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Special Announcement



Hello Friends of Olbrich Botanical Gardens,

Hopefully as you receive this in your homes, we will be seeing the beginning of the end of the pandemic and the isolation many of us have felt during the winter of 2020-2021. I am happy to report that Olbrich Botanical Gardens is doing well – even better than we expected at the start of the pandemic.

Although our total attendance of 125,347 visitors in 2020 is far short of our usual 330,000+ annual visitors, I hope that that we have touched your lives in some way this past year. Some of you have visited, but I know that many of you have been unable to

come to Olbrich in person. Have you tuned into the virtual programming and YouTube videos created by Olbrich staff? Be sure to follow us on social media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and YouTube) to view future content.

As the days lengthen and the weather moderates, I hope you can spend more time outdoors seeing your friends and families and enjoying nature together. If you visited Olbrich or spent time outdoors, you've had a dose of 'Vitamin G' (a term coined by Britain's Royal Horticultural Society.) I have a friend in Spain who enjoys 'forest bathing'. (It's not what you think!) This idea originated in Japan and it means spending time to fully experience and notice nature and all its details – often with a trained guide. Think of a visit to Olbrich as 'garden bathing'.

Something you may not know about me is that I fell in love with plants as a freshman here in Madison at the University of Wisconsin. I discovered public gardens and knew that working in this field would fulfill my desire to share my love of plants. My career in public horticulture and here at Olbrich Botanical Gardens has been very meaningful. Working at Olbrich for the past 15 years reinforced my belief in the value of nature and green spaces in the urban environment. I've learned from Olbrich's strong community connections, from our amazing volunteer force, and from our staff whose deep commitment to gardens and nature is evident every day.

Thinking about all that I've learned over the course of my career makes me feel sentimental because I will retire later this year. While plants will continue to loom large in my life, I'll miss the many communities and friends I've made through my years at Olbrich Botanical Gardens.

It feels like the right time to retire partly due to my age (I have two younger siblings who are retired or planning to retire in 2021) and because I know that I leave Olbrich Gardens in the very capable hands of the staff, Olbrich Botanical Society's Board of Directors, and the Madison Parks Division.

There are many projects awaiting Olbrich's next director. Renovating the Thai Pavilion; completing a comprehensive interpretive plan that focuses on what makes Olbrich Gardens unique; developing a maintenance plan for the Bolz Conservatory as it approaches its 30-year anniversary; creating a conceptual plan to develop the 10-acre parcel adjacent to the Thai Garden; and, of course, surviving the pandemic crisis intact. These are not small tasks, but I know that the strength of the public-private partnership that shares in the operation of the Gardens will accomplish these tasks and more!

Farewell for now, and I hope to see you in the Gardens!

ROBERTA SLADKY *Director, Olbrich Botanical Gardens*

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Upcoming Member Benefits

BOLZ CONSERVATORY

Open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. daily

Member receive FREE admission!

Closed March 8-19 for annual maintenance and pruning.

GROWING GIFTS SHOP

Shop in-store or online at

shop.olbrich.org

Members receive a discount based on their member level!



Both photos by Kevin Sink

Members Get More

We are still in the middle of winter, and many of us are anxious for spring. If you are looking for activities to make the winter pass by a little easier, now may be a good time to revisit your member benefits! We invite you to enjoy these member perks:

Visit a Reciprocal Garden: Take your membership card with you when you travel (safely)! Over 330 gardens throughout North America reciprocal benefits to Olbrich members. Remember to call ahead before your visit! To learn more about the Reciprocal Admissions Program, visit olbrich.org/membership/ and select 'Reciprocal Garden.'

Explore the Bolz Conservatory: Members get in free, every day!

Shop in the Growing Gifts Shop: Visit the Gift Shop in person or online at shop.olbrich.org! We've mailed our members a postcard or letter with their discount code, but if need your discount code, please contact Elizabeth at espry@cityofmadison.com or 608-246-4724.

Take a virtual class: Olbrich members receive a discount on most classes and workshops. Check out the new virtual programs where you can grow your green thumb without leaving your couch!

Olbrich's "Garden Growers" provide predictable monthly donations and monthly membership payments as support for the gardens. Monthly support allows Olbrich Botanical Society to breathe easier, knowing future cash flows are committed from loyal friends within Olbrich's community.

GARDEN GROWERS

**Indicates monthly dues-paying members*

Anonymous

Jay and Lori Dreke*

Mary K Stull

Paula Bloodsaw*

Renee Rizzo and James Peltier

Richard Paulson and Frances Barman-Paulson*

Susan Sundquist

Tom Duter

If you are interested in joining Olbrich's "Garden Growers," call 608-243-0153 with questions or to sign up!

Director Roberta Sladky's Career Comes Full Circle

Becoming Olbrich Botanical Gardens' second director in 2006 brought Roberta Sladky's career full circle. It was here, as a student at UW-Madison, that she fell in love with plants and realized that a career in public horticulture would allow her to share that love of plants with others. Now, after 15 years at the helm of Madison's public garden, she is preparing to retire by mid-year, a decision that wasn't easy for her but feels right nonetheless.

The next few months will be busy for Roberta – preparing to pass the baton to the next director – but will also be a time to reminisce about her accomplished career. Undoubtedly, her most significant contribution to Olbrich was leading the development of the new Frautschi Family Learning Center and new greenhouses – Olbrich's first significant facilities project since the early 1990s and the largest public expansion in the City of Madison Parks Department history. She said,

"We started planning for the new learning center and greenhouses back in 2010 and I really wanted to see that through. This project would not have succeeded without the solid partnership between the Olbrich Botanical Society and the City of Madison. I've always been inspired by the public-private partnership model and I hope that the partnership stays strong and the Gardens thrive for years to come."

Hard pressed to choose a favorite memory from her time at Olbrich, a comment written by a visitor stoked her pride in the gardens and made her think about why Olbrich Botanical Gardens is such a special place. "My favorite memory

is hard because there are so many – but I keep returning to receiving a visitor comment that said 'Better than the Gardens of Versailles! Hands Down!!!' Not only was that a great comment, but it also caused me to think about the why... which was a learning and thoughtful experience for me. I've always loved Olbrich's beauty and the plants. But as I've grown, I also come to understand that truly great gardens are a reflection of their communities."

Undoubtedly, one of her favorite days of the year is when the Thailand-Wisconsin International Sunrise Program students visit the Gardens. It's evident that Roberta is still passionate about sharing her love of plants as she walks with the group and points out interesting plants and her favorite garden areas – the Birch Walk because it "reminds me of growing up along the Mississippi in LaCrosse and LaCrescent with lots of birch on the north side of the bluffs," she explains. "I also really like the Moonlight Meadow at dusk and the lower level of the Bolz Conservatory."

For all the accomplishments earned over the past 15 years, Roberta admits that there is much awaiting the next director.

One project that rises to the top of her list is an interpretation plan. *"With this type of a plan in place, I hope visitors would leave with more knowledge about how we use sustainable horticulture both indoors and outdoors, the ethics by which our staff gardens every day, and the insight that sustainability can be beautiful."*

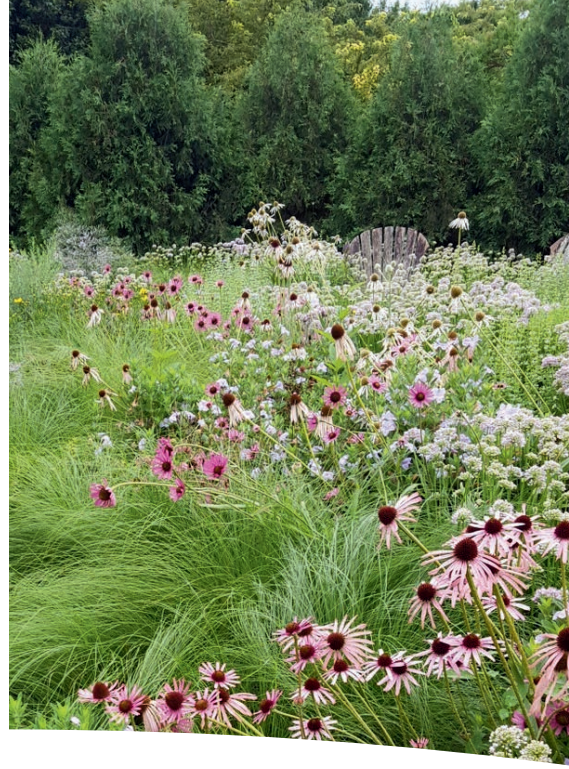
As most retirees find, Roberta expects that she'll have plenty to keep her busy in her retirement. Being able to spend more time with family is high on her priority list, especially when it comes to helping her parents. With two very active grandsons in the Twin Cities, she knows that more hockey games and tournaments are in her future and she hopes to be able to help the boys' parents "get away" for longer periods of time. She says, *"Most of retired colleagues tell me I'll easily stay busy. I'd like to have some kind of goal around learning more about Wisconsin – maybe visiting every state park and natural area. The group of friends I travel with regularly want to go to Greece and England is always a draw also, so I guess travel is in my future!"*

Though she plans to add more stamps to her passport, Roberta lives near Olbrich and will be able to visit the Gardens whenever she wishes. She explains, *"Since I'll be able to visit whenever I want, it's the people that I'll miss. The various communities made up of staff, board members, volunteers, donors – saying goodbye is harder than I thought it would be."*

If you would like to wish Roberta well in her retirement, send her an email at rsladky@cityofmadison.com or send a note to 3330 Atwood Ave., Madison, WI 53704.

Roberta will long be remembered for her dedication and stewardship of the gem that Olbrich Botanical Gardens is in our community. Roberta strongly believed in the need for children in our communities to have a place to learn about the importance the natural world, fulfilling Olbrich's mission of connecting people and plants. Roberta was instrumental in leading efforts to help raise funds for a new dedicated education center and greenhouse, which people of all ages will benefit from for years to come. We are grateful for Roberta's commitment and leadership to the Gardens and we wish her the best of luck in all of her future endeavors."

– JULIE RUPERT, OBS past-president



A GARDENER'S CALL: VIRTUAL LECTURE SERIES

Through May 2021 | Thursdays, 7-8 p.m.

Plants, animals, and microbes have an essential role to fill in our gardens. As gardeners, we have a responsibility to recognize and respect all beings' contributions to healthy garden ecosystems. Join us for a special virtual lecture series to learn more about these inclusive garden practices and how to nurture gardens that support all members of the garden community.

Lectures include: 60-minute presentation on ZOOM, followed by 30 minute Q&A with the presenter.

Register today at olbrich.org



Doug Tallamy

Nature's Best Hope

March 25

The global decline of insect and bird populations display how ineffective our current landscape designs have been at sustaining the plants and animals that sustain us. Learn simple steps that

each of us can- and must- take to reverse declining biodiversity.

Presented by Doug Tallamy, professor in the Department of Entomology and Wildlife Ecology at the University of Delaware and author of the award winning book, "Bringing Nature Home: How Native Plants Sustain Wildlife in Our Gardens."



Lisa Hilgenberg

Edible Landscaping to Kitchen Gardens: Planning, Planting to Harvest

April 29

Kitchen gardens and edible landscapes have a unique potential to be experiential havens that provide nourishment, beauty, and respite for your family. Learn how to incorporate edible

plants and flowers into modern landscapes. **Presented by Lisa Hilgenberg**, horticulturist at the Chicago Botanic Garden's four-acre Regenstein Fruit & Vegetable Garden, educator, and host of *Weekly Gardening Minute* on WBBM Newsradio.

Answering the Call - Gardening for a Better Life

May 27



Jeff Epping



Erin Presley



Katey Pratt

Join Olbrich horticulturists, Jeff Epping, Katey Pratt and Erin Presley, for a look at how they are gardening to create a better quality of life, not only for gardeners, but for the intricate web of creatures that live and prosper in them. They will share their designs and time-saving gardening techniques to give you more time to appreciate the bees, butterflies, birds, and living beauty that takes up safe haven in your earth-friendly garden sanctuary.

Presented by Olbrich Botanical Gardens horticulturists -

Jeff Epping, Director of Horticulture

Erin Presley, Herb, Wildflower & Pond Garden Horticulturist

Katey Pratt, Rose & Event Garden Horticulturist

Special thanks to our Virtual Lecture Series Presenting Sponsor Barbara Mathis



Orchid Escape 2021

Olbrich Visitors Found Beauty in the Ephemeral

The planning for the first Orchid Escape started back in 2019 because Bolz Conservatory staff wanted to create an exhibit that drew more attention to Olbrich's orchid collection. The first show took place in February 2020 and featured the classical elements of earth, air, fire, and water.

This year, for the second annual Orchid Escape, the Conservatory team drew inspiration from the art of kokedama and the concept of wabi-sabi. Kokedama are ornamental plants that are typically planted in a ball of soil and covered with moss, while wabi-sabi highlights finding beauty and acceptance in imperfection and transience. The 2021 Orchid Escape featured hanging orchids, inspiring topiary, and tropical plants all arranged thoughtfully throughout the Bolz Conservatory, along with more than 400 orchids of all different colors and forms, many of which were new to visitors. Staff also incorporated plants from Olbrich's Vera Lee orchid collection into the displays. Many of these orchids are decades old!

Staff designed Orchid Escape to be a relaxing getaway, filled with beautiful and inspiring displays. Though the exhibit ended, many orchids are always on display in the Conservatory! Stop by and check them out from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. daily. (The Bolz Conservatory will be closed from March 8-19 for annual maintenance and pruning.)

TERRY HODGE, *Olbrich Orchid Horticulturist*

FEATURED PLANT

Lesser Calamint

Planted by the dozens in Olbrich's outdoor gardens, lesser calamint is a subtle plant that still frequently attracts attention...from happy visitors and pollinators alike! Placed near paths and entries, the small glossy green leaves emit a wonderful, clean minty fragrance when brushed by passersby. The edible leaves have a flavor that combines hints of mint and oregano – great in herbal butter! Lesser calamint is a rock-star bloomer, with a froth of petite white flowers covering the plant from June to October, and developing a delicate lavender shade with cooler fall temperatures. We love to watch the plethora of beneficial garden insects it attracts all summer. Its form is tidy throughout the growing season, so do NOT confuse lesser calamint with its unruly cousins in the genus *Nepeta*, the catmints. *Calamintha nepeta* spp. *nepeta* also does not reseed like some other calamints. It thrives in hot and dry conditions, but also looks great in intermittent shade. The Perennial Plant Association has named lesser calamint its 2021 Perennial Plant of the Year and we are excited to offer this Olbrich favorite through our spring Plant Sale with the Pros. Look for online ordering to open in mid-April. Easily blended into any full sun planting scheme, lesser calamint's dainty appearance belies its true role as a garden mainstay!

ERIN PRESLEY, *Horticulturist*

Common Name: Lesser Calamint

Botanical Name: *Calamintha nepeta* ssp. *nepeta*

USDA Hardiness Zones: 5 to 7

Size: 18-24" tall and wide

Conditions: Full sun to light/intermittent shade; well-drained location

Where to find it at Olbrich: Rose, Sunken and Herb Gardens; Gravel Gardens



ACCESSIBILITY: HELP US PLAN

OLBRICH'S COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & INCLUSION WORKING GROUP

Olbrich is committed to creating an environment where all visitors feel that they can be their authentic selves and belong. An important component of belonging is ensuring that there are no barriers for people who want to visit, so everyone can engage in all the opportunities that the Gardens provide.

Staff define accessibility as the design of services and environments which strives to allow everyone to fully participate in everything we offer. We recognize that creating a welcoming, accessible garden is a continuous journey of learning and conscious effort, just like gardening.

Some examples of accessibility already at work at the Gardens include:



The Sunken Garden entrance was rebuilt in May 2020

COMMUNICATIONS	FINANCIAL ACCESSIBILITY	PHYSICAL ACCESSIBILITY
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Amplification tour system that benefits guests who are hard of hearing• Explorer Program accessible for students using assistive devices• Training for staff and volunteers in how to best communicate with guests who have memory loss• Key documents in Spanish• City translation services as needed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Free wi-fi• Free outdoor gardens; free Sunday Strolls• Free conservatory admission two mornings each week; free passes to anyone who asks anytime• Scholarships to Explorer School Program• Free youth adventure back packs in library• Reduced Blooming Butterflies tickets for Madison School and Community Recreation summer students	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Free wheelchairs, electric scooters, and summer tram• Expanded accessible parking• No steps at entry or in gardens; power doors• Wide bricked walkways accessible to wheelchair users• Extensive seating throughout• Accessible rest rooms

Olbrich's commitment to accessibility is a work in progress. We are identifying accessibility improvements, including rebuilding uneven stretches of outdoor garden walkways, enhancing our website for readability and ease of use, and exploring technology in the gardens to provide plant information. Once we have a comprehensive list, we will prioritize, plan for and remove barriers as funding is secured.

We know your perspectives and experiences are crucial to improving access. You're invited to share your thoughts and suggestions into our short- and long-range access goals. Please consider the following question as a starting point, and email your ideas to ESpry@CityOfMadison.com.

If you could improve one feature of Olbrich's gardens, programs, facilities, or operations, what barrier would you like to see removed to enable a better visitor experience for you or a loved one?

If this initiative is a personal priority for you, please consider partnering with us and financially support the Gardens' accessibility work. Contact Membership & Development Associate Elizabeth Spry at 608-246-4724 or ESpry@CityOfMadison.com for more information.



SCHUMACHER LIBRARY'S WINTER BOOK SERIES

CONTINUES THROUGH APRIL 2021

Join volunteers and members from Olbrich Botanical Gardens, UW-Arboretum and Allen Centennial Gardens to discuss nature and garden related books. Meetings are held virtually. Contact Amy O'Shea with questions or to RSVP: aoshea@cityofmadison.com.

Sunday, March 21, 1-2:30 p.m.

***The Seed Underground: A growing revolution to save food* by Janisse Ray**



The Seed Underground is a journey to the frontier of seed-saving. Driven by stories, both the author's and those from people who are waging a quiet revolution in gardens across America to preserve our traditional cornucopia of food by simply growing old varieties and eating them. Ray pays tribute to time-honored and threatened varieties,

deconstructs the politics and genetics of seeds, and reveals the astonishing characters who grow, study, and save them.

Thursday, April 22, 6:30-8 p.m.

***Blue Iris* by Mary Oliver**



We will celebrate National Poetry Month, and end the winter book series, with Mary Oliver's *Blue Iris*. A rich collection of poems, essays, and Oliver's classic works on flowers, trees, and plants of all sorts. In recognition of Earth Day we encourage participants to bring a poem to share that celebrates the natural world.

UPCOMING CLASSES



Hands-On Hydrangea Pruning

Work side-by-side with Olbrich Horticulturist Dan Schuknecht to learn how to prune Hydrangeas using Olbrich's collection; we'll discuss and demonstrate general pruning principles for woody plants, and then you will have the opportunity for hands-on practice.

Sunday, March 14, 1-4 p.m.

Registration deadline: March 4

\$40 / \$32 Member



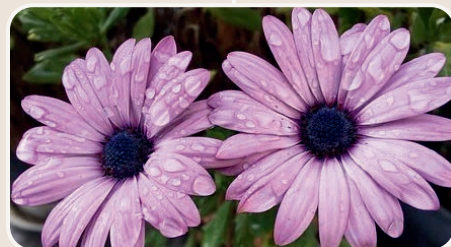
Gardening 101

Join us for an overview of numerous gardening topics - while our focus will be primarily on seed starting, you can also expect an overview of elevated container gardens, sunflowers, walking paths, and growing and cultivating hardy mums. You'll take home four windowsill flats that will grow into hundreds of seedlings and a hardy mum.

Thursday, April 1, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Registration deadline: March 22

\$76 / \$62 Member



Spring Into Gardening

We'll discuss the basics of spring pruning, perennial clean-up and division, soil prep and mulching, as well as some handy tips to save time and effort, and to protect the health and diversity of pollinators and other friendly organisms living in your garden.

Wednesday, April 7, 5:30-7 p.m.

Registration deadline: March 28

\$22 / \$18 Member



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.

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 be 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.

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 gimbal 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**



Faux Raku Gourd Vessel

Learn how to take a gourd and turn it into a piece that resembles raku-fired pottery. It will appear similar to a ceramic piece - until you pick it up and realize how light it is!

Saturday, April 10, 1-4 p.m.

Registration deadline: March 31
\$54 / \$44 Member



Hardscaping to Enhance Native Gardens

Learn how to seamlessly blend hardscapes of all kinds into your landscape to improve the function of your garden, with emphasis placed on natural hardscape materials harvested locally in Wisconsin.

Thursday, April 22, 6:30-8 p.m.

Registration deadline: April 12
\$15 / \$12 Member



Wild Food/Wild Medicine Walk

Through an engaging walk around the gardens, we'll discover ways to identify plants with medicinal properties and nutritional value, how to harvest them, and how to prepare them for maximum benefit.

Thursday, May 6, 6-8 p.m.

Registration deadline: April 26
\$42 / \$34 Member



TRIBUTES & MEMORIAL GIFTS

Tribute Trellis, tribute, and memorial, gifts to the Olbrich Botanical Society also keep the gardens growing for everyone in our community. Thank you for these tribute trellis, tribute, and memorial gifts received July 1 – December 31, 2020.

TRIBUTE TRELLIS

1984 MEMORY - B PASSINEAU

Charlotte Reed-Passineau

50 YRS BELOVED - FOREVER ONE

DAVID PAUL - DUMBLETON PhD

Susan V Dumbleton

CHARLES DEFRANG – 2019

Thomas and Karen Bridge

GRACE JAEGER - SHINING STAR

Darren and Mary Beth Lee

IN MEMORY OF - EDWARD MERTZ

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Patricia Sternad

LOUISE LEMKE - PATHS OF JOY

Jan Altman Karaffa

Linda Stauffacher

Mary Lou Young

LOVED & REMEMBERED

HAROLD & KATHY REICHARDT- JOCHMANN

Estate of Kathy-Reichardt-Jochmann

LOVE IT HERE - KYLE NIED

Peggy Nied

LOVE OLBRICH - JUDY MAYER

Judy Mayer

MARY SHIELS – LUBING

Pat Shiels Ellerd

NICK EMMER - ALWAYS LOVED

Megan Emmer

NINA FULTON - OUR BELOVED

June E Fulton

PAULINE & HARRY - MERTZ

Mertz Kane Family Fund

THESE PLANTS - TASTE AWFUL

Lizzie Tonkin

TO PAULA - WITH LOVE

William and Paula Berg

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In honor of Bob Buzdecky's 90th birthday & Eva Wright's & Bob Buzdecky's 61st Anniversary

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Mollie Manthe

In honor of Christopher McElroy

Joan McElroy

In honor of Donna Winter's garden

Liz Dannenbaum

In honor of Enid Riggle

Joan Ogden

In honor of Florence Lederman

Steven Huss-Lederman

In honor of Gwendolyn Cooley

Annie Jay

In honor of Jean Haines Online Art School

Debra Reitz

In honor of Jean Sheild

Stephen and Jane Powers

In honor of Jean & John Sheild

Carolyn Sheild

Peter Sheild DDS

In honor of Judy Mayer & Pam Tessman

Thomas Mayer

In honor of Kate Garden

Cathy Rasmussen

In honor of Katey Pratt

Susi Haviland

In honor of Mae & Knowl Stroud

Doug and Diana Backus

In honor of Marty Petillo

Lynn and Gary Case

In honor of Olbrich Staff, dedicated to everyone who made movie night possible and so enjoyable

Patricia Fenner

In honor of Olbrich Staff, dedicated to GLEAM

Graham and Erin Jonaitis

In honor of Olbrich Staff

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In honor of Vida Groman

Carla Peterson

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In memory of Amy Shumway

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In memory of Carole McAvoy

Lois and Hirochika Komai

Michael and Jean Kokott

In memory of Cheryl Ziegler

Kathy Holubar and Van Nutt

In memory of Claire "Robbie" Robinson

Dale and Lila Ann Mathwich

In memory of Clarence Clouse - my father who loved flowers

Sharon and John Leinen

In memory of Cora Shinnick

Jacklyn and Judy Da Walt

In memory of David Wing

Dale and Lila Ann Mathwich

In memory of Diann Allsen

Carol Fisher and Brian Whitty

Debra Annen

Jeff Herriott and Ellie Schemenauer

Jerry and Susie Dietzel

Karen and Ian Smith

Kendra Eppler

Lois Ann Anderson

Nancy and Randall Roisum

Roberta Sladky

Susan Hallenberger

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Jessica Reed

In memory of Doris Spencer

Eleanor Sutcliffe

In memory of Eleanor Sutcliffe

David and Alice Gibson

In memory of Fannie Hicklin

Elaine Jellings

In memory of Helen Dyer

Kathy and Jerry Lawlor

In memory of Herman "Jerry" Frerker

Kathi and Larry Goodman

In memory of Hilda Blumer

Judith Amacker

In memory of Jane Hill

Brittany Alioto

Chris and Jay Hill

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Laurie Alioto

Carrie J Rough

Linda Hill

Mary Jane Stark

Meg and Pete Sanville

Nancy Lange

Nancy Love

Patricia Marshall

Roberta Sladky

Ross Pettey

Sarah Hasselkus

In memory of Jean Ann Wilder

Myrtle Lehnertz

In memory of Jed Dannenbaum

Jacklyn and Judy Da Walt

In memory of John "Jack" Braun

Angela Bradford

In memory of Mrs Joy Presley

Stan and Eileen, Erin and Leigh Presley

In memory Judy Fritz

Eric Fritz

In memory of Kermit Franzen

Karyn Franzen

Mark and Janice Franzen

In memory of Lindy Barden

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