
President of the Board Update

The weather was cool but did not keep our 25,000 beautiful tulips and spring bulbs from bursting into full color this Spring. What a site! For those of you that missed this year's display, put it on your calendar for next year – we are always expanding the display.

I hope you were able to attend another exciting event at the Gardens of the Fox Cities, our Summer Solstice Party on June 21, the longest day of the year. We offered a wine and cheese tasting, locally brewed ale and desserts complete with chocolate fountain. What a combo!

For all of the walkers out there, the Gardens are in the process of expanding and installing a permanent path system to the South of the Scheig Learning Center. The trail will be open year round and provide a variety of local landscape habitats. There will be signage to explain the details around every bend. All of our improvements and expansions are another step in the Master Plan process. We will keep you updated...

And last, but not least, we would like to invite you to our Gala at the Gardens event on July 26th. This is our largest fundraiser of the year and promises to be a great party. There will be great food, beautiful music, a silent auction and even dancing. See you there.

*Until next time,
Roger Van Vreede
President*

Get Something Growing!

Welcome to our first edition of Get Something Growing! – YOUR member newsletter. We hope you will find the articles interesting, useful and enjoyable.

The newsletter is intended to keep you up to date with what is happening at the Gardens, as well as give you great tips on what to do in YOUR garden.

We appreciate feedback and suggestions, and hope you will share your thoughts with us. Remember, you can always get up to date information about what is happening at the Gardens by visiting the website:

www.gardensfoxcities.org.

Get Something Growing! is more than our newsletter name. It reflects what is happening at the Gardens. Not only do we have wonderful plants, trees and flowers taking root and flourishing, we also have exciting plans being implemented. When you visit the Gardens, you will see paths being installed this summer. The paths are part of our Master Plan and will be completed this year.

Get Something Growing! reflects not only the natural growth, but the growth of the organization and the implementation of the Master Plan. We encourage you to plant a few seeds with the Gardens: volunteer at events, donate funds, join a committee, keep the gardens weed-free. Every bit helps and will help Get Something Growing!

Thank you for being a Friend of the Gardens.

Fox Cities Blooms



Calendar of Events

Yoga in the Gardens

June 18, 25, July 9, 16, 23,
30, 2008

5:30 – 6:30 pm

Yoga in the Gardens

June 19, 26, July 10, 17, 24,
31, 2008

10:00 – 11:00 am

Wednesday Lunch Cafe

June 25, 2008

11:00 – 1:00 pm

Advance registration
required.

A Year In Herbs: Tea Dyed Silk Scarves

July 9, 2008

6:30 – 8:00 pm

Advance registration
requested.

Gala at the Gardens

July 26, 2008

6:00 – 10:00 pm

Advance registration
required.

Wednesday Lunch Cafe

July 30, 2008

11:00 – 1:00 pm

Advance registration
required.

Rhythm & Blooms

Concerts

August 7, 2008

11:00 – 1:00 pm

Free!

Digital Garden

Photography

August 9, 2008

8:30 am – 11:30 am

Advance registration
required

Summer Solstice

The Summer Solstice Wine & Cheese Tasting, sponsored by Fox Communities Credit Union, was held on Saturday, June 21, 2008. .

Over 150 people enjoyed wine and cheese, local ales/sodas and a dessert table complete with a chocolate fountain. A silent auction included a wine and cheese basket, chocolates, a family fun pack filled with fun events for families, a gift card for Dinner Helpers and more!

In-kind donations come from Arla Cheese, Simon's Cheese, Atlas Coffee Mill, Festival Foods, Milestones, Club Liquor, Stone Cellar, Milestones, 1150 WHBY Radio and A Piece of Cake.



Gala at the Gardens

The Gala at the Gardens is a garden party you can't miss! Mark your calendars now for July 26, from 6 pm – 10 pm. The night will be unforgettable as you enjoy an evening filled with Latin music, silent auction items, a scrumptious dinner by The Seasons, dessert (provided by A Piece of Cake) and dancing.

Sponsors and in-kind sponsors include Bassett Mechanical, 1150 WHBY, Tundra Photography and A Piece of Cake.

Tickets are \$75 per person, \$90 per person for Patron tickets or \$700 for a table of eight. Advance registration is required. Please contact the Gardens at 920-993-1900 or visit the website at www.gardensfoxcities.org to reserve your spot now.

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Get Something Growing! In Children's Education

Ann Hiltunen, Children's Education Coordinator

We had over 1,700 students visit the gardens this Spring as part of our Plants 101 program! Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with these field trips. The Gardens of the Fox Cities would not be able to offer this program if it weren't for you.

Our first plant date for Marvin's Garden was May 28th. Children are planting vegetables, flowers and herbs. Stop by to see how the children's gardens are growing.

On July 9th children ages 4 – 12 enjoyed Bug Day. They had the opportunity to collect and observe bugs using insect nets, identification books, magnifying glasses and field journals. Eric Nooker, horticulture student from UW Madison, shared his bug collection. Tips on starting your own collection were shared.

July 23rd is Feather Friends Day for children ages 5 – 12. Students will design their own binoculars and head to the garden to spot birds in various habitats. Students will observe, identify and make entries into field journals. Pre registration is required, registration forms can be found on our web site www.gardensfoxcities.org.

Down & Dirty in the Gardens

Natalia Bjorklund, Director of Horticulture

Greetings from the gardens!

I hope everyone had a chance to visit the Gardens to see the bulbs. The 25,000 tulips and daffodils looked great, due partly to the cool weather. We have now removed the bulbs and installed over 2,700 summer annuals throughout the Gardens.

There have been two new, exciting arrivals to the Gardens recently! First, Danette McMurrin has been hired as our new Grounds Superintendent. We're excited to have her here, as an extra hand is always appreciated! Danette's main focus this year will be to complete new tree planting in the south property. The Gardens received a grant from the DNR to fund these new plantings. It should be completed by the end of this year.

Our second arrival is a new utility vehicle we purchased for the tree planting. Our new Cub Cadet is a fun, 4 x 4 with a lift bed that can haul trees, water tanks or mulch to the planting locations. It's a very helpful addition to our equipment arsenal.

We welcome volunteers to help Danette and I to plant and care for these trees, or any other part of the Garden. We'd love to have your help! Contact Lynn Lorge at 920-968-8700 or me if interested.

Gardens of the Fox Cities

is dedicated to

promoting an

understanding and

appreciation of plants

and gardens in a

beautiful, inspiring

environment.

Membership Information

Your annual gift and membership help support programming and services, as you've read about in this newsletter. The Gardens of the Fox Cities offers many different levels of membership.

Friend - \$50 to \$149

Contributor - \$150 to \$299

Patron - \$300 to \$499

Benefactor - \$500 to \$999

Founder's Circle - \$1,000 to \$2,499

Director's Circle - \$2,500 to \$4,999

Garden Leader - \$5,000+

For full membership benefits, please visit our website at

<http://www.gardensfoxcities.org/memorialparkarb/support+the+gardens/friend+of+the+gardens/default.asp> or contact the Gardens at 920-993-1900.

Volunteers Needed

Lynn Lorge, Board Member/Volunteer Coordinator

The Gardens of the Fox Cities depends on its volunteers to be successful. We currently have some volunteer needs. If you are interested in helping out, please call Lynn Lorge at 920-968-8700.

Front Desk (volunteer for one time or multiple times!)

Welcoming visitors and answering phones

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Wednesdays, 2:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Lawn Care

Needed once per week

Gala at the Gardens

Saturday, July 26, 2008

Help will be needed for set up, during the event, and for cleanup

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