



TWO SCHOOLS IN SPRING 2014!!

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Environmental Studies School

Nancy Gregory

WGCF Partners with Concordia University

WGCF is partnering with the Concordia Center for Environmental Stewardship (CCES) at Concordia University in Mequon, Wisconsin for the Environmental Studies School Series IV.

The first Course for Series IV will be on Friday, March 21 and Saturday, March 22, 2014. All courses will be presented at the CCES Concordia University. Our school will be held at the Concordia Center of Environmental Stewardship (CCES), situated 135 feet above Lake Michigan on the southeast Wisconsin shoreline. The Center serves as Concordia's primary study center for a variety of environmentally-oriented academic, outreach and research areas.

Dr. Bruce Bessert, Director of CCES Programs, supervised the construction of the facility which is LEEDS certified, and coordinates educational programming and research efforts. Also from Concordia University are Dr. Philip Arnholt, who currently works on projects such as wetland monitoring, monarch migration, hawk migration, and bluebird nesting along the Lake Michigan Shoreline, and Dr. Uvi Castillo, who specializes in native and medicinal plants.

Kristin Gies, Concordia graduate and Director of the newly established Mequon Nature Preserve, will lead our field trip Friday afternoon. The tour will feature tall grass prairies, permanent and ephemeral wetlands and hardwood forests. Trails meander through areas that are transforming from bare dirt and agricultural fields to the wetlands and woodlands of pre-settlement times. The Pieper-Power Education Center, the center of operations at the Nature Preserve, is filled with living exhibits and eco-friendly products.

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Landscape Design School

Vern Lowell

Yea, right. Two years; four two-day sessions; my cost on my vacation? Are you kidding?

No, I'm not. If you look at the class schedule and consider there would be three more sessions of a similar nature over the next two years, it may look imposing to you. But, consider that we are in a time when the need has never been greater to protect and preserve our environment, public and private gardens. Landscape design is where protecting the environment begins and every decision we make here affects the future. Our schools are taught by professional landscape and environmental design instructors, consultants and "doers". If you are planning on going into the business, these are the people you want to spend some time with. If you are wondering where to begin with a new project in your community or tuning up your own piece of the environment, you couldn't spend your time with a better group of people than the instructors we have engaged and the other gardeners you will be learning with. Making the right decisions at the outset, saves lots of rework later.

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Gardening Thoughts

"Every gardener knows that under the cloak of winter lies a miracle...a seed waiting to sprout, a bulb opening to the light, a bud straining to unfurl. And the anticipation nurtures our dream."

— Barbara Winkler



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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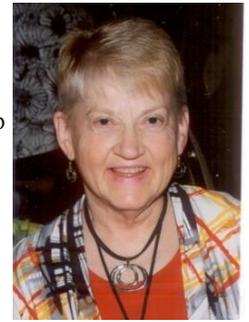
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Notes from our President

Happy New Year! The 2014 year is before us with all of its challenges and promises yet to unfold. The beginning of a new year is a perfect time for re-examining, refocusing and refreshing our commitments which, for many, begin in the form of New Year’s resolutions. Did you or your garden club make any New Year’s resolutions?



New Year’s resolutions began long ago with the Babylonians and a two-faced god named Janus who looked backward into the old year and forward into the new. January gets its name from Janus.

A review of the *Wisconsin Garden* issues of the past year reminds us of all the flower shows, plant sales, garden walks, and awards won by garden clubs and individual members.

However, looking back requires us to evaluate or “take stock” of any problems, learning provided and growth that took place. The Strategic Planning Committee recently asked members to complete an online survey to assist with this process. While evaluating, it is important to remember that any “failures” provide an opportunity for innovation.

With that in mind, take a moment to think about what success or problem presented itself in your garden club and what did you do about it? For WGCF, travel to meetings has been an issue, impacting the budget and number of hours committee members spend in a car. So, with a one-year gift subscription, *Go To Meeting* is now in place to facilitate committee meetings on an experimental basis. This has created a sharp learning curve for all of us.

However, a successful organization is one that also a learning organization. I truly believe that WGCF does well in this area by offering two schools per year that members may take advantage of, by securing convention speakers/breakout sessions and, of course, by providing your District Directors with resources and information from NGC.

Still, more is needed. Membership has not increased overall which is a problem all non-profits are facing. Garden clubs and WGCF have lost as many members as have been gained. Kudos to garden clubs whose membership is increasing. Looking back is never enough so what challenges and amazing opportunities are on the horizon for garden clubs and WGCF? How will we capitalize on these to increase our impact on our communities?

I envision that our members will

1. Go viral! Or, become “brand” ambassadors for their Garden Club and, in turn, WGCF and NGC. Can you convey who we are; what Garden Clubs, WGCF & NGC do; how we do it; and why non-members should be supportive, perhaps, even join your Club? As a brand ambassador, determine what three small things you can do for your community. For example, find a way to share your knowledge of gardening. Then, move onto a couple of medium-sized services your Garden Club could do; and, finally, one big thing your Garden Club could do that would impact your community. Think creatively and connect with others for the largest impact. Ambassadors need to be prepared to say “Did you know that.....or can you imagine that our garden club in (community) has a state and national impact by doing this project here?”

2. Grow our clubs by inviting non-members to participate in local programs and projects, WGCF-sponsored schools and conventions. Speakers, projects, tours, as well as meeting others from across the state may be just the impetus someone may need to join your club. And, you have created a shared memory.

3. In the future, be able to use the WGCF website as a source of information/products and as a tool to alert new members as to their location and contact.

4. Continue to work together to ensure the success of state wide projects such as the president’s project, as well as national projects which promote and protect the environment.

“Only the mediocre are always at their best. The rest of us must keep on changing, striving for something better and achieving something more.”

— Jean Giraudorux, 1882-1944

Sylvia
“Flourishing in a Garden of Change”

ADVERTISING RATES

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

Strategic Planning Committee Update

**Gerianne Holzman,
WGCF First Vice President/
Strategic Planning Committee Chair**

Thank you to the WGCF members who completed the Strategic Planning Committee (SPC) recent survey. We received about a 12% response rate. While this is not high, it is not out of the realm of normal for surveys. A recent study also shows that one should rely on the respondents of a survey to give great information because those folks are engaged and interested in the topic. Thank you to the club presidents for providing paper copies to our members who are unable to access the survey on-line. Each comment has been read and appreciated. Comments will help to guide your leadership in the coming years.

Highlights of the survey are as follows.

1. In response to: Most important service to members: Education followed by community service and friendship.
2. Many respondents (47-62%) have not attended any of the WGCF-sponsored schools but one third are interested in Gardening Studies and Landscape Design with about one fourth interested in possibly attending Flower Show or Environmental Studies school. Cost and location were important factors in helping people to make a decision to attend or not.
3. Unfortunately, many members never visit our website but great suggestions for improvement and opportunities were provided.
4. People attend the annual convention for educational purposes including tours. The respondents had less interest in the meals, vendors and business meeting. Cost,

family/work commitments and travel kept people from attending the convention.

5. Members overwhelmingly read *Wisconsin Gardens* all the time. The question of providing *Wisconsin Gardens* as an electronic newsletter provided interesting results. Fifty-three percent (53%) of respondents wanted all issues electronically while thirty-five (35%) wanted no issues electronically. The options of one, two or three electronic issues received very few votes.

6. Most members attend most of their local club meetings with participation at district meetings spread evenly over the range of never attending to always in attendance.

7. Overwhelmingly, clubs apply for awards even though there has seemed to be a recent decline in applications. The primary reasons for not applying were lack of interest or time.

8. Over 75% of respondents have served in some leadership capacity within their local club with the totals respectively at the district, state and national levels.

9. A big thank you goes out to the 15% of respondents interested in serving in a leadership capacity within the WGCF. Those providing information will be contacted soon.

10. The number of years in the WGCF is quite varied as follows: 1-5 years (32.79%), 6-10 years (26.33%), 11- 20 years (13.93%) and 21 or more years (27.05%)

The SPC, again, thanks all the members for responding to the survey. The next step is looking into a broader strategic planning session to formulate some short and long-term goals for our organization. Members of the SPC are meeting soon with a potential facilitator for this event. Stay tuned for your opportunity to help the WGCF grow and prosper.

UPDATE ON THE WEBSITE

Susan Johansen, Web Master

In recent months the following changes have been made to our WGCF website:

- Added a District/clubs page that includes the district director's name & email. In progress on the listing of all clubs, with a link if club has a website.
- Added a Photo page. Photos are now needed!!
- Added a links page. Looking for interesting links to add.
- Added a page for the Wisconsin Judges Council under the Floral Design tab.
- Moved Magazine/*Wisconsin Gardens* to its own heading.

Come visit the website www.wisconsin-gardenclub.org to see what else is going on. You can help by sending news articles, gardening tips, photos, links, and suggestions. Contact me at h23j19@frontiernet.net

SAVING MEMORIES

Marilyn Doornink, State Historian

Besides keeping records of noteworthy events and achievements of WGCF, it is my job to put together scrapbooks containing news clippings and photos that have been given to me by garden clubs or individual members for the purpose of preserving them in a confined place. I realize that most clubs and districts probably have their own scrapbooks, but I am writing this as a reminder to send any noteworthy material to me that you would like to have in the state book. My address is listed in the directory issue. Items could also be given to me at the Annual Convention if you prefer, as I usually attend. Thank you to those who have done so already.

News from the Districts.....

Fox River Valley **Pat Ritchie, District Director**

Happy New Year from the Fox River Valley. The clubs in this district have been in a holiday mood and held holiday parties and dinners.

Wisconsin River Garden club viewed a trip to the Floriade Gardens in Holland. Members of Yard and Garden Club also attended this meeting. During their Christmas dinner members of the club had table discussions on what they would like to see for programs for the coming year.

Blue Star Garden Club traveled to India by power point and viewed gardens in that country.

Oshkosh Garden Club held their annual Fall Luncheon on November 23rd. This is the primary fund-raiser for their scholarship fund. The member also participated in a light pole decorating contest at the Oshkosh Public Museum.

Green Thumb Garden Club decorated the Historic Gallo-way House in Fond du Lac. They have been doing this for a number of years. For their November meeting, the members learned how to make tin can luminaries.

Creative Flower Arrangers of Wisconsin sponsored A Petite Small Standard Flower Show at the home of Judy Pitcher. The title of the show was "Home For the Holidays".

Paper Valley Garden Club held a grape vine wreath, swag or table decoration workshop for their November meeting. Grape vines were provided and the members brought items to decorate the grape vine.

All of the clubs have been involved with the planning of the WGCF Convention to be held in Oshkosh May 20-22.

Milwaukee District **Lynn Laufenberg, District Director**

Milwaukee District Garden Club's latest Blue Star Memorial Marker was dedicated November 2, 2013 at Forest Home Cemetery at the entrance to their Military Field of Valor area and coincided with Veteran's Day. Carole Hopp, MDGC Blue Star Marker Chairman, has worked tirelessly on this project.

Greetings from National Gardens Clubs, Inc. and the History of the Blue Star Marker Program were presented by Kitty Larkin, Former President of National Garden Clubs. WGCF President Sylvia Lowell gave some remarks and dedicated the marker. Sylvia and I did a floral tribute with the laying of the wreath, a beautiful creation by Doug Jaeger. The National Anthem and other Military and patriotic songs were presented by The Milwaukee Male Chorus. The Stenz- Grisell - Smith Legion Post 449's Honor Guard presented the Colors, had a Veteran's Salute, Firing and Taps.

There is still fundraising and work to be done on this project which MDGC hopes to conclude this spring with additional landscaping and plantings. Thanks to all those involved through monetary donations as well as donations of their time and efforts toward this day. I am honored to finally see this project come to fruition during my term as Milwaukee District Director.

Madison District

Vern Lowell, District Director

On behalf of your friends in the Madison District, Holiday greetings to all members and friends of WGCF. We hope you share the peace, joy and spirit of the season with us.

We closed out 2013 with lots of festive celebrations.

We look forward to 2014 as it promises to be jam-packed with learning, gardening, socializing, community development projects and all the things we love about these organizations.

In February we will host a booth at Garden EXPO again (February 7-9). You are all encouraged to drop by if EXPO is on your agenda this year. If you haven't made it before, it's a great mid-winter outing. Search online for Garden EXPO Madison for more information. We will also host the WGCF-sponsored Landscape Design School at the UW Arboretum in April. You will find information and registration materials elsewhere in this newsletter. We hope to have our first ever District-wide Garden Garage Sale in late April as a fundraiser for 2014 District operations and scholarships. We will let you know the Saturday date and location. May will be the busiest month ever with the NGC Convention in Oklahoma, Madison District Annual Meeting in Mount Horeb, WGCF Convention in Oshkosh, numerous club fundraising plant sales, planting the many community gardens we maintain in our areas, not to mention all the new learning experiences we will have in our regular club meetings. More new members? You bet! We added 17 in the year ending June 1, 2013. We are looking forward to seeing you out and about in the gardening world in 2014.



Blue Star Memorial Marker at Forest Home Cemetery

2013 Central Region Awards

Presented at Central Region Convention, Middlebury, Indiana

Liz Murken, WGCF Awards Chairman



Congratulations to the following Clubs for awards at the 2013 Central Region convention!!

First place receives a \$25.00 check.

Award # 2.	Sharing Our Gardens	1 st Place	Oshkosh Garden Club	\$25.00
Award # 2.	Sharing Our Gardens	Cert. of Appreciation	Elm Grove/Elmbrook/Mayfair Garden Clubs	
Award # 5.	Sharing With Habitat for Humanity	2 nd place	Blue Star Garden Club	
Award # 9.	Caring for Community Plantings	2 nd place	Blue Star Garden Club	
Award # 12.	Caring By Planting Pink	1 st Place	Mound Vue Garden Club	\$25.00
Award # 12.	Caring By Planting Pink	2 nd Place	Botany Belles & Beaus G C	
Award # 12.	Caring By Planting Pink	Cert. of Appreciation	Milwaukee District	
Award # 13.	Sharing Native Plants	1 st Place	Willow River Garden Club	\$25.00



This American Life

A Small Standard Flower Show

Presented by
Floral Designers of Wisconsin
Garden Club

***Saturday, March 15, 2014 through
Sunday, March 16, 2014***

Regency-Brookfield
777 N Brookfield RD.
Brookfield, WI 53045

(Inspired by National Public Radio)

You're Invited to
Ivy League Garden Club's
free meeting
Saturday, March 24, 2014
at Mead Public Library,
710 N. 8th Street, Sheboygan

Doors will open at 6:00 p.m.,
Presentation begins at 6:30 p.m..

Program features Larschelby aka "Schel",
speaking on
"Wisconsin Wine Industry:
Past, Present and Future"

his website: www.vinodiscoveries.com:

Member Services

Wendy Kramer

As of 2013, Member Services has taken on new responsibilities. One major change and new responsibility to Member Services is oversight of the Ways and Means for WGCFF. This includes ordering, processing and displaying products and selling these products at any WGCFF-sponsored event. Products may include unique gardening-related items, floral design materials or any other items related to WGCFF activities. Member Services works closely with the WGCFF Second Vice Present to coordinate the Ways and Means. Member Services promotes fundraising for WGCFF through the Ways and Means, in addition to promoting NGC products. NGC offers an array of items from books, jewelry, certificates, educational tools and "Shopping Partners".

Fundraising helps support the work of our WGCFF and NGC organizations. I am looking for new product ideas to bring to the 2014 WGCFF State Convention. Have you tried a new gardening tool? Have you found a new floral design product? Do you have any educational program plans you have developed and would like to donate to WGCFF? Please send me your fundraising product ideas, recommendations and product contact information. My contact information is: remark@baldwin-telecom.net; 1166 200th Street, Baldwin, WI 54002; 715-684-3642.

Sheboygan District

invites you to their

Spring District Meeting

at

Maywood Environmental Park,
3615 Mueller Road, Sheboygan

April 22, 2014

Lunch at noon,
followed by a program by

Jim Beard,

**"Waking Up Your Garden & Other
Landscape Projects"**

*Jim Beard is an instructor of Horticulture
at Fox Valley Technical College*

For more information,



You're Invited

to attend

Sailing the Seven C's

the

Wisconsin Upper Michigan Florists Association
Annual Convention

Radisson Hotel Casino & Conference Center
Green Bay
March 29-30, 2014

You are cordially invited to attend the one and only convention devoted to professional floral design. If you love the art of floral design or want to improve on your design skills this is the place to be. Our programs represent the best floral Designers from around Wisconsin, the US and Europe.

**For a complete description of our convention please visit www.wumfa.org
or call Wisconsin Upper Michigan Florists Association offices at: 517-575-0110**

Horticulture

Nancy Gotham

WHAT IS A GREAT PLANT?

Many gardeners have probably heard the phrase, “This is a great plant to grow in the garden”. As one ponders this phrase, what is a great plant? As one grows older, we tell ourselves that perhaps it’s time to scale back and downsize our growing spaces. Thus, we are left with smaller garden plots. We stare at this smaller space and ask ourselves, what plant or plants will make a statement?

One does not want a small bed of just pansies, as the area is then too flat and boring. “Gardeners of the world have more than sixty thousand species, varieties and seed strains, forms and cultivars from which to choose” according to author Nigel Colborn, who wrote *Great Plants for Small Gardens*.

Great plants should provide 1) a season of interest, 2) architectural quality, 3) flower power, 4) color, 5) form and variety, 6) manageability, according to Colborn.

Season of Interest means that more than just the flowering period is desired. For example, *Rosa Glauca* has a short blooming period, but is followed by yellow leaves in fall and large rose hips that last through winter and into spring. Robins are glad to dine on them upon their spring arrival. Their bare, five-foot gray-barked stems make a statement in the winter landscape. Deer don’t eat them, as they are too thorny.

Architectural Quality provides a winter outline when plants are leafless. The bare branches of the dogwood (*Cornus controversa*) show us graceful tiers. The *Rheum palmatum* with its giant leaves makes a statement wherever it is placed on the grounds during any growing season.

Flower Power, a 1960’s hippie term, was first used by the world famous Christopher Lloyd, garden writer and gardener in England. The Parker Pear tree is covered with two-inch white blossoms from head-to-toe and makes a smashing statement, as no bark can be seen during this breathtaking display. That is flower power!! It will survive harsh zone 4 winters, and will grow anywhere in Wisconsin. ‘Summer Crisp’ is a good pollinator. The bright green leaves are glossy throughout the entire growing season. Small yellow pears with a red blush and wonderful aroma tempt any gardener. This is a great plant!! However, raccoons think it is a great plant also and will strip an entire tree in a single night raid. Experts suggest that pears may be picked when they become hard; thus one might win the race with the raccoons.

Color is crucial in every garden. Color affects our daily lives at home, work or out in public. Color of a floral bloom is only a small part of it; foliage, winter stems, berries, fruits, bark and leaves all enter into the total color palette. Dirty hues and tones are less likely to suit the average gardener. Nigel Coburn says “hues whether strong or gentle, should be clean and distinctive—true blues, pure pinks, assertive oranges and reds—or subtle and harmonious”.

Form and Variety of a great plant is a very personal choice for the individual gardener. Outline trees and shrubs come in a wide variety of shapes and forms. Colborn identifies them as:

1. Conical as in *Picea* or Christmas trees
2. Columnar as in ‘Fastigiata’
3. Rounded as in common holly
4. Tiered as in *Cornus controversa*
5. Low-domed as in dwarf rhododendrons
6. Suckering or spreading as in *Mahonia pinnata*
7. Weeping as in *Sophora japonica* ‘Pendula’

Manageability is most desirable. The best plants are those who can take care of themselves. They should be disease resistant, grow without supports, not be invasive, and not require constant watering.

Rosemary Verey in her book, *Good Planting*, said: “Good planting skills are not abstract concepts to be learned solely from books, catalogues and other people. The best way to start is by learning to look, and in looking to see and to see critically. Nothing costs us so dear as a waste of time, said Diogenes. But never think that moments walking around your garden are wasted time. In them the seed of inspiration may be sown, and without inspiration a garden may be pretty but lack beauty, interesting but not memorable, and disturbing rather than restful. Ideas take time to evolve and mature, and it is by sitting or walking silently that they can come flooding in. I have special looking and sitting places in my garden where I can both absorb the colors and shapes, the masses and textures, and in winter the richness of the bare stems of the shrubs. Then I can create in my imagination new pictures, new combinations.

“In life we have five senses – we see, hear, touch, smell and taste. We experience all of them in the garden and all have influenced this book. It is not a new thought: in 1618 William Lawson wrote, ‘Whereas every other pleasure commonly fills some one of our senses, and that only with delight, this makes all our senses swim in pleasure . . . What can your eyes desire to see, your ears to hear, your mouth to taste, or your nose to smell, that is not to be had in an orchard.’”

HAPPY GARDENING!

Membership Promotion

Donita Bruder

Membership continues to be a serious concern.

Now more than ever we must publicize our clubs and make them visible in our communities. Send notices of your meetings, workshops and events to local media. Distribute booklets telling what your club is doing, and list your meeting time and place. Provide stimulating and relevant programs for your club members. Keep them interested. When someone new comes to a program, reach out and talk to them. Challenge your members to bring two new guests to your meetings this year. When you volunteer in your community, tell everyone about your garden club. Invite them to your next meeting, tell them they could bring someone else if they wish. Ask them if they would like to join. Let’s grow together!

Call to the 87th Convention

May 20-22, 2014

When it's Springtime in the Valleys, we invite you to join the Fox River Valley District in celebrating the 87th Annual Meeting and Convention at the newly renovated Best Western Premier Waterfront Hotel and Convention Center. Tuesday's Banquet speaker will amaze you with her knowledge of changing trends in bridal bouquets and wedding gowns of the last 100 years. At Wednesday's luncheon you will learn when Spring begins. Wednesday evening will be full of surprises as the Awards will be presented, followed by an inspiring floral design program at Thursday's luncheon.

There will be four break-out sessions: learn how to make your backyard a birding paradise; another, an opportunity to see a presentation about the only dry biogigester in the Western Hemisphere, which is located in Oshkosh. You may choose to learn more about orchids, or perhaps the fascinating subject of the biology in growing green--the secret is feeding the soil.

The Market Place will be the site of the Ways and Means, and there will be several artisans and crafts people with home and garden items for your shopping pleasure. Don't forget to bring your Tisket-A-Tasket basket.

Registrations postmarked by April 15, 2014, for the Package Plan will have your name entered to win a surprise package drawing.

*Convention Co-Chairman Judy Pitcher,
Convention Chairman, Liz Murken
and District Director, Pat Ritchie*



Standing Rules of the WGCF Annual Meeting

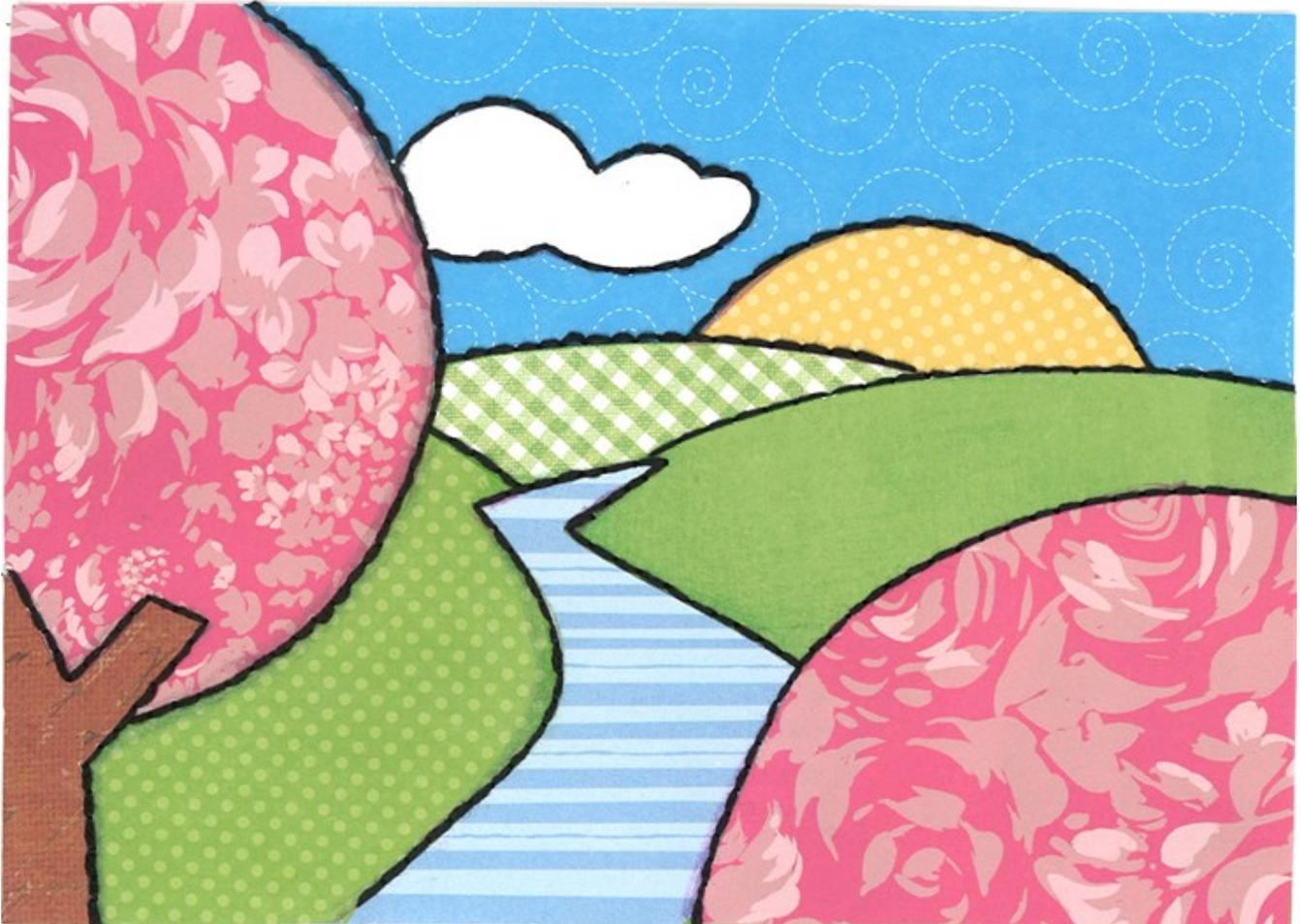
Carole Hopp, Parliamentarian

These standing rules are those procedures which apply only to the Annual Meeting of the WGCF. They are based on Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, as applicable to the WGCF under the current bylaws. They shall be approved at the opening of each Annual Meeting for adoption by the delegates.

1. Only those wearing the Official Delegate Badges shall be seated with the voting body.
2. Minutes of the Annual Meeting, Board of Directors Meetings and the Executive Meeting shall be corrected by a committee of the body, appointed by the President. Approval shall be reported by the Committee Chairman.
3. Guests may be invited to any State Convention, but they may not vote, debate, make motions, hold office or serve on Standing Committees. They shall pay the same fee as a regular member to attend the meeting.
4. No member shall speak in debate more than once on the same question on the same day or longer than two (2) minutes without permission of the convention granted by a 2/3 vote without debate.
5. All resolutions, other than courtesy, to come before the Annual Meeting shall be sent to the Parliamentarian, in writing, at least two (2) weeks before the meeting convenes. No resolutions presented by an individual shall be considered at the Annual Meeting unless approved by the club of the member.
6. In an election year, the names of WGCF Chairmen, as approved by the Board of Directors, shall be read.
7. All CELL PHONES must be in the vibrating or off position.

See Pages 24-25 for Proposed Bylaws and Standing Rules Changes to be Voted on by the Membership at the WGCF Convention. In the interest of conserving paper, please bring these Recommendations with you to the Convention. Thank you.

***“When It's Springtime
in the Valleys,
the Valleys of the
Fox and Wisconsin”***



Wisconsin Garden Club Federation
87th Annual Convention
May 20-22, 2014

Best Western Premier Waterfront Hotel and Conference Center
One North Main Street, Oshkosh, Wisconsin 54903-3421

Hosted by the Fox River Valley District

“When It's Springtime in the Valleys, the Valleys of the Fox and Wisconsin”

TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2014

PRE-CONVENTION ACTIVITIES

		LOCATION
9:00 – 1:30	Tri-Council Tour/Lunch, Paine Art Center and Gardens	Meet in Lobby
1:30 – 3:00	The Market Place//Tisket-A-Tasket/Vendors Setup	Lake Winnebago
3:00 – 6:00	The Market Place/Tisket-A-Tasket/Vendors Open	Lake Winnebago
1:00 – 5:00	Educational Exhibits Setup	Athearn AB
1:00 – 5:00	REGISTRATION	Lobby
2:00 – 4:00	Pre-convention Board of Directors Meeting	Athearn AB
	ALL WGCF officers and Committee Chairmen	
4:15 – 5:15	Wisconsin Judges Council Meeting	Athearn AB

CONVENTION ACTIVITIES

6:30	BANQUET: “DECADES OF TRENDS”	Athearn C
	TOPIC: “Bridal Bouquets and Wedding Gowns”	
	SPEAKER: Pat Grahn, Historian of Wedding Trends”	

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 2014

6:30-8:30	REGISTRATION	Lobby
6:30 – 8:30	Breakfast on your own	
8:00 – 11:45	The Market Place/Vendors/Tisket-A-Tasket	Lake Winnebago
8:30 – 11:45	87 th Annual Meeting	Athearn AB
	Presiding: Sylvia Lowell	
	Reports of Officers	
	Reports of District Directors	
	Reports of Committee Chairmen	
	Presidential Citations	
	Memorial Service – Elvera Jacot, Memorial Fund Chairman	
11:00-11:45	REGISTRATION	Lobby
12:00 - 2:00	LUNCH: “TULIPS and DAFFODILS ARE BLOOMING!”	
	SPEAKER: Dennis Prusik, “When Does Spring Happen?”	
	SPEAKER: Scholarship Winner	
2:00 – 6:00	Market Place-Member Services/Vendors/Tisket-A-Tasket	
2:30 – 3:30	BREAKOUT SESSIONS	
	“Birding Your Backyard”	Lake Poygan
	SPEAKER: Anita Carpenter, Naturalist, Author of “Badger Tracks”	
	“Learn about the ONLY Biodigester in the U.S.”	Lake Butte des Morte
	SPEAKER: Brad Spanbauer, Intern in the Office of	
	Sustainability at University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh	

3:45 – 4:45	BREAKOUT SESSIONS “Learn How To Grow Beautiful Orchids” SPEAKER: Mary Stewart, owner Goin' To Pot Orchids	Lake Poygan
	“The Biology in Growing Green-Secrets of Feeding Soil” SPEAKER: Steve Finley, COO of Intelligrowth Industries, LLC	Lake Butte des Morte
5:30-6:15	REGISTRATION	Lobby
6:00-6:30	RECEPTION honoring Julie Hansen, Central Region Alternate Director	Lobby
6:30	BANQUET: “AWARDS ARE BEING PRESENTED!” TOPIC: “Hybridizing Hardy Paeonia, Hemerocallis and Lilium” SPEAKER: Julie Hansen, Alternate Central Region Director SPEAKER: Nate Bremer, Solaris Farms, Reedsville.	Athearn C

THURSDAY, MAY 22, 2014

6:30-8:30	Breakfast on your own	
8:00-11:45	Market Place/Vendors/Ticket-A-Tasket	Lake Winnebago
8:30-10:00	Continuation of Business Meeting	Athearn AB
10:45-11:45	REGISTRATION	Lobby
12:00-2:30	LUNCH: “WHEN THE SNOWBIRDS RETURN” SPEAKER: Claudia Chopp, Design Program FINAL CLOSING OF CONVENTION TICKET-A-TASKET RAFFLE Adjourn: Sine die	Athearn C

DIRECTIONS TO HOTEL

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DENNIS PRUSIK

Publisher

2014 Wisconsin Nature Calendar
“When Does Spring Happen?”



Dennis Prusik will explain Phenology as the study of periodic plant and animal life cycle events and how those are influenced by seasons interannual variations of climate. After graduating from the UW-Milwaukee in 1971, he developed a habit of daily writing about fishing and other natural observations. After 35 years he has published his last phenology calendar. He continues his phenology study and position as Advisory Committee Chair for the Wisconsin Land Fund.

JULIE HANSEN

Alternate Regional Director
2013 - 2015



Julie Hansen, our Alternate Regional Director, will bring us up-to-date on the Unified Project.

NATE BREMER

Hybridizer, Teacher, Lecturer
Solaris Farms



Bremer, is the proprietor of Solaris Farms, a family run perennial nursery and hybridizing operation. He is a hybridizer of hardy peony, hemerocallis (daylily) and liliium (true lilies), and has more than 150 day lilies and 12 peony registrations. Through a long-time collaboration with international peony legend, Bill Seidl, Bremer expanded his hybridizing work into herbaceous, intersectional and woody (tree) peonies. Demand for these hard-to-find new peony cultivars reaches internationally.

ANITA CARPENTER

Naturalist, Author

“Birding Your Yard”



Anita Carpenter is a retired pharmacist with a lifelong avocation as a Naturalist. She is interested in all of Wisconsin's ecology and has been an avid birder for 40 years, as well as a student of butterflies for 30 years. Among her many interests, she is a nature writer, having authored the Badger Tracks” column in Winnebago Audubon's newsletter for 30+ years, plus numerous articles published in Wisconsin Natural Resources magazine.

BRAD SPANBAUER

Biologist, Environmentalist

“Learn About the Only Dry Biodigester in the Western Hemisphere”



Brad Spanbauer is the recipient of the Leslie Allen Fellowship for Field Biology as well as a Faculty/Student Collaborative Research grant at UW-Oshkosh for his research on African Savannah elephants as seed dispersers in Tanzania. Oshkosh, Wisconsin is home to the only dry anaerobic fermentation digester in the Western Hemisphere. Learn about this amazing UW - Oshkosh facility, biodigestion technology and the promise it holds for turning yard waste into electricity and compost!!!

MARY STEWART

Owner, Goin’ To Pot Orchids
“Learn How To Grow Beautiful Orchids”



Mary has been gardening for over 50 years. For many years Mary did landscape design for her clients. The last 28 years she has concentrated her efforts on learning all about orchids. She is a member of the Northeast Wisconsin Orchid Society, which hosts an orchid show each March in Neenah. Her business, “Goin’ To Pot Orchids”, keeps her busy. She will explain how to grow orchids properly, how to know the difference between the right or wrong way to plant, water and fertilize orchids to make them flourish for you.

CLAUDIA CHOPP

NGC Master Judge, Design Instructor



NGC Master Judge, Design Instructor for Flower Show Schools and Symposiums. She has demonstrated design programs and workshops for Judges Councils, design groups and garden clubs. A Past President of National Flower Arrangers has given her an opportunity to study international designs and techniques. She is a member of Creative Floral Arrangers of the Americas and has served as a member of the NGC Board for 16 years. Claudia and her husband have a home in Door County, where they spend their summers.

STEVE FINLEY

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Breakout Sessions: You may select two, if desired.

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| # 2 “Learn About The Only Biodigester in U. S.” | 2:30 to 3:30 PM | Limit 50 | _____ \$ 10.00 |
| # 3 “Learn How To Grow Beautiful Orchids” | 3:45 to 4:45 PM | Limit 30 | _____ \$ 10.00 |
| # 4 “Biology in Growing Green-Secrets Feeding the Soil” | 3:45 to 4:45 PM | Limit 50 | _____ \$ 10.00 |

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From the Bookshelf

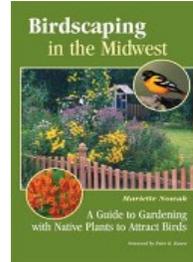
Kay Villa

Birdscaping in the Midwest - A Guide to Gardening with Native Plants to Attract Birds,

Mariette Nowak, University of Wisconsin Press, 2012

336 pages

Suggested Retail \$34.95



If you just read the title of this article you might be asking yourself why is the reviewer discussing a book about birds in the *Wisconsin Gardens Magazine*. Actually this book is about gardening and what plants to select and grow to attract more birds to your landscape.

We've all learned about butterfly gardening but do you know what plants are needed in your garden to attract hummingbirds, prairie birds, bluebirds, woodland birds, wetland birds, migratory birds, shrubland birds, and winter birds? This book makes it so easy for you to plant a garden to purposefully attract a specific subset of birds. Each bird category is covered a separate chapter and it explains how to design a garden to meet their needs for water, food, and shelter. Or conversely you can use the book to evaluate the local flora in your garden to assess which types of birds might be attracted to your site and determine what plants should be added to meet all of their needs.

Mariette Nowak describes the co-evolution of plants and fauna and advocates that as gardeners we should be planting more native plants to support our bird populations. She also includes a gallery of photos of gardens specifically designed for birds but that are also enjoyed by gardeners. The book includes extensive lists of trees, shrubs, vines, wildflowers, ferns, grasses, sedges, and rushes that will grow well in our region and that supports bird populations; as well as resources on bird and native plant organizations, native plant nurseries, and consultants in this field.

While I was reading this book, in the midst of winter, I was delighted to look out the window at my garden and sight a dozen cedar wax wing birds gobbling up tree fruits. Their antics and motion bring life to the winter garden. Gardening in Wisconsin is generally limited to a six to seven month period of time; and if there is a plant that can be grown in my garden that makes it an attractive and active place throughout the year, it's a win-win for me and the birds.

(The author, Mariette Nowak, will be one of the presenters during the Environmental Studies School – see pages 17-18.)

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March 21 - 22, 2014

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Landscape Design School



UW-Madison Arboretum

April 15 - 16, 2014

Exam April 17th - Cost \$55 plus lunch
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Environmental Studies School

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Mariette Nowak, former Director of Wehr Nature Center Milwaukee County and author of *Birdscaping in the Midwest*, will offer a book sale and signing during our morning break and lunch.

Lunch will be available at Concordia University's cafeteria. The course is open to the public, Concordia University students, and educators looking to add to their portfolio for professional development. Concordia University is located at 12800 North Lake Shore Drive in Mequon. If you have any questions, contact Nancy Gregory, ESS Local Chairman, at enjaygee@yahoo.com or (414) 933-9167.

Landscape Design School

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On the web site, www.designingthelandscape.com, you will find a list of 100 lessons learned from studying landscape design. You can look them up, but let me give you just a few to give you an idea of what you might learn at this school:

- #96: Always be reading at least three books on subjects relating to landscape design. (How about *The National Gardener*, *Stewards of the Land*, *Newscape*, the writings of Jens Jensen and many others you will hear about at the school?)
- #79: Leonard Bernstein said "To achieve great things two things are needed, a plan and not quite enough time."
- #18: Know your native species.

I can't think of many better ways to spend a couple of days in the spring than at the UW Arboretum (Crab Apples should be in bloom) delving into landscape design with your gardening friends. Hope to see you there.

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ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES SCHOOL
SERIES V - COURSE 1

FRIDAY, MARCH 21, 2014

- 8:00 - 8:25 a.m. Registration
 8:25 - 8:30 a.m. Announcements
 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. Bruce Bessert
 *Sustainability
 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Mariette Nowak
 * Backyard Wildlife Habitat
 10:30 - 10:45 a.m. ... Book signing & Break
 10:45 - 11:45 a.m. TBA
 *Networking and Outreach
 11:45 a.m. Lunch
 CU cafeteria open menu \$8
 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. Dr. Philip Arnholt
 *Ecology
 1:30 - 2:00 p.m. travel time
 Travel to Mequon Nature Preserve
 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Kristin Gies
 Nature Discovery Field Trip

SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 2014

- 8:00 a.m. - 8:25 a.m. Registration
 8:25 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Announcements
 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Bruce Bessert
 * Environmental Science
 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. TBA
 * Environmental Issues
 10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. Break
 10:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. TBA
 *Historic Environmental Actions & Leaders
 11:45a.m. Lunch
 CU cafeteria open menu \$8
 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Dr. Uvi Castillo
 *Plants & Biodiversity
 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Exam Review
 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Exam (optional)
 Held at Concordia University

*Examination to be given on these topics

INSTRUCTORS

Dr. Philip Arnholt, Ecology
 Concordia University Wisconsin
 Prof. Bruce Bessert, CCES Director
 Concordia University Wisconsin
 Dr. Uvi Castillo, Native/Medicinal Plants
 Concordia University Wisconsin
 Kristin Gies, Director
 Mequon Nature Preserve
 Mariette Nowak, Author
*Birdscaping in the Midwest: A Guide to Gardening
 with Native Plants to Attract Birds*
 Book sale and signing during break/lunch

REQUIRED READING LIST

Douglas W. Tallamy - *Bringing Home Nature*
 Miller, G. Tyler - *Living in the Environment*
 Chapters for required readings based upon book edition
 will be provided upon registration.



Environmental Studies
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SERIES V - COURSE 2
FALL 2014

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- Optional Refresher* / Exam* -----\$5

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- Lunch includes salad and desert
- Tuesday April 15 ----- \$12
- Select ONE sandwich below
- Turkey, Havarti & Artichoke
- Roasted Egg Plant and Red Pepper
- Wednesday April 16, -----\$12
- Spinach/Mushroom Lasagne

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LANDSCAPE DESIGN SCHOOL
SERIES X- COURSE 1

TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 2014

8:00 a.m. - 8:25 a.m.....Registration
8:25 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.....Announcements
8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.....Doug Hadley
*Space, Design, and People
9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.....Doug Hadley
*Principles & Elements of Landscape Design
10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.....Break
10:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.....Susanne Payne
*Basics of a Site Plan
11:45a.m Lunch (Reservation Required)
12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.....Tim Ellibes
*Color in the Landscape

1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.....Tim Ellibes
*Design for the Environment

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 2014

8:00 a.m. - 8:25 a.m.....Registration
8:25 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.....Announcements
8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.....Jared Vincent
* Developing Your Home/Private Grounds
9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.....Aaron Williams
*Public Landscapes
10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.....Break
10:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.....Joe Powelka
* Landscape Design Resources

11:45am.....Lunch (Reservation Required)
12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m....Patricia Lindquist
*Development of Landscape Design
1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.Jim Welsh
Local Land Trust Development & Management
2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m..... Exam Review
4:00p.m. - 6:00p.m.....Exam (optional)
Held at Americlhm

THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 2014

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.Exam (optional)
Held at Americlhm (By Request only)
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INSTRUCTORS

Tim Ellibes, Landscape Architect
Barnes Landscaping
Doug Hadley, Landscape Architect
Instructor University of Wisconsin
Patricia Lindquist, Landscape Architect
Natural Area Coordinator
Community Groundworks Troy Gardens
Susanne Payne, Landscape Architect
Ken Saiki Designs
Joe Powelka, Landscape Architect
Jared Vincent, Landscape Architect
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Jim Welsh, Executive Director,
Natural Heritage Land Trust
Aaron Williams, Landscape Architect
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REQUIRED READING LIST

Stewards of the Land
Chapters 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 16, 17, 22
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Landscape Design School
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Verse 1

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So won't you go and pack your things - Come and have a
fling

Learn as much as you can.

Designs, heuchera and dahlias - Are in the plan.

Verse 2

We bring good news!!! / Here is something to choose!!!
Come join us there!!!

Kinetic designs and collages, too - Will be taught to
challenge you

In September / be ready to learn - For fun and Blue
Ribbons / to earn.

Repeat Chorus:

Designs, heuchera and dahlias are in the
Designs, heuchera and dahlias are in the
Designs, heuchera and dahlias /are in the plan!!!
PLUS LUNCH!!!



WISCONSIN GARDEN CLUB FEDERATION
FLOWER SHOW SYMPOSIUM
"HIGH HOPES"

SEPTEMBER 12-13, 2014

Location: Presbyterian Church of West Salem
625 Franklin St., West Salem, Wisconsin 54669

September 12th - Horticulture - 8:00 a.m.

"Hardy Heucheras" - " Delightful Dahlias"

Instructor: Gay Austin

McComb, MS

Allied Topic - "We've Got Collages" Workshop 6:30 p.m.

Instructor: Lynn Fronk

Worthington, Ohio

September 13th - "Sky High Kinetics" - 8:00 a.m.

Instructor: Lynn Fronk

Fees: \$88.00 Full time (Includes workshop)

Refresher Fee \$5.00 - Lunch \$10.00 each day

Hotel: Americinn, West Salem, WI

9/11/14 \$90.00 plus tax - 2 queen beds (includes breakfast)

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1-608-786-3340 Group Name: WGCF Symposium

Early Room Reservations will ensure Room Availability!

Questions:

Kitty Larkin, Chairman

262-649-3399 Kittysltr@wi.rr.com

Registration: Carol Catlin

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Lunch - \$10.00 per day Fri. _____ Sat. _____

Total enclosed _____

All outlines will be sent by email upon receipt of registration.

Election of Central Region Director and Alternate Director

Every seven years, the Director and Alternate Director for the Central Region are elected by the WGCF Board of Directors and delegates at the annual convention. The upcoming 2014 convention being held in Oshkosh is the year for this election. The term of office is June 2015- May 2017. Once elected, the Regional Director-Elect shall appoint Central Region officers and Chairmen of all committees plus select a theme for the term of office. To be eligible to run for Central Region Director, each nominee must have been a former WGCF President for a minimum of two years as well as having attended two of three previous Central Region conventions at the time of election. In the event, no one in Wisconsin met this criteria, then WGCF would have to yield to the next state in rotation and wait until its next turn. However, after reading their qualifications, I am sure that you will agree that Liz Murken, Fox River Valley district, or Judy Newman, Milwaukee district, could capably handle this position.

Sylvia Lowell, WGCF President

Judy Newman

Candidate for Central Region Director

“Embracing the Present” was my theme as WGCF President from 2003 to 2005. This theme was and continues to be my goal now as I look forward to the opportunity to serve as Central Region’s Director. Since serving as WGCF President, I have attended all of the National Garden Club’s Conventions and Fall Meetings. I have served on the NGC Board of Directors on the Environmental Studies School Committee first as Accrediting Chairman and Chairman of the ESS. I created and maintain a data base of ESS Consultants. As required by the CR Rules and Procedures, I have attended the last three CR Conventions serving as Central Region Life Membership Chairman. Since serving as WGCF President, I attained and have maintained the Group Tax Exemption for WGCF Garden Clubs plus serving on multiple committees.

The opportunity to attend all of the NGC Schools was most informative and exciting. At the 2014 NGC Convention, I will attain a 5-star NGC Membership. This means achieving Master Status in all four of the NGC Schools: Flower Show, Gardening Study, Environmental Studies and Landscape Design School. My strong desire to learn and share my time and talents has opened many opportunities. In May 2013, I became a Flower Show School Horticulture and FS Procedure Instructor. It is so much fun growing the plants which are included in the schools. Learning and sharing my knowledge of native plants is on going with my thirty years of volunteering at the Elmbrook Nature Center. My church has provided me the opportunity to share my sewing talents with those in Honduras. The first Saturday in June will find me at the Habitat for Humanity Plant Share. Organizing this event for more than fifteen years with members of the Milwaukee District Garden Clubs for the Habitat Homeowners has been most rewarding. Milwaukee Habitat personnel tell us that their homeowners look forward each year to the Plant Share. The opportunity to reach out, share, learn from garden club members across the Central Region, the USA and from our International Affiliates is what I value most. It is most inspirational and a joy to be a member of the world’s largest volunteer gardening organization.



Judy Newman



Liz Murken



Members of

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Welcome You to

WGCF 2014 Convention

“When It’s Springtime
in the Valleys”

May 20 - 22, 2014

Hope to see you there!!

Liz Murken

Candidate for Central Region Director

My membership in garden clubs began back in 1980, when a friend stopped by and saw me digging up an area for a new garden. She announced she was picking me up on Thursday evening to join the Oshkosh Garden Club. Thus began my interest in all things gardening.

- 1980 joined Oshkosh Garden Club
- 1982-1988 served as Secretary/Treasurer to Women's Northeastern Golf Association
- 1983-1984 served as President of Oshkosh Garden Club
- 1985-1987 served as Fox River Valley District Director, receiving my WGCF Life Membership
- 1987-1989 served as WGCF Second Vice President
- 1988 honored as the Women's Northeastern Golf Association, "Woman of the Year"
- 1989 became an NAGC Gladiolus Judge
- 1989-1991 served as WGCF First Vice President
- 1991 became an NCSGC Accredited Judge 1991 became an NCSGC Gardening Consultant
- 1991-2011 became a member of Ikebana International # 22
- 1991-1993 served as WGCF President, receiving my NCSGC Life Membership. My President's Project : collected funds from members to build-up our Memorial Scholarship Fund. At the end of my term as WGCF President, an award was established as the Murken Memorial Scholarship Fund Award to recognize the District that gives *the greatest amount of money per capita during the Awards period.*
- 1991-1993 Vi Dawson, NCSGC President, indicated her desire to get the Environmental Studies School started during her term. I challenged my Executive Committee to be the first state in the nation to hold the new Environmental Studies School. They approved. We did it. It was held at Mosquito Hill Nature Center, New London. It was indeed an historic event bringing in garden club members from several states, even Hawaii.
- 1993-1995 served on the NCSGC Board as a member of the Nominating Committee.
- 1993-1995 served on Central Region Executive Committee as Parliamentarian
- 1994 became an Environmental Consultant
- 1995-1997 served as WGCF Treasurer
- 1995-1999 served two terms on NCSGC Board as Vice-chairman of the NGC Environmental Studies School and Editor of an environmental newsletter, "*The Living Earth*".
- 1997-2001 served on Central Region Policies and Procedures Committee
- 1998-1999 served as WGCF Treasurer, filling an unexpired term; have served on WGCF Finance Committee
- 1999-2001 served on NCSGC Board as an NCSGC ESS Accrediting Chairman
- 1999-2007 served as Secretary-Treasurer of the Wisconsin Gladiolus Society
- 2001-2005 served on Central Region as Awards Chairman
- 2001 became a 4-Star member, 2003 became a 5-Star member
- 2003 became an NGC Flower Show School Design Instructor
- 2004-2007 served as the first president of the new design club in the Milwaukee area, "Floral Designers of Wisconsin"
- 2005-2007 served on the NGC Calendar Committee
- 2005-2008 served on the WGCF Organizational Study Committee
- 2008-2011 served on the WGCF Outlook Committee
- 2008-present organized a new design club in the Fox River Valley District called, "Creative Flower Arrangers of Wisconsin"; served as President for five years
- 2009-2015 currently serving on NGC Calendar Committee
- 2011-present joined Great Lakes Atelier, an Advanced Design group; still active
- 2011-2015 currently serving on WGCF Board as the WGCF Awards Chairman
- 2012 became an NGC Flower Show School Procedure Instructor
- 2012-2015 currently serving on the WGCF Organizational Study Committee
- 2013-2015 currently serving as President of the Oshkosh Garden Club
- 2013-2014 currently serving as the 2014 WGCF Convention Chairman
- 2013-2015 currently serving as the Treasurer of Creative Floral Arrangers of the Americas, an international design study organization
- 1991- present since joining Ikebana and then Floral Designer's of Wisconsin, I have actively served in both Milwaukee and Fox River Valley Districts.

My goal for the Central Region is to see the seven states working together to support our Flower Show Schools and Symposiums, our Garden Study Courses, our Landscape Design Courses, as well as our Environmental Studies Schools and Bi- or Tri-Refreshers.

With our smaller membership in each state, it's sometimes difficult to generate enough interest to support a school or symposium. I'm proposing that all schools, courses and symposiums be connected through the region to let members know where to find a school or symposium that they need, when it's not available in their state.

I would have a chairman assigned to collect this information and submit it to the Central Region Newsletter or Web-master. It would be more timely on the website but not everyone has access to the website. Details would be worked out to the best advantage for the most people. "*Working Together We Will Succeed*"

I look forward to serving you as your Central Region Director.

**Recommendations to be voted on by the Membership
at Annual Meeting at 87th Convention**

Proposed Bylaws and Standing Rules Changes
as of November 15, 2013

Presented by Organizational Study Committee: Marion Books, Chair; Kitty Larkin, Liz Murken, Carol Catlin.

The following is considered “Housekeeping”.

Change all reference of “Past” President/s to “Former” President/s in Bylaws and Standing Rules. See Bylaws pages 13 and 15. See Standing Rules pages 15 and 44.

Change “composed of” or “consist of” to “comprised of” ~ a more accurate description in the following pages of the WGCF Bylaws:

Page 12. Article VIII, WGCF Board of Directors, Section 1. Shall be (**composed**) Change to: comprised

Page 12. Article IX, Executive Committee, Section 1. Shall (**consist**) **Change to:** comprised

Page 14. Article XI, Standing Committees and Duties, Section 2. The Advisory Committee shall be **composed** -Change to comprised.

Page 14. Section 3. The Auditing Committee shall be **composed** Change to comprised

Page 14. Section 4. The Credentials Committee shall be **composed** Change to comprised

Page 15. Section 5. The Editorial Staff shall be **composed** Change to comprised.

Page 15. Section 6. The Finance Committee shall be **composed** Change to comprised

Page 15. Section 7. The Organizational Study Committee shall be **composed** Change to comprised

Page 16. Section 8. The Strategic Planning Committee shall be **composed** Change to - comprised.

Page 16. Section 9. The Scholarship Investment Committee shall be **composed** Change to - comprised.

Page 18. Article XII, Nomination and Eligibility, Section 1. The Nominating Committee shall be **composed of nine** members.....Change to - comprised of eight members

In the WGCF Standing Rules, Change “composed” to “comprised”

Page 10. WGCF Board of Directors, The Board of Directors is **composed** Change to comprised.

Page 15. Advisory - The Advisory Committee shall be **composed** Change to comprised.

Page 17. Auditing - The Auditing Committee shall be **composed** Change to comprised

Page 17. Awards - The WGCF Awards Committee shall be **composed** Change to comprised

Page 44. Organizational Study Committee - second paragraph: The Organizational Study Committee shall be **composed** - Change to comprised

Page 61. Strategic Planning - second paragraph - The Strategic Planning Committee is **composed** - Change to - shall be comprised of

WGCF Bylaws, proposed changes by Organizational Study Committee:

Page 15. Article XI Standing Committees and Duties, Section 6. The Finance Committee..... c) The President (**and the First Vice-President/President-Elect**) shall serve as an ex-officio members.

Delete bold print. It will then read: The President shall serve as an ex-officio member.

Page 15. Section XI Standing Committees and Duties. Section 7. The Organizational Study Committee shall be composed of The last sentence in the paragraph reads: The President (**First and Second Vice Presidents**) and the Parliamentarian shall serve as ex-officio members of this committee.

Delete bold print. It will then read: The President and the Parliamentarian shall serve as ex-officio members of this committee.

Page 16. Section XI Standing Committees and Duties. Section 8. The Strategic Planning Committee shall be The last sentence in the paragraph reads: The President (**and Second Vice-President**) shall serve as an ex-officio member of this committee.

Delete bold print. It will then read: The President shall serve as an ex-officio member of this committee.

Page 18. Article XII Nomination and Eligibility. Section 1. Change “**nine**” to “eight”. It will then read: Section 1. The Nominating Committee shall be composed of eight members: a chairman and one representative from each District.

WGCF Standing Rules proposed changes by Organizational Study Committee:

Page 3, The First Vice-President/President-Elect shall: 2. Serve as Chairman of the Strategic Planning Committee **(and as an ex-officio member of Finance and the Organizational Study Committees.)**

Delete bold print: It will then read: 2. Serve as Chairman of the Strategic Planning Committee.

Page 4. The Second Vice-President shall: 2. Serve as the Chairman of the Finance Committee **(and as ex-officio member of Organizational Study and Strategic Planning Committees).**

Delete bold print. It will then read: 2. Serve as Chairman of the Finance Committee.

Page 25. Finance. General Guidelines: 4. An annual allotment not to exceed seven-hundred and fifty dollars (\$750) shall be budgeted for the First Vice-President/President-Elect for attendance at NGC and/or Central Region meetings.

Add the following:

These funds shall be pro-rated and if either function is not attended by the First Vice-President/President-Elect, the pro-rated funds shall be transferred to the Second Vice-President, if attending. (C. R. 25%, NGC 75%)

Page 44. Organizational Study -

Second paragraph - The Organizational Study Committee shall be comprised of the Immediate Former President, who shall serve as chairman and three members, one of whom shall be a Former President, two members from the immediate past or current Board, **and the Parliamentarian.**

Delete bold print. The Organizational Study Committee shall be comprised of the Immediate Former President, who shall serve as chairman and three members, one of whom shall be a former President, two members from the immediate past or current Board.

Third paragraph - The President, **(First Vice-President and Second Vice-Presidents)** and the Parliamentarian shall serve as ex-officio members of this committee.

Delete bold print. It then reads: The President and the Parliamentarian shall serve as ex-officio members of this committee.

Page 61. Strategic Planning - second paragraph. The Strategic Planning Committee is **composed** of the First Vice-President, who shall serve as chairman, and three voting members, one of whom shall be a Former President. The President **and Second Vice-President** shall serve as ex-officio members of this Committee.

Delete bold print - It then reads: The Strategic Planning Committee is comprised of the First Vice-President, who shall serve as chairman, and three voting members, one of whom shall be a former President. The President shall serve as an ex-officio member of this committee.

Page 67. Amendments to Standing Rules - These Standing Rules may be amended by the following process:

1. An individual or committee must submit any proposed revision of Standing Rules to the Organizational Study Committee at least **one month** prior to any Executive Committee Meeting.

Delete bold print and add **(six weeks)**. - It then reads: 1. An individual or committee must submit any proposed revision of Standing Rules to the Organizational Study Committee at least six weeks prior to any Executive Committee Meeting.

2. The Organizational Study Committee shall study the proposal and present its recommendation to the next Executive Committee Meeting.

Add after recommendations **(to the Core Team prior)** It would then read:

2. The Organizational Study Committee shall study the proposal and present its recommendations to the Core Team prior to the next Executive Committee Meeting.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

HILDEGARD KOLELL & BEULAH THOMPSON

Hildegard Kolell passed away on November 18, 2013. She was a Garden Club member for many years. Her family mentioned that she enjoyed reading the newsletter and the Conventions. She really enjoyed her flower garden. She was President of the Menomonee Falls Garden Club.

Beulah Thompson passed away in October 2013. A charter member of the Hill and Dale Garden Club of Elroy, Beulah served as Club President for 19 years, and served on committees at the local and District level. Her own flower garden was part of the Club's Garden Walk in 2008. Her creative talents were shared with many at the local and District level as she created and shared her pressed flower bookmarks and cards.

Planting for the Birds

Dorothy Legler

Now that our yard work is finished, it's time to sit back and plan for our spring plantings. Consider planting some trees and shrubs that are beneficial for birds. Plan for all the seasons, in order to provide food, shelter and nesting spots. Spring and fall migrations are especially demanding with the need for huge amounts of food. Many birds travel long distances to breed in the far north and overwinter as far south as South America. We can provide "stop-overs" for them to refuel.

Lawns have little value to most birds and are costly to maintain. Try to replace some of the lawn with native trees, shrubs and forbs. We need to provide a variety of different food sources and different layers of vegetation such as tall trees, understory trees, shrubs and vines. Besides insects, some birds prefer fruit, berries, nuts and seeds. Plant in clusters for shelter and leave the leaves under trees and shrubs. Many birds are ground foragers and search in the leaf litter for insects (less raking for you). Choose plants that fruit at different times during the season, for migration and for winter food. Plant native trees and shrubs, which are favored by most birds because both birds and the plants have co-evolved.

The trees that are ranked as best for wildlife are oaks. It's the host tree for many moths and butterfly caterpillars. In spring, when the little green leaves are emerging, birds can feast on the munching caterpillars and other insects. Then in the fall, oaks provide acorns as a food source for a total of 31 mid-western birds such as Blue Jays, Red-headed Wood-

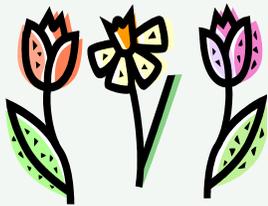
peckers, nuthatches, titmice and turkeys. Oaks can also provide nesting cavities.

Maples are rated high, among the top ten wildlife food trees. Nineteen species of birds eat maple seeds, which, depending on the maple species, ripen at different times. Some birds eat the maple buds, flowers or take sap. Sugar Maple is the best, followed by Red Maple. Other native trees that rank high for birds are hickories, elms, willows, Northern Hackberry, Pin Cherry, Black Cherry and birches. Include some smaller trees, such as dogwoods, hawthorns, serviceberries and wild crabapple, to transition into a shrub layer. There are so many great berry-producing shrubs such as Choke and Sand Cherry, currants, dogwoods, Wild Plum, Black Chokeberry, Elderberry, viburnums and many others.

Conifers are especially valuable for birds in the winter, with seeds and berries. The Red Cedar's berry-like cone is eaten by 29 species of birds in eastern U. S. Pines and White Spruce are good for seeds. Conifers are excellent choices for nesting, roosting and winter cover. Consider leaving dead trees for nesting cavities and foraging (if it can be done safely).

So try to provide a variety of foods and layer the vegetation from tall trees to ground cover. This variety will create habitat and food for many different species. A yard full of plants will be quite inviting. With so much loss of wildlife habitat, our yards can be so beneficial, no matter what size they are.

For detailed information on what to plant and specific growing conditions, I highly recommend the book *Birdscaping in the Midwest* by Mariette Nowak.



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6 WGCF Executive Meeting, Wausau

MARCH

21-22 Environmental Studies School, Mequon

APRIL

3 Awards Meeting, Oshkosh

15-17 Landscape Design School, Madison

April 30 - May 4 NGC Convention, Norman, OK

MAY

20-22 WGCF Convention, Oshkosh

JUNE

12 WGCF Board Meeting, Madison

SEPTEMBER

12-13 WGCF Flower Show Symposium, West Salem

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Tri-Council Officers are: Nancy Gregory Secretary

Carole Hopp Treasurer

Corrections for Landscape Design consultants:

Nancy Gregory is not a Master

Carolyn Craig should be listed as a Master

Beth Chapman is a Master and should be added to list



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