



Perennial Notes

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Overview of Healing Garden in 2024

Edgerton Hospital and Health Services Healing Garden

by Mark Dwyer, Garden Manager

Situated behind the small Edgerton Hospital and Health Services (EHHS) facility (11101 N. Sherman Rd) is a three-acre healing garden that has 15 years of development and history. Intentioned from the earliest planning for the hospital (built in 2010), the garden took off in 2011 with the goals of supporting patient recovery, visitors, staff and the general public. If you haven't yet visited, consider popping by to see a colorful and engaging garden space that is all-accessible and provides stress relief and support for everyone that engages with the space. Just follow the green signs to guide you to garden access (you don't have to enter the hospital).

EHHS is a small, 18-bed critical care hospital that has been ranked as one of the Top 20 rural hospitals nationwide for the past two years. Located just off I-90 (exit 163) and east of downtown Edgerton (population 6,200) on

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WHPS coming events!

Questions about our events?
Email wisconsinhps@gmail.com for specific info.

NOTE: In-person meetings are at Olbrich, unless otherwise stated, links to YouTube meetings are sent the week of the scheduled meeting.

Wednesday, June 3, WHPS/MAMGA Garden Tour - Nakoma, Near West Side of Madison - Gardens of Frank Greer, Alice Page, Wendy Adams & Gary Leisman, Margaret Longstreth & Alan Kren - see page 11 for info.

Thursday, June 11, Day Trip to Southeast Wisconsin Nurseries and Gardens - TRIP IS SOLD OUT.

Wednesday, July 15, WHPS / MAMGA Garden Tours - West Side of Madison - Gardens of Jeff Epping, Kitty & Gene Rankin, Jean & John Mathews, Jill Bulman - see page 12 for info.

Thursday, July 23, Day Trip to Fox Cities/Green Bay Nursery and Botanical Gardens. This trip has just a few slots left (10 as of 5/11/26). **SIGN UP TODAY on p. 10!**

Thursday, July 30, 10-11:30 am, Tour of the Ecological Communities at Holy Wisdom Monastery.

Holy Wisdom Monastery is the home of the Benedictine Women of Madison and their many communities who weave



prayer, hospitality, justice, and care for the earth into a shared way of life. Care for the earth is central to their mission. They take care of 192 acres of prairie, savanna, woodlands, gardens and orchards on the property. Holy Wisdom staff will lead the WHPS tour to help folks experience deeper understanding of their ecological communities with a focus on plant ID. The tour will cover about 1.5 miles on walking trails at a leisurely pace. This is a family friendly event so young ones who would enjoy a long walk are welcome. Bring a lawn chair and brown bag lunch—WHPS will provide cold drinks—and stay a little longer to chat with WHPS friends. 4200 Co Hwy M, Middleton, WI 53562. There is no requirement to pre-register, but if you plan to attend, [Sign Up](#) so we know how many tour guides to book.

Saturday, August 29, 10 am Tour of Landscape Designs Nursery, 3290 Elvehjem Rd., McFarland. Join fellow WHPS gardeners for a tour of Landscape Designs with owner Steve Lesch. His nursery has a wide variety of hardy native, nativar and hybrid nativar trees, shrubs and herbaceous perennials. While exploring his expansive nursery, Steve will lead a tour and share his insights and experience with Bloom-



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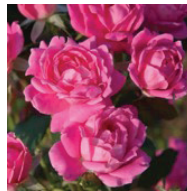
ing and Color in the Autumn Landscape. After the tour, you are welcome to shop and bring some autumn color into your garden. Steve is extending a 25% discount to WHPS members who shop that morning. The nursery's expansive inventory for this season is now available at the [website](#). 3290 Elvehjem Rd., McFarland.

Wednesday, September 16, 6:30 pm - Social Time, 7 pm, WHPS Meeting (IN PERSON and via ZOOM): Asian Maples For The Midwest: Not An Oxymoron with speaker John Miyazaki of Gurnee, IL, will discuss a range of Asian maples that can be grown in the upper Midwest (not just *Acer palmatum*).



Saturday, September 19, noon-3 pm, WHPS Hosts Open Garden Day at Will Radler's Gar-

den at Rose Innovations, 10020 W. Meadow Dr., Greenfield, WI. At first glance you'd never know that hidden within the 2-acre garden, the rigorous business of breeding and testing roses is well underway. By all appearances, the Radler Rosarium is a tranquil escape full of interesting perennials, shrubs and trees. A bit of exploration reveals unexpected water features, fireplaces and unique statuary. If you take a closer look, the complex research and development of new roses is revealed. Enjoy a fall tour of this beautiful garden. Parking and a children's playground are across from the garden entrance. The \$5 suggested donations at entrance will be given to WHPS.



Wednesday, October 21, 6:30 pm - Social Time, 7 pm, WHPS Meeting (IN PERSON and via ZOOM): Matrix Planting: The What's, Why's, and How's of this Modern Garden Concept with speaker Kennedy Blaesius. Blaesius is a horticulturist at the Quad City Botanical Center in Rock Island, Illinois. She is an eastern Iowa native and studied horticulture at Iowa State University where she specialized in the study of landscape design, installation and maintenance. Kennedy grew upon her education with an internship at Reiman Gardens in Ames, Iowa. Upon graduation, she returned to the Quad Cities and worked in residential landscaping for three years before joining the team at the Quad City Botanical Center. In just over three years at the center, Kennedy has designed, renovated and installed nine major garden spaces, implemented a yearly bulb display, built an event based around the sensory components of the autumnal garden, and helped increase the visual appeal of the entire site.



Thursday, November 18 - 6:30 pm - Social Time, 7 pm, WHPS Meeting (IN PERSON and via ZOOM): Gardening Lens Change: From Ornamental Horticulture to Ecological Restoration with Emily Buckingham.



Wednesday, December 9, WHPS Annual Meeting and Party - details TBA.



Wednesday, January 20, 2027 7 pm, WHPS Meeting (ZOOM ONLY): Epimedium and Their Companion Plants, with speaker Richie Steffen. Steffen is the Executive Director of the Elisabeth C. Miller Botanical Garden in Shoreline, WA.




Wednesday, February 17, 2027 6:30 pm - Social Time, 7 pm, WHPS Meeting (IN PERSON and via ZOOM): Program TBA with Speaker Adam Dooling. Dooling is Director of Plant Collections at the Chicago Botanic Garden.



Wednesday, March 17, 6:30 pm - Social Time, 7 pm, WHPS Meeting (IN PERSON and via ZOOM): Program TBA with Speaker Erin Schanen, The Impatient Gardener.

Wednesday, April 21, 2027 - Program & Speaker TBD

Sunday, June 6 - Monday, June 14, 2027 - WHPS Trip to England. We have booked hotels for a WHPS Trip to England in 2027. The tour will start at London Heathrow Airport on the morning of Sunday, June 6, 2027, and will end at Heathrow on the evening of Monday, June 14. We will be staying at the Cathedral Lodge of the Canterbury Cathedral, County Kent, within the walls of the cathedral complex. Every room has a view of the cathedral (not unexpectedly). The second stop will be Colchester in County Essex. To get enough twin beds (always a problem for us) we are staying in two hotels (directly across the street from each other) owned by the same company - The King George and the St. Nicholas, both lovely small hotels. Major gardens will be Sissinghurst, Great Dixter, Hyde Hall (RHS garden) and the Beth Chatto garden. **Sign up will be in January 2027. Contact [Linda Marx](#) or [Frank Greer](#) if you have any questions about the trip.**



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Other gardening events of note

Key events of interest listed but please visit the following websites for more info on events:

- [Allen Centennial Garden](#) in Madison
- [Boerner Botanical Gardens](#) in Milwaukee
- [Chicago Botanic Garden](#) in Chicago
- [Green Bay Botanical Garden](#) in Green Bay
- [Lynden Sculpture Garden](#) in Milwaukee
- [Mitchell Park Horticultural Park \(The Domes\)](#) in Milwaukee
- [Monk Botanical Garden](#) in Wausau
- [Morton Arboretum](#) in Lisle, IL
- [Olbrich Botanical Gardens](#) in Madison
- [Paine Art Center and Gardens](#) in Oshkosh
- [Rotary Botanical Gardens](#) in Janesville
- [University of Wisconsin-Madison Arboretum](#)

Wednesday, June 10, 6–7:30 pm, Garden Photography Walk at Olbrich Botanical Gardens. Explore techniques for photographing flowers, foliage, and garden landscapes during a guided evening walk through the outdoor gardens. Participants learn composition, lighting, and close-up photography tips for capturing seasonal blooms. Cost: \$25 / \$20 members.

Thursday, June 11–Thursday, September 10, 4–8 pm (Thursday evenings), Gardens After Hours at Rotary Botanical Gardens. Enjoy extended evening hours in the gardens with scenic walking paths, seasonal blooms, and relaxed summer atmosphere throughout the season. Cost: Regular garden admission.

Friday–Saturday, June 12–13, Summer Breeze Block Party, at Olbrich Botanical Gardens. Two-night outdoor block party with Garver Events featuring pop-up artmaking activities, classic lawn games, dance parties, local food carts, and a “story slam.”

Saturday, June 13, 9 am–3 pm, Garden Faire Extraordinaire, 1115 Washington St., Manitowoc, WI. Celebrating the outdoors and featuring live music, annuals, perennials, herbs, shrubs, yard and garden art, fine crafts, statuary, furniture and food – rain or shine! The event takes place in Washington Park and offers free admission and parking.

Saturday, June 14, 10–11:30 am, Container Gardening Basics, at Olbrich Botanical Gardens, Learn how to design and maintain successful container gardens using annuals, herbs, and ornamental foliage plants. Topics include soil selection, watering, fertilizer, and combining plants for season-long color. Cost: \$45 / \$35 members.

Tuesday, June 16, 6 pm, How to Take Great Flower Photos with Instructor Frank Hassler, at Olbrich Botanical Gardens. Hassler is with Red Head Ecological Consulting. Learn techniques for capturing blooms with any camera, from smartphones to point-and-shoot, DSLR, and mirrorless cameras.

Wednesday, June 17, 7 pm, Woodland, Savanna, and Prairie Gardens Tour, at the University of Wisconsin–Madison Arboretum. Guided garden tour highlighting Wisconsin native plants in woodland, savanna, and prairie garden settings during peak late-spring bloom. Cost: Free; no registration required.

Thursday, June 18, 6 pm, Secrets of Gardens that Work (virtual) with Instructor Kasey Eaves, at Olbrich Botanical Gardens.

Eaves works with Vivant Gardening Services. Lecture on the principles and practices behind ecologically and psychologically sustainable gardens, for both beginners and experienced gardeners.

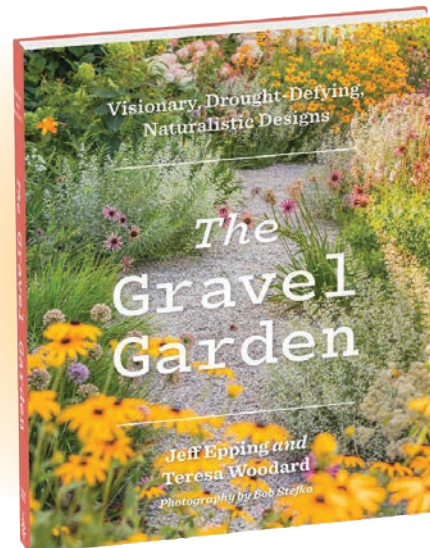
Thursday, June 18, 6–7:30 pm, Summer Lecture Series: Gardening for Pollinators, at Olbrich Botanical Gardens. Discover how to create habitat for bees, butterflies, and other pollinators using native plants, layered bloom times, and sustainable gardening practices. Cost: \$15 / \$12 members / \$10 volunteers.

Saturday, June 20, 1 pm, Problem Solving Plants for Shade with Instructor Heather Prince, at Olbrich Botanical Gardens. Prince works at Fearless Gardening. Tips and plant recommendations for challenging shaded garden spaces, including both native and ornamental plants, followed by an outdoor garden walk.

Sunday, June 21, 11 am–3 pm, Choose Your Own Adventure Day at Rotary Botanical Gardens. Family-friendly adventure day featuring outdoor activities, discovery stations, games, and themed exploration throughout the gardens. Cost: See event listing for admission details.

Monday, June 22; Monday, July 27; Monday, August 24, Friends of Boerner Botanical Gardens Funded FREE Days. Milwaukee County Parks, in partnership with the FBBG, Inc. FBBG has been supporting the efforts of Boerner Botanical Gardens for 42 years, since 1984. Free admission days are a wonderful way to introduce family, friends and colleagues to this historic, accessible, in-nature destination. 9400 Boerner Dr., Hales Corners, WI.

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Other Events (cont. from p.3)

Saturday, June 28, 10:30 am–noon, Vegetable Gardening for Beginners, at Olbrich Botanical Gardens. Introductory workshop covering raised beds, soil preparation, watering schedules, and easy-to-grow vegetables for Wisconsin gardeners. Cost: \$55 / \$45 members.

Thursday, July 9, 5:30 pm, Wild Food & Wild Medicine Plant Walk with instructor Linda Conroy, at Olbrich Botanical Gardens. Conroy is associated with Moonwise Herbs. Seasonal walk focusing on identifying, harvesting, and preparing wild plants for the kitchen and home apothecary. Suitable for seasoned foragers and beginners alike. Cost:

Wednesday, July 9, 6–7:30 pm, Summer Lecture Series: Native Plants for Shade Gardens at Olbrich Botanical Gardens. Learn how to transform shaded garden spaces using native woodland plants that support birds, pollinators, and healthy ecosystems. Cost: \$15 / \$12 members / \$10 volunteers.

Friday–Saturday, July 10–11, 9 am–3 pm, Home Garden Tour, Olbrich Botanical Gardens - Verona Area (offsite tour locations). Self-guided tour of private home gardens along the Sugar River featuring specialized plant collections, upcycled art, creative hardscaping, and DIY garden designs. A GPS-enabled app is accessible via QR code on the tour ticket. Cost: Ticketed; not sold online or at individual garden sites. Details via olbrich.org.

Saturday, July 11–Sunday, July 12, 9 am–4 pm, Cedarburg Woman's Club presents its 16th Annual Garden Walk. Visit five unique private gardens in and around the Cedarburg area, with raffles featuring gifts and experiences from local businesses, and a special post-walk event at the Cedarburg Art Museum. After exploring the gardens, attendees are invited to gather at the Cedarburg Art Museum for a special post-walk event to end the event on a high note. Tickets \$21. [More info.](#)

Saturday, July 11, 2:30 pm, Grow Your Own Salad with instructor Wendy Porterfield, at Olbrich Botanical Gardens. Wendy, of Root to Table with Wendy, will teach you to grow cut-and-come-again salad greens, herbs, and crunchy additions for continuous harvest all season in pots, beds, or in the ground. Take home seeds and a planting plan.

Saturday, July 12, 10 am–noon, Herb Gardening Workshop, at Olbrich Botanical Gardens. Hands-on class covering culinary and medicinal herbs, including harvesting, drying, propagation, and container-growing techniques. Participants take home starter plants. Cost: \$70 / \$55 members.

Sunday, July 12, 1–3 pm, Sounds of Summer, at Rotary Botanical Gardens. Live outdoor music series featuring classical and acoustic performances by regional musicians while visitors stroll through the gardens during peak summer bloom season. Janesville. Cost: Ticketed event; see listing for pricing.

Sunday, July 12, 1–3 pm, Nature Hike in the Grady Tract, University of Wisconsin–Madison Arboretum. Adult-focused interpretive hike exploring prairie and savanna ecology, native plants, fungi, wildlife, and seasonal natural changes. Cost: Free; no registration required.

Monday, July 13, 5:30 pm, Summer Blooms & Bouquets Walk, with Instructor Samantha Yoder, at Olbrich Botanical Gardens.

Evening garden stroll with a horticulturist highlighting cut flower favorites and bouquet design secrets; participants create a farmer's market-style bouquet using flowers harvested from the garden.

Thursday, July 16 onward, Blooming Butterflies, at Olbrich Botanical Gardens (Bolz Conservatory). Up to 19 species of free-flying butterflies in the tropical Bolz Conservatory, with chrysalis cases and an I SPY Pollinators scavenger hunt in the outdoor gardens. Note: Bolz Conservatory closed July 14–15 for exhibit preparation. Cost: \$10 adults (13+), \$6 children (6–12), free ages 5 and under, free for members.

Saturday, July 18, 9:30 am, Gardening for the Bees, Olbrich Botanical Gardens with Instructor Frank Hassler. Hassler is associated with Red Head Ecological Consulting. Learn which plants native bees love and how to make your yard a pollinator haven.

Saturday, July 19, 9:00–10:30 am, Second Saturday Stroll, Olbrich Botanical Gardens. Seasonal guided walk highlighting summer blooms, noteworthy plants, and current garden design features throughout the outdoor gardens. Cost: Free; no registration required.

Wednesday, July 23, 6–7:30 pm, Summer Lecture Series: Gardening with Native Grasses, at Olbrich Botanical Gardens. Explore ornamental and prairie grasses suited for home landscapes, including design strategies, maintenance, and ecological benefits for wildlife habitat. Cost: \$15 / \$12 members / \$10 volunteers.

Saturday–Sunday, July 25–26, The Garden Conservancy Open Days in Wisconsin. This year's Open Days are in Brookfield, New Berlin and Waukesha, WI. [More info, tickets, etc.](#)

Saturday, July 25, 9 am–4 pm, 2026 Annual Garden Tour with SC-MGA (Sauk County Master Gardeners), WI. Advance tickets \$10; Day of - \$15. The Garden Tour includes private & public gardens, all within the city of Baraboo. Learn about Wildlife Pest Management, planting in heavy shade and maximizing small urban spaces. Attend demonstrations on weed suppression techniques, propagation, lasagna gardening and more. [More info.](#)

Sunday, July 26, 1–2 pm, Scenic Stroll, at University of Wisconsin–Madison Arboretum. Relaxed guided walk through nearby ecological communities highlighting seasonal blooms, native plants, wildlife, and Arboretum landscapes. Madison. Cost: Free;

Plant Sales 2026

- **Monday, August 4–Tuesday, August 26, online ordering with pickup August 26, Fall Pollinator Plant Sale, Olbrich Botanical Gardens.** Order pollinator-friendly perennials and native plants selected for late-season habitat value and Wisconsin garden performance. Madison. Cost: Plant pricing varies.
- **August 13 - August 16, Wisconsin Daylily Society Annual Plant Sale.** The WDS Daylily Sale officially holds the title of the largest and most profitable hemerocallis sale in America. Between 750 to 950 varieties are available for purchase by gardeners who come from far and wide. The Biergarten at Olbrich Park, 3527 Atwood Ave, Madison, WI.

Other Events (cont. from p.4)

no registration required.

Sunday, August 2, 10 am–12 pm, Pollinator Garden Design Workshop, at Olbrich Botanical Gardens. Design a garden that supports butterflies, bees, and hummingbirds using native plants and succession planting techniques. Includes take-home design resources. Cost: \$65 / \$50 members.

Wednesday, August 5, 10–11 am, Story and Stroll, Rotary Botanical Gardens. Early literacy program for children ages 2–6 featuring themed story time, crafts, games, and outdoor garden exploration. Janesville. Cost: \$4 per child; accompanying adult included.

Thursday, August 6, 4:30 pm, Behind the Scenes: Blooming Butterflies (guided walk), at Olbrich Botanical Gardens. Second offering of the staff-led tour of chrysalis cases and greenhouse operations. Adults only. Instructor: Mike Gibson.

Friday, August 7, 8:30 am–4:30 pm, Keystone Plants: Helping All Species Thrive, at Rassbach Museum, 1820 John Russell Road, Menomonie, WI. Keystone plants, the natives that support more of the food web than any other, are the focus of this year's workshop hosted by the St. Croix District. You will hear two speakers, have your questions answered during a Q&A session, have lunch and walk away with free native plants. Two native plant suppliers will also have natives to purchase. Cost: \$30 (plus \$2.00 processing fee if you register online). [Register online.](#)

Saturday, August 8, 9:30 am, Gardening for the Butterflies with Frank Hassler, at Olbrich Botanical Garden. Hassler is associated with Red Head Ecological Consulting. Learn which plants butterflies need at every life stage — from caterpillars to adults — and how to enhance your garden's appeal for pollinators.

Wednesday, August 12, 7 pm, Native Plant Garden Tour, at University of Wisconsin–Madison Arboretum. Evening guided tour of the Wisconsin Native Plant Garden featuring summer prairie flowers, pollinator habitat, and sustainable landscape design ideas for home gardeners. Cost: Free; no registration required.

Thursday, August 20, 6 pm, Lawn to Garden: Building New Garden Beds (virtual), with Instructor Kasey Eaves, Olbrich Botanical Gardens. Eaves is associated with Vivant Gardening. Learn techniques for converting lawn to garden beds, including labor, costs, and environmental impact of each approach.

Saturday, August 29, 1:00 pm, Fantastic Fall Flowers for Your Garden, with Heather Prince, at Olbrich Botanical Gardens. Prince is from Fearless Gardening. Explore perennials that bloom in autumn and support late-season pollinators, with classroom discussion and an outdoor garden.

Sunday, August 30, 1–3 pm, Nature Hike in the Grady Tract, at University of Wisconsin–Madison Arboretum. Guided naturalist-led hike through prairie and savanna habitats focusing on late-summer ecology, native plants, wildlife, and seasonal transitions. Cost: free; no registration required.

Wednesday, September 2, 10–11 am, Story and Stroll, Rotary Botanical Gardens. Monthly youth literacy and garden exploration program combining stories, movement activities, games, and crafts in an outdoor garden setting. Janesville. Cost: \$4 per child; accompanying adult included.

Wednesday, September 2–Saturday, October 24, 7:30–10:30 pm (Wednesdays–Saturdays), GLEAM, Olbrich Botanical Gardens. Annual outdoor art exhibit featuring large-scale light installations by local, regional, and international designers. Stroll through 16 acres of gardens and the Bolz Conservatory after dark.

Saturday, September 6, 10:30 am–noon, Indoor Herb Gardening Workshop, Olbrich Botanical Gardens. Learn how to grow herbs indoors year-round, including lighting, containers, propagation, and overwintering techniques. Cost: \$70 / \$55 members.



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Grants update

–by Kitty Rankin, WHPS Board

Many thanks to members who donated to our grants program in response to our email and request in the April newsletter. Plans are underway to begin a call for applicants later this fall, so if you know of a worthy garden project, please encourage the organization to visit [the grants section of our website](#) for more information on applying for a grant. Our next cycle will be conducted in January 2027.

If you would like to help us build the Grants program, you can contribute directly through a “Donate” tab on our [website](#). Your donations can be made directly in amounts ranging from \$5 to \$250 using the following check box:

- Our grants program funds local school and community projects. Projects must be located in Wisconsin or in the counties of Illinois, Iowa or Minnesota that are directly adjacent to the Wisconsin state line. Awards are up to \$1500 and may be used for educational purposes and plant materials only.

Thanks so much for your support and for keeping an eye out for and encouraging worthy grant applicants!

Healing Garden (cont. from p. 1)



Bird's eye view of Healing Garden in 2022.

Hwy 59, this facility serves Rock County and areas of southern Dane County. The 70-acre campus includes not only the healing garden but a 15-acre woodland with over .5 miles of trails. I designed the garden back in 2010 and as it was installed in phases, the garden focused on developing around a functional retention pond which is now the centerpiece of the garden. The garden has been primarily funded by donors and the Edgerton Hospital Foundation. Paths were designed to provide measurable distances for therapy, and the site includes raised beds, a yoga pad, large arbor, pavilion and six steel moon gates along primary entrances. A double waterfall offers auditory contributions along with an "ever-flowing" urn. Garden art also abounds, including an annual art project (this year, look for the 50 butterfly cutouts!).

I started as garden manager there in 2021, but prior to that the garden was almost entirely maintained by volunteers. While there are currently two of us as EHHS staff supporting the garden, volunteers continue to be absolutely vital in everything we do out in that space (contact me if interested!). We have volunteers that maintain their own designated spaces and those that come in periodically to help with planting or other flavor-of-the-day activities. We also have larger corporate groups, boy scouts and other organizations that support the garden with specific projects.

Research for over 50 years has statistically shown that garden spaces like this, whether engaged in a passive or immersive fashion, contribute to stress relief and an increased sense of well-being. This also results in earlier release, less medications and higher satisfaction with the overall experience. Our recovery rooms look out on the garden, as does the therapy wing. Our therapists bring patients out often. We also manage flower beds in front of the hospital, but do try to expose the existence and easy access of the garden for all our patients, staff and visitors. We even have highway signage to encourage pop-in visits!

Plantings are very diverse with a strong focus on native species. A one-acre prairie area sits south of the garden and a large pollinator berm featuring many native peren-

nial selections was funded by the WHPS back in 2022. The WHPS has been a generous supporter of the garden, with grant funds that help keep the garden looking great for everyone. Over 75% of the garden budget is covered by generous donations of funds and materials. With primarily clay soil to contend with (and a robust deer population), we continue to amend the soils and certainly explore a range of plantings and repellants to discourage the nightly deer browsing!

Four raised beds feature a wide range of fragrant plants for waist-height engagement. These may include plants you rub and sniff (i.e. scented geraniums, herbs, etc.) or those that emit an amazing scent (i.e. chocolate cosmos, fragrant stocks, fragrant tuberose, etc.). The raised beds are also planted heavily for hummingbirds, which make an impressive appearance every year. We further support wildlife with a monarch hatching station and pollinator hotel. Each year, we also install over 30,000 colorful annuals to add pizzazz throughout the garden and focus on saturated colors (yellow, orange, red) for those with vision impairments. Over 50% of the garden looks different each year with our color schemes, and we've added over 5,000 sq. ft. of flower bed space in the last three years. While this isn't a botanical garden (hence, few labels), we do try to utilize the plantings for myriad educational events, horticulture lectures, tours and also host an annual Horticultural Therapy Symposium (August 12 this year!).

I've been involved with this garden for five years now as a staff member and am excited about the momentum the garden continues to harness with increased awareness, visitation, support and utilization. This space is used by visitors for various reasons, but few can argue that it's not a peaceful, restive garden that offers areas to relax (MANY benches), stroll and engage with plant materials. We're very excited about the future of this healing garden space, and coupled with consistent support from our administration, energetic volunteers and garden supporters, we look forward to a very bright future.

Do contact [me](#) if you have any comments or questions. I send out a "rustic e-newsletter" every couple of weeks to update folks on the garden. Happy to include anyone in that listing and chat more about volunteer opportunities, free tours, etc.



Bird's eye view of Healing Garden in 2024.

IN REMEMBRANCE

Pearl Fryar (December 4, 1939 – April 3, 2026)

Many of you know of the late-blooming outsider artist from Bishopville, SC. He became a master of topiary, finding unwanted plants and turning them into artistic creations. For those of you who don't know of him and would like to learn more, you can watch [A Man Named Pearl](#) on YouTube.



It's OK to remove plants from your yard

November 4, 2025 by Glenn Herold - [reprinted with permission](#)

It has been almost 15 years since we moved into our Cedarburg home and our garden has gone through many changes since then. Now, it can best be described as evolving. Even before we made the transition from Peoria, IL, I was removing unwanted plants and implementing a conceptual plan. Since then, if a plant is an underperformer or overly aggressive, it takes, as my late friend Chub Harper used to say, "one last ride in the chipper wagon." Unlike some homeowners, I have no qualms about removing plants. There is always something new and, hopefully better, to try.



My initial removals were what I would describe as "trash" trees, invasive shrubs and plants in the wrong place. Several boxelders (*Acer negundo*) succumbed to my chainsaw, as well as many of the 23 Siberian elms (*Ulmus pumila*) that lined our driveway. Those that were near either our or our neighbors' houses were felled by a professional arborist. When teaching about Siberian elms to my students at Illinois Central College, I used to refer to it as "the one plant where God made a mistake." Other plants that I removed were some overgrown Pfitzer junipers and yews that were in front of the house, several invasive honeysuckles and some Vanhoutte (Bridalwreath) spireas that performed poorly on the north side of the house. The invasive lily-of-the-valley, next to the patio, took several years of pulling and digging to finally be eliminated. I still get one or two that pop up now and then. I would have liked to remove the two Norway maples (*Acer platanoides*) in the front of the house, and replace them with more desirable trees, but I needed their cover for a shade garden and to block the afternoon sun from reaching the house.

With these plants gone I then began to implement my plan. However, soil conditions are not the same as they were in my Peoria garden and some plants that worked well there struggled under the alkaline environment. A prime example is baldcypress (*Taxodium distichum*) which failed to achieve the dark green color that it should have. Hence, a ride on the chipper wagon. I also gave blueberries a try, but again the soil was too limy for them to prosper. Other plants were removed for being too aggressive. I thought it would be interesting to grow some bamboo in

my garden, but after a few years I realized that that would be a major mistake. *Anemone* (windflower) boasts showy blooms in late summer and early fall, but began to take over other wanted plants. Because it sprouts up from any piece of root left in the ground, its removal was not an easy task.

I had a beautiful specimen of common juniper (*Juniperus communis depressa*), a Wisconsin native, in my garden, but it was too successful for its own good. When it reached ten feet in diameter, it was time to give something else a try in its space. Another plant that got too large was *Calycanthus 'Aphrodite'*, a hybrid plant with the common name sweetshrub, known for large, fragrant flowers. I had no complaint with the blossoms, but the plant itself became unwieldy.

I also removed plants because they were susceptible to pests or disease. Rugosa roses (*Rosa rugosa* cultivars) are beautiful and fragrant when in bloom, but the Japanese beetles skeletonized the leaves and destroyed the flowers in summer. I removed all six of the cultivars that I had collected. Arrowwood viburnum (*Viburnum dentatum*) was likewise skeletonized by the Viburnum leaf beetle. Though it would put out new leaves after being damaged, I removed them to try other plants. Gray dogwood (*Cornus racemosa*), another native, was attacked by a fungus, destroying its gray foliage. I removed it and replaced it with Irish Setter™ dogwood, which is a gray dogwood hybrid introduced by my friend Mike Yanny of J.N. Plant Selections in Menomonee Falls. It has proved to be an excellent plant.

These are only some of the plants that I have removed from my garden. To sum up: If a plant doesn't live up to your expectations, performs poorly, or if you just plain get tired of it, remove it and try something else. After all, how often do you change your home décor? There are a plethora of excellent plants in the market that you could try. You may never find the perfect plant, but you will have fun trying.

Left above, house in 2011 and house in 2025.



Plant Sale success!

– by WHPS President, Caroline Bohler & Plant Sale Committee Member

Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's WHPS Spring Plant Sale such a success! This was our second year using the preorder format, resulting in nearly 90 orders and close to \$10,000 in sales to support the WHPS mission. We were excited to use the new West Madison Agricultural Research Station shed for plant sorting and staging, and with beautiful weather on pickup day, everything came together perfectly.

A special thank you goes out to our amazing volunteers:

- Janet Aaberg
- Lynn Belanger
- Ruth Bronston
- Steve Harsy
- Sara Herpolsheimer
- Mary Ellen La Chance
- Debra Schrotz
- Monica Snittler
- Julie Sparks
- Jayne Squirrell
- Sharon Thousand
- Julie Wells

I'd also like to thank the rest of the Plant Sale Committee -

- Chris Neumann
- Alice Page
- Rebecca LaRose

- for their planning and behind-the-scenes efforts that made the event possible.



WHPS new members

The following members have recently joined WHPS:

Dawn Adamany, Oregon, WI; Donna Flees, Milwaukee, WI; Annette Gomez and Kris Perlberg, Stoughton, WI; Bonnie Hall, Madison, WI; Phillip McCormick, Waukesha, WI; Jeanne McDonald, Monona, WI; Tommy Metz, Madison, WI; Gail Mountford, Sun Prairie, WI; Rita Socha, Dalton, WI; Shannon Stiles, Lake Mills, WI; Lorie Stoltz, Fremont, WI; Mary and Bill Swendson, Pewaukee, WI.

– Welcome!

Members in the news

NEW BOOK - Jeff Epping and (April 2026 speaker) Teresa Woodard - *The Gravel Garden: Visionary, Drought-Defying, Naturalistic Designs*, by Jeff Epping and Teresa Woodard. On sale June 2, Timber Press.

Brent & Becky's Bulbs donates to WHPS with your help!

Now is a good time to evaluate your spring bulb displays and plan for additions to order through Bloominbucks.com which has some great plant ideas for you. Your purchases can also benefit WHPS! Brent and Becky's Bulbs is a progressive fundraising program designed to earn select nonprofit organizations cash for every order received through the Brent and Becky's Bulbs website. WHPS is one of those organizations. To participate, simply go to bloominbucks.com and select "Wisconsin Hardy Plant Society." Then hit "GO." Brent & Becky's website offers ideas and good buys on bulbs, perennials and other interesting plants for your garden.



Reformulation of Roundup

We recently received a note from member JoAnne Kriege regarding the reformulation of Roundup. Here is a summary and a couple of references.

New Roundup, New Risks

Many gardeners have historically used glyphosate (commonly marketed as Roundup) for site preparation and as a cut-and-dab-the-stump approach for woody invasive species.

Bayer, which manufactured glyphosate under the brand name Roundup, phased out this ingredient due to litigation concerns regarding a risk of lymphoma. However, what isn't widely known is that Bayer has replaced glyphosate in their branded Roundup product with combinations of four different chemicals: diquat dibromide, fluazifop-P-butyl, triclopyr and imazapic. Friends of the Earth has reported that all four chemicals pose a greater risk of long-term and/or reproductive health problems than glyphosate, based on the EPA's evaluation of safety studies. Diquat dibromide and imazapic are banned in the EU. Diquat dibromide – present in all the new formulations – is 200 times more toxic than glyphosate in terms of chronic exposure and is classified as a highly hazardous pesticide. Bayer kept the Roundup name and identical label design on the new formulations, offering no warning to consumers about the much greater toxicity.

Glyphosate is still available in the U.S. under other labels (e.g. Killzall). Nontoxic site preparation methods, such as smothering with cardboard or deep mulch are slow but safe.

Here is more information from Friends of the Earth.

And you might want to review this informative Update on Roundup-Branded Herbicides for Consumers from the University of Tennessee Extension

IN REMEMBRANCE

[Nancy Ragland](#) (June 3, 1936 – April 10, 2026)



[Nancy Ragland](#)

was a long-time WHPS member (2003-2021). In addition to being a regular at our Olbrich meetings, Nancy participated in many day trips and traveled with WHPS to England. She also volunteered for our member plant sales and hosted several

plant digs over the years. As Olbrich director, she also assisted with various gardening symposia Olbrich co-sponsored with WHPS in the mid-90s.

Nancy was the first official Executive Director of Olbrich Botanical Gardens, appointed in 1987 after receiving her Bachelor of Landscape Architecture from UW-Madison and from 1976 working for the Madison Parks Department as a landscape architect. She retired in 2006.

To quote her obituary: *During her tenure, Nancy guided a remarkable period of growth and transformation for the gardens. She played a key role in fundraising for and opening the Bolz Conservatory, helped lead the redesign of the Rose Garden, and oversaw the development of numerous beloved garden spaces. One of her most notable achievements was helping to bring the Thai Pavilion to the gardens, creating a unique cultural landmark in Madison. Her leadership and vision earned her numerous awards and the deep respect of colleagues and the community.*

One of her accomplishments that resonates through our community today is the hiring of Jeff Epping in 1993 as Olbrich's Director of Horticulture. Upon hearing of her death, several members have remembered the Thai Garden and Jeff's hiring and influence as high marks in the growth and interest in gardening in our area.

Thanks to John Cannon for contributing the photo of Nancy, Cindy Hoffland and Marty Petillo having a cream tea at The Hollies on the 2010 WHPS trip to England. Thanks also to Marty Petillo for the photo of Ed Hasselkus and Nancy on the England Trip.

Our condolences go out to her three daughters, her grandchildren and extended family and friends.

Individual Remembrances

From Frank Greer: Nancy was not one of the early members of the WHPS, but from the beginning of her tenure in 1993 she was always supportive of our activities. She frequently showed up at the Wednesday night speaker meetings. Yes, I remember the Saturday gardening symposia we held at Olbrich for a number

of years on a non-football weekend in October (a cooperative venture with Olbrich). The thing about Nancy was that she was a real gardener - not just an administrator - and you often saw her at Klein's on the east side or down at our beloved, but now lost, Flower Factory near Stoughton. Her relationship with Jeff Epping was extraordinary and the two of them worked wonders at Olbrich. They were both "creators and builders." I can remember the controversy over the siting of the Thai temple at Olbrich and how much it was going to cost to maintain this spectacular garden ornament! Nancy did insist on some sort of an endowment fund from the Thai alumni for building maintenance. Once on a WHPS garden tour of Chicago, we passed by the house in Wilmette where she grew up - directly across the street from the Baha'i temple on Sheridan Road. She faded from the gardening scene in recent years because of health issues, and the last time I saw her was some years ago boarding a flight at the Dane County Airport, pushing her husband Ken in a wheelchair. How much we have all missed her!

From Marty Petillo, WHPS Board member and former Services Manager at Olbrich: *Nancy was a great boss. She mentored, listened, let staff try new ventures, and became a good friend in the process. Nancy cultivated both Olbrich Gardens and the 1000s of Olbrich Volunteers who she valued as much as the plant material! No matter the circumstance, Nancy did it all with a smile and a gentle, memorable kindness.*

From Jeff Epping: Nancy was like a second mom to me, taking me under her wing when I joined Olbrich not many years out of college. She knew I was green - and I don't mean just my thumbs - but she mentored me (and so many others) with kindness, encouragement, patience and trust. She gave us guidance when we needed it, while also giving us the freedom to try new things, grow from our successes, and learn from more than a few failures along the way.

Nancy's passion for Olbrich Gardens was infectious. Anyone fortunate enough to work alongside her quickly caught her enthusiasm and wanted to give their very best. Her legacy will continue to bloom in many ways, but especially through the Garden itself — the remarkable institution she envisioned, helped set in motion, and nurtured into one of the country's finest botanical gardens.



You can host an Open Garden



We've got two great evening tours of WHPS/MAMGA gardens coming up in June and July (see elsewhere in this newsletter), but that's simply not enough! We want to see more - and hosting an open garden is a great way to allow us to find inspiration and appreciation for your efforts in the garden. Please take

this opportunity to share your garden, on as short as a week's notice, in spring, summer or fall. Even if you have an area that isn't perfect or is under construction, don't let that stop you - the gardeners visiting understand and value the experience and learning a new perspective can bring (and enjoy meeting up with other gardeners).

All you have to do is contact us a few days to a week (or more) ahead at wisconsinhps@gmail.com with your name, address, a short description of your garden and the dates and times you will be open. Feel free to email us with any questions. The average attendance of an open garden is around 30 people.

Whether your garden is the size of a postage stamp or multi-acre expanse or somewhere in between, we'd like to visit. And have you heard about the built-in treat? One of our members has offered to provide a sheet or bundt cake for your event!

Update of WHPS Day Trips

Bus Trip: Thursday June 11 – Southeast Wisconsin - This trip is **SOLD OUT.**

Bus Trip: Thursday, July 23, (below) One-day Trip to Fox Cities/Green Bay

This trip has just a few slots left (10 as of 5/11/26).

Cost: \$60 • **Tour Leader:** Janet Aaberg

Departure Time & Place: Arrive by 7:15 am for 7:30 am departure at American Center Park & Ride, 5601 Eastpark Blvd., Madison

Return Time: Approximately 6 pm • **Reg. Deadline:** July 3

What's included: Bus, driver's tip, and admission to Green Bay Botanical Gardens.



What's not included: No lunch or beverages provided. Bring your own sack lunch and drink or water/water bottle.

Highlights: one-day bus trip will include the private Vandenheuvel Quarry garden, Green

Bay Botanical Garden, Rose Hill Gardens Nursery, and Sarah and Larry Conrad's private garden.

Register via [Eventbrite](#) for this trip.

Vandenheuvel Quarry Garden, Seymour. The Vandenheuvel quarry garden in Seymour, Wisconsin, is a private, extensive rock garden created by Carl and Karen Vandenheuvel, featuring massive limestone, boulders, hostas, conifers, perennials and a sunken garden. PBS has an interesting video about this garden.

Green Bay Botanical Gardens, Green Bay. GBBG has 47 acres filled with more than 120,000 plants from Wisconsin

and around the world. We will have three hours to explore these beautiful gardens. Picnic tables and benches are available if you wish to eat your lunch at that time. Our tour is non-guided, however there is an app with audio and a map available to use. We will also be honored with a 10% discount at the gift shop.

Rose Hill Gardens, Hobart. Rose Hill Gardens in Hobart, Wisconsin, is a nursery with 2.5 acres of sun and shade gardens to enjoy. Additionally, given the time of the year, we have been told that many of the perennials will be sold at 20% off.

Sarah and Larry Conrad Private Garden, Eldorado. Larry and Sarah Conrad live and garden on two acres of land on a former site of the 150-year-old Oak Lawn Cheese factory in Eldorado, Wisconsin. They have collections of Magnolias, many conifers, hypertufa containers, beds of daylilies, hostas as well as stands of Orienpet lilies.

Questions about this trip can be directed to our [WHPS email](#).



Nakoma Neighborhood Garden Tour – WHPS/MAMGA

Wednesday, June 3, from 4-8 PM • WHPS, in collaboration with MAMGA, is excited to be showcasing four Nakoma neighborhood gardens. The gardens may be visited in any order.



Alice Page - 4010 Cherokee Drive,
Madison, WI 53711

I have been gardening in the Nakoma neighborhood since 2001. The garden has its roots in 1936 when the house was built and the original owners installed the beautiful stone work in the tiered back yard. Over the years, I added a brick patio, walkway, paths made from stepping stones taken from the original patio, and a small water feature.

I have some unusual trees, as well as dwarf conifers and Japanese maples. Pops of color provided by astilbes, lady's mantle, early daylilies, small campanula, gas plants, roses, clematis and peonies are set off by the varied colors and textures of the hostas, Japanese forest grass, ferns, and other foliage plants. With a little luck, the fringe tree will still be in bloom!



Margaret Longstreth & Alan Kren - 926 Waban Hill,
Madison, WI 53711

Four years ago, when we bought the house, the front garden consisted of some oddly placed hostas behind a scraggly oak tree-shaded lawn. The backyard featured an equally scraggly lawn accentuated by the shadow of a long-gone trampoline. We've since focused on developing a shade garden with shape and texture, something attractive from the street and equally pleasant to view from inside the house looking out.

This is very much a garden in development and our previous years' efforts define this year's additions. There are a mix of natives, ornamentals and divisions from our neighbor - all less than four years in the ground. While this is a standard 50' x 175' city lot, one side of the backyard is unfenced making a parklike feel as three backyards merge into one.



Frank Greer - 925 Waban Hill,
Madison, WI 53711

I have been gardening on this site for 46 years, a standard city lot, 50 ft wide and 175 feet deep. It is a shade garden for the most part, gardened "intensively". No grass. Emphasis is on NON- natives and plants NOT resistant to climate change. No apologies. It could be described as a typical "plantsman's garden," to use an English expression.

There is a goldfish pond and over 200 containers, according to my grandchildren, who count such things. The newest part of the garden is the street-side terrace that was started in August 2020. Hopefully, with this relatively warm spring there might even be a few marta-gon lilies open (fingers crossed).



Wendy Adams & Gary Leisman - 901 Waban Hill,
Madison, WI 53711

Twenty-some years ago we moved to this shady site (12 oak trees on a regular city lot) and I began to learn about shade gardening (having Frank Greer for a neighbor definitely accelerated the learning process).

Evergreen shrubs and trees (boxwood, conifers, rhododendron and hollies) have helped create year-round interest. I have gradually added a variety of perennials

for their variety of color and texture of foliage, e.g. ferns, carex, hostas, brunnera, pulmonaria, as well as flowers, e.g. spring ephemerals, hellebores, astilbes, ligularia, anemones, *Phlox stolonifera*, geraniums, woodland peonies- it's been such fun to discover how many plants have lovely flowers in the shade!

Near West Side Garden Tour – WHPS/MAMGA

Wednesday, July 15, 4-8 pm. WHPS, in collaboration with MAMGA, is excited to be showcasing four gardens on the near west side of Madison. The gardens are open from 4-8 pm and may be visited in any order.



Kitty and Gene Rankin – [2818 Ridge Road](#), Madison 53705

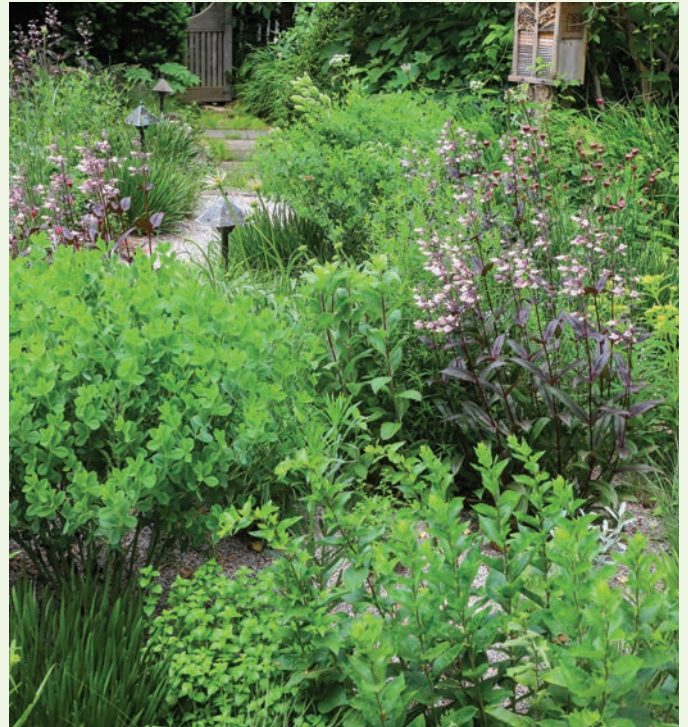
We live in an historic Dutch Colonial house built in 1907. It sits on a half-acre lot that has a large open front yard and a wooded backyard.

When we moved in, the yard had been neglected – weed-filled rubber tire sand boxes, stretches of rotted wood stacks, dense brush and wild grape vines with six-inch trunks. But the next spring brought a delightful surprise – the back yard and parts of the front yard were carpeted in spring ephemerals. The summer and fall brought old-fashioned perennials like peonies, phlox and tiger lilies. I am a flower lover, so anything that brought color to the scenery was welcome to stay, precious perennial or weed. You will notice that my grass is similarly “biodiverse.” Two full-time jobs and a little one took up most of our time, but a friend lent us an enormous wood chipper and it rattled the neighbors’ windows for a few years. Eventually wild and not-so-wild flowers replaced the honeysuckle and buckthorn.

Over the years came other surprises, like the spring flowers, gifts from an old house garden well-loved in the distant past. First was when I was weeding and my trowel clinked on something. Soon I had unearthed the rim of an old kidney-shaped pond. We shoveled it out and it held water! Up the hill we ran into an old pipe while sawing down a half-dead volunteer elm. Digging around revealed that it was the steps of an old waterfall (unfortunately the steps had settled and the water just trickles off the side). An old set of steps now leads down from the kitchen wing, a path leads into the yard of our neighbors to the back (we changed it to lead to our shed), and the whole north slope is now a rock garden, all formerly covered in earth.

In the new Millennium, I started yearning for more sun-loving plants, so my husband took a rototiller to the front yard and created four large garden beds. We travel to England regularly and make a point of visiting gardens there – and now I have my own English Cottage Garden!

I am nowhere near being done. I am trying to introduce more interesting shade plants in the backyard, but a huge old catalpa casts its shadow on everything and drains moisture out of the soil. I battle waves of invasives that seem to explode when I turn my back. But I hope to someday reach my goal of creating a garden that expresses abundance and joy!



Jeff and Kathy Epping – [310 E. Sunset Court](#), Madison 53705

When Kathy and I looked for a new home nearly 25 years ago, I only had one request – a mature oak to become the centerpiece of my dream garden. Well, that didn’t happen, but the property offered good soil beneath a lot of lawn and invasive shrubs. After clearing the site, we began building the garden from the ground up. What were once two small lawns are now a gravel garden in front and a sedge meadow in back — layered, plant-rich spaces inspired by my two favorite English gardens, Great Dixter and the Beth Chatto Garden.

310 Sunset is intentionally lawn-less and managed with ecological responsibility at its core. Native and non-native, climate-resilient plants grow together, creating beauty while supporting the many creatures that can inhabit urban gardens. The garden is designed and managed to conserve water, our most precious resource. Organic matter produced by a diverse plant palette is preserved on site, while pesticides and pollution-emitting tools have been banished for good. 310 Sunset shows how even a small urban garden can support biodiversity while responding meaningfully to a changing climate.



John and Jean Mathews – [305 S. Owen Dr](#), Madison 53705

Now in our twelfth year in this home, the landscape continues to evolve with a Japanese-inspired theme. Over the years, we have gradually transformed the property into layered garden spaces that emphasize texture, structure and tranquility. We are fortunate to have mature maple and cedar trees that provide a natural framework for the backyard.

This year, the final remaining patch of grass was removed and replaced with a traditional tsukubai, a bamboo fountain, creating a new focal point that further enhances the Japanese character of the garden.

Although our lot is modest in size, we have designed it to feel like a series of connected garden rooms that transition naturally from the front yard to the back. The front garden features dwarf hostas, dwarf conifers, dwarf ginkgos, Japanese maples, perennials and seasonal annuals that provide color throughout the growing season. A separate moss and dwarf plant garden near the front entrance includes a small water feature that adds to the sense of calm.

A rounded boulder pathway guides visitors toward a traditional Japanese-style garden gate. Beyond the gate, the walkway transitions into a geometric blend of stone and cedar planks that loop through the backyard garden. There, shade-tolerant plantings, additional dwarf trees, bamboo fencing, a stone patio, machiai and a pond with a waterfall and stream create a quiet retreat.

Building the waterfall was one of the property's biggest challenges because the backyard originally had very little elevation. More than thirty tons of stone and gravel were brought in to create the raised flagstone patio and provide the height needed for the cascading water feature. The pond remains one of our favorite features of the garden and is home to four large koi that have become part of the landscape's personality over the years. Sheldon the tortoise is still with us as well and continues to be a familiar presence in the garden each summer.



Jill Bulman – [11 Rosewood Circle](#), Madison 53711

I started my garden journey when we purchased our first home on the west side of Madison 12 years ago. Prior to us, our home was owned by the Bryson family and was one of the first homes in our neighborhood. Professor Reid Bryson (founder of the UW Meteorology Dept.) and his family planted many native perennials, tended to grape vines that are now over 100 years old, and squirreled away many beautiful rocks that my children and I have joyfully discovered.

Today, I am a farmer-florist, who owns Rosewood Circle Flowers. In my yard, I grow cut flowers in a 45' x 65' plot, throughout my landscape and in raised beds. I love the process of seeing tiny seeds grow to plants to striking colors in each arrangement.

I don't use pesticides or herbicides, and I am conscious of the gross use of floral foam and plastics in the industry. I love sharing the field-to-vase movement and teaching classes that highlight seasonality and avoiding flowers that have been dyed or bleached. When I don't have flowers, I source from my local cut flower farmers and love building community. I firmly believe in collaboration over competition. There is room for all of us at this table!

Some of my perennials include 100+ peonies, and there is a small magnolia, a sycamore, an old Japanese maple and too many pine trees. Last year I started a rose garden with nine varieties – I hope they all survived the winter. I planted over 4,000 tulips last fall, and in the summer months I grow over 200 dahlias (among other cut flowers).

What is one to say about June, the time of perfect young summer, the fulfillment of the promise of the earlier months, and with as yet no sign to remind one that its fresh young beauty will ever fade. - Gertrude Jekyll

Have questions about your membership?

Contact Chris Neumann at wisconsinhps@gmail.com or see [membership information](#).

