
Events Calendar

Soup & Travel Sights Series

January 21
February 4
February 18
5:30 – 7:00 pm

Art in the Gardens

February 25 – March 18
Opening Reception:
February 28
1:00 – 3:00 pm

Growing Green Symposium

April 24
Guest Speaker: Daniel Dix
Woodspirit Gardens
Backus, MN

Gardens of the Fox Cities Awarded Bridge Grant

The Gardens of the Fox Cities was recently awarded a \$5,000 Bridge Grant for general operating support from the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region, Inc. We are most grateful to the Foundation's Board of Directors for creating this grant program to help non-profit organizations during this challenging economic time.

Volunteer Appreciation

In early November, we honored two of our volunteers for their commitment to the Gardens. Mike Turner was awarded Volunteer of the Year and Judy Davis received the Silver Leaf Award for her work in our children's programs. Congratulations, Mike and Judy and thank you!



Mike Turner



Judy Davis

We would like to take this opportunity to express our heartfelt gratitude to each and every person who has volunteered at the Gardens in 2009. We are excited about the plans for 2010 and hope all of you will continue to be a part of the Gardens' future.

Gardens Accepting Facility Reservations for 2010 Events

Whether planning a wedding, retirement party, birthday party, or a gathering for any occasion, Gardens of the Fox Cities offers an ideal site. The **Scheig Learning Center**, a Frank Lloyd Wright design, is available for rental year-round. This unique building features a Great Room complete with a waterfall feature, soaring timbers and skylights indicative of Wright's influence—all overlooking the stunning scenery of beautiful outdoor Display Gardens.

The **Fragrance Garden**—a brick terrace extending from the south side of the Scheig Learning Center to the Fragrance and Wildflower Gardens—provides a lovely garden venue for wedding ceremonies and garden parties. This area can accommodate up to 110 people. In case of inclement weather, the Scheig Learning Center is included as an alternate site for Fragrance Garden events.

The **Great Lawn** is located just beyond the outer border of the Display Gardens. This grassy clearing in view of the gardens can accommodate a 60' by 90' tent (not included) and is suitable for larger ceremonies and events.

To assure your event is a success, the Gardens has partnered exclusively with **Marshall Florist** to assist with scheduling and coordinating your event. Please contact **Marshall Florist** at (920) 766-0900 or marshallflorist@aol.com for more information about pricing, availability and menu options.

Down & Dirty in the Gardens – Happy New Year 2010!

Danette McMurrin, Botanical Garden Manager

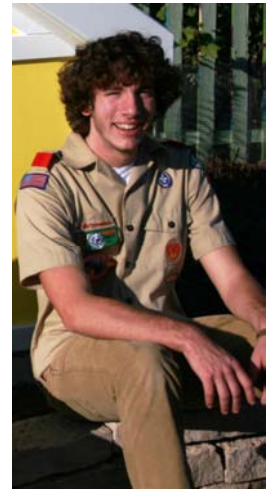
With the onset of the New Year fast approaching, I decided this would be a good time to reminisce and talk about some of the enhancements that have been made to the Gardens in 2009.



Let's start with the addition of our new Visitor Information Kiosk, which is located near the entrance to the main walkway. The Gardens was awarded a Capital Development Grant through the Fox Cities Convention and Visitor's Bureau, which provided for the development and installation of the kiosk. The kiosk contains information about upcoming events and programs at the Gardens, as well as points of interest in Appleton and the surrounding area.

The Gardens also installed three new signs this year to address garden etiquette. The guidelines address issues such as "no smoking" in the Gardens, "not picking flowers or plant materials," and "staying out of ponds, water features, and display gardens." The care and upkeep of our beautiful gardens and grounds requires much time and effort for both staff and volunteers. By observing these guidelines, everyone will continue to enjoy the gardens and we can assure visitors' safety and protect the gardens.

Finally, one of the items that I am most proud of and think everyone will really enjoy seeing is our new green-roofed dog house. The dog house was an Eagle Scout project completed by Paul Grode of Troop 104 from St. Al's in Kaukauna. Paul worked with me on the design and colors of the dog house, and it is absolutely fabulous! For those of you who may not know what a green roof structure is, the roof is specially built to support trays that have drainage, a special potting formula and perennials—such as Sedum, that can take the growing conditions. This roof is a great example of how to capture rainwater and minimize run-off. It is a small but excellent example of how we can make a positive impact on our environment.



Paul Grode



Educational Classes

Registration required for most classes.

ADULT CLASSES

Fishing for Birds

January 20
6:00 – 7:30 pm

Valentine's at the Gardens

February 11
6:30 – 8:30 pm

Steps to Successful Vegetable and Fruit Gardening

March 23
6:30 – 7:30 pm

Pruning Trees and Shrubs

March 27
8:30 – 10:30 am

Advance Tickets for Garden Expo 2010

The 2010 Garden Expo will be held February 12th, 13th, and 14th in the Exhibition Hall at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison. This is the 17th Annual Wisconsin Public Television Garden Expo. (19,946 attendees in 2009.)

Visitors may choose to attend more than 100 educational seminars and demonstrations on gardening, lawn, and landscaping topics and enjoy hundreds of different exhibitor booths.

Gardens of the Fox Cities is pleased to be serving as a Garden Expo ticket outlet.
1 day advance ticket: \$6
2 day advance ticket: \$10
Sold through February 11.

Rosemary Trettin Creates a Legacy at Gardens of the Fox Cities

Wish List

Gardens of the Fox Cities accepts in-kind donations of needed supplies, equipment, and services. Donated items keep our administration costs down and donors may be eligible for a tax donation. If you are interested in purchasing an item or contributing toward an item, contact Sandy Paulus, Development Director, at (920) 993-1900 or spaulus@gardensfoxcities.org.

Telephone System Upgrade

Our current system was not designed to handle our present needs. Upgrading to a new system will enable the Gardens to offer better customer service.

\$1,500

Membership Brochures

New brochures are being developed to support our Friends of the Gardens' and Business Partners Programs. Donations will help offset printing costs.

\$1,000

Digital Photo Frame

A digital photo frame for the Gardens' lobby will highlight changing garden scenes and inform visitors about educational programs and events.

\$300

Display for Plant Sales and Gift Shop

A wrought iron garden cart or display on wheels will promote year-round sale of apparel, note cards and unique gifts for the garden lover.



"Just like plants in a garden, we should bloom wherever we are planted."

Rosemary Trettin

Rosemary Trettin credits her parents for teaching all of their children a deep appreciation of nature and the importance of giving back to the community. She recalls, as a young child, the joy of planting tulips with her mother, helping cultivate the family vegetable garden, and growing lots and lots of flowers.

"I learned the meaning of 'bloom' at a young age," Rosemary says, "and it has remained

an important word throughout my life. My father always said 'leave something better than how you found it.' It 'rubbed off', and my life has centered on blooming wherever I was planted."

Over the past 80-plus years, Rosemary has enjoyed a rewarding career as a high school Speech and English teacher. And, as a 50-year member of the National Catholic Society of Foresters (NCSF), a fraternal life insurance society, Rosemary also had the opportunity to be elected from the office of local court president to national director and then from national vice-president to national president. "My teaching career and NCSF experiences are highlights of my life that I will never forget," she says.

Rosemary has also served as a volunteer at Gardens of the Fox Cities and numerous other organizations, hosted forensic contests, coordinated local and national conventions—and traveled the world to visit beautiful gardens.

In 2006, Rosemary realized a life-long dream when she established the Serenity Butterfly Garden at Gardens of the Fox Cities. The garden is dedicated to Rosemary's parents, August W. and Elizabeth C. Trettin, as well as brothers Arthur and David, and sisters Betty, May, and Jeanne.

A metal sculpture of butterflies and coneflowers serves as a focal point of the beautiful display garden. An array of perennials, annuals, shrubs, and small trees provides a habitat for butterflies and their development, as well as a welcoming place of beauty, refreshment and inspiration for people of all ages. The garden also serves as an exceptional setting for a variety of educational programs—and is a favorite photography site for visitors to the Gardens.

In 2009, Rosemary extended her dedication to Gardens of the Fox Cities to an even greater level with the establishment of the *Rosemary E. Trettin Fund for Gardens of the Fox Cities* at the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region, Inc. The purpose of the Fund is to provide for the care and maintenance of the Serenity Butterfly Garden.

In talking about her decision to establish the Fund, Rosemary says that she wanted to leave a legacy for Gardens of the Fox Cities and the community—for all the beautiful memories of her parents. "Through this Fund, I will help assure that the Serenity Butterfly Garden will continue to be enjoyed—throughout my lifetime and for generations to come," she says.

Spring Fling Volunteer Sign Up

Cookie Exchange, Seed Exchange, Networking and Volunteer Sign up!!

March 22

1 – 3 pm OR 5 – 7 pm

(No registration is necessary – just “save the date” and join us in the Scheig Learning Center.)

If you’d like, SHARE cookies by bringing a dozen to swap.

If you’d like, SHARE seeds to exchange with other gardeners.

SHARE talents by signing up to volunteer!!

Give a Day! Get a Day!

In 2010, Disney wants to inspire one million people to volunteer a day of service to a participating organization in their communities and celebrate their good works by giving each of them one day admission to a theme park at Disneyland® Resort or Walt Disney World® Resort, free.

For more information, go to <http://www.handsonnetwork.org/disney>

2010 Events

As you read this newsletter, you will find new events for 2010 as well as some new educational opportunities. Many of your favorite events and activities are still planned for 2010. As usual, these events take many volunteer hours. If you’d like to assist with these events or activities, please contact Lynn Lorge at 920-968-8700 or the Gardens. We need planning committees, set up and tear down, people to work at events, volunteer in the gardens, office and more!

Earth Day Celebration

April 22

Fox Cities Blooms

April 26 – May 15

Tea & Tulips

May 5

Heirloom Plant Sale

May 15

Stems, a Summer Solstice Celebration

June 19

Get Something Growing – By Email!

We would like to “Go Green” with our Gardens’ newsletter by 2011. We are offering you the opportunity to receive the newsletter via email, rather than a printed copy.

There are many great reasons to start receiving the newsletter via email. It helps save our planet by reducing the paper and ink used in producing it. It reduces cost to the Gardens for the printing and mailing. It allows you to read it online, at your leisure!

If you would like to receive the newsletter via email, please SEND an email to Pat Angell (pangell@gardensfoxcities.org), using the email address you wish to receive the newsletter at. You will be added to the email list and will begin receiving the newsletter electronically.

Wanted: Adults to Take Part in the Heinz Wholesome Memories Intergenerational Gardening Program

The Gardens is seeking up to four adults (parents or grandparents) to garden with adolescent family members of any age during the 2010 growing season. We are seeking adults who wish to build lasting memories with their children or grandchildren who also agree to allow the Gardens of the Fox Cities to apply for a Heinz Wholesome Intergenerational Garden award. Each family will be allotted one of the Marvin’s Garden’s plots for the year and participants must allow photographs to be taken of themselves and their youth garden partner. Anyone interested or if you know of someone else who may be interested in this special gardening opportunity, please call Ann Hiltunen at 920-993-1900 by January 4, 2010.



CHILDREN'S CLASSES

Potpourri Making Workshop

January 30
9:30 – 11:00 am

Learn all the steps in making potpourri. Everyone will make potpourri to give to that special someone as a Valentine's Day gift!

Instructor: Pat Day
Friends of the Gardens: \$6
General Public: \$12

Plants/Earth is Our Home

March 20
9:00 – 11:00 am

All Brownie-aged girls and youth ages 8 – 10 are invited to learn about plants, how to reduce, reuse and recycle and how to become earth's caretakers.

\$6 per person

Outdoor Creativity/Plants and Animals

March 20
1:00 – 3:00 pm

All Junior Girl Scouts and youth ages 11 and up are invited to take part in this clinic. While using nature as an inspiration, youth will participate in a number of creative activities as well as learn about the large roll plants and animals play in our everyday life.

\$6 per person

Get Something Growing! In Children's Education

Ann Hiltunen, Children's Education Coordinator

Gardens of the Fox Cities is pleased to announce a wonderful slate of educational programs for the upcoming year. From the novice to the more experienced gardener, there is something to inspire everyone to incorporate plants and nature into their backyards and lifestyles. Again this year the Gardens will be offering a variety of opportunities for children, families, youth and school groups to learn about plants and gardening, as well as to explore the wonders of nature and be active outdoors.

Gardening remains one of the top hobbies in the nation. People not only enjoy the beauty of plants and landscapes, but also the new experiences and rewards that gardening offers. Gardening is both a relaxing pastime and a healthy, low impact form of exercise for all ages- and what a wonderful way for families to spend time together.

Thank you to our presenters who often times volunteer their time to help the Gardens bring these important educational opportunities to our community. We are also grateful for the continued support of The Plant Station Greenhouse in underwriting the coordination and promotion of these classes. As an added bonus, participants in adult classes receive a \$5.00 Garden Bucks Coupon (courtesy of The Plant Station Greenhouse) for each class they attend!

For class dates and times, see the Adult Class listing.

Fishing for Birds

Learn about all aspects of attracting and feeding birds in your backyard. Marie Rohrer, owner of Go Wild With Birds, LLC, will cover types of feeders and kinds of feed to use. She will bring samples and asks you to bring your feeders, as well as any questions you may have. Friends of the Gardens \$6; General Public \$14

Valentines at the Gardens

Learn all about chocolate in and out of the garden. The cocoa plant has an exotic history as an aphrodisiac, food, medicine and currency. Join Jackie Johnson, NEW Herb Society, as we follow the cocoa bean from America to across the globe. A number of chocolate flavored and colored plants for the Wisconsin gardener will be discussed. Remember to save room for dessert- the chocolate will be flowing and available for tasting!!!! Friends of the Gardens \$12; General Public \$20

Steps to Successful Vegetable and Fruit Gardening

Lucy Valitchka, Outagamie County Master Gardener Volunteer, will demonstrate and point out the steps she follows to grow vegetables & fruits. She will cover everything from getting started to the harvesting of crops. Lucy is beginning her 46th year of home gardening and is eager to share secrets: success as well as failures. Friends of the Gardens \$6; General Public \$14

Pruning Trees and Shrubs

Proper pruning of trees and shrubs is as much a science as it is an art. Learn the how's, when's and why's of pruning to improve the health and aesthetics of the trees and shrubs in your backyard during this hands-on demonstration and discussion with Mike Stanonik, City of Appleton Arborist. Great for those new to pruning or as a refresher course. Friends of the Gardens \$6; General Public \$14

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Winter Events at the Gardens

Soup & Travel Sights Series

The Gardens is launching a new recreational and educational series this winter. Come early to hike the trails, or cross country ski on our 35-acre site. Then come inside and enjoy delicious, homemade soup and hearty bread served by some of the finest restaurants in the area. When you're toasty warm, let your imagination roam as you listen to programs highlighting travel destinations around the world brought to you by some great travel guides. Advance registration \$5 per person; \$7 per person at the door. Space is limited to 50 people per event.

Join us from 5:30 – 7:00 pm on one or all of the following nights!

Thursday, January 21 – Soup provided by Zuppas Restaurant with Travels in Burma by Wayne & Dorothy Stoflet.

Thursday, February 4 – Soup provided by Wave Bar and Ballroom with Travels in Scotland by Jackie Johnson. Sponsored by Odyssey Travel.

Thursday, February 18 – Soup provided by Stone Cellar Brew Pub with Travels in India by Dee Dalum and IndUS.

Art in the Gardens

Mark your calendars and plan to attend *Art in the Gardens*! This non-juried exhibit is being hosted by Gardens of the Fox Cities, in cooperation with The Appleton Art Center and Designing Women. The exhibit will feature two dimensional art depicting plants as found in nature or gardens. All mediums are welcome; however, no photography, electronic/computer generated/assisted or 3D art is eligible for this exhibit.

The exhibit and opening reception are open to the public. For additional information about the exhibit, please visit the Gardens' website www.gardensfoxcities.org.

February 28 through March 18; 8:30 am – 4:00 pm
Opening Reception; Sunday, February 28; 1:00 – 3:00 pm

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