

The Tiller

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Rob Zimmer, Nature Enthusiast
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Green Bay Botanical Garden
2600 Larsen Road, Green Bay, Wisconsin

We will be meeting at 6 p.m. for social time together. Our speaker will begin his seasonal garden presentation at 6:30 p.m. Rob Zimmer is a nature and garden columnist for newspapers throughout Wisconsin and is a presenter on WHBY radio (103.5 FM). His nature photography is phenomenal, and he is a sought-after speaker. He is also the author of several books: *Voices of the Wind: Four Seasons in Wild Wisconsin*, *Wild Seasons: The Beauty of Native Wildflowers*, and *Reflecting: Nature in Black and White*. His features and photographs have also appeared in a number of magazines. Learn more about our speaker at Rob Zimmer Outdoors on Facebook.



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From the President . . .

Hello Fellow Gardeners,

The weather is telling me that fall has come. I'm enjoying copious amounts of pumpkin spice lattes and pumpkin pie. Fall is an amazing and beautiful season. The leaves are only just starting to turn; let's hope we get to see some gorgeous colors this year.

Our wonderful gardens bring us great harvests in the fall. We often associate fall as beautiful but the dreaded season before winter with all the work we have to do before the cold. But, let's not taint this bountiful season by skipping ahead but by staying in the moment and looking around. Apples are ripening and are starting to be picked. Birds and insects are migrating south. Pumpkins and gourds are ripening. The trees

are putting on a show for us. Mushrooms are growing. And, our late tomatoes and other garden veggies are still ripening. I would challenge each of you, as you are capable, to step out and do something that celebrates this season. It can be as simple as attending one of the last farmer's markets or going to an apple or fall festival. Take a moment in the next couple months to truly stop, look around, and take in the beauty of a season that often leaves us as fast as it appears. Don't miss it.

Have you ever considered, when you do yard clean up, to leave and not cut down the seeded leftovers of your flowers like cone flowers, bee balm, yarrow, etc.? Did you know that our year-round birds will eat those seeds during the winter, and it helps keep



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Meeting Minutes - 8/24/2022



Members met at 6 p.m. at Sandy and Jim LaLuzerne's home at 4238 Pouwels Ct. in De Pere. Jim gave us a full demonstration on the correct way to plant a tree. He then proceeded with a guided tour pointing out some of his many trees and plants that they planted over the past 45 years.

Jill Leisgang opened our business meeting at 7:10 p.m. Ritalyn Arps gave the treasurer's report, and our new member Debbie Schumacher was welcomed.

Volunteer opportunity: Americorps Conservation needs help with eliminating evasive plants and planting native ones on local trails and parks. It would be two-hour slots, taking place on October 25th, Make a Difference Day. Those who are interested should call Maria Otto at 920-448-3386.

Wildlife Sanctuary plantings: They are not watering what we have planted, and many of the plants have been eaten or died. CJ Janus suggested we give up the shade garden and focus on the sun garden. Some of those plants are doing well. It's been decided to talk with Austin, the park ranger, to make a deal with him to water if we are to continue this project.

Banquet: It is being held November 9 at 1951 West, a supper club on Bond Street. It's \$12 a person for family style chicken. Members are encouraged to bring family and friends because we need to pay for 30 people. Jill Leisgang

will be our master of ceremonies. Patti Nellis announced that four winners have been chosen for a silver trowel. Shirley Winnes will be doing the PowerPoint presentation on the Silver Trowel Award winners' gardens.

Community Gardens: Patti Nellis and others met with Aubree Fliss at the gardens and were updated on the work they are doing donating produce to local food pantries.

Asparagus fundraiser: We are open for suggestions on how we are going to make the sale work, and a committee needs to be formed.

Brag night: Jill and Ritalyn will bring the chili, and others can bring what they want.

Nomination of officers for 2023: In September nominations will be taken for president and vice president.

Other: Agnes Schussman gave a recipe to kill Japanese beetles: 1 cup cooking oil - 1 cup rubbing alcohol - 1 Tbs. dish soap - 1qt. water. Put in a spray bottle and kill them.

Our meeting was adjourned, and Debbie Schumacher won the door prize.

Refreshments were served by CJ Janus and Marge Labs who was celebrating her birthday.



Agnes Schussman
Secretary

*Thank you, Marge,
for the treat!*

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



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Club and Member News . . .



Jim Laluzerne led the tour on the Laluzerne residential property on the August 27 club meeting. He also demonstrated how to correctly plant trees. If they are planted too deep or not given room to spread their roots, trees will have a short life because of girdling roots.

President's message, continued

them healthy and fed during the difficult cold? It may not look appealing in our yards, but nothing does in winter, so why not leave these plants and allow nature to provide for our avian friends.

Leaf mulch is one of the best natural and free soil amendments we have access to. This fall, as you rake and gather your leaves, don't bag them up or leave them on the curb! Mow them into small pieces and spread them thickly in your flower and vegetable gardens and leave them until the spring. Then you can work them into the soil and all those nutrients become a part of your soil. Another option is to leave your leaves where they fall and mulch them and spread them in the spring. This allows our native insects to nest in the leaves over winter and, if you wait until the temps are over 50 in the spring, you'll have helped your yard support a healthy insect biome. It's truly a win-win when we look at our fallen leaves as a benefit, instead of a job.

My friends, the next few months will be my last as your president, and I'm grateful for the opportunity you've given me. I hope to see you all come out to hear Rob Zimmer this month and our chili potluck (sign-up!) and brag night in October. Mark your calendars for the November banquet when we will be honoring our Silver-Trowel Award winners. Don't miss any of these meetings, friends!!

Happiest Fall Wishes,
Jill Leisgang, President



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:

Herbs & Health Series: Digestive Herbs, Sept. 1; Nervous System Herbs, Sept. 8; Immune System Herbs, Sept. 15; Muscle Herbs, Sept. 22; Respiratory Herbs, Sept. 29 @ 6-7:30 p.m., Valerie Dantoin, NWTC Sustainable Agriculture Instructor. Explore various herbs; their unique properties, role in history, medicine, food, and other traditional uses. Examine growing practices, harvest, and preservation. Make organic preparations, e.g., tea, infusions, tinctures, and salves. Each week focuses on a specific body system and the best herbs to support your health. In this hands-on workshop, you'll learn about digestive herbs and their benefits to your overall health. You will learn the extraction process using plant constituents and water as a solvent to create infusions such as teas, tonics, decoctions, and bitters. Sample your creations and take home the leftovers. Cost: \$69/GBBG Member; \$78/General Public; One Day: \$18

Papermaking: Botanical Beauties, Sept. 13 @ 1-3 p.m., Hilarie Rath, Instructor at Paper Discovery Center, Kim Grummer, President of Arnold Grummer, LLC. Do you wish you could enjoy the beauty of your garden just a little longer? Perhaps you'd like to share a piece of it with loved ones who live far away. The Garden will be offering a class on handmade card creation using botanicals, so you can preserve your favorite garden treasures. In this class you will learn how to form handmade paper sheets using botanical infused pulp, and you will learn how to embed pressed botanicals to create original greeting cards. Take home whatever you create! Pressed flowers will be available, but we encourage participants to press and bring their own botanicals from home. This class is limited to twelve participants. Last year, we sold out, so register early! Cost: \$18/GBBG Member; \$22/General Public

Mushrooms of Wisconsin, Oct. 5 @ 6-8 p.m., Rob Zimmer, Rob Zimmer Outdoors, (In-person and Virtual). This class will be a beginner level introduction to mushroom identification here in Wisconsin. Fall is peak mushroom season, meaning this is the perfect time for you to learn about the fungus growing in your yards, at the parks, and at the Garden. Rob will discuss ethical mushroom foraging while highlighting a breadth of amazing mushrooms in Wisconsin, including edible and non-edible (but beautiful) varieties. Cost: \$13/Garden Member; \$16/General Public

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

Easy Weeknight Dinners, Sept. 28 @ 5-7 p.m., Chef Shelly Platten, Healthy Chef Shelly, LLC. Meals that come together quickly during the busy work week are always winners. Bonus if they also provide leftovers for lunch the next day! Cook alongside Chef Shelly as you add some variety to your menu with dishes like Korean BBQ beef and rice salad bowls, speedy sheet pan chicken fajitas and coconut curry lentil soup. Cost: \$24/GBBG Member; \$29/General Public



GARDENFIT is a PBS television series that brings gardening and fitness together to help everyday gardeners take care of their bodies while also taking care of their gardens. Hosted by expert gardener Madeline Hooper and personal fitness trainer Jeff Hughes, **GARDENFIT** spotlights a different guest gardener from around the country in every episode, sharing distinctive insights and tips during tours of their gardens. The above photo is a topiary forest in Richmond, Mass., surrounded by hedge gardens and potted plant combinations. Watch or record episodes Fridays at 5 a.m. on Create or Saturdays at 10 a.m. on PBS Wisconsin.

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Meet Our New Members~

Debbie Schumacher and Jim Hebel



Debbie writes as follows:

I was always interested in flowers and gardening. It just became a hobby gone wild, especially now that I am retired from sales (one year).

My husband, Jim, will be joining me in retirement in spring of 2023. He is looking forward to taking over all of the vegetable gardening along with maintaining his orchard and Koi pond. Flowers are not high

on his interest radar, but he does like building hardscape that adds to our yard.

I much prefer flowers with perennial flower beds and annuals in pots. I plant 180 flower pots throughout the yard with emphasis on the patio area where we live in the summer. I start 98% of the annuals from seed and tubers in the basement Jan-March, usually resulting in 40 plus flats that move out into the greenhouse as soon as possible in spring. I usually wheel barrel and spread about 20-30 yards of chocolate mulch each year freshening the perennial beds throughout our three-acre+ yard. Mother Nature is always making changes in the yard especially to the trees, which result in new or moved perennial beds creating new looks each year.

I love all flowering plants, but daylilies and heuchera are my favorite perennials.

Our home was on the GBBG garden walk in 2006 and has evolved a lot since then. I took a lot of gardening/landscaping credit classes at NWTC when Lee Hansen was teaching. Never graduated with the degree but received the benefit of serious study of plants and landscaping.

Born in Appleton, I moved to my current Hobart home in 1989, met my husband a couple of years later and married in 1996, celebrating our 26th anniversary in August. We have several fur children and love and encourage the wildlife that comes into our yard. My husband loves feeding the birds, and I love growing flowers that attract butterflies and bees. We live in harmony with lots of deer, chippies, rabbits, opossum, racoons, etc., that call our yard home, too. We use Liquid Fence spraying every 2-3 weeks and anytime we get more than 1/2" of rain—takes two gallons to get everything sprayed.

Veronica Guerts encouraged me to join the garden club. She was very gracious to give my friend and me a tour of her gardens a couple of weeks ago. She has quite an art talent for visioning cool garden art projects that turn out beautifully!

Veronica and Rob Geurts



Veronica states that she has always been a gardener remembering having plants in her bedroom as a teenager.

Rob says, I married into it—LOL!

They like to create the unique and unusual. Their yard is shady so lots of colors are brought into the yard with vibrantly colored annuals to complement perennials. They learn about gardening by doing garden walks and searching the Internet.

They are both from this area. Veronica has been retired since February 2020, and Rob will hopefully be retiring in the next year or so. Rob has two daughters and one granddaughter. Veronica has a son and a daughter who has given them a granddaughter and grandson.

Hobbies and interests include antiques (thrifty and repurposing) and fishing (which includes ice fishing!).



September 22 - Autumnal Equinox

Editor's Note: We have had numerous new members this year, and you are all encouraged to introduce yourselves to the club by submitting a profile such as these. Debbie and Jim joined in August, Veronica and Rob in July.



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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; \$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.



*The Gardeners Club of Green Bay
presents*

Annual Harvest Banquet

Wednesday, November 9, 2022

1951 West
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5 p.m. Silent Auction Bidding
and Social Time

6 p.m. Dinner

7-8 p.m. Program & Awards

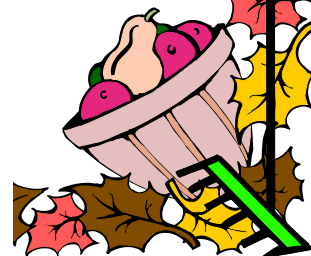
Break/Final Bidding

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.