

The Tiller

The Gardeners Club of Green Bay, Wisconsin



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Brag Night and Chili Potluck
5:30 p.m., Wednesday, October 26, 2022
Green Bay Botanical Garden
2600 Larsen Road, Green Bay, Wisconsin

Sign up to bring a dish for our potluck to begin at 5:30 p.m.

After that, it will be time to share your success (or misfortune) from this year's growing season. Bring samples, photos on a thumb drive (computer and projector will be available), or just tell us your story.



From the President . . .

Happy Fall!

The colors are absolutely gorgeous, and I am in fall wonderland! The leaves are falling, and my yard looks the best with all the yellow, orange, and red crunchy leaves covering the ground. My roses are still blooming, and the cold is keeping the blooms longer. I hope you all are enjoying the beauty in your own yards.

We had nominations at our last meeting, and I want to extend my personal congratulations and thanks for our wonderful nominees. I know Patti and CJ are going to be amazing co-presidents! They are full of amazing ideas to move the club forward, and I'm excited for what is to come. I'm also excited for our two new members, Veronica, our new VP, and Christine, our new sunshine chair, to

be more involved. It's wonderful to see new members getting involved and volunteering, and I want to commend them for stepping up and taking on an official role. Congrats to these amazing women, and I look forward to working with you all!

I'm also looking forward to our October brag night and chili potluck! If you haven't signed up to bring a dish, please do so online or email me. And, don't forget to bring pictures or a flash drive with pictures for brag time. We all love to see and hear about the good, the bad, and the amazing from our yards and gardens each year, so don't miss out!

Lastly, I want to touch on winterizing tender perennials. Tender means they aren't zone appropriate, have a lot of winter kill, or aren't mature



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Meeting Minutes - 9/28/2022

Our meeting was held at the GBBG at 6:30 p.m. with 19 members attending. Our guest speaker was Rob Zimmer, garden columnist and presenter on WBAY radio. Rob showed photos of pots decorated in a variety of ways and front porches decorated for fall.

Jill opened our business meeting at 7:40 p.m. The treasurer's report was given by Veronica Geurts.

Nominations for president and vice president: Carl Christensen nominated Patricia Nellis for president. She requested that CJ Janus would be co-president with her. CJ accepted that they would do it together. Veronica Geurts was nominated by Robert Geurts to be vice president and she accepted.

New meeting times: After discussion, it was decided September through April will be held on Saturday mornings and May through August will be held on Wednesday evenings.

Sunshine person needed: Christine Wishart has agreed to take over as sunshine person. Shirley Winnes will be the contact person.

Wildlife Sanctuary plantings: CJ Janus reported that the Wildlife Sanctuary did water plants (misinfor-

mation in August minutes that they were not watering). CJ Janus and Carl Christensen spoke with Austin about watering, and putting up a fence was suggested. He wants to be called when we do our planting. CJ has a list of plants that are deer and rabbit resistant. The Stone Silo will help with getting plants.

Harvest Banquet: It's at the 1951 Club. It's \$12 for members and \$16 for nonmembers for family-style chicken. Members were asked to think about what they want to bring for the silent auction. Patti Nellis announced that letters have been sent to the silver trowel winners. She also asked them if we can come and see their yards at next year's meetings.

Membership: Rose Borowitz gave name tags to our new members.

October meeting: This will be brag night with chili and potluck. Jill asked members to think about what they want to brag about.

Our meeting was adjourned and Barb Kamps won the door prize. Refreshments were served by Debbie Schumacher and Agnes Schussman.

Agnes Schussman
Secretary

Articles for the November-December issue of the Tiller are due by November 23. Send to Shirley Winnes at saw301@att.net or to sawrrw@hotmail.com.

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 = \$5 (local dues)

_____ Purchase of Life Membership = \$200 + \$5 (local dues)

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Club and Member News ...



Our sympathy to the family and friends of CJ Janus in the loss of her father.



Congratulations, Lee Hansen, on being the *Green Bay Press-Gazette Volunteer of the Week*. Lee has been recognized for his leadership in establishing the Green Bay Botanical Garden and his continued involvement with the Garden as a volunteer on committees, serving as a docent, raising funds, working with special events and much more.



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We learned from Rob Zimmer's September presentation that the trend is white for fall decorating—both inside and outside!



President's message, continued

enough to make it through winter. I deal with winterizing each year with roses. I'm going to share what I do to keep my tender roses alive so they can grow and thrive next season. This can be done to any tender perennial.

First, I trim my plant down to a reasonable height, usually 6-10 inches. Then, I take wood chips and pile them high over the plant. By trimming and covering with chips, I am insulating the base of my plant, not from freezing, but from winter wind and weather fluctuations. I do not trim back my climbing roses but instead pile wood chips high around the base and then wrap the canes thoroughly in burlap bags. Again, winter wind will do most of the killing so I'm insulating the important parts of my plants. Some people will use cones or cardboard boxes on top of the chips; I don't do that. I have rodents so I need to see the ground and my mounds and be able to set traps!

Some plants I've acquired late in the season I plant in pots and store in my garage over winter. I will trim them and pile chips on top, but I will put the pots on wood boards so the freezing cement isn't affecting the pot, and I have to remember to give them a little water about once a month. I want my pots to freeze so the plants go dormant, but I'm giving these little tender babies the most protection by keeping the wind, snow, and ice away from them. Anything Zone 7 or higher, I winter in my house. Lastly, I always let my plants have a good freeze or two before winterizing them.

It's sweater season, so stay warm, enjoy the colors, and I'll see you all in a few weeks!

Jill Leisgang, President



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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:

Fall Fireworks, Oct. 19 @ 6-8 p.m., *Rob Zimmer, Rob Zimmer Outdoors* (In-person and Virtual). The Fall Fireworks lecture will feature some of the best fall decorative plants for your garden. Rob focuses on trees, shrubs, annuals, and perennials for an all-around explosion of fall color in the garden. Don't let your garden's color fade after Labor Day. This program will help you bring color and brightness to your home all the way to Halloween and beyond! Cost: \$13/Garden Member; \$16/General Public

Designing With Spring-Blooming Bulbs, Nov. 2 @ 6-8 p.m., *Rob Zimmer, Rob Zimmer Outdoors* (In-person and Virtual). Do you love spring blooms? Are you looking for new ways to incorporate bulbs into your own garden spaces? Join Rob Zimmer as he discusses unique ways to plant and design with spring bulbs, such as tulips, daffodils, hyacinths, alliums and more! Learn great ways to combine and design with bulbs of all types that will create tapestries of color in spring. Rob will also show you how to plant bulbs in containers for immediate color in late winter and early spring indoors. Cost: \$13/Garden Member; \$16/General Public

Fall & Winter Bird-Feeding Extravaganza, Nov. 16 @ 6-8 p.m., *Rob Zimmer, Rob Zimmer Outdoors* (In-person and Virtual). This exciting class will provide you with all you need to know about feeding birds in your backyard and garden this fall and winter. Fall is the time of year when birds really need a supplemental food source in preparation for cold Wisconsin winters. Rob gives you the scoop on the best choices for the widest variety of birds, and he'll even help you ID some of those mystery birds you might see around your home! Cost: \$13/Garden Member; \$16/General Public

A Few Gardening Tips

☼ A good tonic for ferns is to water them with weak tea. Also, you can plant a wet soggy tea bag next to your fern.

☼ Glycerine is one of the best substances for putting a gloss on plant leaves. Just put a few drops of glycerine on a cloth and swab leaves. Glycerine is better than mayonnaise or olive oil as it is not a dust collector.

☼ For good drainage, use any of the following in the bottom of the pot: broken clay pots, cracked walnuts, marbles, charcoal, or fruit pits. Coffee filters are perfect for the bottom of a pot to prevent soil spilling out of the drainage holes.



*The Gardeners Club of Green Bay
presents*

Annual Harvest Banquet

Wednesday, November 9, 2022

1951 West
1951 Bond Street
Green Bay, WI 54303

5 p.m. Silent Auction Bidding
and Social Time

6 p.m. Dinner

7-8 p.m. Program & Awards

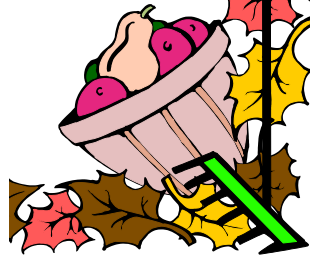
Break/Final Bidding

8:15 p.m. Auction & Conversation

Highlights of the program include:

Silver Trowel Awards

Harvest Auction



Harvest Banquet Silent Auction

November 9, 2022

Members, please bring an item for our "fun" fundraiser. Homemade canned items and baked goods are usually very popular items.

When you arrive, you will be given a bidding sheet to place with your donated item. The bidding sheet will have a place for your name as the donator (optional) and a suggested minimum bid (optional). You will place the item and the bidding sheet on the tables provided for the items. Please come prior to our 5 p.m. start time so that the items are in place for our participants to begin writing in their bids.

After our dinner and program, there will be additional time allowed to enter final bids, then the time will end. Winners of the items will proceed to the treasurer with the bidding sheet(s) and item(s) (unless too big to carry) to pay for their new treasures.

If you have any questions, please call Ritalyn Arps at 920-621-5184.

Please note special pricing—to encourage participation, a club member may bring a nonmember as a guest for the price of \$12 instead of \$16. Members, bring your spouse if not a club member, or bring a friend who might become a future member!

While making your payment for the banquet, please consider paying your 2023 dues—see the registration form on page 2.

Harvest Banquet Reservation Wednesday, November 9, 2022

1951 West
1951 Bond Street
Green Bay, WI 54303

_____ Number of family style chicken dinners @ \$12 per member and \$12 for one guest = _____

_____ Number of family style chicken dinners @ \$16 each per nonmember = _____

Please make check payable to The Gardeners Club of Green Bay (no cash please). You can mail this completed form and a check to Ritalyn Arps, 1451 Mighty Oak Trail, Green Bay, WI 54313.

All registrations and checks are due Wednesday, October 26 (date of our October club meeting).

Questions? Contact Carl Christensen, 920-606-8807 or cchristensen14@new.rr.com.

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Goats Control Invasive Species

Goats are always hungry, will eat almost anything, and their digestive system allows them to eat plants that would be poisonous to humans. Goats can do clean-up cheaper than a human crew and without chemicals and use no fossil-fueled equipment manned crews require. The goats leave behind valuable "pellets" that are quick to dissolve as fertilizer benefitting all plants and animals in the local ecosystem leaving the land better at the end of the graze. Grazing Goats Wisconsin reports that 40-70 goats can eat 150-200 pounds of roughage per day. To learn more and view the gallery of photos, go to grazinggoatswisconsin.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 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. *



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