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# Wisconsin Gardens

## Wisconsin Garden Club Federation Announces the 2019 Grant Program

Roger Greathead, WGCF Grants Chair

One of the benefits of belonging to the Wisconsin Garden Club Federation (WGCF) is the ability to receive support and funding for WGCF club related projects. The WGCF Grant Committee is very pleased to announce that it is accepting applications from its member garden clubs for grants up to \$250.

Grants are not designed to support annual operating expenses but may be used either to start a new program or provide matching funds to contribute to the extension of an existing program. Please note that it is expected that the Club or District applying for the grant will actively participate in the project. Projects where the money is passed on to another organization without any involvement of WGCF members will not be funded.

Specifically, grants are designed to help local garden clubs with projects that will enhance:

- Community beautification
- Horticultural education
- Community gardening
- Environmental stewardship

The application deadline for a 2018 WGCF Grant is midnight, March 31, 2019. Awards will be announced at the annual WGCF Convention May 16-18<sup>th</sup> in Madison. Meeting attendance is not required. Projects should be completed and a feedback report sent by November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

The grant application form and project completion form can be found at the following link on the WGCF web site <http://www.wisconsinclub.org/awards/grants/> If you have any questions about the grant program, these should be directed to Roger Greathead either by e-mail at roghome@frontier.com or by phone 608-692-1816.

We hope many WGCF clubs and Districts will find this program beneficial to their members and local community, and we look forward to supporting your project.

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## Gardening for Good

*Education*

*Service*

*Friendship*



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

**Mission:** WGCF provides education, resources and opportunities for its members to promote and share the love of gardening, floral design, civic and environmental responsibility.

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## A Message from our President . . .



Our first seed catalogue arrived this week and my husband, grandson and I have been fighting over it!

We are making lists of new things we would like to plant and try in

2019. Thank goodness the Winter Solstice has passed and we can look forward to longer days. It makes the thought of gardening more real.

It has been delightful receiving so many garden club yearbooks this fall. The programming of so many clubs is inspiring and educational. I wish there was a way to share the yearbooks online. We will have to look into that this year. I know that the Awards Committee will have their hands full trying to judge these wonderful books.

The Executive Committee meeting is in Rothschild on February 21. We will be discussing many ideas for moving our organization forward. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please pass them on to your district director. We want your input!

I hope many of you can make it to the 2019 Annual Convention to be held on May 17-18 in Madison. The convention committee, spearheaded by Gerianne Holzman has been hard at work to make it as educational and fun as possible.

Warm wishes for a prosperous and Happy New Year!

Peggy Grubbs

### ADVERTISING RATES

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

“In seed-time learn, in harvest teach, in winter enjoy.”

—William Blake

# NOMINATIONS FOR WGCF OFFICERS: 2019-2021 Term

Gerianne Holzman, Nominations Chair

The Nominating Committee is pleased to nominate the following members for WGCF State Officers: Lynne Ehnert, President; Laura Skoff, 1st Vice President; Carla Von Haden, Recording Secretary; Susan Johansen, Membership Secretary; and Mary Jane Hull, Treasurer. We are still looking for a nominee for 2nd Vice President. If you have an interest or wish to nominate someone, please contact Gerianne Holzman at geriannewgcf@gmail.com

## Lynne Ehnert, President Milwaukee District

I belong to a small but mighty garden club in the Milwaukee District, Western Acres Garden Club. Being involved in our Club means we belong to the Club, the District, WGCF, Central Region, and National Garden Club, just like any other garden club. My journey was a little different in that I became involved at the National level before the local level by being the High School Essay Contest Chairman, which put me on the Youth Committee and the Awards Committee by volunteering to become the High School Essay Chairman. Two years later the Chairman for the Youth Committee passed away and I then added the responsibility of Youth Committee Chair also. This committee also managed the Youth Pollinator Gardens Grant Project grants. I also have been the Courtesy Resolutions Chairman for Central Region for the past six years. I was also a member of WGCF Central Region Life Membership Chairman and participated on WGCF Organizational Studies Committee. As 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President I have been involved with Strategic Planning, Finance, and Organizational Studies Committee meetings.



At the District Level, I held the position of Recording Secretary, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Director and Milwaukee District Director. Shortly after joining a garden club, I was President of Western Acres Garden Club. I attended Flower Show School and became an Accredited Flower Show Judge; I am Recording Secretary in Southern Wisconsin Judges Council and Treasurer for Wisconsin Judges Council.

I still work where I travel a little and get to have input into new procedures. I am very lucky that I have been involved and gained such great experiences. I have gotten to know many people and hope to get to know many more. I am looking forward to the next journey as WGCF President and am looking forward to the 2020 National Convention in Wisconsin.

## Laura Skoff, 1st Vice President Milwaukee District



With my father being a landscape architect and both grandfathers being avid gardeners, I was raised planting and watering gardens! Joining the Girl Scouts and Campfire Girls in grade school offered an opportunity to learn about our environment while enjoying the outdoors and nature. Summers spent in Hayward fishing and picking wild blueberries also brought me into bear country, which opened the door to my curiosity and studying of the animal kingdom.

I joined the Elmbrook Garden Club in 1994 where I have served as President for three terms as well as Recording Secretary and Vice President. Our club's 17-acre nature preserve at Brookfield East High School is an ongoing project with the recent addition of two pollinator gardens and presents an opportunity to work together with other club members as well as students. Participating in two flower shows has presented another avenue of education! I recently became a National Garden Club Environmental Studies Consultant, as well as Garden Studies Consultant, WGCF and CR Life Member and a past recipient of the "And Then Some" Award for our district. I am currently the WGCF Second Vice President, Co-Chair the Awards Committee and serve on the Finance Committee.

I became a licensed Realtor in 1990 and have spent the last 29 years working in real estate administration & marketing. As a docent at the Milwaukee County Zoo since 1992, committees I have chaired include Conservation, Library and Guides. Endangered species and carnivores are my special interest.

Volunteering at Elmbrook Humane Society, a no-kill shelter, I spend time working with cats that need extra socialization skills before finding a new home. My favorite hobby of traveling and photography has taken me to six continents (Asia is last) and bear watching in Alaska five times. Gardening and golfing fills in any free time I may have! Growing with WGCF has been a rewarding experience filled with education, travel and new friends.

(Nominations continued on page 4)

## NOMINATIONS FOR WGCF OFFICERS: 2019-2021 Term

### Carla Von Haden, Recording Secretary Coulee District

I am a member of the Hill and Dale Garden Club of Elroy, and have been President of the Club for several years. In many ways, it seems as if I have been a member of our local club for all 49 years of its existence since my mother was a charter member, and somehow I was encouraged or coerced into helping with various club activities whenever I was home for weekends or a summer. Actually I have been a member since 2006 when I retired from school counseling in Manitowoc and moved back to Elroy.



Gardening has always been a part of my life. Growing up on a dairy farm, my siblings and I were involved with the planting, weeding and harvesting in the vegetable garden, as well as helping with some of the crops. I remember how thrilled I would be when there were those "extra" seeds and I could plant a few annuals. At that time my mother had a few lilacs, bridal wreath and peonies but annuals were a bonus, and our focus was supposed to be on the vegetable garden! I have been able to keep one of those peonies growing and think that it's probably older than I am. I also recall the days of being paid a few cents for picking potato bugs off the plants, or the few summers that we were going to make lots (!!!) of extra money raising cucumbers for a local pickle company. It's ironic that now in my older years, I have become known as Ms. Pickles at the local school and in the community because people rave about Carla's Garlic Dill Pickles.

I enjoy the activities of our local club and am currently serving as Coulee District Director. I have been Editor of *Wisconsin Gardens* for eight years and thoroughly enjoy meeting gardeners from around the state, as well as hearing about what other clubs are doing.

Our Club began participating with Royall Schools when the school received a PEP Grant, and that has led to our involvement in Health Fairs, spring and fall after-school gardening classes, and summer school gardening classes. It's so enjoyable to work with the children and see their excitement about growing vegetables in their school garden. For me, an added part has been the opportunity to volunteer in two classrooms a few times each week.

### Susan Johansen, Membership Secretary St. Croix District

I joined the Willow River Garden Club in 2009. Although my interests are not in planting gardens, there are many other activities I enjoy: learning floral design, visiting gardens, workshops and of course, fellowship.



Running our club's Gertens fundraiser is one of my committee duties as well as putting together and printing our club yearbook. I have been the Convention/Gathering for Gardeners registrar three different times. I am currently serving as Club Treasurer, District Treasurer, and WGCF Finance Committee Chair.

### Mary Jane Hull, Treasurer Madison District

Mary Jane Hull joined the Mound Vue Garden Club in 2004 after retiring from a career in insurance and real estate and moving to Mt. Horeb, WI. Mary Jane has been



the Club Treasurer for twelve years. One of the things she achieved was putting club financial records on Quick Books, which gives detailed accounting records. Over the years, she has been active in many Club activities such as volunteering at the State Convention and participating in District activities like the district scholarship committee for several years.

Her gardening interests began by growing up on a 'showplace' farm which had large gardens and many flower beds. She enjoys working with her grandchildren, both of whom are highly interested in nature and biology. Mary Jane's organizational skills and focus on commitments have been valuable assets in her two years as WGCF Treasurer for the 2017-19 term.

# **NGC SCHOOLS SPONSORED IN WISCONSIN BY WGCF TRI-COUNCIL**

## **How Do They Work?**

Vern Lowell, Chairperson, WGCF Tri-Council

### **Article 3 in a series**

WGCF's President appoints the Chairperson for each scheduled school to be held in Wisconsin. Tri-Council leadership may offer suggestions based on its familiarity of where schools have been held, a likely District to host the next school and who might be a good Chairperson. Our preference would be to hold schools throughout Wisconsin making them accessible to interested students around the state without requiring lengthy travel all the time from less populated areas. Once the host District for a school has been decided and a Chairperson appointed, work begins. The Chairperson recruits and appoints a Local Chairperson and Registrar.

The Chairperson works with the corresponding NGC School Chair to get all requirements completed and approved by NGC well in advance of the first school. That includes recruiting qualified instructors from the area, assembling their qualifications, advising them on the course topics that must be covered in their class, submitting their qualifications to NGC for certification, collecting test questions and handouts for each class and arranging for their equipment needs. This Chairperson, with assistance from the Local Chairperson and Registrar prepares and submits timely notices to all WGCF members including a registration form in *Wisconsin Gardens* magazine. They also prepare a school budget for approval by the WGCF Board of Directors once the necessary information is available. Prior approved budgets provide a good starting point for the new Chairperson. In the meantime, the Local Chairperson arranges the logistical details for the school, e.g., securing a venue, identifying nearby housing for students, arranging for food for each of the two days, securing audio and any other technical equipment needed by the instructors. The State Chairperson and the Local Chairperson can adjust duties between the two people as will work best for them. For example it may be that the Local Chairperson would have better access to instructors and take charge of securing and working with the instructors while the State Chairperson performs other duties. The Registrar prepares to work with each registering student. Each student receives confirmation of their reservation from the Registrar. Registration fees are managed within the Tri-Council financial system. The Chairperson recruits 2 or more people attending the school but not taking the exam to see that every test question is adequately covered in the class by each instructor. These class monitors also conduct a review for the students taking the exams after the last class is concluded and before the exam begins at the end of the second day. They will be chosen from people who are already certified Consultants in the school subject and are attending the school to refresh or simply to support the school.

After the exam is concluded, the monitors assemble the exams and give them to the School Chairperson who scores them and sends the results to the NGC School Chair for certification. Each student receives notice of their results from NGC after they are received by the School Chairperson. This provides each student with documentation leading to certification as a "Consultant" in the area studied after successfully completing all 4 courses. Article #4 will provide an overview of the contents of each course.

**Save the Date!!**

## **“Perfect Vision”**

### **May 12-16, 2020**

### **2020 National Convention**

### **being hosted by Wisconsin Garden Club Federation!!!**

## WGCF Standing Rules Changes

Gerianne Holzman, Organizational Studies Chair

The WGCF Executive Committee approved changes to the WGCF Standing Rules at its meeting in October 2018. The Standing Rules relate to the day-to-day operations of the WGCF. The changes create a streamline of some of these functions and clarify the roles of officers and committee chairs. The Executive Committee's decision to create an internal Continuing Education fund is defined in the new Standing Rules. This new Continuing Education fund combines the Ruth and John West Education Endowment Fund with new contributions to provide monies for WGCF sponsored schools, symposia and refreshers. In the future, it may also, provide scholarships to members for attending these events.

Members may now choose where to place their life member, memorial and tribute donations. Previously, all donations were restricted to the scholarship fund managed and held by the Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley. With the advent of the new Continuing Education Fund, members have the choice of keeping their donations within the WGCF. New forms, reflecting these changes, are available on the WGCF website under "forms." They are available to download as fillable forms or to be printed and completed by hand. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

A complete list of all Standing Rules changes is available on the WGCF website. The published Standing Rules reflect these corrections, additions and deletions.

### **American Hosta Society to hold National Convention in Green Bay June 12-15**

Hundreds of garden enthusiasts from around the country and the world are expected to attend the 51st annual American Hosta Society (AHS) National Convention, being held at the Radisson Hotel & Convention Center in Green Bay on June 12-15, 2019.

Founded in 1968, the AHS is a non-profit organization that has grown from a handful of members in its early days to about 3,000 active members today. As the world's leading association promoting *Hosta*, their purpose is to foster the development of the genus and its public interest and, of course, share with others the enjoyment that hostas and gardening in general offer.

Hostas are often referred to as the "Friendship Plant" because they can be easily divided and shared with others. Appropriately, the theme for the 2019 event is "*Hostaffinity*," emphasizing the relationship and affinity that people have toward hosta and other hosta enthusiasts.

A major part of the convention is participating in area garden tours by motor coach bus. There are 10 private gardens that will be featured over the span of two days, with many displays topping more than 1,000 *Hosta* varieties.

Registration information and details about the event are available on the website: [www.ahs2019event.org](http://www.ahs2019event.org)

### **New Insect Pest found on Evergreen Decorations**

Plant health officials are cautioning consumers to burn wreaths and other evergreen decorations, or bag them and put them in the trash, after inspectors found invasive insects on many such items sold at large chain stores in Wisconsin this holiday season.

Inspectors found an insect called elongate hemlock scale, or EHS, on wreaths, swags and boughs, and in arrangements of evergreen boughs in hanging baskets, porch pots, mugs, and sleighs. EHS saps nutrients as it feeds on the underside of conifer needles, and threatens Wisconsin's Christmas tree farms, native hemlock and balsam fir forests, and ornamental conifers in yards and parks.

"It's fine to keep your decorations up for the holiday season, but when it's time to dispose of them, don't put them on the compost pile or set the greens out for brush collection. Burn them if you can. If you can't do that, bag them and send them to the landfill," advised Brian Kuhn, director of the Plant Industry Bureau in the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection. "EHS has survived in the northeastern U.S., so winter weather will not kill it. As a result, if you compost this material, the insects may well attack conifers in your yard or neighborhood, and spread from there."

EHS is native to Asia, and has been introduced into Michigan and many Eastern states.

Additional information is available on the website:

[https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/News\\_Media/EHSDecorations.aspx](https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/News_Media/EHSDecorations.aspx)

# Welcome to Magic in Madison

## 2019 Convention

On behalf of the members of the Madison District Garden Clubs, we welcome Wisconsin Garden Club Federation members and friends to enjoy a bit of Magic as spring comes alive in our capital city. Our convention is in the heart of downtown just steps from the State Capitol and the famous State Street shopping district. Before, during or after the convention you may enjoy visiting some local shops, museums and the wonderful Dane County Farmer's Market. Begun in 1972, "The Market" is the largest producer-only farmer's market in the country. In other words, the person selling the goods is also the grower or creator of the lettuce, radishes, cheese, wool, etc.

You will have the opportunity to meet our National Garden Club President Gay Austin and enjoy in the splendor of our Awards Banquet and new WGCF officer installation. We have great programs planned for you including a floral design program with a nationally recognized designer, chocolate tasting, environmental concerns, clematis, herbs and lilacs. Finally, you will enjoy hearing stories from Larry Meiller, our Bronze Award recipient, as he talks of his many years with Wisconsin Public Radio. Weather pending, you may consider a side trip to view the signature collection of flowering crab trees and lilacs at the UW Arboretum.

Spring truly is Magical in Madison. Come and join the fun!



### Convention Co-Chairs

Dawn Mozgawa, Vern & Sylvia Lowell, Gerianne Holzman



REGISTRATION  
WGCF TRI-COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING  
THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2019  
THE CONCOURSE HOTEL  
1 West Dayton Street Madison, WI

Coming to the WGCF Annual Convention? Come early and join the Tri-Council at noon Thursday, May 16, for lunch, a short meeting, election of officers and a guided walking tour of the State Capitol grounds and gardens. Non members are welcome!

Visit the Gold Star Memorial Marker recently placed on the State Capitol grounds by WGCF.

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Lunch, Select One: Turkey \_\_\_\_\_ or Ham \_\_\_\_\_ Sandwich on Whole Wheat

Pasta Salad, Coffee and Hot or Cold Tea Included

Cost: \$23 including Gratuity payable to WGCF Tri-Council \$25 for non-members

Mail Payment with Completed Registration Form to  
Gretchen Vest, Treasurer, 704 Spring Drive, West Bend, WI 53095-4642

**It will be magical in Madison that weekend!**

## Shopping – Convention Style

WGCF members, clubs and districts are welcome to **bring a gift basket** for the always-popular Tisket Tasket Basket raffle at the 2019 Annual WGCF convention. Always a fun event, we welcome your creativity and fun. Monies raised will fund a worthwhile project determined by the WGCF Executive Committee.

The members of the Madison District invite you to bid high and bid often on their special silent auction items. With items gathered from near and far in the Madison area, there is sure to be something for everyone. Monies raised will help offset the district's convention costs.

Will there be vendors? Actually, no, there will be no on-site vendors at the 2019 convention. We are located just steps from shopping on State Street, the Capital Square and the Dane County Farmer's Market (Saturday). Your registration packet will contain a map of local garden centers, including coupons, for your shopping pleasure. There are plenty of opportunities to shop till you drop!

Wisconsin Garden Club Federation

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# Magic in Madison

92<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention



**MAY 16 - 18, 2019**

**THE MADISON CONCOURSE HOTEL  
1 WEST DAYTON STREET, MADISON**

# Magic In Madison - WGCF 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention

## Thursday, May 16, 2019

Time	Event	Presiding/Presenting
12:00 - 1:30	Tri-Council Lunch & Annual Business Meeting	Vern Lowell, Tri-Council Chair
1:30 - 3:30	Tri-Council Tour - State Capitol Grounds	Capitol Grounds Staff
4:00 - 5:30	Judges Council Annual Meeting & Program	Judy Pitcher, Judges Council President
6:00 - 7:00	Early Arrivals/Board of Directors Dinner	
7:00 - 8:30	Board of Directors Annual Meeting	Peggy Grubbs, WGCF President

## Friday, May 17, 2019

Time	Event	Presiding/Presenting
7:30 - 5:00	Registration: Pick up name badge, proceedings, parking voucher and one free raffle ticket.	
7:30 - 5:00	Raffle, Silent Auction - sales open at 11:30	
9:00 - 11:30	WGCF Annual Business Meeting	Peggy Grubbs, WGCF President
12:00 - 2:15	<b>Magic of Spring Flowers Design Program/Lunch</b> Honoring: Flower Show Judges/Instructors Awards: Flower Shows	Peggy Grubbs, WGCF President Sharon McGukin, Presenter
2:30 - 3:30	<b>Lilacs: History, Lore, Culture &amp; Color</b> Breakout 1	David Stevens
2:30 - 3:30	<b>Chocolate: Cultivation, Creating &amp; Tasting</b> Breakout 2	Gail Ambrosius
3:45 - 5:00	<b>Lilacs: History, Lore, Culture &amp; Color</b> Breakout 3 (repeat of Breakout 1)	David Stevens
3:45 - 5:00	<b>Climate Change in Wisconsin with Gardening Implications</b> Breakout 4	Michael Notaro
6:15 - 7:00	<b>Reception Honoring NGC/WGCF Officers</b>	
7:00 - 9:30	<b>Magical Awards Banquet, Officer Installation</b> Honoring: WGCF Past Presidents Awards: Lydia Shafer and WGCF Grants	Peggy Grubbs, WGCF President Gay Austin, NGC President

# Magic In Madison - WGCF 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention

Saturday, May 18, 2019

Time	Event	Presiding/Presenting
7:30 - 9:30	Breakfast on Own/Dane County Farmer's Market	
7:30 - 11:30	Registration: Pick up name badge, proceedings, parking voucher and one free raffle ticket.	
7:30 - 11:30	Raffle, Silent Auction - sales close at 11:30	
9:30 - 11:30	WGCF Annual Business Meeting	Peggy Grubbs, WGCF President
12:00 - 2:15	<b>Magic in Media/Lunch</b> Honoring: Environmental, Gardening, Landscape Consults, WGCF Committee Chairs Awards: Bronze, Youth and Yearbook	Peggy Grubbs, WGCF President Larry Meiller, Bronze Award Recipient
2:30 - 3:30	<b>Species and Small Flowered Clematis</b> Breakout 5	Ed Glover
2:30 - 3:30	<b>Increase Health Growing Herbs for Tea Blends with Tea &amp; Herb Sampling</b> Breakout 6	Jane Hawley-Stevens
4:00 - 5:00	Post-convention Board of Directors Meeting	Lynne Ehnert, WGCF President (2019-2021)

## Magic In Madison - Speakers and Presenters



### GAIL AMBROSIUS

With her roots in a Wisconsin dairy farm, Gail began her second career as a chocolatier by studying her craft in Paris. Since 2004, her beloved chocolate shop has become a Madison favorite producing several thousands of pieces of

chocolate every day. Gail and her staff have been recognized by Oprah Magazine, Martha Stewart Living, Bon Appétit, The Food Network and countless bloggers. In 2012 Gail was named one of North America's top 10 Chocolatiers by Dessert Professional Magazine.



### GAY AUSTIN

Gay Austin is our National Garden Club President for the 2019-21 term of office. She comes to us from Mississippi with a history of serving on the Garden Clubs of Mississippi Board of Directors since 1995. Gay has served as the NGC recording secretary as well as chairing the Organizational Studies committee and the Award of Excel-

lence initiative. She is a master flower show judge and horticulture instructor. Gay has previously served NGC as first, second and third vice president. Gay continues the Plant America grants.

# Magic In Madison - Speakers and Presenters



## ED GLOVER

Ed has been the volunteer manager of the alpine rock garden at Allen Centennial Garden for the past 15 years. His interest in rock gardening began about 35 years ago after visiting the Rocky Mountains. Ed is active in the North American Rock Garden Soci-

ety and the local WI-IL Chapter, receiving the NARGS Award of Merit in 2010. He is also a long time member of the Mound Vue Garden Club in Mount Horeb. Through the NARGS seed exchange he has grown a number of species clematis, peonies, primulas, hardy gesneriads and cyclamen. Even though his main gardening interest is alpine rock gardening, Ed is fascinated by all kinds of plants.



## JANE HAWLEY STEVENS

Jane began specializing in herbs in 1981. After earning a degree in horticulture from UW-Madison, she founded her business in 1987. Four Elements Organic Herbals is based on plants grown in her cultivated fields, Chakra Garden, prairie and woodlands on her farm in the pristine Baraboo Bluffs. Still, the favorite part of her job is propagating and cultivating herbs for her wellness products.



## LARRY MEILLER

Gardening enthusiasts across Wisconsin tune in every Friday to Larry Meiller's "Garden Talk" on Wisconsin Public Radio. Larry's knowledge, humor and enthusiasm provide much entertainment for his listeners. His expert guests

cover diverse topics from planting to pruning to the great pumpkin regalia to straw bale gardening. He is a professor emeritus for the UW-Madison in the Department of Life Sciences Communication. He is well awarded for his leadership and is the 2019 recipient of the prestigious WGCF Bronze Award.



## SHARON MCGUKIN

Sharon McGukin (Mac-Gookin) AIFD, AAF, PFCI is internationally-known for her floral expertise and southern charm. Audiences are entertained by her informative design presentations featuring the latest floral trends and techniques. From small-town florist to in-

ternational designer, Sharon's flower adventures have led this energetic floral designer around the world as a presenter, trend-tracker, home décor industry consultant, speaker and blogger. Decorating Rose Parade floats, designing flowers in the White House, or working with designers from around the globe - this flower lady has flower stories to share!



## MICHAEL NOTARO

Dr. Michael Notaro is the Associate Director and Senior Scientist of the Nelson Institute Center for Climatic Research at the UW-Madison. He received his PhD in Atmospheric Science at the State University of New York at Albany in 2002. Michael's expertise includes regional and global climate modeling, climate change impacts on terrestrial ecosystems and the Great Lakes, and land-atmosphere interactions.



## DAVID STEVENS

David is curator of Longenecker Horticultural Gardens, the living collection of woody plants at the UW-Madison Arboretum. The Gardens contain Wisconsin's premiere collection of woody ornamental plants with approximately

4,000 specimens representing over 2,600 taxa. Prior to his current role, David spent 14 years working in the field of forest tree genetics with the UW Forest & Wildlife Ecology Department. David has a Master's degree in Horticulture from the UW. He helps run a 130-acre certified organic farm, near Baraboo, with his wife Jane.

# Magic In Madison - Registration



Magic In Madison

WGCF 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention

May 16 – 18, 2019

The Madison Concourse Hotel

1 West Dayton Street, Madison

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

WGCF Member Garden Club & District (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

**Register for full time package or individual events. Package includes all items marked with an asterisk (\*) = Three meals, choice of breakout sessions and registration. Please check all that apply.**

<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>*Full Time Package</b> includes Friday lunch & program, Friday reception, dinner & program, Saturday lunch & program, choice of breakout sessions & registration – early bird deadline 4/27/2019	\$140
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Early Arrivals/Board of Directors Dinner</b> includes Thursday Dinner- everyone is invited, Board of Directors requested to attend	\$33
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>*Friday Lunch and Floral Design Program – McGukin</b> Fri 5/17 (12:00 – 2:15)	\$47
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>*Breakout 1: Lilacs: History, Lore, Culture &amp; Color – Stevens</b> Fri 5/17 (2:30 – 3:30)	\$12
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>*Breakout 2: Chocolate: Cultivation, Creating &amp; Tasting – Ambrosius</b> Fri 5/17 (2:30 – 3:30)	\$12
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>*Breakout 3: Lilacs: History, Lore, Culture &amp; Color – Stevens (repeat)</b> Fri 5/17 (3:45 – 5:00)	\$12
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>*Breakout 4: Climate Change in WI with Gardening Implications - Notaro</b> Fri 5/17 (3:45 – 5:00)	\$12
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>*Reception &amp; Awards/Officer Installation Banquet</b> Fri 5/17 (6:15 – 9:30)	\$41
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>*Saturday Lunch and Bronze Award Presentation – Meiller</b> Sat 5/18 (12:00 – 2:15)	\$25
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>*Breakout 5: Species and Small Flowered Clematis - Glover</b> Sat 5/18 (2:30 – 3:30)	\$10
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>*Breakout 6: Increase Health Growing Herbs for Tea Blends with Tea &amp; Herb Sampling – Hawley-Stevens</b> Sat 5/18 (2:30 – 3:30)	\$10
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>*Event Registration – pay only if NOT registering for Package Plan</b>	\$10
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Late fee: Registration after 4/27/2019 – no registrations accepted after 5/9/2019</b>	\$10
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Total enclosed</b>	

Dietary restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_

**NO REFUNDS AFTER 5/9/2019.**

**Mail registration:** complete form and send with check payable to WGCF: Pat Greathead, Registrar, 1744 Tam O'Shanter Trl, Sun Prairie, WI 53590 (608-692-3920) **CONVENTION registration deadline is 5/9/2019.**

**Register on-line:** <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/magic-in-madison-wisconsin-garden-club-federation-92nd-annual-convention-tickets-53774311413> (Note: extra processing fees apply)

**Hotel Reservations:** **HOTEL registration deadline is midnight 4/18/2019.** The Concourse Hotel (800-356-8293) Concourse Premier Room (\$149 single/double), Governor's Club (\$189 single/double) use code **WGCF Annual Meeting** or online at <https://reservations.travelclick.com/6388?groupID=2275102>

## Bookworm Gardens featured in National Exhibit

Bookworm Gardens is thrilled to announce its inclusion in a special exhibit at the United States Botanic Garden in Washington, D.C., highlighting the diversity in botanic gardens across the country. On display from May through October, 2019, Bookworm Gardens has been selected as one of 14 distinctive botanic gardens that will make their home on the Mall during the run of the exhibit. Says Devin Dotson, Public Affairs and Exhibits Specialist for the U.S. Botanic Garden, “We are excited to use our main exhibit to celebrate the wide swath of diversity in gardens across the country.” Located between the Smithsonian and the Capitol building, the U.S. Botanic Garden sees more than 1 million visitors each year from around the world. “We are honored to showcase Bookworm Gardens, Sheboygan, and the great state of Wisconsin at the Capitol” says Elizabeth Wieland, Executive Director. “We are very proud of what Bookworm has grown to be in our community.”

The garden space that will be on display representing Bookworm was designed by Director of Horticulture and Facilities Allissa Montgomery as a version of one of the favorite spots at the Gardens: *The Magic School Bus Plants Seeds*. An artistic interpretation of the school bus with brightly colored, whimsical butterfly wings will leap from a garden bed, rich in texture and interest. Rainbow-colored Adirondack chairs will provide colorful and comfortable places to read. A stone gateway pillar with books inside will double as an official Little Free Library. Says Montgomery, “Bringing a version of this most cherished space to the United States Botanic Garden will be an incredible way to showcase our singular and special garden, as well as share our mission.”

Sandy Livermore, Bookworm Founder, says “Bookworm Gardens became a reality due to the incredible effort of our community. We strive to bring joy to our visitors, both young and old, each and every day through the celebration of literature and nature, and look forward to sharing that joy with visitors at the U.S. Botanic Garden.” In keeping with this tradition of community, Bookworm is looking for additional ways to partner with other Wisconsin organizations and raise funds for the project.

Bookworm Gardens is a 7.5 acre botanic garden in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, whose mission is to enrich the mind, body, and spirit of the young and young at heart through the exploration in a garden environment based on children’s literature. Since first opening its gates in 2010, Bookworm has grown to reach nearly 80,000 thousand general visitors each season from Wisconsin and beyond. In the 2018 season (May 1- October 31) the Gardens saw over 6,000 students on field trips from 13 counties across the state and 25 adult tours groups, as well as hosting 4 family festivals and 25 adult learning experiences. Bookworm Gardens is an independent non-profit organization and relies completely on donations to support operations.

More information available at [bookwormgardens.org](http://bookwormgardens.org).



*Registration - Environmental School  
Series 6, Course 2, April 5 & 6, 2019*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Fees**

- \$60 Both Days
  - \$40 One Day:  April 5  April 6
  - \$12 April 5 Lunch
  - \$12 April 6 Lunch
  - \$5 Exam Fee - studying to be an ES Consultant
  - \$5 Refresher Fee - current ES Consultants
  - \$10 Late fee if postmarked after 3/29/2019
- 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 MARCH 29, 2019.**

**Lodging**

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

**Contact Information**

**Local Chair & Interim WGCF Environmental**

**School Chair:** Gerianne Holzman  
7437 Terrace Av, Middleton, WI 53562  
geriannewgcf@gmail.com 608-345-6907

**Environmental School Registrar:** Sylvia Lowell  
3435 State Road 78, Mt Horeb, WI 53572  
slowell844@gmail.com 608-692-2079

**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 9, 12, 14, 15, 19, 23
- 8<sup>th</sup> Ed, ch 9, 12, 14, 15, 19, 21, 24
- 10<sup>th</sup> Ed, ch 7, 9, 20-23
- 11<sup>th</sup> Ed, ch 7, 8, 12, 14, 15, 22, 26
- 12<sup>th</sup> Ed, ch 11, 6, 20-23, 25-28
- 13<sup>th</sup> Ed, ch 10, 13, 15, 17, 20-21, 23, 25
- 14<sup>th</sup> Ed, ch 1, 2, 5-7, 11, 13-16, 21-23, 25, 27
- 15<sup>th</sup> Ed, ch 1, 5, 6, 8, 10, 13, 15, 20-25
- 16<sup>th</sup> Ed, ch 1, 3-10, 12, 14-16, 21, 25 + sup. 3 & 4
- 17<sup>th</sup> Ed, ch 1, 8, 12, 14, 21, 23, 24 plus sup 7/Gloss.

**Required Vocabulary**

Agricultural Revolution, barrier islands, coastal zone, composting, deforestation, desertification, genetic pool, green revolution, grasslands, integrated pest management, land use control, population carrying capacity, public land resources, rangelands, resources-renewable & nonrenewable, slash and burn cultivation, soil conservation, sustainable Earth-agricultural system, US General Mining Law of 1872, urban microclimate, urban sprawl, wetlands, Wilderness Act of 1872, Wildlife Restoration Act of 1937

Wisconsin Garden Club Federation  
Presents

*The Living Earth*

Environmental School,  
Series 6, Course 2



April 5 & 6, 2019  
Middleton (Morey) Airport  
8300 Airport Road  
Middleton, WI

## *Environmental School, Series 6, Course 2*

### *Friday, April 5, 2019*

7:45 - 8:15	Registration
8:15 - 8:30	Welcome & Introductions
8:30 - 9:30	Wildlife: Animals: The Misunderstoods - Drake
9:30 - 10:30	Allied Topic: Ice Age Trail (Historic Trails) - Lord
10:30 - 10:45	Break
10:45 - 11:45	Plants: Agriculture - Peck
11:45 - 12:30	Lunch
12:30 - 1:30	Coastal Zone Management - Breiby
1:30 - 2:30	Ecology: Land - Ventura
2:30 - 4:30	Hands-on Ecology Field Trip: UW Lakeshore Preserve - Ventura

### *Saturday, April 6, 2019*

8:00 - 8:30	Registration
8:30 - 8:45	Welcome & Introductions
8:45 - 9:45	Source Reduction of Pollutants, Toxics and Materials - Semrau
9:45 - 10:00	Break
10:00 - 11:15	Environmental Science: Resources - Beattie
11:15 - 12:15	Lunch
12:15 - 1:30	Earth Stewardship: Gardening with Nature - Howell
1:30 - 1:45	Break
1:45 - 2:15	Review
2:15 - 5:15	Exam - open book

### *Presenters*

**Robert 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.

**Todd Breiby** is the Coastal Nonpoint and Education Coordinator for the Wisconsin Coastal Management Program with the WI Department of Administration. He has special interests in the Great Lakes, natural resources and sustainable economic development.

**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.

**Evelyn Howell** is a professor in the UW Department of Planning and Landscape Architecture. She lectures extensively on natural landscaping, restoration ecology and ecosystem services with a special interest in native plants.

**Amy Lord** is the Outreach and Education Manager for the Ice Age Trail Alliance. She works with the Alliance's Saunters Program providing students with Ice Age National Scenic Trail Inform on glacial features and how to get involved in the Alliance.

**John Peck** is the executive director of the Family Farm Defenders. His organization works with farmers to support sustainable agriculture, farm workers rights, fair trade and food sovereignty. He teaches environmental issues at Madison College.

**Jennifer Semrau** is the Waste Reduction and Diverison Coordinator for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. With a BS in Environmental Policy and Planning, she has presented extensively on this topic for over 20 years.

**Steve Ventura** is a UW professor of Soil Science and Environmental Studies with a PhD in Land Resources. He has a special interest in sustainable agriculture, land resource management and soil health.

### *Field Trip*

**UW Lakeshore Nature Preserve** permanently protects the undeveloped lands along the shore of Lake Mendota where members of the campus community have long experienced the intellectual and aesthetic benefits of interacting with the natural world. The Preserve shelters biologically significant plant and animal communities for teaching, research, outreach, and environmentally sensitive use, and safeguards beloved cultural landscapes. The Preserve is as essential to the university as its lecture halls, laboratories, and playing fields.

### *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*

### *Nonmember 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.

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

Brochure revised 1/19/2019

### Flower Show School Course 3

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*

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# FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL

## COURSE 3, SERIES IX

MAY 10-12, 2019

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PERFORMING ARTS  
816 NORTH 8<sup>TH</sup> ST

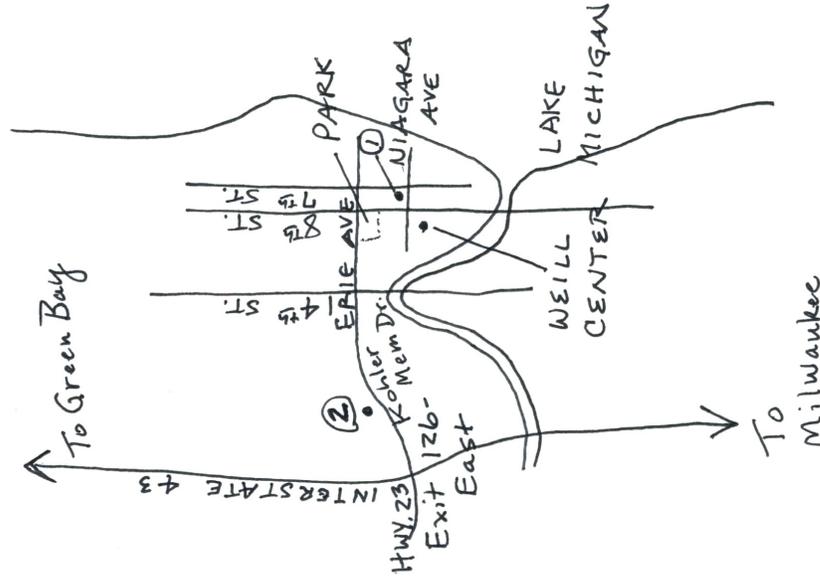
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Free student parking – enter municipal lot south from Niagara Ave mid-block between 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Streets. Use pedestrian walk way south of Black Pig Restaurant to access 8<sup>th</sup> Street. Meeting room is located on west side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

#### 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)

# PROGRAM SCHEDULE

## Friday, May 10, 2019

- 8:00-8:25 Registration
- 8:25-8:30 Announcements & Introductions
- 8:30-9:30 Flower Show Procedure – Judy Newman, Instructor
- 9:30-10:30 Horticulture – Judy Newman 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, May 11, 2019

- 8:00-8:25 Registration
- 8:25-8:30 Announcements & Introductions
- 8:30-9:30 Flower Show Procedure, Judy Newman, Instructor
- 9:30-10:30 Design, Claudia Chopp, 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, May 12, 2019

- 9:00-12:00 Written Exam

# INSTRUCTOR PROFILES

**Judy Newman**, a member of the Elmbrook Garden Club since 1971, and more recently Floral Designers of Wisconsin, is a 5-Star member (Master in all four schools). Served as WCGF President from 2003-2005 and Director of Central Region 2015-2017. She earned a BS degree in Family and Consumer Education and a Master's Degree in Education. Other major interests include genealogy and sewing. Wrote and published two books – one on her family and one on her husband's family. A teacher at heart, she has taken five two-week trips to Honduras teaching sewing. Judy enjoys sharing her knowledge and joy of gardening as one of the historic gardeners at Old World Wisconsin. Her gardens are full of native plants which she shares with others at the Elmbrook Nature Center.

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**Design Instructor, Claudia Chopp**, a NGC Flower Show Master Judge and Instructor of Flower Shows and Symposiums. Claudia is known for her design programs and workshops, and an active member of Ikebana Ikenobo. She served on the *Handbook for Flower Shows* revision committee.

She has participated in the two WAFAs (World Association of Flower Arrangers) Symposiums. Some of her designs are featured in the WAFAs' book, *Flower Arranging the American Way*. She is a member of CEAA (Creative Flower Arrangers of the Americas). Besides Floral Art, she has a hobby of sculpting in clay, which she features in some of her designs.

She spends her summers in Door County, Wisconsin, with her husband, in a home on Lake Michigan, that they have had for many years. She is a Grandmother and Great Grandmother.

# REGISTRATION FORM

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

CLUB \_\_\_\_\_

DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_

Choose Attendance type:

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_ 5/10 OR \_\_\_\_\_ 5/11

\_\_\_\_\_ Students taking the test should add an additional fee of \$5.00

Lunch Optional – Registration Required

\_\_\_\_\_ May 10 \$10.00

\_\_\_\_\_ May 11 \$10.00

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

Registrations Due 5/3/19

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

lnrakun@live.com

**WGCF PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGES – OCTOBER 2018**

Current Wording	Changes	Will Read
<p>ARTICLE VI, OFFICERS, DIRECTORS &amp; METHODS OF ELECTION</p> <p>Section 4. Election of District Directors</p> <p>a) The nominees shall be elected by the District prior to the Annual Convention.</p> <p>b) Directors shall not serve on the WGCF Board of Directors in any other capacity concurrently with the position of District Director.</p> <p>c) Directors shall be presented to the voting membership at the first business meeting of the Annual Convention.</p>	<p>a) The nominees shall be elected by the District prior to the Annual Convention.</p> <p><del>b) Directors shall not serve on the WGCF Board of Directors in any other capacity concurrently with the position of District Director.</del></p> <p>c) Directors shall be presented to the voting membership at the first business meeting of the Annual Convention.</p> <p><b>Rational: this is not being followed or is practical</b></p>	<p>a) The nominees shall be elected by the District prior to the Annual Convention.</p> <p>b) Directors shall be presented to the voting membership at the first business meeting of the Annual Convention.</p>
<p>ARTICLE VII DUTIES OF ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICERS</p> <p>Section 8. Duties of Treasurer are:</p> <p>h) To present a full financial report at the Annual Convention. The books shall be made available for audit by August 1 of each year.</p>	<p>h) To present a full financial report at the Annual Convention. The books shall be made available for <del>audit</del> <b>internal review</b> by August 1 of each year.</p> <p><b>Rational: audits are performed by professionals</b></p>	<p>h) To present a full financial report at the Annual Convention. The books shall be made available for t internal review by August 1 of each year.</p>
<p>ARTICLE XI COMMITTEES AND DUTIES</p> <p>Section 3. The Auditing Committee shall be composed of two persons who shall review the Treasurer's books by September 1 following the end of the fiscal year. The Chairman shall be a member of WGCF.</p>	<p>The Auditing <b>Financial Review</b> Committee shall be composed of two persons, <b>not currently serving on the finance committee</b>, who shall review the Treasurer's books by September 1 following the end of the fiscal year. The Chairman shall be a member of WGCF.</p> <p><b>Rational: members are not professional auditors; finance committee members should not review their own work.</b></p>	<p>The Financial Review Committee shall be composed of two persons, not currently serving on the finance committee, who shall review the Treasurer's books by September 1 following the end of the fiscal year. The Chairman shall be a member of WGCF.</p> <p>Renumber as needed.</p>
<p>ARTICLE XI COMMITTEES AND DUTIES</p> <p>Section 7. The Organizational Study Committee</p> <p>b)The committee shall focus on a vision for the future, utilizing the WGCF Mission Statement as its foundation, exploring all possibilities without limitations</p>	<p>b)The committee shall <del>focus on a vision for the future, utilizing</del> <b>annually review and update the WGCF Mission Statement as its foundation, exploring all possibilities without limitations bylaws, standing rules, awards and convention guidelines.</b></p> <p><b>Rational: define current role of committee</b></p>	<p>b) The committee shall annually review and update the WGCF bylaws, standing rules, awards and convention guidelines.</p>

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<b>Current Wording</b>	<b>Changes</b>	<b>Will Read</b>
<p>ARTICLE XI COMMITTEES AND DUTIES Section 12. Schools &amp; Symposiums d) All money advanced from the Ruth and John West Education Fund to each school by WGCF must be returned to WGCF and said Fund.</p> <p>e) Each account shall exist for the duration of the series, and the account shall be closed with any balance returned to the Ruth and John West Educational Endowment Fund within 60 days of the completion of the series.</p> <p>h) At the conclusion of each four-course school series, Gardening Studies, landscape Design and Environmental Studies, any excess of income over expenses will be returned to WGCF and the Ruth and John West Education Fund. The Tri-Council Treasurer may retain \$100 per school in order to maintain a School account managed by Tri-Council.</p> <p>i) If Gardening Studies, Landscape Design or Environmental Studies expenses exceed income, the Tri-Council Treasurer will request reimbursement for those excess expenses from the WGCF Treasurer. This money is to be taken from the Ruth and John West Education fund.</p>	<p>d) All money advanced from the <del>Ruth and John West</del> Continuing Education Fund to each school, <del>symposia or refresher</del> by WGCF must be returned to the <b>Continuing Education Fund</b>.</p> <p>e) Each account shall exist for the duration of the series, and the account shall be closed with any balance returned to the <del>Ruth and John West Educational Endowment</del> <b>Continuing Education Education</b> Fund within 60 days of the completion of the series.</p> <p>h) At the conclusion of each four-course school series, Gardening, Landscape Design and Environmental, any excess of income over expenses will be returned to WGCF and the <del>Ruth and John West</del> <b>Continuing Education</b> Fund. The Tri-Council Treasurer may retain \$100 per school in order to maintain a School account managed by Tri-Council.</p> <p>i) If Gardening, Landscape Design or Environmental School expenses exceed income, the Tri-Council Treasurer will request reimbursement for those excess expenses from the WGCF Treasurer. This money is to be taken from the <del>Ruth and John West</del> <b>Continuing Education</b> fund.</p> <p><b>Rational:</b> WGCF EC voted in June 2018 to change standing rule allowing donations to internal continuing education fund to be combined with Ruth and John West Education Fund. This <b>combines all into new name.</b></p>	<p>d) All money advanced from the Continuing Education Fund to each school, <del>symposia or refresher</del> by WGCF must be returned to the Continuing Education Fund.</p> <p>e) Each account shall exist for the duration of the series, and the account shall be closed with any balance returned to the Continuing Education Fund within 60 days of the completion of the series.</p> <p>h) At the conclusion of each four-course school series, Gardening, Landscape Design and Environmental, any excess of income over expenses will be returned to WGCF and the Continuing Education Fund. The Tri-Council Treasurer may retain \$100 per school in order to maintain a School account managed by Tri-Council.</p> <p>i) If Gardening, Landscape Design or Environmental School expenses exceed income, the Tri-Council Treasurer will request reimbursement for those excess expenses from the WGCF Treasurer. This money is to be taken from the Continuing Education fund.</p>

Organizational Studies Committee 10/10/2018, approved by Executive Committee 10/12/2018

Deletion = ~~#####~~, Addition = **bold**

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### FEBRUARY

- February 8-10 Garden Expo, Madison
- February 20 Awards Meeting, Rothschild
- February 21 Executive Board Meeting, Rothschild

### APRIL

- April 5 & 6 Environmental School, Middleton

### MAY

- May 10-12 Flower Show School, Sheboygan
- May 16 Tri-Council lunch and tour
- May 16-18 WGCFF Convention, Madison

### 2020

- May 12-16, 2020 NGC National Convention, Milwaukee

## *IN MEMORIAM*



Winifred Jane "Win" Eide, age 103, of Madison, passed away on December 26, 2018. Win was a devout Christian and an active member of Trinity Lutheran Church. She was an original member of the Marion Circle and helped in the church library. Win loved nature and working in her garden where she raised beautiful plants and flowers. She was a charter member of Olbrich Garden Club and volunteered at the flower garden library. Win was very social and developed close relationships in her Maple Avenue neighborhood where she lived for 55 years. In her later years, she learned to paint, and found that she loved it.

## ADDRESS CORRECTIONS

should be sent to Membership Secretary  
 Maureen Wild Gordon  
 742 Oak Ridge Rd.  
 Oregon, WI 53575  
 608-287-6501  
 wildgordon@prontomail.com

### Memorial Scholarship Fund Donations

Please make checks payable to  
 WGCFF Scholarship Fund  
 c/o Community Foundation for  
 the Fox Valley Region, Inc.  
 4455 West Lawrence St.,  
 Appleton, WI 54914



The enclosed donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is designated for the WGCFF Scholarship Fund.

CLUB NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_

DONOR NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

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# Wisconsin Garden Club Federation



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**Deadline for Spring Issue: February 1 — Submissions Welcome**

**Publication approximately: April 1**

**Coming in the Spring 2019: Arbor Day; Awards; Birds, Butterflies & Bees; Flower Show School & Evaluations; Horticulture; National Garden Week; and Operation Wildflower. Articles also needed by members, please consider writing about your garden club, activities, club projects, etc.**

Looking out my window, I find myself reflecting on the way that we approach each day. Are we consumed by the negatives we hear on the news, what we read on social media, how we feel about certain organizations, how we interact with people around us ~ or do we look at the opportunities that each day presents, what we can do about the organizations, and how we can make a difference in this world.

I'd like to think that gardeners are doing more of the latter - looking at the positives and opportunities, rather than seeing situations as obstacles. When we consider our gardens, we seem to have that attitude of positivity and can dream and plan for many options for those bare spaces, or think of new areas we wish to plant? Can we carry that same positive attitude over to our Club projects and plans? Can we be as positive about our Club image as we are about the flowers or veggies growing in our gardens? Will we convey that positive image to others so they will want to join our group? When we find ourselves consumed by the negatives, perhaps it's time to think of this saying:

"We can complain because rose bushes have thorns, or rejoice because thorns have roses." - Alphonse Karr

Many of us face challenges in the clubs we belong to - whether it is Garden Club or another group, we may complain that we are losing members, that we can't get any projects to work out, that people don't show up for our events - or we can consider how we might turn those challenges into opportunities. This issue of Wisconsin Gardens has various opportunities for members, from floral design to environmental studies to participation in the annual convention.

I recall the words of a coach that I once worked with who would tell the athletes during practice or a game, "I don't want to hear excuses, I want to see action". Let's each look around for the opportunities. Are there ways that your Club can reach out in new & different ways? Are there new topics you wish to study and encourage others in your community to learn about? May you have a New Year filled with positive action and awesome results!

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