OLBRICH BOTANICAL GARDENS’ WISH LIST
Our growing public garden has many needs! Here are some ideas on how you can help. For more information, contact Olbrich’s Director of Development, Joe Vande Slunt, at 608-246-4583 or jvandeslunt@cityofmadison.com.

WISH LIST PREVIEW:
Bolz Conservatory’s 30th Anniversary
Did you know that November 1, 2021 is the tropical Bolz Conservatory’s 30th Anniversary? Get ready to celebrate this wonderful community space of beauty, education, and inspiration (and let’s be honest - much needed heat and humidity)!

We’re putting together the Bolz’s Birthday Wish List – and after 30 years of faithful service, it’s time to give our beloved beauty some TLC! Make sure to read the wish list in the next newsletter to learn more about how you can become part of a very special giving club.

Tom’s Toys, Part 2
Since the pandemic began, our need for virtual programming has grown substantially, and we have been playing catchup on the needed tech that makes virtual programming possible. Help fund the next round of tech tools for our PR & Marketing Coordinator Tom Fullmer so he can better bring the Gardens to your screen, wherever you may be.

A special thank you to Richard and Meg LaBrie for funding Tom’s gimbals stabilizer and shotgun mic.
- A camera that’s able to capture longer durations of video more easily - $2,600
- A dedicated head for a camera tripod that’s better suited for filming - $400
- A drone to take aerial photos, record virtual tours, and document neat things at the Gardens - $1,000

Building a Better Box, One Donation at a Time
Olbrich’s on-site donation boxes have seen increased donations since the Gardens re-opened in June. The current boxes are aging and do not communicate the urgent need for support. Help us build better donation boxes that are eye-catching, easy to read, and will compel visitors to give as generously as they can. - $1,500

StoryWalk® Strolls through the Gardens
StoryWalk® is an innovative and delightful way for children — and adults! — to enjoy reading and the outdoors at the same time. Pages of children’s books are attached to posts along outdoor paths, providing an enjoyable, safe outdoor activity in all seasons. Stories will posted in dual language when possible. Turn the page by providing the weatherproof frames and materials - $1,100

Light the Way!
After watching National Lampoon’s Christmas Vacation over the holidays, Horticulture Director Jeff Epping is inspired to out-do Clark W. Griswold’s light display as he works with Olbrich’s handy crew to prepare the Gardens for this fall’s GLEAM: Art in a New Light. Each year, improvements are made to the electrical grid to ready sites for art installations and improve visibility for evening hours. - $3,000

A special thank you to Tim and Jill Sherry for donating to GLEAM’s lighting needs in 2020.