

The Tiller

The Gardeners Club of Green Bay, Wisconsin



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Our 2023 officers were installed at the November 9 Harvest Banquet.

Co-Presidents: Patti Nellis and CJ Janus
Past President: Jill Leisgang
Vice President: Veronica Geurts
Treasurer: Ritalyn Arps
Secretary: Agnes Schussman

We won't be meeting again until January when we will meet on Saturdays for the months of January through April.

In the meantime,
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



From the President . . .

Season's Greetings Gardening Friends!

This will be short because I thought I didn't start my duties as co-president until January—and Patti's on vacation.

We would just like to thank everyone involved with our wonderful Harvest Banquet on November 9! Thank you, Shirley, for creating and narrating the PowerPoint presentations of the Silver Trowel Award winners. Thank you, Patti, for all your work as the award committee chairperson. Thank you, Marsha, for creating and donating the beautiful table decor. Thank you, Jill, for emceeing the event. Thank you, Ritalyn and Marlene, for all of your work with the silent auction.

Thank you to all of the members who so generously donated items and

thanks to everyone who purchased them. And thank you to all who attended—our banquet would not have been such a success without you! And thanks to whoever I missed!

Merry Christmas!
CJ Janus



Outgoing president, Jill Leisgang, served as the emcee for the Harvest Banquet.

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Meeting Minutes - 10/26/2022

Our meeting was held at the GBBG at 5 p.m. with 19 members attending. Our pot luck preceded our meeting. Jill Leisgang, Ritalyn Arps, and Kathy Anderson brought the chili. Other members brought many desserts, salads, snacks, and bread, which were enjoyed by everyone. Carl conducted our business meeting in Jill Leisgang's absence.

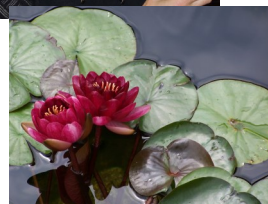
Banquet: It starts at 5 p.m. Everyone was reminded to bring an item for the silent auction. Marsha May has the table decorations taken care of. Members can pay Ritalyn Arps for the dinner and can also pay for their next year's dues.

Membership: Rose Borowitz handed out nametags to new members. Also receiving an apple were Barb Camps, Deb and Jim Schumacher, Veronica and Robert Guerts, Pat Gustafson, CJ Janus, Mary Watts. Bernice Wishart, and Christine Wishart.

Fundraiser: Making booyah in September 2023 was discussed. Carl will be checking to get more information.

Minutes were prepared by Marge Labs and Agnes Schussman, Secretary.

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



TGOA Photo Awards

Jill Leisgang received a trophy for her Best of Show award for Rosa 'Violet's Pride'. Shirley Winnes also received a trophy for 1st Runner-up for Nymphaea (water lilies).

2023 Dues

Dues are due! Please keep your membership current so that your treasurer can submit funds to TGOA Headquarters to keep your information current on the membership list.

Please complete this form and include it with your dues payment for 2023.

Name(s) _____ Date _____

Address: _____

Check Applicable Classification:

- ☐ Individual Membership = \$25
- ☐ Family Membership = \$35
- ☐ Youth Membership = \$10
- ☐ Current Life Member = \$10 (local dues)
- ☐ Purchase of Life Membership = \$200 + \$10 (local dues)

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Club and Member News ...



We welcome a returning member:

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Thank you so much to be honored for the “behind the scenes” work I have done since my membership in 1999. It has been my pleasure to serve as the editor of the **Tiller** for 22 years and keeping members informed of garden club events and news through e-mails, our website, and Facebook. I love the trowel with my name and GCGB burned into the handle. A box of Seroogy chocolates was also a treat!

Shirley Winnes

Congratulations to Carl Christensen for receiving a lifetime membership to The Gardeners of America. He has served many years as 2nd VP, 1st VP, President, on the Board as past President, and now again as 2nd VP for 2023. Also, our own member, **Ritalyn Arps**, has accepted the position of secretary for TGOA.

Thank you to CJ Janus for serving as photographer this past year recording activities at the Wildlife Sanctuary, our club meetings, Silver Trowel Award winners' gardens, and our Harvest Banquet.

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

2022 Silver Trowel Awards



Silver Trowel Award - Residential

Robert and Veronica Geurts
3054 Big Timber Circle
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Rob and Veronica met 16 years ago. Veronica was already an avid gardener. Rob had dug a hole or two and knew what a marigold was. LOL! The first home they bought together was in 99% sun. In the eight years they lived there, they created many beautiful sunny perennial gardens and began their hobby of raising Koi in an 800-gallon pond. After becoming empty nesters, they downsized and bought their current home that is in the woods and 99% shade! First item on the agenda was to build a 3,000-gallon, 4-foot-deep pond with a 25-foot stream. With no formal plan, just a bunch of random, scattered leftover hostas to work with, they began creating numerous small garden areas divided by stone-lined gravel pathways. By incorporating their other hobby/interests of antiquing, flea markets, and thrifting, they've created a rusty, whimsical life-size fairy garden! Challenges included learning what plants would thrive in the shade and learning to cohabitate with the many kinds of wildlife from the woods. Of course, no garden is complete without a she-shed! Two years ago Rob set out to build one for Veronica as a retirement gift. He designed the outside to match their garden, using rusty corrugated metal for the roof and three sides. Veronica was able to add her finishing touches to the inside and dazzled it with her antique chic specialty.



Silver Trowel Award - Residential

Dan and Lisa Rocheleau
4011 Nature Court
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Dan and Lisa Rocheleau built their home on a 1-1/2 acre sloping lot on Nature Court in Howard in 1993 and immediately began developing their gardens. With Dan growing up in his family's greenhouse, his passion for horticulture was a wonderful combination with Lisa's love of flowers and the outdoors. Their landscape evolved over the years, and beds gradually expanded to include many perennial and annual gardens including pathways, a fountain, fruit trees, vegetable garden and Lisa's collections of bunnies and watering cans. At the base of the sloped hill in the backyard begins a natural/wild area filled with perennials and native shrubs and trees including a path leading to a small creek meandering through the property. Dan and Lisa definitely share a passion for gardening and together they maintain and develop their gardens not only for themselves but love to share them with family, friends, and neighbors.

Silver Trowel Award - Individual

CJ Janus
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CJ joined our club in 2019. Of course, our club was not active during the pandemic but started up again in May of 2021. Since then, CJ has been an active member having taken on leading our three-year garden renovation project at the Wildlife Sanctuary. She worked with this year's Silver Trowel Committee, not knowing that the committee members selected her for this award until she was amazed to learn of it in September! She also took on the position of historian for the club. This is a great fit for her because of her 34-year career at NWTC as the staff photographer doing portraits and educational, marketing, and PR photography for all three campuses. She is a skilled photographer having had a 20-year freelance business as well. CJ had been a volunteer judge for several years for our club and our national organization, The Gardeners of America, evaluating photos in the annual photography competition. CJ has been a passionate community volunteer in the following: photography for nonprofits, Big Sister mentoring, Circles Program at GB Community Church, reading coach at Chappell Elementary School, Compassion International sponsor, and Salvation Army bell ringer. Along with all of her talents and interests, she has created beautiful gardens around her home.

Silver Trowel Award
Community Service through Gardening
Brown County Community Gardens
UWGB Campus
2019 Technology Way
Green Bay, WI 54311



The Community Gardens Program provides garden space and logistical assistance to Brown County residents to facilitate their access to affordable, nutritious, and culturally appropriate food. Developed in 1996 by the Extension FoodWise Program as part of an overall initiative to increase food security in Brown County, the program has expanded to 14

community gardens on over five acres with more than 380 plots and over 250 gardeners. The gardens are supported by Brown County, Extension Brown County, the City of Green Bay, donors, and local volunteers.

Cheryl Williams accepted the award from Patti Nellis, Silver Trowel Chairperson, on behalf of the Community Gardens.



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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; \$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 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.



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