



FRIENDS OF
BOERNER
BOTANICAL
GARDENS
Winchester County Library Museum

April May June July 2011

In Season

Nurture Sustain Preserve

Please Join Us!



SUNDAY, APRIL 24th

10am – 3pm

**Afternoon with
Peter Rabbit**

Family & Children's Activities

SUNDAY, MAY 8th

10am – 3pm

Mother's Day Celebration

Family & Children's Activities



FRIDAY, JUNE 17th

6pm – 9pm

***In the Gardens*
Annual Fundraising Event**

Watch for details



SUNDAY, JULY 24th

6:30pm – 8:30pm

Firefly Family Walk

Storytime & Garden Activities



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Family Workshops

Join us as we explore the cool ways that plants connect to the environment, science, art and culture. Each Saturday program includes a garden exploration walk and a hands-on project for your family to take home.

Water Helps Us Grow

Saturday, April 9

Clean water is essential for people and gardens! Learn how to explore science and the environment with soda bottles and other recyclable materials. Build your own bottle biology lab and learn about the importance of clean water.

Blooming Baskets

Saturday, May 14

Weave your own May basket and plant a spring flower to take home. Explore the gardens in search of fiber producing plants that can be used for clothing, paper, rope, and more. Experience downy soft cotton, tough coconut husks, and silky soft ramie.



Plant Power

Saturday, June 11

Spend the morning in the garden. Participants will tour the gardens, learn about the healing power of plants and make some plant-based surprises to take home.

All workshops scheduled 10am - Noon

Members - \$20 per family / Non Members - \$25 per family

All materials included, To register call: 414-525-5659

Call us for your customized Plant Science programming needs.

FAMILY EVENTS

An Afternoon with Peter Rabbit

Sunday, April 24, 10am-3pm

\$5 admission; special children's activities and a visit from Peter Rabbit himself!! Cookie decorating sponsored by Edible Impressions.



Mother's Day Celebration

Sunday, May 8th, 10am-3pm

\$5 admission; children can make special gifts for their moms and enjoy a cupcake from Milwaukee Cupcake Company!



An Evening with Flower Fairies

Sunday, June 26, 6-8pm

\$2 admission, free to members; find fairies on our guided Garden walk, sip pixie tea, play games and enjoy flower fairy ice cream specially made for us by Culver's.



Firefly Family Walk

Sunday, July 24, 6:30-8:30pm

\$2 admission; free for members; join us for an evening garden walk and witness fireflies' dancing lights. Learn how fireflies communicate! We'll capture and study these unique creatures and cap off the evening by releasing the fireflies together!

BECOME A FRIENDS MEMBER!

Join, renew or purchase a gift membership.

online: www.boernerbotanicalgardens.org

or phone: 414-525-5653



From the Desk of Gardens Director, Shirley Dommer Walczak

Spring and summer are right around the corner. It's always a great time to be at the Gardens in spring and see the many different bulbs and flowering trees. We are very excited to see the new bulbs that will be coming up just south of the Education and Visitor Center. Roy Diblik of Northwind Perennial Farm generously donated spring bulbs to go along with the perennials and he also created the planting design. The Southeast Master Gardeners supplied funds for the perennials in this garden.

We bid farewell to two long time employees this spring. Ron Bahling who has been with us for 33 years and Lori Yanny who has served as a horticulturist here for 29 years have decided to retire. We wish them well in all their future endeavors and hope that they come back and visit us often. We also want to welcome Jessica Cloninger, a new Horticulturist who joined us last September. Say hello when you see her out in the Gardens this year.

This year we will be celebrating **Arbor Day** with students from a MPS school on April 29 from 10am to noon. A tree planting ceremony will be held at 10:30 am. Everyone is invited to attend and help us celebrate this very important day. The students will also participate in a "Trees for Me" education program presented by FBBG.

Our annual **concert series** will begin June 23 and continue every Thursday through the end of August. Watch for the line-up which will publish in May. You're welcome to bring your own picnic or purchase dinner from Bartolotta Catering. It's a wonderful way to spend an evening at the Boerner Botanical Gardens.

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



Girl Scout Project

Hand-Painted Rain Barrel Raffle

- 4 barrels decorated by Girl Scouts of Milwaukee
- Ecological & unique garden art
- On display April 8 through May 15
- Buy your raffle tickets in the Gift Shop - \$5 each or \$20 for five

Special thanks to our sponsors:



FBBG Craft Fair *Saturday, May 1st - 10am-3pm*

Over 30 local artists & crafters. May Day crafts for kids and a special visit from the Flower Fairies!

Great Mother's Day or anytime gift ideas!



Herb Faire *Saturday, May 21st - 9am-4pm*

Thousands of Herb Plants for Sale, Dozens of Herbal Vendors, Free Herbal Workshops, Tea Room, Door Prizes, Garden Tours, & More! Presented by the Herb Society of America WI Unit.

Adult Education & Programs

GARDEN CLASSES

Growing Iris for the Home Landscape
Thursday March 31, 6:30pm - 8pm

Growing Culinary Herbs
Thursday, April 7, 6:30pm - 8pm

Shrub Gardening Basics
Saturday, April 9, 10am - 11:30am

The Joy of Home Wine Making
Thursday, April 14, 6:30pm - 8pm

Small Space / Container Gardens
Saturday, April 16, 10am - 11:30am
\$20 members / \$25 non-members

What's New With Peonies?
Thursday, April 21, 6:30pm - 8pm

Good to the last drop!
Rainwater Harvesting
Thursday April 28, 6:30pm - 8pm

Tips for Trouble Free Tomatoes
Thursday, May 5, 6:30pm - 8pm

Chocolate: History & Tasting
Thursday, May 12, 6:30pm - 8pm

Brew It Yourself - Beer!
Saturday, May 14, 10am - 11:30am

**Monarch Butterflies -
Habits & Habitats**
Saturday, June 4, 10am - 11:30am

Coming Soon!
Bees & Beekeeping Class Series



All classes
\$10 members / \$15 non-members
unless otherwise noted
Registration: 414-525-5659

SPECIAL EVENTS

Wicked Bugs with author Amy Stewart*
Tuesday, April 26th, 6pm-8pm
\$20 members/\$25 non members.
**author of Wicked Plants*



Motor Coach Garden Tours Return to FBBG!

Take a day trip and travel to beautiful and interesting private and public gardens throughout Wisconsin. Please check our website for details...coming soon! Call 414-525-5664

Garden Walk Schedule

*Traditional FBBG Garden Walks - \$5 suggested donation
Expert led, with new topics each week! All walks leave at
6:30pm from the Education & Visitors Center Atrium.*

May 25
Incredible Iris!
Linda Doffek, Iris Society

June 1
Early Season Blooms
Darlene Lochbihler,
UW-Ex master Gardener

June 8
**Peonies: Positively
Pleasing**
Renee Jaeger,
Song Sparrow Farm

June 15
Hostas are Here to Stay
Marcia Wensing,
Hosta Society

June 22
Deer Resistant Plants
Jessica Cloninger, Milwaukee
County Horticulturist

June 29
Our Favorite Roses
Diane Sommers, Greater
Milwaukee Rose Society

July 6
A Parade of Annuals
Paul Drobot,
Perennial Landscapes
Tuesday, July 19
Daylilies Galore!
Harold Steen, Daylily Society
July 27
**Mixed Borders: Plant
Combinations**
Zannah Crowe, Monches Farm



Boerner Through the Seasons

2011 Garden Walks with Melinda Myers

Beauty can be found at Boerner in all four seasons. Join me for these seasonal garden walks and find beautiful ideas you can replicate right in your own backyard!

Fee: Member \$20/Walk
Non-member \$25/Walk

Class size is limited. Walks Held Rain or Shine

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

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



Note to parents: For the October walk, the Friends of Boerner Botanical Gardens will offer free simultaneous activities and snacks for children (ages 3-9), freeing parents to enjoy the Saturday fall garden walks.

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



Spring Sensations

Wednesday, May 18th

6:30 p.m.

Join me as we take a walk through Boerner's beautiful spring gardens. We'll see a variety of bulbs, spring blooming perennials as well as trees and shrubs that you can use to brighten up your spring landscape.

Summer Blooms, Birds & Butterflies

Wednesday, July 13th

6:30 p.m.

We'll explore ideas for enhancing your landscape by adding colorful blooms that will welcome in the birds and butterflies, making your gardens a place for all to enjoy!

Autumn's Brilliance

Saturday, October 15th

10 a.m. or 1 p.m.

Enjoy the color, fragrance and sounds of fall and find ways to incorporate the plants that provide them into your landscape. We'll take a look at trees, shrubs, perennials and of course ornamental grasses that can provide a colorful finale to the growing season.

Volunteer Spring Training

Docents & Children's Education

Wed. April 27, 2011 - 10AM to 2PM

If you are not currently a member of our volunteer family, but would like to join us, please contact Jennifer Schmitz 414-525-5664 or jschmitz@fbbg.org



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