

# The Tiller

The Gardeners Club of Green Bay, Wisconsin



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**Tour at the LaLuzerne Residence**  
**4238 Pouwels Court, De Pere, WI 54115**  
**6 p.m., Wednesday, August 24, 2022**

Touring this remarkable property is a rare opportunity to see a living example of how much can be done to re-create a native habitat. Not only does this property have hundreds of different flowers, grasses, water plants, sedges, and ferns, but it also has over 160 different species of woody trees, shrubs, and vines—the vast majority being species native to the local area. It is a haven for birds, butterflies, and wildlife of all kinds.

The original five-acre lot was a barren cornfield. In 1976, Sandi and Jim LaLuzerne began with the plan to return every species that might have been on the property. This required creating a half-acre pond with flowing water features. Eventually 18 additional contiguous acres were added and over two miles of trails were established. This informal and friendly space, with many benches and vistas, illustrates what can be done with perseverance, “intelligent tinkering” and some help from Mother Nature. It is not a preservation, but is a re-creation that looks like it was always there. This property has been on the Garden Walk sponsored by the Green Bay Botanical Garden, a winner of The Gardeners Club of Green Bay’s Silver Trowel Award, a tour destination for many gardening and environmental clubs, and is a Certified Natural Habitat.



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## From the President . . .

Hello Gardeners,

Happy August! I'm loving beautiful, if not odd weather we are having, though I don't mind admitting that I am looking forward to the beauty of fall and lounging in comfy pants, sipping a pumpkin spice latte! But I am in no hurry for winter!

We have a wonderful meeting planned this month at the LaLuzerne's where the focus will be on trees. I have a great love for trees so I'm excited to learn from Jim and see the varieties of trees he has. I understand that some of our members cannot attend because of mobility issues with uneven ground, so I have scheduled a Zoom alternative for those members. I will send out the invitation and details soon.



This odd weather we've experienced this summer is affecting my roses, and I still am waiting for the second flush of most of my roses, which is not normal for mid-August. Are you all seeing weather-induced issues with your plants and flowers? I'm interested to hear.

Finally, next month we will be meeting at Hank's Honey Acres for our meeting at 6 p.m. The date is September 14, not our usual meeting date, so be sure to mark your calendars.

I'll see you all next week.

Best Gardening Wishes,  
Jill Leisgang, President





## Meeting Minutes - 7/27/2022

Our meeting was held at Angelic Acres in Abrams. Jo Ann and Mark Jankowski hosted us. They have 3½ acres of daylilies, with many of them for sale. They have been selling plants since 2005. The Jankowskis have been featured in the *Wisconsin Gardening* magazine, hosted a national meeting, and Jo Ann has won an award for a lily that she hybridized called 'Love to Mom'.

Jill Leisgang opened our business meeting at 7 p.m. Ritalyn Arps gave the treasurer's report. New members, Veronica and Rob Geurts, were welcomed to our club.

**Board meeting results:** It was discussed that we would send get well cards signed by club members to those who are sick or in the hospital instead of a plant and to discontinue the donation to the families of members who passed, (sympathy card to be sent). Pattie Nellis made a motion to pass this, Marge Labs seconded it, and it was passed.

**August meeting:** Doing a tree walk at Sandy and Jim LaLuzerne was

suggested, with a tree walk at the GBBG as a backup plan. Carl Christensen will look into it.

**Fund raiser:** We need two people to do an asparagus sale in 2023. The crowns need to be ordered this year. Patti Nellis would start sweet potato plants to sell.

**Banquet:** It is being held on Wednesday, November 9. Members were asked to keep something in mind for the silent auction. Patti Nellis is looking into having Aubree Fliss, from the community gardens to speak at our banquet about where all their vegetables go when harvested.

**Nominations for 2023:** Jill Leisgang is stepping down. We need nominations for president and vice president.

**Other:** Rose Borowitz is looking for a white fir to replace the one that blew down in the spring storm.

Veronica Geurts won the door prize. Our meeting was adjourned, and Marge Labs served refreshments.

Agnes Schussman  
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## Club and Member News . . .



Our sympathy to the friends and family of Barbara Vandersteen.  
See story on p. 5.



Sunshine wishes to Maxine Cashman who broke her hip. She is residing at Rennes Health and Rehab Center, 200 South 9th Street, De Pere, WI 54115.

# Welcome New Members!

Veronica and Robert Geurts  
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### Save This Date—Wednesday, November 9, 2022



*Harvest Banquet*  
*1951 West Restaurant*  
*1951 Bond Street*  
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### Marge Labs' Pickle Bread

1/2 cup sour cream  
1/2 cup vegetable oil  
1 3/4 cup flour  
2 eggs  
1 1/2 tsp. baking powder  
1 TBS. sugar  
1/2 cup shredded cheddar cheese  
1 cup chopped dill pickles, plus 3 TBS. pickle juice

Mix all ingredients together, Spray and flour loaf pan, add bread dough, Bake in 375 degree oven, 40-45 minutes. Cool and slice. Very good spread with garlic cheddar cheese spread. You can also add dill leaves chopped fine to loaf. Enjoy.

Articles for next month's Tiller are due by  
September 10. Send to Shirley Winnes at  
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or to sawrrw@hotmail.com.

## Coming Attractions Sponsored by the Green Bay Botanical Garden

Call 920-490-9457 or visit  
<http://www.gbbg.org> for complete information, reservations,  
and cost about any of the following:

**Modern Medicine's Debt to the Civil War**, Aug. 24, 6-7:30 p.m. *Northeast Wisconsin Unit of the Herb Society of America*. Approximately 620,000 soldiers died in the Civil War. Two-thirds of those deaths were not the result of enemy fire...but of disease. The Union blockades of Confederate sources of the conventional medicines resulted in reliance on traditional botanical healing practices. By the end of the "War Between the States", American medicine was forever changed. Learn about this fascinating story and the plants and women that played a major role. Cost: \$10/GBBG Member; \$12/General Public

**Herbs & Health Series: Digestive Herbs, Sept. 1; Nervous System Herbs, Sept. 8; Immune System Herbs, Sept. 15; Muscle Herbs, Sept. 22; Respiratory Herbs, Sept. 29 @ 6-7:30 p.m.**, *Valerie Dantoin, NWTC Sustainable Agriculture Instructor*. Explore various herbs; their unique properties, role in history, medicine, food, and other traditional uses. Examine growing practices, harvest, and preservation. Make organic preparations, e.g., tea, infusions, tinctures, and salves. Each week focuses on a specific body system and the best herbs to support your health. In this hands-on workshop, you'll learn about digestive herbs and their benefits to your overall health. You will learn the extraction process using plant constituents and water as a solvent to create infusions such as teas, tonics, decoctions, and bitters. Sample your creations and take home the leftovers. Cost: \$69/GBBG Member; \$78/General Public; One Day: \$18

**Bay Area Bonsai Club – Beginner Workshop**, Sept. 10 @ 12 Noon-5 p.m. Welcome to the world of nature in miniature! Join Bay Area Bonsai Club members for a fun and informative day as we discuss the art of bonsai and provide helpful tips on how to grow bonsai in our area. Each workshop participant will be guided through the process of shaping, potting, and caring for a bonsai tree. Participants will take home a bonsai tree with pot and soil and receive a one-year membership to the Bay Area Bonsai Club. Cost: \$99/GBBG Member; \$109/General Public

**Papermaking: Botanical Beauties**, Sept. 13 @ 1-3 p.m., *Hilarie Rath, Instructor at Paper Discovery Center, Kim Grummer, President of Arnold Grummer, LLC*. Do you wish you could enjoy the beauty of your garden just a little longer? Perhaps you'd like to share a piece of it with loved ones who live far away. The Garden will be offering a class on handmade card creation using botanicals, so you can preserve your favorite garden treasures. In this class you will learn how to form handmade paper sheets using botanical infused pulp, and you will learn how to embed pressed botanicals to create original greeting cards. Take home whatever you create! Pressed flowers will be available, but we encourage participants to press and bring their own botanicals from home. This class is limited to twelve participants. Last year, we sold out, so register early! Cost: \$18/GBBG Member; \$22/General Public

**Easy Weeknight Dinners, Sept. 28 @ 5-7 p.m.**, *Chef Shelly Platten, Healthy Chef Shell, LLC*. Meals that come together quickly during the busy work week are always winners. Bonus if they also provide leftovers for lunch the next day! Cook alongside Chef Shelly as you add some variety to your menu with dishes like Korean BBQ beef and rice salad bowls, speedy sheet pan chicken fajitas and coconut curry lentil soup. Cost: \$24/GBBG Member; \$29/General Public

### Jumping Worms—Check Your Gardens!

Also known as Asian snake worms, these have become invasive in the Midwest. They favor living in damp, organic matter—our gardens and forests! They reproduce faster than our European earthworms and will upset the nutrient balance in the soil over time.

Managing them at this time will involve your recognizing them, killing them in soapy water, placing them in a plastic bag, and throwing them away—do not compost or bury them.

Identify them by their snake-like movement—a vigorous S-like movement. A European earthworm moves slowly and stretches forward to where it wants to go. If you touch an earthworm, it will feel slimy and will coil into a ball. The snake worm feels smooth, not slimy, and will thrash wildly, even jumping off the

ground. The jumping worm has a darker body than our earthworms and its clitellum (the band near the head) is closer to the head.

For more information, see Plant MD, *Fine Gardening*, August 2022, pp. 32-33.

### Getaway Wednesdays: Express Garden Tour at Green Bay Botanical Garden Cost: Free/Garden Member General Admission/General Public Wednesdays, June 1–Aug. 31, 10-11 a.m.

Enhance your next visit with an hour-long guided tour through Green Bay Botanical Garden! Trained guides will share stories about the Garden and its special features. Then, stop to see the newest exhibit, *Habitat*!



## Remembering Barbara Vandersteen 1932-2022



The following was written by Barb in 2005 when she was awarded the Individual Silver Trowel Award:

My folks took great pride in their garden and landscaping at their home across from Astor Park in Green Bay. They planted flowers, vegetables, fruit trees, and encouraged my two sisters and me to be involved—planting, weeding, and in fall, we all looked forward to the harvest.

When Lee and I married, we felt fortunate to have a place of our own to carry on my family traditions. We had five active children who filled our yard with their friends. So I landscaped around them! I had some success because in 1980 I won a Residential Silver Trowel Award for our front yard, and I was so proud.

A few years later (1994), I joined the Gardeners Club of Green Bay. What an enriching experience it has been. I've made wonderful friends and enjoyed being involved in our excellent projects. One of my favorite projects started through the club nine years ago—grounds beautification at the Odd Fellows Nursing Home. I have continued this endeavor on my own because of the relationships and interest with the residents and their families. They always look forward to the gardens and share tales of their gardening experiences.

The last few years, my co-workers and I, with the cooperation of my employer, St. Vincent Hospital, were allowed to thin out the flower beds around the hospital, and we sold plants. Money made was used for our charity project, a Christmas fund to support needy families.

I'm proud to have worked on various committees in our club. I was elected and served as secretary, then vice president, editor of the **Giller**, and president for three years. But I'm not done—I look forward to restoring the flower beds at Astor Park this coming spring. This is my old neighborhood park where two of my granddaughters now play . . . and so it goes.

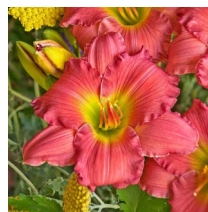
Being the winner of the Silver Trowel Individual Award meant a great deal to me. Thanks a million!

Barb served two more terms as president in 2013-14, and she participated in nearly all activities the club took on. She was particularly proud of the club's work at the Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary in 2009 and enjoyed visiting there. The family proposed to memorialize her by donating a bench at the Sanctuary. Many of our club members donated to that undertaking. This cheerful, ambitious lady will be truly missed.

### Reblooming Perennials

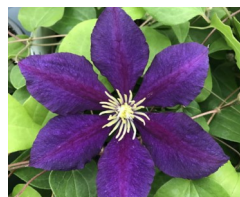
*Hemerocallis* 'Passionate Returns' (rosy red)

*Iris* 'Immortality' (white)



*Clematis* 'The President' (violet with red-purple midrib)

*Delphinium elatum* (New Millennium series)



*Pulmonaria* 'Majeste' (pink buds, violet-blue flowers)

*Salvia nemorosa* 'Caradonna' (purple stems, blue-violet blooms)



*Nepeta racemosa* 'Little Titch' (lavender)

*Coreopsis verticillata* 'Zagreb' (yellow)



All of the above are Zone 3 or 4 plants. For more information, see *Fine Gardening*, August 2021, pp. 52-57.



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**The Gardeners Club of Green Bay** was begun in 1967 and became chartered in 1968 by the Men's Garden Clubs of America (now The Gardeners of America, Inc).

**Purpose and objectives of our club:**

- to educate its members and the public and to promote interest in horticulture pertaining to home gardening,
- to acquire and disseminate horticultural knowledge in regard to materials, plans, and ideas in connection with home gardens to and for the benefit of individuals and communities,
- and to encourage and promote civic interest and pride in individuals and communities, and to encourage and promote pride in individual or private gardens, community plantings, and parks.

Membership is extended to serious gardeners who have a concern for the above objectives of the organization. Membership categories and dues for 2022 are

1. \$25 per individual,
2. \$35 per family,
3. lifetime: \$200; \$5 annual local dues.

In addition to the **tiller**, members receive a national newsletter.

At the national level, a photography contest is held each year, \$1,000 scholarships are presented, Youth Gardening and Gardening from the Heart programs are implemented, a national convention is held, and much more.

At the local level, members are involved with numerous community institutions through financial support and contributions of labor and plant materials. Silver Trowel awards are given to recognize contributions to community beautification, four awards are given to youth in the Big Sunflower and Big Pumpkin contests, and much more.



## GBBG HABITAT EXHIBITION

MAY 1, 2022–APRIL 30, 2023

The exhibition *Habitat* explores the critical need for varied habitats, how interconnected and fragile they are, and what we can do to protect them. Plants, animals, and other organisms have adapted to each other and their habitats over time, creating a delicate ecological balance. This balance faces many threats, including pollution, deforestation, and climate change, but humans can protect habitats for the future by learning to be better stewards of the environment. This experience showcases the unique habitats throughout the gardens and landscapes of Green Bay Botanical Garden and of northeast Wisconsin.

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



After not giving awards for the past two years because of the pandemic, we would like to reinstitute them for 2022. Historically, any one or more of six awards may be given: (1) residential, (2) commercial, (3) industrial, (4) institutional, (5) civic, and (6) an individual award. It has been suggested to also give honorary awards to residential gardeners. Also suggested is to recognize children for their gardening efforts. Please contact our Awards Committee Chair, Patti Nellis, at [pattnellis@gmail.com](mailto:pattnellis@gmail.com), 920-288-7166, or submit suggestions to her at any of our meetings.