

Green Bay Botanical Garden Newsletter

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January–April 2025



"What is the good of your stars and trees,  
your sunrise and the wind, if they do not  
enter into our daily lives?"

— E.M. Forster

Dear Members and Friends of the Garden,

As we welcome 2025, I am filled with gratitude and excitement for the opportunities ahead. Eight months into my role as President & CEO, I have learned so much and continue to be inspired by the dedication of our incredible staff, volunteers, and supporters like you. It's been humbling to see the dedication to the work we do!

This past year, your support has helped the Garden flourish – not just in its stunning botanical displays but in its mission to connect people with plants. As we look to further grow our impact, we're seeking support for a few wish-list items:

- **Two new or gently used wide-width wheelchairs**
- **Two outdoor LED floodlights** for the Schneider Family Grand Garden/WPS Foundation Plaza and Larsen Road for post-event cleanup and safer parking lot exits

If you'd like to donate or learn more, please contact Cindy Berton, Director of Development, [cberton@gbbg.org](mailto:cberton@gbbg.org) or 920.593.5663. We appreciate your support!

Looking ahead, 2025 promises to be a year of growth and transformation. We're excited to launch new educational programs, enhance the guest experience, and embark on space-planning initiatives. In May, **Washed Ashore: Art to Save the Sea**, presented by Dar Stumpf & Clyde Reed, will return with Wisconsin favorite, Stanley the Sturgeon, and eight new larger-than-life sculptures. Stay tuned for more details as we approach spring!

Exhibits, programs, and events like these reflect our commitment to embracing challenges and ensuring the Garden thrives for generations to come. These efforts are only possible because of our entire Garden Team – staff, volunteers, and our Board of Directors.

To each of you – our members, donors, volunteers, past and current Board members, and friends – I extend my heartfelt thanks. Your generosity fuels us to dream big! Whether you've attended WPS Garden of Lights, taken a class, or simply strolled our paths, you are part of this journey.

Here's to a bright 2025 filled with flourishing partnerships, new experiences, and the enduring beauty of nature. Thank you for growing with us!

Warm Regards,



Laura M. Nelson, M.D.  
President & CEO

## New Year, New Faces

Tom Arndt, previously Vice Chair, was elected chair of the Garden's Board at its November 2024 meeting. A Board member since 2017, Arndt succeeds Terri Trantow, who served as Chair since 2023.

Under her leadership, the Garden opened the Carol & Bruce Bell Children's Garden, had its best year ever with more than 209,000 guests from May 2023–April 2024, and transitioned the Garden from former President & CEO, Susan Garot, to its current leader, Laura M. Nelson, M.D.

The Garden also welcomes four new members to its Board of Directors, each bringing unique expertise and a passion for the Garden's mission:



**Brad Charapata**, VP of Commercial Banking at BMO Bank, is eager to use his financial expertise to help the Garden build on its successes.



**Lynn Green**, a Nurse Practitioner and Herbalist at Nature's Way, combines her love for gardening and health, aiming to foster connections between plants and well-being.

**Jeremiah School**, President of DOT Security, brings over 20 years of IT and cybersecurity experience. A bonsai enthusiast, he is committed to enhancing the Garden's impact.



**Tatum Quackenboss**, Executive Director at Prevea Health, is passionate about collaborating to make a difference at the Garden.



Returning Board members include Susan Baranczyk and Justyna Cermeli, while Diane Conway, Kathy Hartman, Mai Lo Lee, and Kim Schanock are stepping down after their tenures.

Diane Conway served three terms on the Board and as Chair from 2020–2022, leading the Garden through the pandemic and overseeing its largest project, the Bell Children's Garden.

Kathy Hartman, a foundational leader, served two nine-year commitments and led significant fundraising efforts, including co-chairing campaigns with her husband Doug for the Schneider Family Grand Garden and the Bell Children's Garden.

Mai Lo Lee, a Board member for three years, played a key role in advancing the Garden's inclusivity and diversity initiatives.

Kim Schanock, a two-year Board member, focused on literacy and education, contributing to the development of children's programming in the Bell Children's Garden.

The new and returning members join a deeply committed Board, united to steward the Garden into its next chapter as a source of joy, learning, and inspiration.

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### Help Us Go Green!

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### On the Cover

An early tulip shines in front of the Kaftan Lusthaus.  
April, 2024





# A New Leaf:

## Your Guide to a Yearly Garden Refresh

Mark Konlock, Director of Horticulture  
Mikayla Albrecht, Marketing & Communications Intern

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A garden is like a symphony. Once everything is planned and planted, the strings begin to stir each spring, leading the way for another season of song. Still, after a few years, the same old tune can begin to feel worn out and overdone. An overhaul is costly and drastic, but that doesn't mean you have to retire your spade. What if it could be easy and fun to give your landscape a quick refresh?

### Make a Game Plan

The first step to updating your landscape is identifying what you'd like to change. Start by reflecting on the strengths and weaknesses of your space, the qualities that you want to hold onto, and the areas that need extra help. Be sure to note sunlight, soil quality, and other conditions that might affect what can be successfully planted in your space.

Our Horticulture Team plans to refresh the Wood Memorial Grove, which was improved with a bluestone patio last fall. Groundcover perennials will surround the patio this summer. A carpet of greenery helps break up the mulch of the planting beds and show off new hardscape.

It also means less mulch in the long run. As the plants fill in, they will be a living mulch that will refresh itself each year!

### Get Inspired

Try new things, experiment, and even check out social media for creative ideas to spark your refresh. This upcoming season, here are some designs we're looking forward to:



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### Vanderperren English Cottage Garden

This area will color echo and contrast Sylvia the Silvertip Shark as part of the summer exhibit, Washed Ashore!

Lindsay Hendricks (Horticulture Manager) will integrate aqua painted curly willow branches (*Salix matsudana*) to add structure and a punch of color. You can do it at home too! Color echo furniture, house trim, or artwork in your space and repurpose branches and limbs as sculptural pieces, trellises, or other garden elements.

### Partnership Gardens

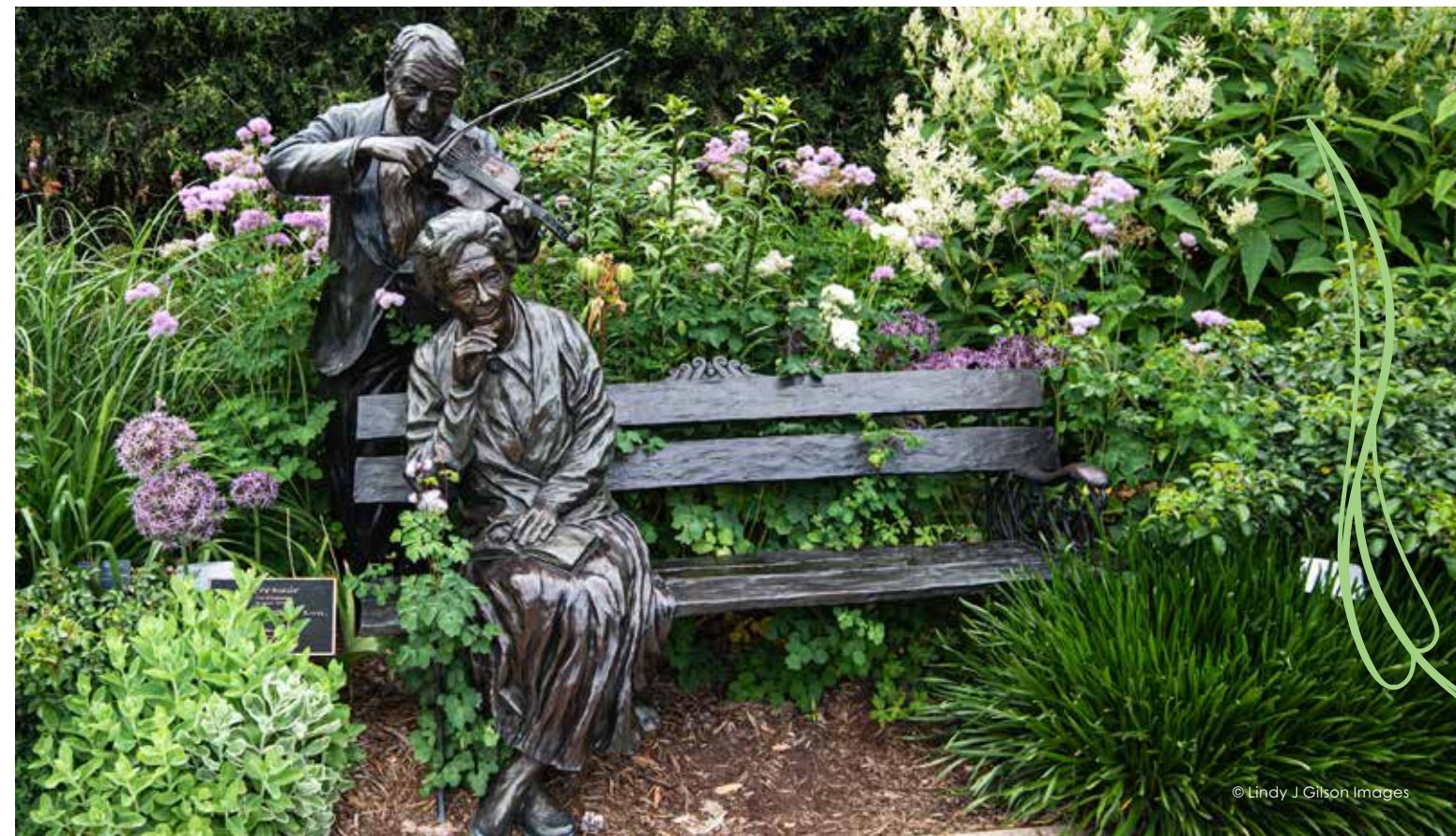
Look out for STEAM! This year's theme will come alive thanks to Amanda Hatton (Seasonal Gardener) and focuses on Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math to coincide with the All-America Selections Landscape Design Challenge.

### Bell Children's Garden

Melissa Maurer-Ford (Horticulturist) will plant a zoo-themed bed in the Nielsen Village. Keep an eye out for plant names with an animal twist like Cannova® Gold Leopard canna (*Canna x generalis*).

### Kress Oval & Lux Foundation Rose Gardens

Can you spot plants, flowers, or foliage that mimic your favorite animated character? Ashley Barkow (Horticulturist) is letting outfits from animated movies inspire her color palette.



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Picking a fun theme, especially for your annuals, can enhance your catalog and web searches to find new plants that you might not have tried otherwise.

A timeless trend, home gardeners are really leaning into native plants and pollinator-friendly garden designs. Wisconsin has a wealth of native plants, each suited for different ecological landscapes in our area. Since they're adapted to our region, they support native wildlife and often require less maintenance than other ornamentals.

While you're making your plant selections, be sure to think seasonally. If your space is a bit lacking in spring, bring in some bright bulbs to add vibrant color. Since bulbs are planted in fall, make note of what you like in spring. In the heat of summer, colorful annuals like zinnias and the feathery texture of cosmos can add visual interest to your garden. Consider adding the bold texture of cannas and other tropical plants to contrast your annuals. Fall and winter are a bit trickier, but evergreens, architectural plants, and ornamental grasses shine, even under a blanket of snow.

### Don't Break the Bank

While you can certainly go all out, a garden refresh doesn't have to break the bank. Before you visit the big box store or your local greenhouse, connect with local groups. Seed and plant swaps are a great way to build community while saving a few bucks on your next gardening project. Plus, if you want more of something that's already in your garden, chances are there's a way to collect seed from or propagate your existing plant. With a quick search and a little bit of practice, you'll fill in your garden's gaps in no time!

There are also plenty of household items that can be repurposed as planters and trellises. We love the rustic look of an arrangement in a hollowed-out tree stump blending beautifully into the natural landscape. The sky is truly the limit to what you can reuse, so get creative and have fun with it!

### Connect & Share

Along your journey, remember that you're never alone. There's a whole gardening community excited to share tips and tricks. Collectively, there are centuries of experience all within arm's reach. Don't be afraid to ask questions and be sure to have friends and family over when you unveil your new design.

You can also learn from previous years in your own garden. Keeping a journal detailing plant performance and weather patterns is a great way to chronicle your journey and keep tabs on things like pest problems, climate changes, and more.

Gardens are spaces that are ever-growing and changing; that's part of what makes them so breathtaking. While an overhaul is overwhelming and costly, small changes and additions help keep your space engaging. We can't wait to see all your fresh ideas this season!



# 2024 Partners & Volunteers of the Year

Corporate Partner of the Year

Founder's Award Recipient



Initially selected in 2021 as the General Contractor for the Carol & Bruce Bell Children's Garden, Boldt Co. has since become a dedicated supporter of the Garden's mission.

Over the past three years, Boldt employees have volunteered countless hours on horticultural projects, supported special events through corporate sponsorships, and enhanced guest safety by providing outdoor lighting for events like WPS Garden of Lights. Their commitment extends into the future with a pledge to support the Garden through the 2027–2028 season.

This partnership has grown beyond a professional relationship, demonstrating Boldt's belief in the power of community. The Garden is deeply grateful for their time, resources, and generosity.

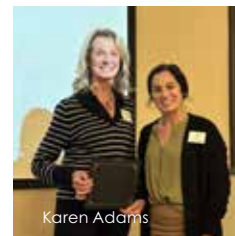


## Green Bay Conservation Corps

The Founder's Award was created to honor a group or an individual who has made a difference in helping the Garden achieve its mission. The Green Bay Conservation Corps, part of the City of Green Bay's Parks, Recreation, & Forestry Department, has not shied away from impactful work in habitat restoration, pollinator preservation, and community growth, all key tenets of the Garden's mission to connect people and plants.

In collaboration with the Garden, the Corps played a vital role in Green Bay's city-wide Pollinator Corridor Project, linking crucial pollinator habitats across the area. Together, these teams planted nearly 7,725 native plants in Danz and Perkins Parks, creating vibrant and eye-catching pollinator-friendly spaces. With plans for additional projects in 2025, their partnership continues to inspire our Garden Team amid efforts to increase biodiversity and adapt to a changing climate.

The Garden appreciates the Conservation Corps for their remarkable contributions to a greener future and for partnering with the Garden on these projects.



## New Volunteer

**Karen Adams**

Always arriving early with a smile, Karen takes on every task with positivity and cheer. Her hard work shined when she helped remove soil from the Johnson Wisconsin Woodland Garden for the new surface installation last spring and so much more. Thank you, Karen, for being such a fantastic addition to the Garden crew!



## Youth Education

**Ann Krawczyk**

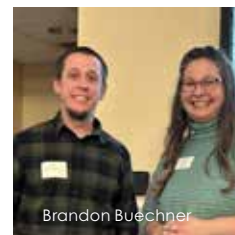
Ann has been a cornerstone volunteer of Youth Field Trips for more than 10 years, ensuring schools receive high-quality instruction every season. She generously trains new guides and welcomes them to shadow her trips. Thank you, Ann, for your unwavering support and the connections you build with the Garden's youngest learners.



## Adult Education

**Mary Silha**

Mary is one of the stars of the Garden's Adult Tours. From Express Garden Tours to the Herbal Adventure Tours, she knows the Garden inside and out, eagerly leading groups, learning new programs, and training others. Thank you, Mary, for sharing your passion with all who visit!



## Special Events

**Brandon Buechner**

Brandon's presence has been a true gift to the Garden this past summer. From making popcorn and taking orders, to driving shuttles and serving dinner at Field to Fork, he brought warmth and joy to every event. Brandon, we're deeply grateful for your talents, dedication, and flexibility. Thank you for all the happiness you share with Garden guests.



## Events & Rentals

**Vickie Butteri**

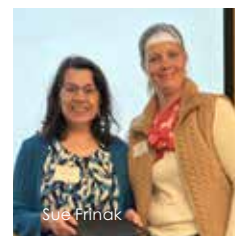
This summer, Vickie brought energy and smiles to the Garden, assisting the Events Team in greeting guests during the wedding season. With a welcoming smile, she guided guests at the Garden's Donor Gate, sometimes directing 150 guests per hour through to multiple ceremonies. Her dedication made every event brighter. Vickie also supported our special events as an indoor line director at summer concerts and WPS Garden of Lights. Thank you, Vickie, for your kindness and commitment!



## Horticulture

**Glenn Landis**

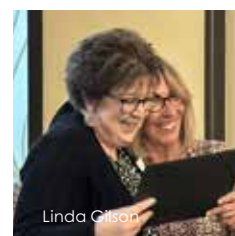
Glenn is a versatile asset to our Horticulture Team! Beyond regular tasks like weeding, planting, and pruning, he assists with an extensive plant inventory, covering 1/5 of our 92,576 plants each year. Glenn also helps set up WPS Garden of Lights each fall, even climbing ladders to string lights. We're grateful for his skills and dedication.



## Horticulture – Citizen Science

**Sue Frinak**

A crucial part of the Budburst citizen science plant monitoring program, Sue observed pollinators and monitored phenology, tracking seasonal plant cycles even in winter. Her quiet, consistent work helps the Horticulture Team understand the impact of native flowers on pollinators and climate change on plant growth. Thank you, Sue, for leading the citizen science efforts at the Garden.



## Marketing

**Linda Gilson**

Also known as Lindy J Gilson Images, Linda captures stunning images of the Garden in every season, highlighting blooms, greenery, and pollinators with a unique eye for color and structure. Her photography is essential to the Marketing & Communications Team, showcasing the unparalleled beauty of the Garden in all seasons.

## Volunteers Who Gave 100+ Hours October 1, 2023–September 30, 2024

Maureen Ackerman  
Kathy Amenson  
Gene Arendt  
Tom Arndt  
Dale R. Bartel  
Sue Broeren  
Brandon W. Buechner  
Vickie Butteri  
Sue Ellingson

Donald Giese  
Linda Gilson  
Barb Griffin  
Scott Jacobe  
Don Jensen  
Glenn Landis  
Mike Malchow  
Elizabeth Obenberger  
Barbara J. Perrus

Mary Roerig  
Linda S. Schulze  
Mary Silha  
Terri Trantow  
Dan Verbruggen  
Emma C. Wacek  
Ann Wasurick  
Bob Yashinsky



# Garden Happenings



Don't let the winter weather keep you inside! Take a stroll through the Garden to shake the winter worries, brighten your mood, reduce your stress, and gather some illusive sunshine.

## Buy Online & Save Time

Buying your ticket(s) online saves you time. When you arrive, we'll simply scan your tickets, and you'll be on your way into the Garden.

Tickets can be used for daily admission at any time during regular Garden hours (excluding special events and classes) and are valid for one year from the date of purchase.

Hours are seasonal and may change during special events. Visit [GBBG.org/Hours](http://GBBG.org/Hours).



## Snowshoe Hikes

During the winter months, snowshoes are available to use on site and are free with Garden admission (with at least 6+ inches of snow). We have sizes suitable for kids (6 years and older) and adults, as well as marked paths in the Garden.

**Watch our social media for pop-up winter hikes if the snow falls just right!**

## Life-Long Learners

Get inspired and learn new skills through one of our educational classes in wellness, arts & crafts, cooking, and nature & gardening.



## Wellness

### Hatha Yoga with Tree

4-part series:  
January 13, 20, 27, February 3 | 5:30–6:30 pm

5-part series:  
March 17, 24, 31, April 7, 14 | 5:30–6:30 pm

### Gong & Guided Meditation: "Becoming My True Song"

February 10, April 28 | 5:30–6:45 pm

### Breath Work for Better Health

3-part series:  
February 24, March 3, 10 | 5:30–6:45 pm

### Green Clean

April 15 | 5–6 pm

## Arts & Crafts

### Knitting for Beginners

3-part series:  
January 22, 29, February 5 | 1–3 pm

### How to Get Better Pictures on iPhone

March 11

### Level One:

Everything You Didn't Know You Didn't Know | 1–2:30 pm

### Level Two:

Beyond the Basics | 3–4:30 pm

### Woodburned Botanical Notebook

April 10 | 6–8 pm



## Cooking

### Cooking in the Garden with Chef Ace Champion

February 20 | 5–7 pm

## Nature & Gardening

### Winter Pruning

February 25 | 1–3 pm

### What's New in Gardening for 2025 with Rob Zimmer

March 26 | 10–11:30 am

### Earth Day – Wild Connections with Rob Zimmer

April 22 | 10–11:30 am



## T.I.L.L. Talks

Tap into Life and Learning (T.I.L.L.) Talks is a free lunchtime lecture series open to members and the general public. Offered every other Wednesday between February 19 and April 2, from 12–1 pm.

### Gardens & Castles of Central Europe

February 19

### Through the Seasons in the King Shade Garden

March 5

### Northeast Wisconsin Pollinator Corridor

March 19

### Beyond the Thorns: Roses of the Garden

April 2

### Don't delay!

Register right away as classes may fill quickly. We also value our instructors' time, so classes may risk being canceled due to low early enrollment. Please reference our website for registration and cancellation policies.

Scan the code or visit [GBBG.org/Calendar](http://GBBG.org/Calendar) to see our full calendar of upcoming classes.





# KIDS' CORNER

**Nature's Way** CHILDREN & FAMILY EDUCATION PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES  
**BELL CHILDREN'S GARDEN**

Available during regular Garden hours  
 Included with Garden Admission  
 Free for Garden Members

## Nurturing a Love of Nature for All Time

This 2.5-acre outdoor wonderland with more than 19,000 plants connects nature, play, and learning! From wetlands and caves to farming and tree houses, nature's stories come to life for you. Enjoy a garden experience that promises to cultivate, educate, and inspire a lifetime passion for the natural world.

## Self Guided Activities | Available Anytime

### Stop & Learn Signs

### S.E.E.D. Packs

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# CAMPS

## Weeklong Camp

### Claws, Wings, & Scales

Ages 6-9: March 24-28 | 9:30 am-12 pm

### Lakeside Leaders

Ages 6-9: June 23-27 | 9:30 am-12 pm  
 Ages 9-12: July 14-18 | 9:30 am-12 pm

### Artventure Camp

Ages 6-9: August 4-8 | 9:30 am-12 pm  
 Ages 9-12: August 11-15 | 9:30 am-12 pm

## Day Camp

### Budding Buddies

Ages 3-5 with adult  
 3-part series:  
 February 14, 21, 28 | 9:30-11 am  
 June 6, 13, 20 | 9:30-11 am

### Critter Safari

Ages 6-9: June 17 | 9:30 am-3:30 pm  
 Ages 9-12: June 18 | 9:30 am-3:30 pm

### Bee Biologist

Ages 6-9: July 29 | 9:30 am-3:30 pm  
 Ages 9-12: July 30 | 9:30 am-3:30 pm

Scan the code or visit [GBBG.org/Camp](https://www.gbbg.org/Camp) to see our full calendar of upcoming camps.



# New York's Botanical Gardens

September 11-15, 2025

Explore the Horticultural Excellence of New York City

Hosted by Green Bay Botanical Garden's  
 Director of Horticulture, Mark Konlock

Go behind the scenes of New York City's bustling metropolis to experience the beauty and history of the Big Apple's prizewinning gardens.

At the Met Cloisters, Untermyer Gardens Conservancy, High Line, and New York Botanical Garden, you'll see the diverse ecology and established park system of Manhattan. Plus, you'll get to enjoy a Broadway show, an iconic photo stop at the Brooklyn Bridge, lunch at Chelsea Market, and so much more!

Come join like-minded travelers for an in-depth look at the Big Apple's most significant gardens.

For questions or to reserve your spot, visit [GBBG.org/NYTrip2025](https://www.gbbg.org/NYTrip2025) or contact Country Travel Discoveries at [reservations@countrytraveldiscoveries.com](mailto:reservations@countrytraveldiscoveries.com) or 855.744.TRIP.

## Tour Details

5 Days | 8 Meals

September 11-15, 2025

Price Per Person | Double \$3,997 | Single \$5,155

Depart/Return | Green Bay, WI

## Highlights

- Stay at the luxurious Hotel Beacon on Manhattan's Upper West Side
- Explore Wave Hill, New York Botanical Garden Conservancy, Untermyer Gardens, and more
- See New York's iconic sites, including the Brooklyn Bridge and Chelsea Market
- Enjoy a Broadway Show

## Inclusions

- Roundtrip airfare from Green Bay or Milwaukee, motorcoach transfers included if flight from Milwaukee
- Professional Tour Director
- Welcome dinner and meals as indicated on detailed itinerary
- Fees and tips for included attractions and meals
- Luggage handling of one suitcase per person
- Free bottled water on coach
- 24-hour emergency call service

## Accommodations

- Hotel Beacon, New York City, NY

**Note** | Travelers taking this tour should be in good walking condition and comfortable in congested settings as it can be very busy in New York City. Please also note that New York City attraction schedules tend to change, therefore some stops may occur in a different order.

Scan the code or visit [GBBG.org/NYTrip2025](https://www.gbbg.org/NYTrip2025) for full tour itinerary.







# Sustaining & Maintaining: Projects Improve the Garden & Green Bay

Perkins Park | Pollinator Corridor Project



Fischer Visitor Center | © John Oates Photography

## Grasses, Sedges, & Meadows, Oh My!

Several areas of the Garden have been transitioned from high-maintenance lawns and plant beds to lower-maintenance grasses, sedges, and meadows.

Outside the Fischer Visitor Center, lawn areas are now marked no-mow and spots between parking bays are lush with natives and wildflowers. Inside the Garden, there are several areas that are tended to with a lighter hand, meaning not as much cutting back in spring and fall.

More than 12,000 square feet of turf (about twice the area of a basketball court) has been upgraded with over 38,000 perennial plants labeled as native to Wisconsin!

## City-Wide Pollinator Corridor Project

This past year, the Horticulture Team grew thousands of plants for the Pollinator Corridor Project, an initiative of the Green Bay Conservation Corps. This project focuses on "restoring habitats and converting turf grass into native habitat," says Maria Otto, Conservation Corps Coordinator.

Advocating for a habitable world is crucial and includes boosting the biodiversity of native plants and insects. Through the work of the Conservation Corps and the native plants donated by the Garden, nearly 7,000 square feet of turf grass was fully converted to native habitat alongside an additional 10,000 square feet that were improved.

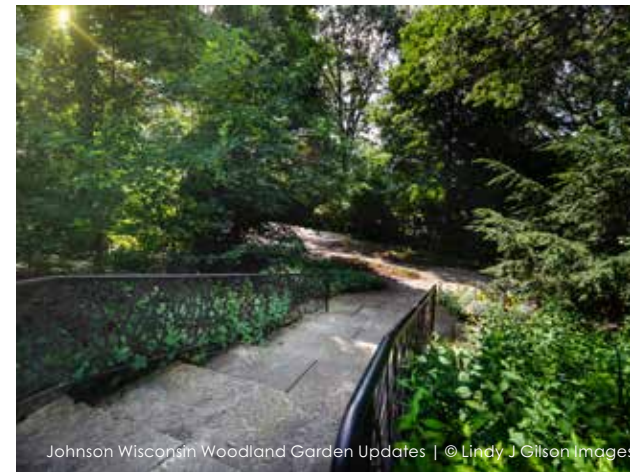
Otto remarked earlier this year that the plantings in Danz and Perkins Parks have, "...resulted in numerous pollinator species being seen on site." She continued, "Right after installing the nearly 4,000 native plants, community members are stopping and enjoying the benefits."



Perkins Park | Pollinator Corridor Project



Johnson Wisconsin Woodland Garden Updates | © Lindy J Gilson Images



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## Wisconsin Woodland Garden & Memorial Grove Get Makeovers

Earlier this year, the shaded Johnson Wisconsin Woodland Garden was improved with native plants to help its year-round maintenance.

Our Horticulture Team and volunteers planted hundreds of new, gorgeous perennials in the mulch surrounding the ceremony areas. All the plants, except for a few decorative containers, are native to Wisconsin and truly demonstrate the natural beauty this great state boasts.

The Wood Memorial Grove is also a spot in the Garden that highlights our natural beauty! To reduce the need to maintain turf in that area, a bluestone patio was installed in mid-September.

## Sustain & Maintain with Mark

### Choose Natives

Native plants are adapted to Wisconsin's climate and soil conditions. This makes them hardy; requiring less water, fertilizer, and maintenance; plus, they support local pollinators.

**Suggestions:** Coneflowers, Prairie Dropseed, and Wild Bergamot

### Use Mulch & Compost

Apply mulch! It helps soil hold onto moisture, suppresses weeds, and moderates ground temperature. Organic mulches like wood chips or shredded leaves are best. They break down over time and enrich your soil.

If you're able, compost food scraps and yard waste. Use this as a natural fertilizer to reduce your need for synthetic chemicals.

### Reduce Lawn Size & Integrate Diverse Plantings

Think about replacing areas of your grass lawn with low-maintenance grasses, wildflowers, or ground covers to reduce water usage and mowing.

Adding diverse plantings creates habitats for beneficial insects and wildlife, which supports a healthier ecosystem in your neighborhood.

Your generosity makes it possible for the Garden to undertake transformative projects, from expanding native landscapes to creating pollinator habitats. Thanks to you, the Garden continues to thrive as a sustainable, beautiful space for our community. Together, we're growing a greener future – thank you!



Perkins Park | Pollinator Corridor Project







# WASHED ASHORE

ART TO SAVE THE SEA  
Presented by Dar Stumpf & Clyde Reed

## Change Comes in Waves, Again

Washed Ashore Returns This Spring

It's back! Washed Ashore: Art to Save the Sea returns to the Garden with nine larger-than-life sculptures made with plastic debris from the Pacific Ocean.

These intricate pieces transform trash into art, showcasing the beauty of sea creatures while highlighting the impact of plastic pollution on our oceans and waterways. Through creativity and purpose, the exhibit will invite guests to consider the urgent need to protect our natural world.

See a variety of sea creatures such as a sea lion, a sea turtle, and more, including the return of Stanley the Sturgeon!

Stanley was crafted by the Washed Ashore Team in 2021 and debuted at the Garden as a way to illustrate how plastic pollution also affects the Great Lakes. While the oceans may seem removed from Wisconsin, plastic pollution infects our fresh waterways too – rivers, streams, and most importantly, our Great Lakes that sustain the region. And as weird as it may sound, our plastic travels to oceans like the Atlantic and other larger bodies of water too!

This exhibit is perfect for all ages and offers a chance to reflect on the connection between art, nature, and conservation in a meaningful and unforgettable way.

Visit the exhibit this summer to learn more and uncover the actions, big and small, you can take to reduce plastic waste and play a role in creating a more sustainable future!

Scan the code or visit [GBBG.org/WashedAshore](http://GBBG.org/WashedAshore) for more details.



Edward the Leatherback Sea Turtle | © The Washed Ashore Project

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## Sponsorship Opportunities

Does the Garden's mission align with your organization's efforts? Looking to support the positive impact of Washed Ashore in northeast Wisconsin?

For more information on sponsor opportunities, contact Cindy Berton, Director of Development, at [cberton@gbbg.org](mailto:cberton@gbbg.org) or 920.593.5663.



Hugo the Whale Tail | © The Washed Ashore Project

## Group Tours

Interested in bringing a group to the Garden this year? Book a guided experience or plan a self-guided trip. Explore 47 acres of display gardens and natural areas, discover the Washed Ashore exhibit, and more!

Scan the code or visit [GBBG.org/GroupTours](http://GBBG.org/GroupTours) to learn more.



## Rentals & Parties

Find flexible options, affordable packages, and a relaxed atmosphere at the Garden. Book now for your next event and include the Washed Ashore experience! From corporate meetings and workshops to private get-togethers such as parties, celebrations, and more, start planning with our team today.

Get a discounted rate now through April! Plus, Garden Angel members and above, corporate partners, and nonprofits enjoy a discount on a facility rental.

Scan the code or visit [GBBG.org/Rentals](http://GBBG.org/Rentals) to learn more.



## Fan Photos

Here are some of our favorite shots from WPS Garden of Lights. Remember to post your photos of the Garden on social media and tag us as your location. They may end up in our next newsletter!



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