

Perennial Notes

April 2011

Wisconsin Hardy Plant Society—an unincorporated nonprofit association

WHPS COMING EVENTS!

All regular meetings are 6:30 social time, 7:00 p.m. program at Olbrich Gardens Commons, 3330 Atwood Avenue, Madison, unless otherwise noted.

Wednesday, April 20, 2011, *The WHPS England Road Show.* Every other year, the WHPS offers a trip to England. Many of us have heard attendees talk about the fabulous sites visited and now we get to see them through the eyes of one of our most respected horticulturists, Jeff Epping, Director of Horticulture for Olbrich Botanical Gardens. Anyone who has heard Jeff talk will know that we will see lush images with a lively commentary. Whether you are thinking about attending the next trip or you just want an armchair tour of fabulous English gardens from the perspective of a horticulturist, this talk will be inspiring. We know you will take some ideas away for the 2011 season!

Wednesday, May 11, 2011, WHPS Garden Tours, 4:00 p.m.-dark, Midvale Area. We'll visit the gardens of Ruth Cadoret, Rhoda Braunschweig, Lois Kinlen, Phyllis Lathrope, Ted Streseman and Vic Wayland. (For more info and directions, see page 3 of this newsletter.)

Saturday, May 14, 2011, *WHPS Plant Sale.* 9-noon at West Madison Agricultural Research Station. It's a perfect time to pick up plants for your garden that you know will do well in our area. You can still sign up to help at the digs, or sign up to help set up the day before the sale, as well as the day of the sale. If you have one or many plants to donate to the sale, contact Stephanie O'Neal at sone2@aol.com, or 608-256-6108.

Saturday, May 21, 2011, *Buying Spree at Klehm's Song Sparrow Nursery* 9:00-10:30 a.m., 13101 East Rye Road, Avalon, WI. See page 2 for more info.

2011 BUS TRIPS (Brochure mailed April 1; can also find on website Calendar of Events)

June 4-5, 2011, Bus Trip to Gardens in Green Bay/Sturgeon Bay.

July 20-24—Gardens in northern Ohio. Wonderful public and private gardens to tour, shopping!

September 17—One-day trip to the Rockford, IL gardens

Thursday, July 14, 2011, *WHPS Garden Tours, 5:00 p.m.-dark, West Side of Middleton.* We'll tour the gardens of Betsy True, Ron Meerhoff/Michael Rhoads and Conrad Wrzesinski. More info and directions in June newsletter.

Wednesday, August 17, 2011, *Member Potluck Dinner and walk through Olbrich Gardens.* 5:30-dusk. Bring a dish to share and your own plate and utensils. We'll supply the, coffee, juice and lemonade. We'll also have an opportunity to tour Olbrich's beautiful and varied late summer gardens!

Wednesday, August 24, 2011, *Rotary Botanical Gardens Tour,* 6:00 p.m., Janesville. Join us for a tour of one of the area's premier botanical gardens, 20-acre Rotary Botanical Gardens in Janesville. At 6:00 p.m., we will gather in the Parker Education Center for a one-hour historical presentation by Horticulture Director Mark Dwyer. Refreshments will be provided. From 7:00-8:30 pm, Mark will lead us on a walking tour of the gardens, including the internationally themed English Cottage, French, Italian, Scottish and a spectacular Japanese gardens. Mark is known for his creativity in plantings, and we all anticipate what clever designs and colors he will produce with thousands of plants. Check out <http://rotarybotanicalgardens.org/> for directions, more details about the gardens and note Mark's blog!

Sunday, September 18, 2011, *WHPS Member Plant Exchange* 10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Allen Centennial Gardens. Bring plant(s), get plant(s)! Members bring extra plants dug from their gardens, purchased and not-used perennials, woodies, annual bulbs, even a few houseplants. The plants will be set out between 10:30-11:00 a.m. and the picking will begin at 11:00. Great FREE plants for your garden and time left to plant them before the end of the gardening season. And what a perfect time of year to take a walk through the Allen Centennial Gardens!

Wednesday, September 21, 2011, *Michael DeHart, supervisor of the grounds and gardens at the Getty Center Museum in Los Angeles.*

Wednesday, October 19, 2011, *Sustainable Gardening Maintenance Tips and Tricks,* Tibi Light, owner of Fine Gardening Designs in Madison, <http://tibilightgardens.com/>.

Wednesday November 16, 2011, Program TBA.

Wednesday, December 7, 2011, *Annual Meeting, Seed Exchange and Member Potpourri.*

BUYING SPREE for WHPS Members

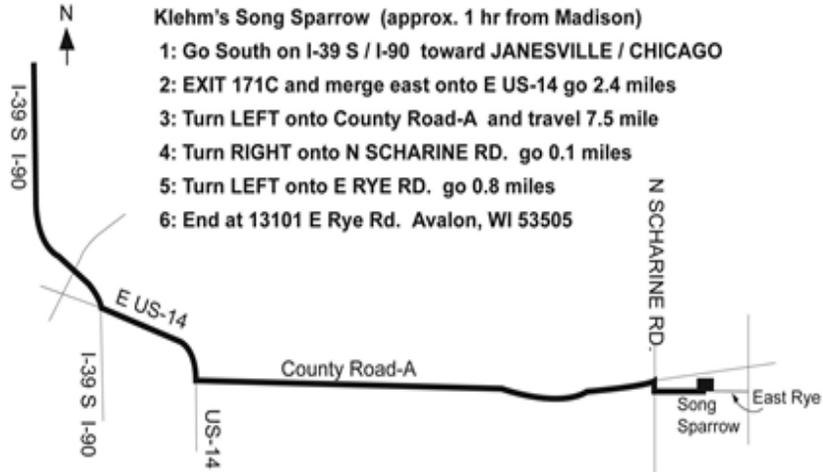
Klehm's Song Sparrow Farm, Avalon, Wisconsin

Saturday, May 21, 2011

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

Check out the Song Sparrow website, www.songsparrow.com, for a full catalog of their plants.

(With only an hour and a half to shop, it pays to plan ahead!)



One of the coolest plants

Everyone knows the great value of sedums. Their succulence is excellent for low-water gardens. Their textures add excitement and diversity. They are vibrant and prolific in sun gardens and are even healthy in part shade. Have you tried growing them in containers?



Sedums are a terrific complement to other plants, from annuals to woodies. I know the current low-growing favorite sedum is 'Angelina', with its bold yellow color turning gold/orange through fall and winter (and I love it too), but I'd like to offer *Sedum rupestre* 'Blue Spruce' as a particular favorite in my garden.

It adds a soft, cool, blue color in a garden full of green, yellow and other more vibrant shades. I love the way it very subtly catches my eye as I walk through the garden. 'Blue Spruce' is easy to start from the smallest piece, it stays healthy, and it spreads nicely (not as prolific as 'Angelina'). It works well in a curb garden, in a container or on the north side of a house. A really nice surprise are the yellow flowers that emerge in mid to late summer.

If you're looking for something low maintenance with a fun texture/shape in your garden, try 'Blue Spruce'. And look for it at on May 14—I'm contributing a flat to the Plant Sale!

—Stephanie O'Neal

WHPS PLANT SALE!

Saturday, May 14, 2011, 9:00 a.m.-noon
West Madison Agricultural Research Station
8502 Mineral Point Road
Plants donated from member gardens

Making your way to Allen Centennial Gardens

A WHPS tour of Allen Centennial Gardens last fall brought up a concern that keeps many people from visiting this important regional/local public garden. We see this concern really express itself at our booth at the Garden Expo, talking to thousands of people who do not visit because they think parking is too much of a challenge.

Allen Centennial Gardens' new website at www.allencentennialgardens.org addresses those issues with an interactive map that will direct you to the Gardens by simply plugging in your address. It explains in detail the hard-to-locate metered public parking spaces, including a parking ramp directly across the street from the Gardens! But all visitors should keep in mind that after 4:00 p.m. on weekdays and all weekend, parking anywhere on campus is permitted (unless otherwise marked) and there is no ticketing by Transportation Services. So we encourage everyone to check out the new website and visit us in 2011 to see all we offer, including our Color Your World theme, an enlarged succulent collection, an expansion of our Kitchen Garden and Ornamental Edibles displays, and 21 individually themed gardens!

—Ed Lyon

Garden Expo thank-you!

Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped set up the display and worked the booth at the Garden Expo in February. Forty-eight new members joined at the Expo, and we received excellent comments from visitors on the photo displays of member gardens.

Many thanks to the member businesses who contributed over \$300 in prizes for the Sunday drawing: Klehm's Song Sparrow Nursery; Avant Gardening; J Carlson Growers; Moyer's Inc.; America's Best Flowers; Gere Tree Care; The Flower Factory; Mel's Green Garden; Jack's Plants.

Eleanor Rodini will be the new coordinator for the WHPS Garden Expo display booth. I want to thank everyone who has helped over the last few years during my time as booth coordinator. It's the members that keep this organization active and worthy. Thank you!

—Stephanie O'Neal

**WHPS/MAMGA Garden Tour – Midvale Blvd/University Ave Area –
Wednesday, May 11, 2011 – 4:00 PM - dark**

Lois Kinlen—26 Merlham Dr.

My garden began as an early spring garden with our native woodland plants. It has grown to include collections of fern, trillium, arisaema, anemonella, epimedium, primula and a few orchids. A circular tufa bed is planted with small alpine plants and dwarf conifers. It's surrounded by iris—dwarf to tall bearded, Siberian, Louisiana and ensata iris. Three large old trees were removed last fall. This spring will begin a transition to a garden of sunshine. A variety of peonies and liliium have been added to the gardens. The daylilies will love the sun! The hosta, not so much.

Directions: South on Midvale Blvd from University Ave. Right on Merlham Dr. (one block after Regent St).

Ruth Cadoret—4308 Hillcrest Circle

My garden is at the top of a dry, alkaline, rocky hill in varying degrees of shade. I have a fondness for primroses, trees, shrubs and finding ways to work native plants into the garden. This means the primroses live amongst the sedges under the trees, although some take refuge under hostas. The overall look is natural and a bit wild, not manicured or even tidy, although in the spring, when all is fresh and new, this is less apparent.

Directions: South on Midvale Blvd. Left on Hillcrest Dr. Left on Hillcrest Circle.

Rhoda and David Braunschweig—505 Woodside Terrace

When we decided to redesign our garden with a Japanese Garden influence, we constructed an arbor, azumaya (shelter for observing and resting), fence and deck. We built a pond and waterfall, and used rocks and stones throughout the garden. Plants have been chosen for their size and shape, and include smallish evergreens, prairie plants, compact perennials and some woodland plants, and fruits and vegetables. The front yard garden is newly planted to accommodate more shade.

Directions: South on Midvale Blvd. Right on Tokay Blvd. Right on Woodside Terrace.

Phyllis Lathrope—613 Hilltop Dr

Eight years ago, there was nothing but grass. Today, you will see an entry arbor, a sitting arbor, a pond, lots of interesting trees and bushes, ephemerals, many hostas and other shade plants, spring flowering bulbs, iris, ornamental grasses, water plants, bird houses, ferns, lots of perennials and just a bit of walking grass. Come and enjoy!

Directions: South on Midvale Blvd. Right on Tokay Blvd. Go 6 blocks. Left on Hilltop Dr.

Ted Stresemann and Vic Wayland—406 N Whitney Way

May-blooming naturalized wild flowers, hardy azaleas and rhododendrons border a brick driveway under the tall shade of twelve oaks. At the house, a formal garden features a nine-foot reflecting pool. Backyard areas include a moss garden in a Japanese style, a formal rose garden, perennial borders and a gravel patio with benches and a small fountain. Tall structural privacy screens and matching trellises prominently mark backyard borders and hide compost bins.

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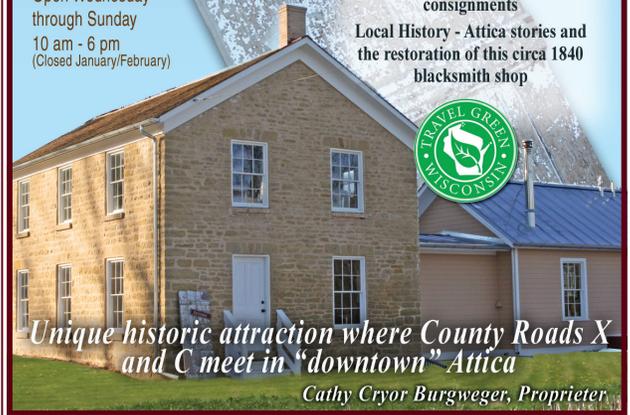
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Multiply your garden space by dividing it.
—Beverley Nichols, quoted by
Betty Ann Addison at 3/16/11 WHPS Meeting

List of 2011 Plant Sales, Garden Tours and Events

Thursday (members only)-Saturday, April 14-16—Olbrich's Leaf Mulch Sale—Olbrich Gardens, Now you can have the same top-quality mulch used in Olbrich's gardens. The shredded, composted leaves enrich soil and provide nourishment and protection for your gardens, shrubs, and trees. Olbrich's environmentally friendly leaf mulch cuts down on watering and weeding, recycles local leaves, and is credited for Olbrich's healthy-looking gardens. Enjoy the convenience of drive-through service. For more information call 608-246-4550. Bags-\$6.50; Bulk Scoops-\$40.

Wednesday, April 20, Perennial Division with Becky Nickel, Rotary Botanical Gardens, Janesville, 6:00-8:00 p.m. No RSVP required. \$5 for the public, free for RBG members.

Saturday, April 23, Pansy Sale 10:00 a.m.-while supplies last, Olbrich Botanical Gardens. These delightful pansies, violas, and panolas, grown in Olbrich's own greenhouses, are just \$6 each with three plants per pot. Decorative containers are extra. Proceeds benefit Olbrich Botanical Gardens.

Saturday, April 23, Orchid Sale 10:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Olbrich Gardens. Celebrate spring with a blooming orchid plant. Orchid Growers Guild members will be available to answer questions. Sponsored by the Orchid Growers Guild. A portion of the proceeds benefits Olbrich Gardens. For information call 608-235-4450.

Sunday, May 1, Dahlia Tuber Sale, noon-2:00 p.m., Olbrich Gardens. Dahlias are late summer bloomers popular for their extravagant blooms, diverse forms, and bright colors. They're subtropical annuals grown each year from tubers dug up in the fall and overwintered in a cool, dry environment. The sale is sponsored by the Badger State Dahlia Society. For more information call 608-577-1924.

Friday, May 6 (Members only, 11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.) and

Saturday, May 7 (9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Olbrich's Plant Sale with the Pros. Get great plants and expert advice from area professionals at Olbrich's Plant Sale with the Pros. Visit Olbrich's Pro Potting Bench for free container design and planting services. Olbrich's Plant Sale features everything from annuals and perennials to ornamental grasses and shrubs. Olbrich's staff carefully chooses unique plants that grow best in this climate. Find the newest, hardiest, disease-resistant cultivars on the market. Local gardening experts, master gardeners, and Olbrich's horticulturists will be available to answer questions. Bring photos of your landscape for design advice from landscape architects! Proceeds from the sale benefit Olbrich Botanical Gardens.

Saturday, May 7, Sundowners/Crosstown Violet Club Sale, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Olbrich Gardens. Includes African violets, starter plants, blooming plants, leaves, gesneriads of all kinds and potting soil and pots. Sponsored by the Sundowners and Crosstown African Violet clubs. For more information call 608-833-5552.

Fitchburg Gardeners 10th annual Plant Sale & Garden Tour, 5586 Cheryl Dr. Fitchburg, WI. 608 271-5985. Friday, May 6, and Saturday, May 7, 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.; Sunday, May 8, noon-4:00 p.m. Directions: 2.5 miles south of the Beltline on Fish Hatchery Rd., turn right on Cheryl Dr., 2nd block on the right.

Friday, May 6 (8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.) & Saturday, May 7 (8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.) West Side Garden Club Plant Sale, 3918 Nakoma Road, Madison. Annual sale of plants dug from member gardens and also purchased from a Wisconsin grower who specializes in plants for this climate. Each club member is asked to dig 40 plants for this fundraiser. All proceeds are used to support garden-related civic projects.

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Saturday, May 7, Friends of the Arboretum Native Plant Sale, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., in the large tents outside Arboretum Visitor Center. Native grasses, woodland, prairie and savanna plants, trees and shrubs.

Saturday, May 7, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Oregon Garden Club Sale, Waterman Triangle Park in the heart of downtown Oregon. A large assortment of annuals, perennials and surprises! Proceeds support the Oregon Food Pantry and NINA (local neighborhood need outreach). Contributions of personal items for the Food Pantry barrel are welcomed.

Wednesday, May 11, WHPS Garden Tours, 4:00 p.m.-dark, Midvale area.

Thursday & Friday, May 12-13, 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Windsor Garden Club Plant Sale, 6596 Chestnut Circle, Windsor, WI.

Thursday-Saturday, May 12-14, Habitat for Humanity of Dane County Plant Sale, 9:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m. at the Habitat ReStore, 208 Cottage Grove Rd, Madison. Sale this year includes more than 50 varieties of hybrid daylilies donated by the Daylily Society and varieties of perennial grasses donated by the UW West Madison Agricultural Research Station. Prices are \$4 each or 3/\$10, unless otherwise marked. All proceeds used to help build homes for Habitat families in Dane County. Donations are welcome--contact Ann Eaves at 442-8768 or e-mail at aeaves@charter.net. A second sale is planned sometime in early June.

Saturday, May 14, WHPS PLANT SALE!, 9:00 a.m.-noon, West Madison Agricultural Research Station.

Saturday-Sunday, May 14-15, Rotary Botanical Gardens Spring Plant Sale, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. May 13 pre-sale 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. for RGB members (10% off). Plant lists at www.rotarybotanicalgardens.org. Call Mark at (608) 754-1779 with any questions.

Saturday, May 14, The Uplands Garden Club 12th Annual Plant Sale, 8:00-11:00 a.m. at the Ley Pavillion in Harris Park, 600 Bennett Rd, Dodgeville, WI. Annuals, perennials, herbs, woodland plants, shrubs and containers with plants already in them. For info contact R. C. Uppena at 608-623-2645; ruppena@yousq.net.

Saturday, May 14, Mound Vue Garden Club Plant Sale, 8:30-11:00 a.m., Mt. Horeb Fire Station.

Saturday & Sunday, May 14-15, Badger Bonsai Annual Show, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Olbrich Botanical Gardens. Marvel at these growing miniature landscapes. Sponsored by the Badger Bonsai Society. For more information call 608-231-6835.

Sunday, May 15th, Orchard Ridge United Church of Christ Plant Sale, 11:00 a.m.--3:00 p.m., 1501 Gilbert Rd, about 10 blocks south of the Beltline at Whitney Way exit.

Saturday, May 21, WHPS Member Buying Spree at Klehm's Song Sparrow Farm, 9:00-10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, May 25, Perennial Favorites, with WHPS President Dr. Frank Greer, Rotary Botanical Gardens, Janesville, 6:00-8:00 p.m. No RSVP required. \$5 for the public, free for RBG members.

Sunday, May 29, Iris Show, noon-5:00 p.m., Olbrich Botanical Gardens. Cut irises in a rainbow of colors on display in the Evjue Commons. Sponsored by the Madison Area Iris Society. For more info call 608-271-3607.

June 4-5, WHPS Bus Trip to Green Bay/Sturgeon Bay.

Sunday, June 5, Wisconsin Hosta Society Plant Sale, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. (while supplies last), with an auction of VERY SPECIAL cultivars at 11 a.m. at Olbrich Gardens. For more information call 608-835-3291.

Wednesday, June 15, Container Gardening, with Mark Dwyer, Rotary Botanical Gardens, Janesville, 6:00-8:00 p.m. No RSVP required. \$5 for the public, free for RBG members.

Saturday, June 18, Rhapsody In Bloom Benefit, 5:00-10:00 p.m., Olbrich Botanical Gardens. Mingle with friends in the lush summer gardens, then enjoy dinner under elegant white tents at Madison's largest garden party. Enjoy the Rose Garden with night lighting and bid on a variety of plants and container gardens. Ticket info and reservations call 608-246-5616.

Sunday, June 19, Rose Show, noon-4:00 p.m., Olbrich Botanical Gardens. Exhibit of cut roses and arrangements in all sizes and colors, and stroll through Olbrich's two-acre Rose Garden. Sponsored by the Madison Rose Society, and members will be available to answer questions. For more information call 608-845-6063.

Longenecker Horticultural Garden Tours—7:00-8:15 p.m.

May 4—Early Spring Flowering Woody Ornamentals. Led by Dr. Ed Hasselkus, Curator of Longenecker Horticultural Gardens, this tour will include the yellow and Little Girl Series magnolias, early lilacs and rhododendrons, and other spring flowering plants.

May 11—Flowering Crabapples and Lilacs. Emeritus Professor of Horticulture Ed Hasselkus, curator of the Longenecker Gardens, will concentrate on flowering crabapples, and present highlights in the Gardens' large lilac collection.

May 18—Azaleas and Rhododendrons. Dr. Deb McCown, a specialist in woody ornamentals, will discuss the care of these appealing plants in the Madison area.

May 25—Small Ornamental Trees. Ed Lyon, Allen Centennial Gardens Director, will highlight interesting and unusual ornamental small trees in the Longenecker Horticultural Gardens.

June 1—Conifers. If you are confused about telling a spruce from a fir, join us on a walk through the Garden's spectacular conifer collection. On this tour, led by Dr. Hasselkus, you will learn about "garden-sized" conifers of many types.

June 8—Shade Trees. Laura Wyatt, WDNR Urban Forestry, will lead the group through the Gardens' extensive collection of larger trees while discussing strategies for growing healthy trees in urban/suburban conditions.

June 24-26, Portland, OR, The Hardy Plant Society of Oregon has opened registration for the 2011 Study Weekend in Portland. **Gardening in 3D: Dichotomy, Diversity and Desire** runs from June 24-26 on the campus of Portland State University in downtown Portland. For complete info, visit <http://www.hardyplantsociety.org/studyweekend/home.html>.

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, July 7, 8, 9, Midwest Regional Hosta Convention, held this year in Madison. <http://www.midwesthostasociety.org/>

Friday, July 8 (10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.) and Saturday, July 9 (9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.) Olbrich Gardens Home Garden Tour: Featuring Gardens as a Sanctuary. Tour private home gardens on the

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west side of Madison and in Fitchburg, including a stop at the Don & Marilyn Anderson Hospicecare Center gardens. Pre-tour tickets are \$10 for Olbrich Botanical Society members, \$12 for the general public. Tickets during the tour are \$12 for Olbrich members, \$14 for the general public. Sponsored by the Wisconsin Landscape Contractors Association.

July 13-August 7, Olbrich's Blooming Butterflies, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. daily, Olbrich Gardens. The cost is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children ages 3 to 12, free for children 2 and under, and free for Olbrich Botanical Society members.

Thursday, July 14, WHPS Garden Tours, West Side of Middleton, 5:00 p.m.-dark.

Friday, July 15 (noon-6:00 p.m.), Saturday, July 16 (10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.), Windsor Garden Club Tour of Seven Gardens. 100% of proceeds donated to the Paul Carbone UW Comprehensive Cancer Center. For info, contact windsorareagardenclub@gmail.com, or call Monique at 279-0299.

Friday, August 5-Sunday, August 7, Iris Sale, 9:00 a.m.-

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED FOR PLANT DIGS AND SALE

DIG HELP

Whether it's potting up plants dug up by the dig host or making plant labels out of popsicle sticks, the plant digs are fun, a chance to visit a member's garden and, most of all, you are making a big contribution to our Plant Sale. Contact Linda Marx ASAP at ljmarx@chorus.net, 608-249-7717.

VOLUNTEER TO HELP SET UP OR WORK AT THE SALE

If you would like to volunteer to help set up the day before the sale (May 14) or work the day of the sale (May 15), please contact Jeannette Golden at jeannettyzqg@yahoo.com, 608-767-3736 to volunteer for the plant sale.

DONATE PLANTS TO THE SALE

If you are a member with an uncommon or unusual plant in your garden, won't you consider dividing it this spring and contributing one or two pots to the plant sale? Contact Stephanie O'Neal at sone2@aol.com to make arrangements for getting the plants to the sale.

DAY-OF-SALE ARRIVAL PLANTS

A late arrival table will once again be set up for the plant sale. If you live out of town or are not available to drop off plants Friday evening by 6:00 p.m., bring your plants Saturday morning by 8:30 a.m. Diane Scharkey will price and place the plants in the sale for purchase as fast as possible.

Marking the name of the plant before you bring it is important and can be done easily by cutting strips of plastic from yogurt containers and writing with a magic marker. And if Saturday morning on your way out you see some extra vegetable plants you will not fit into your garden, or a house plant you do not want, bring them along—all healthy plants are welcome, even if they are not perennials.

Remember that, other than membership dues, this is the only money our society takes in. With your contribution we will be successful again this year. Do some searching to find what you can contribute to the WHPS plant sale.

And stop by 9-noon on May 14 to buy, buy, buy!

5:00 p.m., Olbrich Botanical Gardens. The Madison Area Iris Society sponsors this sale of iris rhizomes, the roots that grow into iris plants. For more information call 608-271-3607.

Friday-Sunday, August 5-7, Wisconsin Master Gardener Conference. Hosted this year by the Madison Area Master Gardeners. Go to mamgawi.org to see the registration brochure. Keynote speaker is Tony Avent.

Saturday, August 13 (10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.), and Sunday, August 14 (11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.) The Wisconsin Daylily Society Sale, Olbrich Gardens. More information, including a provisional listing of the daylily cultivars available, will be posted on the Wisconsin Daylily Society web site (<http://www.wisdaylily.org>) prior to the sale. For more information call 608-221-1933.

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September 18, WHPS Plant Exchange 10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Allen Centennial Garden.

Wednesday, September 21, WHPS meeting with Michael DeHart, Getty Center Museum. 6:30 social, 7:00-8:30 p.m. meeting.

Saturday, October 8 (noon-5:00 p.m.) and Sunday, October 9 (10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.) African Violet Show & Sale, Olbrich Gardens. For more information call 608-833-5552.

Wednesday, October 18, WHPS Meeting, Sustainable Gardening Maintenance Tips and Tricks, Tibi Light, Fine Gardening Designs, 6:30 social time, 7:00-8:30 p.m. program.

Saturday, November 5, Herb Fair, 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Olbrich Gardens. Free and open to the public. Sponsored by the Madison Herb Society. For more information call 608-233-6219.

Saturday, November 5, Fall Symposium, Rotary Botanical Gardens, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., \$60 public/\$50 RBG Members. Details at www.rot.arybotanicalgardens.org. Dedicated to the appreciation of a wide range of plants that may have future merit and consideration in your own garden. Speakers include Laura Jull, Roy Klehm, Jim Nau, Richard Hawke.

November 11-13, Bolz Conservatory 20th Anniversary Celebration. Special events for children, families, and adults: party in the Conservatory, a nationally known speaker, free rainforest activities, free family concert featuring Ken Lonnquist and the Kenland Band. For more information call 608-246-4583.

Wednesday, December 7, WHPS Annual Meeting, Seed Exchange and Member Potpourri, 6:30 p.m. social and Seed Exchange; 7:00-8:30 p.m. program.

Saturday, December 3-31, Olbrich's Holiday Express: Flower and Model Train Show, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Olbrich Botanical Gardens.

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Members featured in publications

WHPS members Ed Lyon and Darrell (Dylan) Hart, John Cannon and John Fritsch, John Beutel, Jane LaFlash, Bill Hornke and Clay Perone, and Richard Kilmer and Tim Spires were featured in the March/April issue of **Our Lives Magazine**. <http://ourlivesmadison.com/more-about-joomla/34-featured/98-garden-confessions.html>.

Ed Lyon contributed a feature article entitled *Garden Confessions*, featuring how he got started gardening, the reasons other people garden and what gardening does for his life. Seven other gardeners and their respective significant others followed with *How I Got Into Gardening*.

Ed also had a feature article in the Sept./Oct. issue of **Chicagoland Gardening** called *Gardening for the Middle View*. He will have another feature article in the May/June 2011 issue—*Why Doesn't My Plant Look like the Marketing Image?* He is a regular contributor, representing Southern Wisconsin in the Regional Reports department. His July/August report will focus on the Wisconsin Hardy Plant Society.

He has recently been asked to contribute articles to **Horticulture Magazine** in 2012.

Do you know of a member's garden that has been featured recently in the media? Send info to sone2@aol.com.

Visit our website:
www.wisconsinhardyplantsociety.com

WHPS Members on WPT

Recently, there was a repeat of one of Shelley Ryan's *The Wisconsin Gardener* featuring a very nice segment about Dr. Ed Hasselkus and Longenecker Horticultural Gardens. I discovered that the WPT website allows you to watch past shows. For viewing, go to www.wpt.org, click on *The Wisconsin Gardener*, click on "Watch Past Episodes of *The Wisconsin Gardener*" and type in "Longenecker." 2010 was the 75th anniversary of Longenecker. I was amazed to learn that in that entire 75 years there have been only two curators—Professor William Longenecker and Professor Ed Hasselkus.

—Jane LaFlash

It's a great site, and many of Shelley's programs have focused on WHPS members over the years. Peruse the videos and you'll find informative how-to's and tours of fascinating Wisconsin gardens.

WHPS T-shirts!

At \$10 each, WHPS T-shirts are a real bargain. Sizes currently available are medium and large.

To order a T-Shirt, contact Jane Gahlman at jmgahlman@hotmail.com (or call her at 608-837-2317 and leave a message).

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