

In Season

Nurture Sustain Preserve

Please Join Us!



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4th

10am – 3pm

**FBBG's Holiday
Celebration**

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14th

10am

**Melinda Myers
Giants of the Garden Walk**

1pm

**Family Fun Walk
with Melinda**



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4th

10am – Noon

**Urban Beekeeping:
Becoming a Beekeeper**

SATURDAY, MARCH 10th

10am – Noon

**Starting Your
Garden Indoors**



A photograph of Melinda Myers, a woman with blonde hair, wearing a blue shirt, smiling and leaning over a field of yellow flowers.

Discover Hidden Treasures

2012 Garden Walks with Melinda Myers

Join gardening expert, TV/radio host, author and columnist Melinda Myers for these garden walks in 2012!

*Members \$20/walk, Non-members \$25/walk
Sign up for all four walks by January 14 and enjoy one walk FREE!
Class size is limited. Walks held rain or shine.*

*Proceeds Support FBBG Children's Plant Science
and Environmental Education at Boerner Botanical Gardens*

Giants of the Garden

Saturday, January 14th, 10 a.m.

Mature plants and wonderful vistas make Boerner a gem among botanical gardens. Join me as we visit some of the giant trees and original plantings that have been part of Boerner for most of its 80 plus years history.

Solutions for Your Garden

Wednesday, May 16th, 6:30p.m.

Boerner's varied plantings provide solutions to the many challenges faced by gardeners. We'll visit shady spaces, rock gardens, hot sunny spots, and rain gardens. You'll be able to use these plants and planting strategies in your own backyard!

Gardens of the Future

Wednesday, July 25th, 6:30 p.m.

Visit one of only 43 All American Selection Trial Gardens in the United States. Plus, we'll tour the other test plots at Boerner's trial gardens. We'll explore some new plants being tested for Wisconsin and for introduction into the gardening world!

Fall Discovery

Saturday, October 20th, 10 a.m.

The end of another growing season uncovers lots of color, textures, and surprises to help us through the long winter. Join me to explore these treasures throughout Boerner's beautiful gardens!

Family Fun Walks

\$30 per family (up to 4 individuals). Class size is limited. Walks held rain or shine.

Giants of the Garden

Saturday, January 14th, 1 p.m.

Join me for this kid-friendly walk where we'll touch, feel and measure some of the big plants and trees of the garden!

Fall Discovery

Saturday, October 20th, 1 p.m.

Join me for a scavenger hunt as we discover fall's treasures!

To register or for more information call 414-525-5659 or visit boernerbotanicalgardens.org or melindamyers.com

We'd like to thank our sponsors for their invaluable support.



Family WORKSHOPS

Everyone Welcome!

Urban Beekeeping: Becoming a Beekeeper

Saturday, February 4, 2012

Did you know that there are nearly 20,000 different types of bees?! Learn how to recognize some of these species by observing the type of hive, social characteristics, and behaviors. Build your own mason jar bee habitat, watering station for honey bees and flower pot home for bumble bees.



Grow a Mini-Herb Garden

Saturday, March 31, 2012

Learn about herbs, see a seed starting demo, try a variety of fresh herbs and then plant your own in a take-home recycled container! Choose from a variety of seeds and container sizes; all supplies are provided.



All workshops scheduled 10 am-Noon

Families: \$20 members / \$25 non-members

(Limit 5 people per family)

Individuals: \$10 members / \$12 non-members

All materials included.

To register call: 414-525-5659

FBBG's Holiday Celebration

Sunday, December 4, 10am - 3pm

Join us for our annual tradition...

- Milwaukee Children's Author Lois Ehlert reading from 2 of her classic stories
- Hands on crafts inspired by Lois's books
- Holiday music performed by students of the Suzuki School of Violin
- AND, visit with Santa!



Admission is just \$5.00 per child!

FBBG is partnering with the *Hunger Task Force*: bring 2 or more non-perishable food items (not damaged or expired) and receive \$1 off your child's admission.

Watch for information on FBBG's 2012 Motor Coach Tour...

Our July 2011 tour group traveled to Sheboygan's Bookworm and Christopher Gardens...watch for 2012 tour details and sign-up information in our March newsletter and on our website.



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From the Desk of Gardens Director, Shirley Dommer Walczak

As we put the Garden to bed for the winter we look back at a terrific year!

We accomplished many things this year:

- Landscaping was completed around the rain harvesting area; our thanks to designer Jim Drzewiecki of Ginkgo Leaf Studio, LLC.
- A rain garden was added at the end of the rain harvesting area. Eagle Scout candidate Eric Frank and Troup #501 planted the garden as part of Eric's project. Funding for this project came from the South East WI Master Gardeners.
- A new horticulture staff was hired. They have done a terrific job! I am anticipating many new projects and ideas from this talented group.
- Our volunteer weeding program was a great success! Thanks to our many community and corporate volunteers!

Many plans are underway for 2012...

- Renovation of the shrub mall will take place. We plan on adding many new shrubs and perennials to the area.
- New Hostas will be added to the collection with the help of the Southeast Wisconsin Hosta Society.
- The Daylily Walk will also be adding more daylilies thanks to the Daylily Society of Southeast Wisconsin.
- Whitnall Park Rotary Club is raising funds for us. When complete we will be adding a new path to the garden, making it more ADA accessible.
- New plant trials in the Trial Garden:
 - o Earth Kind Rose & Earth Kind Hydrangea trials will begin.
 - o Lily Tetraploid introductions from Robert Griesbach will be featured.

And, we will enter our 3rd season of volunteer weeders! Please join us as your help will keep the Gardens looking beautiful. Watch for more information coming in spring.

Hoping to see you often at the Gardens,
Happy Blooms,
Shirley

In the Gift Shop – Holiday shopping ideas...

Members receive an additional 10% off all regular merchandise all Sundays in December (consignment items excluded)

Memberships make wonderful gifts...

December special... \$10 off on Individual, Individual Plus One & Family memberships! Stop in the gift shop all Sundays before Christmas and purchase your 2012 membership or several for friends and family!!

Art at the Gardens 2012

Join us! Apply early for your booth at FBBG's 5th annual *Art at the Gardens* show on Sunday, May 6, 2012. Call 414-525-5664 for information.



Adult Education & Programs

WINTER GARDENING WORKSHOPS

Vermiculture: Composting with Worms

Saturday February 25, 2012, 10am - Noon

Build an indoor vermicomposting system designed to handle kitchen waste. The basics of worm farming will be covered including: tips for the homeowner, apartment dweller, and what to do with those extra worms.



Starting Your Garden Indoors

Saturday March 10, 2012, 10am - Noon

This hands on class is perfect for the gardener who wants to get a jump-start on the season. Topics include: seed selection, selecting your supplies and best ways to transplant seedlings.

AUTHOR EVENT

Seed Savers Exchange

Sunday February 12, 2012, 1pm - 3pm

Join us as Seed Savers Exchange Co-founder Diane Ott Whealy talks about and signs her new book "Gathering: Memoir of a Seed Saver" the story of Seed Savers Exchange, the nation's premier nonprofit seed-saving organization.



All workshops \$20 members / \$25 non-members Registration: 414-525-5659

Wishlist: Help FBBG by donating needed items

Apple iPad – Planet Hope students will use this device to interactively learn about our community's water usage in the Milwaukee River basin

Heavy Duty Vacuum Cleaner – For cleaning up after our classes and events

Anchor MiniVox Portable PA system – For our class presenters when guiding students through the gardens

Gift Cards for Education Supplies – Michael's Crafts, Jo-Ann Fabrics, Menard's, Home Depot, Woodman's, Pick 'n Save, Target

Please contact Jen Schmitz at 414-525-5664 with inquiries



FBBG's Volunteer Weeding Initiative

Big thanks to our many weeding volunteers for their 2011 spring through fall efforts...

We're already planning for 2012, so watch for weeding dates to be announced after the holidays.





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