

The Tiller

The Gardeners Club of Green Bay, Wisconsin



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5:30 p.m. at:

Dan and Lisa Rocheleau

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Lisa and Dan are in Howard,
about 6 miles NW of Fleet Farm

6:30 p.m. at:

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Garden Tours—Monday, June 26, 2023—RSVP Needed!

Please note the changes for this month to accommodate tours of two gardens. The Rocheleau garden won the 2022 Silver Trowel Award and is on the July 22 garden walk, and Debbie Schumacher volunteered her garden for our meeting. We will spend an hour at the Rocheleau garden, then on to Debbie Schumacher's garden at 6:30 p.m. where we will tour, have refreshments, and have our business meeting. We are sending this newsletter to our plant sale customers who signed up to receive the **Tiller** and inviting them as guests. We will need to know how many to expect, so **please RSVP Debbie Schumacher** (920-655-3115 or dschumacher8@new.rr.com) **by June 25.**

We have also planned to have car pooling available from both the east and west sides of Green Bay. Please email Sue Rohan (drfeelgoodmd@new.rr.com) if you would like to car pool from the GV & Hoffman Road Park and Ride—will plan to leave Park and Ride by 5 p.m.—please plan accordingly. Please call or email CJ Janus (920-362-5609/cj.janus57@gmail.com) if you would like to car pool from the Fleet Farm parking lot at 213 Taylor Street.

Although deck seating is available at Debbie's, please bring a lawn chair just in case it is needed. Also, if you would like to volunteer to bring a refreshment, please call or email Barb Kamps (920-366-3091/barbaraayres@isu.edu).

From our Co-Presidents ...



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Co-Presidents: CJ Janus and Patti Nellis

Hello and happy summer to
The Gardeners Club of GB!

It was so nice working with our dozen
fellow members at our rousingly suc-

cessful plant sale—and we can't thank
you enough for all you donated either in
plants, decor, or time.

As grateful as we are for all of the volunteers who dug out perennials, raised houseplants, created garden decor, cut blind slats into plant markers, made seed packets and printed labels, painted our signs, promoted the event through social media and printed materials, worked at the sale, and innumerable other tasks — **our biggest volunteers to honor are VP Veronica and (Mr. VP) Rob Geurts.** Rob and Veronica donated big, beautiful, expensive, handcrafted items that you'll see on page 4. And they

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No minutes this month due to our fund-raising plant sale in lieu of a member meeting.

Information for New Members— TGOA, Our Parent Organization

This article is written especially for our recent new members. When you become a member of our club, a portion of your dues is sent to our parent organization, The Gardeners of America. Your name/address information will be submitted to the national office, and you will begin receiving the bimonthly national newsletter.

One of the most important benefits of affiliating with TGOA is our club is under the umbrella of the parent group for our tax-exempt 501(c)(3) status with the IRS. Also, Wisconsin Department of Revenue requires 501(c)(3) status in order for our club to be exempt from Wisconsin sales and use tax. If we did not have this status, we would have to charge sales tax (or identify to customers that sales tax is included in the price) when we have fund-raisers such as our recent plant sale, then submit sales tax on our income from the sale.

If you have not received anything from the national organization yet, we want you to be aware of what is offered to you at the national level. First of all, you can visit the website, gardenersofamerica.club, for information. To use the "Members Only" tab, you will need a password—it is lily. You may also find that the password is needed as you click on various links.

The Gardeners of America has held a photography competition for many years. All the details for entering are on the website. The due date for this year is July 1. You may enter up to 20 photos in

13 different classes—close-ups, landscapes, annuals, perennials, fruits, vegetables, nuts, etc. Winners will be announced at the national convention (not necessary to be in attendance).

The TGOA National Convention is in Dayton, Ohio, on July 26, 27, and 28. All details are available on the website. The convention offers seminars, tours, and of course, fellowship. Master Gardener Continuing Education credits are given for the seminars. There is a judged horticulture show giving you the opportunity to enter five items by bringing plants, vegetables, fruits, flower arrangements, orchids, cacti/succulents, miniature gardens, etc. (15 sections to choose from). First, second, and third place ribbons are awarded and trophies are awarded for Best of Show and People's Choice awards. Photography winners are announced at the convention and other awards are given. You can bring items to be included in a silent auction, and of course, bid on items in the auction.

Many of our senior members have participated in national conventions over the years. Often times, it's a road trip over a couple more days to include botanical garden visits along the way to and from the convention. Our club sponsored national conventions in Green Bay in 1999 and 2016. In the past few years and before COVID, the conventions have been being held in Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio.

Give some thought to travel if you can, and if not this year, watch for next year's activities.

Shirley Winnes, Tiller Editor



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!



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Club and Member News ...



Well wishes for both Carl Christensen and Marge Labs who have been dealing with health issues.

Some things to do and think about—

- Our garden walk fund raiser is coming up on July 22. Please consider signing up for a shift at the gardens collecting money or directing and answering questions in the gardens. Sign-up sheet will be available at our June meeting—3-hour commitment, either 9-12 or 12-3.
- Be on the lookout for great gardens—to have a garden walk next year, we will need suggestions for gardens to visit.
- We are a nonprofit organization—a portion of our proceeds from fund-raising activities allows us to give financial support to community organizations or individuals. As club members, please make suggestions/recommendation as to your wishes where financial assistance may be given.
- We learn from experiences, and in planning for our 2nd annual plant sale . . . Please save pots for our divisions from our gardens. Take photos—many of our customers are new to gardening and are looking for assistance as they shop for plants they may not be familiar with. As your plants flower and appear at their best, please take a photo that can be placed with the displayed plants at our next plant sale.



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

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



Success! - 1st Annual Plant Sale



Plants galore (and customers) too! All plants placed, labeled, and priced for Friday's sale. Thank you to everyone who donated plants and a variety of garden-related items.

See more photos on Facebook and our website.



This was the crew at the end of the day on Saturday, May 20. Back row: CJ Janus, Barb Kamps, Corey Behnke, Shirley Winnes, Rob Geurts. Front row: Patti Nellis, Diana Buss, Veronica Geurts.

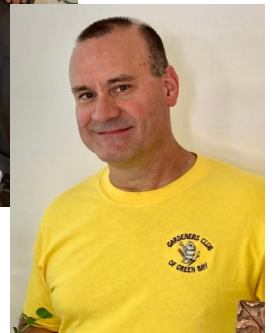
Unique garden art!



Education in progress!
Rob Geurts and CJ Janus helping a customer.



A future customer!



Veronica and Rob Geurts

Without these two, this event would not have happened. It was Veronica who said "We can do this!" That was in January of this year at a planning session. Thank you both for your passion, time, energy, and donations to this fund-raising activity that became a huge success.

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hauled their two SUVs full of large patio trees and over 150 pots of perennials from Shirley's house (Thanks Shirley!). Veronica made all the calls to find a place to rent, drove to pick up a huge amount of free pots, promoted the sale, handled the volunteer sign ups, dug out plants at several yards, and so many chores you'd never think of . . . besides working non-stop at the park shelter! We can't thank you enough V! So maybe you'd expect the VP to work all those hours but Rob went over and above—working all the hours at the shelter besides all the hours at home building the décor. **He deserves big kudos! Thanks so much Rob!**

And thank you **Patti Nellis** for stenciling the road signs, creating the deluxe seed packets, making lots of phone calls, and bringing us a lunch buffet Saturday! And thank you **Debbie Schumacher** for all the deluxe labels you made and all the plant donations! And thanks to big donors **Agnes Schussman** and **Barb Kamps** also!

For next year—please remember to save your pots or ask others for theirs for next year's sale. Also please take photos of your perennials that you'll be digging out next spring when they're in their glory this summer—on an overcast day or when they're in the shade (soft lighting is better than sun). Shoppers like to see how the plants look in flower. And if you grow allium, now is the time to spray paint the blossoms and save them in a vase for the sale.

Also please think about where you'd like our club to donate the profits from our fundraisers—related to horticulture. We'll talk about it at our meeting on the 26th.

And hello to the 59 people who signed up to receive our newsletter at our plant sale!!! It was great meeting you and helping you select plants, and we hope to see you at an upcoming meeting!

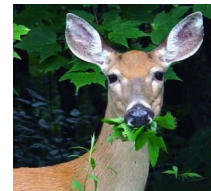
Hope to see you all at the gardens we're touring Monday, June 26th! My favorite thing to do!

CJ Janus - co-president (and Patti Nellis - co-president)

Editor's Note: Many thanks, also, to CJ who donated plants, helped others to divide and pot plants, worked all the hours at the shelter, and everything else as co-president!

Homemade Spray to Keep Deer from Eating Plants

1 egg
1/2 cup milk
1 tbsp. cooking oil
1 tbsp. dish soap
1 gallon water
garlic powder (optional)



Beat egg and milk together; then add oil and soap. Add mixture to water and mix well. Store in a covered gallon jug.

Apply liquid to plants except for food plants using a spray bottle. Reapply every two weeks or after heavy rains.



What's Coming Up?

Plan ahead for our future meetings!

July 22 will be the garden walk which we are sponsoring for fund raising. We are planning tours of four of the gardens on Friday, July 21, for members who will be working on Saturday.

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—to be announced.

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.



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Events of Interest to Gardeners

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. John Kelley & Fusion Xpress Orchestra (Jazz and Broadway Tunes) June 15; Civic Symphony of Green Bay, (Chamber Music), June 22; Cathy Grier (Blues) June 29. 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.

GBBG - Admission Free to Dads, June 18, 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.

GBBG - Green & Gold Hosta Society: Summer Chit Chat Garden Tour & Plant Sale, June 17, 6-8 p.m. Join us for a hosta garden tour! Chat with others who share a love of hostas as you stroll the gardens. Hostas will also be available for purchase with proceeds going to the Green & Gold Hosta Society to support future programs. Free.

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 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 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.
