

Wisconsin Gardens

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WGCF 2022 ANNUAL CONVENTION RECAP

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Doris Weber, Convention Co-Chair, and Karen Merlau, Sheboygan District Director.



Linda McCafferty, WGCF First Vice President



Jim Vest, President's Project Chairman, Laura Skoff, WGCF President, George Archibald, ICF Co-Founder, and Central Region Director, Carol Yee

The Wisconsin Garden Club Convention was held in Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin, at the Osthoff Resort, where the Sheboygan District welcomed our members, and by all accounts, a good time was had by all.

Co-Chairs Doris Weber and Lynnette Rakun, along with District Director Karen Merlau and countless volunteers, presented the theme "Spring is Here".



Making the World a Greener Place





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Message from our President

Summer is upon us complete with our gardens blooming, vegetables sprouting, and our unplanned visitors – weeds, rabbits and deer. If you are like me, you plant a little extra for our furry friends to enjoy so that you don't get angry with them, but choose instead to live harmoniously. As for the weeds, I have found as I age, I overlook more, not just in my yard but with a little of everything!



While attending the recent NGC Convention in Orlando, one of the inspirational readings before a meal touched on the textures of our lives and intertwining of relationships. As members of different garden clubs, we focus on varied areas of interest – some prefer floral design, some gardening tips, and others, conservation and environmental concerns.

Our WGCF Annual Convention held in April demonstrated the intertwining of members and their shared ideas relating to these varied subjects, while creating new connections and renewing old ones. We enjoyed interesting speakers and programs together in-person this year and I wish to thank everyone involved for their contributions of time and hard work! The donating clubs and districts to Tisket-a-Tasket was a record, and members bidding on auction items and shopping the vendors were greatly appreciated. Our members truly supported Sheboygan District's efforts for creating a fine convention.

Join us in 2023 as the Coulee District presents "Rolling on the River" - the Mighty Mississippi that is - May 21-23 in Onalaska, WI.

As you read this issue of Wisconsin Gardens, please note the numerous garden walks, plant sales and events on the calendar. I encourage you to attend other club's gatherings, as members have fun together again!

My "Porch Protocol" for this summer is to relax in that comfortable chair or porch swing some evening, and look for fireflies, or as we called them, lightning bugs. Who doesn't remember catching them in a jar and watching them light up! They are actually beetles, with more than 2,000 species that produce light with a bioluminescent enzyme, mainly during twilight to attract mates.

Please take time to smell the roses and enjoy your wonderful Wisconsin summer!

Laura

"One touch of nature makes the whole world kin."

William Shakespeare

Advertising Rates

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



Roger Greathead, Grant Chairman, presents a Grant Award to Ginger Wierman of the Lake Wissota Garden club



Laura Skoff and Doris Weber present the Ruth Smith Evaluation Award to Lynne Lehnert. It is presented to a judge for the best flower show evaluation.



WGCF CONVENTION

Central Region Director Carol Yee and Dr. George Archibald, Co-founder of the International Crane Foundation were Guests of Honor. Speakers and programs included floral design, beekeeping, planting native for birds and turning your yard into a garden paradise. Artistic sessions included painting by pouring and creating garden hanging trinkets which provided a fun-filled afternoon.

Dr. Archibald took us on a worldwide journey of Cranes and the countries they live in along with photos of his personal gardens – even blue poppies! Prairie restoration at the Crane Foundation is the WGCF President’s Project for 2021-2023 and over \$1250.00 was raised in our Tisket-a-Tasket raffle this year which will be applied to the project.



Debby Walters, from Botany Belles and Beaus Garden Club and St. Croix District Director, Nancy Mohs, West Side Garden Club, and Eugenia Beecher, 1st Vice Director Madison District



Karen Thaker, Milwaukee Art Museum Garden Club, tried paint pouring, an activity directed by versatile Mary Kulhanek. Fortunately, gloves were supplied. Karen is also the copy editor of Wisconsin Gardens.



Tina Lutz, of the Wreath Factory, demonstrating spring floral designs.



Doris Weber presents an award to Vern Lowell.



Participants used different pouring techniques to create two projects with a floral motif.



Pat Ritchie presents to Shelley Swanson, Elmbrook Garden Club, the Ruth West Horticulture Award.



Carol Caitlin holds the Judges Council Educational Award presented to her by Laura Skoff and Doris Weber. It was for *Creative Designing with Gourds*.



Chuck McCafferty couldn't resist! With all the talk about cranes, Chuck McCafferty gave Laura Skoff her very own! Looks like he couldn't tell one crane from another!



Flo Paulson, Elmbrook Garden Club, receiving an award from Susan Wallace, WGCF Recording Secretary



Wisconsin Gardens Editor, Jan Blooming, explained some of the changes and challenges involved in creating the magazine.

The Sheboygan District was excited to host the 2022 WGCF Convention. A big thank-you to members, volunteers, WGCF Board of Directors and Officers, speakers, vendors and ALL who joined us. We had great attendance for our first in-person convention since 2019, and ALL commented how kind, friendly and pleasant everyone was. Thanks especially to our in-house hands-on members who went all out to get it together!

The location for this convention with all its amenities, appropriate speakers, willing vendors and donors, along with the district membership, helped make this such a success!



Pat Greatehead receives a grant award from Jim Vest.

Doris Weber, Convention Co-chair, presents the Bronze Award of Excellence to Gary Bieck. It is given to a non-garden club member for exceptional and outstanding accomplishments in any field that advances WGCF objectives. Gary spoke to the group about his magnificent peony garden.



Mary Kulhanek, of the Lake Shore Garden Club, entertained us with humor. Mary also conducted the paint pouring class and skillfully conducted the auction!



Dr. George Archibald

Jim Vest, President's Project Chair

We all hope for that point in life where our passions align with our work life. Where work provides value beyond money and has effects beyond ourselves.

This is the nexus of Dr. George Archibald's life.

Dr. Archibald, Senior Conservationist and Co-founder of the International Crane Foundation, (ICF,) presented the keynote address to the Wisconsin Garden Club Foundation at our State Convention in April at the Osthoff Resort.

Dr. Archibald spoke about his passions; cranes, his home garden, peonies, and dancing with the crane, Tex. With an Aldo Leopold quote from the Marshland Elegy, Dr. Archibald noted the span of cranes from "prehistory to the present-day affairs of birds and man."

He shared his work saving those wild places where cranes live and dance - wetlands and prairies, flyways and migration routes. He also spoke about how the ICF work has enriched the lives of indigenous people sharing their land with cranes.

Dr. Archibald brought free memberships to the ICF and copies of his book for some of the attendees. He was generous with his time and would speak at length with members as he signed their books.

He was inspiring to listen to, wonderful to talk with, and a model of someone who cares deeply for the natural world and all who inhabit it.

A tour is scheduled for July 12th at the International Crane Foundation. Information is on the WGCF website.

Contact Jim Vest, jmvest9@aol.com, to secure a place on the tour and for any questions you have.



Website

Debby Walters, Webmaster

Please send information about your clubs, districts, schools, and activities to contactwgcf@gmail.com and it will be posted within a day or two. Photographs catch the eye and make the posting more interesting. Each club should have a signed permission slip on file for using the member's photo.



We are looking to improve our Facebook presence, where you can post directly to the page. If your club creates an event for your Facebook page, invite WGCF as a co-host. Once the request is received and accepted, your event shows up on WGCF's site also.

The offer still stands.

If your club would like a website, pages can be created within the WGCF website. If you email me the information, I can create a page or guide you through the process.

As you look at the pages that contain information pertinent to your committee, club or district and notice errors or see that updates are needed, please contact me. Using the contactwgcf email works.



Madison District News

Maureen Wild Gordon, Madison District Director

West Side Garden Club celebrated its centennial, 100 years of service and contributions, from teas and flower shows, to community projects.

They celebrated with a luncheon and a presentation of five skirts depicting their 100 years. Members modeled clothing from years gone by when a hat, jewelry, and gloves accompanied every outfit. Where did they find the stylish dresses?

Even the flower arrangements depicted the different eras. A wonderful time was had by all.



Models above are Diana Peterson, Mary Jo Tierney, Joyce Pohl, and Nancy Mead, members of West Side Garden Club.



On Arbor Day, April 29th, there was no better way to celebrate than plant a tree outside Fire Station #9 in Madison. Sunset Garden Club members donated a tulip tree "Little Volunteer" for the occasion. Nancy Sloan, the club president, read a tree poem. April was acknowledged as National Garden Club's Plant America Month, and the history of Arbor Day was shared.

District Director, Maureen Wild Gordon, lifts, and Sunset Garden Club President, Nancy Sloan, has her hands in the dirt.

Fire Chief, Chris Carbon, and Assistant Fire Chief of Operations, Art Price, were present for the planting, along with Sunset Garden Club members and fire station members.

Madison District met in May, the first time in person in the last two years.

They had a wonderful speaker, Dora Wood, a master gardener from Chippewa county, who talked about edible perennials. Pat Greathead hosted a succulent grow off for interested members.

What is a succulent grow-off? Those participating create a succulent dish garden. They will bring them back in November to see whose has grown the most.



Sun Prairie Garden Club hosted the meeting.

The bylaws and standing rules have been updated, and a scholarship recipient was chosen. Plans were made for the PBS Garden Expo, and the theme for the 2023 Madison District Flower Show will be *Captivating Color*. Sylvia Lowell is the recipient of the WGCF school reimbursement for 2022.

Dawn Mozgawa installed Pat Greathead as District Treasurer and Karen Lee-Wahl as District Secretary for the coming term.

Congratulations Lynne



National Garden Clubs, Inc. is the largest gardening organization in the world. The NGC mission is to provide education, resources and national networking opportunities to its members, to promote the love of gardening, floral design, civic and environmental responsibility.

There are eight regional districts, New England, Central, Central Atlantic, Deep South, South Central, South Atlantic, Pacific and Rocky Mountain. The Central Region is made up of seven states belonging to the National Garden Clubs, Inc. The seven states are: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri and Wisconsin. The website for the Central Region is <https://www.ngccentralregion.com>. The password to the members only section is 7states. To access the state websites, go to the states page on this website.

Lynne Ehnert, former President of the Wisconsin Garden Club Federation, was selected as the 2023 – 2025 Central Region Director at the WGCFF Convention in April. According to the state rotation schedule, it was Wisconsin's turn to select the next director.



Lynne said her interest in garden clubs may have been predestined, as the apple does not fall far from the tree. She attended her first National Convention in 1997 with her mother, Kitty Larkin, before she was even a club member, just to see what it was all about. Lynne went on to participate in several national committees as well as various committees and chairmanships in the WGCFF. Her interest in floral design led to becoming a Master Judge. Her travel and meeting new people have led to interest in the environment and her conviction that she can help everyone to live a more fruitful life.

CONGRATULATIONS LYNNE.

We wish you great success and lots of fun in your new position!

Garden Tours You Won't Want to Miss!

Saturday, July 30th and Sunday, July 31st

The Vineyard at River Hills

The Robbins Garden, River Hills

The Tsai Garden, Bayside

The Milwaukee Art Museum Garden Club is participating in **OPEN DAYS**
A NATIONAL PROGRAM of the GARDEN CONSERVANCY.

Tour more than 11 acres of unique, private gardens at
three locations in Milwaukee County, open from 10 AM to 4 PM.

TICKETS: \$10 PER PERSON PER GARDEN.

Advance purchase is required and tickets are limited.

For tickets and more information, go to
the Garden Tours tab at <https://mamgardenclub.org>

JAN

Fox River Valley District News

Sandy Smet, Fox River Valley District Director



A.J. Vosters - Third Grade

Pat Ritchie, of the Paper Valley Garden Club, reported the results of the Smokey Bear – Woody Owl Poster Contest.

St. Edwards School of Appleton participated and the posters were delightful. It is apparent that that the children learn, which is the goal of this activity, but the artwork is all kid!



Axel Leyes - Second Grade



Will Pethan - First Grade

Congratulations to club members Lucy Valitchka and Jeanne Baum for going to St. Edwards School to promote the activity!

Maybe a couple of you will approach your neighborhood school next year and encourage the students to participate.



Sarah Cove - Fourth Grade



Maximo Geniesse - Fifth Grade

Winners are awarded certificates, and Pat Ritchie confessed she gives a token prize to all who enter.

Thanks, Pat, for your generosity and kindness!

Crane Foundation Tour



Jim Vest, President's Project Chairman

Jim Vest, President's Project Chairman, announced that a special tour of the International Crane Foundation is available to WGCF members on Tuesday, July 12. Admission is \$10.00 for adults and \$2.00 for youth under 18.

The tour begins at 11:30 and space is limited to 20 individuals. Please contact Jim at jmvest9@aol.com or 262-388-3720 to reserve your place or for further details. Electric scooters are available for anyone with mobility issues. Reserve a scooter when you reserve your place on the tour.



Tours take place rain nor shine. ICF suggests you wear comfortable clothing and shoes. Bring water, and please use refillable water bottles.

Want to learn about cranes before you visit? The website: <http://www.savingcranes.org> has additional information.

Jim reported progress is being made on Overlook Hill. A cover crop of oats has been sown this summer, and in fall, prairie plants will be spread. The Wisconsin Garden Club Federation

continues support of the International Crane Foundation through the President's Project. Most recently, \$1252 was raised from the Tisket-a-Tasket Raffle held at the 2022 Convention.

There was an error in the Spring Issue of Wisconsin Gardens. Kitty Larkin was President of WGCF in 1984 when the WGCF donated ten acres of land to the Crane Foundation. In addition, Dr. Archibald received the Gold Seal Award from the National Garden Club in 1994. The inaccuracies were taken from WGCF historical records.

We invite you to place a congratulations, a memorial or an advertisement in Wisconsin Gardens.

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NON-MEMBER	Full Page \$200	Half Page \$100	Quarter Page \$50

Payment goes to WGCF Treasurer, **608-437-2478** landmhull@yahoo.com.

Mary Jane Hull, 709 Brookstone Crest. Mount Horeb, WI 53572

Contact Jan Blooming to place an ad, **414-541-8834** bloomingj@hotmail.com

NEED AN AD PUT TOGETHER? We have suggestions, and will happily design your ad.

If you already have artwork, you will need to email copy and proposed artwork separately. Do **NOT** submit a duplication, screen shot or photo of a completed ad, as legibility, layout, design, and color cannot be improved.

Message and punctuation errors cannot be corrected.

2022 NGC Convention Celebrates Plant America – Play Outdoors

Laura Skoff, WGCF President

As your State President, I represented Wisconsin May 17-19 in Orlando, Florida for the 91st Annual Convention. Over 200 members attended this year as we met in-person for the first time since 2019 and enjoyed talented speakers and programs, and carried out the business at hand. WGCF garden club Floral Designers of Wisconsin won the 2021 Award of Merit for a Club Standard Flower Show “Wisconsin Dreaming”. Members Gerianne Holzman and Wendy Kramer both won blue ribbons in the Petite Flower Show exhibited at the convention. Congratulations!

Kitty Larkin, Gerianne Holzman, Laura Skoff, Lynne Ehnert, Liz Murken, and Wendy Kramer



NGC President Mary Warshauer reported that 82 community grants were awarded this year as the virtual world kept us flexible and exhibited an efficient way to conduct our business. Her message told of looking to the future, honoring the past, and achieving together as we Plant America!

Wisconsin Garden Club President, Laura Skoff, with National Garden Club President, Mary Warshauer



Liz Murken and Kitty Larkin, of the Floral Designers Garden Club, accepting their National Garden Club Ribbon and Award of Merit for a Standard Flower Show.



Gerianne Holzman was awarded a first place Blue Ribbon and the Grand Champion Ribbon for her hanging design of bamboo and midelino sticks.

Wendy Kramer received a blue ribbon for her National Aquarium Theme and simulated coral design.



Presenters included Wisconsin native Jaret Daniels Ph.D. He is currently a Professor of Entomology at the University of Florida specializing in the ecology and conservation of at-risk butterflies and other native insect pollinators. Over 80% of animal life are insects – 1 million species! The importance of diversifying your landscape with many plant species is vitally important to pollinators. I also attended the workshop of French perfumer Bruno Leysene where he shared secrets of creating fragrances with plants, spices, woods and fruits. Guest floral designers Kebbie Hollingsworth and J Ross Railey shared their artistic talents at the closing banquet.

The 2023 NGC Convention will be held at the Greenbriar Resort in White Sulphur Springs, WVA May 2-5 and promises to be “Almost Heaven”. You won’t want to miss this fabulous resort as members experience the great hospitality of West Virginia!

Eagles in Wisconsin



Bald eagles are exceeding expectations and now occupy breeding territories in parts of the Badger State previously regarded as unsuitable for the species. The Population has risen from 107 in 1974 to over 1500 breeding pairs. An aerial survey in 2019 observed 1,684 occupied nests in 71 of our 72 counties.



**Milwaukee County did not have a documented eagle nest.
THIS HAS CHANGED.**

An active bald eagle nest has been observed on public land in southern Milwaukee County. The news was shared jointly by the Department of Natural Resources, the Madison Audubon Society, and the Milwaukee County Parks Department.

A pair of eagles constructed the massive nest in 2021, but didn't use it. Volunteers monitoring the site have now provided photos of eagles on the nest.

Eagle population was in trouble 70 years ago. Numbers dropped to fewer than 1,000 in the United States because of unregulated hunting, poisoning, and the use of DDT and other chemicals. DDT caused eagles and many birds to lay thin-shelled eggs that broke before chicks hatched. Eagle numbers plummeted.

Wisconsin was the first to ban DDT in 1972, and numbers increased. It is estimated that more than 316,000 bald eagles now live in the lower 48 states. When our country was founded, numbers were around 100,000.

P.S. There was a report of a bald eagle with avian flu being humanely euthanized in Milwaukee. The article said it had fallen from a nest in the populated Bay View neighborhood, which would seem to indicate a second bald eagle nest.

An NGC Flower Show • A Standard Flower Show

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Milwaukee District

Diane Olsen, Milwaukee District Director

22nd ANNUAL HANK AARON STATE TRAIL 5K RUN/WALK, August 13

Join the MDGC Connectors on Saturday at 8:30 am. .

Register online at 22nd Annual Hank Aaron State Trail 5K Run/Walk, runsignup.com, by July 30 to receive a t-shirt with our team logo. Woman's t-shirt sizes run very SMALL.

Team-discounted rate is \$25 for adults and \$15 for kids. There is an administration fee. Select Team and look for MDGC Connectors. Team captain is Diane Olsen. Questions? Contact Diane, gunga_din13@hotmail.com or 262-894-5323.

Our team is there to support the Trail and have some fun. Race proceeds support initiatives of The Friends of Hank Aaron State Trail. Projects include sending kids to Bike Adventure Camp, organizing crews that keep the trail clean spring through fall, maintenance, and art along the trail, such as the People of the Road Monument. Check out MDGC's name on plaque.

The route goes through Three Bridges Park, crosses the Menomonee River and passes through restored prairie. There will be music, food, a silent auction with GREAT items, and individual and team prizes. See details on the website at Friends of Hank Aaron State Trail.

Join the MDGC Connectors on Saturday, August 13, at 8:30am

Be sure to post a photo with #2022Hank5k before you head home!

Gardens on Tour



The Milwaukee Art Museum Garden Club and The Garden Conservancy are presenting an Open Days Garden Tour of over eleven acres of private gardens in northern Milwaukee County on Saturday, July 30th, and Sunday, July 31st. Over 75 MAMGC members volunteered for last year's Open Days, and the event was a sell-out.

THREE SPECTACULAR PRIVATE GARDENS ARE ON THE TOUR.

Each garden has unique features. The Tsai Garden in Bayside packs an amazing amount of color, texture and creativity into a suburban lot. The owner is constantly testing new plants to see if they meet her expectations. Trips to Japan have led to beautiful plant combinations and a landscape of unexpected vignettes including colorful flowers, shade plants, and evergreens.

A visit to The Robbins Garden in River Hills includes a prairie garden, an apiary, the art studio of Marion Coffey, and a formal English Garden. You will see Wisconsin prairie plants as well as artist-designed works like a hand-painted scuba diver and marine animals on the bottom of the pool!



The Vineyard at River Hills, within walking distance of the Robbins Garden, features a 2-acre vineyard of both red and white winter hardy grapes. You will also see a large vegetable and cutting garden, wild areas, a pond, espaliered apple and pear trees, and shade and sun perennial borders surrounding a 100-year-old house on a 5-acre plot.

THIS IS AN ADVENTURE NOT TO BE MISSED.

Check out the advertisement in this newsletter, and get your tickets now!

MILWAUKEE DISTRICT CONGRATULATES KERRY KROKOS



MDGC honored Kerry with the Doris Schwartz Award for distinctive achievement and/or service to the Milwaukee District. The award sculpture was created by Ken Schwartz. His work can be seen on his website, Bent and Twisted Studio. The award has been given almost annually since 1968.

Kerry joined a garden club in 2011, and became an Accredited Flower Show Judge in 2014 after taking the 2-year course. She travels throughout Wisconsin and surrounding states judging NGC Flower Shows, and representing MDGC. She became a Life Judge in 2020. She worked on the State President's Tree Planting Project, and the Hank Aaron Trail District Project simultaneously. She's also held chairmanships, served as an officer, and is training to become a Parliamentarian.

Thank you, Kerry, for supporting your district.

MAY AND JUNE WERE BUSY

THE POTPOURRI GARDEN CLUB had another successful Perennial Sale, always on the third Saturday of May at the intersection of HWYS K and H. Mark your calendars for next year. Club president, Shawn Olley, manned the pickup and pay counter at their sale.



PLANT SHARE FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY home owners was held June 2nd through 4th. We thank Connie Sandel and Judy Newman for organizing the event and the many volunteers who helped. Thanks also to the Milwaukee Art Museum Garden Club for donations and helping participants plant container gardens.

JUNE 14TH WAS FLAG DAY and the Blue Star Marker at the Forest Home Cemetery was moved out from under the trees and rededicated. It is now located in front of the Veteran's Garden of Honor on the southeast side of the garden. Maintaining the flower bed is a project of the **WESTERN ACRES GARDEN CLUB**.

THE FLOWER SHOW 101 WORKSHOP was also in June. Judy Newman guided folks on the use of mechanics in floral design, using wire, oasis, and kenzans. It was the first of four opportunities to help members prepare for the Standard Flower Show in October.



Kenzan

On June 25th, **TOWN AND COUNTRY GARDEN CLUB** enjoyed their trip to the Anderson Japanese Garden in Rockford, IL. Members of all area garden clubs were invited to join in on the fun.

BROOKFIELD FARMER'S MARKET

The Brookfield Farmer's Market, with over 70 vendors every weekend into October, offers free space to non-profit groups on the third Saturday of the month. Cheryl Lausten has again secured us a spot which gives us six more opportunities to engage with the public, raise funds by selling craft items, flowers, floral arrangements, and perhaps recruit a new member or two.

**Individual clubs have the opportunity to staff our booth. Set up is before 7:00.
Check out the Farmer's Market website. We are listed under Arts and Crafts.**

It is well attended, having been in existence for over 30 years! Contact Cheryl, cherlausten@gmail.com or 262-781-6220, if your gang has an inclination to participate and to check what spots might be open. It is a vibrant social event for the whole family . . . Cheryl Lausten

MILWAUKEE DISTRICT DATES COMING UP

Saturday, July 9

FOUR SEASONS GARDEN CLUB, Kenosha, presents *Secret Garden Walk* 9:00 to 3:00, rain or shine. Tours are self-guided at six area gardens and there will be bonus activities at the Gateway Horticultural Center. See the club site at www.4seasonsgardenclub.org.



MILWAUKEE DISTRICT HANDS-ON WORKSHOP

Saturday, July 9, 11:00 to 1:00 at the Brookfield Senior Center, 2000 N. Calhoun Road

This workshop is one of four events being offered by MDGC to help you prepare for the 90th Anniversary NGC Standard Flower Show. **DOUG JAEGER** will create a floral arrangement during this hands-on Design Workshop. He will share principals and elements of floral design while providing practical experience.

Doug has been a Certified Florist since 2012. He is in WUMFA, the Wisconsin and Upper Michigan Floral Association. He was awarded a first place in their annual floral competition in each of the past five years, acquiring all 50 points needed to become an Academy Member.

The workshop includes two hours of instruction, the container and the flowers, and costs \$30.00. Limit 12 people who will create a design to take home. Contact Diane Olsen to check if there is an opening, Gunga_din13@hotmail.com or 262-894-5323. The registration form and additional information can be found on the district website - MILWAUKEE DISTRICT GARDEN CLUBS, gardenclubs.weebly.com.

Sunday, July 10

RACINE GARDEN CLUB presents *Summer Magic Garden Tour* 10:00 to 4:00

Details at <http://www.racinegardenclub.org>. Tickets in advance are \$8. Tour day, the cost is \$10 at the individual gardens.

Aug 11 through 14

STATE FAIR FLOWER SHOW *No Puns Intended*, presented by Floral Designers of Wisconsin.

Details will be posted on gardenclubs.weebly.com. Hostesses are needed to answer questions regarding all things Garden Club during the 4-day event.

Saturday, August 20

DIGGING DEEPER at Sally Edgett's *Garden Gone Wild*. 2:00 to 4:00. Sally is a member of the Fox Point Garden Club.

Details on <https://mamgardenclub.org/open-days-garden-tours>. This event is all about incorporating native plants into your garden.

Friday, September 9

TOUR WILL RADLER'S ROSARIUM. Advance tickets

required for the two-hour tour. Contact Kitty Larkin at kittysltr@wi.rr.com



Sept 9 through 11

FLOWER SHOW SYMPOSIUM. Details and registration in this newsletter.

. . . and looking way ahead

Thursday, October 20

90TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION with a Standard Flower Show.

Flowers by Cammy in Waukesha generously agreed to give a 10% discount on all flowers ordered for the show. Contact them at www.flowersbycammy.com or 262-547-5821. We hope that everyone can join us.



DISTRICT FUNDRAISER

Milwaukee District is repeating their Fundraiser by St. Nicholas Inspired. Laurie Wareham, our 2nd Vice Director, arranged that through October 22, 2022, half of your purchase price of the items on page one of the flyer will be donated to The Milwaukee District Garden Club.

In addition, 25% off all sales on www.saintnicholasinspired.com during October 27-28 will go to MDGC. Check it out, and plan on doing some of your holiday shopping at St. Nicholas Inspired, featuring hundreds of products handmade in Thailand.

Take a look at <http://gardenclubs.weebly.com/other-club-fund-raisers.html> for more details.



Horticulture, Asteraceae

Sue Donohoe, Horticulture Chairman

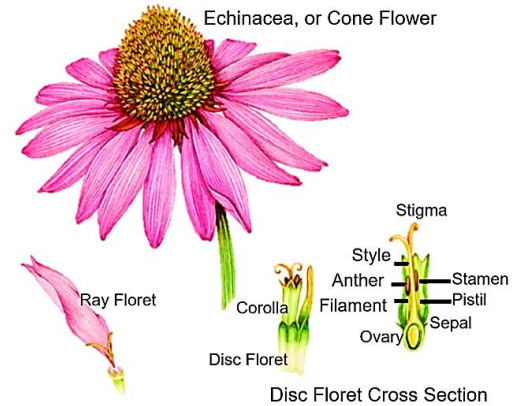
Asteraceae are herbaceous plants originally known as composites, but commonly referred to as the Aster, Daisy or Sunflower Family. Not only does this plant family have 32,000 species of flowering annuals and perennials worldwide, it also includes some shrubs, vines, and trees.

In preparing for this article, I went back to basic botany to refresh myself about what really makes a composite flower. We look at a single daisy shaped flower and we know it is a composite, but do we realize that it is actually many florets arranged to appear as a single flower?

Asteraceae species are generally easy to distinguish from other plants because of their unique inflorescence, or cluster of florets in the middle, and other shared characteristics, such as the joined anthers of the stamens, the site of the pollen grains. However, determining genera and species of some groups is notoriously difficult.

Now that we know that a composite flower is made of many tiny florets, let's examine Wisconsin's native Asteraceae family. Here is a short list: Aster, Rudbeckia, Eupatorium, Solidago, Veronica, Helianthus, Coreopsis, Liatris, Echinacea, Yarrow, Boneset, Heliopsis, Achillea, and Silphium.

Notice anything in this list of perennials? These flowers have very different shapes, single flower, spike, and cluster. This interesting fact made me take a closer look at the flowers in this list of natives. It's amazing to see so much variation within one plant family.



Echinacea, or Cone Flower, is a single flower, as is the Black-Eyed Susan, the Daisy, the Coreopsis, and the Sunflower. They may also be referred to as Disc Flowers. Looking closely, the center disc, or flower head, is actually a composite of many smaller flowers or florets.



That brings us to a cluster flower, and Yarrow is a good example, as is Joe Pye Weed.



An example of a spike Asteraceae is Veronica, as are Liatris and Golden Rod.

Let's look at where these natives live. Asteraceae plants can be found on every continent except Antarctica, but most native Asteraceae perennials in our area live in an open and dry habitat or native prairies.

Most prairie plants have a taproot to find water deep in the soil, though sometimes they contradict that generality, and possess fibrous root systems. Stems are herbaceous, aerial, branched, and cylindrical, with hairs, and generally erect. Leaves can be alternate, opposite, or whorled. They may be simple, but are often deeply lobed or notched. Margins may be smooth or toothed.

The Gerbera Daisy may be our favorite Asteraceae. The Gerbera is an annual in our climate. Gerberas need to have consistently moist soil, meaning they need more watering attention than our prairie natives, but don't overwater as root rot is very common. Gerberas also prefer more acid soil than we have here in South Eastern Wisconsin. If you want to grow Gerberas, it's best to plant these beauties in a container and give them the soil PH they like, 5.5 to 6.5, with good organic matter, fertilize regularly and water as needed. Remember to deadhead your Gerberas to keep them looking neat and promote flowering.

For more information and a more complete list of Asteraceae check out www.britannica.com/topic/list-of-plants-in-the-family-Asteraceae-2040400



WISCONSIN SCHOOL CHILDREN'S FOREST

Judy Newman, WGCF Historian
Jan Blooming, Wisconsin Gardens Editor

The National Garden Club and the USDA Forest Service are proud to have a partnership sustaining our national and urban forests through the Penny Pines reforestation and forest education program.

Your Garden Club, as well as other groups or individuals, may participate in the Penny Pines project by contributing in multiples of \$68 as part of the costs of replanting and replacing trees. You may designate Wisconsin to benefit from your contribution. It may be made in honor or in memory of one individual, organization, or theme. A donation jar may be passed at meetings and events. WGCF members should send Penny Pines donations to the WGCF Treasurer, Mary Jane Hull.

Why \$68? In 1941, seedlings cost less than 1 cent each and 680 seedlings were used to plant a typical acre. \$68 purchased seedlings for ten acres. That has changed of course, but the donation amount has not. It was felt increasing the minimum donation would have a more adverse effect on fund raising than the fact that a \$68 donation would plant somewhat less than one acre.

Judy Newman, Wisconsin Garden Club Federation Historian, reported that the teaching of conservation in public schools was first encouraged by the Wisconsin Garden Club Federation in the 1930s. Thanks to their campaign, the state legislature in 1935 passed a bill requiring schools to teach conservation, and it was started in 1936.

To give the students a hands-on experience, Mrs. Frank K. Quimby, WGCF Chairman of Youth Garden Clubs in Racine, WI, came up with the idea of establishing a forest where children could study and help with the reforestation.

Mrs. Quimby gained the approval of John Callahan, State Superintendent of Instruction. The Wisconsin Federation Garden Clubs continued to work tirelessly to have conservation laws passed. In 1938 and 1939, Governor LaFollette set aside both an Arbor Day week and a Conservation Week. Many schools had 100 percent participation.



Mrs. Frank Quimby and
Mrs. E. R. Durgin, WGCF President



The U.S. Forest Service identified and set aside a 1,240-acre tract of eroded, burned over land badly in need of reforestation.

The site in was in northeast Wisconsin seven and one-half miles northeast of Eagle River on County Trunk A, now Highway 70. It was part of the Nicolet National Forest reforested in the 1930s.

School children could not travel to plant the trees, so pennies were sent to the Forest Service to pay for the tiny pine seedlings and the planting. For each penny contributed, the Forest Service and the Civilian Conservation Corps planted four pine seedlings.

From 1936 to 1940, 79,686 pennies were sent to replant 374 acres of land. Over 300,000 seedlings were planted on each acre, and the project was completed in July, 1940. The forest was dedicated in Wisconsin a couple years before California got a start!



As a tribute to Mrs. Quimby, everyone at the dedication planted a tree in “Quimby Grove.” 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.

In 2005, Judy Newman asked about the Children’s Forest dedicated in 1940 in the Nicolet National Forest. The letter she received stated, “Today the Children’s Forest areas north of Highway 70, County Trunk A on the county 1940 map, fall within the southern portion of the Blackjack Springs Wilderness. Designated by Congress in 1978, this area is valued for its dense forest and crystal-clear springs. White pines have grown in to mix with the red pines, making this a beautiful area.”

Today the Children’s Forest has both red pine and mixed white and red pines. Sugar maple dominates one of the hard wood stands. Jack pine was replanted in another area after the original trees were harvested in in the 1980s.

Copies of Mrs. Quimby’s plan were sent to Washington as well as other states. During and after World War II, the National Federation of Women’s Clubs encouraged children to donate pennies for the replanting of trees which had been destroyed by wildfires or cut down to support the war effort. The California Garden Club Federation History book says, “The Tree planting program was so successful that it was given the name “Pennies for Pines” and a national coordinator was selected to manage what continues to be a very popular conservation effort.”

Interestingly, when one searches for Penny Pines on the internet, it is disappointing to read that the program began in California in 1941. WGCF historian, Judy Newman, says it began in Wisconsin.

Judy stated that the documentation of Mrs. Frank Quimby’s Wisconsin project seemed to have been lost when she connected with the US Forest Service historian in 2005. She has since attempted to correct the records. She also reports that she has documentation, including a copy of the WGCF proposed bill to the State legislature, newspaper articles, the dedication program and pictures, handwritten reports, and articles from *Wisconsin Gardens*.

Penny Pines has been a National Garden Club project for years. Information and a donation form are available on the NGC website.



Awards



Sally Neuhaus is delighted with the Creative Horticultural Achievement Award from Doris Weber, Convention Co-Chair.

Doris Weber, Awards Chairman

Lydia Shafer Award, Carla Von Haden

Wisconsin Civic Achievement, Lake Wissota GC

Bronze Award, Gary Bieck

Ruth West Horticulture, Elmbrook Garden Club

Conservation, Lake Wissota Garden Club

Wisconsin Judges Council Educational, Creative Flower Arrangers "Designing with Gourds"

Carol Caitlin

Ruth Smith Evaluation, Lynne Ehnert

The And Then Some Award,

Fox River Valley, Mary Ellen Sedlachek

Madison, Lydia Haynes

Milwaukee, Char Schulze

St. Croix, Charlotte Nicholes

Sheboygan, Karen Merlau



Sandy Smets, Director of the Fox River District, accepts the Kuether District Membership Award for having the greatest percentage of increase in membership, from President, Laura Skoff, and Doris Weber, Convention Co-Chair.



Debbly Walters, St. Croix District Director, accepts the Flower Show Schedule Trophy from President Laura Skoff and Doris Weber, Convention Co-Chair, for the Botany Belles and Beaus Garden Club.

Articles by our members
are welcome.

Please consider writing about
your garden, activities, club
projects, and so on.

Tell us how you spend your
summer days.

Deadline for Fall Issue:
September 1.
Publication approximately
October 1.



LOOKING AHEAD

JULY 12, 2022

Tour at International Crane Foundation,
Baraboo, WI

SEPTEMBER 9-11

Flower Show School Symposium,
Milwaukee, WI

OCTOBER 13, 2022

WGCF Executive Committee Meeting,
Wausau, WI

OCTOBER 16-18, 2022

Central Region Annual Convention,
Bloomington, MN

FEBRUARY 16, 2023

WGCF Executive Committee Meeting,
Wausau, WI

MAY 2-5, 2023

NGC Annual Convention,
White Sulphur Springs, WVA

MAY 21-23, 2023

WGCF Annual Convention,
Onalaska, WI

Sheboygan District

Karen Merlau, District Director

THE LAKE SHORE GARDEN CLUB,



for their March meeting, went on an educational outing to Drewry Farms in rural Plymouth. It is a multi-generation family business that produces real Wisconsin maple syrup. Members went into the sugarbush, which is the name given to a stand of maple syrup producing trees, and saw the trees that were tapped for their sap. They learned about the system of tubing and pumps that collects the sap. Members learned how weather conditions affect the flow of sap and about the different kinds of maple trees that can be used to contribute sap for making into syrup.

The tour continued in the processing plant where they had an opportunity to taste a sample of the raw sap before it is processed into syrup. They learned about the reverse osmosis process that concentrates the sap and the final evaporative cooking process that produces the maple syrup end product.



Members enjoyed their trip to the country and touring this operation. Product samples were enjoyed by all.



THE IVY LEAGUE GARDEN CLUB

has a long and interesting history of support for the Sheboygan County Veteran's Memorial, a project that continues to this day. The partnership began in 1994. The Memorial was constructed and dedication was held with the Blue Star marker. It included a small memorial garden surrounding the marker. Initially, Ivy League Club members cared for the garden but within a few years, the Veterans Memorial Committee took over.

In 2015, Ivy League President Lynnette Rakun became a non-voting board member of the Sheboygan County Veteran's Memorial, and a Gold Star marker was added, again with a surrounding garden. Both markers were initiated by Ivy League and installed in cooperation with the Veteran's Memorial Committee.

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In late 2020 the Veterans asked Ivy League to resume care of the gardens. In spring of 2021, Ivy League members planted the two gardens prior to Memorial Day. Teams of club members sign up for specific weeks to weed and water May through October.

The second Saturday in October is designated as the Annual Name Engraving Event, and several Club members usually attend the event. Learn more about this Memorial at scvmemorial.org.



Symposium 2022

Roses are Red and sometimes Blue!
Come learn about Tomatoes, Asters, Armatures and Assemblages too!

September 9- 11, 2022

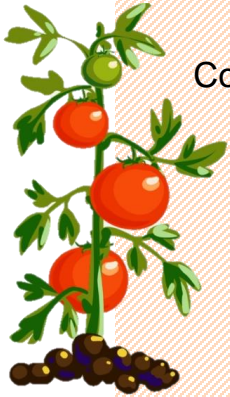
National Garden Clubs Inc.
Handbook for Flower Shows, Revised 2017 Edition

WISCONSIN GARDEN CLUB FEDERATION

Chairman, Kitty Larkin

HAVENWOODS ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS CENTER

6141 N. Hopkins Avenue, Milwaukee, WI




ALLIED TOPIC - Rosarium Tour Friday afternoon.

• An additional 25 people may join the symposium participants for this tour, at a cost of \$5. Email Kitty Larkin at kittysltr@wi.rr.com.

DAILY SCHEDULE

Friday, 9 – 9 1:00 to 4:00 Set up
1:00 to 4:00 Tour Radler Rosarium

Saturday, 9 – 10 **DAVID ROBSON, Horticulture Instructor**

8:30 – 8:45 Set up
8:45 – 10:15 Tomato Plants 
Break
10:30- 12:00 Composites, Asteraceae
12:00 – 12:45 Lunch
12:45 – 2:15 Practice Point Scoring
Break
2:30 – 4:00 Point Scoring for Credit



Sunday, 9 – 11 **CLAUDIA CHOPP, Design Instructor**

8:30 – 8:45 Set up
8:45 – 10:15 Armature
Break
10:30- 12:00 Assemblage
12:00 – 12:45 Lunch
12:45 – 2:15 Practice Point Scoring
Break
2:30 – 4:00 Point Scoring for Credit



Will Radler, creator of the Knock Out Rose



Claudia Chopp at the 2014 WGCF Convention. She shared her expertise using unusual botanical specimens in creative designs at the closing program.

COST, \$129

Registration Fee \$100, Refresher Fee \$5, Lunch for 2 days is \$24.



David Robson currently serves on the NGC Board and is co-author of the 2013 NGC book, Horticulture Exhibiting and Judging. He produces lively, interactive presentations that engage and educate his audiences.



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\$112



HAVENWOODS Environmental Awareness Center

Havenwoods State Forest is a Milwaukee treasure. Situated on the north side of the city, it is the state's only urban forest with 237 acres of grasslands, forest and wetlands. Perhaps you will be able to enjoy a walk or find a bench to relax outdoors on one of the Symposium breaks.

In 1917, Milwaukee County opened the House of Correction on the farmland that was to become Havenwoods. Prisoners tended crops, milked cows and built furniture in the Granville Chair Factory. In 1945, the Army housed soldiers and prisoners of war on the property. In 1956, the Army constructed a Nike Ajax Missile base at Havenwoods, but it was soon obsolete and was abandoned in 1963. The land was declared surplus, but was still prime real estate.

We were fortunate a group of citizens was persistent about green space. Through their efforts, Havenwoods became a state forest in 1980. It is now a place where people can take a hike, see birds and plants, and attend nature programs.

“Roses are Red” SYMPOSIUM 2022, September 9 - 11, 2022

Must attend all three sessions to receive credit.



Make out check for \$129, payable to Southern Judges Council.

Send to Kitty Larkin, Registrar, W161 N5711 Bette Drive, Menomonee Falls, WI 53051

Kitty's email is kittysltr@wi.rr.com

Cost includes \$100 for Registration and Will Radler's Rosarium Tour, Refresher Fee of \$5, Saturday Lunch, \$12, and Sunday Lunch, \$12. Lunch choices will be available later.

Name _____ Address _____

Email _____ Phone _____

St. Croix District



Debby Walters, District Director

The St. Croix District is ready to welcome you to learn more about gardening with native plants on Friday, July 29th, at Irvine Park in Chippewa Falls. The intent is to reach out to a larger audience than WGCF, and we have shared workshop information with the general public, three Master Gardener Organizations and ten other garden clubs in the area.



Membership of all three clubs is increasing and the clubs have a presence on Facebook.

Besides normal meetings, **Botany Belles and Beaus** participated in a Community Earth Day event, and worked with the public library during Baldwin's Windmill Days to distribute free native pollinator plants and provide children's activities. We also completed community garden plantings and maintenance.

The native tree sale that is held each spring went well. Thanks go to the Lake Wissota Garden Club for shouldering the burden of coordinating orders and obtaining trees.

We also had a native tree giveaway and a Rhubarb and More booth at Woodville's Syttende Mai Celebration.

Belles and Beaus members, Jeanne Niccum, Karen Niccum, Wendy Kramer, and Sandy Nelson, preparing orders from the tree sale that they do in collaboration with Lake Wissota Garden Club.

Syttende Mai is Norwegian Constitution Day and a Norwegian national holiday, much like the Fourth of July. It has been celebrated in Woodville for over 60 years on the weekend closest to May 17. The weekend also paid homage to the 150th Anniversary of Woodville that was founded as a logging village in St. Croix County in 1870.

Lake Wissota Garden Club continues work on its many projects. The raised bed gardens at the Veteran's Centers were doubled in size this year, Crab Apple Trees were planted at the new grade school for Arbor Day, and the youth garden club made coffee cup gardens for Mother's Day.

The waterfall area in the Native Plant Sanctuary at Irvine Park is being renovated, a Blue Star Marker is on order for the Veteran's Honor area, and the bare root tree sale was very successful. During June there was a member's only plant sale and local tours. The Highground Veteran's Memorial Park, four miles west of Neillsville on Highway 10, is July's tour destination. It is free to the public.



Lake Wissota's Wildflower Sanctuary

The Willow River Garden Club welcomed six new members in its last fiscal year. We are growing! Programming has centered on starting and growing seeds, plants under lights, recycling, gladioli, and a design lesson on table arrangements.

They continue to support the Blue Star Memorial Garden at the St. Croix Crossing and the Reflection Garden at The Deerfield Senior Living Community in New Richmond, with spring clean-up and plantings. Their newest project is a Willow River Garden Club page on Facebook, inspired by reports at the WGCF convention at Elkhart Lake.



To a Pansy

You are a cheerful soul of Spring
A friendly face, a simple thing

You wait, patient, with humble grace
For Sun to shine onto the place

Where each May you dance and I, besotted,
With your colors splashing, spotted,

Blue and purple, yellow, white,
Fall to your charm in full delight.

Never haughty like the Rose,
Or stiff like Iris, standing froze

At attention, Heaven knows,
Neither Hyacinth or Jonquil pose

Quite as sweetly as you play
On my heartstrings as you sway.

Dawn Mozgawa



Congratulations

Madison District

Congratulates

West Side Garden Club

*Celebrating 100 Years of Service,
Achievements, and
Contributions*

Native Plant Gardening for All

Friday, July 29th

Debby Walters, St Croix District Chair

The St. Croix District is hosting a native plant workshop for everyone, WGCF member or not! This practical event will cover native garden design, plant characteristics and choices, soil preparation and propagation techniques.

The keynote speaker is Carmen Simonet, a landscape architect from the Twin Cities who specializes in sustainable landscaping and native plants.

Three tours are included. One is the Wildflower Sanctuary at Irvine Park in Chippewa Falls which Lake Wissota Garden Club is instrumental in establishing and maintaining, plus two gardens that utilize many native plants.

The registration fee of \$30 (\$35 after June 30th) includes native plants to take home and lunch. Dragonfly Gardens of Amery is supplying the plants to take home and will also have additional natives available to purchase.

The registration brochure follows in the newsletter and also on the Wisconsin Garden Club Federation website under News and Events or on the Botany Belles and Beaus Facebook page. We hope you will join us in increasing knowledge of natives and incorporating them into your landscape.



GARDEN TOURS

REGISTRATION & FEES

Name: _____
Address: _____
City & Zip: _____
Email: _____
Phone: _____

_____ \$30 - Register by June 30th

_____ \$35 - Non-WGCF members

_____ \$5 Additional late fee, if registering
after June 30th

Registration includes:

- Box lunch
- Four native plants
- Three tours

Box lunch. Select from assorted sandwiches, chips, cookies/bars, fruit.

Breakout session choice:

_____ Native Plant Propagation
_____ Rain Gardens

Make check out to St. Croix District
and send to:

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THE ST. CROIX DISTRICT OF THE
WISCONSIN GARDEN CLUB FEDERATION
PRESENTS

IRVINE PARK WILDFLOWER SANCTUARY

In 2010, Lake Wissota Garden Club was asked to plant a wildflower garden at Irvine. A beginning inventory identified 10 wildflower species already growing in this 1/2 acre woodland area. In 2016 a five year plan focused on Wisconsin native plants with a mission of creating a demonstration garden to educate visitors on the value, varieties and ways to use WI natives in the home landscape. Over the years 2,500 plants representing more than 200 varieties of WI native wildflowers, sedges, grasses, ferns, shrubs and trees have been planted. Funding has been provided by grants from Community Foundation of Chippewa County, Chippewa Valley Master Gardeners Assoc., National Garden Club, Wisconsin Garden Club Federation, Thrivent, Lake Wissota Garden Club and private donations.

GAIL FOX

Gail Fox, a member of Lake Wissota Garden Club and Master Gardeners, has eliminated 70% of her lawn. Solarizing two areas to make way for native perennials and shrubs, Gail sourced natives from Prairie Moon, Prairie Nursery and Beaver Creek and replanted large areas of her front and back yard. The tiny seedlings didn't look like much at first and a few didn't make it, but the majority grew spectacularly and even bloomed! The bees and butterflies LOVE it and Gail continues to fill in "holes" with natives.

KRISTEN BROWN

Kristen's city lot features an evolving mix of native & non-native trees, perennials and shrubs. Long-term goals are to reduce watering, avoid pesticides, reuse non-weed yard waste, and provide shelter and food for birds and insects. A more nature-friendly space was created by reducing lawn size and replacing with no-mow fine fescue mix. Her back yard contains fruits, vegetables, and beds of natives with a few giant prairie plants. Kristen looks forward to sharing her efforts with other garden-curious souls.



Native Plant Gardening For All

FRIDAY, JULY 29, 2022
8:30 to 4:30

Irvine Park, Chippewa Falls, WI
125 Bridgewater Avenue



Native Plant Gardening for All - Friday, July 29th

The day's schedule:

- 8:30 - Registration & treats
 - Ways & Means Table
 - Opening remarks
- 9:00 - Carmen Simonet, Landscape Architect
 - Gardening with Nature
- 10:15 - Plant Choices
 - Mary Jo Fleming
- 11:30 - Lunch break
 - Box lunch
 - Sanctuary tour & demo plots (how to get started)
 - Native plant giveaway & plant sale
- 1:00 - Carmen Simonet, Landscape Architect
 - Creating Beautiful Biodiverse Gardens
- 2:00 - Second session of breakouts (participants need to choose one)
 - Native Plant Propagation (Hans Klug/Patrick Henry) - Dragonfly Klug/Gardens
 - Rain Gardens - Barb Barrickman
- 3:00 - Tours of nearby gardens utilizing/incorporating native plants
 - Kristin Brown
 - Gail Fox

Carmen Simonet

Carmen is a landscape architect with a passion for using native plants. She has over 25 years of experience providing landscape master planning and site design services for commercial developments, public parks, and private gardens. Owner of Carmen Simonet Design LLC her recent projects include design of a natural playscape for a child development center, consulting on the landscape design for a conservation development, designing lakeshore buffer plantings, and many residential gardens seeking to replace lawn with habitat. Carmen received her BLA and MS in landscape architecture from the University of Minnesota.



Mary Jo Fleming

NATIVE PLANT CHOICES

As a Chippewa Valley Master Gardener Volunteer and retired teacher, Mary Jo has used her background in biology and interest in native, sustainable gardening to make landscapes more diverse and less work and a lot more fun. Mary Jo will provide plant choice information for prairie/sunny and woodland/shady gardens in our region.

Barb Barrickman

RAIN GARDENS

Barb, the Healthy Lakes committee chair of the Lake Wisconsin Improvement & Protection Association, will share how rain gardens keep the water on the land, benefit wildlife and pollinators, remove pollutants and provide natural beauty. Rain garden design, construction, planting and maintenance will be discussed utilizing the WI DNR guidelines that benefit all home landscapes regardless of setting.

Hans Klug

NATIVE PLANT PROPAGATION

Hans is in charge of growing all of Dragonfly's native plants for sale and has steadily worked on expanding and improving the base of knowledge and techniques passed down to him by Dragonfly's founder, the late Robert Bursik. He will discuss the various ways that people can establish and expand native plantings from purchased or homegrown seeds and plants and the advantages and disadvantages of each.

Dragonfly Gardens
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GARDENING WITH NATURE

In this presentation, Carmen Simonet will show us how to work with the dynamic qualities of plants: how they spread, move around, sometimes grow larger than expected or disappear entirely. She will explain how to take advantage of these natural processes to develop beautiful and sustainable native plant gardens.

CREATING BEAUTIFUL BIODIVERSE GARDENS

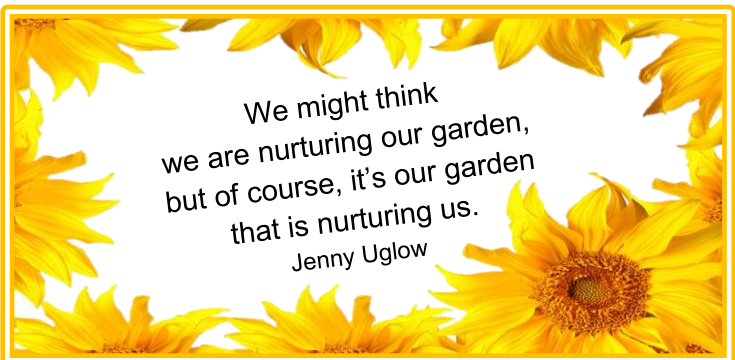
Landscapes with less lawn and more native plants bring wildlife up close and into our yards. In this presentation, Carmen Simonet will discuss creating bird-friendly layered landscapes, pollinator habitat, and strategies to add neatness and familiarity to the biodiverse landscape.



Registration includes:

- Box lunch
- 4 FREE native plants sourced from Dragonfly Gardens. Dragonfly will have a variety of plants available for purchase also.

THANK YOU!



We might think
we are nurturing our garden,
but of course, it's our garden
that is nurturing us.
Jenny Uglow

Coming in Fall 2022

Membership promotion, Birds, Life Members, Smokey Bear – Woodsy Owl, World Gardening, Natural Disasters, Youth Activities, Web Page, Horticulture, Garden Design, National Project, Protocol, Scholarship Investment, Organizational Study

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The SUN is SHINING SOMEWHERE

Flowers are like people;
they bring color to your world.

I had the pleasure of serving as Membership Chair of the Milwaukee Art Museum Garden Club for four years. It was lots of fun. I increased the membership to over two hundred twenty-five, before the nearly two-year pandemic shut everything down.

Some of our members were even shouting “Stop already!” Even our Social Chair, Julianne Salamone, was challenged as it was becoming increasingly difficult finding places for lunch!

Well, I loved it.

I told prospective members the best thing about our gang was not looking at gardens or making floral arrangements, but getting to know many lovely women, (and a few fellows,) from all parts of the surrounding area, people they would otherwise never get to know.

In my new role as Editor of Wisconsin Gardens, I have already made so many more wonderful friends, this time from all corners of our state, and my world has become even more colorful!

Jan



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