

Wisconsin Handy Plant Society

Perennial Notes

April 2005

WHPS Plant sale May 21—great selection of plants—perennials for sun and shade, grasses, woodies, annuals

COMING EVENTS!

Wednesday, April 20, 2005. Olbrich Gardens, 3330 Atwood Avenue, Madison, 6:30 p.m. social hour, 7:00 p.m. meeting and program. R. Bruce Allison, *Every Root an Anchor—Wisconsin's Famous and Historic Trees*. Bruce, a registered and certified arborist with extensive experience in urban forestry, shares a visual tour of Wisconsin's most significant trees. Along with his photographs, he will enlighten and entertain with stories and anecdotes about the human history that accompanies many of these trees. His book, Wisconsin's Champion Trees, has just been published.

Wednesday, April 27, 2005. Spring Garden Tour in Fitchburg/Town of Oregon Area. More info at right.



Saturday, May 21, 2005, 9:00 a.m.-noon at the Pet Lodge in Middleton. WHPS Plant Sale. Donate plants! Host a dig! Volunteer at digs and sale! See page 2 for more info.

Wednesday, August 17, 6:30-8:00 p.m. WHPS Potluck dinner and tour of Olbrich Gardens.

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WHPS Spring Garden Tour in Fitchburg/Town of Oregon Area

Wednesday evening, April 27, 6:00 p.m. until dark

There should be lots of bulbs and spring ephemerals in the gardens of:

Norma and Mike Briggs—1519 Storytown Rd., Oregon

Chris Biedermann—2830 Osmundsen Rd., Fitchburg **Joan Severa**—5806 Pembroke Dr., Fitchburg

Directions:

For all gardens drive south of the beltline on Fish Hatchery Rd. For Chris and Joan's gardens (they live next door to each other and their gardens connect), turn right (west) on PD, left (south) on Osmundsen, and left (east) on Pembroke. For Norma and Mike's garden, continue on Fish Hatchery Rd. to Hwy M. Turn right (west) on M, left (south) on Blizzard, left (east) on Purcell, and right (south) on Storytown Rd. Their mailbox is the 7th on the right. The driveway is shared with a neighbor who lives on the left. Curve right and go up the hill to the Briggs' and park anywhere on the driveway.

So many gardens to enjoy—more WHPS Garden Tours in 2005

(Mark your calendar now—more info on these tours in the June newsletter)

June 15, Nakoma—Frank Greer, Ed Hasselkus, Chris Bylsma and Jeff Gepner, Craig Bolles.

June 21, Waterloo—Howard and Bonnie Kulke. They are working on lining up two others also.

Saturday, July 9, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

The garden of WHPS members Pat and Chuck Bell in St. Charles, IL will be open on a Garden Conservancy tour on Saturday, July 9. They have a fabulous garden and we hope to arrange a car pool for the trip. Two other gardens in St. Charles will be open that day. Complete details will appear in the June newsletter.

July 18, rural Black Earth/Mt Horeb—John Mather and Jeannette Golden (this will also be a potluck at Jeannette's)

Saturday, October 1, 1:00 p.m.—Longenecker Gardens tour led by Ed Hasselkus. In appreciation for the donations the WHPS has given over the years to Longenecker Horticultural Gardens, Emeritus Professor of Horticulture Ed Hasselkus would like to give us a tour of the garden. Ed has been the curator of this garden for 39 years.

Got Plants? The WHPS Plant Sale needs you!

The WHPS Plant Sale on May 21 is a chance for members and friends to purchase proven plants from member gardens at bargain prices. Proceeds from the sale are donated to worthy garden causes. We need your help in donating plants and assisting with preparations.

JUST WHAT IS A PLANT DIG?

A plant dig is a fun and productive social event/work party that is the source of many of the plants sold at our annual plant sale. Volunteer workers go to the home of a gardener, the dig host, and help pot up plants to be donated to the sale.

AND WHY WOULD ANYONE WANT TO HOST A

DIG? Dig hosts get help dividing or removing plants they don't want or have too many of. Some hosts have areas they want to clear out prior to reworking and want to find homes for the displaced plants. Most also have special plants they want to share. It is fun having a bunch of other gardeners all working together, talking plants, and there is is great satisfaction in knowing your plants will contribute to WHPS mission.

WHAT'S IN IT FOR THE VOLUNTEERS?

Besides being fun and a chance to contribute to WHPS, you get to see a garden at a time of year when it's not generally offered on tour, and it's a chance to ask the gardener questions about their garden.

DIG DETAILS—WHO DOES WHAT

WHPS—supplies volunteers, pots, soil, labels and marking pens—all delivered to the host prior to the dig. We pick up extra potting material after the dig and help provide transportation for the plants to the sale.

DIG HOST—has enough plants to fill 4 or more flats. This sounds like a lot, but the flats fill up fast when many hands are helping. The host should have a general idea how many plants they expect to donate and the sizes pots required so the dig coordinator can arrange, more or less, to get enough materials delivered. A place to mix the potting soil is needed—a wheel barrow or tarp on the ground or large tub works well. If possible, the host will provide a place to sit and work, although many digs are accomplished without this. The host usually prefers to dig the plants, or closely directs the digging. Finally, the host cares for the plants until the time of the sale.

DIG VOLUNTEERS—divide plants, pot up, write labels, help dig if asked, water and mix soil. Volunteers should bring hand pruners or knives to use for dividing plants.

SPECIAL NEEDS VOLUNTEERS—pick up and deliver potting mix and other materials to the dig sites, <u>transport</u> plants to the sale site on May 20.

DAY BEFORE SALE SETUP—On May 20, volunteers help with organizing and pricing plants between 1:00 and 7:00 p.m.

DAY OF SALE—On May 21, volunteers help shoppers find plants, check out, load up and clean up after the sale.

Please volunteer now!

Contact Dig Coordinator Ruth Cadoret, rcadoret@wisc.edu, 608-233-4504 to host a dig or volunteer to help with the digs.

Contact Plant Sale Coordinator Stephanie O'Neal, sone2@aol.com, 608-256-6108, to help with setup May 20 and the sale May 21.

Dr. Edward R. Hasselkus Receives Liberty Hyde Bailey Award

Dr. Edward R. Hasselkus is one of twelve outstanding members of the horticultural community who will be honored by the American Horticultural Society (AHS) during its Great American Gardeners Conference in Orlando, Florida, on April 14, 2005. These awards are given to recognize horticultural excellence and innovation.

Dr. Hasselkus is this year's recipient of the prestigious Liberty Hyde Bailey Award. This honor is awarded to an individual for his or her significant contributions to at least three of the following areas of horticultural activity: teaching, research, writing, plant exploration, administration, art, business, and leadership.

A professor emeritus of horticulture at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, Dr. Hasselkus has conducted research on woody ornamental plants throughout his career. Since 1967, he has served as curator of the

Longenecker Horticultural Gardens of the University of Wisconsin Arboretum, where he developed a premier collection of more than 2,500 woody plants. Among his proudest achievements is having influenced the lives and careers of over 3,000 students. Dr. Hasselkus's many other awards include the American Association of Botanical Gardens & Arboreta Award of Merit-Distinguished Career Award (2003), the National Council of State Garden Clubs Award of Excellence (2000), and the Arthur Hoyt Scott Medal (1996).

The American Horticultural Society (AHS) educates and inspires people of all ages to become successful and environmentally responsible gardeners by advancing the art and science of horticulture. Founded in 1922, it is an educational, non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization that recognizes and promotes best practices in American horticulture.

Other Plant Sales

April 28, 29, 30 and 31, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. **Large Plant Sale** and small Garage Sale hosted by Carrol Schiller. Directions: West Old Sauk Rd. heading west to Goth Rd. turn left, next left is Schiller Ct. Signs will be posted.

Shorewood Hills Garden Club April 30 Cocoa Mulch Sale and **May 14 Plant Sale**, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Location:Shorewood Hills Firestation, 1008 Shorewood Blvd.

April 30, Willy Street Park Plant Sale at Willy Street Park.

Plant Sale Thursday, May 5, 4:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.; Friday, May 6, 7:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m. Saturday, May 7 – 7:00 a.m.–Noon.

Perennials, Grasses, Cactus, Fushia, Coleus, Rock Garden Plants, etc., hosted by Nancy Hogan, 5673 Rankin Lane in Westport.

Directions: From Northport Drive, 1.5 miles West on Hwy M to Woodland, or from Middleton, Allen Blvd, proceed East on Highway M for approx. 5 miles (just past Highway K) to Woodland. Go North on Woodland for about ¾ mile, Corner of Rankin Lane and Woodland - White house, gray shutters, with Rock Garden in front.

Children's Charity Plant Sale Friday, May 6, 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm Saturday, May 7, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm 6310 Masthead Dr. (off Mineral Point Rd., near Oakwood Village West)

Pardeeville Garden Club Plant Sale, May 7, from 8 a.m. to noon. The sale will take place on the Library Mall, downtown Pardeeville on Main St. (Will also include Bake and Craft sales.)

UW Arboretum Native Plant Sale, May 8, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Wildflower tent near UW Arboretum, 1207 Seminole Hwy. Preorder brochure at www.wisc.edu/arboretum or call 263-7760

Olbrich's Spectacular Spring Plant Sale

Member's Event: **May 12**, 2:00-7:00 p.m. Public Sale: **May 13**, Friday 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.; **May 14**, Saturday 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. http://www.olbrich.org/ for list of plants

Fitchburg Gardeners Annual Plant Sale, 5586 Cheryl Dr., Fitchburg, WI (608) 271-5985 **Friday, May 13**, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and **Saturday, May 14**, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Directions: 2.5 miles south of the Beltline on Fish Hatchery Rd. turn right on Cheryl Dr., 2nd block on the right.

West Side Garden Club Annual Plant Sale: Friday, May 13 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.; Saturday, May 14 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. 3918 Nakoma Road, Madison.

Pleasant Springs Garden Club is participating in the annual Syttende Mai celebration in Stoughton and will have a Plant Sale May 14 at the Division Street Park in Stoughton, located 1 1/2 blocks North of Main Street on Division St., near the intersection with the Forton Street bridge.

Mendota Gardeners will be having their Perennial Plant Sale at 1221 Burningwood Way (Cherokee Park on the northside) Friday, May 20, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 21, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Look for signs.

McFarland Garden Annual Plant Sale Saturday, June 4, at 6123 Exchange St., McFarland.

Wisconsin Daylily Society Plant Sale, Saturday August 13 and Sunday August 14, Olbrich Gardens.

Other Garden Tours, Trips & Events

The **Badger Bonsai Society** will be having their annual show at Olbrich on Saturday, May 21, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. and Sunday, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is \$2. Demonstrations both days, sales area, and more than 50 quality bonsai on display. For additional information call Bob Eskeitz at 249-5227.

Longenecker Gardens Tours, Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m. rain or shine: May 4, Magnolias & Other Early Bloomers; May 11, Flowering Crabapples (with Ed Hasselkus); May 18, Lilacs; May 25, Azaleas & Rhododendrons; June 1, Later Bloomers; June 8, Hardy Roses (with Jeff Epping); June 15, Conifers (with Sandy Allen). Tours begin near Arboretum Visitor Center parking lot, 1207 Seminole Highway, Madison.

Janesville Rotary Gardens Buying Trips

May 28, Ebert's Greenhouse Village, Ixonia, WI, Monches Farm, Colgate, WI, Northwind Perennial Farm, Springfield, WI June 4, Song Sparrow Nursery, Avalon, WI, The Planter's Palette, Winfield, IL, The Natural Garden, Inc., St. Charles, IL Go to the Rotary Gardens Web site at http://www.rotarygardens.org/buyingbus.htm for more specific details and a registration form.

Madison Area Pond Tour Sunday, June 26, Highlighting water gardens on Madison's West side, Verona, Mt. Horeb, etc.

Historic and Garden tour in Cooksville on Sunday, June 26 noon-5:00 p.m. The whole town is on the National Historic Register and is one of the oldest settlements in the area.

Janesville Home Garden Tour, Saturday, July 9, www.rotarygardens.org or 608-752-3885.

Wood County Master Gardeners "Down the Garden Path" Garden Walk in Wisconsin Rapids Saturday, July 9, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Tickets are \$6 in advance or \$8 at the walk. For more information, contact Barb Herreid at 715-325-2075 or bherreid@wctc.net

The Wauwatosa Beautification Committee, Inc. presents the 11th annual "Secret Gardens of Wauwatosa" tour Saturday, July 9, from 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. (rain or shine). Eight private gardens, including the beautiful garden at the Kneeland-Walker House.

Olbrich Home Garden Tour July 15, 10:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. and **July 16**, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Pardeeville Garden Tour July 16. There are some spectacular gardens in this area, mostly in the rural areas. For more info, please contact Diane Honaker at 608-429-2547

Green Bay Botanical Garden Gardens of Paradise Tour to Hawaii October 25 - November 6. http://www.gbbg.org/ or call toll free: (877) 355-4224.

Catch the Coneflower Craze!

As new varieties of plants are promoted in gardening magazines, catalogs and at our local garden centers, many of us compile a list of some of the treasures that we'd like to try. The annual number of new plant introductions is staggering, and typically our biggest limitation in acquiring these plants is our budget. While some gardeners compete to be the first "on the block" to have a new, typically exotic, plant variety, don't forget to remember the importance and applicability of our native plants in our ornamental landscapes. Native trees, shrubs and perennials have become more available and are increasingly being targeted by plant breeders for development into interesting and/or improved varieties for our landscapes.

A trend that you may have noticed over the past couple of years is the breeding development of our native, perennial coneflowers (Echinacea) for the gardening market. While the purple coneflower (*Echinacea purpurea*) has historically been popular in perennial gardens, new selections from this species, combined with the hybridization or combination with other species and varieties have created a wide range of choice selections that will thrive in our Midwestern gardens.

Coneflowers are part of the aster family and have a wide distribution in the United States and Canada. There are nine species of Echinacea located across North America although the largest native populations can be found in the Great Plains states. The Latin word Echinacea comes from the Greek echinos, meaning "sea urchin" or "hedgehog," a reference to the prickly scales of the seed head in the center of the flower petals. The purple coneflower (*Echinacea purpurea*) is the most popular of the garden species and, along with some of its related species, has formed the framework for aggressive breeding that has created many gardenworthy specimens.

Coneflowers typically range in height from 12" to 48". They bloom throughout the hot summer, enjoy full sun situations and are very droughttolerant once established. Furthermore, coneflowers are tolerant of tough sites and are very low maintenance once established. The flower petals of these "daisy-shaped" blooms can curve upwards, downwards or be fairly horizontal. The "architecture" of these blooms has become a very important feature of the plant. Butterflies and other wildlife also utilize Echinacea and will seek it out in your garden. There is a long history of medicinal use for Echinacea that continues to this day with millions of people throughout the world utilizing this herb as a short-term stimulant for the immune system.

The Echinacea breeding and trialing programs have been focusing on crossing various species and varieties to create new flower colors, shorter plants, interesting flower shapes, sweet fragrance and now, variegated foliage! Coneflowers, once simply purple, white and occasionally the rare yellow, now come in shades or rose, pink, cream, white, wine-red, yellow and orange. There are many shades in between, and lots more to come. This coneflower craze is showing no signs of slowing up and will continue to offer the home gardener many options for enjoying these Echinacea varieties. See the accompanying chart to see some of the wonderful varieties and hybrids that originate from our native Echinacea purpurea. While these traits may affect your selection of a particular variety, all of these plants have the same tough disposition and can be a great addition to your garden. Consider being part of the coneflower craze this year and realize that the excitement is just beginning!

-Mark Dwyer, Janesville Rotary Gardens

HYBRIDS AND VARIETIES OF ECHINACEA PURPUREA

| CULTIVAR Abendsonne Alba Amado Art's Pride Bravado Bright Star Crimson Star Cygnet White Doppelganger Double Decker Dwarf Star Fancy Frills Finale White Fragrant Angel Green Eyes Hope Indiaca Jade Kim's Knee High Kim's Mophead Little Giant | HEIGHT 30" 36" 36" 30" 36" 40" 48" 20" 30" 36" 24" 40" 30" 16" 36" 24" 15" 15" 16" 40" | NOTES cerise-pink blooms, strong grower downward facing, creamy white petals pure white flower petals around gold dome center Orange Meadowbrite, tangerine blooms, fragrant! lavender-purple blooms, mid-height large, bright pink flowers dark, purple-red flower petals compact plant, creamy-white flower petals pink blooms, second petal layer 2nd year two-tiered pink petal layers 2nd year, interesting rosy-pink blooms on mid-size plant shaggy pink petals, very fragrant!, compact creamy white blooms, copper orange cone clear white blooms, very fragrant! magenta blooms, green centers, fragrant! compact dwarf, fragrant pink blooms! pink blooms, second layer of petals on top white petals surrounding green center dwarf, drooping pink petals, fragrant dwarf, drooping creamy-white petals dwarf, reddish-pink blooms, fragrant! pure white they purple to deep red shades |
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| Lustre Hybrids Magnus | 40" 48" | pure white thru purple to deep red shades tall, clear purple blooms, award-winner |
| Magnus Mango Meadowbrite Ovation Overton Paranoia Prairie Frost Primadonna Deep Rose Razzmatazz Robert Bloom Rubin Glow Ruby Giant Ruby Star Satellite Mixed Sparkler Spinning Top Starlight Sunrise | 30" 36" 30" 10" 36" 36" 36" 24" 36" 36" 36" 30" 26" 30" | mango-yellow blooms, fragrant! drooping rose-pink petals drooping petals, rosy-pink color compact dwarf, rigid yellow blooms magenta blooms, variegated foliage! lavender-rose blooms, 6" wide flowers, showy! double, "pom-pom" pink blooms upright petals in purple-rose shades purple-red blooms, petals drooping from center huge pink blooms, upcurved petals horizontal reddish-purple petals mix of pink and white shades, all with gold cone frosted white foliage, fragrant pink blooms! semi-double, rosy-red blooms thru summer carmine-rose flowers, horizontal petals, sturdy buttery-yellow blooms, fragrant! |
| Sunnset Sunset Taplow Crimson The King Vintage Wine White Lustre White Swan | 30" 24" 36" 48" 36" 30" 24" | vibrant orange blooms, fragrant! rich crimson-purple blooms, very dark center large, rose-red blooms, sturdy grower reddish-purple blooms on strong grower white petals surrounding orange center white blooms, dark center, fragrant! |

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Volunteer opportunity with Madison Area Weed Warriors

Our main focus at present is the removal of exotic, invasive plant species that are threatening our biodiversity of native flora, starting with garlic mustard. We are working in various conservation parks around Madison every Saturday morning in April and May of 2005. Other volunteer work days can be set up for more areas if there is interest to do so. This is an excellent opportunity to learn about native and introduced plants in our bio-region. If you enjoy our community's conservation parks and want to learn more about restoration efforts—join the Madison Area Weed Warriors in pulling garlic mustard. Garlic Mustard is a fast-spreading invasive biennial weed prevalent in woodlands. In a matter of a few years, garlic mustard can displace native woodland plants such as wildflowers, ferns, shrubs and trees.

Volunteers are needed to help rid the parks of this invasive weed.

All events are from 9 a.m.—noon Saturdays: April 16, Elvehjem Sanctuary, 1314 Painted Post Drive April 23, Turville Woods, 1156 Olin-Turville Court April 30, Edna Taylor, 803 Femrite Dr. May 7, Heistand Park, 4302 Milwaukee Street May 14, Owen Conservation Park, 6021 Old Sauk Rd. May 21, Sandburg Woods, 2902 Independence Lane May 28, Heritage Sanctuary, 625 Meadowlark Drive

All training and supplies will be provided on site. Please just call to register. Contact person: Tammy Bieberstein, coordinator/leader, (608) 257-1329

This is a wonderful opportunity for a group or an individual or a family!

-John Cannon



"I will be donating 10% of the proceeds from sales on Sundays the balance of the season to the Longenecker Horticultural Gardens Endowment Fund. Also I will offer a 10% discount to members of the WHPS for instore merchandise (good during regular store hours)."

> John Ciesielski **Monroe Street Gardens**

> > 2600 Monroe Street

BAGGED MUSHROOM COMPOST SALE

Rotary Gardens, Janesville, WI Horticulture Center (8 am - 2 pm) All Saturdays in April and May while supplies last

This wonderful product can be incorporated in to beds or used as a topdressing or mulch. All bags are 1.5 cubic feet (40 lbs.) and are \$5 per bag. Volunteers of Rotary Gardens or Friends-members receive 10% off. All proceeds from this sale benefit the continued operation and development of Rotary Gardens. Come see some great spring color in the gardens and take a great amendment back to your own garden!

The Willy St. Park Corner of Williamson and Brearly Streets

Once a wasteland of weeds, trash, oil changes, car repairs and debris from other sundry missions, The Willy St. Park is now a restful retreat from the constant hype of the busy area it serves.

The inspiration for the park came about after the lot owner began construction of a fast food drive-thru restaurant, but abandoned it when are residents turned out in force, picketing their objection not only to the project but to the concept, which they felt would destroy the character of the area.

The date was 1977. Richard Smith, whose home and motorcycle shop (now the pet shop) abutted the lot, began to think that not only he, but many others as well, really cared about that land, the neighborhood and what happened to it.

With this in mind, he entered into a land contract with the owner, convinced that the neighborhood would rally round to collectively buy and support his idea for a community park.

Until 1982, Smith and a small group of area residents kept the park dream alive, hauling in dirt, pickup load by pickup load, to cover the gravel base, creating mounds reminiscent of its early Indian habitants and planting whatever was donated, rescued from curbsides or purchased for pennies at late-season nursery sales. The front half of the lot bordering Willy Street was beginning to look like a park.

At the end of that same year, Smith and a loosely knit group of Marquette/Willy Street residents who were the

initiators and producers of the first Willy Street Fairs, donated the Fair proceeds to the park and formed into the "Friends of Willy Street," an organization which began to raise funds. They appointed a committee from The Wilmar Center, Marquette Neighborhood Association (MNA), Commonwealth and interested citizens to negotiate with the lot's owner, Jerome Minihan, who then agreed to donate the property for use as a community park. After this, MNA donated \$600, businesses and residents contributed generously and the back taxes were paid.

The deed was held in trust by Commonwealth until a city, state and federally approved park organization could be formed to receive the deed. At that point, Commonwealth received an art grant to finish the back portion of the park, where the circular cement bench and larger mounds are located. Although the sodded area was part of the grant, all other plantings and arrangements are the work of volunteers.

Today, the park is Smith's 1977 dream come to fruition. Although work is still in progress, in Smith's words, it has become what he envisioned 13 years ago, "a place of peace, harmony and beauty, a place where neighborhood residents, with no politics involved, can learn to work with rather than against the earth."

If you are interested in getting involved with The Willy St. Park, contact Bill Jolin at 242-0712.

—Submitted by Ann Walker

The Crazy Gardener's Creed

I want it.
I want it all.
I want it now.

If it will not grow in my zone or is prohibitively expensive, I want it most of all.

I am perfectly willing to forego any necessities

of life such as food for my children in order to have it.

I recognize my horticultural dependency.

I recognize your horticultural dependency.

I will willingly aid and abet your dependency, as you will mine.

This makes us infinitely happy.

All money saved by virtue of comparison shopping equals found money and therefore it is not counted as spending.

If everyone else has it, I must have it too.

If I have planted everything that I have already purchased, I must immediately buy more plants. At this point, it is customary to recite your Visa number from memory.

—Author unknown (Submitted by Mark Dwyer from the Heirloom Roses Web site.)

Spring at last!

Midwest Living is looking for beautiful spring gardens in Wisconsin

That's right, *Midwest Living* magazine is looking for gardens in Wisconsin that highlight the beauty and variety of spring flowers and ephemerals. A representative from the magazine is expected to be in Wisconsin at the end of April. This is <u>not</u> a scouting trip for next year, they are going to be photographing this spring.

So nominate your garden or a garden you admire by contacting Betty Earl at (630) 983-7984, or email her at bearl@xnet.com.

Do you have a garden tip or idea for our members? Contact Stephanie O'Neal at sone2@aol.com WHPS Web site: www.madison.com/communities/wisconsinhardyplantsociety/



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