



# Perennial Notes

June 2003

## COMING EVENTS!

Wednesday, **July 2**, Garden tour in McFarland—6:00 p.m. to dark (see page 2)

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**Sunday July 13, 2003**—Tour of Chuck and Pat Bell's garden, 39W582 Deer Run Drive, St. Charles, IL. Those of you who attended the members potpourri last fall will remember the slides of this lovely garden in northern Illinois.

**Carpool alert!** There is no bus reserved for this 2 1/2 hour drive to their garden, but if you are interested in carpooling from the Park and Ride at Dutch Mill Road off the Beltline, call Stephanie O'Neal at 256-6108, or email her at sone2@aol.com. Possible stop on the return at Anderson Gardens in Rockford.

**Directions:** The easiest way to their place is as follows: Illinois Tollway (I-90) to Randall Road. South on Randall Road approx. 9 miles to Bolcum Road. Turn right (heading west) on Bolcum approx. 2 1/2 miles to Denker Road. Turn right on Denker Road. The first road you reach on Denker is Deer Run Drive. Turn left on Deer Run Drive, our house is on the corner of Deer Run Drive and Denker. Gray house on the right side of Deer Run Drive. (To help you find Bolcum, since there isn't a traffic light on the corner of Randall and Bolcum, you will pass Silver Glen Road, which has a traffic light and a shopping center with a Dominick's grocery store and a Chili's restaurant, right before you reach Bolcum. There is a sign for the Christ Community Church on the corner of Bolcum and Randall.

**Saturday, July 19**—Summer visit to Tom Cottingham's Garden (see page 2)

**Wednesday, July 23**, Garden tour in Verona/Mt Horeb—6:00 p.m. to dark (see page 2)

**Wednesday, August 13**, Tour of the Eagle Heights Community Gardens—6:00 p.m. (see page 2).

**August 20, 2003**, WHPS Potluck Dinner, 6:00 p.m. in the Commons at Olbrich Gardens.

**September 17, 2003**—Olbrich Gardens, 6:30 p.m. Social hour, 7:00 p.m. program. *The WOW Factor in the Garden*, with guest speaker Jeff Epping.

**September 27, 2003**—Tour of Milwaukee Gardens (see box at right).

**Saturday, October 11**—Fall visit to Tom Cottingham's Garden (see page 2)

**Friday, October 3, 2003**—Annual fall symposium at Olbrich Gardens—See page 3 for more information.

**October 15, 2003**—Olbrich Gardens, 6:30 p.m. Social hour, 7:00 p.m. program. Linda Brazill, garden and features writer for *The Capital Times*, will discuss *Size matters: one gardener's experience dealing with scale in the garden*.

**November 19**, Olbrich Gardens Commons, 6:30 Social, 7:00 p.m. *Members annual potpourri and annual business meeting*.

**June 11-21, 2004**. WHPS Biannual Tour to Gardens of the United Kingdom—Details and sign up will be out soon.

### Tour of Milwaukee Gardens September 27, 2003



Cost not yet finalized, but will be under \$50. To register, contact Sandy Allen (836-9602; DSAMR@chorus.net)

#### Tentative Schedule

8:00 a.m.—board bus and leave Madison for Milwaukee (Travel time -1hr. 30 minutes)  
9:30—**Boerner Botanical Garden**, New Visitor Center & Garden Tour (70 minutes)  
10:40—Board bus (Travel time - 20 minutes)  
11:00—**Milwaukee Art Museum** (25 minutes)  
11:25—Board Bus (Travel time - 5 minutes)  
11:30—**Charles Allis Art Museum** (15 minutes)  
11:45—Board Bus (Travel Time 5 minutes)  
11:50—**Villa Terrace Garden** (70 minutes)  
(Suggest eating and touring in two shifts)  
Box Lunch in Courtyard with music (30 minutes)  
12:30—**Lower Garden Tours** (30 minutes)  
1:00—Board Bus - (Travel time - 15 minutes)  
1:15—**The Garden Room** (45 minutes)  
2:00—Board Bus (Travel Time - 15 minutes)  
2:15—**Costello Garden** (30 minutes)  
2:45—Board Bus (Travel Time - 60 minutes)  
3:45—**Windy Oaks Aquatics**, Eagle WI (45 minutes)  
Aquatic plants and fish  
4:30—Board Bus for return to Madison (Travel Time 60 minutes with refreshments)

## Garden Tours

### July Garden Tours

#### July 2 - McFarland

##### *The Garden of Gene and Betty Henry*

3472 Orvald Park Drive. McFarland

Situated on 15 acres on the Yahara River, there are perennial gardens, a water garden with 3 waterfalls, and walking paths with views of short and tall grass prairies and woodland habitat specifically planted for birds.

**Directions:** Take Hwy 51 south past McFarland (the stop light at Culver's) about 4 miles. Turn left on County Hwy AB. Go exactly 1 mile and turn left on Orvald Park Dr. (not the sharp left). Home and garden are at the end of the cul de sac.

##### *The Garden of Todd and Wendy Meicher*

5510 Glenway St. McFarland

The garden is an interpretation of a Japanese stroll garden, featuring three ponds, a stream and an island and shows mastery of scale, perception and plant varieties.

**Directions:** Take Hwy 51 south to McFarland. (Culver's is on the corner) Go left onto Hwy MN/Farwell St. Continue to the 1st 4-way stop. Turn left onto Hwy MN/Main St. At the next 4-way stop, again turn left onto Hwy MN/Broadhead St. Go about 5 blocks and turn left onto Glenway St. Garden and home on the left at 5510.

##### *The Garden of David and Sue Weimer*

4519 Lakeview St. McFarland

Twelve-plus beds feature many varieties of lilies, daylilies, hostas, grasses, and other perennials, plus an herb and sedum garden and a water feature.

**Directions:** Take Hwy 51 south towards McFarland. Take the Sigglekow Exit. Turn right onto Sigglekow. Go past the 4-way stop and continue to Earling Ave. Left on Earling. Go three blocks and make a sharp turn on Lakeview. Home and garden are on the corner on the left.

#### July 23 - Verona/Mt. Horeb

##### *Garden of Jeannette Golden*

4142 County Road F, Mt. Horeb

The Golden farm has, over the past 8 years, had the quest to fill an acre with gardens. Each spring one or more of the beds have been added. (This spring— 3 new shade beds.)

Jeanette uses a combination of native and exotic plants in an eclectic, naturalistic and personal design. There are sun and shade gardens, a farm pond, a rock garden, vegetable garden, a bold and tropicalesque garden, and last year's new garden, which was inspired by the writings of Piet Oudolf and is filled with plants he recommends. The borrowed landscape includes a cattail marsh and the beautiful hills of the driftless area in Vermont Township.

**Directions:** Take Hwy. 18 West to Mount Horeb Business 18-151 exit. Follow Business 18-151 to the first stop light where you turn Right onto Hwy 78 North. Go 1.9 miles on 78 to County Road J, and turn Left onto J. Follow J to first stop sign and turn left to remain on J. Continue on J to the next stop sign, where it dead-ends into F. Turn Right on F. It is the first barn on the right, 0.2 miles down F. They are at the corner of F and Blue Mounds Trail. You can park up and down the driveway. If that is full, it is best to park on Blue Mounds Trail.

**Directions from Golden farm to Finner's:** Turn left out of Golden's driveway onto F. Go .2 miles, turn left on J. Follow signs for J until you hit stop sign at Hwy 78. Turn right onto 78. At first stop light in Mt. Horeb, turn Left onto Business 18-151. Follow Bus. 18-151 to the Hwy. 18 East entrance. Follow 18 East to the exit for J. Take J south to Finner's.

##### *Garden of Sandy and Marsh Finner*

2085 County Road J, Verona

Hilltop Hideaway. This private paradise was designed for a couple who enjoy gardening. A barren construction site was transformed into a series of garden environments, including a prairie garden, a shade garden, a vegetable garden and water garden. This oasis includes a stream-fed pond and a dramatic waterfall from the upper deck. A romantic belvedere overlooks this magical kingdom and offers a distant view of the surrounding country side.

**Directions:** Travel west of Verona on US Hwy 18-151 about 5 miles to County Road J. Travel south on J about 1.5 miles. (This is about 1/2 mile north of the intersection of County Roads J and G.) Garden is on west side of J at upper end of a long, wooded driveway.

### August Garden Tour

**Wednesday, August 13 - Tour of the Eagle Heights Community Gardens - 6:00 PM** - Long-time Eagle Heights gardener Mary Trewartha will walk us through the community gardens, the oldest in the U.S., where people from 60 different countries garden.

**Directions:** Take University Bay Drive and turn north on Lake Mendota Drive. Turn left into Eagle Heights. There is parking on left side of road or in the lot to the left. You then walk across Lake Mendota Drive to the gardens.

### A Garden Through the Seasons continued

We are now halfway through our opportunity to see the progression of a garden from spring through fall. Fellow WHPS member Tom Cottington has a very lovely garden in Middleton and has invited us to visit on four separate dates this year. The two remaining dates (see below) are early Saturday morning times, a time of day many consider gardens to be at their loveliest. Tom is a gifted garden photographer, and on July 19 he will give an early-bird demonstration on how he sets up shots. Refreshments will also be served on the July 19 visit.

Tom has gardened in this same area for over 45 years using companion plantings of Wisconsin's native plant communities and, since 1986, has been part of the National Wildlife's Backyard Wildlife Habitat Program. His garden is located at 7421 North Avenue, west of Middleton High School between University Avenue and Fireman's Park.

#### Open Garden Schedule

**Saturday morning, July 19**—7:00 to 9:00 a.m.

At 6:30 a.m., Photo demonstration and refreshments

**Saturday morning, October 11**—7:00 to 9:00 a.m.

## Open Gardens and Other Events

### Open Garden—*Jean Bawden and Earthspirit Farm*

4385 Oak Hill Road, Oregon

Garden will be open on July 20 and July 26. Three new beds this year and expansion of the rock garden is in progress. The daylilies will be in high season!

**Directions:** South on Highway 14. Oak Hill Road is second road on left past exit for Hwy 138 (not Oak—Oak Hill Road).

### Open Garden—*Phyllis Sanner*

N8257 Highway 104, Brooklyn

Their garden will be open on July 20 from 10:30 a.m. until 5:00 pm. (The gardens are open all summer for anyone who would like to see our garden. Please call us at 608-882-5211. We would love to give you a personal tour.)

**Directions:** Take Highway 14 south to the 138 exit (second exit to Oregon). Turn left to go into Oregon and then turn left on MM to go to Brooklyn (between Kwik Trip and Stop-N-Go). Go into Brooklyn and at the stop sign go straight ahead on Hwy 104

south. From the stop sign, they are about 3.2 miles out. They have all white buildings with mostly red roofs and 2 blue silos. Fire number is N8257.

**September 13, Bulb symposium** at at Janesville Rotary Gardens—Brent Heath, Jim Shields, Galen Gates, Scott Kunst, John Elsley. Fee \$100 for nonmembers of Rotary Gardens

**Sunday, July 27, Iris Society Sale**—Olbrich Gardens

**August 9-10, Daylily Society Sale**—Olbrich Gardens

Contact Peg Lewis of Global Garden Tours if you are interested in a **South African Garden tour** (deadline for signing up is mid-August) and a **tour of Provence** in May 2004. Peg Lewis, Global Garden Tours, 262-677-9077.

## Fall Symposium—

### ***Olbrich Gardens Fall Symposium: Riches Thanks to Plant Explorers***

**Saturday, October 4 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.**

You can get great gardening ideas for next year's garden at Olbrich Gardens' Fall Symposium October 4, co-sponsored by Wisconsin Hardy Plant Society. This year's edition will focus on the vast riches of plant materials we are currently using or can expect to see due to plant explorations. In addition, there will be a large silent auction, with plants that reflect the symposium theme, donated by several nurseries. This is your opportunity to both learn new plant materials from national experts and bid on fantastic new plants for your garden!

### Speakers

#### ***Judy Glattstein***

##### ***The Asian Influence***

Judy Glattstein is a garden consultant and author of seven gardening books, including *Enhance Your Garden with Japanese Plants* and the recently released *Consider the Leaf* and numerous magazine and newspaper articles. She is a popular instructor at the New York Botanical Garden and the Cook College Office of Continuing Professional Education at Rutgers University and lectures widely both in the United States and abroad. She will present you with plants of Asian origin influencing our gardens. Website at [www.bellewood-gardens.com](http://www.bellewood-gardens.com)

#### ***Gene Bush***

##### ***Well, Did You Know? Relatives of Our Wildflowers***

Gene Bush, lecturer, photographer, artist, and plantsman, owns Munchkin Nursery, a retail and mail order nursery specializing in woodland and dwarf wildflowers. He says, "There is an abundance of native plants to use in the shade or woodland garden. When you have grown the local species, what next? There are, in many cases, additional species around the world related to our locals. For example, we have two species of Jack in the Pulpit found in our native wood. There are over 140 other species around the world and many will do very well in our gardens.

This presentation brings some of those relatives to your attention." Check his nursery's website at [www.munchkinnursery.com](http://www.munchkinnursery.com)

#### ***Panayoti Kelaidis***

##### ***Plant Exploration and Introduction***

How does one find new species and introduce them to the public? Panayoti Kelaidis supervises the curatorial staff and helps direct the Denver Botanic Garden horticulture team on inventory, maintenance, interpretation and integrity for over 15,000 kinds of living plants. His far-reaching knowledge of horticulture has aided him in overseeing Plant Select®, a unique program that aides in plant introduction ([www.plantselect.org](http://www.plantselect.org)). As a plant explorer, Panayoti has traveled the world over in search of new species and has spent extensive time in the mountains of Mexico, South America, Europe, South Africa and China. He will take us through the process of exploration and introduction.

#### ***Gwen Kelaidis***

##### ***What to do with Those Plants Resulting from "Explorations"***

Gwen, who has been editor of the *Rock Garden Quarterly*, owns two gardens with Panayoti in Denver. Their gardens have been featured in many articles, including *Sunset* and the *New York Times*. As gardeners they make a perfect team, with Gwen adding the design elements while Panayoti experiments with species from around the world. Of Panayoti's explorations, Gwen says, "the challenge is then finding room to fit in the new acquisitions." Not much different than we plantaholics bringing home those choice but unplanned discoveries from the nursery, Gwen will discuss how to "shoe-horn" in those acquisitions and yet maintain a design.

**Fee includes continental breakfast buffet and lunch, \$75 member (Olbrich and/or WHPS)/\$95 public.**

## Thank You to Plant Sale Volunteers

This year's plant sale was a great success, due entirely to the efforts of our members.

A big thank-you to all of those who participated in this year's plant sale!

—Ruth Cadoret, Dig Coordinator, Stephanie O'Neal, Plant Sale Coordinator, Barb Herried, Plant Sale Treasurer

**Dig hosts:** Chris Bederman, Ruth Cadoret, Tom Cottingham, Judy Crandall, Linda Dauck, Terence Gilles, Frank Greer, Ed Hasselkus, Erv Koenig, Mary Jo Schiavonni, Joan Severa, Peg Thomas.

**Dig Setup and Help at the Digs:** Sandy Allen, Bonnie Beer, Winnie Boyar, Cherith Bruckner, Martha Coughlin, Judy Crandall, Nell Cummings, Jeff Gepner, Jeanette Golden, Nancy Hogan, Erv Koenig, Jane LaFlash, Peg Luby, Margaret McEntire and friend, Janet Miller, Janice Minardi, Richard Mueller, Karen Rueden, Eleanor Rodini, Diane Scharkey, Joan Sullivan, Rita Thomas, Mary Trewartha.

**Setup for the Plant Sale and Day-of-Sale Assistance:** Kay Allen, Keith Anderson, Lois Anderson, Chuck & Pat Bell, Judy Crandall, MaryAnn Crosby, Nell Cummings, Karin

DeLaitsch, Jean Daniels, Linda Dauck, Jane Gahlman, Jeannette Golden, Linda Grosz, Nancy Hogan, Ellen Karlson, Erv Koenig, Jane LaFlash, Marlette Larsen, Margaret McEntire, Moneen Meuer, Janet Miller, Jan Minardi, Richard Mueller, Barb Obst, Annie Porter, Eleanor Rodini, Phyllis Sanner, Diane Scharkey, Carrol Schiller, Jim Scorgie, Peg Sharpe, Georgene Stratman, Jan Swartz, Shari Voss.

**Plant Donation:** Thanks to Mark Dwyer and Janesville Rotary Gardens for donation of plants to the sale.

*Very special thanks* to Sandy and Dennis Allen for allowing us to once again hold the plant sale at the Pet Lodge!

## Member tips and info



**Build a bridge**—Jean Bawden has built a bridge extending over a small dry creek bed by laying two 4X4X10's across the expanse and nailing three pallets to the 4X4's. Instant (and sturdy) bridge! You can see this for yourself at her open garden (see page 3 for info).

**Here is a website** that may be of some interest to Wisconsin Hardy Plant Society members. It features British Garden Tours hosted by Franki McCabe, the guide that has led the previous three WHPS garden tours through Britain. The site is very well done and features some pictures from past tours. —John Cannon



<http://www.britishgardentours.co.uk/index.htm>

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