



Perennial Notes

April 2007

You'll want to keep this issue handy.
It's our annual guide to plant sales and garden tours—
enough to keep you busy and spending through the entire season!

WHPS COMING EVENTS!

Wednesday, April 18, 2007, Olbrich Gardens, 6:30 p.m. social, 7:00 p.m. program. **Barbara Geiger**, MALA, teaches in the College of Architecture at ITT and the Chicago Botanic Garden Design Certificate Program, among others. She will discuss *Chicago World's Fair, Jackson Park and The White City—the Landscape Architect's Point of View*.

Saturday, May 19, 2007, WHPS Annual Plant Sale 9-noon, Middleton-Cross Plains District Gym, 7106 South Avenue (off Park Street in Middleton).

Saturday, May 26, 2007, Buying Trip to Klehm's Song Sparrow Farm, 9:00-10:30 a.m. ONLY (Directions on page 5).

May 30, WHPS Garden Tour in Maple Bluff (see page 2)

June 6, WHPS Garden tour Oregon/Evansville (see page 2)

August 1-5, 2007, Trip to Gardens of Portland, Oregon. (see below)

Wednesday, August 15, WHPS Summer Potluck at Olbrich Gardens, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 15, 2007, WHPS Member Plant Exchange, 10:00 a.m.-noon.

Fall Programs—all at Olbrich Gardens, 6:30 p.m. social, 7:00 p.m. program

- **Wednesday, September 19, 2007**, program TBA
- **Wednesday, October 17, 2007**, program TBA.
- **Wednesday, November 14, 2007**, Member Potpourri, Seed Exchange and Annual Meeting.
- **Wednesday, December 5, 2007**, program TBA

Coming in 2008, WHPS trip to Ireland!

Trip to Portland, Oregon August 1-5— Make your reservation now!

Ed Hasselkus has organized a fantastic tour of public and private gardens in the Portland area, including dinner on Mount Hood.

The tour price of \$1,588 per person, double occupancy, will include roundtrip airfare, airport transfers, motor coach transportation to all mentioned destinations, four nights hotel accommodations, four full breakfasts, first night dinner and dinner at Mount Hood.

A deposit of \$400 will hold your reservation, with the balance due on June 20, 2007. This date is also the date you may cancel the trip without penalty. Please make your checks out to Conventions Plus Tours, P.O. Box 46278, Madison, WI 53744; PH : (608) 271-3050 FAX : (608) 271-4845. You will receive a confirmation of your reservation.

If you would like another copy of the trip flyer, contact Stephanie O'Neal at sone2@aol.com; 608-256-6108.

For a complete description of the
WHPS Spring Garden Tours, see page 2

Other Sales/Tours Calendar, see page 3

NEW LOCATION—WHPS PLANT SALE May 19!

WHPS is pleased to announce that this year's plant sale will be held Saturday, May 19 from 9-noon at the Middleton-Cross Plains Gym at 7106 South Avenue in Middleton. This means that, rain or shine, you will find great bargains on an excellent variety of plants for sun and shade that have been dug from member gardens. Are you looking for plants that have proven hardy and prolific in our area at bargain prices? The WHPS Plant Sale is the place to be on May 19.

YOU CAN HELP ADVERTISE THE SALE by posting the flyer enclosed in this newsletter where it can be seen by the public. THANKS!

Would you like to volunteer to help set up for the sale on May 18 or work the sale on May 19? Contact Stephanie O'Neal at sone2@aol.com; 608-256-6108.

WHPS Spring Garden Tours

MAPLE BLUFF, May 30, 2007, 5:00 PM - dark

Directions to all: Heading north on North Sherman Avenue, turn left on Lakewood Boulevard at the Village of Maple Bluff sign and Lakewood entrance garden.

Lakewood Entrance Gardens, N. Sherman Avenue at Lakewood Boulevard.

Maple Bluff's Lakewood Gardens entrance, designed by Bruce Company landscape architect and village resident Mark Schessler, are planted and maintained by Maple Bluff Master Gardeners Sherri Baldwin, Janet Battista, John Cannon, Bob and Elizabeth Erickson, Donna Schoor, and Barb Tensfeldt, along with landscape architect Bruce Morrow, Jan Cain, Mary Jane Carpenter, Karen Jamison, and Joyce Johnson. They have twice-monthly garden parties in the summer that are B.Y.O.T.—"Bring Your Own Tools"!

John Cannon and John Fritsch, 232 Kensington Drive.

Directions: After turning onto Lakewood Boulevard, Kensington Drive is the first right off Lakewood. Their garden is on the right in the middle of the second block of Kensington between Roxbury Road and Oxford Place. **Description:** A mixed border of evergreens and deciduous shrubs, herbaceous perennials, and bulbs surrounds an island bed and goldfish pond. Plants of various colors, textures, and structures have been chosen to provide year round interest in the garden of John Cannon and John Fritsch.

Beach Park gardens by Sherri Baldwin, 500 Lakewood Boulevard.

Directions: Continue on Lakewood Boulevard about a half mile. The beach garden is on the left, directly across from the country club.

Description: Maple Bluff resident Sherri Baldwin, who is an artist for the Lang Companies, designs, plants, and maintains the Maple Bluff Beach Park gardens. The gardens include window boxes and patio containers, along with perennial plantings around the beach house and in traffic-calming garden triangles. Come and experience the stunning color schemes (purple-blue and chartreuse!) this gifted artist creates in a public garden for all to enjoy.

Barb and Bill Tensfeldt, 408 Farwell Drive.

Directions: Continue on Lakewood Boulevard. There is a stop sign at the corner of Lakewood and Farwell Drive. Turn left on Farwell. After a short way on Farwell, the garden is on the right. **Description:** A relaxing backyard retreat complete with bubbling waterfall, pond, and rocky outcrops is the highlight of this garden. The rocky outcrops have been carried over to the front yard and together they showcase annual, perennial and woody plants with an emphasis on foliage more so than flowers. Container plantings are placed throughout the landscape for added color and variety.

Elizabeth and Bob Erickson, 825 McBride Road.

Directions: At the stop sign at the corner of Lakewood Boulevard and Farwell Drive, stay to the right and continue (north) up Lakewood. Take the first left turn onto New Castle Way. Go three blocks and turn right on McBride Road. The house is immediately on the left at the corner of McBride Road and Magdeline Drive. **Description:** Elizabeth yearns to view a garden from every window of their home, so their house is surrounded by gardens that feature perennials, conifers, grasses, and water elements. Their spring plantings include hundreds of miniature bulbs, featuring alliums interplanted with kaufmannia and species tulips, along with clumps of narcissus. Their other spring favorites are hellebores, tiarellas, heucherellas, and two "Roy Diblik"-inspired native perennial gardens.

OREGON/EVANSVILLE

Wednesday, June 6, 2007, 6:00 PM-dark

Jan Porath, 165 Dale Drive, Oregon.

Directions: Take Hwy 14 south toward Oregon. Take the first Oregon exit (MM). At the 2nd stop light, turn left on Netherwood. Travel 6 blocks and turn right on Dunn Ave. Travel 1 block to Dale Drive. Jan's house is on the corner of Dunn Ave and Dale Dr. **Description:** Jan has a lovely Japanese-inspired shade garden, with Japanese ferns, Jack-in-the-pulpits, native woodland flowers, a dry stream bed, and lots of interesting woody plants. The use of raised beds with row covers, cold frame, and rain barrels complete the propagation area of perennials and vegetables. It is a working garden in a suburban area.

Jean Bawden, 4385 Oak Hill Rd, Oregon.

Directions: Take Hwy 14 south past the Oregon exits. Approximately 1.5 miles past Hwy 138, turn left on Oak Hill Rd. Jean's house is 1/2 mile down on the right. **Description:** Jean's garden contains a woodland garden, a rock garden, a water feature and lots of sunny gardens, including many interesting woodies. The rock garden, peonies and siberian iris should be at their peaks and many woodland flowers may still be blooming. Early June is her "blue period," with lots of soft colors.

Heidi Carvin, 4304 N Cornfield Dr, Evansville

Directions: Take Hwy 14 south toward Oregon/Evansville. Just as you are coming into Evansville, turn right on Hwy 59/213. Turn right on Hwy 59 toward Albany. Travel 2 mile and turn left on Michael Drive. Keep following it to the left as it eventually becomes Cornfield Dr. **Description:** When Heidi lived in Fitchburg, she had a premiere hosta shade garden. You'll be amazed at what she has done in only four seasons with her new, large sunny property. Based on a plan by Steve Lesch, rock walls, many trees, shrubs and walkways shape the backbone of the garden. Heidi created a picket fence garden with raised beds inside and a perennial/annual garden around it based on the Hardy Plant tour to Pennsylvania. Hostas are nestled on the north side of the garage and protected by a swoop of Wichita Blue Junipers. A prairie has reduced the lawn mowing by half.

Would you like to
recommend gardens that
members should visit?
Send your suggestions to
WHPS05@yahoo.com.

OTHER PLANT SALES/GARDEN TOURS OF NOTE

Friday, April 20, 2:00-6:00 pm. and **Saturday, April 21**, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. *Olbrich Gardens Leaf Mulch Sale*.

Saturday, April 21, *Shorewood Hills Garden Club Cocoa Bean, Rice Hull and Duck Doo Sale*, FireStation, 1008 Shorewood Blvd., 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Perennials, many hosta and daylilies for sale and many others. **Mid April through June** some dug or will dig. Chris Zeltner, 393 Lake Kegonsa Road, Oregon. **Please call first**, 873-5257.

Saturday, May 5, *Shorewood Hills Garden Club Plant Sale*, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Many plants from Village Gardens and Triangles. Lots of Native Plants, continuation of the cocoa mulch sale. FireStation, 1008 Shorewood Blvd.

Sunday, May 6 1:00-3:00 p.m. *Dahlia Tuber Sale*, Olbrich Gardens, sponsored by the Badger State Dahlia Society. For more information, call 608-233-2394.

West Side Garden Club Plant Sale, **Friday, May 11** 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. and **Saturday, May 12** 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. 3918 Nakoma Road, west of Thoreau School.

Fitchburg Gardener Plant Sale, **Friday, May 11**, 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. and **Saturday, May 12**, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. 5586 Cheryl Drive, Fitchburg.

Plant Sale in Waunakee. Great variety of perennials, grasses, cactus, fuschia, coleus, rock garden plants, etc. **Thursday, May 10**, 4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.; **Friday, May 11**, 7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.; **Saturday, May 12**, 7:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. 5673 Rankin Lane, Waunakee.

Mound Vue Garden Club Plant Sale, **Saturday, May 12**, 8:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m., Mt. Horeb Fire Station, 120 South First Street, Mt. Horeb.

Olbrich Plant Sale with the Pros, **Friday, May 11**, 11:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. and **Saturday, May 12**, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Perennials, annuals, trees, shrubs.

Saturday, May 12, *Friends of the Arboretum Native Plants Sale*, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Over 100 species of quality prairie plants, woodland plants, shrubs, vines and trees. For more information call 608-263-7760.

Saturday, May 19, *WHPS PLANT SALE*, 9:00 a.m.-Noon. Middleton-Cross Plains School District Gym, 7106 South Avenue, Middleton. (See flyer in this newsletter.)

Saturday, May 19, *Herb Fair & Plant Sale*. Eleven thousand herb plants for sale at 25th Annual Herb Fair and Plant Sale sponsored by Herb Society of America, Wisconsin Unit, 9:00 a.m.-noon. Concordia University Field House, 12800 N. Lake Shore Drive, Mequon. For additional info call Nino at 262-242-3866 or Gerry at 262-375-8626.

Badger Bonsai Society's 14th Annual Olbrich Show, **Saturday and Sunday, May 19**, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. and **May 20**, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. There will be about 70 bonsai on display representing the best trees from members' collections. There will also be a sales area of bonsai, tools and supplies. There will be demonstrations on creating bonsai both days at 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 pm. The show is free. For information, call 608-249-5227.

May 26, *WHPS Buying Trip to Song Sparrow*. See page 5.

May 27, *Hosta Sale and Auction*, 10:00 a.m. while supplies last. Sponsored by Wisconsin Hosta Society. For information call 608-443-4281.

May 30, *WHPS Garden Tours—Maple Bluff* see Page 2.

Saturday, June 2, *McFarland Garden Club Plant Sale*, 7:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., 5108 Leanne Lane, McFarland.

Saturday, June 2, *Rotary Gardens Nursery and Buying Tour*, 7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Nurseries include Song Sparrow Nursery, Avalon, WI; Northwind Perennial Farm, Springfield, WI; Ebert's Greenhouse Village, Ixonia, WI. \$70 Public. For more info go to rotarygardens.org.

June 6, *WHPS Garden Tours—Oregon/Evansville* see page 2.

American Conifer Society Meeting, June 22 and 23 (Friday evening and all day Saturday). American Conifer society regional Midwest meeting will be held in Madison this year. This is an opportunity for participants to learn more about the world of unusual and rare conifers from members who are collectors, nurserymen, and propagators. Friday evening is devoted to socializing over a light buffet, Jeff Epping speaking about Olbrich gardens, and members doing conifer sketches. Unusual and rare plants will be set up during the evening for a silent and verbal auction on Saturday evening. Saturday we will board buses to visit two private gardens and the Longenecker Pinetum and arborvitae collection led by Ed Hasselkus. Saturday evening is the grand buffet and auctions, where participants can obtain conifers that are not readily available in the trade. To get a registration form, contact Nancy Kroft at KroftStowOhio@aol.com, or visit www.conifersociety.org for further information. Registrants will also be given a list of private gardens and nurseries to visit on Friday and Sunday.

Oregon-Brooklyn Garden Tour, Saturday, June 23, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., benefit for Oregon-Brooklyn Habitat for Humanity Satellite (\$10) begins at 727-279 Dunn Ave., Oregon & more....

New Harvest Foundation Home Garden Tour, July 1. For more information, contact Terence Gilles at 608-238-6790.

July 13, *Olbrich Home Garden Tour* in Nakoma. www.olbrich.org; 508-246-4550.

Saturday, July 14, *Garden Walk sponsored by Wood County Master Gardener Volunteers, Wisconsin Rapids*. 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. For more information, tickets or directions, contact Barb Herreid 715-325-2075.

July 21-22, *Sun Prairie's Annual Garden Walk*. For more info and to buy tickets, contact Jane Gahlman at 608-837-2317, mgahlman@hotmail.com.

August 4-5, *Iris Sale*, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Olbrich Gardens. Madison Area Iris Society, 608-825-7423.

Daylily Sale, August 18, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., **August 19**, 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Olbrich Gardens. Wisconsin Daylily Society.

September 15, *WHPS Member Plant Exchange*, 10:00 a.m.-noon, 1850 Baird Street, Madison.

Dividing Plants?

If you are dividing plants this spring and have extras, why not contribute a few plants or a flat to the WHPS Plant Sale? We are especially looking for any unusual plants you might have to contribute to increase the variety and selection we'll offer this year.

Contact Stephanie O'Neal at 608-256-6108, sone2@aol.com by May 15 if you'd like to contribute a few plants to the sale.



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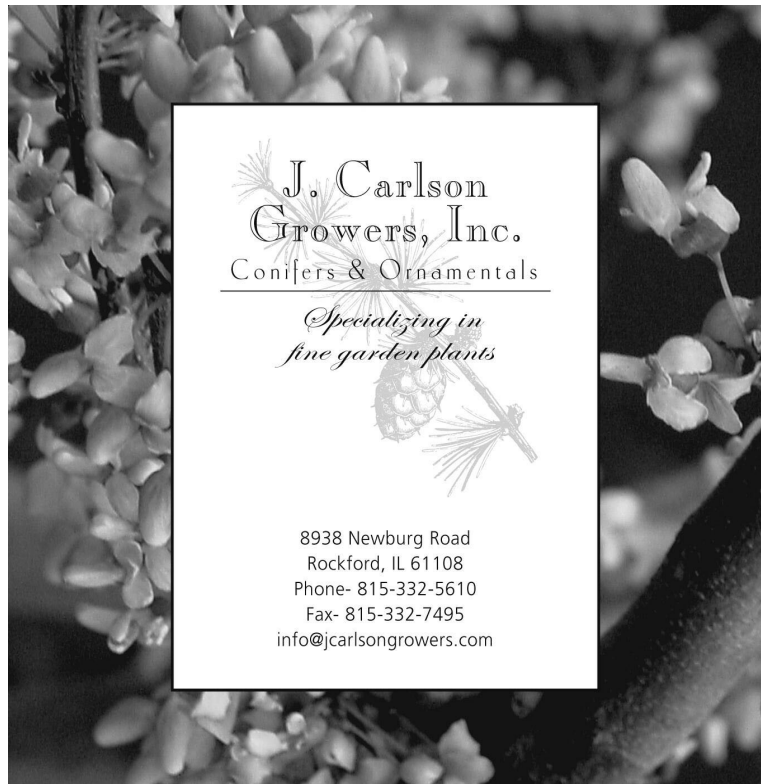
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2007 Garden Expo Thank You

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of this year's WHPS Garden Expo booth. We were able to sign up over 30 new members this year at the Expo!

Kudos to Frank Greer for another great presentation to a full house on Saturday afternoon of the Expo.

John Cannon and Rita Thomas once again helped with design and set up of the booth. Huge thank yous to Song Sparrow Nursery for contributing a \$50 gift certificate to the prizes (won by member Robert Pekowsky) and to Schonheit Gardens for contributing several plants as prizes.

Special thanks to those who worked the booth:

Sandy Allen	Lois Anderson	Karl Bethke
Chris Biedermann	Stephanie Bloomquist	Barbara Borders
Marie Cady	Mary Ann Fahl	Shirley Haidinger
Jill Hynum	Jane LaFlash	Sherry Lloyd
Peg Luby	Barbara Obst	Mary Polancih
Georgene Stratman	Rita Thomas	

We received wonderful comments on all the great photos contributed from member gardens, and hope to have even more photos to show next year!

—Stephanie O'Neal, Garden Expo Booth Coordinator

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Roy Klehm Shares Stories and Plants from Song Sparrow

The generosity of Song Sparrow nursery was on full display at the March 21 WHPS meeting as owner Roy Klehm donated a peony ('Cheddar Royal') for each member attending and contributed 52 woody plants, ranging from Japanese maples to Bald Cypress to Magnolias which were given away in a drawing at the end of the program.

Roy presented slides of his garden and discussed some of his favorite plants, including: *Malus* "Satin Cloud"; *Magnolia x*

'Marillyn'; *Magnolia x* 'Goldfinch'; *Hydrangea arborescens* 'Annabelle'; Horsechestnut; *Clematis* 'Blue Angel' and *C. viticella* 'Betty Corning'; Tiger Eyes sumac.

Of course, peonies are the speciality of Song Sparrow, and Roy suggested that peonies be planted as hedges in place of privet; they come up early and their great foilage lasts beyond the blooming season.

His favorite peony? Tree peony 'Joseph Rock', described in the catalog as "fluffy, fragrant, white single to semi-double accented with rich purple inner flower flares. Vigorous plant habit...rare and highly prized."

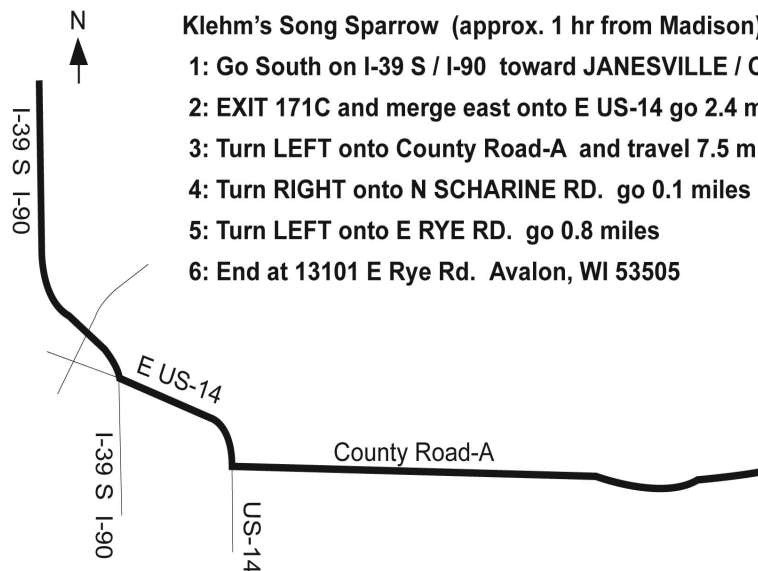
WHPS members are invited to Song Sparrow on May 26 from 9-10:30 a.m. for a tour and buying trip. (To learn more about the farm, go to www.songsparrow.com)

Klehm's Song Sparrow Farm, Avalon, Wisconsin

BUYING SPREE for WHPS Members

Saturday, May 26, 2007

BETWEEN 9:00-10:30 a.m. ONLY!



TELL YOUR FRIENDS!

Spread the word!

Wisconsin Hardy Plant Society

Plant Sale

May 19, 2007

9:00-Noon

rain or shine

**Middleton-Cross Plains District Gym,
7106 South Avenue, Middleton**

Off Park Street in Middleton.

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or from University Avenue, turning onto Park Street headed to Gammon Road.

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annuals and woody plants too!**

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If you can, bring your own plastic or
cardboard flats to collect and carry plants for purchase

..... **Member News, Tips etc.**

Gardener's Pleasures

Seed catalogs.

Finding crocus under the snow.
Song of a cardinal above my head.
Smell of warm, damp earth.
Dandelions, violets and tulips.

Free mulch.
An old flannel shirt.
Volunteer plants.
Garden club plant sales.

Sunshine and a breeze,
Nighttime rains,
Garden gloves that fit,
A hedge trimmed perfectly by someone else.

Columbines between the patio stones,
A sharp shovel,
One teenager willing to work hard,
Shady spot to weed on a hot day,
A lawn chair with a view of the garden.

—Anonymous on the East Side



Help wanted

Judy & Dan Peterson are looking for part-time help with garden chores, especially between now and June 23rd, when the American Conifer Society will be touring their garden. If anyone is interested, call them at 767-3727. They live between Mazomanie and Arena.

We want to see your garden!

If you have been/will be photographing your garden, you might want to think about presenting 10-15 photos at our Member Potpourri in November. The Potpourri is a member favorite, emphasizing the diversity of gardening styles, and is a wonderful tonic as winter looms in November.



You can also contribute photos for the WHPS display at the annual WHA Garden Expo. If you would like to contribute to the Garden Expo display, please send your favorite garden photo(s) to Stephanie O'Neal, 1850 Baird Street, Madison, WI 53713, or email jpegs of the photos to sone2@aol.com.

WHPS Web site: www.madison.com/communities/wisconsinhardyplantsociety/

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