful peaceful garden for our senior living community.

Comments and questions may be directed to Carolyn Craig, Project Chairman – 715-246-6242 cacraig@frontiernet.net



This area features a Taylor's Sunburst Pine”, along with some of the Mary Ellen Jasper boulders, donated by a rock expert.



Looking into the garden from above and ground level, one can see the many features which are included in the Reflection Garden. Bird feeders and benches, rocks and trees, flowers and shrubs are all incorporated into the landscape.



WGSF President Sylvia Lowell, Project Chair Carolyn Craig, and Vern Lowell celebrated the Dedication of The Reflection Garden, with members of the Willow River Garden Club and community residents.



The 'Sugar Tyme' crabapple tree is enjoyed by the residents (photo above). The photo below shows a close-up of the raised bed planter, with wide ledge seating all around the edge. Planned & planted by the residents, there's a cherry tomato at each end along with the colorful annuals.



Awards

Liz Murken, Chair

Congratulations again to all the winners of the WGCF, presented at the WGCF Convention in May. The Award winners are listed in this issue of *Wisconsin Gardens*. The NGC Awards received at the recent convention in Norman, OK are also listed.

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

If you have questions on any awards, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yearbooks

Pat Ritchie, Chair

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

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

The Garden Clubs of Elm Grove,
Elmbrook & Mayfair Park Present...

**Tour
Le
Jardin**



**Saturday - July 19, 2014
10 am to 4 pm**

For tickets contact:

Carole Hopp at carolehopp@wi.rr.com or 414-771-7979

Diane Olsen at gunga_din13@hotmail.com
or 414-578-2513

\$8 in advance, \$10 at Gardens

– No Rain Date –

CLUB

O Starting with the Fall Issue of Wisconsin Gardens, there will be a section of this publication devoted to the sharing of ideas and thoughts by Club Presidents and members on various topics, such as program ideas, fundraisers, membership promotion and community activities.

R An email will be sent to club presidents asking for response to a particular item, such as "Please share an idea regarding a successful fund-raiser your Club has done" or "Please share an idea for a successful program".

N Club Presidents will also have the opportunity to submit questions that they might want others to respond to.

E This is your opportunity to network across the state as we "Flourish in a Garden of Change".

Carla Von Haden, Editor

Tri Council Tour and Meeting

Gretchen Vest, Chair

When I arrived in Oshkosh in pouring rain on the Monday evening before Convention, I did not hold out much hope for a sunny day for our tour at the Paine Art Museum and gardens the next morning. I picked up some ponchos at a gas station for people that did not have rain gear and told myself, "The gardens will still be beautiful." Tuesday morning was a very different story. Sunny and warm, it was all you could ask for a garden tour. We were off for the annual tour and meeting for Tri-Council.

We were divided into groups for the tour of the mansion. I hope the other groups had as knowledgeable and nice a tour guide as we had. What a house! I had never seen such interesting wood paneling. It was amazing. Then out to the gardens.

The front of the house was surrounded by wide beds of thousands of glistening tulips. Near the front door was a lovely magnolia I had never seen before called "Daybreak". It is now on my wish list. We moved to the back of the house and saw the herb garden and then walked through a sea of Virginia bluebells covering the floor of the woodland garden. We sat in the shade of the garage now converted to a new center with meeting rooms. Many people continued walking around the gardens until time for lunch.

After a sandwich and salad lunch we had our meeting. Vern Lowell, Vice Chairman, is working on our summer tour which will be held on July 26. We will be touring two gardens at Epic Headquarters, a software company, in the Madison area. I have seen Epic featured on "Outdoor Wisconsin" and it will be a real treat to view the gardens. Additional information is listed on the next page of *Wisconsin Gardens*. Remember, all of our tours are open to everyone. If you are interested in going on this tour, please let Vern or me know and we will get you the information. You may register for the tours by contacting Carole Hopp.



Strolling the gardens and meeting up with friends at the Paine Museum on a lovely spring day was very enjoyable!



WGCF President Sylvia Lowell (above photo) pauses during the tour of the Paine Gardens to entertain our group with playing the xylophone. Such a lovely treat to see tulips in many gardens around the Paine Museum.



Weather or NOT
A Standard Flower Show

Presented by
Floral Designers of Wisconsin
Garden Club

Member of National Garden Clubs, Inc.
Central Region
Wisconsin Garden Club Federation
Milwaukee District Garden Clubs

Thursday, August 7, 2014 through
Sunday August 10, 2014
During State Fair Hours: 9 am - 10 pm

State Fair Park - Horticulture Building
640 S. 84th Street
Milwaukee, WI

Entries open to all members of WGC

SUMMER 2014 TRI-COUNCIL TOUR



Two self-guided tours of themed gardens are available for WGCF members to explore at the **Epic Headquarters** • 1979 Milky Way • Verona, Wisconsin 53593

On the Central campus, you will see butterfly and gravel gardens followed by topiary elephants leading to the Asian garden near the Dungeons and Dragons building, complete with moat and drawbridge.

On the Prairie campus, observe flowers through a kaleidoscope, and take in the interior circus theme spilling to the outside in the form of a painted patio and an elephant fountain. Herb and cottage gardens are found here as well as sedum, ornamental onions and native coral bells growing over a green roof.

- ⊗ Date: July 26, 2014
- ⊗ Time: Meet up at Epic Headquarters at 10 a.m.
- ⊗ Cost: There is no charge for the self guided tour
- ⊗ Lunch: "Dutch treat" after tour

Please register for the Central campus or Prairie campus to attend our event.
E-mail Carole Hopp @ carolehopp@wi.rr.com or call (414) 771-7979 today!



Join us for the Tri-Council's epic tour of the EPIC gardens!



Floral Stock Sale

Silks
Drieds
Vases
Greens
Decorative Elements
Arrangements

Saturday
September 13th
10am - 5pm

Susan Bowen
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(262) 595-0401 - sbowen389@gmail.com
Mastercard - Visa - American Express Accepted

Wisconsin Judges Council

Lynn Laufenberg

Wisconsin Judges Council (WJC) is an educational organization for all NGC accredited Flower Show Judges and Student Judges completing and passing Course III of Flower Show School. WJC promotes the study and exhibiting of horticulture, the art of floral design and flower show procedure.

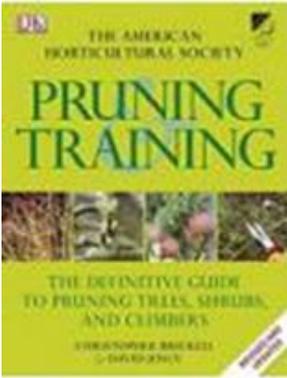
WJC welcomes all NGC members and clubs to ask for assistance in learning more information on presenting a flower show. All information regarding presenting and judging a Flower Show whether it be a Small Standard, Standard or Advanced Flower Show can be found in the Handbook for Flower Shows 2007. Updates to the Handbook can be found on the NGC website.

Wisconsin Judges Council meets yearly prior to Convention to study new information affecting flower shows both in horticulture and design. We currently have 29 members consisting of Student, Accredited, Master, Life and Emeritus levels.

"Keep your face to the sunshine and you cannot see the shadows. It's what sunflowers do." -Helen Keller

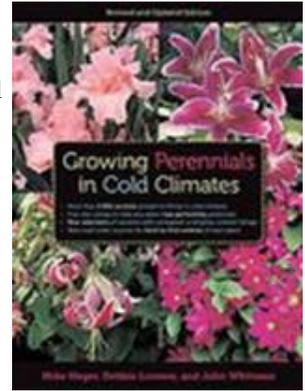
Book Review: Revised and Re-released Books

Kay Villa



The American Horticultural Society Pruning & Training, The Definitive Guide to Pruning Trees, Shrubs, and Climbers, Christopher Brickell & David Joyce, Doringly Kindersley, 2011
Suggested Retail \$22.95

Growing Perennials in Cold Climates, Mike Heger, Debbie Lonnee, and John Whitman, University of Minnesota Press, 2011
Suggested Retail \$39.95



Here are two books that need to be in your reference collection.

They've been out of print and have recently been revised, updated, and are now available to the public.

My family borrowed the *Pruning & Training* book from our local library when we were shaping our espalier apple trees. We liked it so much that we decided we had to buy a copy. We looked long and hard for a source to sell us the original 1996 hardbound edition; unfortunately we paid four times more than the current suggested retail price for the 2011 paperback edition. This book is a bargain for the extensive technical information found within. There is general, along with specific, information about pruning and training techniques. Plant dictionaries are listed in alphabetical order and provide guidance on how to prune and train various plant groups and families. The book is easy to read and it gives you step by step instructions on each technique along with simple diagrams to illustrate and emphasize the concepts discussed in the text instructions.

Growing Perennials in Cold Climates. This book is ideal for use by Wisconsin gardeners to identify plants that thrive in our temperate zones. The book was first published in 1998. One of the additions to the 2011 edition is information on new perennial selections with variegated or brightly colored foliage. The book lists more than 2000 varieties of perennials that thrive in cold climates; and it gives five star ratings to some of the plants to help you select the top performers. Lists of mail order sources help you source those hard-to-find varieties. I particularly like the way that each plant family has its own chapter and within this section you'll find great information on cultivars, their foliage or color, size, and hardiness.

Sheboygan District

Announces

New District Board Members

2015-2017

District Director - Gretchen Vest

Vice Director - Mary Kulhanek

Treasurer - Char Travis

Secretary - Doris Weber



Coulee District Gardeners congratulate Bangor Garden Club



Wisconsin Civic Achievement Award — 2014





YOUR WEBSITE

Susan Johansen

Calling on all members to visit the website.....

On the District/Club page, check out the various websites of our clubs and let them know that you appreciate their hard work.

Visit the Links page. Is your favorite gardening link missing? Contact me at h23j19@frontiernet.net and it soon will be added.

Thanks for your input and feedback.

Treasurers' Year End Report

Lynnette Rakun

At the end of the 2013/2014 year the WGCF Balance Sheet showed Assets of \$4,259.36 in checking, \$3,136.26 in savings and \$70,441.24 of restricted funds in T-Bill Savings and Certificates, for Total Assets of \$77,836.86. Income included \$11,185.25 in membership dues; \$1921.25 in Ways and Means revenue and \$1,639.50 in *Wisconsin Gardens'* advertising revenue. The 2014 Convention income was \$13,384.00 and the Tisket-a-Tasket raffle raised \$1006.00. Total income for the 2013/2014 year was \$29,148.79.

Some significant expenses included NGC Dues \$580.00, Travel Expenses \$2,609.09, Meeting Expenses \$1,834.67 and *Wisconsin Gardens* Printing and Postage \$9,612.79. Convention expenses totaled \$12,190.43. In addition, \$385.00 was given to the scholarship fund; \$276.00 to National President's Project; \$203.00 to Natural Disasters USA; \$26.00 to Natural Disasters International and \$3,000.00 to the Wisconsin President's project (Generation Park).

Total expenses were \$29,883.12. The Net Income for the year was -\$734.33.

Complete Balance Sheet and Income & Expense Reports are available from Treasurer Lynnette Rakun

Wisconsin Daylily Society's

HUGE Daylily Plant Sale

August 16 10 am to 4 pm **&** **August 17** 11 am to 3 pm

Olbrich Botanical Gardens, Madison

Thousands of Plants — more than 800 cultivars

Hardy, Wisconsin-grown, drought-tolerant plants

All are registered with the American Hemerocallis Society

Every plant labeled with name, color, size and bloom time

Large color photo of every cultivar

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Credit and Debit cards accepted

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Learn more at: wisconsindaylilysociety.org Or call 608-222-1933

Present this ad for \$1 off your purchase!!

Landscape Design School **Gretchen Vest, Chair**

On April 15 2014 it was tax day for most of the country but for twenty-nine students of Landscape Design it was the first day of the tenth series of classes that WGCF has sponsored. We met at the UW Arboretum in Madison. Ten people refreshed their certification and we had fourteen new students that took the exam. I am very happy to announce that everyone in the class passed the exam.

There did seem to be some confusion about the cost of taking the exam or getting refresher credit. The cost for either of these is \$5.00. This is listed on applications as \$5.00 Exam /refresher (Optional). The optional part refers to taking the exam or refreshing. You do not have to do this. If you do want to take the exam or refresh it costs \$5.00. This is passed directly to NGC. It is their charge to maintain records. I hope this clarifies this. Please remember, if you have not refreshed in five years please plan to take the course this fall. If this is not possible contact me for an extension. If you do not refresh you will be considered "lapsed" and will have to write to the National accrediting chairman to ask to be reinstated. This is not automatic. She will consider your reason and make a decision. It is a lot of trouble to go through for not refreshing in five years. I was so happy with the school. I know how much effort the instructors put into preparing their classes. They seem to

enjoy teaching for us and most will be back for the next school. I had no idea how hard putting together a school was. There are so many details to figure out. I could not have done this without Local Chair Vern Lowell and our registrar, Pat Anderson. They took care of everything from finding a meeting place to great food and getting all information about the students to me. I cannot thank them enough.

Our next school will be held October 1-2, 2014. Details about the location, and the application are on the next page.

CONGRATS TO

MARY KULHANEK



For Stepping Up to be a

3-year Strategic Planning Committee Member

and Supplying WGCF News

through local and state newspapers

Welcome

WGCF 2015 CONVENTION



Warm



Spring

or

Fall



Cold

"Take It To The Lake"

We have it all!

Barker's Island Inn - Superior

Indianhead District - Karmyn Brown - District Director

REGISTRATION FORM
Landscape Design School Series X - Course 2

October 1-2, 2014
First Baptist Church

NAME: _____
PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/ST/ZIP: _____

DISTRICT/CLUB: _____

E-MAIL: _____

Fees:

- Both Days ----- \$60
 - Both Days After Sept 1 ----- \$65
 - One Day ----- \$45
 - One Day After Sept 1 ----- \$50
- Choose date: October 1 or October 2
- Optional Refresher* / Exam* ----- \$5

ADVANCE LUNCH RESERVATIONS ONLY

- October 1 \$14.00
- October 2 \$14.00

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**WISCONSIN GARDEN CLUB FEDERATION
FLOWER SHOW SYMPOSIUM
"HIGH HOPES"**

SEPTEMBER 12-13, 2014

Location: Presbyterian Church of West Salem
625 Franklin St., West Salem, Wisconsin 54669

September 12th - Horticulture - 8:00 a.m.

"Hardy Heucheras" - "Delightful Dahlias"

Instructor: Gay Austin

McComb, MS

Allied Topic - "We've Got Collages" Workshop 6:30 p.m.

Instructor: Lynn Fronk

Worthington, Ohio

September 13th - "Sky High Kinetics" - 8:00 a.m.

Instructor: Lynn Fronk

Fees: \$88.00 Full time (Includes workshop)

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In Memoriam

Joan Behm, a longtime member of WGCF, passed away on June 18, 2014. Joan was a founding member of Tree City Garden Club, and also helped organize garden club in Berlin and Poy Sippi. In each of these garden clubs, she was an excellent example to all the members by spearheading community beautification projects. She had been an Accredited Flower Show Judge and a county fair flower judge for many years..

If she saw a beautiful garden in town, she would ask the owner if they wanted to become a garden club member. She never gave up trying to grow WGCF and felt the importance of the Federated Garden Club.



Tri-Council 

**Environmental Studies, Gardening Study
and Landscape Design Consultants**

- All Consultants (Environmental Studies, Gardening Study and Landscape Design) are welcome to join.
- Provisional Consultants, eligible after successfully completing 2 courses.
- Dues \$20.00 bi-annually.
- Meeting 1st day of WGCF Convention.
- Summer tour date: July 26, 2014 (All members of WGCF invited to attend.)

For more information, contact:
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Horticulture: New Plants for 2014

Nancy Gotham, Horticulture Chair

Part of gardening is an "act of optimism" according to *The American Gardener* magazine. There are many new plant introductions for 2014.

New Perennials are:

1. **Echinacea purpurea Supreme 'Cantaloupe'** is a double-flowered coneflower in a new orange color; grows 24-29".
2. **Dark Moody Blues Veronica**, (*Veronica spicata 'Novoverblu'*), grows 12-14" tall and wide. Other colors are 'Maue Moody Blues' and 'Pink Moody Blues'.
3. **'Beyond Blue' fescue grass** (*Festuca glauca*); Mark Dwyer of the Janesville gardens says the "steely blue" color never fades. Grows 9-12" high and 18" wide.
4. **Hosta 'Curly Fries'** is a miniature with rippled edges.
5. **Big Bluestem 'Rain Dance'**; its green, red-tipped foliage turns purple in late summer and bright red in fall. Small red flowers that form on the red stems make this cultivar even more interesting.
6. **Blue Towers' baptisia** has not had a new variety in ages. It has spiky-blooms that are long-lasting and plentiful.
7. **Hemerocallis 'Midnight Raider'** presents large, ruffled fragrant red-purple blossoms with yellow halos and green throats. Grows 30".

New Annuals are:

1. **Coleus 'Mighty Mosaic'** which was rated "superior" in the Penn State trials.
2. **Petunia x hybrid 'Cha-Ching Cherry'** has creamy-white flowers with vibrant cherry stripes and yellow throats. Grows 10-16" tall.
3. **Tassel Flower 'Irish Poet'** is a rare heirloom being reintroduced. The flowers are a tufted bright orange; easy to grow and loves sun; 18-24".
4. **Verbena 'Candy Stripe'** grows pink and red-striped blooms and has a trailing habit.
5. **Sunflower 'MS MARS'** is low-growing with a strong branching habit, and has flowers, leaves and stems in a shades of deep purple and red.

Edibles are:

1. **'Adelaide' carrot** is truly baby-sized; 3-4" long; matures in about 55 days.
2. **'Summer Girl' tomato** produces tomatoes in 49-52 days; 5-6 oz.
3. **'Bam' basil** does not bolt to seed because it is flowerless!

4. **"Babybeet' beet** is small enough to steam and is thin-skinned.
5. **'Indigo Sun'** is a *grafted tomato* growing to 36 to 60" and 3' wide. The plant produces tomatoes in clusters of eight. It is gold with burgundy shoulders. They are ideal for quartering and using in salads.

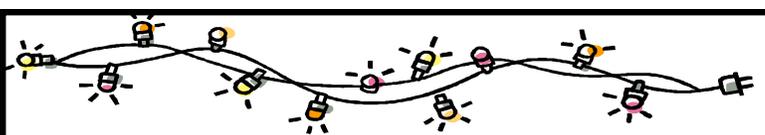
Trees & Shrubs are:

1. **'Lemon Lace' cutleaf elderberry** (*Sambucus racemosa*) has bright yellow-green foliage and grows 3-5'; is an eye-catcher in full or part sun according to Mark Dwyer.
2. **Skinny Genes Oak**, (*Quercus robur x Q alba 'JFS-KW2QX'*) has a very narrow, columnar shape; grows 45' tall and 10' wide. Its dark green foliage turns yellow in autumn.
3. **Golden Duchess eastern hemlock** (*tsuga Canadensis 'Monkin'*) grows on cascading branches and tolerates full sun. The shrubs grow 3-4' tall and 3-5' wide.
4. **'Cobalt-n-Gold' hypericum** is a 2-3' mounded shrub with exfoliating bark. Its silver foliage turns red, yellow and orange in autumn. Its 3/4" yellow flowers bloom in early summer.
5. **Lotus Moon pearlbus** (*Exochorda x macrantha 'Bailimoon'*). It has petite white five-petal flower buds that open and smother the bush in early spring.

All of the above-mentioned plants will thrive in growing zones 3 and 4.

Hopefully these new varieties will spur you to seek out these new plants and try some of them.

Happy Gardening!



**Western Acres Garden Club
and Milwaukee District Garden Clubs
Present**

Holiday Lights (A fundraiser)

November 22, 2014 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

November 23, 2014 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Tickets: \$5.00 in advance; \$6.00 at the door

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It's Never Too Early To Think About The Holidays.....

Please direct questions to: Kitty Larkin at kittysltr@wi.rr.com

Central Region Convention

October 9-11, 2014

Information, Registration Form, and the Flower Show Schedule are available on the Central Region website at:
www.ngccentralregion.org



Immediate Former President Marion Books (left) and WGCN President Sylvia Lowell (right) congratulate Liz Murken and Judy Newman, who will serve as Alternate Director and Director of Central Region from June 2015 to May 2017.

Home-made Deer Repellent

Submitted by Doris Weber

Commercial deer repellents are expensive and yet the active ingredient in most is something we have in our own kitchens — eggs. Try this recipe for home-made deer repellent.

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 egg
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1 Tbsp. Oil (can use Hot Chili Oil, but regular Vegetable oil is okay)
- 1 Tbsp. Dish Soap

Mix ingredients in gallon jug of water. Allow to “ferment” for several days/weeks. Filter out large sediment and apply with sprayer. Lasts for several weeks, even through rain.

(Editor's Note: Please report to Doris Weber how this works for you.)

Congratulations from Coulee District on these milestones:

West Salem Garden Club — 75 years

Bangor Garden Club — 60 years

Hill and Valley Garden Club — 55 years

*Thanks for your service
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DATES TO REMEMBER

SEPTEMBER

- 12-13 WGCF Flower Show Symposium, West Salem
- 27 NGC Fall Board Meeting, Des Moines, Iowa

OCTOBER

- 1-2 Landscape Design School, Madison
Series V, Course 2
- 9-11 Central Region Meeting, Oak Ridge Con. Cen.
Minneapolis
- 16 WGCF Executive Meeting, Barney Comm. Cen.
Sparta, WI

NOVEMBER

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

2015

- FEBRUARY** WGCF Executive Meeting, Rothschild

APRIL

- 10-11 Environmental Studies School, Mequon
Series V, Course 3

MAY

- 28-30 WGCF Convention, Barkers Island, Superior

JUNE

- WGCF Executive Meeting, Madison

SEPTEMBER

- 18-19 Environmental Studies School, Mequon
Series V, Course 4

A BIG THANK YOU

to Sheboygan District Director

JOYCE BETH

Finishing her term, guiding us through May 2015

From the Sheboygan District

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Coming in the Fall 2014 Issue: Birds, Directory; Environmental Study; NGC, CR and WGCF Life Members; Scholarships; Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl; Youth Activities. Articles also needed by general members, please consider writing about your garden, activities, club projects, etc.



As I'm looking out the window this morning, I'm reflecting on the joy and wonder of the past few weeks of working with children in summer school gardening classes. Our Garden Club was again privileged to be able to work with the local elementary school on planning and planting a school garden – we worked with children, ages 5 to 12, for three weeks. As the children were planning and drawing their gardens, one child told the teacher that she wanted to plant dandelions in her garden. Such joy those yellow flowers bring to children while we “older ones” grumble about them.

Perhaps our Club members gained as much from the wisdom of the children as the children gained from our gardening knowledge and experience. For example, there was the morning when a young girl, about 7 years old, told me that “You don't need to worry about winning. As long as your life is good, winning doesn't matter, you just have to do your best.” And in my mind, I'm wondering what brought that comment out at 8:00 a.m. Another day a little girl told me about how her family lived with grandpa and her grandpa is “real” – when I asked her to explain “real”, she said “my grandpa is here – he's not in heaven”. Oh these wise youngsters – how much they have to tell us when we take the time to listen.

It was enjoyable to share a little information from Convention with the children about the value of earthworm castings (okay, I will admit they loved it when I said “earthworm poop”!). That day, as we moved dirt from a pile into a container garden, many of them were looking for earthworms and making sure we had plenty in the garden. It was so sweet when one little one was carefully putting an earthworm into the container garden and kissed it goodbye as she placed it on the soil.

I know there were many more comments made to other Garden Club members about all that the children were discovering and learning in the garden and about nature. We each can help others enjoy the beauty of a flower, “take time to smell the roses” and maybe even kiss an earthworm.

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