

Wisconsin Garden Club Federation

Presents

Digging in the Dells

A Gathering for Gardeners

October 6 & 7, 2017



CHULA VISTA RESORT
2501 RIVER ROAD WISCONSIN DELLS, WI

Information & On-line Registration:
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Digging in the Dells – A Gathering for Gardeners: Schedule of Events

Friday, October 6, 2017

8:00 - 5:30	Registration Pick up your name badge, proceedings and one free raffle ticket.
9:00 - 9:30	Board bus for Tour A Gather in the Chula Vista Lobby
9:30 - 3:00	Tour A: Aldo Leopold Foundation & International Crane Foundation with box lunch Stretch your legs with a walk on the wild side of the Dells area.
11:00 - 6:00	Vendors, Raffle, Silent Auction Shop for special gardening, personal and home decorating items.
12:30 - 1:30	Seminar A: Noel Valdes Learn how to create a raised bed veggie garden without all the hard work.
1:45 - 2:45	Seminar B: Nathan Larson Learn how you can help bring fresh food to schools through the WSGN.
3:30 - 4:30	Seminar C: Rob Zimmer Learn how to landscape your shade garden with Hostas and native plants.
5:30 - 6:30	Reception Spend some time with your fellow gardeners and meet our dinner speaker.
6:30 - 8:30	Dinner & Presentation: Mark Dwyer Enjoy dinner then learn how to create winter interest in your garden.
8:30 - 9:30	Live Auction Bid on fantastic treasures during this spirited event.

Saturday, October 7, 2017

8:30 - 5:00	Registration Pick up your name badge, proceedings and one free raffle ticket.
8:00 - 6:00	Vendors, Raffle, Silent Auction Shop for special gardening, personal and home decorating items.
9:00 - 9:45	Seminar D: Joe Cook Learn how Sparta High School students help the environment with recycling food.
10:00 - 11:00	Seminar E: Luke Klobberdanz “Walk” the Ice Age Trail as you learn about one of only 11 National Scenic Trails in the country.
11:30 - 1:30	Presentation & Lunch: Bernadette Williams Learn about the newest exotic species invading our landscapes: jumping worms, then enjoy lunch.
1:45 - 2:15	Board boat for Tour B Follow the trail directly from the hotel to the boat dock or grab a lift on the shuttle.
2:15 - 4:15	Tour B: Upper Dells Boat Tour Relax and enjoy the scenery as you hear of Wisconsin’s river heritage and geology.
2:15 - 4:15	Workshop A: Painting & Wine (Space is limited to 25 participants.) Explore your inner artist as you paint a garden scene and sip a bit of Wisconsin wine.
2:15 - 4:15	Workshop B: Floral Design (Space is limited to 25 participants.) Create your own floral masterpiece using seasonal flowers.
5:00 - 8:30	Evening with Melinda Myers Mingle with fellow gardeners and meet Melinda while getting your book signed prior to enjoying dinner then learn how to make your garden friendly for pollinators of all kinds.

Digging in the Dells – A Gathering for Gardeners: Speakers, Tours & Workshops



Keynote - An Evening with Melinda Myers

Saturday, 10/7/2017 5:00 - 6:15 (Reception & Book Signing), 6:30 (Dinner & Presentation)

Digging into a Pollinator's Garden/Gardening Q & A

Nationally known gardening expert, TV/radio host, author & columnist Melinda has over 30 years of horticulture experience and has written over 20 gardening books, including *Small Space Gardening*, *MN & WI Getting Started Garden Guide*, *MN & WI Month-by-Month Gardening* and the *Midwest Gardener's Handbook*. She hosts the nationally-syndicated "Melinda's Garden Moment" TV and radio program and the internationally distributed Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" DVD series, including the latest *Food Gardening for Everyone* DVD set. She is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* and *Wisconsin Gardening* magazines and writes the twice-monthly "Gardeners' Questions" newspaper column. Prior to her current media work, Melinda hosted "The Plant Doctor" radio show for over 20 years as well as seven seasons of "Great Lakes Gardener" on PBS. Myers holds a master's degree in horticulture and she was a tenured horticulture instructor. Melinda has received recognition and numerous awards, including the national American Horticultural Society's B.Y. Morrison Communication Award.



Digging into Recycling

Joe Cook - Seminar D

Saturday, 10/7/17 9:00 - 9:45

Joe is in his 25th year of teaching German at Sparta High School. Since 2008, he has supervised the school's Earth Club. His dedication to conservation and the environment began at an early age while watching his grandparents farm their land with an interest in preserving woodlands and croplands. The Earth Club has been doing multiple things to reduce its footprint on the environment while helping the district financially. They set up a district recycling and sustainability program that includes the purchase of an Ecovim©. This is an industrial type food dehydrator that recycles the high school's food waste. Using student raised funds, matched by the school board, the dehydrator was purchased in 2014. This is the first in any high school in the nation. The dehydrator produces gray water and an inert soil augmentation. Joe and his students have received much recognition via news media. Recently, state recognition from the DNR came in the form of the Recycling Excellence Award for Projects and Initiatives.



Digging into Winter Garden Interest

Mark Dwyer - Dinner & Presentation

Friday, 10/6/2017 6:30 (5:30 Reception)

Mark has been the Director of Horticulture at Rotary Botanical Gardens in Janesville, WI for the past 18 years. He directs the continued maintenance and improvement of this 20-acre botanical resource with a talented grounds staff and many dedicated volunteers. Mark previously worked at Fernwood Botanical Garden (Niles, MI) and as a landscape designer in Appleton, WI. Mark has degrees in landscape architecture (University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana) and urban forestry (UW-Stevens Point). Mark's true passion is obtaining, growing, observing and photographing all types of plants. Mark also blogs daily from the gardens at www.rotarybotanicalgardens.org.



Digging into The Ice Age Trail

Luke Klobardanz - Seminar E

Saturday, 10/7/17 10:00 - 11:00

Luke leads the Ice Age Trail Alliance's Outreach & Education programs. This includes managing Saunters, the IATA's school hiking program, coordinating outreach events, and designing training opportunities for volunteers. Luke utilizes his considerable skills as a teacher towards getting kids out of the four walls of the classroom and into an experience with nature. Saunters is the Alliance's primary youth engagement program that helps over 1,000 youth experience the Trail as a medium for learning and personal well-being. He also makes connections with communities and partners to create new opportunities to get people out on the Ice Age Trail. Luke lives in Lodi with wife Letha & sons Gus and Wynn.

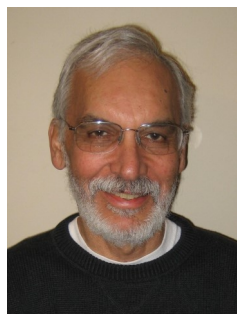


Digging into School Gardens

Nathan Larson - Seminar B

Friday, 10/6/2017 1:45 - 2:45

Nathan is the director of the Wisconsin School Garden Network, which is supported by Community GroundWorks, the UW-Madison Environmental Design Lab and other partners around the state. Over the past two decades, Nathan has worked to grow the fields of farm and garden-based education locally, statewide and nationally. He is the author of *Teaching in Nature's Classroom: Core Principles of Garden-Based Education*, which has reached over 6,000 educators in every state in the U.S. and over 40 countries around the world since its release in 2016. Nathan serves on the leadership group for the National School Garden Network and on the board of directors for the Wisconsin Association for Environmental Education.



Digging into Raised Veggie Gardens

Noel Valdes - Seminar A

Friday, 10/6/2017 12:30 - 1:30

Noel Valdes is a home gardener and the owner of CobraHead LLC, Cambridge, WI. CobraHead produces garden hand tools of Noel's design. Noel has been perfecting open raised bed vegetable growing for over 30 years. He writes about and gives

talks promoting the use of open raised beds for food production in the home garden. Intensively grown raised beds can work in most home gardens. They can be low cost and require no power tools and minimal external inputs. Noel and his wife Judy maintain a blog for CobraHead and they publish a newsletter periodically. Noel writes about gardening and growing food. Judy writes about the recipes that she creates to prepare the homegrown bounty. Noel is the past president of the Direct Gardening Association, and is a member of the Garden Writers Association. Noel believes that a return to small-scale food production is essential for the health of the planet.

Digging into Jumping Worms



Bernie Williams - Presentation & Lunch

Saturday, 10/7/2017 11:30

Bernadette (Bernie) loves worms and plants (native and invasive) and she considers herself very lucky to have a job that allows her to work with both. She is the WI DNR Invasive Plants and Earthworms Outreach Specialist. Bernie graduated from the University of Pitts-

burgh and found herself in Wisconsin after obtaining her master's degree. While she is still trying to figure out why the hills here are called "mountains," Wisconsin has become home. If you take one thing away from her presentation, Bernie hopes its curiosity and intrigue. Everyone, every plant, every worm, has a story to tell and the key to understanding is to listen, learn and watch. You never know, you may just walk away having a soft spot for those 'villains' invading your garden.

Digging into Shade Gardening with Hostas and Native Plants



Rob Zimmer - Seminar C & Book Signing

Friday, 10/6/2017 3:30 - 4:30

Rob is an award-winning nature and garden author, columnist and radio host who has written for many daily newspapers throughout Wisconsin such as the *Manitowoc Herald Times Reporter*, *Fond du Lac Reporter*, *Appleton Post-Crescent*, *Green Bay Press-Gazette*, *Oshkosh Northwestern*.

His columns also appear weekly in the *Wisconsin State Farmer*. He is the author of the books *Voices of the Wind: Four Seasons in Wild Wisconsin*, *Wild Seasons: The Beauty of Native Wildflowers*, *Shadows and Light: Showcasing a Hosta Love Affair*, *Color By Nature*, *Spring Is My Season*, *Summer Is*

My Season, *Fall Is My Season*, *Winter Is My Season*, *Don't Forget Where You Belong* and *Reflecting: Nature in Black and White*. His features and photographs have also appeared in a number of magazines, including *Wisconsin Gardening*, *Wisconsin Sportsman*, *Michigan Out-of-Doors*, *Wisconsin Natural Resources*, *Bird Watcher's Digest*, *Birders World*, *Wildlife Conservation*, *Country Journal*, *Silent Sports and Camping Today*. Rob also hosts the radio program *Outdoors with Rob Zimmer*, every Saturday, on WHBY radio.

Tour A: Digging the Environment & Landscape

Guided Tours of the Aldo Leopold Foundation & Shack and the International Crane Foundation - Friday 10/6 9:30 - 3:00

Enjoy a scenic bus ride through the colorful Wisconsin countryside to the Aldo Leopold Foundation established, by the Leopold family, to inspire an ethical, caring relationship between people and nature through Leopold's legacy. Visit Aldo Leopold's Shack in the woods and learn about the foundation's conservation efforts through its LEED building and landscaping. Box lunch served on-site. Then it is on to the International Crane Foundation (ICF) to learn about the foundation's mission to conserve cranes and their ecosystems. The ICF is the only place on the planet where you can see all 15 of the world's crane species. While meeting the cranes, visitors walk among the surrounding prairie and peaceful landscapes.

Tour B: Digging the Wisconsin River's Upper Dells

Guided Boat Tour on the River - Saturday 10/7 2:15 - 4:15

Board the boat from the Chula Vista dock and take a peaceful journey to view fantastic fall color along the Wisconsin River. Learn about the ecology of the river as the on-board naturalist describes this path of the ancient glaciers. Pass by cliffs, narrows and take a short stroll through the woods. You may even see the famous cliff-jumping dog at Stand Rock.

Workshop A: Digging into Garden Painting & Wine

Painting and Wine Tasting - Saturday, 10/7 2:15 - 4:15

Enjoy this fun experience as an artist guides you step by step to create a painting of your choice - all while sipping a glass of Wisconsin wine. No prior painting knowledge necessary, must be over 21 to receive included wine ticket. (Limited to 25 participants.)

Workshop B: Digging into Floral Design

Floral Design - Saturday, 10/7 2:15 - 4:15

Create and take home a seasonal floral design to brighten your home. Learn special tips and techniques from an expert floral design instructor. Have fun with flowers! No experience necessary, all materials included. (Limited to 25 participants.)

Extras: Do you own a book authored by one of our speakers? Bring it along for a book signing or purchase a book on-site. Enjoy unique vendors, fantastic raffle and silent auction items as well as a hilarious live auction on Friday night. Don't miss the lovely floral designs throughout the event.



Registration
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Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

WGCF Member Garden Club & District (if applicable): _____

Register for full time package or individual events. Package includes items marked (*). Package does NOT include tours or workshops - extra fee required. Please check all that apply. Thank you!

	Full Time Package* includes 10/6 Reception & Dinner, 10/7 Lunch & Dinner, all presentations & seminars – early bird deadline 9/1/2017	\$140
	WGCF Member Full Time Package* includes 10/6 Reception & Dinner, 10/7 Lunch & Dinner, all presentations & seminars – early bird deadline 9/1/2017	\$125
	Tour A: Aldo Leopold Foundation, International Crane Foundation, bus & box lunch – Friday, 10/6 (9:30 – 3:00)	\$50
	Tour B: Wisconsin River Boat Tour – Saturday 10/7 (2:15 – 4:15)	\$25
	Workshop A: Garden Painting & Wine Tasting - Saturday 10/7 (2:15 – 4:15)	\$25
	Workshop B: Floral Design – Saturday 10/7 (2:15 – 4:15)	\$40
	Seminar A*: Raised Vegetable Gardens – Friday 10/6 (12:30 – 1:30)	\$10
	Seminar B*: Wisconsin School Garden Network – Friday 10/6 (1:45 – 2:45)	\$10
	Seminar C*: Shade Gardening and Book Signing – Friday 10/6 (3:30 – 4:30)	\$10
	Seminar D*: School Lunch Food Dehydrator – Saturday, 10/7 (9:00 – 9:45)	\$10
	Seminar E*: Wisconsin's Ice Age Trail – Saturday, 10/7 (10:00 – 11:00)	\$10
	10/6 Reception, Dinner & Presentation*: Gardening for Winter Interest Reception (5:30 – 6:30), Dinner & Presentation (6:30 – 8:30), live auction to follow	\$40
	10/7 Presentation & Lunch*: Jumping Worms (11:30 – 1:30)	\$30
	10/7 Evening with Melinda Myers*: Create a Pollinator's Garden Book Signing & Reception (5:00 – 6:15), Dinner & Presentation (6:30 – 8:30)	\$50
	Garden club member Refresher Fee: Indicate school to refresh:	\$5
	Late fee: Registration after 9/1/2017 – no registrations accepted after 9/15/2017	\$30
	Total enclosed	

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)

Register on-line: wisconsingardenclub.org/education/digging-in-the-dells-oct-2017

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"