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Frosty Fun



Cheers to 25 Years



Jerry Landwehr, the Garden's first Director of Horticulture, installing the Dragonfly Bridge in the Nielsen Children's Garden in 1998.

A view of the bridge in 2020.

"Like a tree that changes and matures, the character of the Garden is constantly evolving. Once nothing more than the seed of an idea in the minds of a few visionaries, the Garden has spread its roots, grown and branched out. Today it is blossoming and has truly become a magical place that welcomes everyone."

—A Place for Everyone: The History of Green Bay Botanical Garden, Lee Somerville, 2016

After a challenging 2020, we couldn't be more excited to ring in the New Year with a year-long celebration. Green Bay Botanical Garden has reached a historic milestone... we've been growing together for 25 years and we can't wait to celebrate with you!

This year, the Garden will celebrate 25 years of growth and success by commemorating everyone in our community who has helped make that happen. It will be a year for festivities and ensuring that the Garden is here for the next 25 years and beyond.

All year long we'll reminisce about the past and our journey to today, and also look to the future as we continue to grow with the Children's Garden Expansion Project. We have a lot in store for you from throwback articles, photos and poems to monthly giveaways, an appreciation event in June and a community birthday party in September.

Whether you're a founder, member, volunteer, donor, sponsor, corporate partner or visitor, you've made it possible for us to grow together all these years and continue our mission to connect people with plants.

Let's celebrate!



Aubrey A. Brennan

Aubrey Brennan
Director of Marketing & Communications
25th Anniversary Task Force Co-chair

Jonie L. Paye

Jonie Paye
Board Member
25th Anniversary Task Force Co-chair

Safely Looking Ahead

The Garden has implemented many new safety protocols over the past year to ensure everyone has a safe experience here. We have also invested in signage, PPE, touch-free faucets in the restrooms and curtailed most of our indoor events. We continually monitor the ongoing pandemic restrictions, and while we hope to resume "normal" protocols by this summer, we are preparing to do whatever we need to do to keep everyone safe whenever they're at the Garden. With limited earned revenue, we rely on you, our members and donors, for support through your membership renewals and gifts. We have a wish list, should you want to support something specific:

- Provide laptops for staff to work remotely; improve technology for remote learning (\$1,000+)
- Add compost bins for events to promote more composting and less waste (\$900)
- Replace grates in the Schierl Wellhouse windows (TBD)
- Install a water bottle refill station in the lower level of the Schneider Education Center (\$1,100)

For more information on how you can support the Garden, contact Cindy Berton, Director of Development, at 920.491.3691 ext. 104 or cberton@gbbg.org.



News on Children's Garden Expansion

SmithGroup, our landscape design firm working on the Children's Garden expansion plan, is nearing completion of the schematic design phase. We're very excited about the concept.

We have a committee reviewing the design and helping select some of the artwork and sculptures that will be included. Led by Dr. Jack Swelstad, the committee consists of Lise Gammeltoft, Lee Hansen, Todd Kane, Ron Melchert, Judy Nagel, Terri Trantow and Bill Wangerin.

To learn more about the Children's Garden Expansion or ways to leave a lasting legacy by supporting this project, contact Susan Garot, Executive Director, at 920.491.3691 ext. 102 or sgarot@gbbg.org.

New Year, New Faces



Diane Conway

A board member since 2015, Diane Conway was elected chair of the Garden's board at its November meeting. Conway succeeds Judy Nagel, who served as chair since 2018. "Under Judy's leadership, the Garden initiated the planning for the Children's Garden Expansion and oversaw more than \$750,000 in capital expenditures and improvements.

She has also helped lead the organization through the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, ensuring we will come out of this ready to continue growing our Garden. As your new chair, I'm looking forward to continuing that progress, which will include the 25th anniversary celebration this year and hopefully beginning the construction of the Children's Garden Expansion in 2022."

The Garden also added two new directors and renewed terms of six others to its board.



Todd Kane

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A senior architectural designer at Somerville, Kane also serves as part of the Downtown Green Bay Physical Improvement Committee. He loves to garden at home, and he and his husband and two children are members of the Garden. Kane hopes to help the Garden add more nature-inspired opportunities for children in the community.



José Villa

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A commercial loan officer at Fox Communities Credit Union, Villa is a first-generation U.S. citizen and expresses a deep passion for the Latino/a/x community. He currently assists local organizations including Casa Alba, St. Philip the Apostle and the Green Bay Diocese. As part

of the board, he's looking forward to helping the Garden fulfill its mission of connecting all people and plants.

Returning board members are Tom Arndt, Cheri Galecke, Norbert Hill, Judy Nagel, Terri Trantow and Bill Wangerin. Retiring after nine years of service is Bill Larsen. Bill and his wife, Pat, were co-chairs of the Growing the Garden Campaign in 2010. He joined the board shortly thereafter and most recently served as Treasurer for three years. Julia Johnson, Wipfli, is also retiring after eight years of service. Julia not only led our Governance Committee for the past four years, but was also instrumental in helping the Garden develop a compensation plan including wage guidelines, update its employee handbook, create job description templates and varying other human resources needs.

Change Comes in Waves:

New Exhibit About Water Pollution Drops at the Garden This May



Linda Gustke, Education Manager



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ART TO SAVE THE SEA

A summer surge will greet you in the Garden this year: a new, never-before-seen-in-Wisconsin exhibit, Washed Ashore: Art to Save the Sea. Encounter eight vibrant, larger-than-life sea animal sculptures crafted from plastic reclaimed from the ocean shores as you stroll through the Garden. You'll see some of your favorite sea creatures, including a shark, penguin, jellyfish and a brand new sculpture debuting at the Garden—Stanley the Sturgeon, illustrating plastic pollution from the Great Lakes.

With the mission to educate people of all ages on the rising plastic pollution in our oceans and waterways, Washed Ashore will help spark positive changes in your habits with plastic and waste. While the oceans may seem removed from Wisconsin, plastic pollution

affects our fresh waterways too—rivers, streams and most importantly, our Great Lakes that sustain the region. And as crazy as it may sound, our plastic can travel to oceans like the Atlantic and other larger bodies of water too!

Most know that reducing the use of plastic straws has been a big movement, but how big of an issue is plastic pollution, really, and what other items in our lives are particularly troublesome? Visit the exhibit this summer to learn more and uncover the actions, big and small, you can take to reduce plastic waste and become better Earth warriors!

Visit GBBG.org/WashedAshore for more details.

Garden Happenings



See calendar for details on dates, times and prices.

With the safety of our Garden family always on our minds, please be aware that all programs, events and policies are subject to change as the situation with the COVID-19 pandemic evolves. Watch for the latest updates via email, Facebook and our website.

Help us "Go Green". You're receiving the printed version of the newsletter because we don't have an active email address on file for your household or you've specifically requested it. For the most current communications from us including updates on what's in bloom, virtual learning opportunities, gardening tips and more, please consider updating your email preferences at GBBG.org/Email.



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Winter Celebration

Saturday, January 30

Don't let the weather keep you in—celebrate the season at the Garden with your family! This free event will feature self-guided, outdoor activities:

- Explore the outdoors and discover intriguing winter facts
- Uncover winter surprises on a scavenger hunt
- Try your skills at snowshoeing (ages six and up)
- Take home a winter craft kit

Visit GBBG.org/WinterDay for more details.



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Polar Pollinator Pop-Up

Weather pending, watch for dates in late February.

Don't wait for summer to be inspired by the Garden. This February, toss on your warm clothes, lace up your boots and wander the Garden to gaze at pollinator-themed snow sculptures.

A handful of talented snow carvers from around Wisconsin will descend on the Garden in late February to create magnificent sculptures depicting pollination players, including butterflies, bees and flowers, spread throughout the Garden. Beyond the sculptures, enjoy a winter scavenger hunt. Mother Nature will determine the best dates, so watch e-news and social media for this pop-up weekend event in February.

Visit GBBG.org/PollinatorPopUp for more details.

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Calendar

Don't delay! Register right away as classes may fill quickly. We also value our instructors' time, so classes may risk being canceled due to low early enrollment. Thank You!

In-Person Classes

For your safety and the safety of our instructors and staff, class sizes are limited and physical distancing and other precautions will be taken during all educational programs.

Virtual Classes

If you are unable to attend at the time the class is offered, please register and we will email you a link to the recording and the handouts.

Adult & Family Education

Throughout the winter, the Garden offers programs for adults, youth and families. These programs include:

Family Programs

Hands-on camps, snowshoe hikes and Winter Celebration.

Adult Programs

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

Winter Discovery S.E.E.D. Packs

Get to know the winter garden with your family! Check out a S.E.E.D. Pack to help you Search, Explore, Experience and Discover the winter Garden. Within the pack are short lessons accompanied by hands-on activities that will introduce you to concepts of winter ecology and help you explore our winter wildlife while developing a deeper appreciation for the natural world.

S.E.E.D. Packs are available during our regular business hours and can be checked out at no additional charge after paid admission.



Snowshoe at the Garden

Experience a winter adventure by exploring the Garden on snowshoes! During the winter months, snowshoes are available to use onsite and are free with Garden admission. We have sizes suitable for kids (six years and older) and adults, as well as marked paths in the Garden.

R=Registration Required
W=Workshop
L=Lecture
YF=Youth & Family



Summer Fun Sneak Peek

Summer Camp Preview

We're thinking ahead to warmer temperatures and the excitement of summer camps at the Garden! Kids ages 3-12 can participate in daylong camps or weeklong/half-day camps featuring games, activities, crafts, songs and more. Here's a sneak peek at adventures that lie ahead this summer. Watch for more details and registration info to come on our website in February.

Shipwreck Salvagers

Washed Ashore is making big waves in the Garden, and we need a team of campers to find ways to salvage materials from the wreckage humans leave behind! Chart a course to the Garden and get ready to set sail for fun.

Claws, Wings and Scales

Trek around to find the creatures that hide in trees, under rocks and swim in the pond. Learn how to use tools to spot birds, record signs of mammals and look for the places where reptiles and amphibians live.

Bee Biologist

Become a bee biologist as you observe bees on flowers, safely encounter our hives and learn why bees are so important to the environment. Science is hard work, which means we're going to get hungry—bees have that covered too—we'll make awesome bee-inspired treats using honey!

Budding Buddies

This nature day camp is specially designed for 3-5 year olds along with their adult buddy. Loaded with nature-themed stories, crafts, hikes and hands-on exploration, each day is a new adventure!



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How to Register

Registration is required for all classes and programs except where noted. Register online at 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 dress according to the weather for all outdoor programs. No rain dates are planned.

January

Tuesday, January 26 Guided Snowshoe Hike

(R) | 1-2:30 pm
Garden Education Staff
Free/Garden Member
Family or Adult
\$5/General Public Family
or Adult

Wednesday, January 27 New Year, Shinier YOU: The Year After 2020

(W/R) | 3-5:30 pm
Ala Aldahneem,
Life Coach, ALA, LLC
\$30/Garden Member
\$36/General Public

Saturday, January 30 ❄️ Winter Celebration

9 am-5 pm
Free/Garden Member
and General Public

February

Mondays, February 1, 8, 15, 22, March 1 Hatha Yoga

(R) | 5:30-6:30 pm
Full series:
\$40/Garden Member
\$45/General Public
One Day: \$10

Tuesday, February 2 🍷 Healthy Eating with Whole30

(W/R) | 6-7 pm
Chef Shelly Platten,
Healthy Chef Shell, LLC
\$12/Garden Member
\$15/General Public

Saturday, February 6 Guided Snowshoe Hike

(R) | 10-11:30 am
Garden Education Staff
Free/Garden Member
Family or Adult
\$5/General Public Family
or Adult

Cancelations & Refunds

Classes canceled due to COVID-19, low enrollment or hazardous weather are refunded automatically. You will be notified by phone about class cancelations. In cases of inclement weather, call 920.490.9457 to 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.

Mondays, February 8, 15, 22

Camp: Budding Buddies

(YF/R) | 9:30-11 am
Ages 3-5 with an Adult
Full Series:
\$35/Garden Member
\$40/General Public
One Day: \$15
Register by February 1

Wednesday, February 10 🍷 Gardening Hot Topics Travelogue: Ireland

(L/R) | 12-1 pm
Jackie Johnson and
Paddy Meager,
Garden Members
Free/Garden Member and
General Public

Guided Snowshoe Hike

(R) | 1:30-3 pm
Garden Education Staff
Free/Garden Member
Family or Adult
\$5/General Public Family
or Adult

Tuesday, February 16 Strengthen Your Immune System (& gut) with Kefir

(W/R) | 6-7:30 pm
Rebecca Kuick,
Cultured Foods 101
\$32/Garden Member
\$38/General Public

Friday, February 19 Guided Snowshoe Hike

(R) | 3:30-5 pm
Garden Education Staff
Free/Garden Member
Family or Adult
\$5/General Public Family
or Adult

Tuesday, February 23 🍷 Beekeeping for Beginners

(L/R) | 6-8 pm
\$12/Garden Member
\$15/General Public

Wednesday, February 24 🍷 Gardening Hot Topics: What Really Goes on in a Cottage Garden

(L/R) | 12-1 pm
Lindsay Hendricks,
Assistant Director
of Horticulture
\$9/Garden Member
\$12/General Public

Strengthen Your Immune System (& gut) with Kefir

(W/R) | 2-3:30 pm
Rebecca Kuick,
Cultured Foods 101
\$32/Garden Member
\$38/General Public

Saturday, February 27 Guided Snowshoe Hike

(R) | 10-11:30 am
Garden Education Staff
Free/Garden Member
Family or Adult
\$5/General Public Family
or Adult

❄️ Polar Pollinator Pop-Up

Weather pending, watch
for dates and times in
e-news and on social media.
Free/Garden Member
Garden Admission/
General Public

March

Wednesday, March 10 🍷 Gardening Hot Topics: Creating a Butterfly Sanctuary

Ryan Hammes,
Horticulturist
(L/R) | 12-1 pm
\$9/Garden Member
\$12/General Public

Monday, March 15 🍷 Garden Craft: Stepping Stones

(W/R) | Any time, class is
pre-recorded and access
will be available through
the end of the month.
Supplies included, pick up
at the Garden.
Steve Schultz,
Steve's Leaves
\$32/Garden Member Family
\$38/General Public Family

Friday, March 26 🍷 Seed Starting 101

(L/R) | 6-7 pm
Linda Gustke,
Education Manager
\$9/Garden Member
\$12/General Public

Tuesdays, March 30, April 6 & 13 Decluttering the Mind

(W/R) | 3-5:30 pm
Ala Aldahneem,
Life Coach, ALA, LLC
\$100/Garden Member
\$120/General Public

April

Mondays, April 5, 12, 19 Camp: Budding Buddies

(YF/R) | 9:30-11 am
Ages 3-5 with an Adult
Full Series:
\$35/Garden Member
\$40/General Public
One Day: \$15
Register by March 29

Friday, April 9 🍷 Straw Bale Gardening

(L/R) | 6-7 pm
Linda Gustke,
Education Manager
\$9/Garden Member
\$12/General Public

Tuesday, April 13 🍷 Garden Craft: Firebowl

(W/R) | Any time, class is
pre-recorded and access
will be available through
the end of the month.
Steve Schultz,
Steve's Leaves
\$15/Garden Member Family
\$18/General Public Family

Mondays, April 26, May 3, 10, 17, 24 Hatha Yoga

(R) | 5:30-6:30 pm
Full series:
\$40/Garden Member
\$45/General Public
One Day: \$10

Partners & Volunteers of the Year



Corporate Partner



Schneider began its partnership with the Garden in 1991. Since that time, they have been supporting all aspects of the Garden: from annual support to event sponsorship and providing in-kind support including loaning us an 18-wheel semi-trailer for storage when the Garden hosted its first national exhibit in 2018–Nature Connects®: Art with LEGO® Bricks. Schneider generously gives not only to the Garden, but also to our entire community through the Schneider Foundation, volunteerism and so much more.

Founders Award: Garden Finance Committee

During Safer at Home in early 2020, the Finance Committee worked with the Garden's Leadership Team to develop three budget scenarios for fiscal year 21. Through remote weekly meetings until the Garden reopened in mid-May, the committee helped navigate the SBA Payroll Protection Program Loan, offered encouragement and guidance, and helped the Garden prepare for situations the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic would bring. Their dedication and commitment made a difference in helping the Garden achieve a successful 2020 summer. The committee consists of chair **Bill Wangerin**, **Judy Nagel**, **Bill Larson**, **Diane Conway**, **LoisGrace Golde**, **Jonie Paye**, **Michael Raymaker**, **Rob Servais** and **Mike Salvo**.

Education Volunteer



Barb LeMense is one of our newest Youth Education Volunteers. Her passion and excitement for the role was immediately evident. As a former science teacher, Barb easily picks up content and is willing to jump in, even if it means leading a tour she is unfamiliar with! Barb is comfortable with children of all ages; they love her fun personality. We are thankful for her willingness to share her love of science with so many children!

Special Events Volunteer



Dan Brunmeier can be found volunteering in many roles. His generous "I can help anywhere" attitude and warm welcome is felt by everyone who enters the Garden. Starting in 2016, Dan has continued as a key volunteer for large special events, greeting guests in the parking lot or directing them through admissions for WPS Garden of Lights. He has single-handedly covered a 5,000 guest ticket line. We thank Dan for all he's done and continues to do!

New Volunteer



Tim O'Brien joined our volunteer family in the summer of 2019. As a new volunteer, his goal was to comprehensively learn about the Garden and then share his detailed knowledge with guests, young and old, while working as an ambassador in Butterflies & Blooms and Guest Services. In three short months, he shared more than 85 hours with us! We are appreciative of Tim's dedication and commitment to help us fulfill our mission.

Volunteers Who Gave 100+ Hours during Fiscal Year 2019–2020

Hours		Hours		Hours	
Dale Bartel	200+	Maureen Ackerman	126–150	Mary Borley	100–125
Don Giese		Kathy Amenson			
Don Jensen		Betty Arendt			
Jim Tubbs	Scott Jacobe				
Carol Zellner	Mary Silha				
	Robert Stark				
		Jana Hudson		Ricki Krautkramer	
		John Oates		Barb Perrus	
		Marcia Ward		Bob Yashinsky	

Ambassador Volunteer



Deb Freeman exudes a welcoming personality, charm and family-friendly humor to everyone. A member since 1991, she is very knowledgeable about the Garden's history. With a vast knowledge of plants, she is always open to sharing tips with guests. Her creativity is also displayed in beautiful decor she designs for numerous Garden events. Deb is a joy to have on our volunteer team.

Special Events Volunteer



Pati Wiegand does not let anything stop her "here, there and everywhere" attitude. She has volunteered with the Garden since 2018, sharing more than 75 hours this past year in the concessions area! We are so grateful for the time she has given and continues to give to ensure every event is staffed and run effectively. Thank you, Pati, for your willingness to get the job done for our guests and your "can do" mindset.

Horticulture Volunteer



Sue Broeren joined our Horticulture Volunteer Team in 2018. Many people aren't aware of the 'work behind the work,' which is Sue's focus. Helping to manage plant collections, she works closely with the horticulturists, assisting with the annual inventory: counting every plant in our plant collection. When completed, she spends hours entering this data into our database. Along with other countless tasks including assembling, organizing and sorting plant labels, Sue is a tremendous help to the Garden and our team.

Fan Photos

Here are some of our favorites from winter and fall. Post your photos of the Garden on social media with #mybgarden or tag us as your location and they may end up in our next newsletter!



Perk Up Your Passion for Plants in 2021

Mark Konlock, Director of Horticulture

As our Horticulture Team works on their own planting designs this winter, I wanted to share some of the interesting annuals and vegetables we've come across so far. Look for these and others as you decide on what to order for your own 2021 garden and landscape masterpieces!

See even more plant options at GBBG.org/Blog.



Cuphea Hummingbirds Lunch -Plant Haven International

Flower Power

Like so many events in 2020, the California Spring Trials (CAST) went virtual. CAST is where breeders show off their new plants for the next year. Here's a sampling of what caught my eye:

I love petunias! They bloom all season and can handle the cold at the beginning and end of our growing seasons to give us more flower for the buck. One new standout is Bee's Knees petunia, which is a deep yellow that can be grown alone or mixed in containers. Shock Wave® Purple Tie Dye petunia has variable purple and white bicolor flowers that look quite funky.

Of course, there is more to life than petunias. Another flower that looks impressive is MegaBoom Berry Blast dahlia. The MegaBoom series has gigantic flowers that are held just above the foliage on compact plants. We trialed Profusion Red Yellow Bicolor zinnia at the Garden, and it's a 2021 AAS Gold Medal winner. The fascinating thing about this zinnia is how the colors change as they age to a salmon, apricot and rose from the original red-yellow bicolor.



Bee's Knees petunia-Ball FloraPlant



Profusion Red Yellow Bicolor zinnia-All America Selections Gold Medal winner



Shock Wave® Purple Tie Dye petunia-Park Seed



Pepper-Pot-a-peno green and red fruit-All-America Selections

Veggies

Vegetables were very popular in 2020 due to the pandemic. We all had more time at home and many took advantage of that to grow their own food. Too bad we couldn't do that for toilet paper, right?!

The Kitchen Minis are a new collection of plants that can be grown on a windowsill inside a sunny window for those who don't have lots of real estate. Siam tomato is the first one to hit the market. In the same vein is the All-America Selections (AAS) winning Pot-a-peno pepper-you guessed it-a jalapeno that you can grow in a hanging basket!

How about Coldasil basil? This is a basil that can handle chillier temps, down to 50°F, so that us Northern Hemisphere gardeners can enjoy an early pesto! Or if you want some heat, the new Armageddon pepper will be up your alley as there's 1.3 million Scoville units on this early maturing super-hot chili pepper.



Siam tomato-Ball Seed



Large Marge pumpkin-Park Seed

Foliage Galore

We love the different textures and season-long interest that foliage provides. One that struck me, because I think it has an awesome name, is Heart of the Jungle elephant ear. The dark petioles make for a dynamic plant that you can contrast with or color echo in your container combinations.

Coleus are always useful to give that boom without bloom. We trialed Main Street Beale Street coleus and it won an AAS award. This is a large red-leaved coleus that kept its color all season and did not flower until very late in the season, so no need for deadheading.

One last foliage plant to mention features silver in celebration of the Garden's 25th year anniversary. The Silver Stitch 21 curry plant has needle-like leaves on a superior branched compact plant, and this little mound will add an elegant finishing touch to your outdoor design.

These plants are just a small sampling of many plants that you can add to your own outdoor palette as you create the canvas of your garden this year. Of course, these are just the beginning steps as we will still be planting and growing throughout the year. And together, all this is what makes gardening the joy it is!



Main Street Beale Street coleus-All-America Selections



Silver Stitch 21 curry plant-Ball Seed



Heart of the Jungle elephant ear-Proven Winners



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