

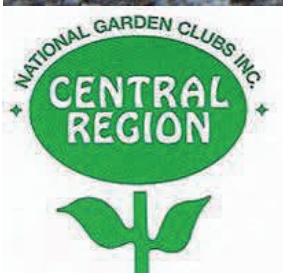
Wisconsin Garden Club Federation

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# *Digging in the Dells*

85th Annual

Central Region Garden Clubs, Inc. Convention



**OCTOBER 4 & 5, 2017**

**CHULA VISTA RESORT**

**2501 RIVER ROAD WISCONSIN DELLS, WI**

**Information & On-line Registration:**

**[wisconsingardenclub.org](http://wisconsingardenclub.org)**

# Digging in the Dells – 2017 Central Region Convention: Schedule of Events

## Wednesday October 4, 2017

1:00pm - 5:30pm	Registration Pick up your name badge, proceedings and one free raffle ticket.
4:00pm - 6:00pm	Central Region Executive Committee Meeting - all CR officers and state presidents.
1:00pm - 5:00pm	Vendors and Raffle Shop for special gardening, personal and home decorating items.
6:30pm - 7:00pm	Reception: Mingle with fellow garden club members and guests.
7:00pm - 9:30pm	Welcome Dinner & Presentation: Elizabeth Condon <i>Digging into Whooping Crane Restoration</i> Partake in dinner and learn about the Whooping Cranes and their successful return to nature.

## Thursday, October 5, 2017

7:00am - 5:00pm	Registration Pick up your name badge, proceedings and one free raffle ticket.
7:30am - 9:30am	Breakfast and Presentation: Jane Buck <i>Digging into Invasive Plants</i> Enjoy breakfast and learn about invasive plants in your environment and what to do about them.
9:00am - 6:30pm	Vendors and Raffle Shop for special gardening, personal and home decorating items.
10:00am - 11:30am	Central Region Garden Clubs, Inc. 85th Annual Business Meeting Fran Stueck, Central Region Director presiding
12:00pm - 2:00pm	Lunch & Presentation: Neil Diboll <i>Digging into Prairie Plants for Urban &amp; Suburban Landscapes</i> Delight in lunch and learn how to incorporate native plants into any garden setting.
2:30pm - 4:30pm	Central Region Garden Clubs, Inc. 85th Annual Business Meeting continues Fran Stueck, Central Region Director presiding
4:30pm - 6:00pm	Break: take a stroll along the Wisconsin River or through the woods surrounding the hotel, visit the vendors for last minute purchases, take a dip in the waterpark, enjoy the spa...
6:00pm - 7:00pm	Reception: Honoring NGC President Nancy Hargroves and CR Director Fran Stueck Meet our leaders, enjoy the stunning floral creations honoring our special guests.
7:00pm - 9:30pm	Banquet and Presentation: Ardith Beveridge <i>Digging into the Passion of Floral Design</i> Savor dinner and learn how to incorporate home grown plant materials into transitional designs that go from Fall to Winter. (CR meeting concludes at the end of dinner.)
9:30pm	Floral Design Auction: Mary Kulhanek, WGCF member/auctioneer Channel your inner bargain hunter and take home tonight's transitional designs in this sure to be lively and entertaining auction.

◆ **Hotel Reservations:** Chula Vista Resort & Waterpark 855-388-4782, Tower Junior Suite \$99+tax includes waterpark passes, parking and waived resort fee, use code "Garden Club."

◆ **Stay for the weekend and bring your family and friends.** Want more environmental, gardening and landscaping education, workshops and tours? Want to refresh as a consultant? Stay for the Gathering for Gardeners and Tri-Refresher sponsored by the WGCF.

◆ **More information:** [wisconsinclub.org/education/digging-in-the-dells-oct-2017/](http://wisconsinclub.org/education/digging-in-the-dells-oct-2017/)

## Digging in the Dells – 2017 Central Region Convention: Speakers



### ***Digging into Whooping Crane Restoration***

**Elizabeth Condon**  
**Dinner & Presentation**  
**Wednesday, 10/4/2017**  
**7:00 - 9:30 pm**

Lizzie grew up in Glenview, Illinois and received her degree in biology from the Uni-

versity of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She completed her master's degree at the University of Minnesota. While Lizzie enjoys outreach and education work, she also has a background in ornithological fieldwork. She has participated in research studies in six states and in Brazil, her master's project focused on diversity and abundance of Neotropical migrant songbirds at urban stopover sites. Lizzie now works for the International Crane Foundation as their Whooping Crane outreach coordinator. Through partnerships, media outreach and education, Lizzie hopes to help make Whooping Cranes feel welcome in communities that share their landscape.

The International Crane Foundation (ICF) works worldwide to conserve cranes and the ecosystems, watersheds, and flyways on which they depend. ICF provides knowledge, leadership and inspiration to engage people in resolving threats to cranes and their diverse landscapes. Please visit [www.savingcranes.org](http://www.savingcranes.org) to learn more.



### ***Digging into Invasive Plants*** **Jane Buck - Breakfast & Presentation** **Thursday, 10/5/2017** **7:30 - 9:30 am**

Jane has had an interest in invasive plants and their impact on society from a gardener's point of view since 2009. She has served as invasive plant chair for the National Garden Clubs, the NGC Pacific Region and the Federated Garden Clubs of Iowa, Arizona Federated Garden Clubs and NGC Central Region. Jane has published thirteen articles on invasive plants in national, regional and state garden club newsletters. She has spoken about invasive plants to master gardener volunteers and shared information on the threat of invasive plants with many local garden clubs.

Jane is an NGC Master Flower Show Judge, has served as President of the Federated Garden Clubs of Iowa, serves as Second Vice President of the Arizona Federation of Garden Clubs, is an Arizona Master Gardener and has held many other offices on National, Regional and State boards. Friends say she needs a bumper sticker on her car that reads, "I break for invasive plants!"



### ***Digging into Prairie Plants in the Urban & Suburban Landscape***

**Neil Diboll - Lunch & Presentation**  
**Thursday, 10/5/2017**  
**12:00 - 2:00 pm**

Neil received his degree from the University of Wisconsin (UW) in 1978. He has since worked for the U.S. Park Service in Virginia, the U.S. Forest Service in Colorado and the UW. In 1982, Neil began his involvement with Prairie Nursery, producing native plants and seeds and designing native landscapes. He has since devoted his efforts to championing the use of prairie plants, as well as native trees, shrubs and wetland plants in American landscapes.

In addition to helping popularize the use of native plants long before they were "cool," Neil developed the first scientific methodology for designing prairie seed mixes. By calculating the relative numbers of seeds per square foot for each species in a seed mix, the resultant prairie plant community could be more accurately predicted.

Neil's work includes designs for residential, commercial and public spaces throughout the Midwest and Northeast United States. The essence of Neil's philosophy is that we, as stewards of the planet, must work to preserve and increase the diversity of native plants and animals, with which we share our world. The protection of our natural heritage and our soil and water resources is essential to maintaining a high quality of life for today and future generations.

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### ***Digging the Passion of Floral Design*** **Ardith Beveridge** **Banquet & Presentation** **Thursday, 10/5/2017 7:00 - 9:30 pm**

Ardith E. Beveridge AAF, AIFD, PFCI, CAFA, MSF is the Director of Education and a primary instructor at Koehler & Dramm's Institute of Floristry in Minneapolis as well as a member of the American Institute of

Floral Designers, the American Academy of Floriculture, Professional Floral Commentators International, Canadian Academy of Floral Arts, School of Ikebana Floral Design and the Society of Floristry Ltd, England.

She has been a floral designer for the Tournament of Roses Parades, Presidential Inaugurations and annually decorates the White House. She is a contributor to the Florist Review publication, *A Centennial History of the American Florist*. Ardith participates in a variety of trade and industry publications by writing articles and recipes for designers on a regular basis. She teaches floral design and judges internationally and nationally at floral design contests. She appears on PBS and HGTV.



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**Please check all that apply for the 2017 – 2018 Central Region Term of Office:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> NGC Officer/Chair          | <input type="checkbox"/> Club Member                 |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> State Officer/Chair        | <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Consultant    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Past State President       | <input type="checkbox"/> Flower Show Judge           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NGC Life Member            | <input type="checkbox"/> Gardening Consultant        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Central Region Life Member | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Design Consultant |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Club President             |  |

**Register for full time package or individual events. Package includes items marked (\*). Please check all that apply – full time package or separate meals. All items include registration, meal(s) and presentation(s).**

	<b>Full Time Package</b> includes 10/4 Reception & Dinner, 10/5 Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner and all presentations – early bird deadline 9/1/2017	\$145
	<b>10/4 (7:00 – 9:30pm) Welcome Dinner &amp; Presentation*</b> : Digging into Whooping Crane Restoration – Elizabeth Condon, International Crane Foundation	\$45
	<b>10/5 (7:30 – 9:30am) Breakfast &amp; Presentation*</b> : Digging into Invasive Plants – Jane Buck	\$25
	<b>10/5 (12:00 – 2:00pm) Lunch &amp; Presentation*</b> : Digging into Prairie Plants for Urban & Suburban Landscapes – Neil Diboll, Prairie Nursery	\$35
	<b>10/5 (6:00 – 9:30pm) Reception, Banquet &amp; Presentation*</b> : Digging into the Passion of Floral Design, Ardith Beveridge, Koehler-Dramm	\$45
	<b>Late fee:</b> Registration after 9/1/2017 – <b>no registrations accepted after 9/15/2017</b>	\$20
	<b>Total enclosed</b>	

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail registration:** Complete form and send with check payable to WGCF: Susan Johansen, Registrar, 2249 122nd St, New Richmond, WI 54017 (h23j19@frontiernet.net or 715-248-7870).

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