





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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## President's Message



Summer! Finally! It's been a long time coming. I hope your gardens are a riot of color and that you have tried many new varieties of flowers and vegetables this year.

I planted 100 Thumbergia seeds in February and 85 of them germinated and grew.



After sharing with family and friends, I had 50 plants for myself. It has been fun finding new places to put them. I'm already planning for next year!

The Gathering for Gardeners is going to be a wonderful event. I hope that many of you choose to come and hear the wonderful speakers that we have lined up. Look for information on our website and contained within this issue of Wisconsin Gardens. In addition to the event, Stillwater, MN in the fall can't be beat! Come and join us for a paddleboat cruise on the St. Croix and be awed by the fall colors along both banks of the river.

We are working closely with a landscape architect to create the final plan for the Veteran's memorial and Blue Star Marker that will be dedicated on October 12 as the opening salvo of the Gathering. Things are moving right along at the site and we will be busy planting in no time. Thank you for your many donations to this project.

I attended the spring convention of the National Garden Clubs in Philadelphia as your representative. Kudos to those clubs who applied for and received monetary awards from the NGC. It reinforced the statement, "that you must apply to win". Elmbrook Garden Club from Brookfield, WI cleaned up and received over \$800 in various amounts for their efforts! Make sure that your clubs are documenting all the hard work that is being done in your communities so that when it is time to apply for monetary awards, you are ready.

I attended a meeting at the Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley on June 14. This is the organization that we have partnered with to manage the funds we deposited with them and manage the scholarship process. Look for an article in the next issue of Wisconsin Gardens describing our relationship. It was a very productive meeting and gave us a clear path for moving forward.

Wisconsin had another NGC Scholarship winner. Congratulations to Mikayla Moran for winning the \$4000 Kitty Larkin Scholarship.

Our June 14 meeting of the Executive Committee made many changes that will provide direct benefits to our members. We met in the morning in our core groups of Strategic Planning, Finance and Organizational Studies. These important committees will be sharing their outcomes with the membership soon.

Please remember to share your projects with our webmaster Debby Walters. We want to let everyone know how incredible our clubs are. This is a fine way to do it. If you have a Facebook page for your club, please like the Wisconsin Garden Club Federation page and we can share what you are doing. We have to use all of the benefits of social media!

*Warm regards,  
Peggy*

### ADVERTISING RATES

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## **Environmental School**

### **“The Living Earth”**

Gerianne Holzmann, Local Chair

Per the NGC Environmental School (ES) Handbook, the mission of the ES is “to teach environmental literacy to cherish, protect and conserve the living earth”. Environmental literacy is defined as “a learning process concerned with the interrelationship within and between the various components of the natural and human-made world producing growth in the individual and leading to responsible stewardship of the earth”. Furthermore, the goals and objectives of the Environmental School are as follows:

1. Develop a citizenry that is *aware* of and concerned about, the total environment and its associated problems, and which has the *knowledge, attitude, motivation, skill and commitment* to work individually and collectively toward solutions of current problems and the prevention of new ones
2. Promote NGC Environmental Schools
3. Foster value systems which preserve the biotic community
4. Increase awareness of the interdependencies of life on earth
5. Prevent pollution to protect public health and heal the planet
6. Help citizens become involved with their communities and the natural world
7. Network and reach out to all segments of the community to achieve common goals
8. Encourage conservation education programs in all levels of garden club activity
9. Promote the inclusion of environmental education in classrooms and youth organizations throughout the country
10. Establish Environmental councils to provide opportunity for personal growth and community service for environmental consultants.

Now that you know *why* we host Environmental Schools, please consider attending our upcoming Course 1 in Middleton, September 21 and 22, 2018. The presenters are all experts in the fields and come from a variety of backgrounds including the UW-Madison Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies, the Aldo Leopold Foundation and city sustainability programs. A tour of the Aldo Leopold Nature Center in Monona will help you get in touch with nature. There is even time before the tour to, on your own, visit the nationally recognized Dane County Farmers’ Market on the Capital Square. Environmental School is open to all garden club members as well as non-members. Consider inviting a friend to join you on a trip to Middleton.

Whether or not you believe in global warming, have or have not stopped using plastic straws or you just want to help the environment in your own backyard – this course is for you. Protecting the earth is the responsibility of all of us. Come learn how to do your part.

## **Gardening School Update**

Lucy Valitchka, WGCF Gardening Study Chairman

The addition of four newly accredited Gardening Consultants last September brought our current consultant numbers in Wisconsin to 25. They are Sandi Brown and Laura Skoff, Menomonee Falls, Cheryl Lauston, Brookfield and Jim Vest, West Bend. Jim joins Vernon Lowell as the second current male Gardening Consultant in Wisconsin.

Our schools are undergoing some positive changes.

1. All NGC schools will now have consistent names. The “Study” is dropped. For example now our school will simply be called, “Gardening School”. Those accredited will be called “Gardening Consultants”.
2. New Testing Procedure: Testing in all 3 school courses will be uniform. All exams will be open book. All exams will be measured on a Pass/Fail system (with 70%) correct as the guide.

This is good news to those who may be considering becoming a Gardening Consultant for our next school.

## News from Clubs around the State

### RACINE GARDEN CLUB

"Growing Gardeners Since 1927"

*Submitted by Lynn Felle*

The Racine Garden Club members worked hard preparing for the 2018 Summer Magic Garden Tour, which was held on Sunday, July 8<sup>th</sup> 2018, from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm. We hosted seven beautiful private gardens to tour this year. Attendees had a chance to see a variety of inspiring garden themes including formal European, native wildflower prairie, All-American mixed and Japanese Zen. This year's tour also featured a wide ravine filled with hostas, several extraordinary Koi ponds, specimen trees, owner-made metal garden art, fantastic succulents in containers, roses, medicinal herbs, industrious honeybees and an abundance of perennials and annuals. Garden owners were on hand to answer questions and offer suggestions.

The weather was wonderful and the Magic Garden Tour was a great success. Proceeds from this tour will be used to provide scholarships for local horticulture students, and support area civic projects. This is our way of Growing Future Gardeners in Racine.

The Racine Garden Club Program Committee organized a wonderful Shop Hop bus trip for our May meeting. We visited Yerke Frog Alley Greenhouses in Mukwonago and Ebert's Greenhouses in Ixonia, with lunch at the Maxim's Old Train Depot in Oconomowoc.

At Yerke Frog Alley Greenhouses, we filled the bus storage area with all our lovely plants. When we asked, "Where are we going to put our treasures we purchase at Ebert's Greenhouses?" Our bus driver informed us that any purchases from Ebert's, will need to be brought home on our laps. All went well and everyone and everything found a space on the bus. If you ever get the chance, you must check out these two wonderful greenhouses. You will not be disappointed.



*Photos of gardens that were a part of the Racine Garden Club's Magic Garden Tour*



## PLANTING WITH PATRIOTISM

### Spoooner Garden Club Helps Beautify WDV's Northern Cemetery

*(This article was printed in The Field Report, a publication of the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs.)*

May 2018 | By Chris Bucher

Every year after enduring months of subzero temperatures and digging out from several feet of snow, the Northern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery undergoes a special transformation. What once was a scenic winter landscape in the northern part of the state buds into a breathtaking site that honors military Veterans and their families.

The grounds crew at the Veterans cemetery works tirelessly on the beautification process during the spring, ensuring the 87 acres of land at the Veterans cemetery in Spooner continues creating a lasting memorial to the achievements and sacrifices of the more than 3,000 Veterans and their spouses interred there. Then, once the ground is finally thawed from the frigid winter temps, the process and preparation nears completion when a special group of volunteers visits the cemetery. The Spooner Garden Club, which has about 28 members, was formed in 1932 and has been a staple in the Spooner community ever since. Members have been coming to the cemetery for many years, primarily to maintain their own dedicated garden bed.

In recent years, though, the group has volunteered their time toward a special cause at the cemetery: Planting and maintaining hundreds of flowers around the grounds prior to the annual Memorial Day ceremony.

More than 400 individual plants are ordered every year, including Petunias, Zinnias, Potato Vines, Euphorbias and many more. Once they arrive, the garden club goes to work, sending about 15 members to plant all around the property. The process normally takes only one or two hours, Spooner Garden Club member Sue Wallace said.

"It makes you feel so good," she said. "We have so many members and family members in the military. Because it's a cemetery, you want to do something to make people feel a little calmer, a little more at ease and make them feel restful out there; it really does that."

Northern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery Director of Operations Dawn Anderson said the group offering to come forward to assist the cemetery in honoring Veterans and their families is valued by many. It also takes a lot of pressure off of the staff heading into the Memorial Day ceremony, she added. "Their efforts make a great difference on our timeline in preparation for our Memorial Day program," Anderson, a military Veteran, said. "What used to take us two days to plant takes them just a few hours."

Wallace, whose husband served in the military, said the cemetery holds special meaning to many in the group, making it even more inspiring to work on the project. "It makes us all feel like we're being a part of things," she said. "We're really helping out and we have this connection, a military connection, and we want to honor our military members who have passed on. "My husband was in the military, and that's where we're planning on going one day."

With the cemetery holding more than 250 services annually for Veterans and their families, Anderson said that the group's project and their continued upkeep on the landscaping throughout the year is deeply cherished. "Their willingness to share their time and talents is greatly appreciated by all of us here at the cemetery," she said. "Their volunteerism impacts our cemetery all season long - words cannot adequately express our gratitude for the difference they make at the cemetery."



In addition to the work and dedication put into the garden plot at the cemetery, the group maintains several gardens around the community. They also assist with the Washburn County Junior Fair, raise funds and awareness for multiple charitable causes around town and also sponsor several gardening clinics and seminars.



## CONGRATULATIONS 2018 AWARD WINNERS!!

### AWARDS ANNOUNCED DURING ANNUAL MEETING:

Creative Horticulture Achievement Award	Phyllis Scharner, Milwaukee Art Museum GC
Ruth West Horticulture Award	Lake Wissota Garden Club
Conservation Award	Elmbrook Garden Club
Wisconsin Civic Achievement Award	Lake Wissota Garden Club
Kuether District Membership Award	St. Croix District
Pat Dvorak Yearbook Theme Award	Lake Shore Garden Club
Murken Memorial Scholarship Fund Award	Fox River Valley District

### WGCF FLOWER SHOW AWARDS:

12.1	Flower Show Achievement Award, Standard (tie)	
	Floral Designers of Wisconsin	“Joyful Reflections”
	Oshkosh Garden Club	“Celebrating 50 Years as a Garden Club”
12.2	Flower Show Achievement Award, Small Standard	
	Botany Belles & Beaus Garden Club	
16.1	Dorothy Nelle Sanders Small Standard Flower Show Award	
	Botany Belles & Beaus Garden Club	
17	Wisconsin Judges Council Education Award	submitted by Helen Surridge
	Botany Belles & Beaus Garden Club	
18	Flower Show Schedule Award	submitted by Judy Newman
	Botany Belles & Beaus Garden Club	
19	Ruth Smith Evaluation Award	submitted by Helen Surridge
	Wendy Kramer St. Croix District	
21	Floral Design Award	
	Milwaukee Art Museum Garden Club	

### “And Then Some” Awards

Coulee District	<i>JoAnn Sprehn</i>	Madison District	<i>Marcia Topel</i>
Fox River Valley District	<i>Sue Swendrowski</i>	Milwaukee District	<i>Connie Sandell</i>
Indianhead District	<i>Sheri Alexsevich</i>	Sheboygan District	<i>Rosemary Haley</i>
		St. Croix District	<i>Sandy Loth</i>

## YEARBOOK AWARDS

<b>CLUBS with 12 Members or Less</b>	
Floral Designers of Wisconsin	First Place
<b>CLUBS with 13-17 Members</b>	
Elmbrook Garden Club	First Place
<b>CLUBS with 18-22 Members</b>	
Wisconsin River Garden Club	First Place
<b>CLUBS with 30-39 Members</b>	
Lake Wissota Garden Club	First Place
<b>CLUBS with 40 or More Members</b>	
Milwaukee Art Museum Garden Club	First Place

## CENTRAL REGION AWARDS

<b>Poetry Contest</b>		
Mackenna Gyron	First Grade, Second Place	sponsored by Paper Valley Garden Club
<b>Sculpture Contest</b>		
Dajanae Kolosso	Sixth Grade, First Place	sponsored by Paper Valley Garden Club
<b>Award 16 – Participation in Youth Contests</b>		
Wisconsin Garden Club Federation		Honorable Mention
<b>Yearbook Award</b>		
Lake Wissota Garden Club		Blue Ribbon



*During the April WGCF Annual Meeting, WGCF Grants were presented to representatives of six Garden Clubs: Willow River Garden Club, West Side Garden Club, Sun Prairie Garden Club, Lake Wissota Garden Club, Sugar River Garden Club, and Hill & Dale Garden Club. Projects include plantings at community gardens, a museum garden, an edible garden, a nature sanctuary, and a Gold Star Marker.*

**KNOW YOUR TRI-COUNCIL**  
**INTRODUCTION**  
**Article 1 of a Series**

**Vern Lowell, WGCF Tri-Council Chairperson**

At the Tri-Council's Annual Meeting Wednesday, April 25, 2018, the members present decided that we needed to begin a series of articles in *Wisconsin Gardens* bringing all WGCF members up to date on the role of Tri-Council and the schools we sponsor. This "introduction" is the first of the series.

Tri-Council is a standing committee of WGCF, like Judges Council. Its officers, elected by its membership, are Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer. Unlike most standing committees of WGCF, Tri-Council has its own Bylaws to guide our work. We hope to have them on the WGCF Website after making some needed revisions.

National Garden Club (NGC) develops the curriculum and procedures we must follow in making their schools available to our members. The schools are intended to help all NGC members continue to grow their knowledge and skills in the subject areas of gardening, landscape design and environmentalism. There is a series of four schools in each subject area. Schools are usually offered over two consecutive days in the spring and fall of two consecutive years. Any member may take these schools for their own edification or for "credit" on the way to certification as a "consultant" in that area of study. The four courses need not be taken in any specific order but must be successfully completed within a seven year period if working on becoming a consultant. Consultant candidates must pass an exam to successfully complete a course. Upon successful completion of all four courses in the series, a student is certified by NGC as a "Consultant" in that area of study. To keep this certification current, the consultant must "refresh" by attending additional schools in the same subject at regular intervals. No exam is required when you refresh.

Any WGCF member may join Tri-Council after successfully completing two courses in any of the three areas of study. Dues are \$10 per year. Tri-Council and Judges Council coordinate school schedules so we do not overlap dates and times. WGCF plans to have two different school series offered in each calendar year.

Watch for more about the schools themselves, including costs, and the workings of Tri-Council in future articles in this series.



*During Flower Show School, Course 1, Judy Newman (photo at left) instructed on Flower Show Procedure and Horticulture; and Helen Surridge (photo at right) instructed on Design.*



Wisconsin Garden Club Federation with  
Federated Garden Clubs of Minnesota  
present

**RIVER RENDEZVOUS**  
**October 12 - 13, 2018**  
**A Gathering for Gardeners**



**Water Street Inn**

**101 Water Street S., Stillwater, MN**

**Information & On-line Registration:**  
**[wisconsinclub.org](http://wisconsinclub.org)**

## **Come and Enjoy the 2018 Gathering for Gardeners**

The 2018 Gathering for Gardeners will be held in Houlton, WI and Stillwater, MN on October 12-13, and is sponsored by the Wisconsin Garden Club Federation and the Federated Garden Clubs of Minnesota. These two nonprofit organizations, members of the National Garden Clubs, are working together to promote the conservation and protection of the beauty and health of the St. Croix River and its watershed and to provide an ecologically friendly habitat for our native wildlife.

The event begins with a dedication of the Blue Star marker and gardens honoring our Veterans at the Trailhead in Houlton, WI. Working together with representatives from St. Croix County Land Development and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife, we have helped create a lasting, legacy project.

The St. Croix River divides our states and we are united through the Loop Trail. This trail traverses both states and crosses two bridges. We are celebrating the collaboration of the two states to get this project completed.

The speakers and programs for the GFG have been carefully selected to promote education about sustainability and the use of native vegetation to promote water quality and provide a sustainable habitat for future generations.

The following is from the National Garden Club's literature about planting native:

*We worry about some of our past gardening practices and what serious impacts they have had on our land, waterways, and our wildlife, especially our pollinators.*

*We know that chemicals that we have used in our gardens alter how children develop and lead to life-long effects, cause our pets to be at twice the risk of developing malignant cancer, reduce the hatching success and cause birth defects in our birds, and harm our earthworms and our beneficial insects and pollinators.*

*We know that runoff from rain and watering further contaminate our groundwater and watersheds.*

*We know that native habitats are decreasing at an alarming rate.*

Come and learn how you can be part of the solution to these problems.

It's also Harvest Fest in Stillwater on Saturday and Sunday! Come see the giant pumpkins and watch the pumpkin drop at 5:00 p.m., right outside the Water Street Inn!

Be prepared for a fun and educational weekend!

**RIVER RENDEZVOUS**  
**A Gathering for Gardeners — Schedule of events**  
**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2018**

- 10:30—11:30 a.m. Dedication of Pollinator Garden & Blue Star Marker at Loop Trail trailhead,  
70 County Rd. E, Houlton, WI
- 11:30 a.m. Embark St. Croix River Boat Tour, St. Croix Boat & Packet Co.,  
525 Main Street S, Stillwater, MN
- 12:00—2:30 p.m. Luncheon and Speaker Monica Zachay on boat tour

**The following activities are held at Water Street Inn, 101 Water Street S, Stillwater, MN**

- 3:30—4:30 p.m. Seminar: Monarch Venture, Cora Lund Preston
- 3:30—4:30 p.m. Seminar: Houlton School Garden Program, Sandy Madsen
- 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. Reception / Cash Bar
- 6:00 p.m. Banquet and Speaker Shelli Erck, Floral Designer

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2018**

- 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. WGCF Tri-Council Breakfast & Meeting
- 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. Seminar: Rock Sculptures, Peter Juhl
- 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. Seminar: Pollinator Friendly Alliance, Marcia Forsberg
- 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. Seminar: Jumping Worms & Other Concerns, Diana Alfuth
- 10:15 - 11:15 a.m. Seminar: From the Ground Up, Tips on Pruning & Timing, Jason Pruett
- 10:15 - 11:15 a.m. Seminar: Attracting Bees & Pollinators with Native Plants, Heather Holm
- 10:15 - 11:15 a.m. Seminar: Planning, Planting & Tending a Rain Garden, Lynn Steiner
- 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Seminar: Selecting Native Trees & Shrubs that Support Pollinators, Heather  
Holm
- 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Seminar: Midwestern Masterpiece Celebrating Plants & Plant  
Communities, Lynn Steiner
- 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. Luncheon and Speaker Fred Rozumalski
- 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. Hands-On Workshop: Bird Seed Wreaths
- 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. Hands-On Workshop: Autumn Wreath Making



### **St. Croix River Boat Tour**

Embark at St. Croix Boat & Packet Co., 525 Main Street S, Stillwater, MN, beginning at 11:30 a.m.. The boat leaves with or without you at noon! Don't be late!

Cruise with lunch and speaker 12: 00- 2:30 PM

Monica Zachay is the Land and Water Director with the St. Croix River Association (SCRA). Her job is to educate people about the watershed to reduce nutrient pollution runoff, restore unique habitats, and protect critical forestlands. Zachay received a B.S. in Natural Resources and

Environmental Studies from the University of Minnesota - Twin Cities.

Well-acquainted with water quality issues affecting the St. Croix River, Zachay will discuss water resource and water quality issues in the St. Croix watershed, and specifically, how water quality is connected to our surrounding landscapes. She will also address what the biggest threats to water quality are locally.



### ***Houlton School Garden Program, Sandy Madsen***

**Friday, October 12  
3:30 – 4:30 p.m.**

Want to teach children to garden? Sandy Madsen is a Master Gardener with a long standing connection to Houlton Elementary School in

Hudson. She leads a weekly student-based garden club where students (225 of them) plan, plant, maintain and harvest the garden. She was also instrumental in the building of Houlton's greenhouse. In 2017, Houlton was recognized as a Green Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education. Come and hear Sandy tell about her award-winning program in Houlton, WI. Come and be inspired!



### ***Friday Banquet Speaker Shelli Erck, Instructor at Koehler and Dramm Institute of Floristry***

**Friday, October 12  
6:00 p.m.**

Shelli developed a real passion for all things floral in 1984 when

she started working as a clerk in the local flower shop. She became a small business owner in 1991 and purchased Hudson Flower Shop in 1997. The store is celebrating over 70 years in the same location on Locust Street. Hudson Flower Shop has been awarded Saint Croix Valley Best Florist in 2016/ 2017/ 2018. Saint Croix Valley Business of the Year 2017. Hudson Area Chamber of Commerce Member of the Year. The Best of Bloomnation as well as Teleflora and FTD top members. Shelli is an avid reader, anything from Industry magazines to political theory, however she has a particular fondness for Kurt Vonnegut. Shelli is a long term member of Society of American Florists, Wisconsin Upper Michigan Floral Association, Hudson Area Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Bureau, and Hudson Rotary. Her work is inspiring and unusual. Shelli will be designing with native flowers from our gardens, weather permitting, and will be using other plant material.



### ***Monarch Venture, Cora Lund Preston***

**Friday, October 12  
3:30 - 4:30 p.m.**

Cora is the Communications Specialist for the Monarch Joint Venture, where she works to engage people across the country

in monarch conservation. Cora studied Environmental Science, Policy and Management with a focus in Environmental Education and Communication at the University of Minnesota. Learn what is currently happening in this important project.



***Rock Sculptures,***  
***Peter Juhl***  
**Saturday, October 13**  
**9:00 - 10:00 a.m.**

Artist Peter Juhl presents a hands-on program on Rock Balancing.

Peter has been balancing rocks for over 20 years and has turned it into art form.

He has taught classes on the

art of stone balance at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, Sugarloaf Cove and Scientific and Natural Area, and Art in Bayfront Park in Duluth. He spends much time on the North Shore of Lake Superior where some of the best raw materials can be found. He has published *Center of Gravity: A Guide to the Practice of Rock Balancing*.

**This seminar is limited to 35**



***Pollinator Friendly Alliance,***  
***Marcie Forsberg***  
**Saturday, October 13**  
**9:00 - 10:00 a.m.**

Marcie Forsberg is the co-executive director for Pollinator Friendly Alliance located in Stillwater. As a

spokesperson for the Pollinator Friendly Alliance she gives many presentations to garden clubs, beekeeping clubs, environmental groups, civic groups and more. She is the owner of Green City Gardeners which provides professional gardening services, landscape design, and sustainability consulting. Beekeeping is also one of her interests. The presentation will discuss how to create habitat for butterflies, bees and other pollinators in your yard, beyond planting flowers.



***Jumping Worms & Other Concerns,***  
***Diana Alfuth***  
**Saturday, October 13**  
**9:00 - 10:00 a.m.**

Jumping worms are coming! Are you ready? Come and learn about this new pest. Diana will also address other concerns that

you might have.

Diana Alfuth teaches Landscape Design at UW-River Falls, and owns a landscape design business, Crickhollow Landscape Design. She is also a Horticulture Educator for UW-Extension in Pierce and St. Croix Counties. She has been featured on Larry Meiller's Garden Talk Show and is a contributing writer for *Wisconsin Gardening*.



***From the Ground Up: Tips on Pruning and Timing,***  
***Jason Pruett***  
**Saturday, October 13**  
**10:15 - 11:15 a.m.**

Jason Pruett is a dedicated and accomplished arborist, teacher, advisor, and consultant. As owner of

Treehugger Tree Care, he is determined to provide the best care for the trees and shrubs in your yard. Young tree pruning is essential in the overall care and longevity of trees. It is an often over looked process for both consciously planted and volunteer tree selections. It can be confusing to know what cuts to make. Yet, like a parent tenderly cares for a child, a tree needs on going care and guidance as it grows. Jason will guide you through the various pruning techniques for young and veteran trees alike. Pruning topics discussed will include crown cleaning, thinning, reductions, raising, subordinations, retrenchments, and fractal pruning. Actual young trees will be pruned during the presentation.



***Heather Holm***  
**Saturday, October 13**  
**10:15 - 11:15 a.m.**  
***Attracting Bees and Beneficial Insects with Native Plants***  
**11:30 a.m. - 12:30 a.m.**  
***Selecting Native Trees and Shrubs that Support Pollinators***

Heather Holm, author of the recently-released book *Pollinators of Native Plants and Bees*, is a landscape designer and consultant specializing in native plant landscapes and landscape restorations. She studied both horticulture and biology at the University of Guelph in Canada. Heather and her husband currently live in Minnesota. She is a self-employed author, designer, and publisher. The most recent research project was a two-year study to determine the types of native bees present in cultivated blueberry farms in Minnesota and Wisconsin. Her expertise in native plants and the advantages they provide for bees and other beneficial insects will help you make wise decisions as you landscape your yard. She will talk about the predator-prey relationships of these flower-visiting insects and how they help keep problem insect populations in balance. Examples of native plants for different site conditions will also be covered.

**Lynn Steiner**

**10:15-11:15 a.m. Planning, Planting & Tending a Rain Garden**

**11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Midwestern Masterpiece: Celebrating Plants and Plant Communities**

Lynn Steiner is one of the Upper Midwest's best known garden writers and a frequent speaker at gardening and environmental events. She is the author and photographer of *Landscaping with Native Plants of Minnesota*, the first book designed to identify Minnesota's native plants and plant communities and to demonstrate how to use them effectively in a typical home landscape. She is also a frequent contributor to *Northern Gardener*. She has developed a practical approach to using native plants in gardens and landscapes. The goal is a beautiful garden where you can satisfy your love of tending plants without causing further harm to the natural world. Lynn has a great appreciation of the unique beauty and diversity of Midwestern plants. She will share this love and knowledge with us plus show how our yards and gardens can be patterned after what occurs naturally. Design and appropriate plants are the key to success.

**Saturday Luncheon Speaker, Fred Rozumalski**



### **Sustainable Landscape Design and Water Quality**

Fred Rozumalski holds degrees in Horticulture, Ecology and Landscape Architecture. He is currently employed as a Landscape Ecologist with Barr Engineering Company in Minneapolis, Minn., and has worked on projects involving native plant community restoration, storm water harvesting, and sustainable landscape design. He strives to create diverse, ecologically sound and attractive landscapes that function to meet people's needs and desires. Rozumalski has co-authored *Lakescaping for Wildlife and Water Quality* with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and is currently adjunct faculty in the department of Landscape Architecture at the University of Minnesota.

### **Hands on Workshops**

**Saturday, Oct 13 3:00-4:30 p.m.**

#### **Fall Wreath Workshop**

Jenn Hovland, CPF, a florist and horticulturist for over 25 years, lives in Stillwater and is the founder and creative designer of Fleur de Louise Flower Studio where she gardens, creates floral designs, consults, teaches and writes about floriculture and horticulture. She will guide us through the creation of an autumn wreath to grace your home.

**Materials included in the \$35 fee. This workshop is limited to 30 participants.**

#### **Bird Seed Wreath Workshop Caring for the birds and bird seed wreath making**

Members of the Botany Belles and Beaus of Baldwin, WI will teach you how to make a bird seed wreath. You will be able to make more at home after this workshop and keep your birds happy during the lean winter months when it can be difficult for them to find adequate protein.

What a great holiday gift for birding friends, not to mention a year-round treat for your feathered friends!

**Materials included in the \$15 fee. This workshop is limited to 30 participants.**

**Registration**  
**Wisconsin Garden Club Federation**  
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**October 12-13, 2018**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Package Plans do not include Workshops**

	<b>Full Package</b> [Includes all seminars, Friday Boat tour, and 3 meals: Lunch and dinner on Friday and Saturday Lunch	\$138
	<b>Saturday Package Only</b> [Includes all seminars and Lunch Buffet	\$50
	Friday St. Croix River boat tour, lunch, & speaker <b>Only</b>	\$40
	Friday Banquet with Speaker <b>Only</b>	\$48
	Saturday Lunch buffet with Speaker <b>Only</b>	\$35
	<b>Workshop 1:</b> Autumn Wreath making	\$35
	<b>Workshop 2:</b> Creating Bird Seed Wreaths	\$15

Registrations are non-refundable.

Registrations received after September 28, 2018

will require an additional \$20 processing fee.

**Mail registration:** complete form and send with check [payable to WGCF] to Susan Johansen, Registrar, 2249 122<sup>nd</sup> St, New Richmond, WI 54017 h23j19@frontiernet.net or 715-248-7870.

**Register on-line:** [www.wisconsin-gardenclub.org](http://www.wisconsin-gardenclub.org)

(Registering on-line requires a \$3.00 processing fee.)

Rock Sculpture seminar is limited to 35 attendees.

Check here if you plan on attending the Rock Sculpture seminar.



**Flower Show School Course 2**

- Flower Show Procedures      2 hours
- Horticulture                    5 hours
- Design                              5 hours

**Required Reading**

The following required reading list applies to all Flower Show School courses.

Student Outlines provided by each course instructor.

- The National Gardener Magazine*
- 1344 Handbook for Flower Shows, 2017 Revised Edition (3-ring binder) \$25.00*
- 1341 Horticulture Exhibiting and Judging \$30.00*

**Recommended Reading:**

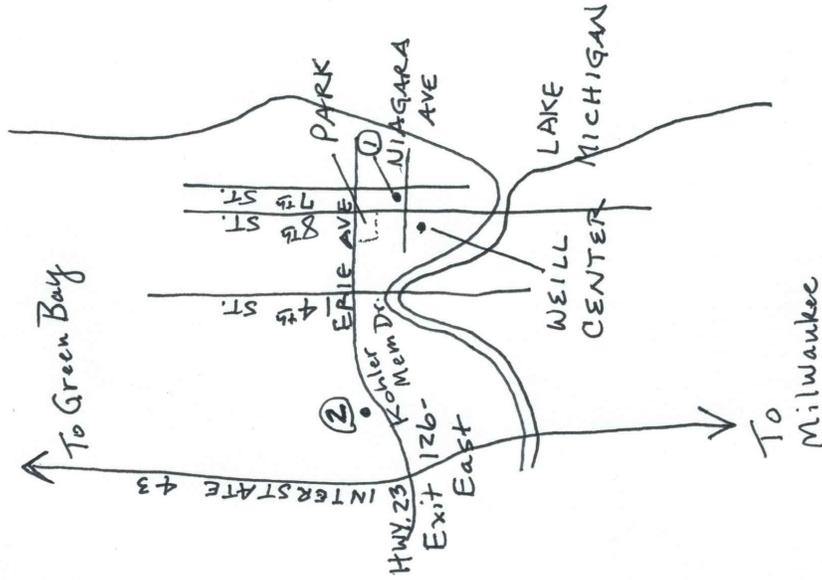
- Guide to the New Petite Floral Designs*  
Anna Burns
- Hortulana The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Edition*  
Heber \$10.00
- Designing By Types (Osborne) \$44.00*
- Table Settings for all Seasons (Wood & Smith)*
- Plant Families for Designers Constructing Monobotanic Design*

**Recommended Lodging:**

La Quinta Inn 920-457-2321  
2932 Kohler Memorial Dr, Sheboygan, WI  
(6 minutes from Weill Center)

Grand Stay Residential Suites 920-208-8000  
708 Niagara Ave, Sheboygan, WI  
(1 block from Weill Center)

- (1) Grand Stay Suites  
708 Niagara Ave.  
920-208-8000
- (2) LaQuinta Inn  
2932 Kohler Memorial Drive  
920-457-2321



Free student parking – enter municipal lot south from Niagara Ave mid-block between 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Streets. Use pedestrian walk way south of Black Pig Restaurant to access 8<sup>th</sup> Street. Meeting room is located on west side of 8<sup>th</sup> Street at 816.

# FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL

**COURSE 2, SERIES IX**

**September 7-9, 2018**

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# PROGRAM SCHEDULE

## Friday, September 7, 2018

- 8:00-8:25 Registration
- 8:25-8:30 Announcements & Introductions
- 8:30-9:30 Flower Show Procedure – David Robson, Instructor
- 9:30-10:30 Horticulture – David Robson Instructor
- 10:30-10:45 Break
- 10:45-12:30 Horticulture Instruction
- 12:30-1:30 Lunch
- 1:30-3:45 Horticulture/Point Scoring Practice
- 3:45-4:00 Break
- 4:00-5:00 Horticulture Point Scoring Exam

## Saturday, September 8, 2018

- 8:00-8:25 Registration
- 8:25-8:30 Announcements & Introductions
- 8:30-9:30 Flower Show Procedure, David Robson, Instructor
- 9:30-10:30 Design, Lynn Fronk, Instructor
- 10:30-10:45 Break
- 10:45-12:30 Design Instruction
- 12:30-1:30 Lunch
- 1:30-3:45 Design Instruction & Point Scoring Practice
- 3:45-4:00 Break
- 4:00-5:00 Design Point Scoring Exam

## Sunday, September 9, 2018

- 9:00-12:00 Written Exam

# INSTRUCTOR PROFILES

**David Robson** is a retired horticulture and pesticide safety specialist with the University of Illinois. A graduate of Iowa State University and the University of Illinois, he has taught more than 37 years.

He is an NGC Flower Show School and Symposium instructor, teaching Horticulture and Flower Show Procedure. He worked on the 2017 *Handbook for Flower Shows*, and the NGC *Horticulture Exhibiting and Judging* book. He currently serves on the NGC Flower Show Schools Committee as Chairman of Horticulture and Flower Show Procedure Instructors.

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**Lynn Fronk** is a NGC Master F S Judge, F S Schools Design and F S Procedure Instructor. She has taught in 40 states, Mexico, and several South American countries. She has judged the Philadelphia F S, Newport F S and the Rhode Island F S. She is currently the Immediate Former President of G C of Ohio; serves as Symposium Chm. She is the Accrediting Chm. for the F S S committee for NGC.

Lynn is a member of Serendipity G C, Creative Arrangers Guild, Great Lakes Atelier Floral Design Group, and National Flower Arrangers Guild. She is a retired nurse from Children's Hospital and is active in many community activities such as Beaux Arts of the Columbus Museum of Art, Childhood League Assisting Board IX and the Columbus Polymer Clay Guild. She is the author of "Merry Christmas From My House to Yours". A small booklet on "Using Natural Materials for Holiday Designs."

# REGISTRATION FORM

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ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

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Choose Attendance type:

\_\_\_\_\_ 2 Day Course \$75.00

\_\_\_\_\_ 1 Day Only \$40.00

\_\_\_\_\_ September 7 OR \_\_\_\_\_ September 8

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Lunch Optional – Registration Required

\_\_\_\_\_ Sept 7 \$10.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Sept 8 \$10.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount Payable

Make check for total payable to WCGF Flower Show School. Send all checks to Lynette Rakun, 6622 County Rd V, Sheboygan Falls, WI 53085. Ph: 920-946-1673  
 Imrakun@live.com

**Registration - Environmental School  
Series 6, Course 1 September 21 & 22, 2018**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/ST/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Club/District \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Fees**

- \$60 Both Days
  - \$40 One Day:  Sept 21  Sept 22
  - \$12 Sept 21 Lunch
  - \$12 Sept 22 Lunch
  - \$5 Exam Fee - studying to be an ES Consultant
  - \$5 Refresher Fee - current ES Consultants
  - \$10 Late fee if postmarked after Sept 14
- Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check to **WGCF Environmental School** and send to **Sylvia Lowell, Registrar**  
3435 State Rd. 78, Mount Horeb, WI, 53572

**NO REFUNDS AFTER SEPTEMBER 14, 2018**

**Lodging**

There are many hotels in the Middleton area.  
<https://visitmiddleton.com/lodging/>

**Contact Information**

**Local Chair & Interim WGCF Environmental**

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**Environmental School Registrar:** Sylvia Lowell

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**WGCF President:** Peggy Grubbs

2350 80<sup>th</sup> Street, New Richmond, WI 54017

peggymcgrubbs@aol.com 715-248-3943

**Required Reading**

*The National Gardener* - National Garden Clubs, Inc.

*Bringing Nature Home*; Douglas Tallamy

*Living in the Environment*; G. Tyler Miller, Jr. - any edition, read glossary & index for vocabulary

- 7<sup>th</sup> Edition, chapters 1, 2, 4, 5, 16, 20
- 8<sup>th</sup> Ed, ch 1, 2, 4, 5, 16, 20
- 10<sup>th</sup> Ed, ch 1, 2, 5, 6, 13, 25
- 11<sup>th</sup> Ed, ch 1, 4, 6, 7, 9, 23, 24
- 12<sup>th</sup> Ed, ch 1, 2, 4, 6, 9, 11, 16, 20, 22, 26 - 28
- 13<sup>th</sup> Ed, ch 1, 2, 4 - 9, 12, 21 - 23
- 14<sup>th</sup> Ed, ch 1 - 9, 11 - 13, 15, 18 - 21
- 15<sup>th</sup> Ed, ch 1 - 4, 8, 10 - 14, 17, 18, 21
- 16<sup>th</sup> Ed, ch 1 - 7, 9, 10, 12, 15, 16, 22, 24, 25 plus supplements 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 11, 12
- 17<sup>th</sup> Ed, ch 1, 5, 6, 9, 10, 21, 22, 25 plus supplements 3, 6 & Glossary

**Required Vocabulary**

Biological amplification, biological diversity, biome, biosphere, carrying capacity, consumer, decomposer, ecological niche, ecology, ecosystem, Endangered Species Act, environment, environmental degradation, environmental science, EPA, food chain, geosphere, habitat, hydrologic cycle, producer, sustainable, symbiotic relationship, synergistic interaction, tragedy of the commons

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Environmental School,  
Series 6, Course 1



September 21 & 22, 2018  
Middleton (Morey) Airport  
8300 Airport Road  
Middleton, WI

## *Environmental School Series 6, Course 1*

### *Friday, September 21, 2018*

7:45 - 8:15	Registration
8:15 - 8:30	Welcome & Introductions
8:30 - 9:30	Environmental Issues - Maine
9:30 - 10:30	Historical Environmental Actions & Leaders - Maine
10:30 - 10:45	Break
10:45 - 11:45	Networking & Outreach - Shaw
11:45 - 1:00	Lunch
1:00 - 2:00	Sustainability - Hoffman & Reece
2:00 - 3:00	Backyard Wildlife Habitat - Drake
3:00 - 3:15	Break
3:15 - 4:15	Plants - Biodiversity - Beck

### *Saturday, September 22, 2018*

8:30 - 10:30	Field Trip - Aldo Leopold Nature Center* - meet at ALNC, 330 Fernite Drive, Monona, WI
10:30 - 11:00	Travel back to Middleton
11:00 - 12:00	Ecology - Temple
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch
1:00 - 2:00	Environmental Science - Rob Beattie
2:00 - 2:30	Review
2:30 - 5:30	Exam - open book

\*There are no test questions on the field trip, all other topics require an exam plus questions from required reading & vocabulary. Textbooks are NOT available for sale at the school.

## *Presenters*

**Jared Beck** is a PhD candidate in the UW Madison Botany department studying plant ecology. His research focuses on what controls the distribution, abundance and diversity of plant species in Wisconsin.

**Rob Beattie** is the Co-Director of the Community Environmental Scholars Program at the UW Nelson Institute. He holds a PhD in environmental planning from MIT.

**David Drake** is a Professor and Extension Wildlife Specialist for UW Madison. He has taught courses in ornithology, urban wildlife management and wildlife damage management.

**Jeanne Hoffman** is the Facilities and Sustainability Manager for the City of Madison. She is the team leader to build, remodel and maintain the city's 300 buildings in a sustainable manner.

**Curt Meine** is a Senior Fellow at the Aldo Leopold Foundation/Center for Humans and Nature. He is an Adjunct Associate Professor at UW Madison in Forest and Wildlife Ecology.

**Stacie Reece** is the Sustainability Coordinator for the City of Middleton. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Sustainable Management.

**Bret Shaw** is an Associate Professor in the Department of Life Sciences Communication at the UW Madison. His credentials include a PhD in Mass Communication.

**Stanley Temple** is a Beers-Bascom Professor Emeritus in Conservation from the UW Madison and is a Senior Fellow at the Aldo Leopold Foundation. He has taught over 10,000 students.

## *Field Trip*

**Aldo Leopold Nature Center (ALNC)** is an independent, non-profit organization. Through hands-on interactive programs and special exhibits, ALNC is leading the way to engage, educate and empower the next generation of stewards of the land for a healthy, happy, and sustainable future. We will explore their Science Education Center as well the wetland, woodland and prairie trails.

### *Become an Environmental Consultant*

- Belong to garden club affiliated with a state garden club within National Garden Club, Inc.
- Earn a passing grade of 70% on all exams in all four course
- Complete all four courses and submit consultant accreditation application
- Subscribe to *The National Gardener*

### *Newmember Students*

- May attend all courses & take exams
- Receive a certificate of completion upon attending all four courses
- May receive consultant status, as noted above, upon joining a garden club within one year of course completion

### *Refresher Credits*

Refresher credits for consultants and master consultants are required within five years of obtaining consultant status. A course may be taken for credit one time per calendar year.

# Operation Wildflower

Diane Powelka, Chair

“Quiet please, grass is growing.” Now that would be a new phrase!

Native grasses are quietly growing and we usually don't notice them until they have the height, width or sometimes a distinct smell. Side Oats Gama is one of those. What a lovely little grass that could be used in a border or small hedge.

What about using a small grass like Little Bluestem in your container? It has a beautiful color and something most gardeners would not think of using in their containers. You could also use Prairie Dropseed.

Tall grasses are best for color in fall, but they are also wonderful in prairies. They support the forbs and co-exist nicely. Switch grass is nice but not the easiest to walk through. Big Bluestem in a large prairie is outstanding. In wet areas, plant Indian grass, Prairie Cordgrass, Big Bluestem, Woolgrass and Bluepoint grass.

Remember to be quiet as other little insects and a few butterflies use the grasses, so look closely and see what is happening in your area.

The book I would recommend is *Grasses: An Identification Guide* by Lauren Brown. It has various native and non-native grasses and is a fun book to identify grasses.



A Gold Star Memorial will be placed in the Gold Star Memorial Garden on Madison's Capitol Grounds presented by the State of Wisconsin, Wisconsin Garden Club Federation and National Garden Clubs, Inc.

You are invited to attend this Dedication ceremony Wednesday, August 22, 2018, at 10:00 a.m.

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## GROWING YOUNG LEARNERS

By Sandy Madsen

*(Sandy will be presenting a seminar at Gathering for Gardeners. See page 12.)*

Houlton Elementary, a rural school of 226 K-5 children, in the Hudson School District sought out Master Gardeners to lead a student-based gardening program. The principal emailed the St. Croix Valley Master Gardener Association in search of a willing volunteer, and I responded. The school was already very conscious of environmental concerns and encouraged many sustainable activities. They were ready, willing and able to add more health and nutrition to their curriculum through gardening.

The program began in 2009 and grew slowly over the last 10 years. By creating additional learning experiences every year, the gardens now include a perennial flower garden, a 1-acre restored prairie, an 80' x 12' bed for corn, beans, squash, raspberries and asparagus, a 700sq ft rain garden, a butterfly garden and 5 raised beds for vegetables, fruits and seed trials. Just last year their dysfunctional, glass sun room was replaced through generous grants. We now have a beautiful 12' x 20' greenhouse!

This program thrives because of unwavering support from every person in the school as well as the St Croix Valley Master Gardeners Association (SCVMGA). The Principal and her Administrative Assistant are on the front lines fighting for many things that promote our program, such as applying for grants and recruiting families to volunteer during the summer. There is unlimited support from the custodians, who among many other activities, take a leadership role by assisting composting. The cafeteria cooks inspire us by preparing and serving whatever we grow and harvest, for example, kale chips, roasted Brussels sprouts and pizza sauce, which are devoured by the students. The enthusiasm of the teachers and students often amazes each of the Master Gardener volunteers, as every student in every classroom is involved. The gardening curriculum often embellishes the academic curriculum. An example of this is the enrichment of the Native American Unit through planting a Three Sisters bed full of corn, beans and squash.

The SCVMGA supports the program both financially and physically. The Houlton gardening program has received a SCVMGA grant every year since its inception. Also, many Master Gardener Volunteers come when needed. Like the day the Rain Garden was planted, when 10 Master Gardener Volunteers helped 40 fifth (5th) graders plant over 400 plants. There are a few dedicated Master Gardener Volunteers that lead the students each and every week during the growing season. The school's gardening program has 5 components that all work together:

1. Composting- cafeteria scraps as well as garden refuse enhance composting.
2. Classroom planting projects- each of the 11 classrooms has two planting projects, one starting in the greenhouse and one outside.
3. Garden Club- each classroom sends three different students each week during noon recess for garden maintenance.
4. After School program- takes responsibility for the flower gardens.
5. Summer Family Volunteers- each week, one or two families assist with harvesting and maintenance.

Houlton Elementary School was designated as a 2017 US Department of Education Green Ribbon School. The school has a superior level of accomplishment in all of the required qualities for this recognition. The award is given to schools that reduce environmental impact, improve health and wellness and provide effective environmental and sustainability education. The entire school is committed to all of these behaviors, which are also used as the foundation of their gardening program.

It is truly a delightful and rewarding Master Gardener project.

Learn more about the Master Gardener program at [www.wimastgardener.org](http://www.wimastgardener.org)



## Dates to Remember

### 2018

- September 7-9 Flower Show School Course 2,  
Sheboygan, WI
- September 21-22 Environmental School,  
Middleton, WI
- September 26-28 NGC Fall Board Meeting,  
Orlando, FL
- October 12 Dedication of President's Project and  
Blue Star Marker, Houlton, WI
- October 12-13 River Rendezvous:  
A Gathering for Gardeners,  
Stillwater, MN
- October 22-23 Central Region Convention,  
Frankenmuth, MI

### 2019

- February 21 Executive Committee Meeting,  
Rothschild, WI
- May 16-18 WGCF Convention,  
Madison, WI

### IN MEMORIAM Rev. Dr. Joan Goebel



We were saddened to learn of the passing of a dear gardening friend, Joan Goebel. Gardening was Joan's passion, and she served in leadership roles in Bay Gardeners Garden Club, Indianhead District, and WGCF.

At the age of 37, Joan responded to the call to ministry. At that time, she had only received her high school diploma. In six years, she earned a Bachelor of Arts and Master of Divinity degrees. Later she received a Doctor of Divinity degree. She served as pastor at United Methodist Churches in Willow Valley, Watertown, Superior, East Troy, Hudson and Duluth.

## Address changes and corrections should be sent to Membership Secretary

**Maureen Wild Gordon**  
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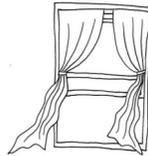
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**Deadline for Fall Issue: September 1 — Submissions Welcome**  
**Publication approximately: October 1**

**Coming in the Fall 2017: Award Deadlines; Backyard Wildlife Habitat; Blue Star/Gold Star Markers; Endangered Species; Gardening School; Horticulture; Scholarships.**

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

Looking out my window, I'm reflecting on the opportunities that are presented in this issue of *Wisconsin Gardens*. As I work on each issue, it is exciting to read the variety of articles and information from officers and WGCF Chairs, and I hope you enjoy them also. This particular issue is packed with events to attend, as well as celebrating the accomplishments of Clubs during the past year.



If you happen to be looking out your window and wondering why this issue of *Wisconsin Gardens* was delayed — I want to tell you that it's the story of an old computer that got the best of me as I was trying to get this issue put together. There were moments when I thought I lost all of the articles and photos — a few frazzled words might have slipped out of my mouth at that time! I'm now working at a new computer and it's time for this old person to learn some new programs. I want to share an interesting part of the computer story with you — I decided to order a computer from a local person who would transfer all of my photos, files and folders, as well as install the programs. The interesting thing was that the day I took the old computer to him, he asked if I had a few extra minutes to walk around his backyard and view the hosta gardens and pond. Oh my, what a treat!! Hundreds of hostas — many different varieties!! Okay, maybe it wasn't so bad that the old computer had to be replaced. What a joy to be able to view his gardens, much like you enjoy visiting a friend's garden, a community garden, or going on a Garden Walk. There's always so much for us to discover and we can be inspired by what others are doing with their garden spaces.

As WGCF members, we can participate in various activities to gain inspiration. Please take the time to stroll through these pages to see what might interest you and what events you might want to attend.

*Carla*

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