

# The Tiller

The Gardeners Club of Green Bay, Wisconsin



February 2023  
Volume 41, No. 2



**GREENERBAY**  
COMPOST

**Growing Sprouts in Your Kitchen, Patti Nellis, Club Member**  
**Urban Composting Options, Cory Groshek, Greener Bay Compost**  
**10 a.m., Saturday, February 25, 2023**  
**Green Bay Botanical Garden**  
**2600 Larsen Road, Green Bay, Wisconsin**

Patti Nellis, club member, will present "Growing Sprouts in Your Kitchen" and Cory Groshek, founder and CEO of Greener Bay Compost, will present "Urban Composting Options". To learn more about this relatively new compost company which offers residential and commercial compost pickup and drop-off services plus the sale of finely sifted, premium compost, see [gbcompost.com](http://gbcompost.com). Come learn about growing fast, fun, and tasty sprouts AND when you have food and garden waste, help our environment by diverting organic waste from the landfill by instead converting this waste into compost that can be used as nutrients in our gardens. Shirley Winnes, club member, will also demonstrate using our website.



Co-Presidents: CJ Janus and Patti Nellis

## From our Co-Presidents . . .



Greetings Fellow Gardeners!

We so understand "the itch" to grow something—even in winter—so let's explore that. Last month's excellent program presented by Debbie Schumacher is an exciting example of winter gardening!

Hopefully February's program "Growing Sprouts in Your Kitchen" will also stimulate new ideas for fun projects! We challenge all of you to try it and share your experience with others—and us!

I must admit I was a little intimidated by Debbie's awesome gift for organization and documentation! But let's just start small; get some hands-on experience and seek advice when necessary. Deb has so kindly agreed to be a consultant on our seed starting project. Let's experience the "joy" of success—learning from our failures!

- Choose a plant you want in your own garden or in your patio planters.
  - Plant a few extra to share with our plant sale.
  - Ask your garden friends to do the same.
- This method can be useful for those of us who no longer "in ground" garden—so we can also participate in our fundraiser.

### INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

January 28 Minutes Our Advertisers—Schroeder's and Ivy Trails	2
Officers and Chairpersons Club/Member News	3
Planning for the May 19-20 Plant Sale—Rain or Shine! What's Coming Up?	4
Getting to Know Our Members—Barb Kamps	5
Events of Interest to Gardeners	6

continued on p. 5



## Meeting Minutes - 1/28/2023

Our meeting was held at the GBBG at 10 a.m. Guest speaker was Debbie Schumacher who gave a presentation on seed starting and caring of plants once they are up. She also demonstrated and had examples on making ice sculptures.

Patti Nellis opened our business meeting at 11 a.m. with introduction of the officers for 2023. The secretary's report was approved, and Ritalyn Arps gave the treasurer's report.

**Plant sale:** We will have a plant sale on Friday, May 19, 8-5 p.m., and Saturday, May 20, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. It will be held at the Calavera Springs Park Shelter, 2694 Flintville Rd. Cty. M, Suamico. Any garden-related items can be donated. We will use blinds to mark our plants. We want to use common names on the labels, however, if the Latin botanical name is known, that can be included as well. Volunteers will be needed on the 18th for setup, on May 19 and 20 (days of the sale), and cleanup at the end of the sale on May 20. Members who donate or volunteer can take leftover perennials home. Annual vegetables and herbs that are left over from the plant sale will be donated to the Community Gardens for their Program, "Planting for a Purpose". This program is to encourage gardeners to grow vegetables and other edible produce, then donate to the Food Pantries in Green Bay. Bring any unneeded 14-16 inch pots to our March meeting for making trellises that will be sold at the plant sale.

**Garden walk on Saturday, July 22:** The walk will be held during Polka Days in the Suamico, Seymour, and Hobart areas. There are four gardens ready, and we are looking for a fifth. It will be \$15 per person or \$25 for two and children under 12 are free. There were various ways suggested to advertise it.

**Future programs:** Patti is asking for ideas for February. March will be Dillon West with sustainable and organic gardening. April is a workshop on trellises. May is the plant sale. June is a tour of the EZ Swap Pots, a business at N6707 Government Road in Seymour. July is the garden walk. August is Rick and Diane Buss with grape tasting. September and October are open, and November is the Harvest Banquet.

**National:** They would like a director from each club for the convention. Sue Rohan, who has been a representative in the past, has accepted for this year. Members need to pay their dues so that Ritalyn can turn them in.

**Other:** For the Tiller we have one paying sponsor who is Schroeder's. Maxine Cashman has a planting table with grow lights in her basement that she wants to donate. Carl Christensen will talk to her. Marsha May suggested that we should consider having a bus trip in 2024 for a fundraiser.

Agnes Schussman made a motion to adjourn, and Jill Leisgang seconded it.

Agnes Schussman  
Secretary



Schroeder's and Ivy Trails have renewed their advertising in our Tiller this year. When shopping there, please let them know how much we appreciate their support!



**Schroeder's**  
**FLOWERS**  
1530 SOUTH WEBSTER  
GREEN BAY, WI 54301  
(920) 436-6363  
FAX 920-433-9685  
1-800-236-Grow  
www.schroederflowers.com  
info@schroederflowers.com





Where customer service  
comes *naturally*

3200 Main St. 406-1645  
2 miles east of Fleet Farm East

## The Gardeners Club of Green Bay Officers and Chairpersons

### Co-Presidents

Patti Nellis, 920-288-7166  
pattinellis@gmail.com

CJ Janus, 920-362-5609  
cj.janus@gmail.com

### Vice President

Veronica Geurts, 920-471-8649  
vageurts48@yahoo.com

### Secretary

Agnes Schussman  
920-327-1138

### Treasurer

\_\_\_\_\_Open\_\_\_\_\_

### Past President

Jill Leisgang, 920-883-9437  
jmleisgang@gmail.com

### Membership and Public Relations

Rose Borowitz, 920-632-2068  
rrborowitz@gmail.com

### Sunshine

\_\_\_\_\_Open\_\_\_\_\_

### Tiller Editor and Website Manager

Shirley Winnes, 920-499-4441  
sawrrw@hotmail.com  
saw301@att.net

### Photographer/Historian

CJ Janus, 920-362-5609  
cj.janus@gmail.com

### Civic Projects and Fund Raising

Veronica Geurts, 920-471-8649  
vageurts48@yahoo.com

### Silver Trowel

\_\_\_\_\_Open\_\_\_\_\_

### Inventory Control and Education and Plant Records

\_\_\_\_\_Open\_\_\_\_\_

### House and Program

\_\_\_\_\_Open\_\_\_\_\_

## Club and Member News . . .

Ritalyn Arps has resigned from the treasurer position of our club.

### Refreshments at Club Meetings

If you wish to have refreshments at our meetings, please volunteer. To simplify carrying in quantities of liquid refreshment, we ask you to bring your own, be it water, coffee, soda . . . which you can enjoy while visiting with members and guests.



At January's meeting, Debbie Schumacher showed us how to make ice sculptures. This is Patti Nellis's creation for Valentine's Day.



Articles for the March issue of the Tiller are due by March 10. Send to Shirley Winnes at saw301@att.net or to sawrrw@hotmail.com.



## Planning for the May 19-20 Plant Sale—Rain or Shine!

**Calavera Springs Park Shelter  
2694 Flintville Road/Cty. M  
Suamico, WI 54313**

- Thursday 5/18 afternoon—set up (more on the timing at a later date, but it will be in the afternoon) donated/potted plant drop off and pricing.
- Friday, 5/19—8-5 Plant Sale
- Saturday, 5/20—8-3 Plant Sale
- Saturday 3-5 Community Gardens will pick up leftover vegetable plants, members who have volunteered or donated plants may pick up leftover perennials, clean up.

\* Requests for clean pots for plantings, please no Cool Whip containers or the like.

\* CJ is donating blinds for us to label the plants, (if you have blinds you would like to donate, please let us know) common names preferred, but you may add botanical names, if you like. We are trying to reach all levels from the beginner to the expert. Each member is responsible for marking the plants with names that they are donating. Leave about an inch open on the top of the tag for pricing.

\* Can we please borrow your carts or wagons to help transport the plants to our customers' vehicles?

\* Volunteers are needed for the plant sale—we need cashiers and members to assist customers on the sales floor and to help transport plants to the vehicles.

\* If you are able to, members are encouraged to participate.

\* We are seeking donations of annuals, perennials, and houseplants for the sale. Please consider donating any magazines or gardening books you no longer use, garden art, seeds, tools, unique planters or pots that you have planted, anything garden related can be donated.

\* The trellises that we are making at our April workshop will be sold at the plant sale,



along with do-it-yourself kits that can be purchased at the sale. If you have 14"-16" pots you no longer use, please consider donating them for this event. Everything for this workshop will be provided. Rob and I are donating 60 pots to be used for

this workshop. Invite a buddy to the April meeting!

\* Do you or someone you know have plants that you want to donate but can't dig and pot them up yourself? Please let us know, we'd be glad to help you.

\* Sign-up sheets will be available at this month's meeting, please consider helping out the club, it's going to be a great time!

Veronica Geurts



## What's Coming Up?

### Plan ahead for our future meetings!

Our March meeting will be at 10 a.m., Saturday, March 25, at GBBG. It will feature Dillon West speaking about sustainable and organic gardening.

The April meeting will be Saturday, April 29, from 10 a.m. to Noon at the home of Veronica and Rob Geurts to put together willow trellises to be sold at our May plant sale.

Our fund-raising plant sale is May 18 for setup, then May 19 and 20 for the sale.

In June we return to meeting the fourth Wednesday of the month, June 28, at 5:30 p.m. We have a tour at EZ Swap Pots, a business in Seymour, and Debbie Schumacher has invited us to view her gardens after the tour.

July 22 will be the garden walk which we are sponsoring for fund raising.

August is grape-tasting—we will visit the vineyards of Rick and Diane Buss in Abrams at 5:30 p.m. on August 23.

Remember, anything can happen, and programs or times may need to be changed. Always check the **Tiller** and your email for up-to-date details.

## Getting to Know Our Members ... Barb Kamps



Hello everyone! I'm excited to be a part of The Gardeners Club of Green Bay! My parents were members of this club years ago – Robert and Patricia Herber – and they always enjoyed being a part of this group. My husband Brian and I both love the outdoors—he is an avid fisherman and is so happy that I love to “play

with my flowers” while he is out fishing! We were married last year in February and live in the countryside near Abrams. We have seven grown children between us and five grandchildren. Flowers and houseplants have always been of interest to me. I enjoy watching plants take off and start blooming (Hopefully!). Brian has given me free reign over the homestead . . . and we have transformed a former vegetable garden into my little “flowering paradise.” This past fall, I took the Growing and Caring for Plants course through the UW Extension and have just completed the Master Gardener course. I now have a LONG list of things I want to change/try out with my plantings to improve the results of my efforts . . . 😊

I am employed full-time as a dental hygienist for the Oneida Tribe. I love to travel both here in the U.S. and abroad. I also enjoy riding motorcycle, and I'm a big history nut! I look forward to this year and getting to know each of you!

*Editor's Note: Barb joined our club last year in March. Welcome to our club!*

### A Photo from the Past Featuring Barb Kamp's Parents



From the Co-Presidents . . . continued

- We will distribute the following seeds to those who will volunteer to plant what is desired by the Community Gardens:

- Kohlrabi
- Mini Broccoli
- Leafy Asian Greens

We'll discuss seed sharing with you at the February meeting.

- The annual vegetables and herbs left over from the sale will be donated to the Community Gardens' Planting for a Purpose program (list of annuals they'd appreciate posted below). These gardeners donate their produce to the food pantries.

We are SO EXCITED about all our new programs and fundraisers—and we hope you'll be supportive—and have fun!

Thanks! Warmest Wishes,  
Patti Nellis (and CJ Janus)

Plants suggested to be of use for Community Gardens:

#### Annuals – preferably brassicas

Broccoli  
Cantaloupe – John Scheepers\*  
Watermelon – Sweet Beauty\*  
Cabbage  
Kohlrabi  
Egg plant  
Small pepper varieties  
Marigolds

#### Herbs

Parsley  
Chives  
Cilantro  
Dill  
Garlic

\*Variety names – suggested by experienced gardeners and seed starters

Photo is from the national convention held in Des Moines, Iowa, in 2004. Attendees left to right are Liz Katalinich, Pat Herber, Sue Rohan, Julie Vlasnik, Royce Vlasnik, Shirley Winnes, Mary Naumann, and Bob Herber. Attending conventions is always a fun activity to travel around the country visiting gardens, attending seminars, and meeting people with like interests in gardening.



## The Gardeners Club of Green Bay

Shirley A. Winnes  
Tiller Editor  
301 David Drive  
Green Bay WI 54303

Affiliated with The Gardeners of America  
National website: [www.gardenersofamerica.club](http://www.gardenersofamerica.club)  
Local website: <http://gardenclubgreenbay.weebly.com>

\*\*\*\*\*  
\* **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 per- \*  
\* taining to home gardening, \*  
\* • to acquire and disseminate horticultural \*  
\* knowledge in regard to materials, plans, \*  
\* and ideas in connection with home gar- \*  
\* dens to and for the benefit of individuals \*  
\* and communities, \*  
\* • and to encourage and promote civic inter- \*  
\* est and pride in individuals and communi- \*  
\* ties, and to encourage and promote pride \*  
\* in individual or private gardens, commun- \*  
\* ity 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 2023 are \*  
\* 1. \$25 per individual, \*  
\* 2. \$35 per family, \*  
\* 3. lifetime: \$200; \$10 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 \*  
\* community institutions through financial \*  
\* support and contributions of labor and plant \*  
\* materials. Silver Trowel awards are given to \*  
\* recognize contributions to community \*  
\* beautification in the areas of residential, \*  
\* commercial, industrial, institutional, civic, \*  
\* and individual. \*  
\*\*\*\*\*

## Events of Interest to Gardeners

**GBBG—\*TILL Talk: Behind the Green Fence – Bell Children's Garden**, Feb. 22, 12-1 p.m., Join Mark Konlock, Director of Horticulture at the Garden, as he leads you on a journey through the plans, plants, and many hands that have contributed to the development of our new Bell Children's Garden. Get the inside scoop on what's to come this May! Free!

**GBBG—Native Plants in Landscaping**, March 2, 6-7:30 p.m. Join Justin Kroening, owner of Stone Silo Prairie Gardens, as he gives you insights into the benefits of sowing native plants into your green spaces. He'll help you understand what native plants will work best in your own gardens or yards, and give you all the knowledge you need to make sure those native plants not only stay alive, but thrive! GBBG members: \$13; general public: \$16.

**GBBG—\*TILL Talk: Ireland – A Mystical Island**, March 8, 12-1 p.m., Presenters: Jackie Johnson, ND, author/educator, and Paddy Meagher. Join us as we not only show you the touristy parts of Ireland you don't want to miss, but also some myths from the Tuatha de danann to the present, trees that will not be cut down, the many dolmens, and the River gods and their legends. Ireland is truly a place where you can feel, and even see fairies, leprechauns, and the Good Folk. Free.

**\*TILL—Tapping Into Life and Learning**

**STEM Innovation Center - Plants You Should Know and Grow**, March 4, 10-11:30 a.m., 2023 Speaker Series sponsored by the Northeastern Wisconsin Master Gardeners and dedicated to Robert Mongin. Presenter: Jerry Gorchels has been in the horticultural industry for 50+ years. He has worked in many aspects of the industry, including greenhouse grower and advisory, landscaping, design and installation, product representation, and sales. In December of 2022, he retired from PanAmerican Seed Co. after 35 years. His love of plants is for life, so he'll never completely retire. Currently, he is consulting for the greenhouse industry and sharing his knowledge and experience wherever the need arises. Advance registration: \$10; Day-of registration: \$15. In-person or virtual. Register at [go.wisc.edu/lazgo7](http://go.wisc.edu/lazgo7).

**Ivy Trails**—see their website at <https://ivytrailsgiftandgarden.com>. Check out the Events page for upcoming classes. Create your own succulent planter on February 23. On March 9, you plant your own herb garden (in a container, of course) and March 11, create a grapevine wreath.