



Wisconsin Hardy Plant Society

Perennial Notes

June 2006

WHPS COMING EVENTS!

WHPS Summer Garden Tours: Sun Prairie **July 19**; Mt. Horeb/Black Earth/Mazomanie area **July 25**. See pages 2-3 for information and directions.

Wednesday, August 16, 2006, 6:00 p.m., Olbrich Gardens, **WHPS Summer Potluck**. Members bring a dish to share (bring your own utensils—lemonade and juice provided), followed by an evening tour of Olbrich Gardens.

Wednesday, September 13, 6:30 p.m. social hour, 7:00 p.m. program, Olbrich Gardens. **Speaker will be Ann Raver, garden columnist for *The New York Times*.**

Saturday, September 16, 10:00-noon. **WHPS Plant Exchange**. 1850 Baird Street, Madison. Members bring plants they have recently dug, or have not used in their garden, free for the taking.

Wednesday, October 18, 6:30 p.m. social hour, 7:00 p.m. program, Olbrich Gardens. **Speaker to be announced.**

Wednesday, November 15, 2006 6:30 p.m social hour and seed exchange, 7:00 p.m. program. **WHPS Seed Exchange and Member Potpourri**. As you take photos of your garden throughout the year, keep in mind our annual Member Potpourri and plan to show a few slides, a PowerPoint presentation or a video at our Member Potpourri. We love looking at member gardens!

Wednesday, December 13, 6:30 p.m. social hour, 7:00 p.m. meeting. **Speaker to be announced.**

WHPS Plant Sale looking for new home

The Pet Lodge owned by Sandy & Denny Allen has been the host of the Plant Sale since 1999, but with its recent sale, WHPS is now looking for a new home for this annual event, typically held the third Saturday of May (with setup the day before). Ideally, it would be a space that offered coverage in the event of rain, with plenty of parking available. If you know of a site that might be available, please contact Stephanie O'Neal at 608-256-6108; sone2@aol.com.

Other Events of Note—Plant Sales, Garden Tours and Shows—2006

Saturday, July 8, 9:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m. and **Sunday, July 9**, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. **Madison Pond Tour** sponsored by the North American Water Garden Society. Self-guided tour. Tickets are \$10. Call 608-244-3664 or visit www.pondtourmadison.org.

Saturday, July 15 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. **Wisconsin Daylily Society Home Garden Tours**, call 608-837-2317 for locations and additional info.

Friday, July 14 10 a.m.-4:00 p.m. and **Saturday, July 15**, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. **Olbrich Gardens Home Garden Tour**—Monona, Advance tickets \$12 general public; \$14 day of tour. 608-246-4550.

Saturday, August 5, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., **Iris Sale**, Olbrich Gardens. Sponsored by Madison Area Iris Society, 608-825-7423

Saturday, August 12, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. and **Sunday, August 13**, 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., **Daylily Sale**, Olbrich Gardens. Sponsored by The Wisconsin Daylily Society, 608-837-2317.

Monday, August 21-Wednesday, August 23. **Olbrich Summer Bus Tour to Iowa**, Call 608-246-4550 for more information.

Saturday, August 26, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. and **Sunday, August 27**, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 pm. **Dahlia Show**, Sponsored by the Badger State Dahlia Society, 608-233-2394.

WHPS Garden Tour near Mazomanie/Blue Mounds/Black Earth

Tuesday, July 25, 2006, 4:00 p.m. until dark, free!!

Dan and Judy Peterson,

5372 Mahocker Rd, Mazomanie

John Mather

6524 County Road K, Blue Mounds

Jeannette Golden

4142 County Road F, Black Earth

These three gardens are all situated in lovely country settings and are well worth the drive. Included in one or more of the gardens are: vegetable gardens, herb gardens, rock garden of alpiners and dwarf conifers in a natural rock outcropping, "found objects" and outdoor sculpture, tropicals, and mixed perennial, shrub and tree borders in sun and shade.

Directions: For parking, it would be better if everyone didn't go the same route.

To visit in the order of Golden, Mather, Peterson:

Golden: Take Mineral Point Rd (County Hwy S) west from Madison to Pine Bluff. Continue left on County Road S. Turn right on County Road J and follow it until it deadends onto County Road F. J will make some turns and merge for a short time with Hwy 78, but stay on J. When it deadends onto F, turn right on F. The Golden farm is the first barn on the right. You can park along Blue Mounds Trail (the road just before the farm).

Mather: Turn right on County Road F from the Golden farm. At the intersection of F and FF, go straight on FF (which becomes KK at the Iowa county border). Continue on KK. At the intersection of K, turn left. The garden is the second driveway on the right (6524). Look for signs about parking. Don't park on the road as it's a busy curve.

Peterson: Turn left from Mather's onto K and travel to Hwy 14. Turn right on 14 and go about 1.5 miles to Mahocker Rd. Turn right on Mahocker and follow it for about 1.2 miles. Driveway is on the left at the bottom of a long downhill (fire number 5372). The road deadends shortly beyond the driveway.

To visit in the order of Peterson, Mather, Golden:

Peterson: Take Hwy 14 west from Madison through Mazomanie and past the cemetery on both sides of the road. Turn left (south) onto Mahocker Rd just beyond the cemetery. Follow Mahocker Rd about 1.2 miles. Driveway is on the left at the bottom of a long downhill (fire number 5372). The road deadends shortly beyond the driveway.

Mather: Return to Hwy 14 and turn left (west). After about 1.5 miles, turn left on K. Go about 2.5 miles on K past the intersection of KK. It's the second driveway on the right (6524). Look for signs about parking. Don't park on the road as it's a busy curve.

Golden: Turn left from Mather's onto K and drive for about 2.5 miles. Turn right on KK (which becomes FF at the Dane Co border). Go 4.6 miles on KK/FF. The Golden farm (4142) is on the left. You can park along Blue Mounds Trail (the road just after the farm).

Sun Prairie Area Garden Tours

Wednesday, July 19, 5:00 p.m. until dark, free!!

The Speckled Hen Inn Bed and Breakfast - 5525 Portage Road

Directions: From East Washington Avenue turn north on Portage Road and travel exactly two miles to 5525 Portage Road.

The Speckled Hen Inn Bed and Breakfast is on a wooded hillside overlooking a white fenced pasture where sheep, llamas and a horse graze peacefully. The gardens on the back side of the Inn feature an extensive collection of hostas and shade loving plants creating a Japanese Giboshi (hosta) garden with a charming gazebo as the center piece. Extensive plantings of daylilies frame the sunnier parts of the garden. Water features attract birds and other wildlife to the garden. The 50-acre property is also home to a fenced cutting garden, a vegetable garden and a new moonlight garden. The front garden is a riot of colors that reflect the rainbow of rocking chairs on the porch.

John Werblow - 1745 Dickson

Directions: From Hwy 151 take Hwy 19 exit and head east. Turn right onto Broadway Drive. Turn left onto Dickson Drive and continue to 1745 Dickson Drive.

John is growing a garden for all four seasons. For winter he has evergreen shrubs mixed within flower beds, dogwoods for color and walking cane for structural interest.

In spring tulips, alliums daffodils, forsythia and cherry trees are in bloom. During the summer, roses, water lilies, and various perennials and annuals are blooming. In the fall the mums, goldenrod, and fall bulbs are featured. John's other interest has been to create an active backyard garden by building a water garden, which contains goldfish but also brings in dragonflies and frogs. John has built birdhouses that attract small birds to the backyard to raise their families and planted annuals that attract butterflies and hummingbirds in August and September.

Gwen Bosben - 158 Vine St.

Directions: From Main Street on the east side of Sun Prairie turn north onto Vine St. and continue to 158 Vine St.

Walking up the front walk toward the 1918 French Second Empire home you are greeted with boxwood hedges, hosta, holly and lilac standards. A children's

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secret garden is tucked in a corner, complete with lollipop trees and formal miniature table and chairs. Continuing to the back, a rock wall will lead you to a formal garden with roses, peonies, climbing hydrangea and ferns. A two-tier fountain in the center is surrounded with a flagstone path and boxwood hedge. Antique urns brimming with annuals are found throughout the gardens. A potted herb garden is located on a small porch off the kitchen. The brick patio is shaded by a tall pine tree and has a long row of fragrant peonies along one side. To complete the Southern garden, a Charleston Juggling Board is waiting for y'all to set a spell.

Marian & Knute Villand - 193 Dewey

Directions: From Main Street (Hwy 19) on the East side of Sun Prairie turn North on Dewey St. and continue to 193 Dewey.

The garden is a mixture of sun and shade set in an established neighborhood of turn-of-the-century homes. Planting beds include over 70 varieties of hostas, along with an assortment of perennials and miniature evergreens. A gingko stands guard in the front yard, while a tri-colored beech takes center stage in the flowerbed just off the patio and a mature pin oak provides cover to a secluded corner of the backyard. A trellis with stained glass accents a climbing hydrangea, a Norwegian style grass roof arbor is the entrance to a secret garden and a stone step with an antique wrought iron gate leads to a shady path under a huge Norway maple.

Ken & Betsy Ray - 605 Pilgrim Trail

Directions: From Hwy 19 on the East Side of Sun Prairie turn left onto Muskrat Ridge Dr. and continue to Pilgrim Trail (605 Pilgrim Trail is on the corner of Muskrat Ridge Dr., and Pilgrim Trail.)

After Ken and Betsy moved to Wisconsin in December 2003 their first objective was to remove most of the lawn from their corner lot and start dozens of flats of annuals and perennials to fill in the newly created beds. That first season was a planting frenzy. Now in their third summer the garden is filled with annuals, perennials, trees, shrubs and conifers, and also contains four ponds with a stream connecting two of them, several berms, a rose arbor, two round brick patios, a potting bench, a deck and a sunroom. It wasn't long before they realized that they needed to divide the yard in half – into "his" and "hers." They leave it to the visitors to decide which is which.

Sharon Ouimette - 5735 Twin Lane Rd.

Directions: From Sun Prairie take Hwy 19 East towards Marshall. Turn right on Twin Lane Road and continue to 5735 (third house on the right).

Sharon's gardens comprise perennial beds surrounding the house, a "huge" back yard pond, and a woodland walkway. The perennial beds have a variety of plantings for both sun and shade and present continual color and interest throughout the seasons. The ¾-acre pond installed last year contains numerous aquatic marginal plants around the perimeter. In the woodland garden one can stroll along the path to a serene seating area and enjoy the peace and quiet of nature.

Meet our board—Ed Hasselkus



Ed Hasselkus is Professor Emeritus of Horticulture at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. A native of Dousman, WI, he joined faculty of UW-Madison in 1961, where he served as Extension Horticulturist - Landscape Plants and taught courses in ornamental horticulture.

He currently serves as Curator of the Longenecker Horticultural Gardens of the UW Arboretum,

where he conducts field evaluations of woody landscape plants. Ed is a member of the American Association of Botanical Gardens & Arboreta, The Conifer Society, International Lilac Society, founding member of the International Ornamental Crabapple Society, The Magnolia Society, Wisconsin Chapter, American Society of Landscape Architects (Honorary) and Board of Directors of the Bickelhaupt Arboretum, Clinton, IA. His has contributed writings to UW Extension and many professional and industry publications.

Ed's horticultural contributions have been honored extensively over the years: the College of Agricultural & Life Sciences Excellence in Teaching Award (1974) and Advisor Award of Merit (1982), The L. C. Chadwick Award from the American Association of Nurserymen (1979), The Award of Merit from the International Lilac Society (1983),

the Wisconsin Arborist Association Professional Service Award (1983), the UW-Madison Distinguished Teaching Award (1987), International Lilac Society President's Award (1991), the Chicago Horticultural Society Linnaeus Award (1991), Honorary Life Member of the International Ornamental Crabapple Society (1994), Department of Landscape Architecture Appreciation Award (1994), the Wisconsin Landscape Federation Distinguished Service Award (1995), elected to the Wisconsin Landscape Federation Hall of Fame (1997), the National Council of State Garden Clubs Award of Excellence (2000), the 2003 Award of Merit/Distinguished Career Award from the American Association of Botanical Gardens & Arboreta and the Liberty Hyde Bailey Award from the American Horticultural Society (2005).

He lists his proudest achievements as having influenced the lives and careers of about 3000 students over 33 years. Through extension programs, he has contributed a positive impact on the "green" industry, communities and the general gardening public of Wisconsin. Another great legacy is development of the Longenecker Horticultural Gardens in the University of Wisconsin Arboretum into the premier collection of woody plants in Wisconsin numbering over 2500 taxa.

We members of the WHPS continue to benefit from his knowledge and participation and enjoy the pleasure of his friendship.

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

May 20 Plant Sale Huge Success

Thank-yous are extended to so many who helped make the 2006 WHPS Plant Sale a success: Sandy and Denny Allen for allowing us use of the Pet Lodge (and Denny for transport and setup of tables); Ruth Cadoret for coordinating so efficiently the plant digs that provide us with the plants for the sale; Jeannette Golden for coordinating the volunteers for the sale setup and sale day; Bill Hoernke, Nell Cummings and Diane Scharkey for delivering soil to the dig hosts; Laurie Zimmerman for running a very organized and efficient check-out during the sale; Robert Quick for again helping to provide us with colorful and descriptive plant signs; Diane Scharkey for supervising and helping with cleanup after the sale. To them and to everyone listed below (many of whom worked both days), thank you so much! —Stephanie O'Neal, Plant Sale Coordinator

Dig Hosts

John Cannon
Tom Cottingham
Ed Hasselkus
Terence Gilles
Jeannette Golden
Frank Greer
Joan Lawrence
Stephanie O'Neal
Phyllis Sanner

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And a very important thanks to all the members who came to the sale and shopped!!

Do you have a garden tip or idea for our members? Contact Stephanie O'Neal at sone2@aol.com
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