



# Perennial Notes

June 2012

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.

**June 10-19, 2012 WHPS Trip to England.** Everyone who signed up—have a great trip!

**Wednesday, June 20, WHPS/Madison Area Master Gardeners Garden Tour** in the Stoughton area, with five open gardens. For complete info, see page 3.

**Wednesday, July 18, WHPS/Madison Area Master Gardeners Garden Tour** on Madison's Eastside, with four gardens open. For complete info, see page 4.

**Wednesday, August 15,** 5:30 p.m. setup; serving at 6:00 p.m., Olbrich Commons. **Member Potluck and Summer Walk Through Olbrich Gardens.**

**Wednesday, September 19,** Barry Glick of Sunshine Farms and Gardens will present **Hellebores for Every Gardener.** Barry has been involved in the plant world since the age of five in



1954, when *Mr. Wizard* planted the seeds of his future gardening. In 1972, he bought 60 acres of a mountaintop in Greenbrier County West Virginia, where he gave birth to Sunshine Farm & Gardens, started his plant collection, and has remained there since. Barry has spent the last decade combing the Earth for new germplasm to enhance the bloodlines of his *Helleborus x hybridus* strains. Virtually every species within

the genus is also grown. Barry maintains more than 50,000 flowering size stock plants for seed production. **Note:** *Barry will be supplying hellebores from his nursery for purchase at the talk!*

**Sunday, September 23, WHPS 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.

**Wednesday, October 17,** Lee Somerville of Sturgeon Bay, WI will discuss her book, ***Vintage Wisconsin Gardens.*** (Joint meeting with Madison Area Master Gardeners) In the 19th and early 20th centuries, as Wisconsin's population moved from farmsteads into villages, towns and cities, the state saw a growing interest in gardening as a leisure activity and a source of civic pride. In ***Vintage Wisconsin Gardens: A History of Home Gardening,*** Wisconsin Historical Society Press Author Lee Somerville introduces readers and audiences to the region's ornamental gardens of that period, showcasing the "vernacular" gardens created by landscaping enthusiasts for their own use and pleasure. The Wisconsin



State Horticultural Society, established during the mid-19th century, was the primary source of advice for home gardeners. Through carefully selected excerpts from horticultural society articles, Somerville shares the excitement of these gardeners as they traded cultivation and design knowledge, and explored the possibilities of their avocation. Women were frequent presenters at the horticultural society annual meetings, and their voices resonate. Their writings, and those of their male colleagues, are a remarkable legacy we can draw on today—learning how Wisconsinites past created and enjoyed their gardens helps us appreciate our own.

**Wednesday, November 14, Plant Introduction Process: Do You Have the Hot New Plant?** with speaker Angie Treadwell-Palmer, Plants Nouveau, Charleston, SC. Treadwell-Palmer (a.k.a. Plantweenie) has a Bachelor of Science in Ornamental Horticulture and Landscape Design from the University of Delaware. Her career has spanned almost every aspect of gardening, garden design and teaching folks how to garden with plants—especially natives. She's the founder and now team partner in Plants Nouveau, LLC., in Charleston, SC. She travels around the World searching for new plants to introduce. The motto of Plants Nouveau is "Responsible introductions. Making tomorrow's gardens possible." Plants Nouveau is known for its wild and colorful marketing, yet very thoughtful and jam-packed with information to help growers and consumers succeed with their new plants. Plants Nouveau is the fashionista of the new plants world. Before embarking on her own, she managed the staff and development of half of the collections at the U.S. National Arboretum in Washington, DC, as well as their Elite Plant Introduction Program. She also curated the Introduction Garden. She was a perennial buyer/grower for one of the largest retail garden centers on the East Coast, Homestead Gardens/Growers, in Davidsonville, MD. For three years, she managed the Plant Introduction Program for Chicagoland Grows®, Inc., the plant introduction program of the Chicago Botanic Garden and the Morton Arboretum. She served an even longer term as the Director of New Products for one of the largest wholesale nurseries on the East Coast, The Conard-Pyle Co.

**Wednesday, December 12, Annual Meeting, Member Potpourri, Seed Exchange.**

### 2012 WHPS Bus Trips **SOLD OUT!**

**July 28—Private Milwaukee gardens**

**Aug 10-12—Exploring Chicagoland's Garden Treasures**

Thanks to everyone for registering early. Have an idea for a trip? Email us at WHPS05@yahoo.com.

## Another Great Plant Sale!

Our May 19 Plant Sale brought in over \$5600 in just three hours! Volunteers worked tirelessly the day before the sale to receive and arrange the plants, and the plants looked beautiful—the dig hosts and volunteers did a great job of potting and protecting them until the day of the sale.

We were grateful to once again have our sale at the West Madison Agricultural Research Station—excellent parking, space for a rain or shine sale—and if you haven't stopped out to enjoy and learn from the display gardens, stop by and take a walk around. (See note at right for current information on this valuable resource.)

All of our leftover plants were donated to Habitat for Humanity—they will sell them at their second plant sale and heel in the others at the Restore for future plantings at the Habitat homes. Thank you to Dan Johnson and the Habitat Green Team—we are happy to donate our plants go to such a valued community organization.

### A lot of thank-yous

To **Linda Marx**, Dig Coordinator—we wouldn't have a sale without her organizing and keeping things moving—it's a lot of soil hauling and buying and phone calls and emails to get volunteers where they need to go and having enough help where needed. To **Jeannette Golden**, Volunteer Coordinator—for her excellent organizing and strategizing to keep the volunteers busy and the setup moving forward. Special thanks to **Lynn Belanger** and **Linda Brazill** for taking on the daunting task of getting the plants in final order and arrangement—never an easy job and we appreciated their willingness to take it on. A huge thanks to **Kathy Haupert** for supervising the cashiers and checkout at the sale—smooth running and excellent accounting in record time!

To all the volunteers (see below), thanks for another great sale!

## Support the Display Gardens

We have just learned that the Display Gardens at the West Madison Agricultural Research Station are only being funded by the University of Wisconsin through the end of the year.

The gardens are an important resource for educating and communicating practical and useful gardening techniques through display and demonstrations. They are a showcase of university expertise and the availability of UW Horticultural resources and offer a unique mix of scientific research, trial and display.

They also offer secondary benefits, donating food to foodbanks and offering divided plants to organizations such as Habitat for Humanity.

Students, volunteers, master gardeners—all have benefited from the hands-on experience the gardens offer year round.

And don't forget the aesthetic pleasure the community derives by enjoying this beautiful space.

If you agree that this is a program worth preserving, please contact *Dwight Mueller, Director of the Ag Research Station*, at [dhmuelle@wisc.edu](mailto:dhmuelle@wisc.edu). to express your support and encourage the continuation of funding for the Display Gardens.

### We need pots!

The plant sale is over and WHPS is starting to collect pots for next year's sale. We are looking primarily for 4-inch wide pots that are 4- and 5-inches tall, but the shorter round pots and regular gallon pots are also needed.



If you have pots to contribute, email Stephanie O'Neal at [sone2@aol.com](mailto:sonne2@aol.com).

## Thank you to our volunteers and congrats to the prizewinners!

Lois Anderson  
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Aleta Barmore  
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Nell Cummings  
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Anthony Ernst  
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Ann Fuhrman  
Jane Gahlman  
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Gregg Haupert  
Mary Hegge  
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**TurtleIsland**  
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Corrie Norman  
Donna Nosek—  
**WINNER**—\$25 Gift Cert.  
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Eleanor Rodini—  
**WINNER**—Martagon Lily Tile,  
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Barbara Schuette  
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Jackie Winchester  
Stacey Wright  
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Linda Zelewski

**Thank you to our  
member businesses for  
their prize donations!**

**Jean Hudkins, 845 Hwy 138, Stoughton**

Sixteen years ago I moved into my rustic house built in a bare alfalfa field. Now the house is surrounded by a woodland, with areas of native ground covers, meadows, wet areas, and beds of traditional garden perennials. An abundant supply of paths leads through the varied shapes of the landscape. A nearby flock of chickens, an organic vegetable garden, and six Scottish Highlander cattle complete the country scene. **Directions:** Head south from Madison on Hwy 51. At the second light in Stoughton (Wells Fargo Bank, about 11.8 miles from the beltline), turn right on Hwy 138 South. Jean is 2 miles out, on the right side of the road. Park in the grass along the driveway, in the mowed field to the north, or along the neighbors' driveway directly to the south.

**Jim Ottney and Jay Hatheway, 217 W. Washington St., Stoughton**

Our garden, though one block from downtown Main Street and adjoining a strip of parking lot along the river, is a private, cool, shaded escape. Over the past 25 years, what was once a weedy dumping ground, then a full lawn, has now been whittled down to one bright grass patch while paths through the flower beds link intimate seating areas. Sculpture, large ornamental pots and water features accent the roughly 300 varieties of hosta, the ferns, the prolific lilies and the mix of perennials and annuals that provide splashes of color throughout the seasons after the several thousand under-planted tulips, daffodils, and other spring ephemerals have faded away. A small area at the front has sufficient sunlight to feature a smattering of grasses and sun-loving perennials.

**Directions:** From Jean's, return to Hwy 51 in Stoughton and turn right. At the next light (one block), turn left on N. Page St. and right on W. Washington. Jim and Jay live in the red house at the end of the street on the right. Park on the street or in the parking lot.

**Memory Garden, S. Page St., Stoughton**

Easily visible and accessible from the street, there is a lovely little public garden on S. Page Street just a block off Hwy 51. This community garden, a collaborative effort between the neighborhood and the City of Stoughton, is tended by Giovanna and Richard Lazzaro and other volunteers. The garden, developed in memory of Giovanna's mother, consists of brick walks, a fountain, benches, stone sculptures, and an abundant variety of perennials and shrubs that bloom from spring through late fall. **Directions:** After leaving Jim and Jay's garden, continue on Page St. across Hwy 51 to access this garden.

**John Beutel, 850 Hwy 51, Stoughton**

I'm fascinated by the beautiful, more formal gardens of Europe, but an old one and a half story clapboard farmhouse with a 150 year old Norwegian log cabin under the clapboards of the original part of the house is not particularly conducive to such a garden. My garden is informal with a few formal accents: a few clipped boxwoods, urns, American hornbeams, and some geometrically laid out raised beds. This incarnation of my garden began ten years ago with my retirement and features a small pond, a waterfall, walls of indigenous stone from the property, a small constructed stream with a small food bridge, and pathways. The plant materials include dwarf conifers, interesting small deciduous trees, a few annuals, houseplants, perennials, a dozen raised beds full of vegetables and a small cutting garden. **Directions:** Head south from Madison on Hwy 51. John's house faces 51 at the east edge of Stoughton (about 1.8 miles east of Page St.), but his driveway is left off Spring Rd. Park on Spring Rd., NOT on 51.

**Bill Hoernke and Clay Perone, 2218 Schroeder Lane, Stoughton**

Well, it all started with a few hosta plants from a friend. I put them under the oak trees and they looked great. After a little while, another hosta bed popped up here and another one there. I fell in love with these easy to maintain plants and became obsessed! I then started to realize that there were other plants and shrubs that I could use in my gardens. My goal lately has been to improve the soil and reduce maintenance. **Directions:** From John's, continue east on 51 away from Stoughton. At the next intersection (one mile), turn left onto Pleasant Hill Rd. After ¼ mile, turn left on Schroeder Lane. Bill and Clay live at the end of Schroeder Lane. Park near the house or in the grass along the gravel road.

**Judy and Don Crandall, 491 Windwood Cir, Edgerton**

I think of our yard as an acre stroll garden with borrowed views of a marsh and wooded area. Twenty-three years ago we moved from a large home/small lot to a small home/large lot with retirement in mind "someday." The first areas were developed with the thought of interesting views from various rooms of the home. Mature trees including oaks, shagbark hickory, birch clumps and screenings of red pines provided large areas of shade which eventually sheltered ferns, epimedium, brunnera, hosta, heuchera, astilbes and various other families of shade plants. Japanese maples, shrubs and understory trees later provided another level to the plantings. All the red pines were taken down in November of 2010, and shade is now provided by new oaks and hickories planted by squirrels. We'll see what happens, and continue to work with nature. Dwarf conifers have sparked my interest over the years and added to the year-round shape, color and texture in the garden. A screened gazebo invites one to "sit a spell." We'll have some light refreshments for you to enjoy while strolling or in the gazebo or on the deck. **Directions:** From the Stoughton gardens, continue east on Hwy 51 toward the interstate. After about 4 miles, turn right on Hwy A at Coachman's Inn and continue straight on Albion Rd when Hwy A veers right. Go through Albion and past the Hwy 106 intersection then turn right on Bliven Rd. One block takes you to Windwood Circle to the left. Judy and Don are the 3rd house on the right.

Alternately, if you want to start at the Crandall garden, take I-90 east toward Chicago. Take Exit #160 (Edgerton) and turn right. Then right on Albion Rd, left on Bliven Rd, and left on Windwood Circle. Follow directions in reverse to the Stoughton Gardens.

Click or copy this link for a Google map of the tour locations: <http://maps.google.com/maps/ms?msid=207398341181935431513.004c0468baf6e606bfa2&msa=0&ll=42.915484,-89.220722&spn=0.011346,0.027874>

## East Side Garden Tour – WHPS – Wednesday, July 18, 2012 – 4:00 PM - dark

*If you chose to access the gardens from Monona Dr., note that although there is construction, all roads are open.*

### **Donna and Dale Freiman, 21 Ironwood Circle, Madison**

Thirty years ago, this garden, which backs up to the Elvejhem Sanctuary, was dominated by shagbark hickory trees and lined with variegated hostas. When a high windstorm destroyed every shade tree on the lot, it seemed likely that a sun garden would materialize. Unbeknownst to these beginner gardeners, the vision of a sunny perennial garden faded quickly. The woods were calling out for a recreated shade garden. More light in the garden was a perfect calling for native shrubs, conifers and small trees. After 10 years of dedicated gardening, the owners feel that they are on the right path of creating a relaxing retreat in the shade. Spring welcomes daffodils along with epimediums, primroses, bleeding hearts, pulmonarias and Virginia bluebells. Late spring and summer brings the gardens alive with Japanese maples, hydrangeas, hostas, astilbes, heucheras and hakone grasses.

**Directions:** From Stoughton Rd. (Hwy 51), turn east on Cottage Grove Rd. (Hwy BB). Turn right on Acewood Blvd. Turn left on Ferris. Turn left on Ironwood Circle.

### **Lloyd and Judy Ravet, 4518 Turquoise Lane, Madison**

Small lot with mostly sun-loving plants. In spring there are daffodils, primulas, tulips, peonies (about 50 tree peonies, a couple I grafted almost 50 years ago, and almost as many herbaceous peonies). In June and early July there are various species of irises including bearded, siberian, spuria, ensata, crested, louisiana and many other including some interspecies crosses. In July for the tour there will be many daylilies (350+ varieties) almost none in large clumps due to space, a few orientpet lilies and maybe a few of the clematis will still be doing their thing. Gardens are mainly shapes that allow easy reach to accommodate hybridizing including one in the backyard in the shape of a W. About a quarter of the garden material contains my own hybrids of peonies, daylilies and irises, and my goal is to have this become over half in the near future. **Directions:** From Stoughton Rd. (Hwy 51), turn east on Cottage Grove Rd. (Hwy BB). Turn left on Acewood Blvd. Turn left on Turquoise Lane.

### **Rosemary and Tom Kleinheinz, 104 W. Lakeview Ave, Madison**

Our garden showcases the collective efforts of two hard-working, enthusiastic gardeners with an eye for the unusual. Here, you will find an eclectic collection of conifers, trees, shrubs, and other perennials such as grasses, heucheras, ferns and bulbs, as well as garden art collected from different parts of the world. The shady part of our garden contains a collection of more than 200 hostas, and paths that invite one to follow in search of other plants that thrive in shade. As an added benefit, in July and August our collection of about 250 daylilies will vie for your attention with all of their colors, shapes and sizes. Our favorites change from day to day, but are always big, bright and beautiful. **Directions:** From Stoughton Rd. (Hwy 51), turn west on Buckeye Rd. Turn left on W. Lakeview Ave.

### **Rick Deihl, 5309 Herro Lane, Madison**

Since I moved here in the fall of 1987, my landscaping has shifted from a few ratty junipers, overgrown arbs and lilacs, and a “lawn” all shaded by eight large maples and elms, to a mostly sunny “arboretum” filled with a variety of ornamental trees and grasses, shrubs, conifers, and other perennials. Split rail fencing frames the front yard, and a flagstone path leads around the south side, through an arbor and around the (temporarily) remaining large Silver Maple in the back yard. I lean toward plants with interesting foliage shape and color, with flowers as an added bonus. The “design” has tended to be symmetrical, but I’m learning! **Directions:** From Stoughton Rd (Hwy 51), turn west on Pflaum Rd. Turn left on Herro Lane.

Click or copy this link for a Google map of the locations: <http://maps.google.com/maps/ms?msid=207398341181935431513.0004c0463f9e4680dec94&msa=0&ie=UTF8&t=m&ll=43.077306,-89.306581&spn=0.031534,0.023966&source=embed>

Dear WHPS Board & Members,

On behalf of Rotary Botanical Gardens, I’d like to thank the WHPS for the generous donation of \$1,000 to help support the continued addition of new and exciting plant material at the gardens.



The consistent support of this wonderful organization has further allowed us to pursue our mission of “providing horticultural education and appreciation for everyone.” Please visit this year and enjoy all the new additions and collections including the significant augmentation of our perennial collection and conversion to a new labeling system. Thank you again for all the support. We’re looking forward to our 23rd year of existence (and many more!).

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## List of 2012 Plant Sales, Garden Tours and Events

**Thursday-Saturday, June 14-16, *Habitat for Humanity of Dane County Plant Sale—second sale of season.*** at the Habitat ReStore, 208 Cottage Grove Rd, Madison, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Prices are \$4 each or 3 for \$10, unless otherwise marked. Contact is Ann Eaves at 442-8768 or e-mail at aeaves@charter.net.

**Saturday, June 16, *Rhapsody in Bloom*** Benefit Gala, 5:00-10:00 p.m. Olbrich Gardens. Dine and drift through gorgeous summer gardens, mingle with friends throughout the lush summer gardens, then enjoy dinner under elegant white tents. For ticket information and reservations call 608-246-5616.

**Saturday, June 16, *Town & Country Garden Tour*** Garden Art and Plant Sale, Shake Rag Alley School of 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Arts and Crafts, 18 Shake Rag Street, Mineral Point WI. Take a self-guided garden tour or a bus tour with Shelley Ryan. For details and ticket purchase: [www.shakeragalley.com](http://www.shakeragalley.com).

**Sunday, June 17, *Rose Show***, noon-4:00 p.m. Olbrich Gardens. The Madison Rose Society hosts this indoor exhibit of cut roses and arrangements in all sizes and colors. Stroll through Olbrich's two-acre Rose Garden. For more information call 608-845-6063. Free and open to the public.

**Tuesday, June 19 (and July 17), *Crop Family Specifics: Brassicas and Solanaceae*** Two specialized classes will be scheduled this summer. Troy Gardens Farm Manager, Claire Strader, and Educator/Manager, Megan Cain, of Farmworks will be giving two 2-hour demonstration/talks on culture of specific families in the yard of Betsy True in rural Middleton. June 19 will reveal how to get the most out of your cauliflower, broccoli, cabbage, 6-8 p.m. *See July 17 for full info.*

**Wednesday, June 20, *WHPS Garden Tours—Stoughton Area.*** Full list of gardens, locations and directions on page 3.

**Saturday, June 23, *Oregon Garden Club Tour, Gardens Galore and More***, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Benefiting Oregon-Brooklyn Satellite's (Dane Co. Habitat) 2012 Silver Anniversary Home Build. Advance tickets \$9; day of tour \$10. Follow signs at entrances to Oregon.

**Saturday, June 23, *2nd Annual Madison Area Pond Tour***, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. The Bruce Company is hosting the 2nd Annual Madison Area Pond Tour, showcasing 13 ponds and water features in and around the Madison Area. Together with Proscapes LLC and Paradise Pond Shop, The Bruce Company is proud to display a wide variety of our best work. Each location will have a staff member on hand to answer all your questions about these water features from design to construction, and maintenance. All participants will have a chance to win a \$250 gift card to The Bruce Company Garden Center. Tickets are \$8.00 per person. A portion of the proceeds from ticket sales will be donated to Olbrich Botanical Gardens ([olbrich.org](http://olbrich.org)) and the American Family Children's Hospital ([uwhealthkids.org](http://uwhealthkids.org)). Tickets are available for purchase in several Madison locations starting June 1: The Bruce Company Garden Center, Proscapes LLC, Olbrich Gardens and at each Pond Tour stop the day of the tour.

### 2012 Longenecker Garden & Arboretum Tours & Topics

*Tours begin at 7:00 p.m.  
at the McKay Visitors Center at the Arboretum*

**Wednesday, June 6—Longenecker Horticultural Gardens Tour: *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.

**Wednesday, June 13—Native Plant Garden Tour: *Woodland, Savanna and Prairie Gardens.*** Celebrate the beginning of summer by visiting the woodland, savanna and prairie gardens. This tour provides an overview of the Wisconsin Native Plant Garden.

**Wednesday, June 20—Native Plant Garden Tour: *What's Blooming?*** Find, compare and learn about flowers on native trees, shrubs and herbaceous plants, and see what's blooming in their collection of plants native to southern Wisconsin.

**Wednesday, July 18—Native Plant Garden Tour: *Native Gardens for Pollinators.*** This tour will feature many summer-blooming species in the diverse native garden. Highlights include plants and gardening practices that support essential pollinators in urban/suburban landscapes.

**Wednesday, August 8—Native Plant Garden Tour: *Native Grasses.*** In late summer, take a closer look at color, size and features of native grasses, from tiny mustache grass to big bluestem.

**New this year! Fall tours will be held on  
Saturday afternoons, 1-3pm.**

**September 29—Native Plant Garden Tour: *Fall in the Native Plant Garden.*** Color, fruits, seeds, late-blooming plants, late-season insects—find these and more in the varied native plant gardens around the Visitor Center.

**October 13—Longenecker Horticultural Gardens Tour: *Featuring Fall.*** Don't miss the lovely range of fall color in the woody plant collection. Leaves, fruits and form will be highlighted in this tour.

**Saturday, June 30, *Open Gardens*** Joan Severa and Chris Biedermann will open their wonderful gardens on Saturday afternoon, June 30, from 2:00- 5:00 p.m. Bring a friend! No acknowledgement necessary. They live next door to each other in Fitchburg and their gardens connect. Chris Biedermann—2830 Osmundsen Rd. Joan Severa—5806 Pembroke Dr. Turn south on Osmundsen off PD (Osmundsen is between Fish Hatchery Rd and Seminole Hwy) and left on Pembroke.

**Friday & Saturday, July 13 & July 14, *Windsor area Garden Club 2012 Garden Tour.*** 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. local gardens featured. Tickets \$8.00 in advance; \$10.00 day of tour. Purchase tickets at Country Bloomer's Greenhouse, De Florist Floral & Gifts, or at any garden during the tour. call Monique at 608-846-5299. Profits donated to UW Carbone Cancer Center.

**Friday & Saturday, July 13 & July 14, *Olbrich Home Garden Tour: Featuring The Welcoming Garden.*** Friday, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Saturday, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Tour seven exceptional gardens that illustrate this year's theme, The Welcoming Garden. Homes feature colorful street-side gardens, surveying Madison's Highlands and surrounding areas, including several historic properties. Tickets are \$12 for Olbrich members and \$14 for the public, now available online, at OBG—<http://www.olbrich.org/events/homegarden-tour.cfm>, or at the tour center, Brittingham House, during the tour.

**Friday-Sunday, July 13-15, *Madison Area Iris Sale***, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Olbrich Gardens. Sale of iris rhizomes, the roots that grow into iris plants. For more information call 608-271-3607.

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2012 Plant Sales, Garden Tours and Events, continued

**Saturday, July 14, Port Washington Garden Club Annual Garden Walk.** Each garden focuses on a unique gardening perspective including hardscapes, containers, hillside gardening and a beautifully landscaped countryside. All are a short distance from the Interurban Bike Trail, making this year's walk an enjoyable bike ride from the City of Port Washington to the outskirts of the Town of Grafton. The tour includes a container garden at the Judge Eghart House downtown, which will replicate an actual garden from the Victorian era. The tour is from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tour maps, as well as menus from local restaurants, will be available at each location. Tickets only \$5 and available on the day of the walk at any of the five gardens, or at the Pebble House, 126 E. Grand Ave., in downtown Port Washington. Children and students are admitted free. Proceeds are used for the club's scholarship fund and community projects. Go to [PortGardenClub.org](http://PortGardenClub.org) for more information. Contact: Joan Stewart at 262-284-7451 or Jennifer Golemba at 262-853-2795.

**Saturday, July 14, The Midwest Chapter of The American Rhododendron Society will meet at The University of Wisconsin Arboretum** at 11:00 a.m. in Madison. *Fellow WHPS member Mike Heim will be the guest speaker and all Wisconsin Hardy Plant members are invited.* The meeting is scheduled to take place in The Visitor's Center. If you plan to attend, please confirm with Ted Nyquist at 630-215-5022 or [t.nyquist@sbcglobal.net](mailto:t.nyquist@sbcglobal.net). Mike Heim's presentation is titled *Pushing Hardiness Limits: Rhododendrons and their Companions in the Northwoods.*

**June 19 and July 17**—Longtime MAMGA member Betsy True is offering a special learning opportunity this summer on *Crop Family Specifics: Brassicas and Solanaceae*. Troy Gardens Farm Manager Claire Strader, and Educator/Manager Megan Cain, of Farmworks will be giving two 2-hour demonstration/talks on the culture of specific crop families in Betsy's yard in rural Middleton. Claire and Megan will reveal how to get the most out of your cauliflower, broccoli, cabbage; then your tomatoes, peppers, and eggplants. Betsy's backyard is a fascinating and functional suburban food production plot. With chickens, bees, orchard, berry bushes and extensive garden—it's a tour in itself! The classes will meet **June 19** (brassicas) and **July 17** (solanaceae), from 6-8 pm each evening. The two classes will cost \$26/person (total for both). Class will be limited to 20 participants. Your check, made out to Betsy True, will hold your spot. For more information or to register, contact Betsy directly at [btrue@wisc.edu](mailto:btrue@wisc.edu) by Sunday, June 10.

**Wednesday, July 18, WHPS Garden Tours—Madison's East Side.** Full list of gardens, locations and directions on page 4.

**Saturday, July 21, Rotary Botanical Gardens, Janesville, 18th Annual Home Garden Tour,** 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., rain or shine. \$10 advance; \$12 day of Tour. Tickets sold at K&W Greenery, Rotary Botanical Gardens and Patty's Plants (Milton). For details, 608-754-1779 or [rotarybotanicalgardens.org](http://rotarybotanicalgardens.org).

**July 18-August 12, Olbrich's Blooming Butterflies,** 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. daily. Experience the wonder of strolling through a tropical forest on a search for fleeting butterflies. Live butterflies emerge from chrysalises daily in the Bolz Conservatory. Children can visit stations in the outdoor gardens with their Butterfly Passport while learning fun facts. Cost \$5 for adults; \$3 for children 3-12; children 2 and under free.

**August 13-October 28, Bolz Conservatory Exhibit—Integrated Pest Management (IPM).** Olbrich Gardens beneficial insects have been used in the Conservatory since it opened in 1991, providing control of plant-damaging insects, minimizing the need of more dangerous traditional insecticides, striving for

less toxic methods of control to be more environmentally sensitive. Learn about Olbrich's methods and get ideas you can use to reduce or eliminate pesticide use at home. Conservatory is open 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Monday-Saturday, and 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$2 for the general public, free for Olbrich members and children 5 and under, free for the general public on Wednesday and Saturday mornings from 10:00 a.m.-noon.

**Saturday-Sunday, August 18-19, Wisconsin Daylily Society Daylily Sale,** 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.; Sunday, 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Olbrich Gardens. For more information call 608-221-1933.

**Saturday, August 18, Badger State Dahlia Society Dahlia Show,** noon-4:00 p.m. Olbrich Gardens. Dahlias are late summer bloomers known for their diverse forms and bright colors. Sponsored by the Badger State Dahlia Society. For more information call 608-577-1924.

**Saturday, September 22, Olbrich's Bulk Mulch Sale,** 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Bulk mulch is loose and is loaded with a tractor. Bring your own truck or trailer and Olbrich will load bulk scoops for you. Each scoop \$40 plus tax, covering about 350-square feet at a 2- to 3-inch depth. Also held on Saturday, October 6 and Saturday, October 13, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

**Sunday, September 23, WHPS Plant Exchange FREE!,** 10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Allen Centennial Garden. 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.

**Saturday, October 13 and Sunday, October 14, African Violet Show and Sale,** Saturday, noon-5 pm, Sunday, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Olbrich Gardens. African violets will be on display and for sale in the Evjue Commons. Starter plants, soil, pots, and hand-outs with growing tips will also be available. Sponsored by the Wisconsin State Council of African Violets. Portion of proceeds benefits Olbrich Gardens. Questions? Call 608-833-5552.

**Monday, October 15, Fall Quilt & Flower Show Plant Sale,** Olbrich Gardens. Beginning at noon, while supplies last. Proceeds benefit the Gardens.

**Friday, October 19, Crackle – Fire & Froth,** 7:00-10:00 p.m. Olbrich Gardens. Watch flames from bonfires dance on the Great Lawn, groove to live music, savor tasty foods from Food Fight restaurants, sip frothy Wisconsin brews. Tickets: \$15-Olbrich members; \$20-public. Food and beverages are an additional cost above ticket price. If inclement weather, event held indoors.

**Saturday, November 3, Madison Herb Society Herb Fair,** Olbrich Gardens, 9 am-2 pm. Speakers, vendors, demonstrations, Q&A station. Free! Visit [www.madisonherbsociety.org](http://www.madisonherbsociety.org).

**Saturday, December 1-Monday, December 31, Olbrich's Holiday Express: Flower and Model Train Show,** 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. daily. press! Members free. Admission general public-\$3 for adults, \$2 children ages 3 to 12. Children 2 and under-free. Admission to the tropical Bolz Conservatory is included.

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### Thank You, Rita Thomas!

On May 24, Rita opened her fabulous garden to our fellow WHPS members to celebrate the 80th birthday of Ed Hasselkus and to support the Ed Hasselkus Curator Endowment for the Longenecker Horticultural Gardens.

Thanks to Rita and her many helpers, it was a truly special and memorable occasion. We all enjoyed Rita's garden, good food & drink and lively fellowship—and raising more than \$3,000 for the endowment!

Thirty-five WHPS members boarded a Badger Coach early Friday morning for our first bus tour of 2012 to visit St. Louis area gardens.



The 2,400 acre Shaw Nature Reserve, a part of the Missouri Botanical Gardens, was our first stop where we met Scott Woodbury, curator of the Whitmire Wildflower Gardens and a former student of Ed Hasselkus, and Cindy Gilberg, staff horticulturist at the gardens. After a brief introduction, they split up our group and gave us a guided tour of the gardens. Trees, shrubs, and perennials native to Missouri are featured and used in woodland, wetland, glade, savannah, prairie and rain garden plant communities. Many of us expressed interest in obtaining seeds or plants to try in our own gardens.

Master Gardeners Carol and Dan Graven arranged for our group to visit four neighboring private gardens in Glendale, MO. Each garden's style contrasted with that of the others. The Graven's koi pond and colorful perennial and annual plantings contrasted sharply with their neighbor's formal clipped green box hedges and rectangular reflecting pool. A pass thru to a third neighbor's yard revealed a shared raised bed vegetable garden complete with boxwood parterre and topiary rabbit, and a half ton concrete frog found resting in the shady side garden was another unexpected surprise! Upon learning of our visit, a neighbor across the street also opened his garden to us.

We spent most of Saturday wandering the Missouri Botanical



Garden where the tall bearded Iris and herbaceous Peony displays were in full bloom. Seventy-nine acres of themed garden areas are found here including Japanese, Chinese, Victorian, English woodland, the Kemper Center for Home

Gardening, the Climatron conservatory featuring a tropical plant collection, and the Linnean House, the oldest continuously operated public greenhouse west of the Mississippi River.

We were excited to see the construction of several larger-than-life lighted works of art from China, all a part of the upcoming Lantern Festival, the first exhibition of its kind at a botanical garden in the US. I'm sure some of us would like to return to MOBOT this summer to view these completed lanterns on display. Additional planned stops at Gringo Jones Imports shop, Bowood



Farms, a renovated 1920's auto repair warehouse housing a retail nursery, gift shop, and café, and Cottage Gardens Nursery, a southern Illinois grower of tropicals and unusual annuals, gave everyone ample

shopping opportunities to completely fill up the empty bays under the bus with a variety of garden art, sculpture, and varied plant purchases to remember our adventure.

Many of us were pleasantly surprised with the '5:30 Kickback' cold drinks and hot dinner offerings awaiting us at the Drury Inn and Suites, as we didn't need to brave the elements to find dinner Saturday evening. Our Badger coach driver Phil, as always, went above and beyond to deliver us, and all of our cargo, safely to all of our destinations on the tour despite the changing weather conditions.

—John Cannon

### Habitat For Humanity of Dane County All About Roses

Everything is Coming Up Roses at the Habitat for Humanity of Dane County second plant sale of the season June 14–16 at the Habitat ReStore, 208 Cottage Grove Rd, Madison. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Donated by the widow of a rose bush collector, the 100 rose bushes are labeled, older heirloom, and hybrid tea type roses, priced at \$15 each or 2 for \$25.

Jaleh Esmaili was looking for a new home for 150 rose bushes that her husband had grown for more than 25 years. Dr Esmaili passed away late last year, and Jaleh was not able to continue to care for so many rose bushes. She contacted various public gardens throughout the state and eventually was referred by WHPS to Ann Eaves, the Habitat ReStore Garden contact. Jaleh lives in Friendship, Wisconsin, about 100 miles north of Madison. Ann and Dan, another volunteer, drove a Habitat van to Friendship to pick up the roses. On the way the van broke down. Two days and \$400 later, the roses were moved safely to the ReStore Garden. HFHDC is grateful to Mrs. Esmaili for her generous donation. Now you can help by purchasing these beautiful roses.

In addition to the roses, there are a wide variety of other perennials for sale including daylilies, iris, phlox, menarda, rudbeckia, sedums, and ferns. Ground covers such as vinca, pachysandra, and woodruff, are for sale. Some shrubs, herbs and edibles are also available. **Many of these plants came from another generous donor, Wisconsin Hardy Plant Society!** Plant prices are \$4 each or 3 for \$10, unless otherwise marked. All proceeds are used to help build homes for Habitat families in Dane County.

Donations of hardy perennials and plastic planting pots are welcome. To donate, please contact Ann Eaves at 442-8768 or e-mail at [aeaves@charter.net](mailto:aeaves@charter.net).

A fall plant sale is anticipated.

As many of you have heard, author and noted gardener Marlyn Sachtjen passed away April 25 at the age of 86. She was a valued member of WHPS for many years, and a great influence on gardeners in our area and across the country. To remember Marlyn, we are reprinting an article from *Weedpatch*, first published in Fall 1999.

## Landscape Legends: Marlyn Dicken Sachtjen

by Rommy Lopat

Ever since I read the book, *Marlyn's Garden: Seasoned Advice for Achieving Spectacular Results in the Midwest* (Chicago Review Press, 1990), I knew I'd like to someday meet its author, Marlyn Dicken Sachtjen of Madison, Wisconsin. I finally had the opportunity last summer while attending the annual meeting of the WI-IL Chapter of the North American Rock Garden Society. I was, however, totally unprepared for what a charismatic woman I was about to meet—and I hadn't even been to her gardens yet! In the following all-too-short article, I have tried to capture Marlyn's irrepressible spirit and her opinions about conifers and deciduous trees (most of which she has raised from seed or cuttings), leaving discussion of Marlyn's unique gardening techniques to her book.

At the Rock Garden Society meeting, I had the additional honor of meeting ardent rock gardeners and Marlyn's friends, Panayoti and Gwen Kelaidis. When Mr. Kelaidis, who is curator of the Rock Alpine Garden and Plant Evaluation Coordinator at the Denver Botanic Garden, noted in his speech that Marlyn Sachtjen's garden "would rank among the best private botanical gardens in the United States," I really sat up and took notice of this diminutive, sassy woman.

"Honey, I just love trees!" gushes gardener extraordinaire and conifer enthusiast Marlyn Sachtjen as she races along yet another path in the 7-acre hillside garden she calls Wind 'n' View. "But I don't let anybody else prune. Happened once and I just sat down and wept. See that 35-foot river birch? I don't let anything else grow near it. It's just so beautiful that it must be admired as a work of art all by itself."

Marlyn's commentaries on the thousands of different species growing in her terraced gardens come rapidly, nonstop, like seeds catapulted out of the exploding seedhead of a prairie phlox. "Do you know the bald cypress, *Taxodium distichum*? Look at it! Now that's a tree utterly worthy of being called, 'majesty'. Of course, many trees could be called majesty, but this one rates the name all year long. It's a conifer that loses its



Wind 'n' View's creator, Marlyn Dicken Sachtjen

needles, which are so ferny and soft all summer. In the winter, it is solid bronze and all you see is its structure. I also like it because no deer will touch it. This tree is beautiful with so many different things. When I can't get anything else to work in some spot, I think, 'Oh! I can put a bald cypress there!'"

"How do I decide what tree to plant? Well, its winter structure is my first criterion. The 'Aristocrat' pear, for example, has a beautiful winter structure, but the 'Bradford' pear has a completely different form plus shiny red leaves in the fall. Lots of my trees turn red in the fall. I also like *Carpinus* and oak trees because they don't lose their leaves until March or April, but I'm not excited about maples. They're mostly weeds. *Acer ginnala* reseeds all over the place, for example. Maple and birch leaves break down so fast that they should only be planted for the mulch they create."

"I do like the Kentucky coffee tree (*Gymnocladus dioica*)—it's another 'majesty' tree. There's a fine one growing on the Capitol grounds in Madison, but I must have planted both a male and female because I started with two and got a grove; now I've planted two more groves! They have the best winter structure I've ever seen. Articulate, but only after they're 40 years old. Before that, they're extremely stark."

"I have lots of *Amelanchier* (Serviceberry), but I'm not gung-ho on them. Of course, I don't have the proper setting for them, so I may be too critical. I think they're unruly. They don't hold their leaves and they mildew easily. I think the nurserymen are pulling our legs, too. I think all the cultivars are simply *Amelanchier laevis*. They're very bushy and not tree-like; they

re-seed all over the place, and they can't stand any trouble: mine have already lost their leaves because they can't stand being dry—the drought we've had this summer has been terrible. And don't you think it's a bad sign if perennials don't want to grow around them?"

"I love arborvitae, though. The gold colored ones look great in a winter garden. 'Smaragd' holds a good green color all winter. You'll have to hoop this tree with a 6' wire cage, though, since the deer love arborvitae. Before I put up the solar-powered electric fence [TWG Editor: manufactured by Hallman], deer got to my arborvitae, but it's filling in nicely. Arborvitae [*Thuja*] is one of the few evergreens that will recover from serious cropping. I'd much rather see arborvitae used in gardens than junipers. Junipers have really come off my totem pole. They just get cedar rust on everything."

"Pines? I love pines. I have a lot of them. *Pinus cembra*, for example, is a very slow grower with a tightly clumped and bunching habit. It looks well by steps and is very effective with outdoor lighting. Another one that looks good by steps is *Pinus aristata*—the bristlecone pine. It can live to be thousands of years old. The Mugo pines [*Pinus mugo*] are wonderful too. They tend to hold their slow-growing trait better than other pines. I like them very much, but you must know your nurseryman when purchasing them. I think a lot of Mugo's get sold as dwarf conifers when they're not."

"You see, dear, I have a lot of rocks. Thousands of them that I've brought in completely by hand. Garden conifers look very good with rocks. For example, *Chamaecyparis pisifera* 'Filifera Aurea Nana' stays gold all winter and is perfect between some medium sized stones. And conifers come in every color and shape. Once established, they tolerate a lot of dryness. Living on a steep hill, I have many raised beds—the conifers like the drainage. With them, you can forget about fertilizer, and, best of all, you can plant them as soon as the ground thaws in spring until it freezes in the fall. I buy little ones because the big ones are so expensive."

"I have a lot of magnolias too, although I can think of a lot of other trees that I like better. *Magnolia stellata* has a reasonable winter structure, but *Magnolia acuminata* x 'Elizabeth'—I love her! Old magnolias have a tremendous winter structure. Be-

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## Two Personal Observances

Marlyn Sachtjen, continued from previous page

ing from the semi-South near Cumberland, Maryland, I started trying to grow all laurel and redbuds. Did you notice all the redbud babies? Redbud adopted me with a roar! They reseed everywhere!"

"Smokebush? I love them. *Cotinus* is very difficult for the first few years. You have to put pine boughs all around—half way up the tree! *Cotinus* is much happier further south than in my Zone 4 garden, so they must be mulched well. Most seem to die in the spring rather than over the winter, and I think that's because they wake up too early. They don't like radical changes in soil temperatures—no switcheroo's for them."

"I can't imagine what I'd be doing if I wasn't gardening. I'm creating new gardens all the time. That's one way of keeping interested. Just killing "the country garden" by mulching over it with old carpet and replanting it with a new garden will give me a lift. I don't keep any problem plants. See that *Verbena bonariensis*? I yank it everywhere I see it. It'll take over here. I deadhead relentlessly, and I take everything to the dump. No compost pile. If I didn't deadhead, I wouldn't have a garden, I'd just have a colossal mess! And I burn all winter. I use a torch and I clean up the daylilies, the iris, the grasses. Say, don't you think these people that rake are total fools? In two years, they'd have compost 6" deep if they'd just leave those leaves lay."

"There are some plants I call "echelon" plants. Meadow-rue is an "echelon" plant. They're very versatile, and they make excellent tall vertical accents. The one with yellow puffs (*Thalictrum flavum ssp. glaucum*) is very nice, but the native *Thalictrum dasycarpum* is the most beautiful of all. Honey, make sure you plant them all to the east so they'll get afternoon shade."

"I love all kinds of plants, but trees totally captivate me. After 30 years of living here, I can really see the effect of my pruning and training. Dappled shade is what I'm after, and I think that people who are unhappy with their shade gardens are unhappy because they didn't take time to prune and the shade is too dense. You must make the supreme effort to prune properly, beginning when a tree is seven years old and then continuing for the next ten years. When you start trees young and watch them mature—when you observe them at 10-year intervals—then you can really get a sense of how fascinating they are. You can really get hooked on them!"

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I probably met Marlyn 25 years ago—introduced to her by Ed Hasselkus and then for about ten years made a number of pilgrimages to her garden, including several WHPS and Rock Garden Society garden tours. I was amazed that her obituary did not mention her book—*Marlyn's Garden* which is a great read for gardening in the Madison area and full of garden tidbits.

She was unforgettable, especially on your first meeting with her—she did not withhold criticism and spoke her mind freely as she "sized you up." She often disagreed with WHPS speakers and was uninhibited in letting them know this. Once she brought her garden group to tour my garden when I was not able to be at home, she was complimentary but left me two pages of questions on the plants—she was not a shade gardener.

She had a plant sale at her house for many years in the late spring but again, there was little for the shade garden except right around the house. I will never forget the garden that went up the hill to the garden house on the East side of Wind 'n' View. In the month of June it was an ocean of many colored lupines and thousands of gas plants in full bloom. I remember her husband Bill demonstrating why gas plant was called so with a lighted match.

As I recall, there is a picture of this hillside in Pam Wolfe's book on *Midwest Gardens* in case you never got to behold this sight. And later in the summer the bloom in the prairie garden was a knock out. After her husband Bill died, she decided that the only things that really outlived anyone were trees, and she devoted her self to turning much of Wind 'n' View into an arboretum in Bill's memory.

And who could ever forget her use of discarded carpeting? The best present you could ever bring her was a pick up truck full of used carpeting (I did this once). You would have areas of gorgeous blooms next to large areas of the garden covered with old, ratty carpeting, for either future replanting or claiming additional space for her garden.

And I remember her war against that weedy yellow flowering oxalis, which was the "plague" of her garden, as she often exclaimed on a garden tour.

I still have the memory of watching her pat seed into the open ground as this was her favorite method of propagation. She traded seed with many folks by mail including Panayoti Kelaidis at the Denver Botanical Garden who married a Madison gardener. I believe this was the source of one of her signature plants-- *Gilia aggregata* with its tall orange spikes emerging from masses of feathery foliage. I hope WHPS sunny gardeners still have some of this plant which I believe was a biannual.

—Frank Greer, 4/26/12

I toured Marlyn's garden with the WHPS in the early 2000's and was amazed at the size of it and the variety of plants there. Several things stood out:

- > The row of redbud trees along the upper east side of her garden.
- > The prairie to the south that she said was home to a pair of sandhill cranes every year.
- > The rock garden area.
- > The carpet remnants she used on pathways to keep the weeds down.
- > The cottage garden feel with flowers everywhere.
- > And my favorite remembrance: the many small flowered clematis throughout her garden. I think that was my first exposure to the wonderful variety of small-flowered clematis. I now have several in my garden!

—Jane Gahlman, 4/28/12

### Severa Garden Assistance Needed

Joan Severa is in need of some assistance with dividing and removing some plants from her garden.

There are some good flowering groundcovers, some perennials, a few hostas, epimediums, etc.

Joan says, "It would be a BIG help if I point, and you dig!"

If you are looking for some nice plants and can help, call Joan Severa at 271-5778.

## Allen Centennial Gardens' Friends Group Started!

Allen Centennial Gardens has been a local asset since 1989 for Madison, Wisconsin, Midwest gardeners and those interested in horticultural education. Many people do not realize is that the Gardens are 100% self-funded for the operational budget—including all salaries and benefits. No state taxpayers' money goes into operations and we are proud to be able to offer this asset at no charge. Funding to date has been through an endowment, annual donations and money we can raise through renting the Gardens for events such as weddings. We are now ready to support the future of the Gardens with additional funding raised by a "Friends" group. A steering committee has formed to find ways to promote the Gardens and provide additional funds. Committees are forming to help accomplish these goals. If you are interested in volunteering and have skills to contribute, think about joining. *Please spread the word* to others who might be interested.

**PR/MARKETING**—Find ways to promote the Gardens and raise awareness. Develop a membership program—experience with an email service (like Constant Contact), strong computer/organizational skills, Advertising and trade show interest/experience helpful.

**EVENTS**—In 2013, we would like to hold a fund raising "party" in the gardens, and we are thinking of a Sunday afternoon event. Other ideas for future fund raising based on events might be educational symposia, trips, plant sales, etc.

**VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE**—In lieu of a volunteer coordinator, we feel a volunteer committee would greatly assist the director in soliciting and managing volunteers and volunteer programs including incentive and reward programs.

**GRANTS/FOUNDATION COMMITTEE**—Search out sources and write both grants and required follow-up reports. If you have experience in obtaining grants, or even a strong interest in working with those who do, we can use you!

We want to ensure that we can continue to serve the community in the future. Participation in these committees could be critical to that future. Please let us know if you are interested and pass the word! We sincerely appreciate it! You can contact director Ed Lyon at [eslyon@wisc.edu](mailto:eslyon@wisc.edu) or (608) 576-2501.

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### Members in print

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- > Sunday, May 27, *Wisconsin State Journal*—Doug Moe's column—"Paradise' will go on, thanks to Ed Hasselkus."
- > Spring 2012 issue of *Country Gardens*—nice profile on Bill Thomas, and he mentions Ed Hasselkus as a mentor.
- > Barb Herreid's garden on the *Fine Gardening* Website. <http://www.finegardening.com/item/22084/reader-photos-barbs-garden-in-wisconsin>
- > Linda and Bruce Christensen's Middleton garden is featured on page 36 of the June 2012 issue of *Garden Gate* magazine.

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