



GREEN BAY

BOTANICAL GARDEN

Engage. Inspire. Refresh.

September - November 2018

**THIS GARDEN
GREW
BECAUSE OF
YOU**

Build It And They Will Come

Jonie Paye, Chairwoman of the Board
Susan Garot, Executive Director

Our Grand Garden has been a spectacular success as we have blended old with new... our Sanimax Concert Series with the Schneider Family Grand Concert Series. All generations have experienced the Garden in record numbers this summer and we've seen 2.5 times more visitors thanks to Nature Connects®. Due to the efforts of our fantastic horticulture team, our magnolia collection is now a Nationally Accredited Plant Collection™ addition to the Magnolia Multisite Collection through the American Public Gardens Association's Plant Collections Network.

YOU are the most important ingredient in our success! Whether you are a member, donor or volunteer, or maybe all three, you are helping to ensure the Garden remains viable and meaningful in our ever-changing world.

YOU have helped move the Garden toward a stronger financial position, ensuring we can continue to deliver on our mission. We remain good stewards of your gifts, and value what we have accomplished together. In the fiscal year ending April 30, 2018, you helped us engage with a record number of new members, class participants, school groups, families and general visitors in our Northeast Wisconsin community and beyond.

We continue to prepare for the future and intend to reveal our master plan priorities in the coming year. As always, we welcome your input as we grow our Garden together. Thank you for your continued support and love of this special place. Your impact is truly felt here every day!

On behalf of our entire Garden family, we want to thank our staff, volunteers, members, donors and Board of Directors for your many contributions. We are grateful to all who help us connect people with plants in an environment that inspires, engages and refreshes in so many ways.



Serve Your Community as a Board Member

Each year the Garden seeks candidates for board service. Terms are for 3 years, and each member is eligible to serve up to 3 terms or a total of 9 years. This year, all eligible board members agreed to serve another term and, very unique to this year, there are no directors whose terms are ending. If you or someone you know is interested in board service, we would be happy to speak with you further about the responsibilities and consider you for future service.

For more information, contact Susan Garot, Executive Director, at 920.491.3691, ext. 102 or sgarot@gbbg.org.

Year in Review

May 1, 2017-April 30, 2018

Green Bay Botanical Garden is a 100% community supported nonprofit that connects people with plants in an environment that engages, inspires and refreshes.

OF GARDEN

Connecting Plants & People

Total of
7,954
patrons served through
educational programs

17% increase from 2016-17
including 27% increase in students
served at the Garden

Youth Education

including school tours
& outreach programs



5,307
Budding
Nature
Lovers
Served

4,360
Students
Served
at the
Garden

947
Students
Served
in the
Community

92
Schools
& Youth
Groups
Served



“I loved seeing my students interacting with the various plants and using their five senses.

Kindergarten Teacher, St. Rose-St. Mary's School”



BECAUSE GARDEN LOVERS LIKE YOU...

Family Education

enabled families to spend quality time together growing their love for plants & nature

1,117
Family Members Served

Adult Education

gave adults the opportunity to learn new skills & continue learning about the natural world

1,530
LIFELONG LEARNERS SERVED



Grew plant collections & displayed new varieties

that inspire visitors to add unique plants to their own gardens or to bask in the beauty they discover here

We now have in our collection

62,776 

Permanent Plants

3,800

Species/Cultivars

320,000

Bulbs in the Ground

5,707

Permanent Plant Labels



14,500 ANNUALS

“

These are beautiful gardens full of color & inspiration whether you are local or from afar as is true for me. Having visited hundreds of gardens around the world, I feel it rivals public gardens much greater in size.

Stephen, Visitor

”

Experimenting with Plants

Ensured the best plants make it to market while providing professional skill-building opportunities for horticulture interns

Participated in 6 plant & seed trials including the All-America Selections ornamental seed trial as 1 of 40 trial sites in the United States & Canada



Engagement & Growth in Our Community

Sustainability Inspired Visitors to Invest in Their Garden



WELCOMED
143,158

visitors from the upper Midwest & Beyond
(8% increase over 2016-17)

12%
increase in membership totaling **3,267** member households

71%
of members are engaged & renewing each year

Continued to Secure the Future

Added \$1.6 million to endowment fund, enabling the Garden to pursue exciting new opportunities

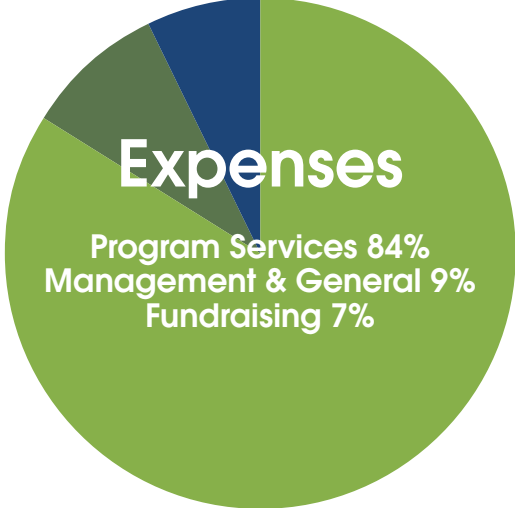


Consistently rated #2 on TripAdvisor for "Top Things to Do in Green Bay"



Net assets are now \$15.3 million including \$300,000 in renovations & the addition of the Schneider Family Grand Garden that will welcome thousands of new visitors in the coming years

"It was so lovely, my son & I wanted to live there... I'm looking forward to coming back & spending longer next time!"
Lea Ann, Visitor



"Green Bay Botanical Garden is an incredibly beautiful spot. I enjoyed the peace as I walked through the paths admiring the landscape. My soul was restored!"
Debbie, Visitor

For all people, at all times
Enriched lives in our community



802 Volunteers + 13,356 Hours
= 7 Full-Time Staff
110 volunteers donated 25-389 hours each

8,773 Visitors received **FREE** admission on free days (17% increase from 2016-17)

400 kids & their families enjoyed WPS Garden of Lights on special nights for nonprofits

256 nonprofit partners received tickets & memberships to help them raise money

FALL HAPPENINGS

See calendar for details on dates, times & prices.

Special Events

Beverage Carry-in Policy
 In compliance with our liquor license, the Garden is moving to a **no beverage carry-in policy**—this includes alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages. Bags and coolers may be searched and you may be asked to return items to your vehicle. Guests may bring in empty water bottles or other empty beverage containers to use for refills.

GRASSROOTS FESTIVAL

Sunday, August 26
 Enjoy an array of bluegrass, roots, Americana and folk music. A variety of food from Stone Arch Brewpub and beverage options will be available for purchase.

TICKET REMINDER:
 Garden Members and Non-Members, don't forget to register for your free lawn seating ticket online (*a \$2 service fee applies to tickets purchased by phone or in person*). Cowles Terrace tickets are available online, by phone or in person.
All attendees are required to have a ticket.

Visit GBBG.org/Grassroots for details.
 Presented by **TUNDRLAND** .com & in partnership with Mile of Music

FIELD TO FORK

Thursday, September 6
 Savor an elegant six-course meal prepared by Bleu Restaurant & Lounge in the beautiful setting of the Schneider Family Grand Garden, featuring locally grown produce and farm fresh ingredients. This intimate evening will also be accompanied by exquisite wines paired with each course.

Visit GBBG.org/FieldtoFork for details.
 Thank you to our sponsor **PREVEA** health

BREWS, BISTROS & BONFIRES

Friday, September 21
 Groove to live music by Steely Dane—The Ultimate Steely Dan Tribute surrounded by the glow of enchanting bonfires. Sip samplings from craft breweries before devouring food from local caterers available for purchase.

Visit GBBG.org/Brews for details.

Thank you to our sponsors

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FALL FAMILY FESTIVAL

Saturday, September 29
 Join us for our annual celebration commemorating when the Garden first opened its doors to the community! Enjoy fun activities for children of all ages, including wagon rides, fun with veggies by Bridgett Lowery of 416 Cuisine and Face Painting by Lori. Shop fall plant sales and see displays by local garden clubs. Food and beverages will be available for purchase.

Visit GBBG.org/FallFamily for details.

Thank you to our sponsors

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 Basic Sponsor  In Kind Sponsor 

WPS GARDEN OF LIGHTS

Fridays, Saturdays & Sundays
November 23-December 23
Add'l Dates: December 26-30
 Discover a spectacular array of botanically-themed light displays encompassed by more than 250,000 twinkling lights, featuring an enchanted icicle forest, glistening flowers, a dazzling 60-foot walk-through caterpillar and so much more. Enjoy this winter landscape by foot or take a horse-drawn wagon ride. Indulge in a tasty treat or beverage from the Winterberry Café, shop for gifts in the WPS Trellis Gift Shop, visit with Santa & Mrs. Claus, see the model train exhibit by the G-Gagers and warm up by the campfire.

What's new this year? Stay tuned for the unveiling of 2018's new light feature just before Thanksgiving.

Visit GBBG.org/Lights for details.

Make Your Holiday Event Glow
 Looking for an unforgettable venue to hold your holiday event? Book it at the Garden during WPS Garden of Lights! Exceed your guests' expectations as they explore our amazing display in conjunction with your private event. Rental space is anticipated to sell out for this one-of-a-kind experience—make sure to book early!

Group Discounted Rates
 Reduced-rate tickets are available for WPS Garden of Lights for groups of 25 or more. Take advantage of this special offer for employees, colleagues, clients or extended family.

To book your event or purchase tickets, contact Jessica Martin, Sales & Rental Coordinator, at 920.491.3691 ext. 113 or jmartin@gbbg.org.

FALL CALENDAR

September

Thursday, September 6

FIELD TO FORK

(R) | 5-8 pm
\$150/GBBG Member & Non-Member
Only 40 tickets available!

Saturday, September 8

Family Class: Garden Pizzas

(YF/R) | 10:30 am-12 pm
Kelle Hartman, GBBG Educator
Price includes all adults and children in your household.
\$8/GBBG Member Family
\$13/Non-Member Family

Sunday, September 9

Grandparent's Day

9 am-7 pm
Free admission for grandparents

Mondays, September 10, 17, 24
October 1, 8

Hatha Yoga

(R) | 5:30-6:30 pm
Tree Janzen
Tree's Yoga
Full Series: \$40/GBBG Member: \$45/Non-Member
Drop in per class: \$10/GBBG Member & Non-Member

Tuesday, September 11

Best Ornamental Trees for Your Landscape

(L/R) | 6-7:30 pm
Vijai Pandian
UW-Extension
Horticulture Educator
Pre-registration: \$7/Person
At the Door: \$10/Person
Presented in partnership with UW-Extension & N.E.W. Master Gardeners' Association

Wednesday, September 12

Weed & Feed

(V/R) | 5-8 pm
Thursdays, September 13, 20, 27 & October 4

Writing & Preserving Garden Memories

(W/R) | 1-2:30 pm
Betty Pearson
Former GBBG Staff
\$42/GBBG Member
\$50/Non-Member

Thursday, September 13

Hip Hop 101

(L/R) | 6-7:30 pm
Derrick Holt
Recording Engineer & Teaching Artist
All Ages
\$12/GBBG Member
\$15/Non-Member

Monday, September 17

Class 2 of 5: Hatha Yoga

(R) | 5:30-6:30 pm

Thursday, September 20

Class 2 of 4: Writing & Preserving Garden Memories

(W/R) | 1-2:30 pm

Papermaking with Nature

(W/R) | 5-8 pm
Birgit Ruotsala
Designs By Birgit Ruotsala
\$40/GBBG Member
\$48/Non-Member



Don't delay!

Register right away as classes may fill quickly. We also value our instructors' time, so classes may risk being cancelled due to low early enrollment.
Thank you!

W=Workshop
L=Lecture
YF=Youth & Family
M=Members Only
V=Volunteer Event
R=Registration Required

Friday, September 21

Garden Sprouts:

Birds of a Feather
(YF/R) | 10-11:30 am
GBBG Education Volunteer
Price per one adult and one child, age 3-5. Additional children half price.
\$8/GBBG Member
\$13/Non-Member

BREWS, BISTROS & BONFIRES

6:30-9:30 pm
Lawn Seating Ticket:
\$20/GBBG Member
\$25/Non-Member
Cowles Terrace Ticket:
\$35/GBBG Member
\$40/Non-Member
Doors open at 5 pm



Monday, September 24

Class 3 of 5:

Hatha Yoga
(R) | 5:30-6:30 pm

Wednesday, September 26

Improve Your Fitness: The Wonder of Movement

(introduction class)
(L/R) | 6-7 pm
Gail Wood
Certified Anat Baniel
Method® NeuroMovement® Practitioner
\$5/GBBG Member
\$7/Non-Member

Thursday, September 27

Class 3 of 4: Writing & Preserving Garden Memories

(W/R) | 1-2:30 pm

Saturday, September 29

FALL FAMILY FESTIVAL

9 am-7 pm | Free Admission
9 am-4 pm | Free Family Activities

October

Monday, October 1

Class 4 of 5:

Hatha Yoga
(R) | 5:30-6:30 pm

Tuesdays, October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Improve Your Fitness: The Wonder of Movement

(R) | 3-4 pm
Gail Wood
Certified Anat Baniel
Method® NeuroMovement® Practitioner
4 Week Series:
\$65/GBBG Member
\$75/Non-Member



Wednesday, October 3

Family Meal Magic

(L/R) | 6-8 pm
Bridgett Lowery, 416 Cuisine
\$25/GBBG Member
\$30/Non-Member

Thursday, October 4

Class 4 of 4: Writing & Preserving Garden Memories

(W/R) | 1-2:30 pm

Monday, October 8

Class 5 of 5:

Hatha Yoga
(R) | 5:30-6:30 pm

Tuesday, October 9
Class 2 of 5:
Improve Your Fitness:
The Wonder of Movement
(R) | 3-4 pm

Digital Audio Arts
(W/R) | 6-8 pm
Derrick Holt
Recording Engineer
& Teaching Artist
Ages 14-Adult
\$16/GBBG Member
\$20/Non-Member

Friday, October 12
Garden Sprouts:
Leaf Play
(YF/R) | 10-11:30 am
GBBG Education Volunteer
*Price per one adult
and one child, age 3-5.
Additional children
half price.*
\$8/GBBG Member
\$13/Non-Member



Tuesday, October 16
Class 3 of 5:
Improve Your Fitness:
The Wonder of Movement
(R) | 3-4 pm

Thursday, October 18
Digital Audio Arts
(W/R) | 6-8 pm
Derrick Holt
Recording Engineer
& Teaching Artist
Ages 14-Adult
\$16/GBBG Member
\$20/Non-Member

Monday, October 22
Sunrise Photography
(W/R) | 7-8:30 am
Marc Amenson
Amenson Studio
\$16/GBBG Member
\$20/Non-Member

Tuesday, October 23
Class 4 of 5:
Improve Your Fitness:
The Wonder of Movement
(R) | 3-4 pm

Thursday, October 25
Report to Our
Community
(R) | 7-8:30 am
\$5/GBBG Member
& Non-Member

Pysanky Egg
Decorating
(W/R) | 1-4 pm
Peg Savoie
Pysanky with Peg
\$30/GBBG Member
\$36/Non-Member



Tuesday, October 30
Class 5 of 5:
Improve Your Fitness:
The Wonder of Movement
(R) | 3-4 pm

November
Thursday, November 1
Vegetarian Cooking
(W/R) | 6-7:30 pm
Bridgett Lowery
416 Cuisine
\$32/GBBG Member
\$38/Non-Member

Monday, November 5
Family Class:
Hand-Crafted Garden Pot
(YF/R) | 4-5:30 pm
Kelle Hartman
GBBG Educator
*Price per one adult and one
child. Additional children
half price.*
\$8/GBBG Member
\$13/Non-Member

How to Register
Registration required for
all classes and programs
except where noted.
Register online at www.gbbg.org
or by phone at
920.490.9457. To hold your
space, payment is due with
registration.

After You Register
We will contact you the
week of the class to confirm
your enrollment. Please

Monday, November 5
Members Only Tour:
Behind the Scenes at
WPS Garden of Lights
(M/R) | 4-5:30 pm
Dave Barkow
Facilities & Maintenance
Coordinator
Free/GBBG Member

Thursday, November 8
Felting Magic
(W/R) | 5-8 pm
Birgit Ruotsala
Designs By Birgit Ruotsala
\$36/GBBG Member
\$42/Non-Member

Volunteer Appreciation
Potluck
(V/R) | 5-8 pm
*By invitation only.
Register by November 2.*
Free/GBBG Volunteer

Monday, November 12
Intro to Smartphone
Photography
(W/R) | 5:30-7:30 pm
Marc Amenson
Amenson Studio
\$16/GBBG Member
\$20/Non-Member

Friday, November 16
Garden Sprouts:
Peter Rabbit
(YF/R) | 10-11:30 am
GBBG Education Volunteer
*Price per one adult and
one child, age 3-5.
Additional children half
price.*
\$8/GBBG Member
\$13/Non-Member

dress according to the
weather for all outdoor
programs. No rain dates are
planned.

Cancellations & Refunds
Classes cancelled due to
low enrollment or hazardous
weather are refunded
automatically. You will be
notified by phone class
cancellations. In cases of
inclement weather, call
920.491.3691 ext. 122 to



Fridays, Saturdays
& Sundays | 5-9 pm
November 23-25, 30
November 25

Family Night: Kids Free
with one paid adult
admission. Discount at
the door only.
December 1-2
December 7-9
December 14-16
December 21-23
Wednesday-Sunday
December 26-30
Closed Dec. 24 & 25

Walking Tour
\$10/Adults (13 & up)
\$5/Children (3-12)
Free/Children (2 & under)
Horse-drawn
Wagon Tour*
\$15/Adults (13 & up)
\$10/Children (3-12)
Free/Children (2 & under)

Group discounts
for 25+ available

GBBG Member Pricing
Every Sunday &
December 26-30:
Discount at the door only.
Walking Tour
\$3/GBBG Member
Horse-drawn
Wagon Tour*
\$8/GBBG Member
*Horse-drawn Wagon Tour
includes Walking Tour.

check the status of the
class. If you must cancel
your registration, your fees
will be refunded if notice is
received at least five days
prior to the class. Green Bay
Botanical Garden cannot
refund fees requested on
or after the start date of a
class or for sessions missed
due to student illness or
other personal situations.

FALL HAPPENINGS

See calendar for details on dates, times & prices.

Family & Adult Education

Family Programs

Hands-on family workshops, Garden Sprouts Preschool Program and more.

Adult Programs

Lectures, tours and workshops related to gardening, cooking, crafting and more.

Volunteers

Special Event

Volunteers Needed

Every successful event at the Garden depends on the time and talents of willing volunteers. This fall and winter, volunteer for Fall Family Festival; Brews, Bistros, & Bonfires; and WPS Garden of Lights.

Weed & Feed

Work side-by-side with staff as they guide you through tasks for the evening and then enjoy a delicious meal provided by the Garden! *Registration required.*

Volunteer Potluck

More than 800 generous individuals and groups offer their time and talents to the Garden to create a venue to relax, create and celebrate the community in which we live. In gratitude, our active volunteers are invited to join us for our Annual Volunteer Potluck. *Registration required. By invitation only.*

For more information on how to volunteer, attend membership events or to become a member contact Danielle Schneeberg, Membership & Volunteer Coordinator, at 920.491.3691 ext. 105 or dschneeberg@gbbg.org.

Members

Members Only Tour

Get an exclusive look at Garden areas with our team. *Reservations required.*

Annual Report to Our Community

This meeting will feature a continental breakfast and a brief highlight of the past year's accomplishments. All are welcome! *Registration required. Invitation to follow.*

Reciprocal Admission Program

American Horticultural Society Reciprocal Admission Program booklets are available in our WPS Trellis Gift Shop for \$4. Use this handy reference guide while traveling to identify the benefits of visiting other gardens as a perk of your membership. Pick up yours today!

Attention Snowbirds

Planning to migrate to warmer climates this winter? Help us help you! Consider renewing your membership before you leave so you can take full advantage of one of our most popular benefits—reciprocal admission to nearly 300 gardens nationwide! Explore the Marie Selby Garden or Naples Botanical Garden in Florida or enjoy the beauty of the Desert Botanical Garden in Phoenix to name a few. Renewing early will help to avoid address forwarding delays and your original renewal date will remain the same.

You can renew in a variety of ways:

- Online at Gbbg.org/Membership
- By phone at 920.490.9457
- By mail
- In person

Give the Gift of the Garden

Looking for that perfect gift for your family or friends? Your loved ones can enjoy the Garden's beauty year-round with the gift of membership starting at just \$45. Among many fantastic benefits, save big with a discount on admission at WPS Garden of Lights and a 10% discount in the WPS Trellis Gift Shop.



Dig In

It's time to prepare your garden for fall and winter. Why not use the same tool the horticulture staff at the Garden uses? As you can see, this one handy tool can do the job of so many others. With the added feature of a bright orange handle, you won't lose it when you lay it down. Visit the WPS Trellis Gift Shop to get one today!



First Touring Exhibit Builds Love of Nature at Garden



“ My grandson, Nicholas & I went here yesterday... we had a great time! ”
Betty C.

Rachel Mueller, Marketing & Communications Coordinator

It's been an entertaining whirlwind of a summer here at Garden Bay Botanical Garden, to say the least. It feels like we just installed our first-ever visiting exhibit, and Nature Connects®: Art with LEGO® Bricks continues

to fascinate visitors from a wide variety of backgrounds, generations and locations. In the last couple of months,

we've seen an average of 2.5 times the number of people visit the Garden compared to last summer.

We've also welcomed people traveling from 45 states in the U.S. and 8 countries around the world including Australia, Italy and Sweden.

And the best part? Many of these are first-time guests and share how much they want to visit again Garden. How incredible!

From awed looks to audible gasps to the "wows!" we've seen and heard, it's clear that Nature Connects has been an extremely positive experience for all people. While the sculptures are the highlight for many, our LEGO

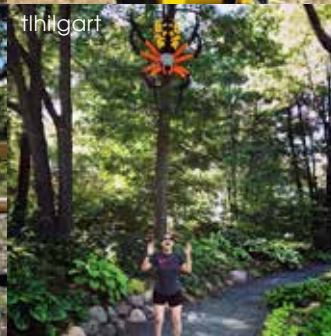
block-inspired events and programs have been just as engaging. We've seen beautiful creativity in the form of personal builds in the LEGO Block Build Area, families spend several enjoyable hours on scavenger hunts, and so many of their memories have been shared with others online.

And we're not done yet. The exhibit is here through August 19 and we're celebrating the end of summer with a Nature Connects Block Party on Friday, August 17, starting at 6 pm featuring food, fun and a showing of *The LEGO Movie* in the Schneider Family Grand Garden. Come and experience these larger-than-life sculptures in person while you still can.

“ Wow! Spent Sunday at the Garden! Fabulous gardens and the (LEGO Block) displays were a bonus... I loved the bird bath, the dragonfly, the spider, but I loved the farmer and child planting and the wheelbarrow the best! ”
Patricia B.

Fan Photos

Here are some of our favorites from summer. Post your photos of the Garden on social media with [#mygbgarden](#) They may end up in our next newsletter!



HARVEST TIME

Prepping Your Produce for Fall & Winter



Linda Gustke
Education Manager

As summer ends, it's prime time to harvest those vegetables and fruits that have been growing all season. But what to do with your extra buckets of tomatoes, potatoes, peppers and more?

There are many ways that your produce can be preserved to be used throughout the year. It's best to start with ripe, undamaged fruits and vegetables for the best quality later. Take a moment to explore which methods may be perfect for you and your garden:

Freezing

One of the easiest ways to preserve most of your summer produce is by freezing it. Be ready to freeze as close to harvesting as possible, though produce may be kept in the refrigerator until you're able to freeze it. Many containers can be used for freezing, including glass jars, plastic/glass containers with tight-fitting lids, plastic freezer bags, heavy-duty aluminum foil and freezer paper. Some fruits need to be frozen with sugar or a sugar syrup to improve their color, texture and flavor. Many vegetables benefit from being blanched, or briefly heated

with boiling water or steam, to slow or stop enzyme action within the vegetable. Frozen produce can be stored for 8-12 months.

Drying

Drying removes the moisture from your fruits and vegetables, preventing mold, bacteria and fungi from growing, as well as slowing the natural food enzymes. The foods will become smaller and lighter, then are typically re-hydrated when used in cooking. While a dehydrator may be your first thought of how to dry your produce, you can also dry them in an oven or in the sun. Most dried fruits can last up to a year in a cool, dark place, while veggies only last about 6 months.

Storing

Many Wisconsin fruits and vegetables can be stored, if you have or can create the right conditions. Generally, your produce needs one of 3 storage environments: Cool and Dry (50-60° F & 60% humidity), Cold and Dry (32-40° F & 65% humidity) and, most often needed but the hardest to achieve, Cold and Moist (32-40° F & 95% humidity). Storage time varies greatly between fruit and vegetable varieties, from one week to 10 months.

Canning

By canning, you'll be preserving your produce by removing oxygen, destroying enzymes within, preventing growth of other organisms and forming a vacuum to keep food in and air out. Canning is best done in glass jars (free of cracks or chips) with 2-piece, vacuum seal metal lids. You should can within 6-12 hours of harvesting for the best results. Low-acid foods need to be canned in a pressure canner, while higher acid foods can be canned in boiling water. Store in a cool, dark place, in temps of 50-70° F for a year for best results.

Other methods to consider include pickling, curing, smoking and fermenting.

Before trying any of these methods, be sure to research the fruit or vegetable and the proper preservation technique to ensure that you are preparing and preserving your food in the best way possible.

Resources:

UW-Extension Horticulture:
hort.uwex.edu

National Center for Home Food Preservation: nchfp.uga.edu

Roasted Fresh Tomato Sauce

If you're like me, you never seem to have enough time to eat all of the awesome tomatoes you get from your garden (or the farmers market!). Use those tomatoes to make this simple tomato sauce that freezes easily, leaving you with garden fresh sauce all year long.

Ingredients

8 medium tomatoes (about 4 lbs)

1 medium onion, coarsely chopped (approx. 1 cup)

8-10 cloves garlic, sliced

2 Tbs olive oil

Salt and pepper (to taste)

Fresh herbs (to taste—possibly basil, oregano, parsley, thyme). Dried herbs/Italian seasoning can be used if fresh aren't available.

Directions

Preheat oven to 300° F.

Cut tomatoes into quarters. Arrange tomatoes in a greased shallow roasting pan. Sprinkle on onions and garlic, drizzle with oil. Roast 50-60 minutes until tomatoes are lightly browned and garlic tender when pierced with a knife.

Transfer in batches into food processor and process until smooth. Mix in salt, pepper, herbs.

Pour into plastic freezer containers to freeze (consider reusing yogurt/cottage cheese containers).

Yield: 4 pints

Source: From the book, *Edible Earth*, by Lisa Kivirist and John Ivanko. innsendipity.com/inn/edible.html





Garden Looks Ahead to Exciting Expansions

Asian Garden Schematic Design

Rachel Mueller, Marketing & Communications Coordinator

In only a few years, visitors to Green Bay Botanical Garden could experience new spaces emphasizing gardens in cultures around the world and plants and wildlife native to Wisconsin.

With the construction of the Schneider Family Grand Garden last year, areas adjacent to the venue were prepped for future specialty spaces. An Asian-inspired garden is tentatively slated to be developed in an existing space next to the Johnson Wisconsin Woodland Garden and Wood Memorial Grove.

Modeled to honor several different Asian nationalities, the Asian Woodland Garden will incorporate key elements of classical Asian gardens and will be organized by common characteristics shared across these cultures. The garden will be smaller and more intimate, providing visitors with an in-depth look into natural Asian sceneries.

Loosely organized into three different areas, the garden's main entrance will be located near the Concessions Building with two other entrances on opposite sides. Visitors can enter through a Chinese-inspired gate and walk a winding path of stone steps placed along peaceful backdrops. Once at the top, they'll see an upper plaza overlooking the Schneider Family Grand Garden, which will

be a rentable space during concerts and other events.

The garden will also feature a top-level pavilion, a cascading waterfall and stream, two ponds, a wooded hillside, a moss garden, boulder sculptures and other art pieces, and harmonious Asian landscapes.

But this is just a glimpse into one of several exciting plans the Garden has in store.

A popular area for the young and young at heart, the Nielsen Children's Garden has provided garden-based, hands-on learning in the outdoors for kids and families since 1997.

The Adventure Woods is the Garden's newest proposal to innovate and expand on all the Children's Garden currently offers. There will be 3 major themes within this upgrade: ecology and sustainability (the entry way); wildlife and habitats of Wisconsin (the Hillside Discovery); and an active play area centered on geology (the Niagara Escarpment).

This expansion will also include aspects that increase knowledge of regional heritage, culture,

sustainability and natural environments through self-guided learning and group programs.

Other possible elements include a bog garden, a rustic amphitheater, a soil viewing area and other interactive areas highlighting Wisconsin's natural features.

The Garden Development Task Force is currently working through the Garden's master plan to determine logistics, goals and a definitive timeline for these developments, among other future expansions.

"Our (Task Force) has been charged by the Board of Directors to review the existing master plan, with an eye to expanding (it) to include all of the remaining acreage (in the Garden) for conceptual design," says Susan Garot, the Garden's Executive Director. "At this time, we have preliminary design plans for about 5

acres—Children's Garden expansion, Asian Woodland Garden and the Stream Garden with the Belvedere Hillside."

And while definitive plans haven't been released to the public yet, the task force is confident information will be shared in its entirety next spring.

To learn more about these expansions or discover ways to leave a lasting legacy by supporting these projects, contact Susan Garot, Executive Director, at 920.491.3691 ext. 102 or sgarot@gbbg.org.



Asian Garden Schematic Design



Nielsen Children's Garden Expansion Schematic Design

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