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January–April 2023

Wandering in Wintertime

**“It’s time to
add a pinch of
adventure,
a sprinkle
of sunshine,
and a big
handful of
outdoor play.”**

—Penny Whitehouse



We're thrilled to give you a nearly front row seat to see the continued progress toward the completion of the Carol & Bruce Bell Children's Garden, slated to open this May. There are so many learning opportunities to come later this year, and our Education Team is hard at work creating some amazing content for educational signs and hands-on learning activities in this space:

- Rainwater runoff
- Wetlands
- Northern lakes and healthy habitats
- A field of food
- The story of trees, including trees as habitats, as sustainable economic drivers, tree anomalies, and insects and growths that are harmful to trees
- Cave Play, the Niagara Escarpment, and the Native American community

Every year, we welcome back and introduce new Board Members to you at our annual meeting. This year, we're saying farewell to Jonie Paye, LoisGrace Golde, and Michael Raymaker.

Paye served 9 years as a director, including chairing the board for two years from 2016 to 2018. She recently served as chair of the 25th Anniversary Task Force in 2021 and is entering her second year as chair of our Membership Committee. As committee chair, Jonie will stay on as a board advisor. Golde completed a three-year term and served on our Finance Committee while Raymaker completed two three-year terms, was board chair from 2013 to 2014, and served on our Finance and Endowment committees. We're welcoming four new board members to the Garden:



Gail Carels

is a retired primary care physician and comes to the board with a passion for promoting community health for all with green gardening practices. She desires to "improve awareness of climate change and its effect on health and wellness and promote healthy gardening methods."



Keith Pamperin

is a retired planner with Brown County Housing Authority. This self-professed 'all-around nice guy' will work to "support the Garden as the local treasure that it is, and promote participation and accessibility for seniors and persons with disabilities."



Kim Schanock

is retired from Green Bay Area Public Schools and continues to work as an education consultant and part-time substitute teacher. Kim has already joined our Education Task Force and is helping create the curriculum, educational signs, and programs for the new Bell Children's Garden.



Steve Taylor

is a retired financial planner with Northwestern Mutual Life. Steve helped advise the Garden's retirement plan in its early years, and wants to help the Board become more visible within Green Bay and our surrounding communities.

We're looking forward to serving with all of these good folks. Please join us in welcoming them the next time you see them at the Garden!

We know that 2023 is going to be the best yet!

A green cursive signature of Susan Garot.

Susan Garot
President & Chief Executive Officer

A green cursive signature of Terri Trantow.

Terri Trantow
Board Chair

Our partnership with SmithGroup and Boldt Construction has created such a magical place in nature for kids of all ages, including those of us that are kids at heart.

We're excited to be planning for the grand opening of the Bell Children's Garden this May! Stay tuned for more in the coming months, and check out some photos of our progress at GBBG.org/ChildrensGarden.

And don't forget that our year-long exhibit, *Habitat*, is back from now through April. If you haven't seen these unique displays of habitats or want to see how they look in the Wisconsin winter, make sure you stop in this winter and early spring.

Overall, 2022 was quite a year. Between all of our regular programming and events including a year-long exhibit, summer concerts, and WPS Garden of Lights combined with the construction progress of the Bell Children's Garden, we're so thankful for the hard work of our Garden Team of staff and volunteers, and all of you who have visited us throughout the seasons.

Garden Happenings

See calendar for details on dates, times, and prices.

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.



January 3-March 31
Monday-Saturday | 9 am-5 pm

April
Daily | 9 am-5 pm
Included with Garden Admission
Free for Garden Members

See it before it's gone! The exhibition *Habitat* explores the critical need for varied habitats, how interconnected and fragile they are, and what we can do to protect them.

Discover unique habitats throughout the gardens and landscapes of Green Bay Botanical Garden and of northeast Wisconsin.

Visit GBBG.org/Habitat for more details.

Habitat was developed by Smithsonian Gardens and is made available by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service.



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Winter Celebration

Saturday, January 28

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 (pending 6+ inches of snow, ages 6 and up)
- Take home a winter craft kit while supplies last

Visit GBBG.org/WinterDay for more details.

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Adult & Family Education

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

TILL Talks Lecture Series

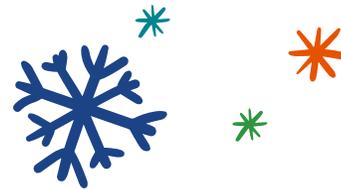
TILL (Tap Into Life and Learning) Talks is a free lecture series open to members and the general public.

Winter Discovery S.E.E.D. Packs

Check out a S.E.E.D. Pack to help you Search, Explore, Experience, and Discover the winter Garden. Free with Garden admission, these hands-on activities will enhance your appreciation of the natural world in winter.

Snowshoe Hikes

During the winter months, snowshoes are available to use on site and are free with Garden admission (with at least 6+ inches of snow). We have sizes suitable for kids (6 years and older) and adults, as well as marked paths in the Garden.



Save the Dates

Summer Camp Preview

We're thinking ahead to warmer temperatures! Kids ages 3–12 can participate in daylong camps or weeklong/half-day camps featuring games, activities, crafts, songs, and more. Watch for more details and registration on our website in February.

Weeklong Camps

Critters Camp

Get to know the animals highlighted in our new Council of Critters in the Bell Children's Garden, and many other critters throughout Wisconsin. From animal diets to behaviors and survival adaptations, there's so much to learn about these wonderful creatures!

Tree-mendous Trees

Trees are truly tree-mendous! They give us oxygen, provide materials to shelter us from the elements, and sometimes they even give us food! Become stewards of the trees, learn about the importance of responsible logging, the benefits trees provide humans, tree oddities, tree ID, and more.



Day Camps

Summer Snacks Cooking Camp

Calling all aspiring chefs! Learn about produce and nutrition while you harvest, prepare, and yes – EAT the delicious fruits, vegetables, and herbs we have growing right here in the Garden.

Monarch Biologists

Come learn all you need to know about the science of monarchs! Local monarch expert Charlene Breitlow will lead campers in learning about monarch migrations, diets, life cycles, and anatomy.

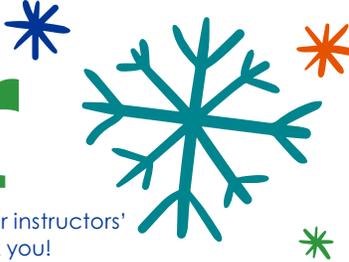
Budding Buddies

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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Calendar



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

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!

Exhibit
HABITAT
January 3–March 31
Monday–Saturday
9 am–5 pm
April
Daily | 9 am–5 pm
Free/Garden Member
Garden Admission/
General Public

Saturday, January 28
Winter Celebration
9 am–5 pm
Free/Garden Member & General Public

February

Wednesdays, February 1, 8, 15
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
Wednesday, January 25.

Thursday, February 2
Uses of Native Plants & Herbs
(L/R) | 6:30–8 pm
Jackie Johnson, ND, Author/Educator
\$10/Garden Member
\$13/General Public

Friday, February 3
Guided Snowshoe Hike
(YF/R) | 1–2:30 pm
Garden Education Team
Free/Garden Member
Family or Adult
\$5/General Public
Family or Adult

Wednesday, February 8
TILL Talk: Cognitive Stimulation – Try Something New
(L/R) | 12–1 pm
LaReina Tipping, MSW, CAPSW
Brain Center of Green Bay
Free/Garden Member & General Public

Thursday, February 9
Love Blooms Here! Seed Paper Valentines
(W/R) | 1–3 pm OR 5:30–7:30 pm
Hilarie Rath, Arnold Grummer Certified Hand Papermaker
\$18/Garden Member
\$22/General Public

Friday, February 17
Guided Snowshoe Hike
(YF/R) | 1–2:30 pm
Garden Education Team
Free/Garden Member
Family or Adult
\$5/General Public
Family or Adult

Wednesday, February 22
TILL Talk: Behind the Green Fence – Bell Children's Garden
(L/R) | 12–1 pm
Mark Konlock, Director of Horticulture
Free/Garden Member & General Public

Monday, February 27
Breath Work for Better Health
(R) | 5:30–6:30 pm
Cujo, Exercise Physiologist
\$9/Garden Member
\$11/General Public

March

Thursday, March 2
Native Plants in Landscaping
(L/R) | 6–7:30 pm
Justin Kroening, Stone Silo Prairie Gardens
\$13/Garden Member
\$16/General Public

Tuesdays, March 7, 14, 21, 28
Mindfulness, Meditation, & Movement
(R) | 4–5 pm
Kaidan Whitehouse, Meditation Practitioner & Instructor
Full Series:
\$32/Garden Member
\$36/General Public
One Day: \$10

Wednesday, March 8
TILL Talk: Irish Travels & Legends
(L/R) | 12–1 pm
Jackie Johnson, ND, Author/Educator & Paddy Meagher
Free/Garden Member & General Public



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Thursday, March 16
EGG–cellent Spring Dishes
(W/R) | 5–7 pm
Shelly Platten, Healthy Chef Shell, LLC
\$24/Garden Member
\$29/General Public

Wednesday, March 22
TILL Talk: Spring Activities on an Herb Farm: Propagating & Wild Harvesting
(L/R) | 12–1 pm
Tony DiMaggio, Sacred Blossom Farm & Herbal Tea
Free/Garden Member & General Public

January

Friday, January 20
Guided Snowshoe Hike
(YF/R) | 1–2:30 pm
Garden Education Team
Free/Garden Member
Family or Adult
\$5/General Public
Family or Adult

Mondays, January 23, 30, February 6, 13, 20
Hatha Yoga
(R) | 5:30–6:30 pm
Tree Janzen, Tree's Yoga
Full series:
\$40/Garden Member
\$45/General Public
One Day: \$10

Wednesday, January 25
TILL Talk: Importance of Native Plants
(L/R) | 12–1 pm
Justin Kroening, Stone Silo Prairie Gardens
Free/Garden Member & General Public

April



Mondays, April 3, 10, 17, 24, May 1 Hatha Yoga

(L/R) | 5:30–6:30 pm
Tree Janzen,
Tree's Yoga
Full series:
\$40/Garden Member
\$45/General Public
One Day: \$10

Wednesday, April 5 Survival Gardens

(L/R) | 5:30–6:30 pm
Jackie Johnson, ND,
Author/Educator
\$8/Garden Member
\$10/General Public

Thursdays, April 6, 13, 20, 27 Memoir Writing

(W/R) | 1–3 pm
Betty Pearson,
Author/Educator
\$42/Garden Member
\$50/General Public

Wednesday, April 12 TILL Talk: Bonsais for Beginners

(L/R) | 12–1 pm
Chris Augustian,
Bay Area Bonsai Society
Free/Garden Member
& General Public



Saturday, April 22 Earth Day Milkweed & Monarchs Workshop

(YF/W/R) | 1–3 pm
Charlene Breitlow,
Local Monarch Expert
\$10/Garden Member Family
\$13/General Public Family

Wednesday, April 26 TILL Talk: Spring Ephemerals Photography

(W/R) | 12–1 pm
David Hakamaki,
Cutting Edge Photography
Free/Garden Member
& General Public

Saturday, April 29 Bonsai for Beginners Workshop

(W/R) | 12–5 pm
Steve Swiecichowski,
Bay Area Bonsai Society
\$99/Garden Member
\$109/General Public

How to Register

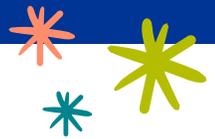
Pre-registration required for all classes and programs except where noted. Register online at GBBG.org or by phone at 920.490.9457. Please register early; class sizes are limited or classes may be canceled due to low enrollment. To hold your space in class, payment is due with registration.

After You Register

We will contact you the week of the program to confirm your enrollment. Please dress according to the weather for all outdoor programs. No rain or snow dates are planned. Classes open one half-hour before starting time.

Cancellations & Refunds

Classes canceled due to low enrollment or hazardous weather conditions are refunded automatically. You will be notified by phone if a program is canceled. In cases of inclement weather, call 920.490.9457 to check the status of the program. If you must cancel your registration for a program, your registration fees will be refunded if notice is received **at least five days prior** to the program. Green Bay Botanical Garden cannot refund fees requested on or after the start date of a program or for sessions missed due to student illness or other personal situations.



Fan Photos

Here are some of our favorite shots from WPS Garden of Lights. Remember to post your photos of the Garden on social media with [#mygbgarden](https://twitter.com/mygbgarden) or tag us as your location and they may end up in our next newsletter!



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Summer Sneak Peek: Plants & Other Features in the Bell Children's Garden

By Mark Konlock, Director of Horticulture

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The Carol & Bruce Bell Children's Garden will soon be open! I hope you're as excited as I am... I'm counting down the days on my calendar as well as crossing off the last tasks on our to-do lists, continually working to make sure every aspect of this brand-new area is ready for guests like you.

As you and your family explore all of the new areas and features in the Bell Children's Garden, make sure you look for some of the plants that were chosen to help tell the nature-inspired stories of northeast Wisconsin as well as Green Bay Botanical Garden. Here's a little sneak peek at what you can expect when you're here for the first time this summer!





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Michael & Judith Parrish Family Raindrop Garden

This area is all about the feeling of rainfall and water. There are plants with round forms such as Northern Charm™ boxwood and plants with round flowers (Globe Master, Pinball Wizard, Mount Everest, and Millennium ornamental onions), a weeping specimen of European larch, and a groundcover of blue-green sedge (*Carex flacca*) that will flow through the landscape. There are also many blue-flowered or foliage plants such as *Allium caeruleum*, Blue Zinger sedge, *Amsonia 'Blue Ice'*, and Sapphire blue oat grass.



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Schanock Family Hillside Tunnel & Cave

This unique hillside celebrates the Niagara escarpment, a stunning natural landscape feature that runs east to west from New York through Canada and into the Midwest, as well as the First Nations that used this land.

We will be adding some species of ninebark (*Physocarpus opulifolius*). These green leaved shrubs offer more food value to leaf feeding insects than the purple leaved cultivars typically planted in landscapes, according to a study done by Dr. Doug Tallamy at the Mt. Cuba Center in Delaware. Also included will be wild columbine, Canada wild ginger, harebell, dutchman's breeches, and wild geranium. A fascinating feature on the hillside is the upside-down stumps that make a stumpery. Check it out, and maybe add a stump at home!



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Green Bay Packers Big Oak Play Area & K.C. Stock Foundation Mushroom Jumper Play Area

These areas include many woodland plants such as large-flowered trillium, Virginia bluebells, zigzag goldenrod, heartleaf aster, and Pennsylvania sedge. Sugar maples will be added to complement the existing northern pin oaks and the ironwood and pagoda dogwood.



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Gail Fischer Family Lily Pad Splash Play

Adjacent to the splash play area is a new aquatic habitat that is naturally watered by the overflow from this feature and the stormwater from much of the site. The plantings include hard stem, soft stem, river, and three-square bulrushes. Also keep an eye out for the purple flowers of pickerel weed and the white flowers of arrowhead. These aquatic emergent plants are adapted to being submerged, and create a different kind of environment filled with dragonflies, frogs, and other animals that need water to complete their lifecycles. Once established, the plants will help slow stormwater as it moves through the site.

Remember to look at the plants, and watch them as they grow and come into their own – just like our little nature lovers!

The Bell Children's Garden grand opening happens this May. [Keep an eye on communications from us for the latest at GBBG.org/ChildrensGarden](https://www.gbbg.org/ChildrensGarden)

Community Kids Help Us Grow

More than 250 donors gave over \$8,500 to our Kids Giving Campaign.

These funds helped purchase the perennials, flowers, and shrubs that our Horticulture Team planted so far. More than 200 kids will also have their name engraved on leaves hung on the bridge of the original treehouse in the Bell Children's Garden.

579 trees and shrubs and 12,352 perennials were planted in 2022 with the help of our Garden Team of staff and volunteers. 300 are fruits (raspberries) and 4,750 are aquatic emergent plants that'll help absorb stormwater runoff.

Our Horticulture Team has 5,510 perennials left to plant once the weather warms up in early May!

Volunteers of the Year



Budding Volunteer Carolee Cretton

Carolee has volunteered almost every week this season with our Horticulture Team and is frequently here twice a week. She is a very hard worker and works well with all of the volunteers and staff. She always has a smile on her face.



Adult Education Amy Babik

If you've taken an adult class at the Garden this year, there's a good chance you were greeted by the always-smiling Amy. She's been relentless in her passion for learning, and it's abundantly clear that she loves sharing her passion with others. We're so grateful for her reliability, her positive attitude, and her welcoming personality.



Youth Casey Paprocki

Casey started volunteering in July 2020 as a high school junior working with our Horticulture Team and is currently studying Horticulture at UW-River Falls. She has returned every summer and has volunteered more than 200 hours. We're grateful for all of the time she's shared and hope to see her back in 2023!



Events Linda Tingley

Linda always goes out of her way to ensure the safety of guests at the Garden. Her attention to guests' needs is impeccable with a keen eye to make sure events are accessible to all. Linda is frequently one of the first people that guests encounter and we know they are always in good hands.



Guest Experience Tim O'Brien

Tim has been a tremendous help to the Guest Experience Team. He has truly been a rock for us during his Sunday shifts, and he lends his dedication to our team as well as our members and guests. His passion for nature is very evident and he extends a welcome to everyone at this

beautiful garden. We deeply appreciate him and look forward to his return.



Youth Education Carol Wolske

Carol has stepped in to help the Education Team in so many ways this year. You'll often find her reading books during Children's Story Time, sharing knowledge about butterflies, plants, and animals during Discovery Stations, creating and guiding crafts during family events, handing out snacks at concerts, and more.

Carol is a joy to have at the Garden, and we're very appreciative of how she positively impacts the lives of children and families in our community.





Horticulture

Mary Roerig

Mary has volunteered for a few seasons now and was introduced to the Garden at a Weed & Feed event in 2021. She is always eager to help, super knowledgeable, and has been a big support in flower drying for the natural holiday tree setup during WPS Garden of Lights.

Corporate Partner of the Year



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Michelle Hansen,
President of Green Bay Packaging
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Development

Kathy & Doug Hartman and
Terri Trantow & Paul Witek,

Nature Nurtures Capital Campaign Co-Chairs

These four individuals led the efforts of our 2021 Nature Nurtures Capital Campaign, working to raise funds for the new Carol & Bruce Bell Children's Garden. Through the challenging times and obstacles the COVID-19 pandemic presented, their leadership and perseverance prevailed. Their efforts helped inspire 434 donors to support the campaign, exceeding our original goal and raising more than \$13.2 million dollars for the expansion.

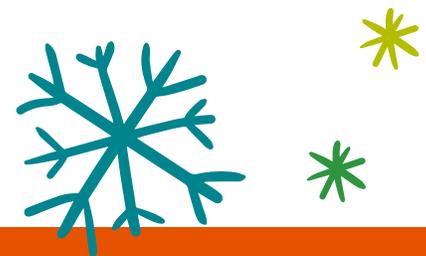
We are so fortunate to have Kathy, Doug, Terri, and Paul on our team! Their love for the Garden began many years ago and they have inspired our community to embrace nature, each in their own way. We are forever grateful for their leadership, guidance, support, and most importantly, their dedication, love, and passion for the Garden and our mission.

Green Bay Packaging George Kress Foundation began its support of the Garden in 1991 before the Garden opened its doors to the public. They were one of the first supporters of the first capital campaign, providing capital support to build the Kress Oval Garden, a space still adored by guests and used as backdrops for wedding ceremonies.

The Foundation also supported the 2010 Grow the Garden Capital Campaign and the 2016 Perennial Performance Campaign, providing the gift to build the Billie Kress Amphitheater that thousands of concertgoers have enjoyed since the opening of the Schneider Family Grand Garden in 2017.

Most recently, the Foundation once again made a commitment to the Nature Nurtures Capital Campaign to support construction of the tree house structures that will feature elevated walkways accessible to all and connecting each of the five areas centered around trees, focusing on bird migration, logging history, plant growths, insects in trees, and our role with trees.

The Foundation has also been a key sponsor of a number of our special events beginning in 2008 with WPS Garden of Lights.



Volunteers Who Gave 100+

Hours during Fiscal Year 2020-2021

Maureen Ackerman
Kathy Amenson
Dale Bartel
Mary Borley
Dan Brunmeier

Mike Duncan
Sue Ellingson
Don Giese
Barb Griffin
Scott Jacobs

Don Jensen
Ricki Krautkramer
John Oates
Liz Obenberger
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