



FOXFIRE GARDENS

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2006 Honorary Life Award Recipient

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2007 SEASON

OPEN: MAY 1-OCTOBER 1
10 AM – 4:30 pm daily

Pond Gardens closed some Saturdays for Weddings
Hosta gardens will remain open on all Saturdays

May 1	Gardens officially open
June 3	Hosta Day-Minnesota Group
June 5	Sheboygan Bus Tour
June 5	PM-classes
June 6	UW-Elderhostel
June 7	District Garden Club
June 10	Red Hat Tea House Group
June 12	PM-classes
June 13	Fond du Lac Bus Tour
June 14	Oshkosh Bus Tour
June 16	GreenBay Garden Bus Tour
June 17	Honorary Life Award
June 19	Hayward Tour
June 28	Mora MN Bus Tour
July 9-10	UW-Art in the Garden classes
July 20	Green Bay Bus Tour
July 31	Happy Trails Bus Tours
August 7	PM-classes
August 12	Sons of Norway Dinner
August 14	PM-classes
October 1	Gardens close for season

At the time of printing many other groups were in the process of selecting dates

*** Hosta of the Year ***

- 1996 'So Sweet'
- 1997 'Patriot'
- 1998 'Fragrant Bouquet'
- 1999 'Paul's Glory'
- 2000 'Sagae'
- 2001 'June'
- 2002 'Guacamole'
- 2003 'Regal Splendor'
- 2004 'Sum and Substance'
- 2005 'Striptease'
- 2006 'Stained Glass'
- 2007 'Paradigm'
- 2008 'Blue Mouse Ears'



Art in the Garden 'Topairy Class'

Pathways: 80% of all hardwood pathways throughout Foxfire Gardens have been replaced with crushed recycled asphalt in the hopes that maneuverability for wheelchairs and walkers is enhanced.

New Benches at Foxfire: The placement of 3 granite benches in the gardens was a new addition for 2006. Two benches were donated by Walter and Janet Hoover and placed in the Walter Hoover Hosta Garden at Foxfire. Another bench was added in "loving memory" of Phil and Catherine Nobles by their daughters. This bench may be found in the Torii Gate garden area.

Art in the Garden 2006, collaboration with the University system Marshfield, WI completed its 6TH year of providing lectures, hands-on classes, and an educational film series to area gardeners. Foxfire continues to host this most popular garden event. New week night class offerings were added and well received. This program continues into 2007.

Three Memorial Planters filled with annuals were donated to Foxfire Gardens in "loving memory" of Matt and Marian Britten. A special thank you goes out to Ellen and Keith Karow.

The Student Fellowship Program continues into its 5th year. A special note: Foxfire's first fellowship student, Ben Lindner, Loyal, WI, is now a graduate student at the University of Tennessee. Kamie Rozema finished the 2006 program. Applications for this work study program are available to all college students.

Board of Director News-Joy Anne Hendrickson was instrumental in the original design of the *Pink Ribbon Cancer Garden* in Wisconsin Rapids. A donation of plants from the Foxfire hosta garden and funding from The 'Friend of Foxfire' society were made to this project.

Speaking Engagements. Dr. Stephen Schulte gave his outstanding power-point presentation on 'Sanctuary' to many groups from Minnesota to Indiana.

"Life Award" Recipient 2006 was Joy Close from Wisconsin Rapids, WI. The event was attend by over 160 friends and family.

Sandcastle Contest winners included 1st place to the McMillan 4-H and 2nd place awarded to the "Tie Dye USA" adult group of Marshfield.



'Alligator' by Tie Dye USA

**2007 GARDEN EVENTS FROM
CENTRAL WISCONSIN
ADAMS, MARATHON, PORTAGE
AND WOOD COUNTIES
JOEY MARSHALL**

Master Gardeners of Wood County

Contact person: Chris Landowski, Court House, PO Box 8095 Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494

Projects:

- **Ag Day** – WI Rapids – March 18, 2007
- **Plant Sale** – Marshfield – May 19, 2007
- **Plant Sale** – WI Rapids – May 12, 2007
- **Garden Walk** – Tour of Local Gardens – July 14, 2007
- **Buds n'Sprouts** – WI Rapids Area- June – September
- **"Got Dirt?"** – Program to enrich children in the fundamentals of starting fruit and vegetable gardens.

River Cities Evening Garden Club, WI Rapids

Contact Person – Bea Kohl – (715) 423-8908

Projects:

- **18 Downtown Planters**, maintained throughout the four seasons
- **Veterans Park**, maintain one perennial bed
- **Pink Ribbon Cancer Survivors Garden**, (A place for hope, healing and meditation.) New club project in 2006, created & maintained at the Marshfield Clinic, WI Rapids Center
- **Buds n'Sprouts**, June through August

Wisconsin River Garden Club, WI Rapids

Contact Person: Cathy Scherwinski, (715) 423-6657 (No meeting in January)

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Projects:

- **Historic Point Basse**, Plant & maintain: the house, pine trees & entrance gardens
- **McMillan Memorial Library Terrarium**, Redesign monthly and maintain
- **Riverview Manor**, Wheelchair-height, raised herb beds, plant & maintain
- **Veterans Park**, Maintain flower beds throughout three seasons
- **Buds n'Sprouts**, June through August

Yard and Garden Club, WI Rapids

Contact Person: Joy Close, (715) 424-4960

Projects:

- **Buds n'Sprouts**, Initiated: National motivational program for young student gardeners. Meets weekly, June through August
- **Beautification Award**, Presented annually to someone who has done something outstanding in their gardens to benefit their community
- **Edgewater Haven**, Maintain Patio Gardens

YWCA Garden Club, Wausau

Contact Persons: Pat Peterson, (715) 845-5512

Janet Cramlet (715) 359-3474

Projects:

- **YWCA Court Yard Garden**, Maintained through three seasons, with ongoing renovations
- **Plant Sale**, Annuals (purchased from retailers), & Perennials (donated by members) May 19th
- **Monk Prairie Gardens**, *New, create & maintain
- **Garden of the Month Award**, *Wausau area gardeners, summer only



'Artist in the Gardens' Students sketch at Foxfire

**TO SPRAY OR NOT TO SPRAY
CLEAN ENVIRONMENT=CLEAN AIR**

**Organic/Cultural /Environmental Control
Vs.
Chemical Control**

Foxfire Botanical Gardens practices:

Cultural-Environmental Control methods as a first line of defense, whenever possible.

Chemical Control is not a primary garden defense method and only used as a last resort. The clean air you breathe while at Foxfire is a primary objective.

Cultural environmental control methods employed at Foxfire Gardens are:

- The encouragement of healthy aqua-culture for fish, frogs, water birds, dragonflies, damsel flies as well as many other water loving garden helpers.
- We use barley and blue food coloring to control the balance of algae.
- The elimination of diseased branches and in some cases cutting down an entire tree or bushes helps to keep plant cultures healthy.
- A layer of mulch is applied annually to keep soil cool and help maintain a moisture balance.
- Plant selections used in the landscape are appropriate to our zone 4 and weather conditions
- Use of soybean oil in non-pond wet spots, along with bat habitat and dragonfly protection help control mosquitoes.
- Primary and secondary host-host combinations are avoided.



Mary Oertel's Evening Leaf Casting Class

**"NEW" in the Gardens
Snakes SALAMANDERS fungi
to fish**

The new 'Educational Center' has arrived. This beautiful poster display was funded by Foxfire Botanical Gardens and is located in the Teahouse. A special 'thank you' goes out to the States of **Wisconsin** and **Illinois** for providing all educational materials. Foxfire endeavors to help educate the public in all aspects of nature. Stop in and view this most complete display.

Dr. Robert Freckmann
to receive
2007
HONORARY LIFE AWARD
June 17, 2007
Father's Day Sunday.

Sunday 1 P.M. – 3 P.M.

Cake and refreshments served
Public Invited

Each Year Foxfire Botanical Gardens recognizes an individual who has served the garden and academic community with achievements in the areas of gardening and landscaping.

Endeavors in the field of botany, horticulture, conservation, research, education or community development as well as support of the Foxfire philosophy of gardening are considered.

The nomination committee may independently select other qualified candidates.

Previous Award Recipients :

2002 – Walter Hoover- Loyal WI
2003 – Philip Schuetz – Seattle, WA
2004 – Annette G. Hofmann –
Wis Rapids, WI
2005 – Matt and Marion Britten –
Marshfield, WI
2006 – Joy Close – Wis. Rapids, WI



Art in the Garden 'Moss Garden class'

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Wisconsin Hosta Society

Midwest Regional Hosta Society

LIFE MEMBERS

Walter Hoover

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SPECIAL RECOGNITION

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*We appreciate your continuous support'



Susanne von Schroeder soaking the Moss Turtles for 'Topiary Class'

FRIENDSHIP PICKETS

By Joey Marshall

What began, as an idea to perk up the pickets we were planning to hold up a fence for keeping out pesky rabbits, evolved into a magnificent display of mini-masterpieces created by my family and friends!

Here's what happened: Rabbits, dining on my flowers, prompted us to erect a permanent 3 foot green chicken wire fence around our "mound" flower garden. I thought using white pickets, (this would match our beautiful, white picket fence bordering the city sidewalk), with chicken wire stapled on them would do the trick. However, as we began the project, we realized that white, hand painted, cedar pickets would deteriorate, so we opted for heavy duty, rot resistant stakes, instead. That left us with long white pickets, (that needed to be carried inside each winter), without a job to do!

After brainstorming for a moment, I visualized painting the same cheerful, bright flower on one side of each picket and then pounding them into the "mound" in a decorative fashion. But when I asked my artistic friend, Lola, for her help with the picket painting, she led me in another direction.

She visualized the pickets being decorated by several of our friends, who shared her love for painting. And of course, being creative women,

they wanted the choice of flower selection to be theirs on our 18 pickets. That first summer, my friends and I enjoyed many a happy, fruitful afternoon in Lola's spacious screened porch, painting on the white 3.5 inch by 48-inch white cedar pickets.

Just for fun, I established simple guidelines for each painter. **First:** the artist's name and the year that the picket was done must be painted somewhere visible on the picket. **Second:** one of God's creatures (flying, crawling or sitting) must be painted into the design. **Third:** the bottom of the painting shouldn't extend below the soil level when pounded into the ground. At that level, the flowers should appear to be growing up the picket.

Pounding them into the ground, even using a rubber mallet, could cause a problem with the pickets splitting. Our friend, Pete, had the best solution! He invented a hand crafted, wooden pounding shield, that protected the pickets as we drove them into the soft soil.

My one – sided pickets looked lovely, but I knew there were other friends and family members whom I wanted represented and remembered in my garden. Hence, the floral pickets evolved into Friendship Pickets, with beautiful designs now painted on the backside too.

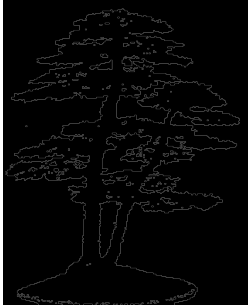
For me, these are wonderful remembrances of my precious family and friends. They're truly a gorgeous display of flowers, fruit and vegetation, gracing our yard long before our actual flowers bloom, and long after they are gone!

If you have any questions or comments, Joey Marshall can be reached at: 715-423-1921

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Joey's Picket Fence



Bonsai is the art of transforming plant material that has a woody stem into a miniature landscape. Although the art of Bonsai originally began in China, the word, Bonsai is actually Japanese. Bon – means shallow tray, and sai – plant. Thus, a Bonsai is a “tray tree.”

When considering a tree or a shrub for styling into Bonsai, certain characteristics will lend themselves to a style over others. An interesting branching pattern, or small leaves and fruit may seem more in proportion with your scheme. When the branches and roots have been properly pruned, and the environmental needs of the tree are met, a Bonsai will live and flourish in it's tray for many years.

There are a few different ways to find plant material. Some resources are to plant a seed, but then you have to wait a few years before styling. A sapling from your own property, those growing in the shade may have a leaning trunk or branches growing mostly in one direction. If the sapling is in mulch, it is usually easy to lift. You can sometimes collect from the wild, (however you should look into applying for a permit and ask permission first). Another fun way to find a specimen is to rescue a shrub from a construction site. Shrubs are often easy to come by this way from friends because the plant has grown too large for its site. Healthy nursery stock is another option.

How to choose the container your tree will be living in is also important. The rule of thumb is generally; whatever the thickness of the trunk is will dictate the depth of the container. In Bonsai, trees are considered-male or female.

Flowering trees, or a curving shape of the trunk generally are female, and a straight trunk would be a male. The containers are also male and female. Unglazed, square trays are male, and trays with a colorful glaze and round or oval shapes are female. The proportion of a female tree is looks best when placed in a female container.

A few of the basic styles of Bonsai that mainly describe the angle of the trunk are, Formal Upright, Informal Upright, Semi-cascade, Full Cascade, and Slanting. There are also group-planting styles like, Saikei Planting, also called a Tray Landscape, where you recreate your favorite landscape view in miniature. The Raft Style is also a group planting; however it is from a single tree that is laid on its side and has branches wired, training them to grow upward.

A good way to start with Bonsai is to take a class from an experienced teacher, or to join a Bonsai club. Purchasing books that instruct Bonsai technique will get much use between opportunities for personal instruction.

There will be a class held this July at Foxfire Botanical Gardens, of Marshfield, Wisconsin, where Joy Ann Hendricksen will teach how to create Bonsai from healthy nursery stock. The Bonsai style for the class is yet to be determined, and the ones mentioned in this article are only a few of the many styles in existence. It will be an interesting and enjoyable event.

By Joy Ann Hendricksen



Hands on in the 'Topiary Class'



The Claw terrorizes more weeds



Sister Catherine Kaiser displays her creation from Art in the Garden



Sandcastle Fun



Board of Director Joey Marshall masters the Bobcat



Board Director Joy Anne Hendrickson revs the 5-wheeler



Britton's Honorary Life Celebration

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