



# Wisconsin Gardens

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**2022 WGCF Convention – “Spring is Here!”**  
**Karen Merlau, Sheboygan District Director**

The Sheboygan District cordially invites you to the 94th annual WGCF Convention to be held April 24-26, 2022 at The Osthoff Resort, 101 Osthoff Ave. Elkhart Lake, WI 53020

Mark your calendars now and plan to visit beautiful Elkhart Lake and stay at this fabulous resort! At long last, an opportunity to reunite with friends that you may not have seen in awhile - and meet new friends. We have planned a great group of speakers and programs to inspire you.

Some highlights of our program will include:

- NGC Central Region Director - Carol Yee
- WGCF President - Laura Skoff
- Keynote Speaker - Dr. George Archibald - Co-Founder and Senior Conservationist at the International Crane Foundation
- Demonstration by a professional floral designer from the Wreath Factory
- Insight into beekeeping and the lives of bees - Dan Pietsch - VP and Education Advisor, Sheboygan County Beekeepers Association
- A program on yard art creations

And much more:

- Judges Council will meet.
- Tri-Council will have a luncheon and a short meeting.
- We will be holding the traditional “Tisket-A-Tasket” fundraiser. Please help us now by putting on your thinking caps for some unique basket ideas. We will appreciate your support in donating baskets and purchasing tickets at this event.

We look forward to seeing you in 2022 at this event. Registration materials and full convention schedule will be available in the winter issue of Wisconsin Gardens.

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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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**Message From Our President....**

“Come forth into the light of things, let nature be your teacher”.

- William Wordsworth



I hope everyone had a most enjoyable summer whether feasting on fruits & vegetables grown in your own gardens, venturing on garden walks or spending time outdoors with your friends and family! I was happy to see an abundance of bees and butterflies not just in my own gardens, but also around Wisconsin as I traveled to our Districts for President’s Day. Thank-you to all the members that made me feel so welcome! I would also like to thank our Board of Directors for their time and commitment to WGCF these first few months of my term.

As the seasons change, nature has taught us about adaptation which we have all experienced. Birds migrate, fish & turtles hunker down at the bottom of small lakes and ponds, some bear species bulk up and take long winter naps in cozy dens. Last season we added new plants to our gardens and may have had to amend the soil to ensure a healthy environment that they will be happy in and flourish. After growing from seeds and sitting in a plastic container, they will adapt, take root and hopefully be in a happy place.

Can we say the same about ourselves? As we mature in our lives, we need to adapt to our body changing and health concerns that have been created. Our garden clubs may not be as physically active as they once were, but we adapt by creating new community projects less physically challenging and perhaps growing our minds a bit more with interesting speakers and programs. Clubs will lose members and we have to adapt and invite new members to join us. Adaptation is a must to survive.

We have adapted as a national organization to conducting meetings and conventions by Zoom. WGCF offers this capability to club presidents, district directors, committee chairs and officers. I am presently educating myself on Hybrid Zoom, after attending a NGC presentation. This will allow a meeting being conducted in-person with others present, to be transmitted to others at their home by a camera recording the meeting. This will invite more members to be involved and keep the connection with each other.

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**ADVERTISING RATES**

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

## Traveling around the State

with WGCF President Laura Skoff  
& 1st Vice President Linda McCafferty



*Fox River Valley District Garden Club members welcomed WGCF Officers for President's Day (above photo).*



**Madison District:** (L–R) Vice Director Eugenia Beecher, WGCF President Laura Skoff, District Director Maureen Wild Gordon.



**Fox River District:** District Director Sandra Smets, WGCF President Laura Skoff.

*(President's Message continued)*

Please remember to continue your tree & shrub plantings! NGC President Mary Warshauer would love for each member to plant a native tree, as we did for past WGCF President Lynne Ehnert during her term. Please let me know what trees you have planted, where & when so that I may share this at our next national convention. We did an awesome job the past two years in planting over 500 trees around our state! At the fall NGC board meeting we were introduced to the refreshed NGC website with the new "Gardening with Nature" and "Photography" sections under Programs – check it out. A new children's book "Network with Nature" is available as well as the "Play Outside Activity Log" to introduce youth to the wonder of nature.

I leave you with a quick idea for "Porch Protocol" heading into the holiday season. Spruce up your porch (or deck) with fall mums & pumpkins then bring out your December winter greens and create a lovely wreath or porch pots with sprayed dogwood branches, berries and lights. Grab a blanket and bundle up with a hot toddy as you experience the outdoor changes as nature adapts to another season!

*Laura*

**Congratulations on 100 Years!!  
Milwaukee Art Museum Garden Club**



Milwaukee Art Museum Garden Club was presented an award by the Milwaukee Historical Society congratulating them on 100 years. Char Schulze, past president, accepted on behalf of the Art Museum Garden Club.



Members of WGCF Tri-Council met in Fond du Lac in July to tour public and private gardens, and view the garden which is cared for by Green Thumb Garden Club. (photos at left)



Members off Western Acres Garden Club promoted membership for Milwaukee District Garden Clubs and sold Pollinator Signs during a summer Saturday at Brookfield Farmers Market. (photo at left)

## Awards

**Doris Weber, Awards Chair**

It's that time of the year again to consider putting together awards from your garden clubs. The NGC and WGCF awards always runs from January 1<sup>st</sup> thru December 31<sup>st</sup>. We know all our clubs have been busy working in communities to beautify projects they have been able to work on this year. Check out the NGC and WGCF websites for a listing of all the awards available. Remember, NGC Awards are due to WGCF Awards Chairman by December 1<sup>st</sup>.

Also at this time do not forget to recognize members who have gone above and beyond when asked of them to do so! Write up all the accomplishments this member has been involved in and submit to your District Director. This award is the "And Then Some Award". Remember, each District should submit someone from their membership and keep it as a nice surprise to be announced at the next WGCF State Convention.

## Life Memberships

**Lucy Valitchka, Chair**

I am Life Membership Chairman for WGCF for the 2021-23 term. This appointment includes all of the following life memberships: Wisconsin, Central Region and National Life Memberships.

The following is a brief summary of each membership taken from our WGCF Standing Rules:

Wisconsin Life Membership is an honorary designation, which demonstrates pride in the organization and support of the Scholarship or Continuing Education Fund. The membership fee may be purchased by an individual or presented as a gift. Wisconsin Life Members are club members who must pay club, district and WGCF dues. Individuals already having a life membership may be honored with a tribute. Please indicate on the form if a tribute is being presented to the recipient.

The fee is \$50.00 and sent to the WGCF Life Membership Chairman. (If sent to our state treasurer first, it would save a step because a scanned copy could be sent to me.)

Central Region Life Membership demonstrates pride in the organization and support of the Central Region Scholarship Fund. This membership may be purchased by an individual or presented as a gift.

The fee is \$50.00 and sent to the Central Region Life Membership Chairman.

National Life Membership provides an opportunity to honor individuals for dedicated service to local clubs, to communities and to the objectives of NGC. Membership money supports the NGC Scholarship program and the Permanent Home and Endowment Fund. This membership may be purchased by an individual or presented as a gift.

The fee is \$200.00. This includes a lifetime subscription to *The National Gardener* if requested. *The National Gardener* is now published online only. The fee and application is sent directly to National Garden Clubs, Inc.

All three forms are on our WGCF website under Forms with instructions on who and where to send them.

Please let me know if you have any questions and I will do my best to help you.

I have all three memberships and am proud to support our organizations.

Lucy Valitchka

**“Wisconsin Dreaming”  
A Standard Flower Show  
by Lynne Ehnert**

Every year the Wisconsin State Fair is honored to have Floral Designers of Wisconsin Garden Club hold an annual standard flower show in the Grand Champion Hall on the State Fair grounds. Years ago, the show was held by the Milwaukee District Garden Club. As time went on, it became more and more that the Floral Designers of Wisconsin Group ended up managing the show. Because of this, the show is now done by the Floral Designers of Wisconsin Garden Club.

This four day show requires the Floral Designers of Wisconsin Garden Club to develop a schedule which defines the rules of the show, defines a theme, and states what types of designs and horticulture may be entered in the show. This all starts several months in advance.

The next steps are to publish the schedule, acquiring exhibitors, NGC flower show judges, clerks and hostesses. Additionally, they are ordering the awards (ribbons), planning the staging, and coming up with staging to enhance the theme. These ladies all worked together in order to get everything done.

After all of this, it is finally time for the show! ‘Wisconsin Dreaming’, an NGC Standard Flower Show presented by Floral Designers of Wisconsin Garden Club took place on August 12-15, 2021 at State Fair Park Grand Champion Hall. The show had 102 entries in the Horticulture Division, and 24 entries in the Design Division.

The club has 7 members. All seven members participated in the show and had at least one design entry in the show. With help from other members of WGCF and several members from the WGCF Judges Council, they were able to fill all of the classes for design and had more than enough entries in horticulture. Everything was judged on August 12, 2021 by six NGC judges.

Oh wait! The work is not done, the show is over, now all the designs need to be dismantled, the horticulture tossed, the staging dismantled and put in storage for the next show. Judges are writing their evaluations of the show. But what a show it was!!! It is a long four days, a lot of hard work, and a lot of fun!



*Horticulture entries for State Fair Flower Show (photo at left)  
Educational Exhibit at State Fair Flower Show (photo above)*



Designer: Gerianne Holzmann  
 Design Class: 'Waterways'  
 An exhibition table not meant to be functional. Must have a completed decorative unit. Designer's choice of plant material.  
 Awarded the Table Artistry Award  
 Award of Design Excellence Winner



Designer: Diane Olsen  
 Design Class: 'State Fair'  
 Designer's Choice - A creative design usually bold in color, form, and size, yet shows great restraint in the amount of plant material and number of components used. They may have more than one point of emergence, more than one focal area, and some abstraction.



Designer: Carol Catlin  
 Design Class: 'Old World Wisconsin'  
 A Still Life - A traditional or creative non-abstract grouping of functional and realistic objects and plant material with a theme. Objects are more dominant than the plant material.



Designer: Sue Donohoe  
 Design Class: 'State Parks'  
 An exhibition table not meant to be functional. Plant material must be used as needed for the overall design.



Designer: Kerry Krokos  
 Design Class: 'Calatrava'  
 An Abstract design - a creative design whose dominant components are chosen for their non-naturalistic characteristics and organized in a non-realistic manner.  
 Awarded the Designer's Choice Award



Designer: Dawn Mozgawa  
 Design Class: 'Door County'  
 An informal functional table for two people Convenience and sense of order must prevail. A decorative unit must be included. Coordination of components must be balanced within the allotted space.  
 Designer's choice of plant material

## WHAT IS THE JEWEL OF MILWAUKEE TRAILS? IT'S THE HANK AARON STATE TRAIL, OF COURSE!

by Diane Olsen

On August 14, 2021 the Milwaukee District Garden Clubs helped to sponsor the annual Hank Aaron State Trail 5K Run/Walk. The past District Director, Cheryl Lausten and the current District Director, Diane Olsen have made the HAST (Hank Aaron State Trail) the Director's Project for their terms.

The Run/Walk team was named the "MDGC Connectors" and consisted of 15 registered members. Each member received a T-shirt with the MDGC logo on it, a commemorative patch and assorted coupons. The event was filled with fun, food, beverages and music. The morning of the event was clear and sunny and the path of the Run/Walk went through beautiful terrain along the trail.

The Hank Aaron State Trail was also the topic of an Educational Exhibit at the "Wisconsin Dreaming" State Fair Flower Show. Floral Designers of Wisconsin, (an MDGC club), presented the show, at the fair on August 12<sup>th</sup>. This exhibit helped educate the public on the history and use of the trail.

Next time you are in Milwaukee and are looking for a place to be in nature, consider using the Hank Aaron State Trail. It has a lot to offer.

**SEE YOU ON THE TRAIL!**





## Milwaukee District Garden Club's Fund-Raiser

Hello from The Milwaukee District Garden Clubs (MDGC). MDGC is offering an amazing and unique fundraiser; just in time for the holidays! Sale is open to all members and to the general public. Items include ornaments, suncatchers and all-season pin cards.



Pin-Card  
Bumble Bee



Dazzle Heart  
Ornament



Sun-catcher  
Butterfly Mosaic



Blue Bird  
Birdhouse



Bright Wings  
Dragon Fly

**Actual Size not shown**

Saint Nicholas Inspired (<https://www.saintnicholasinspired.com>) is an on-line retailer sponsoring this fundraiser for MDGCs. They are designed here in the USA and handcrafted in Thailand using nickel, brass and copper. These items are fair-trade goods. All the ornaments come with a hook and are packaged in a gift box with a bow.

This Fundraiser offers five (5) selected items. Even though more items are offered on their on-line site, MDGCs will only receive credit from the five selected items. The good news is that no matter who orders them, we will receive a credit.

The Fundraiser will run (3) consecutive days; Thursday, Friday and Saturday – October 21<sup>st</sup> to October 23<sup>rd</sup> All-Day.

Half the retail sales of your selected items during the event will be donated to our district. Your members and friends are also able to purchase other items at the same time. Any random shoppers on the event who purchase your items will also go toward the donation.

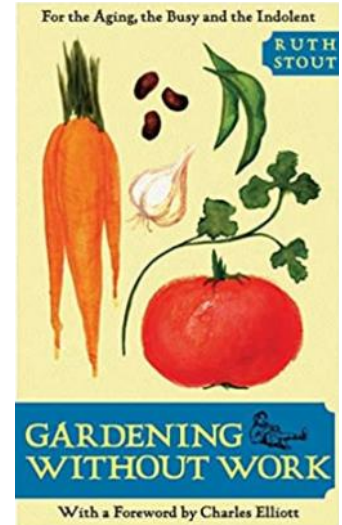
The profit is split 50/50 with MDGCs and Saint Nicholas Inspired. The great news is that Saint Nicholas will sponsor the country that makes these items to help support their community.

We ask all individuals, clubs and organizations to help promote this amazing Fundraiser, by contacting all of your members, family, and friends and let them know about the event. Please feel free to post this on any online social media.

Thank you and Happy Shopping,  
Laurie Wareham  
laurieikebana@wi.rr.com  
MDGCs 2 Vice Director and Fundraiser Chairman

## Book Review by Judy Mittelstadt

Ruth Stout, author of *Gardening Without Work*, wrote this book about a labor-saving way of gardening. Her system advocates that she never plows, spades, sows a cover crop, hoes, cultivates, weeds, waters or irrigates or sprays chemicals on her garden. She writes, "such a waste of time and good hours to do all that unnecessary labor." She tells in her book "that one can grow things successfully without work. She calls her way - "gardening without labor." She has led many gardeners to use the low-maintenance mulch gardening.



## Judges Council Symposium by Wendy Kramer

Gerianne Holzman, Lynne Ehnert, Kerry Krokos and Wendy Kramer attended the 51<sup>st</sup> Iowa Federated Judges Council Symposium in Madrid, Iowa on August 23-24, 2021. It was a packed two days of learning how to judge "Cucurbita Genus: Pumpkins, Squash, Gourds"; "Foliage Container Plants in Horticulture Specialty Shows" how to "Beat the Clock"; "Ethics and Etiquette" and "Is It This or Is It That?" Design instructor, Julia Clevett, instructed us on comparing the differences between traditional, creative, and abstract creative designs. Horticulture and Flower Show procedure instructor, Dottie Howatt, taught us how to judge squash, foliage plants, in addition to etiquette and how to keep on time when judging a show. Dottie encouraged us to incorporate creative staging into the flower show.



*These two pictures (above) provide ideas on how to incorporate creative horticulture staging in a flower show using a wood or metal sculpture to hold plant material and upside-down fabric covered crates.*

*Design instructor, Julia Clevett, provided floral design examples of traditional, creative, and abstract designs. In this creative design example (above left), Julia encouraged us to keep the staging panel and underlay in proportion to the design.*

*This is a traditional mass design (above right). Note how your eye moves throughout the design and the lovely harmonious design colors.*

## Tree Planting on the Hank Aaron State Trail



On August 25, trees were planted on the Hank Aaron State Trail to honor NGC President Mary Warshauer and Former WGCFF President Lynne Ehnert.

DNR and Urban Ecology Center workers helped to plant the tree in honor of current NGC President Mary Warshauer (*left photo*). This tree was donated by Wisconsin Garden Club Federation. Milwaukee District Director Diane Olsen is shown with the tree honoring Mary Warshauer (*center photo*).

A Red Oak Tree, donated by WGCFF Tri-Council, was planted in honor of Former WGCFF President, Lynne Ehnert. Milwaukee District Director Diane Olsen is shown with that tree. (*right photo*)

### LITTLE SPROUTS FOR SAPLINGS - PRESIDENT'S PROJECT

**WGCFF President Lynne Ehnert 2019-2021**

Several people donated during the 2019-2021 term of office to the WGCFF President's project. When donations were given directly to the President, the checks were given back and asked that instead each club or district use the funds to plant trees. There were still several donations made to the WGCFF President's project throughout the term. There was a total of \$440 donated. These funds have been donated to the Hank Aaron State Trail for the spring purchase of approximately 50 trees (3-5 year based on species and availability) to plant along the trail from Hawley to 70th Street (commonly refers to as the Dickinson area). The delivery date will be confirmed in late March for a mid/late April planting. At that time, they will have a volunteer workday to help get all the trees planted. More information will be sent out at that time.

## Happy 80 Years!! Sunset Garden Club



During the Sunset Garden Club's celebration of their 80 years as a Garden Club, Club members brought out vintage outfits from the 1940s and 1950s along with hats and gloves. Entertainment during the celebration included tunes from the Big Band era.  
Photos by Reb Zimmerman



Elmbrook Garden Club promoted membership in Garden Clubs with a display at a local library.

## Photography Contest Outreach by Debby Walters

For seven years the Botany Belles & Beaus have sponsored a Nature Photography Contest during Baldwin's Chili Fest. The contest is fairly simple. Local photographers submit a digital file to the garden club in these categories: Birds, Bugs & Beasts, Landscapes, Plant Portraits, Sunrise/Sunset or Youth (photographers ages 16 and under). The photos are printed off and put on display during Chili Fest and the public acts as the judge, people of all ages vote for their favorite. The display generates lots of interest and also name recognition for the club. The top photographer in each category receives a prize and recognition in local papers, on Facebook and on our webpage.

While not exactly a gardening activity, it promotes the love of nature and involvement of the club in community events. The contest takes a bit of time to administer, but definitely results in positive publicity. If interested in the contest rules, email [bbbgardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:bbbgardenclub@gmail.com) and request a copy.



### This year's winning photos:



This is a Cool Waterfall by Ryan Veenendall (Youth)



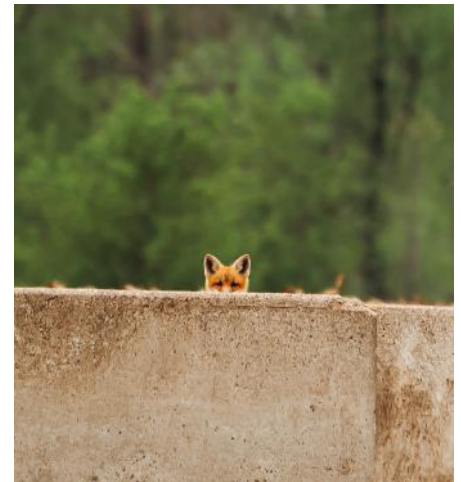
Check Out My Roots by Sarah Veenendall



Autumn at Lost Creek Falls by Sheri Erickson



Melancholy Winter Sunrise by Autumn Berndt



Peek a Boo! by Heidi Eliason

## History of WGCF Districts

by Judy Newman, Historian

The Wisconsin Garden Club Federation was organized in 1928. News of the Wisconsin Garden Club Federation was included in the Wisconsin Horticulture magazine until WGCF split from the Horticultural Society. Clubs represented at the October meeting in 1928 in Lake Geneva included the Beloit, Delevan, Elkhorn, Hawthorne of Hales Corners, Kenosha, Madison, Milwaukee Horticultural Society, Sun-Mer-Del, Waukesha and West Allis.

At the end of the first year there were fourteen clubs; Jefferson, Racine, Pierce County, Kenosha, Hawthorne, Milwaukee County Horticultural Society, Waukesha, West Allis, Elkhorn, Superior, Hilcrest, Oshkosh and Madison. In a National newsletter clipping dated 1929 with Mrs. R. H. Malish noted ` there are 22 Clubs in the Wisconsin Garden Club Federation.

The Districts are first listed in the 1932-1934 Term of Office Report: Madison, Milwaukee, Southern (Elkhorn) and Fox River (Oshkosh).

In 1934-1935, there were 62 Garden Clubs with a total membership of 1734. Clubs having the largest memberships included; Superior 168; Racine 93; Oshkosh Horticultural Society 90; Art Institute 66; Lake Geneva Town & Country Garden Club 54.

The Summary of 1939 Term indicated there were 32 clubs with a membership of 2334. Thirteen new clubs joined: Namakagon, Germantown, Kaukauna, North Shore, Winneconne, Tess Corners, Scandi naira, New Richmond, Oconto Falls, Home and Garden of Milwaukee, Ravenswoods, De Forest, and Manitowoc.

A clipping dated 1940 lists the Districts as Fox Valley, Madison, Milwaukee, Sheboygan and South Central. In the End of Term Summary by Mrs. Roy H, Smith in 1944, the membership had increased to 2026, 82 clubs with 6 new clubs,

In 1947, Ruth West noted “in spite the raise in dues this year which was feared would result in a loss of membership, our list showed an increase of 8 clubs, total 102, and 245 members (Total membership in WGCF of 2114).

First Issue of *Wisconsin Gardens* Summer 1949; before that WGCF Articles were included in the *Wisconsin Horticulture* Magazine.

Northwest District was organized in June 1949 with seven clubs: La Crosse, Eau Claire, Homemakers of Prentice, Namekagon of Hayward, Piney Ramblers of Wentworth, Superior and West Salem. The Federation had 106 clubs, 3,347 members. Six new clubs: Westfield, Poynette, Thiensville Rural, Mendota Gardeners, Blueskies of Colby, and Lake Shore of Sheboygan. Manitowoc Garden Club closed its membership of twenty. Fox River, Madison, Milwaukee, Northwest, Sheboygan and South Central were the districts in 1949-1951. The 1954 Directory issue of *Wisconsin Gardens* listed the following Districts: Fox River Valley, Madison, Milwaukee, Indianhead, Sheboygan, South Central and Coulee.

A list of “proposed changes and permanent boundaries went into effect with the beginning of the new administration; September 1967. These boundaries were mainly along highways. I have a copy of the list of the boundaries for each district.

Then in 1968, there was another name change the became Wisconsin Valley formerly Fox River Valley II. In 1975, the St. Croix District was formed from counties in the Coulee District.

Regrettably the South Central District left the Federation in 1999. At that time District boundaries were by county lines.

In 2012, the counties within the **Wisconsin Valley District** were divided into the following Districts. Counties added to the **Fox Valley District** included Lincoln, Marathon, Wood, Portage and Oneida. Counties added to the **Indianhead District** included Iron, Price and Vilas. Taylor and Clark Counties were added to the **St. Croix District**.

Therefore since 2014, the Districts in the Wisconsin Garden Club Federation have the following Counties:

**Coulee** included Adams, Buffalo, Crawford, Jackson, Juneau, La Crosse, Monroe, Richland, Sauk, Trempealeau and Vernon

**Fox River Valley** included Brown, Florence, Fond du Lac, Forest, Green Lake, Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon Marinette, Marquette, Menomonie, Oconto, Oneida, Outagamie, Portage, Shawano, Waupaca, Waushara, Winnebago and Wood

**Indianhead** included Ashland, Barron, Bayfield, Burnett, Douglas, Iron, Price, Rusk, Sawyer, Vilas and Washburn

**Madison** included Columbia, Dane, Grant, Green, Iowa, Lafayette and Rock

**Milwaukee** included Dodge, Jefferson, Kenosha, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Racine, Walworth, Washington, and Waukesha

**St. Croix** included Chippewa, Dunn, Eau Claire, Pepin, Pierce, Polk, St. Croix; and Taylor

**Sheboygan** included Calumet, Door, Kewaunee, Manitowoc and Sheboygan;

There is so much more interesting information in the Directory issues of the *Wisconsin Gardens Magazine*. For instance, membership numbers and when clubs joined and left the Federation. The listings of Clubs, District and State Officers and so much more. If you are interested in finding out about when your club joined WGCF please let me know. I welcome anyone interested in assisting in creating the 100 Year History of WGCF.

Judy Newman, WGCF Historian



WGCF Districts in 1951



WGCF Districts in 1971



Boundaries in 1991

, \* was site of the 1991 Convention



Boundaries according to Counties in 1999

## Inspiring Youth In Floral Design

by Wendy Kramer

My granddaughters, Sophie (14) and Ella (11), are members of the St. Croix County Rolling Hills 4-H club. This year they each enrolled in the Flowers, Houseplants, and Landscaping Department to make a creative floral line design for the fair. I was excited to help them work on their designs. First, we went to my basement workroom where they each chose a container to use for their designs. Then we talked about creative line designs and materials they could use with their chosen container. Sophie chose a metal U-shaped container and midollino sticks and Ella chose a more traditional rectangular container and bamboo sticks. They did a practice design with flowers from my garden and then came back 2 weeks later to put together their final designs for the fair. Sophie won a Grand Champion ribbon on her design and Ella won a Reserve Grand Champion ribbon on her design. I hope to inspire the girls to enjoy floral design and the beauty of flowers.

Wendy Kramer, NGC Accredited Life Judge



*Sophie worked with calla lilies and hosta leaves to complete her design. (photos at left)*



*Ella completed her design with lilies and peony leaves. (photos at left)*



**Registration**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/ST/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
 Club/District \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Fees**

\$100 Registration (includes continental breakfast and lunch both days plus Wednesday dinner) Select your meals:

- 6/22 Lunch - check one:
  - Classic Caesar Wrap
  - Smoked Turkey on Brioche
  - Vegetable Wrap
- 6/22 Dinner - check one:
  - Door County Fish Boil
  - BBQ Ribs
  - Baked Chicken
  - Vegetarian Option
- 6/23 Lunch - check one:
  - Classic Caesar Wrap
  - Smoked Turkey on Brioche
  - Vegetable Wrap

- \$5 Refresher Fee - Environmental School
- \$5 Refresher Fee - Gardening School
- \$10 Late fee if postmarked after 6/1/2022

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail**

Please make check payable to **WGCF Tri-Council** and send with registration form to:  
 Gretchen Vest, Refresher Registrar  
 704 Spring Drive, West Bend, WI 53095

**Registration Deadline: 6/8/2022**  
**NO REFUNDS AFTER 6/1/2022**

**Refresher Credits**

At this Multiple Refresher, you may refresh in Environmental School or Gardening School. **if** you are a **master in both schools**, you may refresh in both.

**Contact Information**

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**WGCF President:** Laura Skoff  
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**Lodging**

There are many lodging opportunities in Door County, a very popular tourist destination. We recommend making your hotel reservation as soon as possible to assure availability.

Websites to explore lodging options:

- ♦ <https://www.doorcounty.com/stay/>
- ♦ <https://www.tripadvisor.com/Hotels-g1012027-Door-County-Wisconsin-Hotels.html>
- ♦ <http://www.doorcountynavigator.com/places-to-stay-in-door-county>

Wisconsin Garden Club Federation  
 Presents  
**Door County Days**  
 Multiple Refresher  
 Environmental & Gardening Schools



June 22 and 23, 2022  
 The Ridges Sanctuary  
 8166 Hwy 57  
 Bailey's Harbor, WI

Cover Image (Cyanopodium parviflorum) by Gerianne Holzman

## Door County Days – Multiple Refreshers

### Wednesday, June 22, 2022

8:00-8:30	Registration/Introductions
8:30-9:30	Gardening in The Garden Door Demonstration Garden - Kunz
9:30-10:30	History of The Ridges Sanctuary - Krouse
10:30-10:45	Break
10:45-11:45	Wild Mushrooms - Lukes
11:45-12:30	Lunch
12:30-2:30	The Ridges Sanctuary Tour
2:30-6:00	Free Time
6:00	Dinner - Pelletier's

### Thursday, June 23, 2022

7:45-8:15	Registration/Introductions
8:15-9:15	Newport State Park Dark Skies Program - Bartoli
9:15-10:15	Native Plant Gardening - Newbern
10:15-10:30	Break
10:30-11:30	Jens Jensen, Conservationist and The Clearing Restoration Gardening - Aten
11:30-12:30	Native Orchid Propagation at The Ridges - Program Manager
12:30-1:15	Lunch
1:15-1:45	Travel to The Clearing (own car)
2:00-4:00	The Clearing Folk School Tour
4:00	Adjourn

## Presenters

**Nancy Aten** holds a Master's degree in landscape architecture and electrical engineering. Nancy is the consulting landscape architect at The Clearing and owner of Landscapes of Place, LLC, landscape design company.

**Beth Bartoli** graduated from UW-Parkside and holds a Master Naturalist certification. Beth is the DNR Natural Resources Educator at Newport State Park.

**Katie Krouse** has a degree in biological science as well as a Master's degree in Marine Conservation. Katie is the Director of Operations at The Ridges Sanctuary.

**Sue Kunz** is a retired registered nurse and a Door County Master Gardener Volunteer (MGV). Sue teaches a variety of courses including winter interest in the garden and MGV classes.

**Charlotte Lukes** is a retired dental hygienist who assisted her husband, Roy, in writing *Tales of the Wild, a Year with Nature*. Charlotte writes and presents extensively on the Door County natural world, particularly mushroom foraging.

**Karen Newbern** holds a degree in Natural Resource Management. Karen is the nursery manager at Door Landscape and Nursery and was a naturalist at The Ridges Sanctuary.

**Orchid Propagation Manager** The Ridges Sanctuary is Internationally recognized for its incredible plant diversity. It is most notably known and sought after for the orchid populations. Over 28 orchid species bloom among the 1,600 acres of the sanctuary

## Tours

**The Ridges Sanctuary** In 1937, The Ridges Sanctuary became Wisconsin's first land trust. For over 80 years, it has been an integral part of the rich, natural setting of the Baileys Harbor community and the Door County Peninsula. Founded to preserve the original 30 acre parcel, The Ridges has grown to ensure the protection of the most biologically diverse ecosystem in Wisconsin.

**The Clearing** In 1937, Jens Jensen, a Danish-born landscape architect, founded The Clearing Folk School. Many consider him to be the most important American landscape architect and The Clearing his "great work." Today, The Clearing offers classes in natural sciences, fine arts, skilled crafts and humanities. These programs fulfill Jensen's dream of a year-round folk school in a natural setting.

## Notes

- The guided tours are fully accessible walks. You are welcome to bring water on tours. Please dress appropriately for the hikes; they will occur rain or shine.
- Please bring your own coffee mug and water bottle to keep our event sustainable.
- Casual attire is appropriate for all events.
- Free time allows for Door County exploration, activity list is available at the event.
- Come to enjoy and learn, no exams.

## Environmental or Gardening Consultant

- To become a Consultant, you must:
- belong to garden club affiliated with a state garden club within National Garden Club, Inc.
  - complete all four courses, pass exams and submit a consultant accreditation application.
  - subscribe to *The National Gardener*.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### 2021

November 1-2 Central Region Convention

### 2022

February 17 WGCF Executive Committee Meeting

April 24-26 WGCF Convention,  
Osthoff Resort, Elkhart Lake

May 17-19 NGC Convention  
Orlando, FL

June 9 WGCF Executive Committee Meeting

June 22-23 Multiple Refresher, Door County

October 13 WGCF Executive Committee Meeting



If the heat bothers you, plant a tree.  
If the water bothers you, plant a tree.  
If you like fruits, plant a tree.  
If you like birds, plant a tree.  
And if you like life, plant many trees.

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Looking out my window, I'm thinking about the many kindnesses that have been coming my direction in the past several weeks and months. I've found that there are so many people who are willing to lend a hand, give a ride, offer to listen, and for that I am so grateful. My thoughts then turn to those who don't have the friends, family and connections that I do, who don't belong to a gazillion clubs like I do – what about the homebound, lonely and homeless? Those of us who have been blessed need to “pass it on”.

There may be members in our Clubs who say they cannot do any of the gardening work any longer, but how about asking them to come along to an activity and offer their advice? There have been times that I “check out the benches” more than I used to, and our Club members have been so understanding. Perhaps that person who says they can't help could tell you how to prune a shrub or where to plant that perennial. We all know that a good job of pruning needs extra eyes. Maybe our “work days” could be “socials”, and those who have physical challenges could provide the treats for break time?

It really is a matter of adapting and finding where we can use our talents, and how we can encourage others to be involved. Along the way, let's remember to let others know we appreciate them and their efforts.

*Carla*

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