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## Welcome to Michigan Division's Summer 2021 Newsletter !

**Michigan Division Executive Committee** ~ Elected members of your new 2021-2023 board of directors are listed on page 2. Please see the message from co-presidents Marcia Mandell and Jo Sillanpaa on page 3.

**Summer Calendar** ~ Upcoming Michigan Division branches' events, page 3.

**2022 National Meeting location** ~ You'll have to solve a puzzle first, page 5.

**Michigan Division Spring Council Meeting speaker, Matthew Ross** has provided a list of gardens featured in his May 6 Zoom presentation: *Gardens In and Around the Great Lakes*. You will find that list, and the online access to the actual presentation, on pages 8 through 12. **Link to Zoom meeting AND passcode:**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/r9Khs\\_CjHhLSu4zWKKjeZRKz9GJcZZc345CfbbCX5iVQ9\\_ukaCA1WPoj1T-r7Vl.TnP664ZnDHAidkHy](https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/r9Khs_CjHhLSu4zWKKjeZRKz9GJcZZc345CfbbCX5iVQ9_ukaCA1WPoj1T-r7Vl.TnP664ZnDHAidkHy) Passcode: **o6q&B\*p**. NOTE: What appear to be spaces in the link are actually underscores.



*Lapeer Wildflowers president Patty Bradshaw, center, and other branch members, receive from national president Mary Schwark a posthumous WNF&GA PASSION FOR FLORAL ARTS award on behalf of their member, the late NORA TEBBEN. The presentation occurred during the Wildflowers' June 17 meeting on the grounds of the downtown Lapeer Courthouse. (See Courthouse details: Charlotte D. Westbrook's report, page 4.)*

## Michigan Division of the Woman's National Farm & Garden Association For Your Information

### Elected Executive Committee 2021 – 2023

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#### What's Happening & When?

August 1 - 15, 2021

Submit info & photos  
for fall newsletter.

Date TBD

Fall Council Meeting

#### Visit Michigan Division & the WNF&GA (national) organization online:

Michigan Division                      WNF&GA(national)

[www.michdivwnfga.weebly.com](http://www.michdivwnfga.weebly.com)

[www.wnfga.org](http://www.wnfga.org)

Member Area

Member Area

NEW password: Sillman2023

Password: Farm100garden

## VERY IMPORTANT

**Don't keep us in the DARK !  
We won't know unless you tell us:**

**Please report all branch roster  
CHANGES: member additions,  
subtractions, changes of address,  
phone numbers and email addresses.**

**Be sure to tell Registrar Cheryl  
Malin that you want to access the  
newsletter via the MI DIV website!  
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## From your Michigan Division co-presidents ...

Going through more than a year of lockdown has given us all time to think about what is really important. Thankfully, gardening was a wonderful physical, mental and spiritual activity that gave us an outlet to fine-tune those thoughts. Some of us, including myself (Marcia), lost loved ones during that time. Branches, divisions, and our national organization have lost valued, talented and inspiring members and friends. It is my hope that as I work with Jo, we will be able to increase our membership numbers so that we can continue to build on what our founding and past members envisioned and worked for. Each of us has valuable ideas, skills and abilities that can be focused on expanding and enriching our branches, division and national communities.

The past year has been one of many uncertainties, but many of our branches have learned to Zoom and/or have held outdoor meetings. As our pandemic restrictions have recently been lifted and we are now proceeding with caution, we will once again be able to meet in person.

A highlight of my (Jo) spring was attending the 21st Conifer Rendezvous in Clinton, Iowa. There was a gathering of about 150 "coneheads" on Saturday morning in a very clean pole barn, complete with breezes of farm odors and surrounded with many beds of various conifers and complementary plantings. We spent three days visiting six conifer gardens, two nurseries, and Bickelhaupt Arboretum. You might want to google the American Conifer Society for additional information regarding the organization, or give me a call: Jo Sillanpaa 248-513-6416.



Please let us know your thoughts and share your ideas to help us move forward. Over the next two years, we plan to work for and with you to create opportunities to achieve our branch and division goals. We are looking forward to fall when, at this time, we plan to gather in person for our Fall Council Meeting, which will be hosted by our Waterford Branch. We hope to have Janet Macunovich as our speaker and there will be vendors. Watch for details in our fall newsletter.

*Jo Sillanpaa*



*Marcia Mandell*

### MICHIGAN DIVISION SUMMER CALENDAR

**July 14, Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> GARDEN WALK:** Country Garden Club of Northville, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm. Five private gardens, plus bonus mini-walk featuring 6 condominium gardens, each with its own personality and charm. Garden artisans with perennials & treasures and live jazz by the Zachary Kruz Ensemble at the Northville Town Square. Advance \$12 tickets at Gardenviews and through [www.cgcnv.org](http://www.cgcnv.org) or call 734-788-9935. On day of walk, tickets - \$15 each – will be available at the Northville Town Square, 150 E. Main Street.

**July 14, Wednesday, 46<sup>th</sup> GARDEN WALK:** Troy Garden Club presents *Anniversary Gardens*, with six private gardens, to celebrate the TGC's 50<sup>th</sup> year of service; 9:30 am – 3:00 pm & 5:00 – 8:30 pm. Arts & Crafts Boutique and Plant sale from 9:00 am – 6:00 pm at the Troy Historic Village, 60 W. Wattles Rd., Troy 48098. Info: [www.TroyGardenClubMI.com](http://www.TroyGardenClubMI.com) OR call 248-535-5955. Facebook: Troy Garden Club 2021 Garden Walk. \$12 advance tickets at Auburn Oaks, Telly's, Troy Historic Village, Uncle Luke's. Online (see TGC website for details) through July 11. On July 14, garden walk day, tickets will be sold only at the Troy Historic Village. RAIN OR SHINE.

**July 17, Saturday, GARDEN WALK:** Moonglow Garden Club presents six beautiful gardens in the City of Trenton, with local artists at several gardens, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. Begin and end the tour at the Trenton Cultural Center, 2427 West Road, on the corner of Edsel Drive. Information: 734-281-6504.

**July 21, Wednesday, GARDEN WALK:** Clarkston Branch. 11:00 am – 7:00 pm. Tickets, \$15.00, are available through 7/20: (1) online at [clarkstongardenclub.org](http://clarkstongardenclub.org), (2) at The Gateway, 7150 N. Main St., (3) at the Clarkston Independence District Library, 6495 Clarkston Rd., and (4) at Bordine's, 8600 Dixie Hwy. Tickets, \$18.00 on garden walk day, are available only at the library. Additional info: [clarkstongardenclub.org](http://clarkstongardenclub.org)

## Report by Charlotte D. Westbrook, one of Michigan Division's National Representatives to the WNF&GA

On June 5, 2021, ninety-five people registered for our Woman's National Farm & Garden Association virtual National Meeting hosted by Kathy Beveridge, who provided an excellent Zoom tutorial. Raeann Krauss from the Saginaw branch did the invocation and Julie Beals, president of the Bloomfield Hills Branch, led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America. We had roll call, approval of the 2020 National Meeting minutes, and all financial reports were accepted as submitted.

Michigan Division now has 1,154 members – just 100 fewer than last year.

The by-law and standing rule changes were passed with 100% approval.

Nine of our branches sent photo images or PowerPoint presentations for *On the Road Again*, our featured National Meeting presentation. Christian Whan, Mary Schwark's 18 year old grandson, combined the material into a video with music and narration which was just excellent. The entries were all very well done showing the many creative, unique and interesting activities highlighting our branches as they grow, bloom and truly help their communities.

The Dogwood Garden at the National Arboretum in Washington, DC now has more than 100,000 trees planted. There was no intern in 2020, but Shana Burke is the newest intern.

For the Frysingier International Project, we voted once again to donate \$2,000.00 to ACWW for Sustainable Water Sanitation and Energy.

On Thursday, June 17, 2021, at the oldest functioning Courthouse in Michigan (located in Lapeer) and the 10<sup>th</sup> oldest in the U.S., the Lapeer Wildflowers branch received a posthumous *Passion for Floral Arts* award honoring Nora Tebben. (See photo, page 1.) The Lapeer Wildflowers Branch gave us the good news that there will be a Mrs. Tebben's Tea in 2022.

The next ACWW Triennial Meeting will be held for worldwide members of ACWW in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in 2023, one year later than originally scheduled,.

There was no news forthcoming about a WNF&GA National Meeting in 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlotte D. Westbrook, National Representative from Michigan Division to the WNF&GA.

## Daffodils4Communities



Michigan Division's board of directors urges branches to establish daffodil projects in their own communities.

In this newsletter's Branch News section, those garden clubs which have created community daffodil projects are recognized with daffodil icons next to their names. See icon example above.

All branches' efforts in their own locations complement Daffodils4Detroit.

**The 2022 WNF&GA in-person National Meeting will be held in early June in**

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- (1) A state that begins with the letter "P"
- (2) In a city just 15 miles east of that state's capital
- (3) In a city known for a product discovered in ancient Mexico
- (4) In a city where the WNF&GA's 1976 National Meeting was held 45 years ago
- (5) In a city where a very large and renowned garden is named after one of the most famous purveyors of the product mentioned in #3

**Can you unscramble the city and state?**

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**Watch for details in future Michigan Division newsletters and WNF&GA magazines.**



*Carol Leonard  
December 1937 – May 2021*

**IN MEMORIAM** It is with heavy hearts that the Romeo and Juliet Garden Club announces the passing of one of our members: Carol Tiefenbrunn Leonard on May 28, 2021. She was born on December 19, 1937, in St. Louis, Missouri. After high school graduation, Carol worked at General Motors. There she met Robert E. Leonard. They married on April 30, 1960. After Robert was transferred to General Motors in Detroit, they moved to the town of Leonard.

Carol, a whirlwind of activity, worked at a branch of the Oxford Bank and retired as assistant manager. She played on two golf leagues, played bridge twice weekly, served on the Romeo/Washington Chamber of Commerce board, volunteered at the Addison Township election polls, and was a member of a stock club. An avid gardener, Carol was a member of the Michigan Hosta Society, Seven Ponds Birding Club, Seven Ponds Beekeeping Club, and the Romeo and Juliet Garden Club. She was a judge for the Michigan Division WNF&GA flower exposition and a 4-H judge at the annual Armada Fair. Carol was a huge supporter of the Addison Township Library.

Carol was preceded in death by her first husband Robert, second husband John Medaugh and brother Jim Tiefenbrunn. She is survived by her son and daughter, two grandchildren and two great grandchildren. The family would appreciate memorial donations to the Seven Ponds Nature Center in Dryden, Michigan.

**Branch News**



**Bloomfield Hills Garden Club Branch**

In April, our garden club held our 2021 fundraiser virtually via Zoom. We were privileged to have a guest speaker, Aaron Bertelsen, gardener and chef for Great Dixter located in the UK. His program was enlightening and filled with wonderful tips on gardening in pots! The photos which he shared with us were absolutely beautiful! The funds raised will be used for our grants program. In the very near future and as a group, we hope to plan a visit to the Detroit Oudolf Garden and Anna Scripps Whitcomb Conservatory located on Belle Isle. Our club has remained steadfast throughout this unusual past year, and we are eager to meet in person and be together very soon.

*- submitted by Julie Beals, president*

## Branch News continued

### Clarkston Farm & Garden Club Branch

The Clarkston Farm & Garden Club was in planning mode in the spring, preparing for the Perennial Plant Exchange on June 5 and our Garden Walk on July 21. Both events were cancelled last year, and we are so glad to be back planning great times with people, plants and gardens.

We had a day at Wojo's Greenhouse in Brandon Township, where the club received 10% of the receipts from buyers who told them of their connection with the Clarkston Garden Club. Bordines sells Bordine cards to us and we earn \$15 from every \$100 gift card sold. Thanks to our friendly neighborhood businesses!

The Scholarship Committee met and awarded four scholarships of \$1,000 each to four high school seniors. One of the club's scholarship application questions is "Describe an experience or accomplishment that sets you apart regarding environmental action." Below are some of the statements from the scholarship winners.

Owen Meyer joined the Apiary Club at Clarkston High School as a 9<sup>th</sup> grader and attends the yearly bee conference of the Michigan Beekeeping Association. Meyer says that the Apiary Club gives him "a way to do my part in sustaining the environment..."

Lillian Schuster, who wants to become a teacher, worked at the Clarkston Family Farm teaching children in the Project Wild Camp.

Nathan Dimmer, who will study computer science at the University of Michigan, has helped the garden club at the Perennial Plant Exchange in the past. Though not a gardener (his words), he used his talents to create a computer application, "Personal Planter" which is a virtual garden application. The user gets to virtually plant seeds of different plants including hostas, lavender, and hibiscus, water them and watch them grow over time. Dimmer says you can uproot the virtual plants and send them to friends, experiencing a virtual plant swap.

Madison McGraw entered a writing competition and wrote about the importance of trees and the value of not wasting natural resources. As a result, she won a tree for her school.

All applicants had excellent grades and references and participated in many activities, so choosing only four was a difficult task.

Clarkston Garden Club also does the planting and watering at the Clarkston Independence District Library. Member Margaret Horne wrote job descriptions and broke down all the tasks at the library. Members have trimmed the hedges, weeded the gardens, planted flowers, and all the other tasks to have the library gardens looking great for summer.

And if you pass through Clarkston, we hope you notice that the garden club designs, plants, and waters the downtown planters. There is a lot of planting going on!

*- submitted by Joette Kunse, Clarkston member*



*Carol Schwarb and Liz Schoebel planting at the library*



*Beth Riegel working in the library's iris bed*

## Branch News continued

### Franklin Garden Club Branch

The Franklin Garden Club convened May 10 at the Gazebo in the Franklin Community Park. Although it was a nice sunny day, the cool north winds kept us bundled in warm clothing. (See photos below.) A bit of frivolity was introduced by Program Chair Sheila Marshall. Surprisingly, she brought champagne glasses, flavorful carbonated juice along with delicious scones. To top that off, she provided a speaker system with Dave Bennett Jazz recordings. We enjoyed the atmosphere while mingling with one another in person and sharing delightful conversations with one another after several Zoom meetings over the winter months.

The next day members reported to the church location where Sheila had flower orders delivered to the members who ordered through her. She has a working relationship with a greenhouse near Belleville, Michigan, where members can order many plants and flats of flowers. It is a fundraiser for the club and requires Sheila to provide a bevy of organizational skills. The stock is beautiful and we enjoy watching our purchases flourish throughout the summer months.

We are excited that a Franklin community resident contacted our branch and offered to provide and plant dahlias in the Franklin Broughton Garden. She is a master at raising dahlias and has a variety of the beautiful blooming plants. We are eager to have them added to the myriad of plantings in the garden to complement many perennials.

How fortunate we were to have very interesting programs in the past several months! We were awed by the information provided at our February meeting in a video presented by Richard Thomas on the Piet Oudolf Perennial Garden on Belle Isle. Our March meeting featured Lori Heiden, garden coach from English Gardens. She shared her expertise on strategies and plantings to attract pollinators in our gardens. Our April meeting featured Matthew Bertrand, MLA, from Friends of the Rouge, speaking about Rain Gardens. He addressed many interesting and helpful topics including designs, suitable plantings, and caveats.

We were very busy working on our annual garden walk which took place on Wednesday, June 9, and we eagerly awaited the arrival of that date.

*- submitted by Kathy Lorencz and Cindy Juliano, Franklin co-presidents*



*Above, L – R:*

*Kae Gaskin,  
Sue Welcome  
Margaret Bancroft,  
Inga Bricio,  
Sheila Marshall,  
Toni Grinnan*

*Left, L – R:  
Cynthia Amann,  
Kae Gaskin*

### Port Huron Garden Club

The last time we were able to meet in person was at the end of June 2020. We met at a pavilion on the Black River and enjoyed our bag lunches. We had a speaker and a meeting, and everyone was happy being together.

We were able to have our greens sale in November and it was a huge success.



I think everyone was sooooo ready to have something normal again. The committee did a fabulous job of keeping everyone safe. In mid-May we had a board and committee meeting. There were lots of smiles and hugging. It was so wonderful to be back to normal!

*-submitted by Sandy Sharpe, president*

## Gardens In & Around the Great Lakes – Michigan Division Spring Council Meeting

Thursday, May 6, 2021

List Provided by Matthew Ross

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*From Matthew Ross: Thank you again for the opportunity to speak about the amazing gardens of the Great Lakes, I wanted to share some insight into the gardens in some of the photos presented.*

Introduction to Longwood Gardens and the Seasons

[www.longwoodgardens.org](http://www.longwoodgardens.org)

Discussed the Garden Finder Program on American Public Gardens Association

<https://www.publicgardens.org/>

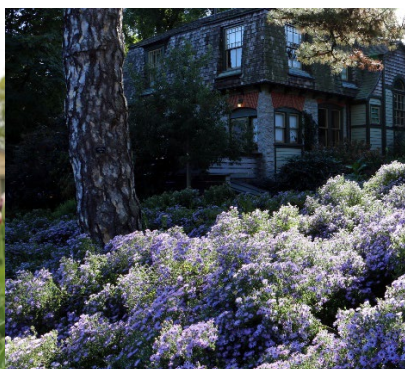
Discussed the Greater Philadelphia Gardens, aka America's Garden Capital

<http://americasgardencapital.org/>

With over 35 major gardens in 30 miles, Philadelphia has a rich history of horticulture starting with Bartram's Gardens and including some of the most influential and visited gardens in the country. Some of the Garden's mentioned were Bartram's, Winterthur, Mt. Cuba, Scott Arboretum at Swarthmore College, and Chanticleer. Also discussed some of the influential leaders in horticulture in the region like Letitia Glenn Biddle, John and William Bartram, Arthur Hoyt Scott, E.I. du Pont and the du Pont family, and J. Liddon Pennock.



Bartram's Garden



Scott Arboretum



Chanticleer

The focus then switched to the Great Lakes and some of the pioneers and influential leaders in horticulture with a particular focus on Michigan and it mentioned Edward Voss, Liberty Hyde Bailey, W.J. Beal, Edsel Ford, Frederik Meijer, Eliel Saarinen, Matilda Dodge Wilson, Alden B. Dow, and Jane Taylor

### **Jardin Botanique, Espace pour la vie Montreal**

- Roots started back in 1920 as the vision of Brother Marie-Victorin
- 185 acres
- Over 20,000 plant species
- Part of a much bigger complex of living museums, a global herbarium, & many monuments & sculptures
- Keeping elements of excitement

### **Key Takeaways from Jardin Botanique**

- Incredible plant combinations
- Keeping elements of excitement and playfulness
- Nighttime experience
- Diversity of crops and ornamentals in the vegetable garden
- Leaving up annuals as long as you can!!!

## **MOSAICANADA150**

*Gatineau, Quebec*

- Located at Jacques Cartier Park
- Temporary exhibit/competition
- Larger than life topiaries
- Celebration of Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- Part of Mosaiccultures Internationales® which first premiered in 2000

## **RBG Burlington**

*Burlington, Ontario*

- Canada's largest botanic garden
- 300 cultivated gardens
- 2,400 acres of sanctuaries with 27 km of trails

## **Toronto Brick Works**

*Toronto, Ontario*

- Post industrial site turned commercial & educational space
- Wetland landscape
- Community development hub by design for future sustainable site development
- Toronto Brick Works

## **The Niagara Parks Botanical Gardens**

*Niagara Falls, Ontario*

- Large park surrounding the falls
- Established 1936 with a premier rose garden, floral clock, and streetscaping
- 99 acres of gardens and trails and a professional school of horticulture

## **Garden Walk Buffalo**

*Buffalo, NY*

- America's largest garden tour
- 27 years of garden tours throughout the city and surrounding area
- Saturday and Sunday July 24 & 25, 2021 from 10 am – 4 pm Eastern Daylight Savings Time

## **Phipps Conservatory**

*Pittsburgh, PA*

- Victorian greenhouse and accompanying landscapes founded in 1893 by Henry Phipps
- 15 acres
- Living Building Challenge and the Center for Sustainable Landscapes (CSL)

## ***Key Takeaways from Mosaiculture Canada 150***

- Different ways to display annual exhibits
- Incredible use of the vertical plane
- Appreciation for the craftsmanship
- Flowers' ability to transform a space even ephemerally
- Anything is possible!!!

## ***Key Takeaways from RBG Burlington***

- Perspective and views from the top
- Infusion of informative art
- Serenity

- Blending hardscape materials & emergent plants
- Great "floating" wetland design
- Immersive experience with historic roots

## ***Key Takeaways from Niagara Parks Botanical Gardens***

- Large-scale annual topiary-style displays
- Border plantings
- Fantastic hanging baskets

## ***Key Takeaways from Garden Walk Buffalo***

- One of the best ways to see diversity in smaller residential projects
- The Shed really is that cool...
- Craftsmanship extends well beyond architecture
- The value of personalized lighting fixtures

## ***Key Takeaways from Phipps Conservatory***

- Be daring
- An environmental embrace
- Native gardens can be VERY formal

### **Franklin Park Conservatory**

*Columbus, OH*

- Over 150 years of history, started as the Franklin County Agriculture Society in 1852
- Series of changing exhibits throughout the year
- Bonsai collection, conservatory, display gardens, and trains!!!

### **Newfields**

*Indianapolis, IN*

- Former home of Eli Lilly
- History dating back to 1800s as an art school
- Encompasses the gardens and the Indianapolis Museum of Art

### **Cranbrook House & Gardens**

*Bloomfield Hills, MI*

- Established by George Booth and Ellen Scripps
- 1904 purchased 174-acre farm in Bloomfield Hills
- Kahn and Saarinen designed

### **Belle Isle**

*Detroit, MI*

- Established in 1845 as a park
- Architect Frederick Law Olmsted
- 982-acre island

### **Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park**

*Grand Rapids, MI*

- Established in 1995 & has had over 12 million guests
- Over 200 staff members and 850 dedicated volunteers
- “One of the nation’s most significant sculpture & botanic experiences”

### **Whiting Forest of Dow Gardens**

*Midland, MI*

- Nation’s longest canopy walk
- 40 feet above ground
- 54 acres of woodlands

### **The Botanic Garden at Historic Barns Park**

*Garfield Township, MI*

- On the former farm of the Traverse City State Hospital
- Garden tours April through October
- Emerging and growing garden

### **Key Takeaways from Franklin Park Conservatory**

- Kids love trains!
- Incredible community gardening resource and display garden
- Try new things (Halloween display)

### **Key Takeaways from Newfields**

- Innovative seasonal display
- Even a parking lot can be a garden!
- Desire to be the most photographed garden in America

### **Key Takeaways from Cranbrook House & Gardens**

- Creativity is endless
- Integration of the museum and sculpture directly into the gardens
- “Aiming for the long view”

### **Key Takeaways from Belle Isle**

- A place of nostalgia
- *Speramus meliora; resurget cineribus*
- Juxtaposition in design

### **Key Takeaways from Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park**

- Intriguing mix of 4-seasons interest around the sculptures
- Kids’ garden
- Harmonious feel across the entire garden

### **Key Takeaways from Whiting Forest at Dow Gardens**

- The importance of scale
- Accessibility
- Immersive experience

### **Key Takeaways from The Botanic Garden at Historic Barns Park**

- Embracing a historical perspective
- Importance of winter interest
- Rejuvenate power of plants

## **Mackinac Island**

The Grand Hotel was mentioned, as well as the gardens at the bed & breakfast and cottage homes!

## **The Gardens of MSU**

- Showed images of MSU hort hardens and trials
- Clancy Lewis Arboretum
- Baker Woodlot
- W.J. Beal Botanical Garden
- MSU Turf Center Ornamental Grass Plantings
- MSU Radiology Gardens

## **Some of the Other Gardens in Michigan were Listed**

- Nichols Arboretum
- Matthaei Botanical Gardens
- Fernwood
- Dow Gardens
- Hidden Lake Gardens
- Trial Gardens in Grand Haven
- Windmill Island

## **Chicago Botanic Garden**

*Glencoe, IL*

- 385-acre living plant museum opened 1972
- 27 gardens & 4 natural areas on 9 islands
- 6 miles of lake shoreline in Cook Co. Forest Preserves
- Renowned bonsai collection

## ***Key Takeaways of Chicago Botanical Garden***

- Infusion of research and trials open to the public
- Floating islands
- Innovative outdoor kitchen and learning space

## **Lurie Gardens**

*Chicago, IL*

- Within Millennium Park portion of downtown
- “Urban Model for responsible horticulture”
- Opened in 2004

## ***Key Takeaways from Lurie Gardens***

- Combination of seasonal interest is key for year-round success
- Importance of layering
- Gentians, gentians, gentians

## **Wild Center**

*Neenah, WI*

- Former home of Lorrie Otto
- Native Display Garden and trails
- Prairie Style design encompassing several acres around the National Headquarters of the Wild Ones

## ***Key Takeaways from the Wild Center***

- Power of fauna to drive interest
- Small spaces can have a big impact
- Inspiring seasonal transitions
- Plant charismatic and non-charismatic species

## **Como Park Zoo & Conservatory**

*Saint Paul, MN*

- Free Zoo and Gardens (suggested donations)
- 1915-built conservatory with rotating exhibits
- Free Zoo and Gardens (suggested donations)
- 300-acre campus

## ***Key Takeaways from Como Park Zoo & Conservatory***

- Power of fauna to drive interest
- A lot of plant people also love animals!
- Great place for kids to explore
- Really well-done Asian-inspired design in such a small space

## **Matthew Ross: The Gardens on My Personal Botanical Bucket List**

Lotusland – Montecito, California

Naumkeag Public Garden – Stockbridge, Massachusetts

Windcliff, The Garden Conservancy – Indianola, Washington

Red Butte Botanical Garden – Salt Lake City, Utah

Yaddo Gardens – Saratoga Springs, New York

McBryde Garden of the National Tropical Botanical Garden – Kauai, Hawaii

Kampong Garden of the National Tropical Botanical Garden – Miami, Florida

Tulsa Botanic Garden – Tulsa, Oklahoma

Fordhook Farm (aka Burpee Farm) – Bucks County, Pennsylvania

Edison and Ford Winter Estates – Fort Myers, Florida



Copy and paste the link below to watch the Matthew Ross presentation:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/r9Khs\\_CjHhILSu4zWKKjeZRKz9GJcZZc345CfbbCX5iVQ9\\_ukaCA1WPoj1T-r7VI.TnP664ZnDHAidkHy](https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/r9Khs_CjHhILSu4zWKKjeZRKz9GJcZZc345CfbbCX5iVQ9_ukaCA1WPoj1T-r7VI.TnP664ZnDHAidkHy) Passcode: **o6q&B\*p.**

(NOTE: What appear to be spaces in the link are actually underscores.)

In April, Fran Mokrenski, president of the Trenton Branch of the WNF&GA, shared beautiful photos of the Keukenhof Gardens located in Lisse, The Netherlands. She suggested that other Michigan Division members might like to see the images. Below are just a few online photos that are attributed to the Keukenhof.

If you would like Fran to send you the presentation she sent to me, please email your request to her at: [fmokrens39@wowway.com](mailto:fmokrens39@wowway.com). Enjoy! And thank you, Fran, for offering to brighten our days with such floral splendor!



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