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# Wisconsin Gardens

## Wisconsin Garden Club Federation Announces the 2020 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
- Gardening for good

The application deadline for a 2020 WGCF Grant is midnight, March 31, 2020. Awards will be announced at the annual WGCF Convention April 17-18, 2020. Meeting attendance is not required. Projects should be completed and a feedback report sent by November 15, 2020.

The grant application form and project completion form can be found at the following link on the WGCF web site: <http://www.wisconsin-gardenclub.org/awards/grants/>

If you have any questions about the grant program, these should be directed to Roger Greathead either by e-mail at [roghead@frontier.com](mailto:roghead@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 . . .

It is a New Year and time to start making detailed plans for the upcoming year. Whether it is with your yard, your club, your town, your district, or with your friends (which are probably all one in the same), hopefully those plans include thoughts of planting and replenishing trees that have been lost in your area.

As the New Year comes, many of us like to think about new things to do and new plans. Now is the time to start brainstorming and dreaming about the type of trees you want to plant to refurbish old worn out areas around town.

There are several things to think about with tree planting and planning. What kind of tree is best suited, what is the cost, and how are we going to get it planted? While planning your project, please take the time to get the credit for your projects. Below is a list of projects and things to think about:



**The NGC Project – Each One Plant One –** NGC members are encouraged to reach out to members of their communities in the Plant America with Trees effort as we hope to plant at least 165,000 trees in each year in the 2019-2021 administration. All it takes is for “Each ONE” (member) to “Plant ONE” (native tree). You can see more details on the NGC website: <http://www.gardenclub.org/resources/plant-america/NGC-Plant-America-With-Trees-Each-One-Plant-One.pdf>.

**Plant America Grants -** This new grant fund is being created to raise funds for, and distribute funds to, local garden club projects. Funds will be actively solicited from members, affiliated organizations, sponsors and partners to provide financial and in-kind support for worthy projects. This is not just a 2-year project; the intention is for this to be a perpetual fund that will help sustain member clubs and their projects beyond the 2019-2021 administration. For more information, refer to the NGC website: <http://www.gardenclub.org/projects/plant-america-overview.aspx>

**Central Region Garden Club Project – ‘Unified project award’ -** State Garden Clubs can seize the moment to “Bee a Petal Pusher” by encouraging individual clubs to combine two or more different projects or programs into one club project. The bundling of projects will double the delight and outcome to club members and communities. It is also the club’s opportunity to take advantage of the different grants, projects, and awards offered by National Garden Clubs, Inc., your State Garden Clubs and Central Region Garden Clubs, Inc. \$100 award is available. Please see the website for all the details: <https://www.ngccentralregion.org/cr-unified-proj-award>.

**Wisconsin State Garden Club Federation Project – “Little Sprouts for Saplings”** this project encourages us to get involved with the youth by getting them interested in planting trees. Don’t forget to have your pictures posted to the WGCF website so we advertise how much fun we are having planting trees and teaching the next generation.

*(President’s Message continued on page 4)*

### ADVERTISING RATES

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

## Have you registered for the WGCF Sponsored Tri-Refresher May 11, 2020?

Vern Lowell, Co Chair, WGCF Tri-Refresher

We have developed what promises to be an exciting and lively Tri-Refresher to precede the National Garden Club 2020 convention. If you have not yet registered NOW IS THE TIME. You can refresh your credentials in Gardening, Landscape Design and Environmental Studies. Note, you do not have to be refreshing, or attending the Convention, to attend this special event. All WGCF, NGC and affiliate members are eligible. We have registrations coming in from all over the United States and around the world. We can now accommodate 150 people.

I would encourage all active Garden, Landscape Design and Environmental students to register early to be sure of having a place at this event. For example, if you are due to update your credentials, there will be no Landscape Design school in Wisconsin in 2020. This may be your only chance to stay current this year. Look over the registration materials (on pages 13-16) to get a feel for the quality of the speakers and gardens and what is to be learned at this Refresher. I think you will find this a rewarding day, refreshing or not.

This event is open to the public. Bring a friend.

### **“Perfect Vision”**

**May 11-16, 2020**

**2020 National Convention**

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



May 11-16 (including the Pre-Convention Tri-Refresher and Post Convention Botanical Arts Workshop) seemed so far in the future but somehow it has been coming toward us in leaps and bounds. It is now only three months away and for those of us that haven't made a decision yet as to what we will be doing to participate in this event we will need to make that decision very soon.

The Tri-Refresher Committee is all set to welcome you to this event and is just waiting for your registration. Wisconsin Tri-Council is sponsoring this event as a separate entity from the Convention. If you are planning on attending the Tri-Refresher, but not the Convention, the only fee you need to pay is the cost of the course.

We could still use additional help at the Convention. We would be happy to have you join in the festivities by being pages and hostesses within the hotel or to help with registration and numerous other activities including assembling the fresh flower designs that appear on the tables for all meal functions.. You can help without paying any registration fee or you could pay the Wisconsin \$10.00 registration fee and take part by registering for any of the scheduled break-out sessions, the Petite Horticulture Specialty Flower Show and visit the Vendors.

With that same \$10.00 registration fee you could register and participate in any of the meal functions and programs that take place during the convention and perhaps be the winner of a centerpiece at a meal function. This may be a once in a life-time event for many of you to visit an NGC Convention within your own State.

We are grateful to all who have joined our list of chairmen and worker bees as many hands make light work. All members are still welcome to join us in this endeavor. Our phone numbers and e-mail addresses have not changed so feel free to contact us.

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**President's Message continued**

For a reminder of all the details of the contest, please refer to the WGCF website at: <https://www.wisconsin-garden-club.org/about-us/special-projects>.

By working on successfully planning out your projects, you can accomplish several goals with your projects. We are not all great at working on taking 'credit' for our awesome contributions. It is time for us to stand up and be counted. While some of us are not planners, we can still be aware of the opportunities that are available. It is a New Year and it is time for us to get together and think big.

We have additional opportunities to celebrate Wisconsin. We have our annual Convention in Appleton, Wisconsin April 17 & 18, 2020. We also have the National Convention right here in Milwaukee, Wisconsin May 11–16, 2020. There are additional articles in this issue for these opportunities. I encourage everyone to come and do what we do best – share the fun, socialize, and learn. Get your registration in early!

*Lynne*

**Remember when . . . . .**  
**by Judy Newman, WGCF Historian**

**Wisconsin School Children's Forest**  
**Penny Pines**

In 1934, WGCF promoted teaching conservation in public schools. They actively campaigned to get the state legislature to pass a bill requiring every school in the state to teach conservation which passed in the spring of 1935. Teachers started teaching conservation in 1936. To give the students a hands-on experience, Mrs. Frank K. Quimby, WGCF Chairman of Youth Garden Clubs, in Racine, WI conceived of the idea of establishing a forest which the children could study and reforest. The U.S. Forest Service identified and set aside a 1,240-acre tract of burned over, cutover, eroded land badly in need of reforestation for the Wisconsin school children to reforest. The site was in northeast Wisconsin seven and one-half miles northeast of Eagle River. It was part of the Nicolet National Forest visited in 1834 when the first white man came to Wisconsin.



The school children realized they could not travel to northern Wisconsin to plant the trees themselves so they sent their pennies to the Forest Service to pay for the tiny pine seedlings and the planting. For each penny the children contributed, the Forest Service with the help of the Civilian Conservation Corps planted four pine seedlings. From 1936 to 1940 they sent 79,686 pennies to replant 374 acres of land. About 1000 Seedlings were planted on each acre (316,088 trees). On July 27, 1940 the project was completed and the forest dedicated. Everyone present planted a tree in "Quimby Grove" as a tribute to Mrs. Quimby. It was agreed that this forest should be treated as a crop, and selective logging be done at the proper time. The forest is always to remain a forest where good conservation practices are the watchword. *Wisconsin Garden* March April 1956.

Note: I have a copy of the WGCF proposed bill to the State legislature, newspaper article, dedication program and pictures handwritten reports and WGCF article.

# Welcome to "Puttin' on the Ritz" 2020 WGCF Convention

On behalf of the Fox River Valley District, we welcome Wisconsin Garden Club Federation members and friends to enjoy "Puttin' on the Ritz" in Appleton, WI.

The convention takes place in downtown Appleton, on vibrant College Avenue. A few steps away is the Trout Art Museum. Across the street is a very fine Building for Children with hands-on exhibits. A block away is the Appleton Performing Arts Center which sponsors top Broadway plays. And, inside of the hotel is the Green Bay Packer themed restaurant with many memorable pictures of previous Packer players and coaches.

The Central Region Director, Jodi Meyer, from Indiana will be our honored guest. Jodi will mingle with members and encourage gardening activities. Some of the topics that speakers will cover are hostas, eagles, an orchid research project, and laughter yoga. A very creative NGC Flower Show Judge will present a must-see Design program.

The Awards Banquet will highlight many hard-working members and clubs around the State.

**Make the Awards Banquet special by dressing up in your best Roaring Twenties dresses and outfits!!!**

Come and enjoy the 93<sup>rd</sup> annual WGCF convention.



*Convention Committee: Liz Murken, Decoration Chairman;  
Marion Books, 2020 WGCF Convention Co-Chairman;  
Carol Catlin, 2020 WGCF Convention Chairman;  
Sandi Smet, Fox River Valley District Acting Director*



*Karen Witucke, Fox River Valley District Director*

## Directions to Red Lion Paper Valley Hotel 333 W. College Ave., Appleton, WI 54914

**From southern Wisconsin:** Take Hwy 41 to Appleton. Exit at College Ave. to the right. Go East to 333 W. College Ave. The parking garage is immediately north of the hotel, on Superior St. Turn right onto Superior St. and park. The ramp has a hotel entrance on the 3rd level of the parking garage.

**From western Wisconsin:** Take Hwy 10 to Appleton and exit to north Hwy 41. Take 41 to College Ave. Follow above directions.

**From northern Wisconsin:** Take Hwy 41 to College Ave. Follow above directions.



12:00 p.m.— 2:00 p.m.	Luncheon Design program “Roaring Twenties” by Edie Dyer-Wilson Announcements	Presiding: WGCF President Lynne Ehnert
2:30 p.m. — 3:30 p.m.	Breakout session 1: Native Orchids Andrea Weissgerber, Research Ecologist for the Orchid Conservation Project at Riveredge Nature Center	
3:45 p.m.— 4:45 p.m.	Breakout session 2: Hostas Tammy Borden, Master Gardener	
5:00 p.m.	Sales Table, Tisket a Tasket and FRV Raffle close	
5:30 p.m.	Reception Honoring CR Director Jodi Meyer and WGCF President Lynne Ehnert	
6:30 p.m.	Awards Banquet Introduction of Jodi Meyer and comments Bronze Award: Introduction of Award winner Award Program: Final Credential Report Final Registration Report Courtesy Resolution Announcements Benediction Adjournment	Presiding: Lynne Ehnert WGCF President Laura Skoff Judy Pitcher Jeanne Baum Lynne Ehnert, WGCF President

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## Convention Speakers and Presenters

### Stephen Easterly

Stephen has been with the Wisconsin DNR for 14 years, most of which was as a wildlife technician in the Oshkosh service center conducting wildlife habitat restorations on state managed lands, including several hundred acres of native grassland prairie enhancements, restorations, and a wide variety of maintenance activities. He has also worked to maintain and enhance thousands of acres of wetland and marsh habitat. During that time he worked with numerous agencies and organizations to augment and support multiple users groups’ opportunities on state land across Fond du Lac and Winnebago Counties. He was fortunate enough to have conducted numerous wildlife surveys including the aerial nest survey for Bald Eagles and Osprey across an 18-county area of northeast Wisconsin. For the last three years Stephen has served as a wildlife biologist for the WDNR in Manitowoc and Calumet counties.



### Joanne Murphy Spice

Joanne works for Winnebago County Health Department as the Wellness Plus Coordinator. In working with the Wellness Plus Collaboration, she coordinates all aspects of bringing evidence based healthy living classes to the communities of Winnebago County. The focus of these classes is to empower everyone to take a more active part in their own health and wellbeing. Classes are offered that work on falls prevention, living with chronic pain, and living with chronic conditions such as diabetes. Joanne holds a Master’s of Education and a BS in Social Work. While working with many senior groups, she discovered Laughter Yoga. As a believer in the benefits of humor and laughter, especially as we age, she looks forward to sharing what she has learned about Laughter Yoga and its health benefits.



## Convention Speakers and Presenters

### Eddie Dyer-Wilson

Eddie Dyer-Wilson, a Master Flower Show Judge from Indiana, will present a design program entitled “Putting on the Ritz, Then and Now”. Many design styles will be included with the hope they will inspire your imagination and make you channel your own creativity with an original gallery of found objects, interesting backgrounds with a myriad of floral colors and textures. Her floral designs have been in local, regional and national flower shows. She is an avid promoter of creativity and loves to have fun on a stage.



Eddie is a practicing Registered Nurse and a Fine Arts graduate in ceramics, photography and art history. In her spare time, she enhances her design programs with ceramics, welding and metal/fiber art created in her studio. An NGC 5-Star Member, Eddie enjoys presenting and working with others to explore their own artistic talents. She wants to inspire the artist in all of us!

### Tammy Borden

Tammy will present new hostas and discuss popular hosta varieties, and show how to incorporate them in pleasing designs.



Tammy is a Master Gardener and has over 600 varieties of hostas in her yard. Her yard was featured on the 2019 National Hosta Society convention tour. She is the Executive Vice President of the AHS and has authored the book “A Perennial Life”.

### Jodi Meyer

Jodi says, “I am a small town girl from southern Indiana but love the country”. She bought a pony that lived in town with her family. 4-H was a family event with her mother as leader and siblings also members.



Jodi is a registered nurse and is employed by the state of Indiana supervising nurses who inspect nursing homes. Jodi is divorced and has 2 children and 1 grandson. She still has a horse called Katie.

Her garden club experience began in 1993 in a club where Mrs. Orville Redenbacher was the first President!! She currently holds the treasurer position in that club. Jodi has held many offices at the district and State level and finally Indiana State President. And, now Central Region Director.

### Andrea Weissgerber

Andrea grew up in Milwaukee and learned about nature on fishing trips with her dad and playing in the garden. Her interests include preserving and restoring native communities and rare plants through an eclectic and multidisciplinary lens. She graduated from the UW Madison in 2019 with a Master in Science in Restoration Ecology



At UW, Andrea became a distinguished Graduate Fellow and was awarded several scholarships, one from WGCF!! Her graduate thesis work focused on the distribution, ecology, and threats of a state threatened species, the white lady’s slipper orchid (*Cypripedium candidum*). The beautiful lady slipper embodies the health of the wet prairie it calls home.

She works at Riveredge Nature Center for the Orchid Conservation Project where she studies a multitude of native orchid species.

# “Puttin’ on the Ritz”

WISCONSIN GARDEN CLUB FEDERATION 93rd ANNUAL CONVENTION

APRIL 17 and 18, 2020

Red Lion Paper Valley Hotel

333 W. College Ave., Appleton, WI 54911

(920) 733-8000 1-800-733-5466

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip + 4 \_\_\_\_\_

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

Email confirmation \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

## Check all that apply:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> NGC Officer                   | <input type="checkbox"/> WGCF Chairman     | <input type="checkbox"/> NGC Acc'd Flower Show Judge   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NGC Board Member              | <input type="checkbox"/> WGCF Life Member  | <input type="checkbox"/> Student Flower show Judge     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NGC Life Member               | <input type="checkbox"/> District Director | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Design Consultant   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Central Reg. Board Member     | <input type="checkbox"/> Club President    | <input type="checkbox"/> Prov. Landscape Consultant    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Center Reg. Life Member       | <input type="checkbox"/> Club Delegate     | <input type="checkbox"/> Gardening Consultant          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> WGCF Former President         | <input type="checkbox"/> Club Alternate    | <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Consultant      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> WGCF Elected Officer          | <input type="checkbox"/> Club Member       | <input type="checkbox"/> Former Lydia Shafer Recipient |
| <input type="checkbox"/> WGCF Appointed Officer        | <input type="checkbox"/> Guest             | <input type="checkbox"/> New Member since June 1, 2019 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Number of years a WGCF member |  |  |

**Make room reservations with the Red Lion Paper Valley Hotel at (920) 733-8000 or 1-800 733-5466. The rate is \$104 plus tax for run of the house, single or double occupancy.**

**A Concierge room is \$134 plus tax.**

**Deadline is April 1, 2020.**

## Events:

Package Plan before April 1, 2020 \_\_\_\_\_ \$153.00

(Includes: Two Banquets, One Breakfast and One Luncheon and Registration fee)

Package Plan after April 1, 2020 \_\_\_\_\_ \$173.00

*(additional registration information on next page)*

**Single Events. Late fees apply after April 1, 2020.**

Friday Banquet, Program and Registration fee	_____	\$ 63.00
Friday Banquet, Program and Late Registration fee	_____	\$ 68.00
Saturday Breakfast, Program and Registration fee	_____	\$ 38.00
Saturday Breakfast, Program and Late Registration fee	_____	\$ 43.00
Saturday Luncheon, Program and Registration fee	_____	\$ 50.00
Saturday Luncheon, Program and Late Reg. fee	_____	\$ 55.00
Saturday Banquet ,Program and Registration fee	_____	\$ 61.00
Saturday Banquet, Program and Late Reg. fee	_____	\$ 65.00

**Breakout Sessions :**

#1. "Native Orchid Current Research"	2:30-3:30	_____	\$ 10.00
#2 "Hostas"	3:45-4:45	_____	\$ 10.00

**Total Enclosed** \_\_\_\_\_

List food allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to WGCF, with Registration form, send to  
Jeanne Baum, Registrar, N2670 Meade St., Appleton, WI 54913  
kjeabaum@gmail.com (920) 731-9140**



## **HEADS UP**

### **Horticulturists, Designers, Flower Show Judges**

Looking into the future for educational programs and schools for our members, we are putting the preliminary plans in place for a Flower Show Symposium to be held at Fox Valley Technical College, 1825 N. Bluemound Dr., Appleton, on October 2 & 3, 2020.

An NGC Symposium is an in-depth course of design, horticulture and allied subjects pertaining to flower shows. The WGCF holds a Symposium every three years so judges can maintain their credentials and remain in Good Standing to continue judging and evaluating flower shows. All garden club members interested in flower shows, floral design and horticulture are encouraged to attend.

Sue Kirkman, a horticulture instructor from Kentucky, will bring us the most current information on Botanical Arts as an Allied Topic and two house-plant groups: Crassula-Succulent and Pelargonium -Flowering Geraniums on Oct. 2nd. Claudia Bates, a design instructor from Florida, will focus on Group Mass and Panel Designs on Oct. 3rd.

Mark your calendar, plan on attending.

Kitty Larkin, Symposium Chairman

Liz Murken, Flower Show Schools Chairman

Gierianne Holzman, Committee Member

## **Operation Wildflower**

Diane Powelka, Chair

Fork in the road! I literally found a fork in the road that was like a symbol. What is in store for my landscape or should I just ignore it!

I haven't thought a lot about putting shrubs in my landscape. For one thing I do not find them all that exciting. I don't know of any greenhouse that has a nice display of shrubs with hardscapes that shows off what you can do in your landscape, but then maybe I wasn't in that frame of mind. The possibilities are endless. Thinking about it—maybe those plants that I put in along the neighbor's fence line years ago might be better in a flower bed and a row of native shrubs might be the ticket.

A while back I did plant some shrubs. Not sure if the birds ate the fruit or not. Yes, the catalogs will arrive in my mailbox for me to drool over the beautiful pictures. Then I get lazy and wait to go to a garden center in the spring to find out if they have any of the shrubs with berries that are native. In the meantime, the birds are waiting for a hand out. I feed them but also should have a place for them to rest, eat berries and hang out.

This year maybe I should have a list of native shrubs with berries and figure out what shrubs will survive my type of soil, light requirements and moisture. With the decline of birds, we will have more insects and fewer birds to eat those insects. I know some bugs are not consumed by birds so hopefully something will find those invasive bugs tasty.

The winter came early and I have some time to ponder on those native shrubs with berries.

This is my list from Mariette Nowak: Early Low Blueberry, Highbush Blueberry *Vaccinium corymbosum*, Bunchberry, *Cornus canadensis*, Choke Cherry, *Prunus virginiana*, Sand Cherry *Prunus pumila*, Coralberry, *Symphoricarpos orbiculatus*, Wild Black Currant, *Ribes Americanum*, Common Dewberry, *Rubus flagellaris*, Gray Dogwood, *Cornus racenisa*, Red-Osier Dogwood, *Cornus sericea*, Rough-Leaved Dogwood, *Cornus drummondii*, Round -Leaved Dogwood, *Cornus rugosa*, Silky Dogwood, *Cornus amomum*, Elderberry, Common, (*Sambucus canadensis*) *Vaccinium angustifolium*, Winter-green, *Gaultheria procumbens*, Wolfberry *Symphoricarpos occidentalis*. These are just a few examples. If you don't have the book *Birdscaping In THE MIDWEST* by Mariette Nowak please treat yourself to get a copy. I found these shrubs listed in her book It has a variety of information and a wonderful book to read in the winter months.

See where your fork takes you and have a great trip!

## 2019-2020 *Wisconsin Blue Book* Cover

### Honors Color Guard from Gold Star Memorial Dedication

By Linda and Chuck McCafferty, Co-Chairs,

Blue Star and Gold Star Families Memorial Markers Committee

At the August 22, 2018, Dedication of the Gold Star Memorial Marker on Madison's Capitol Grounds, Wisconsin Legislative Photographer Joe Koshollek took numerous photographs to memorialize the historic occasion for the State of Wisconsin. One of them was a photograph of the procession across the Capitol Grounds by the members of the Sun Prairie American Legion Post 333 and VFW Post 9362 Combined Color Guard opening the ceremony by presenting the colors.

Nancy Warnecke, Wisconsin Legislative Reference Bureau, Visual Designer, chose this photograph for the cover of the 2019-2020 issue of the *Wisconsin Blue Book*. Her main source for images is the legislative photographers' library. She felt this photograph was ideal because it tied in so well with this issue's feature article, "A Hero's Welcome", which celebrates the centennial of the 1919 session when policymakers overcame divisions to enact groundbreaking policy for Veterans. Eventually, the legislation, including disability compensation, cash payments, and educational investments, passed and became a model for the GI Bill. In addition, she also liked the "strong composition that included the capitol building, a traditional and iconic *Blue Book* cover image."

The *Blue Book* describes the photograph on the cover as follows:

On August 22, 2018, Wisconsin veterans honored the families of their fallen comrades during the dedication of a Gold Star Memorial on capitol grounds. Gold stars first came to represent fallen service members during World War I, when American families made and displayed "service flags," upon which blue stars signified family members serving, and gold stars signified those who died. Today, the Gold Star Memorial pays tribute to the Wisconsinites who sacrificed their lives—and the families who sacrificed their loved ones—in service of the nation. JOE KOSHOLLEK, LEGISLATIVE PHOTOGRAPHER

The original horizontal photograph was cropped to fit the vertical *Blue Book* thus unfortunately eliminating three Veterans from the book's cover.

To commemorate use of this photograph on the *Blue Book*, Rep. Gary A. Hebl, Wisconsin 46th Assembly District, which includes Madison and Sun Prairie, organized a get together of all eight Veterans to autograph copies of the *Blue Book*. Rep. Hebl thereafter presented completely signed copies of the *Blue Book* to each Veteran, both Posts and these co-chairs. Other signed copies were retained by Rep. Hebl to be preserved with State of Wisconsin historical documents. He also presented everyone with a large glossy enlargement of the original photograph identifying each Veteran and the Posts.

To further commemorate this event, Rep. Hebl invited the eight Veterans to come to the Capitol to post the colors during the Pledge of Allegiance to open the November 12, 2019, Session of the Assembly.

It was so exciting to participate in another event that has been etched in Wisconsin history. While it is unfortunate that WGCF's participation in the placement of the Marker was not mentioned in the cover's description, the Marker itself contains the name and it will forever be visible to all who view it well into the next centuries.

The *Wisconsin Blue Book* is published biennially by the Wisconsin Legislative Reference Bureau and is a valuable source for information about the State of Wisconsin. It was initially published in 1853 as a 100-page legislative pocketbook but evolved into a useful resource for state residents and an historical record of state government. The *Blue Book's* mission is to provide information about state officers, governmental organization, statistical information, and articles of general interest. Every issue also features an article from Wisconsin government history.

Wisconsin residents may contact their State Representative or State Senate to obtain hardcover copies of the *Blue Book* at no charge or place an order with the [Wisconsin Department of Administration's](#) "Document Sales and Distribution Unit." It is also available on line free of charge.

Wisconsin Garden Club Federation  
Presents

# A Touch of Spring

Pre-Convention 2020 Tri-Refresher



**MAY 11, 2020**

**BOERNER BOTANICAL GARDENS**

**BOERNER DRIVE, HALES CORNERS, WI**

# A Touch of Spring - Schedule

**Monday, May 11, 2020**

Time	Event	Who
7:30	Board Buses - Potawatomi Hotel & Casino	Laura Skoff, Tours Chair
8:00 - 8:30	Registration at Boerner Botanical Gardens	
8:30 - 8:40	Welcome & Introductions	Vern Lowell, Tri-Refresher Co-Chair
8:40 - 9:40	Knock Out® Roses/Radler Rosarium	Will Radler
9:40 - 10:40	Freshwater Ecology - Great Lakes	John Berges
10:40 - 10:50	Break	
10:50 - 11:50	Water Treatment	Chris Schultz
11:50 - 1:00	Lunch & Program	
12:00 - 1:00	Boerner Botanical Gardens History & Development	Shirley Dommer Wolczak
1:00 - 2:00	Jens Jensen & The Clearing Folk School	Nancy Aten
2:00 - 2:10	Break	
2:10 - 4:10	Boerner Botanical Gardens - Guided Tour	Friend of Boerner Docents
4:10 - 4:30	Photos and Shopping	
4:30	Board Buses - Boerner Botanical Gardens	
5:00	Arrive Potawatomi Hotel & Casino	



## A Touch of Spring - Presenters



### Nancy Aten

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

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### John Berges

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

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### Shirley Dommger Wolezak

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

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### William Radler

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

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### Chris Schultz

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

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Limited to 90 people

Registration deadline: April 1, 2020



The Tri-Refresher cost is \$125, which includes all admission fees, tours, speakers, lunch and transportation. Additionally, those refreshing must pay \$5.00 for each school refreshing. Buses leave Potawatomi Hotel at 7:30 and return at 5:00. Tours take place, rain or shine, so dress appropriately. Layers suggested and no open toe shoes. This event is open to all. Please complete this form and send with your check as indicated. **Please print or complete as a fillable pdf or register online: <https://ngc2020tri-refresherbywgcf.eventbrite.com>**

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

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

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

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

**Please Check** your lunch choice:

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

Food Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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Information: [geriannewgcf@gmail.com](mailto:geriannewgcf@gmail.com) (Sorry, no refunds after April 1, 2020)

Please mail registration form and your check **payable to WGCF:**

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

### APRIL

April 17-18 WGCF Annual Convention, Appleton

### MAY

May 8 Blue Stat Marker Dedication,  
Houlton, WI  
President's Project of Peggy Grubbs

May 11 Tri-Refresher, Milwaukee

May 12-16 NGC National Convention, Milwaukee

### JUNE

June 17 WGCF Executive Committee Meeting,  
Rothschild

### OCTOBER

October 2-3 Flower Show Symposium, Appleton

October 14 WGCF Executive committee Meeting,  
Rothschild

October 12-14 Environmental School, Middleton

## 2021

### FEBRUARY

February 17 WGCF Executive Committee Meeting

Spring Landscape Design School,  
St. Croix District  
(dates to be determined)



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## IN MEMORIAM

### ILONE UNDERHEIM

A Celebration of Life was held in Remembrance of Ilone Underheim on Feb. 11th, 2020 at the First English Lutheran Church in Oshkosh, WI. Ilone was an active garden club member prior to ill health setting in about 2 years ago. She began her garden club career in LaCrosse and carried it through in Oshkosh since her early 80's.



Creative by nature, Ilone loved art, poetry, literature, theatre and found her own expression through flower arranging and interior design. She ran her own small business "Floral Artistry by Ilone" creating beautiful designs for weddings and events. She was a Master Flower Show Judge prior to assuming emeritus status.

Ilone was very active in the Republican Party and while in LaCrosse hosted numerous political candidates for both congressional and state office during the time she was chairwoman of the LaCrosse County Republican party. And she, herself, ran for office in the Wisconsin State Assembly.

She completed her life here on earth when she peacefully passed away and joined our Lord on Feb. 1, 2020 at the age of 95 years at the Parkview Health Center in Oshkosh, WI. She is survived by children Greg Underheim of Oshkosh, WI and Charmaine Moreno of Westlake Village, CA.

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Looking out my window, I am admiring the patterns and lines in the drifts of snow in my backyard. Isn't it amazing how the swirling wind and snow can create such beautiful, symmetrical patterns. The birds, squirrels or my neighbor's three-year-old have started to add their prints to those patterns, which makes for another set of lines and patterns to dwell on.

During the past few months I think that I have missed so much of the beauty of nature as I became self-absorbed in my own physical health issues and treatment. People in various clubs, church and family have been tremendously kind in their prayers and positive thoughts for me, and yet I continued to just worry about me, and not look beyond the present moment or myself. I was missing the beauty that was right outside my window.

After a recent snowfall, a friend (who has faithfully checked on me nearly every day) commented on how pretty the snow was as it hung on the branches of the evergreens. Yes, she was making a great attempt at getting me to look beyond myself.

As we each go through our own lives, let's take that extra time to look beyond ourselves and notice all of the beauty of nature around us. Whether it is the patterns in the snow, the brilliant colors of the birds at the feeders, or the interesting shadows created by the trees and shrubs, there's so much to notice and appreciate.

*Carla*

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