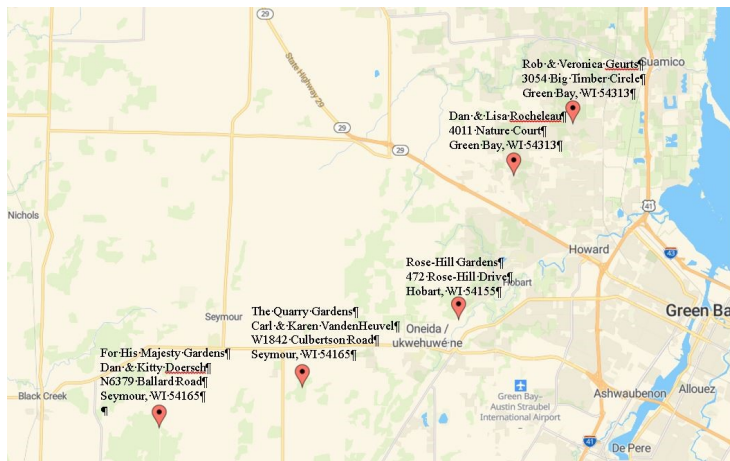


The Tiller

The Gardeners Club of Green Bay, Wisconsin



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Garden Walk

Saturday, July 22, 2023, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Rain or shine!

Five gardens to tour in the Suamico, Seymour, and Howard areas. Check website for locator map: gardenclubgreenbay.weebly.com.

\$15 per person or \$25 for two.

Cash or checks only, please.

Children over 10 welcome. No pets please.

Wristbands are available the day of the event—start at any location.

For All Volunteers of the Garden Walk

Four of the five gardens will be available to tour on Friday, July 21. Please arrive at 5 p.m. at the Geurts' residence, 3054 Big Timber Circle, and we will continue from there to Rose-Hill Gardens, The Quarry Gardens, and For His Majesty Gardens. The Rocheleau garden was visited at the June 26 meeting.



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From our Co-Presidents ...



Co-Presidents: Patti Nellis and CJ Janus

Happy hot, dry July! (Well, not so happy for us gardeners.)

But the good thing about July is that now new members pay only half price to join



our club for the rest of the year! For those who signed up for our newsletter—go to our website (gardenclubgreenbay.weebly.com) then "About" for our "New Member Form". We'd love to have you join us!

VP Veronica and I had a wonderful time on the "Gardens of the Lakeshore" bus trip (info was in our April and March Tiller). The Christopher Farm and Gardens in Sheboygan County was the highlight—500 acres, 50 acres of botanical gardens, 5 miles of walking paths—a must see for any gardener! They had a maple tree with pink, white, and light green splattered leaves. And a magnolia tree with maple-



Meeting Minutes - 6/26/2023

Our meeting was held at Debbie Schumacher and Jim Hebel's home at 4647 N. Pine Tree Rd. in Hobart. After viewing their yard, CJ Janus opened our business meeting at 7:15 p.m. She welcomed our guests, Carl & Karen VandenHeuvel and Connie Koopman, and new members, Steve Lambert and Debbie Schuette. Members who join after July 1st will pay half price, and a person can attend three meetings before joining.

Sue Rohan gave the treasurer's report with the results of our plant sale. Gross income from the sale was \$3,542. After deduction of \$200 facility rental and other expenses, our income exceeded expenses by \$3,188.86. Sue also searched for better insurance rates and found the best rate of \$380 which we are currently paying.

Plant sale: Social media was found to be the best way to advertise it. Fourteen members worked at it, and it was a huge success with much less than 10% of plants left over. The leftover seed packets were donated to the Seed Savers group. A big round of applause went out to Rob & Veronica Geurts and their committee of hard workers who were responsible for making it a huge success. Diana Buss has many pots given to her that can be used at our 2024 plant sale. CJ suggested that we take pictures of the plants that we might donate next year. Plants sell better if people can see what they look like in bloom.

Club community donation(s): We are looking for horticultural organizations in the community that need monetary help. Corey Behnke suggested we do something to recognize pollinator week June 24th of 2024. Steve Lambert suggested the Baird

Creek Preservation Foundation. Other ideas were the ADRC gardens and the Community Gardens. CJ suggested we wait to decide until after our second fundraiser, our garden walk.

Garden walk being held on Saturday July 22: Volunteers are needed to host at the five garden sites. They will be putting on wrist bands and taking in money. A sign-up sheet was passed for this.

Our Wildlife Sanctuary project: We need to get native shade plants, probably from Stone Silo. CJ will send an email to those that signed up to let them know when we'll start.

Good neighbor week is September 24-30: Patti Nellis suggested that if we see a good yard, write a note telling them how much you enjoyed seeing it. She is thinking about making cards up with our club name and logo that we can use.

Tiller: CJ took a survey on who is reading how much of the **Tiller**. The majority said they read the whole thing. Maybe have a separate column for TGOA (national) news.

Miscellaneous: June is trim your yews month. Ritalyn Arps had a sample and explained how they should be pruned. She also encouraged members to attend our national convention being held in Dayton, Ohio, July 26-28, 2023. She is attending and has room in her car for three others.

A motion was made to adjourn and there was a second. Ritalyn Arps and Barb Kamps won door prizes. Refreshments were served by Donna Lehl, Debbie Schumacher, and Shirley Winnes.

Agnes Schussman, Secretary

Thank you to Debbie Schumacher and Jim Hebel for the invitation to visit their beautiful yard and hold our business meeting on their awesome decks that accommodate many guests (and plants!).





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Garden Walk to be Featured on "Good Day Wisconsin" WLUX Fox 11 on July 18!

Be sure to tune in or record our garden walk being featured on our own local Channel 11 on Tuesday morning, July 18. Times are 5:45 a.m., 6:45 a.m., 7:15 a.m., and 8:15 a.m. Four of the five gardens will have on-site members of the WLUX team and, of course, our officers, Veronica Geurts, CJ Janus, and Patti Nellis. We look forward to this exciting marketing opportunity!

**What's up in your world?
Please share your news in this column.**

TGOA News

The upcoming national convention is in Dayton, Ohio, July 26-28. Two of our members will be attending. Ritalyn Arps serves as secretary and Sue Rohan serves as a director representing our club. As a director, she participates and is a voting member at the annual board meeting at the time of the convention. Carl Christensen serves as second vice president, however, due to health issues will not be attending at this time.

Articles for next month's Tiller are due by August 10. Send to Shirley Winnes at saw301@att.net or to sawrrw@hotmail.com.



July 3 through August 11 are considered the dog days of summer—a period of high temperatures and humidity.
The Old Farmer's Almanac

Leafminer Damage



Recently CJ Janus noticed damage on a passion flower vine from leafminers and photographed the larvae, excrement pellets, and damage on the leaf. Following is an article written by Viveka Neveln, senior garden editor at BHG.

Leafminers are immature insects

that feed between the upper and lower surfaces of leaves. The adults may be flies, moths, sawflies, or beetles. The adult female lays eggs on the leaf surface. When the larvae hatch, they tunnel into the leaf and begin feeding. Leafminers attack all kinds of plants, from vegetables to fruits, flowers, trees, or shrubs, although each species usually feeds on only one or two types of plants. In pines and other conifers, the pests are called needleminers.

Identifying the Pest

Leafminer larvae are tiny, and somewhat flattened to fit inside a leaf. As the larvae feed, they eat the green tissue inside the leaf, leaving a thin, winding trail covered by a papery sheath. The trail may contain small brownish black pellets of insect excrement, and if you look closely you may be able to see the larvae. When numerous larvae are feeding in a single leaf, their tunnels may merge, creating large blotches.

Leafminer Control

Because for most of their lives they're protected inside the leaf, it's difficult to control leafminers with insecticidal sprays. Damage caused by the pest is seldom severe enough to justify spraying except to make the plant look better. For ornamental plants, you can spray a systemic insecticide, such as acephate, to kill the tunneling larvae. Carbaryl, neem oil, or pyrethrin are effective if sprayed just as the larvae are hatching. If you see large, merged tunnels, the larvae may have already completed their life cycles, making insecticidal sprays pointless.

Control is more important for leafy vegetable crops because feeding by the leafminers damages the edible portion of the plant. Protect vegetables from egg-laying adults by covering the plants with a

floating row cover. Secure the edges of the row cover to the ground so that no adults can enter. Remove and destroy affected leaves.

Host Plants

Leafminers may attack many ornamental plants. Some of the preferred hosts are arborvitae, aspen, azalea, birch, bougainvillea, boxwood, butterfly weed, chrysanthemum, columbine, cottonwood, delphinium, elm, holly, impatiens, juniper, lantana, lilac, locust, magnolia, oak, pine, verbena, water lily.

Commonly affected food crops are apples, beets, citrus, garlic, onions, spinach, swiss chard, tomatoes.

Source: <https://www.bhg.com/gardening/pests/insects-diseases-weeds/stop-leafminers/>



Homemade Peanut Butter Suet

1/2 cup peanut butter
2/3 cup Crisco
6 cups cornmeal

In a pan, cook Crisco and peanut butter together until just melted. Remove from heat and add cornmeal to the mixture. The correct consistency should be sticky, but not too dry or too wet—just sticky enough so you can put it into the holes of the feeder without a problem or between the scales of a pinecone. If too wet, add more cornmeal.

Lighten Up! Murphy's Laws of Gardening

- ☼ The only way to ensure rain is to give the garden a good soaking.
- ☼ Weeds grow at precisely the rate you pull them out.
- ☼ Nothing ever looks like it does on the seed packet.
- ☼ Those blunt-bladed, half-broken \$10 pruners never get misplaced. It's always the \$50 Felco ones that get lost somewhere in the bushes.
- ☼ However bare the lawn, grass will appear in the cracks between the patio paving stones.
- ☼ When weeding, the best way to make sure you are removing a weed and not a valuable plant is to pull on it. If it comes out of the ground easily, it is a valuable plant.
- ☼ The garden center will have every last perennial-flower variety known to man - except the one you're looking for.

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shaped leaves with yellow and orange large tulip flowers and a huge pink flowering dogwood. Many large ponds, stone landscaping, arbors, waterfalls, artwork, about 20 themed gardens . . . there wasn't enough time to see it all. It's a private residence so it's only open for tour groups and just a few public events. Try to see it some day! I can't wait to visit it again. *Editor's Note: All photos on this page are CJ's pix from Christopher's Garden. There are 30 more fabulous pix on Veronica's Facebook post of June 23.*

We're still hoping to get more volunteers to help at our garden walk on Sat., July 22nd—either 9-12 or 12-3. Please call or text or email Veronica if you can help: 920-471-8649 or vageurts@yahoo.com. Thanks!

Happy Gardening!
CJ Janus, Co-president

And from Patti Nellis . . .

Have you spotted a "Good Garden Neighbor" yet?

Soon our garden club will be offering cards for you to use! We hope to feature photos of local gardens—maybe yours! If you have a favorite picture, please share with us—it would be fun to use your pictures. Some of us have already started giving out cards in our neighborhoods—what a heart-warming experience this has been. Gardeners love having their gardens appreciated when they have put so much work into keeping them beautiful for the neighborhood.

Please share your experiences with all of us—remember, they can be given anonymously if you want. Let's spread goodwill through our common interest in gardening.

Good Neighbor Week
September 24-30, 2023

Please share,
Patti Nellis, Co-president



Liriodendron tulipifera (tulip tree)



New Member—Corey Behnke

Editor's Note: An article in the June 23 issue of the Press Times was passed on to me entitled "Power of Place: Embracing Lifestyle Savings". Corey, who is so into gardening, discovered our club and joined in February. You will be amazed at this young man's adventures. With recognition to author, Kris Leonhardt, I have paraphrased the article below.



Corey was born in Green Bay with grandparents who loved the Packers (Corey's current home is on Shadow Lane across from the Stadium). Since the age of 6, he wanted to be an actor. His family moved to Los Angeles and then to North Carolina. In pursuit of his acting career, he graduated from the University of North Carolina School of the Arts.

As might happen, acting had to be supplemented with "a real job"! He began freelancing as a production assistant, and in 2003 secured a position for New Year's Eve in Times Square. Working his way up to livestream broadcast producer, he created the first official Times Square webcast. By 2015, after working for numerous companies, he co-founded Live X—a livestreaming production company headquartered in New York City with a newly built remote facility in downtown Green Bay—and Cheesehead TV.

By 2020, Corey was located in Milwaukee, and COVID-19 opened up all kinds of remote opportunities. That's what brings us to "lifestyle savings"—a new remote workforce can be anywhere, so why not the new normal? As Corey explains, "What about raising the family? What about not spending all your time on a commute? . . . You know, fishing for walleye is important. And, gardening for me is important. My first three seasons of gardening—it's been incredible. I spent a lot of 20 years not being available to the people that I love, people that I care about. And so some of those things are 'why Green Bay?' It's a very special place, unique like no other."

Welcome back to your home base, Corey!

Our club will be visiting Corey's home and gardens in September. Corey was so kind in donating plants for our plant sale and working on Saturday on the floor helping customers and cleanup at the end of the day. Thank you, Corey, and welcome to our club!

Barb Vandersteen Benches Installed at the Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary

Barbara Vandersteen became a club member in 1994 and served as president from 1997-1999, a half year in 2006, and again from 2013-2014. She was a cheerful, ambitious lady, and her family wished to memorialize her with benches placed at the Wildlife Sanctuary which she so adored and was proud of our club's work there in 2009. Numerous club members donated to that memorial. Here are photos of the benches and labels:



The family also donated \$1,000 in Barbara's name to our club. We have earmarked that money toward improving the gardens around the sanctuary. Perhaps there is something we could do near or around the benches. Please visit the sanctuary, and if you have ideas, please let us know.

Although their music was cutting hedge and highly sod after, it was unfortunately only a topiary gig.





What's Coming Up?

Plan ahead for our future meetings!

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

On **September 27**, we have been invited by Corey Behnke, a new member, to view his pollinator garden at 1213 Shadow Lane. Corey will have a presentation of what he has learned so far, his progress so far, and how many insects he hopes to support with the garden.

October—see below.

Mark your calendar for **November 15**—pot luck at GBBG and the last meeting for 2023!

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

Past and Future Meetings

It was fun visiting two fabulous local gardens for our meeting on June 26th. First we toured Lisa and Dan Rocheleau's country yard in Howard which is on our garden walk. They were one of our Silver Trowel Award winners last year. We've been using some photos from their beautiful yard in our marketing this year. Then we were invited to member Debbie Schumacher's yard for our meeting. She plants over 150 pots of annuals almost all grown from seed under grow lights in her house! So much color at both places!

We're getting spoiled with delicious snacks at our meetings—Gorgonzola mascarpone cheese spread, rhubarb torte, and wine—egads! Thanks Donna, Shirley, and Deb!

Looking ahead to October's meeting . . . traditionally our club has had a "Brag Night"—we would bring photos or samples of the summer's plants or produce we were proud of and share info. We'll be back at the GB Botanical Garden for our meeting so we'll have access to a projector and screen. You can bring your photos on a USB drive or email them to me when it's closer to the date. But let's give it a different name because we'll make it a roundtable discussion where we can bring photos of "failures" also and ask about problems and learn from each other (Patti's been wanting to do this more often and so have I). Help us think of a name for this event.

CJ Janus



Schroeder's and Ivy Trails have renewed their advertising in our **Giller** this year.
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Hosta 'Paradigm'

Events of Interest to Gardeners

Green & Gold Hosta Society: Hosta Chit Chat Garden Tour, July 17, 6-8 pm, Rose Hill Gardens, 472 Rose Hill Dr., Hobart, WI 54115. Join us for a gathering of gardening friends at Rose Hill Gardens. Free.

Green & Gold Hosta Society: Hosta Chit Chat Garden Tour, August 3, 6-8 pm, The Schmidt Garden, W3940 Mackville Rd., Appleton, WI 54913. From a corn field to a beautiful garden over the decades—join us for the last chit chat garden tour of the season! Free.

Resch Expo - Beyond Van Gogh: The Immersive Experience, nine week run through August 10. Go to vangogh@greenbay.com for hours and ticket prices. Van Gogh was inspired by nature, from its cycle of life and death to its ability to refresh. He left Paris for the South of France to be surrounded by the sun and colors of irises and sunflowers. He has become synonymous with sunflowers. Through this immersive experience, you can sit or lie down on the floor as "The Starry Night" moves around you. "Almond Blossom" flutters across the floor. The exhibit covers 30,000 square feet, an introduction room, the main hall, and a merchandise/virtual reality area.

GBBG - Sanimax Concert Series: June 8 - August 17, 6-8 p.m. July 20: Nettle Hill (Americana), July 27: Patchouli & Terra Guitarra (Folk), August 3: Alive Again (Chicago Tribute Band), August 17: Moonglow (Pop Soul). Enjoy live music from local musicians in the spectacular Schneider Family Grand Garden. Guests are encouraged to bring picnics, lawn chairs, blankets, and their dancing shoes! Free/Garden Member; General Public: \$26/Family (2 adults and children 17 & under in the household or grandchildren); \$13/Adult; \$11/Senior (62+), AAA, AARP, Military, & Students (w/school ID); \$5/Child (3-17); Free/Children 2 & under.

GBBG - Getaway Wednesdays, June 7 - August 30, 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Explore the new Bell Children's Garden, join a guided tour from 10-11 a.m., visit the Discovery Station from 4-5 p.m. featuring nature activities. Buy one, get one admission. Free for GBBG members. To reserve your spot at GBBG, visit their website at gbbg.org or call 920-490-9457.

* **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. *
