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— SPRING 2023 —







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## Letter From the Director



As I watch the snow fall today, it finally feels like a typical winter in Wisconsin. (By the time you read this, spring will be just around the corner and the winter landscape will be fading.) Cold, snowy weather reminds me of the review left last winter by a visitor from California who said, "All the plants were dead... it was so sad."

The outdoor gardens are intentionally designed with "four-season interest" in mind. Unfortunately, this guest didn't see the beauty that winter brings to the garden. The majority of plants may not be thriving with greenery or color in the winter, but

they have a purpose and are beautiful against the winter landscape.

On a stroll through the gardens on a wintery day, the branches of the trees are clearly visible since the leaves are gone. Animal nests tucked into the branches are no longer hidden. Colorful tree bark stands out in the winter wonderland. Grasses and flower heads left over the winter for animal habitat pop out of the snow and blow in the breeze. A snow-covered garden path provides the perfect setting to see which animals have visited recently, by the tracks they left behind. A burst of red may flash, as cardinals take shelter in shrubs.

Sounds come alive as birds sing, trees creak, and branches move with the wind. Winter may not have the plethora of color provided by spring flowers and the flutter of pollinators of summer. However, winter does provide a setting to enjoy the structure of plants, sounds of nature, and hearty wildlife.

At this time of year, people flock to the gardens for their first sightings of snowdrops and crocuses. I encourage you to visit the outdoor gardens seasonally (at least!). Before the peak season hits, find your favorite summer spot and enjoy its growing spring beauties. Get inspired for the gardening season by the bursting buds, melting snow, and warm sunshine. Come back to see it in its entire summer splendor with pollinators flying from flower to flower. Visit in fall as the air turns crisp and the colorful fall foliage replaces summer's abundance of blooms. Finally, bundle up for a walk and marvel at the magnificence of the winter garden.

Take time to observe the gardens in all seasons, and reflect on seasons past.

**TANYA ZASTROW** *Executive Director*



## Members Get More

Giving back and making a difference!

At Olbrich Botanical Gardens, we value the importance of giving back and making a difference in the greater Madison community. Members say their top reason for purchasing membership is to support a free, accessible public garden. But did you know your support makes an impact beyond Olbrich, as well? One of the many ways Olbrich gives back to the community is through donating memberships, which provides experiences in the gardens and valuable educational opportunities.

Every year, Olbrich Botanical Society donates more than 150 Garden Family memberships to area nonprofits that are fundraising to improve the community—from senior centers to PTAs, social services to animal shelters (and much more). We're proud to do our part to make the greater Madison community a better place.

Curious about how to apply for a donated membership? Here are some specifics:

- The request must be made by a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. We are unable to donate memberships to individuals.
- We try to help as many organizations as we can when possible, but priority is given to those in Madison and Dane County.
- Please submit your request at least six to eight weeks before the event.

Submit your request to:

**Olbrich Botanical Society**  
3330 Atwood Avenue  
Madison, WI 53704

*If you have any questions, please contact Membership and Development Associate Kaylee McDonald, at 608-246-4724 or [kmcdonald2@cityofmadison.com](mailto:kmcdonald2@cityofmadison.com).*



## Upcoming Member Benefits

### **SPRING FLOWER SHOW MEMBER PREVIEW**

Saturday, March 4  
8–10 a.m.  
*Free admission*

### **SPRING FLOWER SHOW**

March 4–26  
10 a.m.–4 p.m. daily  
*Free admission*

### **VIRTUAL LECTURE SERIES**

March, April, May 2023  
Members Receive Discounted  
Class Registrations  
*See p. 9 for more information.*

### **BLOOMING BUTTERFLIES**

July 13–August 6  
10 a.m.–4 p.m. daily  
*Free admission*

## Ongoing Member Benefits

*Free admission into the  
Bolz Conservatory*

*20% off most classes and workshops—  
register online at [olbrich.org/education](http://olbrich.org/education)*

*Daily discounts in Olbrich's Gift Shop*

*Checkout privileges in Olbrich's  
Schumacher Library*

## 2023 Member Discount Days

Members receive 20% off in the  
Gift Shop on these days:

### **SPRING FLOWER SHOW MEMBER PREVIEW AND OPENING DAY**

Saturday, March 4

### **BLOOMING BUTTERFLIES MEMBER PREVIEW DAY**

Wednesday, July 12

### **HOLIDAY EXPRESS MEMBER PREVIEW**

Friday, December 1



# OLBRICH BOTANICAL SOCIETY

## 2023 OFFICERS OF THE BOARD

The nonprofit Olbrich Botanical Society is governed by a volunteer board of directors; directors are elected to three-year terms. We're pleased to welcome the officers of the 2023 board!



### **Alnisa Allgood, President**

Alnisa Allgood is the founder and executive director of Collaboration for Good, a Madison-based capacity-building organization that accelerates economic equity in underserved communities. She also is the founder

and executive director of Nonprofit Tech, a company that helps nonprofits use technology to work more efficiently. Alnisa recently was recognized by Madison 365 as one of Wisconsin's 2022 Most Influential Black Leaders.

Alnisa has served as Olbrich's vice president and joined the Olbrich board in 2017. Since 2004, she has volunteered in Olbrich's Schumacher Library, and has contributed more than 2,500 hours of service to Olbrich.

### **Susan Goodwin, Vice President**



Susan Goodwin retired in 2010 following a 30-year career with the State of Wisconsin. She managed Governor Jim Doyle's campaign before serving as his chief of staff for eight years. Susan formerly was on the board of the Madison Public Schools Foundation, and

also serves on the Madison Public Library Foundation board of directors. Susan joined the Olbrich board in 2019.

### **Maurice C. Sheppard, Secretary**



Dr. Maurice C. Sheppard is a professor of political science at Madison College and currently serves on the City of Madison's Plan Commission. Previously, Maurice has served on the City's Garver Feed Mill Selection Criteria Committee, the Oscar Mayer

Strategic Assessment Committee, and in the U.S. military. Maurice joined the Olbrich Board in 2021.



### **Laura Peterson, Treasurer**

Laura Peterson is senior vice president of business banking at Lake Ridge Bank (formerly Monona Bank), where she's worked since 1996. Laura has worked in the banking industry for more than 30 years. Her experience

includes business banking, commercial real estate, and small business lending for businesses and nonprofit organizations. Laura is an active member of the Cottage Grove Chamber of Commerce, and joined the Olbrich board in 2019.



### **Philip Bradbury, Past President**

Phil Bradbury is an attorney and shareholder at the Madison office of von Briesen & Roper, S.C. He focuses his practice on commercial law and litigation, construction law and litigation, real estate, alternative

dispute resolution, and business and estate planning for closely held businesses.

Phil spent the past two years as Olbrich's president, leading the organization through a time of great change—navigating the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic and helping in the search for a new executive director after Roberta Sladky's retirement. Phil joined the Olbrich board in 2017.

### **THANK YOU AND FAREWELL**

Olbrich also said farewell to two long-time board members at the end of 2022. We thank Tim and Bill for their years of service and dedication to Olbrich.



**Tim Sherry** provided more than 20 years of service to the board, including serving as president and as chairman of the most recent capital campaign to build the Frautschi Family Learning Center and new production greenhouses.



**Bill White** provided eight years of service to the board, and served as president of the board for the groundbreaking of Olbrich's most recent capital campaign.



# 2022 AT A GLANCE

The numbers are in, and 2022 was one for the books! A few highlights include:

- A very special plant that bloomed in May (remember the Corpse Flower craziness?!)
- Olbrich's Birch Walk illuminated with thousands of lighted "fireflies" during GLEAM.
- More people than ever visited this past year, showing that Olbrich truly is your garden and your community.



## ATTENDANCE

344,064 (new record!)



## BOLZ CONSERVATORY

68" tall Corpse Flower bloomed on May 4

5,527 people visited the Corpse Flower May 5-8



## EDUCATION

170 adult classes / 2,817 participants

28 adult guided group tours / 508 participants

61 family programs / 1,407 participants

40 Explorer School programs / 1,665 participants

17 writers camps / 870 participants

2,600+ used books sold in Schumacher Library



## #1 TOURISM

#1 Madison attraction on TripAdvisor



## PROGRAMS

161 musicians performed at Olbrich

17,000 lights illuminated GLEAM'S "Firefly Forest"

19 species of Lepidoptera at Blooming Butterflies

## VOLUNTEERS

495 volunteers

21,827 hours

98 new volunteers



## GREENHOUSE

27,000+ plants grown



## GIFT SHOP

85,362 items sold



## MEMBERSHIP

8,251 member households (new record!)

13,722 membership cards issued (new record!)



## HORTICULTURE

492 perennials, shrubs & trees planted

327 milkweed soup samples tasted in 4 hours



## GARDEN SCOUTS

1,237 insect observations

355 species identified

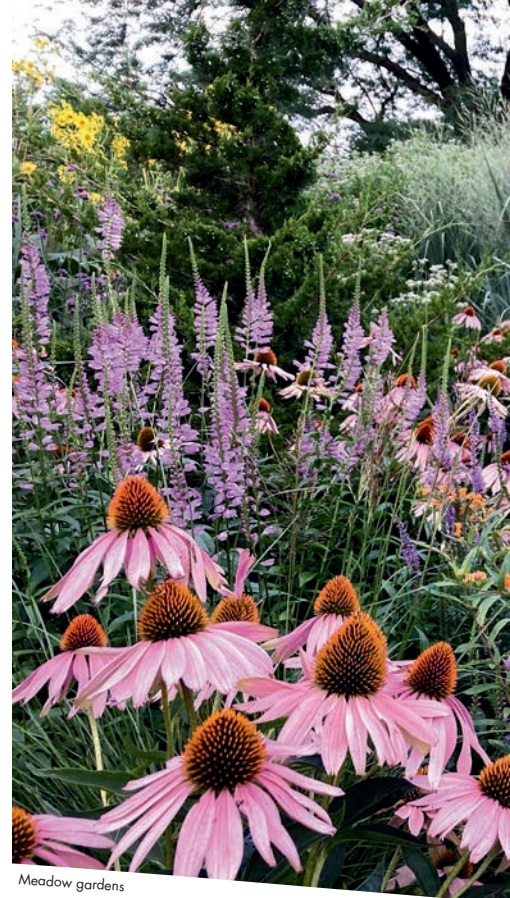
Top 5 most observed species:

- Western Honey Bee
- Monarch Butterfly
- Asian Lady Beetle
- Silver-Spotted Skipper
- Great Black Digger Wasp





Staff planting 1000s of spring flowering bulbs Fall 2022



Meadow gardens

## THE GARDENS OF THE FRAUTSCHI FAMILY LEARNING CENTER

A common question from guests in the outdoor gardens is, “Wow! How do you get everything to grow so well here?!” The answer: a combination of appropriate plant selection, loving care from the horticulturists and volunteers, and years of building healthy soil—all contribute to thriving plant life.

Even so, we all were awestruck by the prodigious success of the perennial gardens surrounding Olbrich’s Frautschi Family Learning Center during their first growing season in 2022! After the Learning Center hosted its first big hurrah with Olbrich’s open house and iron pour in February 2020, the building experienced some quiet times as we adapted to pandemic conditions. Nonetheless, progress continued outside as the new landscape began to take shape.

A foundation of native shrubs and trees was planted in 2020, including a grove of creamy-barked Grey Birch (*Betula populifolia*) and Schuette’s Oak (*Quercus bicolor* x *Q. macrocarpa*) on the Lussier Terrace. Oaks, with their ability to sustain hundreds of species of native insects, are a key component in Olbrich’s new tree plantings as we focus our efforts to support healthy garden ecosystems.

On the Long Walk parallel to the front face of the Learning Center, Red Twig Dogwood cultivars (*Cornus sericea*) provide year-round interest, along with stately native Musclewood

trees. Firespire® Musclewood (*Carpinus caroliniana* ‘J.N. Upright’), a variety developed by Johnson’s Nursery in Menomonee Falls, was selected particularly for its narrower growth habit and vibrant red fall color. Native shrubs like common Witchhazel (*Hamamelis virginiana*) and Oakleaf Hydrangea (*Hydrangea quercifolia*) were added to complement the existing 28-year old Swamp White Oak (*Quercus bicolor*) that greets guests entering the garden on Morse Terrace.

As woody plantings settled in, Horticulture Director Jeff Epping developed plans for dynamic perennial meadows. Inspired by the tight matrix of grasses and perennials characteristic of Midwestern prairies, meadow gardens are a popular eco-friendly gardening style. Compatible plants are woven together at high densities and grow together quickly early in the spring, protecting the soil without much additional mulch.

In addition to a broad catalog of plants chosen for aesthetic interest and sequential bloom times above ground, plants with a diversity of root morphologies share resources from varying levels in the soil profile. Olbrich gives heavy emphasis to native plants that form the backbone of the garden ecosystem, growing in harmony with a sprinkling of non-natives and nativars (native plants that have been selected to enhance particular garden-worthy characteristics) to boost seasonal interest.





Grasses and sedges provide structure

Even the most optimistic staff and volunteers (who planted more than 1,700 grasses and 1,300 perennials from midsummer to late fall in 2021) were astonished with how magically the Learning Center gardens blossomed during the next growing season. On Lussier Terrace, sprightly snowdrops (*Galanthus*) popped up in March, while lush green sedges highlighted later spring bloomers like Columbine (*Aquilegia canadensis*) and dramatic purple-leaved *Penstemon* 'Midnight Masquerade.'

A parade of colorful flowers delighted guests and attracted bees and butterflies through the summer. The buttery blooms of 'Sweet as Honey' Black-Eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia* 'Sweet as Honey') spilled onto the Long Walk, mingling with fragrant Lesser Calamint (*Calamintha nepeta* ssp. *nepeta*) and moody purple Ornamental Oregano (*Origanum* 'Herrenhausen'). The Lussier Terrace gardens buzzed with insects, thanks to pollinator magnets like Butterfly Milkweed (*Asclepias tuberosa*) and Purple Coneflowers (*Echinacea purpurea* 'Showoff'). The height of summer brought hot colors to the rain garden with sizzling Cardinal Flower (*Lobelia cardinalis*) and cheery Oxeye Sunflower (*Heliopsis helianthoides*), a native sunflower relative.

A staff favorite was the goofy, wand-like bloom of Rocky Mountain Gayfeather (*Liatris ligulistylis* 'Butterfly Magnet') leaning precariously from a backdrop of White Boneset

(*Eupatorium perfoliatum* 'Milk and Cookies'). In fall, oak leaves drifted down onto a carpet of creamy White Wood Asters (*Eurybia divaricata*) on Morse Terrace, while vibrant yellow Witchhazel (*H. virginiana*) bloomed through November.

More than 40 different grasses and sedges are featured in the gardens, providing structure for the rambunctious perennials and interest into the winter. The complement of grasses showcases native species like Prairie Dropseed (*Sporobolus heterolepis*) and Sideoats Grama (*Bouteloua curtipendula*), alongside groundbreaking nativar introductions.

Wildlife also quickly found a home in the new gardens, including red-tailed hawks scanning for prey from perches on top of the Learning Center, and a resident fox spotted frequently near the building and on the Great Lawn.

New developments to the gardens are coming this year, starting with the spring blooms of ten types of bulbs planted last fall. As Olbrich's educational offerings and community programs continue to expand, we're delighted that the hum of activity inside the Frautschi Family Learning Center is matched by the thriving, exuberant gardens surrounding it!

**ERIN PRESLEY**, *Horticulturist*





# SPRING SHOW 2023: THE WONDER OF SEEDS

*"A seed is sleepy. It lies there, tucked inside its flower, on its cone, or beneath the soil. Snug. Still."*

Every seed has a story. Take an educational journey into the history, culture, and significance behind various seeds. The horticulture team is already channeling their inner squirrels to create the 2023 Spring Flower Show, "The Wonder of Seeds," March 4-26. Olbrich's Atrium will transform into a flowering paradise with a show celebrating everything seeds—loosely inspired by the children's book, *A Seed Is Sleepy*, by Dianna Hutts Aston.

You'll see there's so much more to a seed than the plant it will become. Each type of seed has its own intricate beauty that rivals, and sometimes even surpasses, the beauty of its flowers. From tiny poppy seeds to giant coconut seeds, spikey poisonous castor beans to pods of fluffy milkweed—a remarkable variety will be highlighted in all their beauty and wonder.

Not only are they impressive in shape, size, color, and texture, but seeds also have unique dispersal mechanisms, which will be described and demonstrated in the show. Example dispersals include wind and water, wildlife, and even dehiscence (explosive dispersal!). It's safe to say you'll never look at a seed the same way again.

Throughout the 2022 season, a team of dedicated outdoor garden volunteers worked hard preparing interesting plant materials, dried flowers, fruits, and seedheads that will be incorporated into our display. We're grateful for the 98+ hours dedicated to this tedious task!

One-of-a-kind items are sourced through collaborations with local businesses and artists to construct truly unique and authentic displays. Very special thanks to our members, volunteers, and community residents who regularly donate items and purchase products we need from our registry.

**SPRING SHOW SPONSOR:** Marlette Larsen

## ON SALE NOW

### ONLINE CURATED PERENNIAL TRAY SALE

On sale now, while supplies last

## UPCOMING SALES

### SPRING SHOW FLOWER SALE

Monday, March 27, 12-4 p.m.,  
or while supplies last

### ONLINE PERENNIAL PLANT SALE

Tuesday, April 18, 10 a.m.,  
while supplies last

### ONLINE SUMMER POLLINATOR SALE

Thursday, June 1, 10 a.m.,  
while supplies last

Milkweed seedpods



Echinacea seeds





## SPRING LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Want to learn more about plants and gardening this spring? We've got you covered!

Whether you're under age two or have celebrated more than 122 years, Olbrich offers unique learning opportunities for you to engage with the natural world. No matter the season, we offer weekly classes, workshops, walks, field trips, learning resources, and other programs. We invite you to learn something new, explore the natural world through play, or refresh your knowledge on a favorite subject.



Learners potting plants

### **Gardener's Bootcamp Walk and Lecture**

Thinking about gardening and not sure where to start? You're not alone! Whether you have gardened for years or never picked up a trowel, *Gardener's Bootcamp* will benefit you and your landscape. **Olbrich Horticulturists Samara Eisner and Sam Malone** share years of horticulture experience with you as they cover basic plant biology, demystify fertilizing, share current gardening trends, and offer tips for purchasing plants.

**Wednesday, March 8, 5:30-7:30 p.m.**

Registration Deadline: March 1

\$35/\$28 member

### **Invincible Garden Ladies Virtual Lecture**

Celebrate Women's History Month with a special virtual lecture by storyteller, horticulturist, and author of the forthcoming book *Conquer the Soil: Black America and the Untold Stories of Our Country's Gardeners, Farmers, and Growers*, **Abra Lee**. Lee will share how successful Black female entrepreneurs of horticulture in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century forged a path to economic and social freedom, providing inspiration for Black women today. Join us to learn about these inspiring women, including Bessie Weaver, Blanche King Hurston, Annie Mae Vann Reid, and Minnie Gentles Turner.

**Thursday, March 23, 7-8:30 p.m.**

Registration Deadline: March 21

\$15/\$12 member

### **Discovery Day – All About Insects! Family Drop-In Program**

Is your family looking for something fun to do while school is out? Explore the wonders of insects and the Bolz Conservatory through hands-on activities during our Discovery Day in April. Join **Nature Educator Ariel Christian** any time between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. for insect-focused explorations and fun activities for all ages on the Bolz Conservatory's new education patio. We are also excited to welcome **Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation's Wisconsin Pollinator Conservation Specialist Micah Kloppenburg** for special presentations at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

**Monday, April 10, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.**

No registration needed, come any time!

### **Spring Into Gardening – Get Ready for the Season Walk**

Motivate yourself for the growing season through this lively spring garden walk. For beginners, **Olbrich Horticulturists Samara Eisner and Erin Presley** will discuss the basics of spring pruning, perennial clean-up and soil division, soil prep, and mulching. Experienced gardeners can expect some handy tips to save time and effort, as well as tips to protect the health and diversity of pollinators and other friendly organisms living in your garden.

**Wednesday, April 12, 5:30-7 p.m.**

Registration Deadline: April 5

\$28 /\$22 member

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My Garden Little Sprouts



Gardeners Bootcamp

### **My Garden Little Sprouts Class**

Nurture the innate curiosity young children have about nature as much as you can! Join **nature educator Sarah Ellis** for a lively reading of *My Garden* by Kevin Henkes, followed by fun, hands-on activities. Weekly Little Sprouts classes are nature- and literature-based classes for children ages 2-5 years that include a story, theme-related learning activities, and an “I-Spy” through the outdoor gardens or conservatory. Learn alongside your little one as you both engage in hands-on, fun, age-appropriate experiences that support the Wisconsin Model Early Learning Standards.

**Friday, May 19 or Saturday, May 20,  
10:15-11:15 a.m.**

*Registration Deadline: May 18*  
\$9/\$7 member, per child

### **Badger Bonsai Society and Orchid Growers Guild Book Collections Available at the Schumacher Library**

Explore the private collections of local garden clubs and plant societies through Schumacher Library’s Plant Society Partnership Program. The library provides for the care and management of these private collections, makes them available by special arrangement during group meetings, and adds the books to the library’s circulating collection for use by all garden guests. Visit Schumacher Library to discover these specialty book collections. Thanks to the Orchid Growers Guild and the Badger Bonsai Society for sharing their wonderful collections! (Books available for check-out by garden members; available for in-library use for all garden guests.)

**Monday – Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.**



## **CONSTRUCTION ZONE: ATWOOD AVENUE**

You know the saying: Wisconsin only has two seasons—construction season and winter. As the snow flies here at Olbrich, we’re looking ahead to the upcoming construction season and the redevelopment of Atwood Avenue from Fair Oaks Avenue to Cottage Grove Road.

This is a significant project that includes pavement reconstruction, curb and gutter, existing sidewalk spot replacements and repairs, new multi-use paths/sidewalks, improved pedestrian crossings, storm sewer replacement, new street lighting, new traffic signals, replacement of sanitary sewers and water mains, new pavement markings, and new signs.

There will be two segments of construction from February through November: Fair Oaks Avenue to Walter Street and Walter Street to Cottage Grove Road.

Please note: Visitors will always be able to access Olbrich. And at the end of 2023, Atwood Avenue will be improved for vehicle, bike, and pedestrian uses.

Be sure to check **olbrich.org** for the easiest route to access the Gardens during the construction project. If you’d like more information about the Atwood Avenue construction project, or would like to sign up to receive email construction updates visit: [cityofmadison.com/engineering/projects/atwood-avenue](http://cityofmadison.com/engineering/projects/atwood-avenue).





## 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](mailto:jvandeslunt@cityofmadison.com).

### Director's Request – Update 2023 Professional Development Funding

Director Tanya Zastrow is looking to raise \$20,000 to continue investing in the Olbrich staff and their professional development. Donations of any amount are appreciated for this important priority. **Thanks to the generosity of many,** we've made great progress! Can you help us reach our goal?

**\$5,500 remaining, with \$14,500 raised**

### Program Partnerships

Want to target your giving to support a particular program? Check out the many ways you can help the good work of our programs, exhibitions, and classes by visiting [olbrich.org/donate/major.cfm](https://olbrich.org/donate/major.cfm), or view the Partnership Guide by scanning the QR code on your phone.

Current priorities for sponsorships include **Blooming Butterflies**, **GLEAM**, and our **Education Programs**.



### Music to the Ears

Olbrich's free Summer Concert Series is more popular than ever. In 2022, more than 4,300 guests enjoyed a diverse lineup of performers. As the Concert Series grows, so does the need for professionally managed sound equipment and engineers. Your support ensures every concert comes through crystal clear, providing a consistent, enjoyable experience for everyone. - **\$4,000**

### Schumacher Library Help Grow the Collection!

Our Horticulture Librarian Eva Stefanski has curated a robust book list to help support 2023 programming at Olbrich, and to strengthen areas of the collection of interest to our guests.

The list is provided through [bookshop.org](https://bookshop.org). When purchasing a book, donors can choose a local bookstore to receive a portion of the sale. To learn more, visit [olbrich.org/visit/schumacher.cfm](https://olbrich.org/visit/schumacher.cfm) or scan the QR code with your phone!

You can also donate funds to help grow the collection. Simply write "Schumacher Library Collection" when making your gift online at [olbrich.org](https://olbrich.org), or when using the envelope provided in this newsletter.



### One for the History Books

The Royal Thai Pavilion will celebrate its 25th anniversary at Olbrich Gardens in 2027, and there's much to do in preparation for the big milestone. Help us record the fascinating stories behind the Pavilion's journey and development by hiring a graduate student from UW-Madison who will conduct oral history interviews with the folks who helped make the Royal Thai Pavilion possible. - **\$2,500**

# EVENTS AT THE GARDENS

## MARCH

### Online Orchid Sale \$

**Thursday, March 2, 10 a.m.**

At the conclusion of Orchid Escape a selection of orchids featured in the Bolz Conservatory will be offered for sale online. Reduced pricing reflects this prior usage.

### Orchid Pick-Up

**Saturday, March 4, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.**

Please bring your own bags/boxes to transport your plants.

### Member Benefit

**Early Orchid Pick-Up Access**

**March 4, 8-10 a.m.**

### The Canopy Sessions \$

*With Bear in the Forest + Tos Hopkins*

**Friday, March 3, 6-8 p.m.**

Start your weekend with a live concert performed in one of Madison's most unique venues. Explore the tropics, enjoy the warmth, and be entertained by some of the area's most talented musicians. \$8 general admission, \$5 child (ages 6-12), FREE ages 5 & under.

### Member Preview: Spring Flower Show

**Saturday, March 4, 8-10 a.m.**

Be the first to see the Spring Flower Show during the Member Preview! Enjoy complimentary coffee and bagels, with a musical performance by the *Wild Violets*.

### Spring Flower Show \$

*The Wonder of Seeds*

**March 4-26, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. daily**

Breathe in the fresh smells of spring at Olbrich Gardens' annual spring flower show featuring *The Wonder of Seeds*. Olbrich's Atrium will transform into a flowering paradise, celebrating everything seeds! \$8 adults (ages 13 & up), \$5 child (ages 6-12), FREE for ages 5 & under, FREE for Olbrich Members.

### Bolz Conservatory Closed for Maintenance

**March 6-17**

### Cocktails in the Conservatory \$

**Friday, March 24, 7-11 p.m.**

Sip botanically inspired cocktails in the Bolz Conservatory and enjoy the beats from DJ Femme Noir - a premiere Open Format DJ from the Midwest, currently residing in Wisconsin. From popular classics to current singles that dominate the charts, she will have you dancing the whole night away! \$10 admission, cash at the door, 21+ only.

### Spring Show Flower Sale

**Monday, March 27, 12-4 p.m.**

Select plants from Olbrich's Spring Flower Show will be available for purchase in the Evjue Commons. Please bring your own bags/boxes to transport your plants.

## APRIL

### The Canopy Sessions \$

*With Samba Novistas*

**Friday, April 7, 6-8 p.m.**

Start your weekend with a live concert performed in one of Madison's most unique venues. Explore the tropics, enjoy the warmth, and be entertained by some of the area's most talented musicians. \$8 general admission, \$5 child (ages 6-12), FREE ages 5 & under.

### Online Perennial Plant Sale

**Tuesday, April 18, 10 a.m.**

The annual Perennial Plant Sale (formerly known as Plant Sale With the Pros) features a selection of tried-and-true perennials carefully curated by Olbrich's horticulturalists. Online only.

## MAY

### Bonsai Show \$

*By the Badger Bonsai Society*

**May 20 & 21, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.**

Marvel at these growing miniature landscapes and learn about the art of bonsai gardening with daily demonstrations. More info at [badgerbonsai.net](http://badgerbonsai.net).

## JUNE

### Online Summer Pollinator Plant Sale

**Thursday, June 1, 10 a.m.**

Summer is the perfect time to make your garden a pollinator paradise! Online only.

\$ — Event requires admission





## Iris Show

*By the Madison Area Iris Society*

**June 4, 12-5 p.m.**

Celebrate iris blooming season at this judged cut flower and artistic arrangement show. More info at [madisoniris.org](http://madisoniris.org).

## Plant Pick-Up

**Tuesday, June 20, 12-6 p.m.**

## Summer Breeze at OBG

**June 16 & 17, 4-9 p.m.**

Unwind with friends or family, feel that cool Lake Monona breeze in your hair, stop to smell the roses, or become a flamingo ring toss champ, all while supporting your free public garden! Grab a refreshing beverage and take a relaxing stroll in the Gardens with your sweetheart, create in-community workshops, play a friendly game of bocce ball or cornhole with your pals, or start a dance party on the Great Lawn. Whether you're 2 or 102, there's something for everyone at this new summer program! Admission at the door. \$15 general admission, \$10 Olbrich members, \$5 ages 6-12, FREE ages 5 & under. Additional costs for food and beverage.

## Make Music Madison Performances

**Wednesday, June 21, 10 a.m.-8:30 p.m.**

Make Music Madison is a free, city-wide outdoor day of music held annually on the summer solstice. Performances will be held in various locations throughout the gardens during the entire day. Make Music Madison is a part of Make Music Day, an international summer solstice music celebration occurring in more than 1,000+ cities across the globe.

## Summer Concert Series

**Tuesdays, June 27-August 15, **

**7-8:30 p.m., FREE!**

### No concert July 4

Enjoy an evening concert in one of Madison's most delightful outdoor venues! Concert attendees should bring their own lawn chairs or blankets. Carry in picnics and beverages are allowed for Tuesday concerts. Concerts are free to the public; a \$5 suggested donation is appreciated.

## AUGUST

## GLEAM Opening Viewing

**Saturday, August 26, 7:30-11 p.m.**

Experience the Gardens all a-glow! Meet the installation designers, and enjoy roaming performances and beverages services.

# Spring Canopy Sessions

Take a break from winter and enjoy a live musical performance in the warm, tropical environment of the Bolz Conservatory! Stroll amongst orchids and under palm fronds as you take in the tunes and soak up the humidity. Bar service will be available during the show. Purchase tickets at the door or online at [olbrich.org](http://olbrich.org).

\$8 – General Admission

\$5 – Children (6-12 years old)

FREE – 5 & under



Bear in the Forest



Tos Hopkins

## Bear in the Forest + Tos Hopkins

**Friday, March 3, 6-8 p.m.**

This Canopy Session is a double bill, featuring the unique musical stylings of two passionate singer-songwriters from Milwaukee.



Samba Novistas

## Samba Novistas

**Friday, April 7, 6-8 p.m.**

This five-piece band, led by singer Ana Paula, performs a wide variety of Brazilian-influenced music, perfectly at home in the tropical conservatory.

**Thank you to our sponsors!**







## THANK YOU, MARTY!

In mid-January, staff and volunteers bid a fond farewell to longtime Volunteer Services Manager Marty Petillo, as she retired after 22 years of service at Olbrich Gardens.

There were many changes at Olbrich during Marty's career, but the volunteer program remained steady. Volunteers returned year after year, helping in all areas of the organization. They often said the difference between Olbrich's volunteer program and those of other organizations was Marty and the amount of personal attention given to every volunteer. Perhaps that's because she started her journey as an Olbrich volunteer, herself!

Marty always remembered volunteers' names, and took time to know them: How was their dog...did they enjoy their recent trip...what was new in their life? These relationships cultivated a sense of belonging throughout the program, making the time volunteers spent at Olbrich about more than just performing tasks.

Many times, the relationships developed with volunteers became gateways to Olbrich's programs—turning volunteers into class participants, members, donors, and ambassadors throughout the community.

### Olbrich's Volunteer Program: By the Numbers During Marty's career at Olbrich (2001-2023)

529,141 volunteer hours

12,345+ volunteers

Over 80% retention rate

Thought-leader Ivan Scheier once described volunteering as: *"Doing more than you have to—because you want to—in a cause you consider good."* While that's an accurate definition, especially for Olbrich volunteers, the same can be said about Marty. She routinely went above and beyond her job duties, leading initiatives such as the Green Team, Dementia Friendly Training and Olbrich's Community Engagement & Inclusion Working Group. And she collaborated with gift shop staff to create a cookbook filled with delicious recipes from Olbrich's volunteers.

In 2016, Marty received the Professional Merit Award from the Wisconsin Volunteer Coordinators Association, recognizing her outstanding leadership in managing Olbrich Botanical Gardens' volunteer program.

Thank you, Marty, for your 22 years of dedicated service. Olbrich Botanical Gardens would not be the place it is today without your efforts leading one of the most sustainable volunteer programs in Dane County.

### Interested in volunteering?

Please contact Amanda Kuhl at  
[olbrichvolunteers@cityofmadison.com](mailto:olbrichvolunteers@cityofmadison.com)  
or call 608-246-5807.





Volunteers at the conservatory and for Orchid Escape

## THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

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Fiskars Brands  
Edgewood High School  
Goodman Seed-to-Table  
Students  
RSVP of Dane County  
UW Credit Union  
UW Earth Partnership Students  
WI Garden Railway Society

### Individuals

Aaberg, Janet  
Ace, Dee  
Adams, Maureen  
Adams, Emmanuel  
Adrianson, Tim  
Ahlquist, Nancy  
Allbaugh, Stu  
Allbaugh, Bonnie  
Allgood, Alnisa  
Alswager-Klein, Renae  
Anderson, Maren  
Anderson, Lois Ann  
Anderson, Peter  
Anderson, Simon  
Anderson, Nancy  
Anderson, Fred  
Apfel, Joyce  
Arms-Johnson, Helen  
Atkinson, Sandy  
Banas, Paul  
Bangert, Sue  
Barmore, Aleta  
Barnes, Rose  
Barnhill, Heidi  
Barnhill, Jim  
Barthel, Susan  
Battaglia, Bob  
Battist, Nancy  
Baugher, Jayne  
Beale, Yvonne  
Beck, Corinne  
Beduhn, Deb  
Beduhn, Don  
Beecher, Eugenia  
Behling, Pat  
Belanger, Lynn  
Bell, Patti  
Bendlin, Barbara  
Bendt, Lynne  
Bendt, Tom  
Benish, Pam  
Bernauer, Julie  
Bethke, Anna  
Bethke, Jessica  
Bethke, Karl  
Bethke, Marti  
Birke, Dennis  
Birrenkott, Valerie  
Boehme, Larry  
Boehnen, Jean  
Bolz, Jack  
Borchardt, Kathy  
Borders, Barbara  
Bork, Anne  
Boston-Woodville, Amber  
Bovard Sabnis, Brittany  
Boyce, Renee  
Bradbury, Philip  
Braem, Nancy  
Brennan, Mary

Breun, Jane  
Breun, Karen  
Brignone, Jean  
Broad, Raya  
Brown, Cindy  
Bruley, Lynne  
Buehner, Ginger  
Bull, Ron  
Burton, Nancy  
Bylsma, Chris  
Cannon, John  
Carpenter, Sherry  
Cartwright, Pat  
Caruso, Ann  
Caruso, Frank  
Case, Gary  
Case, Lynn  
Castle, Karol  
Chandler, Jack  
Chandler, Mary  
Chapman, Brian  
Chase, Lynne  
Chase, Annabeth  
Chen, Sarah  
Chewning, Betty  
Chi, Victoria  
Chivers, Kyle  
Clary, Mary  
Cleveland, Amy  
Cleven, Peter  
Coomber, Sue  
Coppola, Matt  
Cornwell, Matt  
Covelli, Jt  
Craemer-Meihnsner, Claudia  
Cramer, Jane

Crampton, JoAnn  
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Curio, Ron  
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Dannenbaum, Liz  
David, Peyton  
Davis, Phyllis  
Davis, Amy  
Deci, Diane  
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DeMuzio, Jean  
Denter, Anna  
DePaul, Roxanne  
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Derge, Sue  
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Di Iorio, Carla  
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Dinauer, Magenta  
Dittrich, Brenda  
Dodge, Nancy  
Dolister, Sandy  
Doll, Marcia  
Dorsey, Jeanne  
Downing, Brendan  
Dutcher, Kathy  
Ebbert, Harlow  
Egan, Rachel  
Ellestad, Mary  
Ellison, Stewart  
Ellison, Nancy  
Elmore, Hanna  
England-Zelenski, Tamara  
Erikson, Mary  
Erwin, Jackie





Volunteers from Exact Sciences on mulching duty



Wednesday Event Garden volunteers catch a quick end-of-season selfie

Estep, Sandi  
 Fagan, Jennifer  
 Fahrback, Ev  
 Fahy, Terez  
 Fass, Terri  
 Feit, Gwen  
 Fields, Leslie  
 Fleming, Christine  
 Ford, Milton  
 Ford, Emily  
 Fowler, Beverly  
 Fox, Kelly  
 Freeman, Janet  
 Freiman, Donna  
 Fritsch, John  
 Fuerst, Ann Marie  
 Fuhrman, Ann  
 Gaffney, Debbie  
 Gahlman, Jane  
 Gardenier, Keith  
 Garner, Rosa  
 Gebauer, David  
 Gerner, Marlene  
 Giesfeldt, Pat  
 Gilbertson, Barb  
 Gillen, Carol  
 Gillette, Chris  
 Gillette, Vania  
 Gion, Haley  
 Godfrey, Beth  
 Gokey, Elise  
 Goodwin, Susan  
 Grabia, Susan  
 Grosz, Linda  
 Guillen, Mauricio  
 Gunder, Nancy  
 Gunderson, Karen  
 Gutkowki, Frieda  
 Haas, Teel  
 Hackworthy, Pat  
 Hagen, Yvonne  
 Hagen, Janet  
 Haidinger, Shirley  
 Hamel, Mary  
 Hansell, Vicki  
 Hanson, Wayne

Harrington, Moira  
 Harris, Rita  
 Harrison, Sandy  
 Harrison, Randy  
 Hartke, Kim  
 Hartman-Grohn, Katie  
 Hartung, Julie  
 Hatley, Rebecca  
 Hayman, Peggy  
 Hecox, Chelsea  
 Hefferan, Jenny  
 Helwig, Mary  
 Henert, Ellen  
 Henert, Marty  
 Henke, Barb  
 Herbst, John  
 Herfel, Julie  
 Herman, Larry  
 Herman, Marsha  
 Herrick, Kathy  
 Herrin, Katherine  
 Herwig, Sarah  
 Hess, Kevin  
 Hessefort, Joyce  
 Hilgers, Sandy  
 Hill, Tamara  
 Hilliard, Edith  
 Hoffman, JoAnn  
 Hoffman, Les  
 Howting, Charles  
 Howting, Libby  
 Huber, Steve  
 Hubler, Terre  
 Huenink, David  
 Huenink, Gay  
 Hughes, Andrea  
 Iddings, Morgan  
 Intlekofer, Sue  
 Ippolito, Jane  
 Jacobson, Nancy  
 Jacobson, Lynn  
 Jaeschke, Karen  
 James, Hannah  
 Jamison, Karen  
 Jellings, Elaine  
 Jensen, Kurt

Johnson, Peggy  
 Kane, Roberta  
 Kanter, Joanie  
 Katsandonis, Andrea  
 Kaufman, Vickie  
 Keim, Sue  
 Kelley, Bob  
 Kelly, DeAnn  
 Kelly, Sally  
 Keyes Rybeck, Suzanne  
 Kinar, John  
 Kinar, Jan  
 Kingsley, Ethan  
 Kirsop, Patrick  
 Klasinski, Barb  
 Kleinheinz, Tom  
 Knight, Betty Lou  
 Kohl, Laurel  
 Konieczny, Beverly  
 Konieczny, Dennis  
 Koschmann, Cindy  
 Kowalik, Kathy  
 Kucken, Deb  
 Kuhrt, Cindy  
 LaFlash, Jane  
 Lammers, Michelle  
 Langreck, Heath  
 LaRose, Rebecca  
 Larson, Ann  
 Lauffer, Susan  
 Lavengood, Karen  
 Lawson, Ilene  
 LeBlanc, Renee  
 LeBlanc, Jean  
 Lee, Norm  
 Lefeber, Sue  
 Lemke, Cheri  
 Lemke, Dave  
 Levy, Jeff  
 Lickel, Pam  
 Lindsay Mares, Alison  
 Lobenstein, Darlene  
 Lopez Springfield, Consuelo  
 Louthur, Julie  
 Lovrien, Phyllis  
 Luchterhand, Randy

Luedtke, Graham  
 Luedtke, Tom  
 Luedtke, Kathy  
 Luetke, Suzanne  
 Mackie, Irene  
 Madole, Melissa  
 Mangan, Mary  
 Martell, Carol  
 Martin, Margaret  
 Martin, Ali  
 Martin, Penny  
 Martin, Ann  
 Martin, Patrick  
 Masi, Catherine  
 Massey, DeAnne  
 Matano, Al  
 Materi, Silve  
 Mathis, Barbara  
 Mathwich, Dale  
 Matson, Dan  
 Mattison, Mauretta  
 Maurer, Minda  
 May, Allen  
 Mayer, Judy  
 McDonald, Dennis  
 McDonald, Ginnell  
 McGee, Jan  
 McGoldrick, Matt  
 McGraw, Zoe  
 McKinney, Betsey  
 McLaughlin, Meg  
 McWhirter, Kate  
 McWilliams, Amy  
 Mehl, Marylynne  
 Merrill, Rex  
 Mertens, Diane  
 Metz, Lynn  
 Michaelis, Peter  
 Michaud, Kate  
 Milis, Judy  
 Minsky, Carla  
 Mitchell, Barbara  
 Moen, Ellen  
 Molnar, Dale  
 Monson, Julie  
 Moxley, Mady





Volunteers from Exact Sciences plant tropicals in the Event Garden



Dee and Don potting up succulents

Murray, Aleta  
 Musser, Brian  
 Nagaraj, Kailas  
 Nehmer, Maxine  
 Nehmer, Shawn  
 Nett, Barb  
 Neuman, Larry  
 Neverdahl, Laurel  
 Newman, Connie  
 Oberer, Mary  
 Oliver, Susanne  
 Ordaz, Bethany  
 Paasch, Lynda  
 Paasch, Fred  
 Padrnos, Eileen  
 Paluch, Jerry  
 Park, Barbara  
 Parks, Mary Kay  
 Passineau, Bob  
 Patek, Bill  
 Payne, Terry  
 Penisten, Mark  
 Pennoyer, Kathy  
 Peotter, Marcia  
 Peterson, Diana  
 Peterson, Sue  
 Peterson, Phyllis  
 Peterson, Laura  
 Pfeiffer, Chip  
 Phillips, Diane  
 Phillips, Mary  
 Pilewskie, Juliet  
 Pings, Martha  
 Pinkerton, Mary  
 Pollack, Sena  
 Potter, Tim  
 Powelka, Diane  
 Prazak, Dugney  
 Premo, Barb  
 Preston, Marge  
 Pryor, Anne  
 Ramsey, Jeannine  
 Redman, Cricket  
 Reed-Passineau, Char  
 Resch, Nancy  
 Revels, Mary

Rhyme, Anne  
 Rich, Pam  
 Rich, Janet  
 Richardson, Kathryn  
 Riehl, Lisa  
 Riese, Karen  
 Ritchie Rheau, Katherine  
 Roades, Jen  
 Robertson, Laurie  
 Robertson, Victoria  
 Robinson, Juscha  
 Robus, Clint  
 Roden, Bob  
 Rohde, Carlene  
 Rouleau, Jane  
 Roush, Peggy  
 Rozendaal, Ellen  
 Rubens, Joan  
 Ruffley, Anne  
 Rupert, Julie  
 Rusden, Serena  
 Saari, Bonnie  
 Samdahl, Barbara  
 Scharkey, Diane  
 Scherf, Penny  
 Scheuerman, Jim  
 Schletzbaum, Luke  
 Schmitt, Kathy  
 Schneider, Wendy  
 Schultz, Vicki  
 Schweitzer, Cheri  
 Sriver, Shirley  
 Seeley, Theresa  
 Seymour, Vicki  
 Shaw, Cynthia  
 Shenk, Justin  
 Sheppard, Maurice  
 Sherman, Daryl  
 Sherry, Tim  
 Showalter, Valerie  
 Sia, Elma  
 Sielaff, Karen  
 Simpson, Jen  
 Skeffington, Nancy  
 Skibba, Rosie  
 Smith, Marla

Smith, Ben  
 Solterra, Gabriele  
 Songhurst, Sheryl  
 Soule, Jennifer  
 Sowaske, Ann  
 Sparks, Angie  
 Stachowiak, Sue  
 Stanford, Randy  
 Statz, Sandi  
 Stedman, Gini  
 Stenzel, Sue  
 Stockland, Kathy  
 Stockland, Patrick  
 Storms, Marlene  
 Sukup, Laurel  
 Sulser, Joan  
 Sundquist, Susan  
 Taylor, Jeff  
 Taylor, Mary  
 Tensfeldt, Barb  
 Thaker, Karen  
 Thies, Reta  
 Thompson, Julian  
 Thompson, Linda  
 Thousand, Kathy  
 Tiedemann, Lisa  
 Tillman, Pat  
 Tobakos, Beth  
 Tobie, Michelle  
 Tormey, Patricia  
 Townsend, Alison  
 Trimble, Leslie  
 Trivedi, Amit  
 Trivedi, Parul  
 Turk, Myron  
 Ulery, Judy  
 Ulery, David  
 Umstead, Deb  
 Van Susteren, Catherine  
 VanTassell, Tracy  
 Varner, Diana  
 Veith, Ann  
 Vidlak, Nancy  
 Vierthaler, Laurie  
 Viner Jennerman, Mira  
 Vouk, Eli

Wagner, Greg  
 Walker, Holly  
 Wanek, Jan  
 Warren, Dana  
 Wasson, Ruth  
 Watson, Pat  
 Weber, Lydia  
 Weesner, Claire  
 Wehn, Lynn  
 Wehn, Jim  
 Weidert, Darwin  
 Weiland, Margery  
 Wells, David  
 Werner, Shahla  
 Werschem, Maddy  
 Westbrook, Kurt  
 Westley, Sandra  
 White, Bill  
 White, Jeff  
 White, Bobbi  
 Wiemer, Sue  
 Wiesbrock, Lucy  
 Wilk, Marybeth  
 Williams, Coe  
 Williams, Paul  
 Winder, Susan  
 Wirtz, Pat  
 Wolf, Dick  
 Wolfe, Bob  
 Wolfe, Ann  
 Wolff-Prazak, Judy  
 Wright, Darin  
 Younger, Darlene  
 Zancck, Janet  
 Zimmerman, Jan  
 Zinda, Jane  
 Zins, Mary  
 Zupan, Kathy  
 Zweifel, Zach



# HORTICULTURE FEATURED PLANT

## The Wonderful Witchhazels

Nothing is quite as delightful as taking a stroll through Olbrich Gardens after a light spring rain in early March, to capture the dew drops clinging to the blooms of the witchhazels.

Ozark Witchhazel, *Hamamelis vernalis*, is native to the southern United States. It blooms in early spring, as indicated by its specific epithet 'vernal,' meaning spring.

In the Midwest, we also have the native Common Witchhazel, *Hamamelis virginiana*, which blooms from October to December. Showy, fragrant, ribbon-like flowers open along the entirety of its branches, ranging in color from yellow and orange to red and purple. This deciduous shrub creates a large vase-shaped habit. It flowers in partial shade, as it's naturally a native understory shrub. After flowering, its seed capsules mature and split open the following year, launching black seeds up to 30 feet! You can hear the popping capsules when this happens, if you're in close proximity to the shrub.

Olbrich Gardens has a wide collection of witchhazels, showcasing their diversity of cultivars and colored blooms. There are more than 14 different cultivars on display, with 57 recorded specimens labeled throughout the gardens. We're actively adding to our collection with new additions, including the cultivars 'Gingerbread,' 'Lombart's Weeping,' 'Sunburst,' and 'Diane'—just to name a few. Take a spring stroll through the gardens and you'll surely encounter one or more of these delightful, fragrant shrubs.

**AVERY PRONSCHINSKE**, *Horticulturist*







## CONSERVATORY FEATURED PLANT

### The Ice Cream Bean

Try a quick Google search for “Ice Cream Bean” to reveal a multitude of species falling under this name (more than 300!). Each derives its name from a common quality: the leathery seed pods it produces or, rather, what each contains.

Pacay, Guaba, Jinicuil, the Ice Cream Bean...otherwise known as *Inga feuillei*, is one of many species of Ice Cream Bean plant. For this species, inside each pod is a set of seeds, not unlike a pole bean or a locust tree pod, with each seed wrapped in a package of cottony pulp. The pulp’s flavor is reminiscent of—you guessed it—vanilla ice cream.

Sweet and infused with hints of cinnamon, its texture is described as similar to moist cotton candy. Pods may grow up to two feet long and are best eaten fresh—after ripening. A pod is only likely to last for a couple of weeks, at most. Unless you have a chance to travel to southern climes, it’s unlikely you’ll find an edible ice cream bean pod at your local supermarket anytime soon. However, if you do have a chance, consider giving the seeds inside a chance to shine, too. Normally bitter and even mildly toxic, the seeds, once roasted or boiled, make for a tasty treat (albeit not quite as sweet as the pulp).

The Ice Cream Bean’s taxonomy reveals it to be a legume—a cousin of peas, beans, peanuts, soybeans, and much more. As a legume, it forms a symbiotic relationship (beneficial for both species) with a special group of bacteria called *Rhizobia*. These bacteria can pull nitrogen, the most abundant element in the atmosphere, out of the air and convert it into nutrients the plant can use. Through this process, the Ice Cream Bean can produce its own fertilizer—a trick that’s useful in particularly poor soils.

This ability allows it to grow quickly—from seed to new fruit in only a few years under the right conditions. It also allows the plant to grow high up into the canopy, reaching heights of almost 60 feet at maturity. While impressive, one might consider the shade it casts to be unhelpful, even detrimental, to plantations and other farmland. For certain crops, however, it’s perfect. Coffee, for example, does best under the dappled light of other trees.

Remember the extra fertilizer the Ice Cream Bean makes itself? Some of it can spread to the surrounding soil, fertilizing nearby plants in turn. Common and good companion plants include coffee, cacao, and even the Vanilla Orchid (all of which you also can observe in the Bolz Conservatory). The shade and fertilizer the Ice Cream Bean provides for these companion plants are valuable examples of agroforestry—the practice of incorporating trees/shrubs into farming systems for a wide array of benefits.

Although the Bolz Conservatory is tall, at around 50 feet, it’s not quite high enough for a fully matured Ice Cream Bean. Lest it quickly outgrow the Bolz Conservatory, the resident Ice Cream Bean is in a pot near the northwest corner, under the Musician’s Terrace. The plant seems to like it this way, as the general purpose fertilizer (rich in nitrogen and otherwise beneficial to most plants) used throughout much of the Bolz Conservatory can burn the nitrifying Ice Cream Bean.

Next time you stop by the conservatory, observe the canopy of the tree. If you’re lucky and it has begun to flower and/or fruit, you’ll see the pod in progress. Perhaps still out of reach in our northern climate, Ice Cream Beans may someday grow in Wisconsin.

**LEOPOLD HUTNIK**, *Bolz Conservatory/Greenhouse Intern*





# TRIBUTES & MEMORIAL GIFTS

Tribute trellis, tribute, and memorial gifts to the Olbrich Botanical Society keep the gardens growing for everyone in our community. Thank you for these tribute trellis, tribute, and memorial gifts received September 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022.

Olbrich's staff does our best to respect preferred spellings and listings of names.  
If you note a correction or have questions, please contact 608-243-0153.

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

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Are you interested in joining Olbrich's "Garden Growers"? Contact Donor Engagement Manager  
**Jake Immel** at 608-243-0153 or [jimmel@cityofmadison.com](mailto:jimmel@cityofmadison.com) with questions or to sign up today!





# HOST A GLEAM ARTIST!

## ACCOMMODATIONS NEEDED STARTING IN AUGUST

Every fall, Olbrich Botanical Gardens invites artists and lighting designers from around the country (and sometimes beyond) to Madison to collaborate on creating the gardens' annual GLEAM exhibit. We're looking to establish relationships with local hosts interested in providing complimentary accommodations for our visiting artists.

GLEAM artists travel to Madison in mid- to late August to install their work in the outdoor gardens and Bolz Conservatory. Artists typically are on-site at the Gardens for one to seven days, depending on how complicated the install process is for each concept. Some artists travel alone, while others have assistants or work in pairs. Many GLEAM collaborators work late into the evening testing the light installations, and need places to sleep for a couple of hours before returning to the gardens.

Ideally, host properties offer accommodations separate from the main house—a lower/upper level, or a separate structure on property—to offer privacy for both parties. Providing food/beverages is optional; not a required component of hosting. Hosts located within walking distance of the gardens are a plus!

Artists and hosts complete a standard background check to help ensure a positive experience. A list of possible hosts, including details on accommodation types, available dates, and the hosts' desired level of interactions (social or limited), are provided to the artists in the spring. Established hosts will receive a list of artist contacts from Olbrich Gardens, and an introduction. Artists contact hosts directly to make arrangements.

As a thank you, GLEAM hosts will receive either four complimentary tickets to the opening viewing on August 26, 7:30 p.m., or tickets for an alternative viewing date (September/October).

Don't miss this exciting opportunity to meet the creative force behind Olbrich's GLEAM exhibit.

**For more information**, contact Olbrich's Special Projects Manager, Missy Jeanne, at [mjeanne@cityofmadison.com](mailto:mjeanne@cityofmadison.com).

## UPDATE: Royal Thai Pavilion Restoration, Celebration of Friendship

One of Olbrich's most beloved attractions is the Royal Thai Pavilion that proudly stands on the banks of Starkweather Creek. The Royal Thai Pavilion was a gift to the University of Wisconsin-Madison from the Thai Government and the Thai Chapter of the Wisconsin Alumni Association.

After 20 years of Wisconsin weather, the Pavilion needs repair and restoration. The City of Madison Engineering Division, University of Wisconsin, and Olbrich Botanical Gardens are working together to identify solutions to repair its roof and restore the Pavilion to its original condition. Roof repairs are anticipated to begin in August 2023.

As part of these efforts, Olbrich Executive Director Tanya Zastrow and her team have been meeting frequently with the Royal Thai Consulate in Chicago—to keep the Thais apprised of Olbrich's progress, and to continue to build on the friendship between Olbrich and the Thai Government. In the past few months, Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway and Tanya hosted the Thai Consulate for a visit and tour of the Gardens; Olbrich connected the Thai Consulate to the Chicago Botanic Garden; and Olbrich was invited by Consul-General Pisanu Sobhon to attend the National Day of the Kingdom of Thailand on December 2.

Olbrich is grateful for the continued kindness and generosity of the Consul-General and his team.

Thailand is America's oldest ally in Southeast Asia, and 2023 marks the 190th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Thailand and the United States. Olbrich and the Royal Thai Consulate are currently discussing how to celebrate that anniversary and the continued efforts to restore the Pavilion.





# NEW YORK'S BOTANICAL GARDENS

September 7-11, 2023

Experience the beauty and history of the Big Apple's prize-winning gardens, including the Central Park Conservatory, the High Line, and New York Botanic Gardens. Enjoy culinary delights and classic New York culture, sprinkled between garden exploring, led by Olbrich Horticulturist, Erin Presley!

## The HIGHLIGHTS

- The High Line - an elevated linear greenway created on a former New York Central Railroad, inspired by the self-seeded landscape that grew wild for 25 years after the train service concluded.
- Little Island - a new vibrant park where visitors can experience nature and art in a unique urban oasis on the Hudson River.
- Chelsea Market - located in the heart of New York City's Meatpacking District, this iconic culinary destination is considered one of the greatest indoor food and retail marketplaces in the world today.
- Brooklyn Grange - the leading rooftop farming and intensive green roofing business in the U.S., promoting sustainable urban living.
- Untermyer Gardens - a 43-acre, historic conservancy showcases exuberant horticulture in the magnificent landscape designed by Welles Bosworth in 1916.
- Wave Hill - a public garden in the northwest Bronx along the Hudson River, with flower gardens, alpine house, greenhouses, and cultural center.
- Broadway show – "A Beautiful Noise," the new Neil Diamond musical on Broadway.
- Central Park Conservatory - known for its horticultural excellence, the park includes three spaces: a French-style North Garden, an Italianate Center Garden, and an English-style South Garden.
- New York Botanical Garden - a 250-acre garden—the largest in any U.S. city, and it's a National Historic Landmark, encompassing 50 specialty gardens and collections including more than one million plants.
- The Cloisters, also known as the Met Cloisters - a museum situated in Fort Tryon Park, which specializes in European medieval art and architecture.

### Price Per Person:

Double \$2,697 / Single \$3,045

Pre/Post Hotel: \$408/Night

### For the full itinerary visit:

New York's Botanical Gardens  
[countrytraveldiscoveries.com](http://countrytraveldiscoveries.com)

### Bookings contact:

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## MISSION

Olbrich Botanical Gardens enriches life by nourishing and sharing the beauty of the gardens, the joy of gardening, the knowledge of plants, and the diversity of our world.

Olbrich Botanical Gardens is dedicated to the creation, conservation, and interpretation of gardens and plant collections hardy to the American Midwest or native to the world's tropical forests for study, enjoyment, and public benefit.

## VISION

Olbrich Botanical Gardens will be a locally treasured and globally renowned source of beauty and education celebrating the importance of plants in a sustainable world.

## INCLUSION

Olbrich Botanical Gardens aspires to be a destination where all visitors, volunteers, and staff are valued and feel they belong. With conscious intent and continuous learning, OBG staff, volunteers, and board will address barriers to inclusion through education, operational changes, and partnerships with the community.

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If you need an interpreter, materials in alternative formats, or other accommodations to access Olbrich Gardens' services, activities, or programs, please contact 608-246-4550 or TDD 608-267-4980. Please do so at least two weeks in advance of the scheduled program so that appropriate arrangements can be made in a timely fashion.

## OUTDOOR GARDENS & VISITOR CENTER LOBBY

10 a.m.-6 p.m. April-September  
10 a.m.-4 p.m. October-March

## BOLZ CONSERVATORY

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

## GIFT SHOP

10 a.m.-6 p.m. April-September  
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