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Websites

MGV Hours Reporting:
mastergardener.
extension.wisc.edu/
report-your-hours/

**Canvas UW Online
Classroom:**
<https://canvas.wisc.edu/>

RPMGA Blog:
rpmga.blogspot.com

RPMGA on Facebook:
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link:
[RPMGA on Facebook](#)

Rotary Gardens:
rotarybotanicalgardens.
org

**Wisconsin Master
Gardener Program:**
mastergardener.
extension.wisc.edu

**Wisconsin Master
Gardener Association
(WIMGA):** wimga.org

to offer tours – by appointment only. Visitors parked in front of the Anderson’s home. Tours were led by Mrs. Anderson. During 1984 and into 1985 the Guest House was built. Several years later tours were made available by reservation – four times a day: 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., and 2:00 p.m. Beginning in 1988 and continuing for two years construction of the West Waterfall was undertaken, soon followed in 1991 by the Tea House. The year the Tea House was finished the decision was made to open the Gardens to walk-in visitors for the first time – but only on the first Monday of the month. That decision was modified in 1994, and was extended to the first two Mondays of the month. But the number of guests eager to visit eventually caused the Gardens to open its doors to the public on a daily basis starting in 1997. In 1998 the Andersons donated the Gardens as a supported organization to the Rockford Rotary Charitable Association. It now exists as a not-for-profit entity and continues to grow and change to this day.

In 2005 and 2006 the Visitor Center and Main Gate were constructed, and in 2008 the Anderson’s former private home was demolished and the property donated to Anderson Japanese Gardens. In 2010 the Pavilion was constructed.

Anderson Gardens is an outstanding example of Japanese horticultural design.

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page 13. Many
stunning photos
follow the text.*



John and Linda Anderson with designer Hoichi Kurisu accepting the Creative Inspiration Award for Anderson Japanese Gardens at the Rockford Area Arts Council Mayor's Arts Awards on June 5, 2008, at the Coronado Arts Center. (Photo, Rockford Register Star)

Statewide MG Program Notes

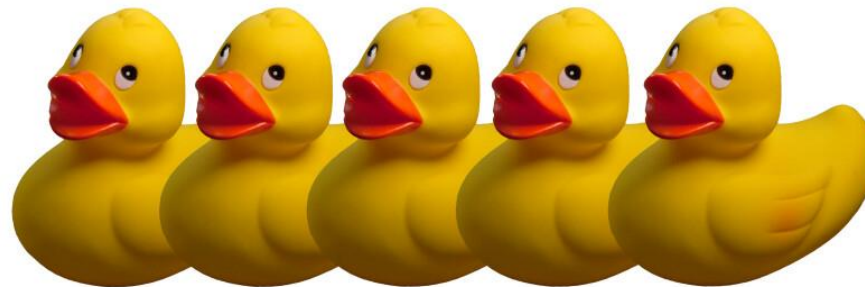
Are All Your Ducks in a Row? Being a Master Gardener Volunteer in 2022

- Have you taken Onboarding Lite? (required *before* volunteering)
- Have you gone into the Online Reporting System (ORS) to read and sign the “Terms and Conditions” of volunteering? (required *before* volunteering)
- Have you checked to be sure the organizations you want to volunteer for meet the conditions outlined in Onboarding?
- Have you checked and updated your personal contact information in the ORS?
- Have you sent in the requested information on the organizations you want to volunteer for?*
- Are you keeping track of your volunteer and education hours on paper for now so you can enter them in ORS when it becomes available later in February?

If you answered yes to all of the above, go forth and volunteer! If you answered no to either Onboarding Lite or the Terms and Conditions, get them done as soon as you can! You will not be able to count any volunteer hours you put in before you complete them.

*Name of the organization; its mailing address; its county; its web or social media address; your contact person’s name, title, email and phone number. Submit the information through this location:

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RPMGA Notes



Take a Walk on the Wild Side: Virtual Tour of Spring Wildflowers Wednesday, February 9, 6:00 p.m. online

Each of our major local plant communities has a key time for its respective flora; for the woodland, it is the spring wildflowers. Many of our woodland wildflowers are ephemeral, or temporary in time. They emerge, bloom, seed and go dormant in a shortened growth cycle during the early spring—before the canopy leafs out fully—to take advantage of the greater sunlight. This program will highlight some of the key spring ephemerals of our oak woods, where they grow, how to identify them, and what they tell us about the ecosystem in which they're growing. Speaker: Rory Kick of the Kettle Moraine Land Trust. The program has been arranged by the Walworth County Master Gardener Volunteer Association, who invited us to join them. **Connection information will be sent to RPMGA members by email about a week before the program.**

Tentative Program Schedule for the Remainder of 2022

Based on feedback from members, we've put together a schedule of topics and tours for our monthly RPMGA programs for the rest of the year. (You can also find it in our Google Docs folder.) Please note this schedule isn't cast in stone. Speakers may or may not be available. Covid may interfere again. But we'll do our best to bring you the schedule outlined below. Items with dates/times have been confirmed.

March 3, 5:30 p.m.—via Zoom: Controlling Apple Pests by Bagging Fruit, Diane Alfuth, Pierce County Horticulture Educator

April 7, 5:30 p.m.—via Zoom: Cover Crops, Claire Strader, Dane County Extension Organic and Small Farmer Outreach Specialist

Late April or Early May—Guided Tour of Edgerton Hospital Healing Garden with Mark Dwyer

June—Behind-the-scenes tour of local commercial greenhouse

July—Rockford Public Gardens Tour: Klehm Arboretum, Anderson Japanese Gardens and possibly Nicholas Conservatory and Gardens

August—Native Plant Seed Collection and Processing Tour at Agrecol

September—Lake Geneva Gardens: Blackpointe Estate, the lakeshore path, & Horticulture Hall

October—via Zoom: Easy Care Native Plants

November 3, 5:30 p.m.—via Zoom: Climate Change Plants Plus modules

December—via Zoom: Unusual Gift Plants and their Care (plumeria, citrus, tea, coffee, goji)

January—via Zoom: Winter/Spring Care for the Home Landscape or other Univ. of IL webinar



Coffee Chat, Tuesday, February 8, 9:00 a.m.

If you haven't been to any of the virtual coffee chats with Rock and Walworth county MGVs, you've been missing out! The talks are sometimes structured, sometimes not. It's a great place to ask questions about the MG program, volunteering, or about general gardening—there are lots of experienced people to help you sort things out. It's a chance to share your successes, meet MGVs you may not know, and generally feel more connected. You'll receive an email in the next few days from Julie Hill with the link to the Zoom session. Please join us this month!



Dues Reminder

If you haven't paid your dues yet, please send a check payable to RPMGA to our treasurer, Deb Grams, along with your current contact information (street address, email address, best phone number). RPMGA dues are \$15. You can also include WIMGA dues of \$5 if you want to join the state association. We'll send them on. Email Deb if you need her street address: debgrams@yahoo.com

 **PBS Wisconsin** FEBRUARY 11-13, 2022
GARDEN EXHIBITION HALL AT THE ALLIANT ENERGY CENTER
& LANDSCAPE EXPO MADISON, WI
FRIDAY 12-7PM SATURDAY 9AM-6PM SUNDAY 10AM-4PM

Garden & Landscape Expo is once again being held as a live event at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison--with a mask mandate. There will be a flower show, a photo contest, garden activities for children, and a day-long farmers market on Sunday. You'll have a chance to meet some of the stars of public television. Extension will once again have a booth where people can get their garden questions answered. And of course, the exhibitor mall and over 150 seminars and demonstrations scheduled for the three days. (To see the full schedule of educational events go to <https://wigardenexpo.com/schedule/all/both/>). There are some virtual events as well, so do check the web site.

Cost: Parking at the Alliant Energy Center is \$8.00/vehicle. Tickets purchased at the door cost \$10 for one day, \$15 for two days or \$18 for all three days. If you purchase tickets in advance (till Feb. 7) you get a \$2 discount. You can buy them locally at Rotary Botanical Gardens or buy online and pick them up when you arrive: <https://store.wigardenexpo.com/collections/tickets/products/admission-tickets> **Note:** if you opt to volunteer at Garden & Landscape Expo, you'll get free admission (but not free parking) that day.

Just for Fun

Edgerton Hospital Lunchtime Lecture Series with Mark Dwyer. Mark's program on Tuesday, Feb. 8 is **Gardens of the Greater Philadelphia Area**. The program is free. No advance registration required—just drop in! Mask required.



Rotary Gardens Botanical Talk this month features local naturalist Dave Bendlin talking about **Syrup Making in Southern Wisconsin**. Dave will talk about the various trees you can use to make syrup (not just maple). He'll discuss how to tap trees, collect the sap and cook it down. If weather permits, you'll go outside to practice tapping and observe sap collection, so dress appropriately. For those interested, some basic tapping supplies will be available for purchase along with half pint jars of box elder syrup. (Cash or check only.) Saturday, February 26, 10-11:30 a.m. The fee is \$12 for Rotary members and \$15 for the general public. Registration deadline: Feb. 21. You can sign up by downloading and mailing in the registration form with your payment (<https://rotarybotanicalgardens.org/wp-content/uploads/2022-Syrup-Making-in-Southern-Wisconsin-registration-form.pdf>), by phone (608-752-3885) or in person at the gardens.

Nicholas Conservatory and Gardens In Full Bloom Orchid Display Rockford, IL From February 8 to March 6 (closed Mondays). Timed admission—purchase tickets in advance to be sure of entry at your desired day & time.

Olbrich Botanical Gardens Orchid Escape, Madison, WI. From January 29 to February 28, 10:00 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. \$6 for general public, free for Olbrich members.

More Training Available in February and Beyond

Looking for Level 2 MGV training--The Plants Plus modules? You can find them in the online classroom, Canvas, which you access with your UW NetID at <https://canvas.wisc.edu/> As of now, Plants Plus modules are ONLY available in Canvas. Check regularly for new modules!

Olbrich Botanical Gardens, Madison, WI

Classes are in person at the Gardens unless otherwise noted. Fees listed are for Olbrich Members/General Public. For more info, copy and paste this address: <http://www.olbrich.org/education/classes.cfm>

Registration for these classes has closed, but try calling to see if they'll let you in at the last minute: 608-246-4550

February 1, Let's Be Salt Wise!, 6-7:30 p.m., online, \$12/\$15. Registration deadline: January 25.

February 2, Gypsy Moths, 6-7:15 p.m., online, \$12/\$15. Registration deadline: January 26.

February 7, Weather Basics, 6-8 p.m., \$12/\$15. Registration deadline: January 31.

Registration is open for these classes. If a class is shown as “filled,” see if you can get on a waiting list. Cancellations do occur.

February 9, Common Butterflies of Wisconsin: Swallowtails, 6-7 p.m., online, \$14/\$18. Registration deadline: February 2.

February 10, Structure to Seedheads--Winter Interest from Large to Small, 6-7:30 p.m., online, \$16/\$20. Registration deadline: Feb. 3.

February 17, Secret Ingredients to Olbrich’s Annual Containers, 6-7:15 p.m., online, \$14/\$18. Registration deadline: February 10.

February 23, Fantastic Ferns and How to Grow Them, 6-7:30 p.m., \$16/\$20. Registration deadline: February 16.

February 24, The Garden of the Future: Reimagining the American Yard, 7-8:30 p.m., online, \$12/\$15. Registration deadline: Feb. 23.

February 28, Understanding Severe Weather, 6-8 p.m., \$12/\$15. Registration deadline: February 21.

March 3, The Ultimate Caterpillar Garden, 6:30-8:30 p.m., \$50/\$63. Registration deadline: February 24.

March 8, Gardener’s Bootcamp, 6-8:00 p.m., \$27/\$33. Registration deadline: March 1.

Landscaping and Grounds Maintenance Short Course, all four Wednesdays in February, 1-4:00 p.m., online

The Landscaping and Grounds Maintenance Short Course, bringing science-based information to green industry professionals, is being held online in 2022. Dane County Extension is joining Kenosha, Waukesha, and Sheboygan County Extension offices to offer the series. Sessions will NOT be recorded. Fee: \$50 for all sessions or \$25/single day. Register at least 5 days in advance (note: it’s too late to register for the February 2 sessions). For detailed session descriptions and the link to register, go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2022-landscape-and-grounds-maintenance-short-course-registration-240504995917>



Organic Vegetable Producers Conference, Thursday, February 3 to Tuesday, February 8, online

This producer-initiated conference is designed for advanced growers and attracts participants from throughout the Midwest and beyond. Participants who register by January 3 will receive a conference packet with handouts and swag through the mail BEFORE the conference. Those who register after January 3 may receive the packet before or AFTER the conference. All sessions will be over Zoom and will be recorded for later viewing if you can’t make the original time. Not all sessions relate to home gardeners, but enough of them do that the conference is worth considering. For links to the complete schedule and registration, go to <https://dane.extension.wisc.edu/events/2022-organic-vegetable-production-conference/>

Gardening in the Air, Saturday, February 5, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m., online via Zoom

Experts from the U of IL Extension and IA University Extension present an online gardening conference: 3 different tracks (Wildlife, Houseplants, or Spring Trends), with three sessions on each topic. Free, but donation appreciated. For detailed descriptions of each session, or to sign up, go to <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=24246> No fee, but donation appreciated. Registration required.

Track	9-10 a.m.	10:15-11:15 a.m.	11:30 a.m -12:30 p.m.
Wildlife	Native Shrubs and Wildlife Benefits	Move Beyond the Lawn, Small Scale Prairie Restorations for Pollinators and Other Wildlife	Taking Action for Native Bees
Houseplants	Plant Propagation Techniques for the Home	Diagnosing Common Indoor Plant Problems	Kokedama String Gardening
Spring Trends	Trees that Pop in the Spring	Tree Pruning Tips	2022 Cool Kid in the Garden



Monitoring Wildlife in Your Garden for Citizen Science, Saturday, February 5, 10-11:30 a.m., online via Zoom

Join Julia Whidden and Nancy Sheehan, Citizen Science Coordinators at the UW-Madison Arboretum to learn about citizen science and how to monitor wildlife in your garden for the Monarch Larva Monitoring Project (MLMP) and Journey North. Both programs rely on citizen scientists to collect data that advances our understanding of the distribution, abundance, and migration of a variety of insect and bird species, including monarch butterflies, hummingbirds, and more. Contribute to MLMP by monitoring your garden for monarch larva and milkweed, and report sightings of migratory species to Journey North. Fee: \$10. Register by February 2 at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/monitoring-wildlife-in-your-garden-for-citizen-science-tickets-205233297317?aff=ebdsoporgprofile&elqTrackId=7604AA23B2BF8D325EC428BEEA772A07&elqTrack=true>

Vegetable Diseases, Monday, February 7, 6-8:00 p.m., online via Zoom

Brian Hudelson, Director of the UW-Madison’s Plant Disease Diagnostics Clinic (pddc.wisc.edu) will speak about common diseases of vegetables and their management. You will get tips and strategies for preventing disease as well, and digital copies of a number of fact sheets

on various common vegetable diseases. This class is part of Dane County Extension’s Green Thumb Gardening Series. Fee \$12. Registration required: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2022-green-thumb-gardening-winter-vegetable-series-online-registration-195354238787>

All the Little Things, Thursday, February 10, 10-11:30 a.m. online

Chris Helzer, Nebraska Director of Science for The Nature Conservancy, is dedicated to raising awareness about the value of prairies. The complex interactions of plants and invertebrates keep prairie communities vibrant and resilient. Their stories are fascinating and will make you fall in love with them. Highlights include the beauty and diversity he found in a square meter of prairie. UW-Madison Arboretum Winter Enrichment Lecture. Fee: \$10. Register by February 6 at <https://arboretum.wisc.edu/event/165260/>

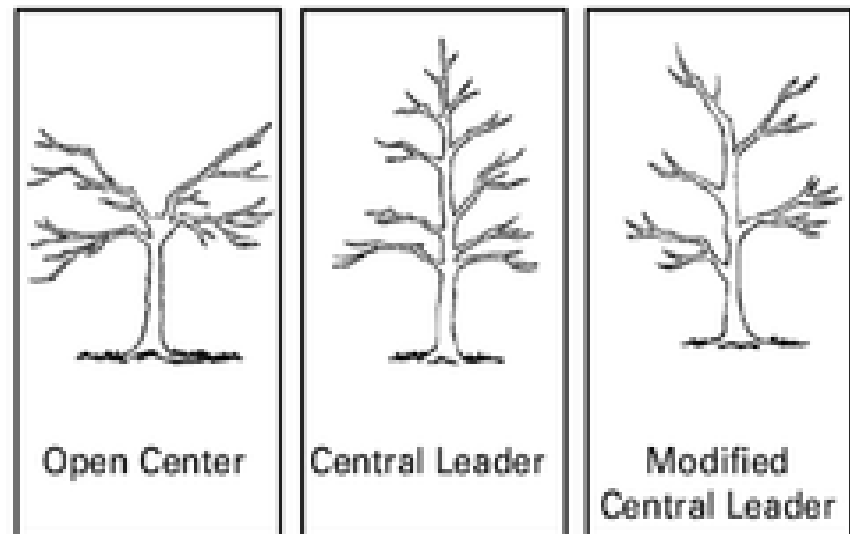
Gardening As We Age, Thursday, February 10, 6-7:00 p.m., online

Edgerton Hospital Zoom Lecture Series featuring Mark Dwyer. Gardening is a healthy and fun hobby for any person, including those with physical limitations. Learn ways to adapt and modify your gardening and still get the enjoyment and rewards without all the aches and pain. Free. Registration encouraged, but not required. To register or to access the Zoom link, see <https://www.edgertonhospital.com/events/2022/february/gardening-as-we-age-zoom-lecture-series/>

Intro to Fruit Tree Pruning, Friday, February 11, 3-5 p.m., online via Zoom

“The pruning period of mid-December to March 1st is crucial for fruit trees to produce great fruit next summer” states Grant McCarty, Local Foods and Small Farms Educator for 3 northern Illinois counties. “It’s also a task that growers can be hesitant to do as they may fear they are making the wrong cut or possibly damaging the tree.” Participants will learn the basics of pruning, which tools to use, and strategies to consider for their trees. “We try to incorporate participants’ photos of their trees in the presentation. So, they can visualize what cuts they need to make.” Free but registration required. Sign up at <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=24795>

Pruning & Training Shapes for Fruit Trees



Ohio State University

Gardening at "Belly Button" Height, Saturday, February 12, 9-10:30 a.m.

UW-Whitewater Online Gardening Series featuring Mark Dwyer. As it becomes more challenging to get up and down to garden, we can simply bring the garden up to a comfortable level. Will discuss the many opportunities to create raised planting spaces that are accessible, convenient and comfortable! We'll also discuss some fun ideas on what to grow in these spaces. MGVs may only claim a half hour of continuing ed for this session. Fee: \$25. Registration required by noon on February 10. Sign up at <https://www.uww.edu/ce/gardenlandscape/onlineworkshop>



Stateline Fruit and Vegetable Growers Conference, Monday, February 14, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Crystal Lake, IL

\$35 fee includes box lunch, keynote address "From Too Much Water to Too Little: Summary of Recent Weather Extremes and Changing Patterns" and your choice of 2 breakout sessions. Session 1: Updates on Management of Apple Diseases or Working Toward More Sustainable Vegetable Production Using Regenerative Agriculture Techniques. Session 2: Wood Boring Pests and Mating Disruption in Fruit Trees or Observations of Tomato and Cucurbit Disease in 2021 and Suggested Managements in 2022. Register at <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=24754>

Organic Gardening, Tuesday, February 15, 1:30-2:30 p.m., online

Learn about what organic gardening is and how you can implement organic practices in your own vegetable garden. Join Horticulture Educator Ken Johnson as he covers the natural ways of growing vegetables. Free, but registration required: <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=24808>

Arboretum Research Symposium, Thursday, February 17, 10-11:45 a.m., online

Students will present findings from projects on Arboretum lands and in the Lake Wingra watershed. Presenters: Katherine Charton, Mary-Claire Glassenhardt, Skye Harnsberger, Nick Hoffman, Dana Johnson, and Eliza Soczka. Advance registration required: <https://arboretum.wisc.edu/science/research-symposium/>

**Crops to Conservancy: A Family Farm Legacy,
Saturday, February 19, 10-11:30 a.m., online via Zoom**

Schumacher Farm Park in Waunakee, Wisconsin is a turn-of-the-century farm that has transitioned into a passive recreation park with heritage gardens and five acres of restored prairie. Amy Jo Dusick, the park administrator will discuss a little about the transition process, how the park vision drove garden design and the management of the 30-year-old prairie restoration. Fee: \$10. Register by following this link: [February 19, 2022 – Crops to Conservancy: A Family Farm Legacy](#)

**Orchids for Beginners, Saturday, February 19, 1-2:00 p.m.,
Nicholas Conservatory & Gardens, Rockford, IL**

Are you new to orchids or have questions about orchid care? Learn the basics with our resident orchid expert and NCG volunteer Dave Picken. Pre-registration encouraged. (Limited capacity) Registration includes admission to the In Full Bloom Orchid Display! Fee: \$10/Free for NCG members. [Click Here](#) to register!



**Composting Techniques for the Vegetable Garden,
Monday, February 21, 6-8:00 p.m., online**

Composting is a great way to dispose of leftover crop material and turn it into valuable organic matter that you can use later to improve the structure, water-holding capacity and nutrient content of your soil. Basic composting theory, troubleshooting and several methods of composting will be covered. (Speaker Mindy Habecker) This class is part of Dane County Extension's Green Thumb Gardening Series. Fee \$12. Registration required: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2022-green-thumb-gardening-winter-vegetable-series-online-registration-195354238787>

**Longenecker Horticultural Gardens: Connecting People, Plants, and Place,
Thursday, February 24, 10-11:30 a.m., online**

David Stevens, the curator of Longenecker Horticultural Gardens at the UW–Madison Arboretum, will discuss the ongoing efforts to engage a wider public audience about the importance of plants through learning, art, science, culture, and remembrance. Fee: \$10. Register by February 20 at <https://arboretum.wisc.edu/learn/adult-education/winter-enrichment/>



**Soil Organic Matter and Healthy Soils,
Saturday, February 26, 10-11:30 a.m.,
online via Zoom**

You may have heard a lot about soil health and soil organic matter. What are these two concepts, and how are they connected? Thea Whitman, Associate Professor in the Soil Science Department at the UW Madison will discuss what soil organic matter is, the factors that determine whether the amount of organic matter in soil grows or diminishes, and the co-benefits of soil organic matter with respect to soil health. She will also discuss one specific form of soil organic matter – biochar – a brief overview of its history and its use as a soil amendment. Fee: \$10. Register by following this link: [February 26, 2022 – Soil Organic Matter and Healthy Soils](#)

The Sensory Garden, Thursday, March 3, 6:00 p.m. Edgerton Hospital

Maximizing the sensory experience out in the garden includes the combination of certain plants and other garden features. At this class you'll learn ways of making your garden a more inclusive and substantial sensory space! (Edgerton Hospital, Mark Dwyer)

Gardening for Food, Flowers and Fun 2022, Saturday, March 5, 9:00 a.m. to Noon, Rockford, IL

University of Illinois Extension is pleased to announce that Gardening for Food, Flowers & Fun returns as an in-person event to offer you gardening tips for the growing season. Join us for this early rite of spring - an educational venture presenting fresh horticultural ideas, insights and techniques. Masks required. Fee: \$10 includes admission to all 4 sessions. Session 1: Patterns in Nature that Inspire Japanese Garden Design, Session 2A: Strawberries on the Small Scale, Session 2B: Container Vegetable Gardening 101, Session 3: Cheerful Cutting Gardens. Please register early as we are limiting the number of seats this year. For details on the sessions and to register, go to <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=24956>

Anderson Japanese Gardens, continued



Located at 318 Spring Creek Road in Rockford, Illinois, the Gardens offer a 12-acre retreat from the hustle and bustle of everyday life. There are 5,371 feet of paths in the gardens – just over a mile. It serves as a classroom, a wedding venue, and a destination for corporate conventions and private events.

The Gardens have grown to accommodate a wide range of offerings not only for residents, but for a much wider audience. The beauty of the Gardens brings guests literally from around the world. While walking tours make up a large part of the things one can do at the Gardens, there are dozens of other choices that might bring you here.

Perhaps one of the most intriguing things that might bring you here is **Frank Lloyd Wright Meets 16th Century Japan**. This unique experience gives you the opportunity to see, up close and personal, two homes with Japanese cultural design influences but distinctly different character. Guests will be granted exclusive access to Anderson Japanese Gardens' 16th century Sukiya-style Guest House, built by Japanese craftsmen in 1985 and featuring post and beam construction, followed by the Laurent House, the only home designed by Frank Lloyd Wright specifically for a client with a physical disability. Construction of the Usonian Hemicycle-designed home began in 1949 and was completed in 1952. Tours are available from May through October. Information is available on the Gardens' website.

If architecture isn't of interest to you, there are dozens of other offerings to whet your interest. If your focus is on living a **healthful life** you might be interested in the many classes offered. These include:

- Awareness Walks
- Sound and Gong Bath
- Yoga and Pilates
- The Use of Ma in Gardens and in Life
- Meditation
- Nature and Nurture
- Grief and Resilience
- Mindful Art
- Tai Chi
- Vets Breathing – a program designed to help military veterans combat depression and thoughts of suicide.



The Gardens' Designer – Hoichi Kurisu

Hoichi Kurisu studied landscape design and construction under Kenzo Ogata in Tokyo, Japan. Kurisu was appointed Landscape Director for the Garden Society of Japan (Nihon Teien Kyokai 1968–1972), during which time he supervised construction of the Portland Japanese Garden.

In 1972 he founded Kurisu International, Inc., which has since designed and built a number of gardens including Anderson Japanese Gardens in Rockford, Illinois. His distinctive work can also be seen at inRoji-en Japanese Garden at the Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens in Delray Beach, Florida, the Japanese garden at the Dubuque Arboretum and Botanical Gardens in Iowa, and the Japanese garden for Samaritan Lebanon Community Hospital, in Lebanon, Oregon, which was the winner of a 2006 Healthcare Environment Award for Landscape Design.



Viewing House in the Pond Strolling Garden

Garden Events offer things that might interest the entire family and include: Wintertime Lightscapes (photo included); Anderson Gardens photo contest; The Path of Pumpkins – a Jack-O-Lantern Experience; Spooktacular Haunts; Soundscape for Strolling; Garden Explorers Storytime with Rockford Public Library; and a Monthly Lecture Series.

Cultural offerings for 2021 (now concluded) included: Gardens for Peace; Sumi-e Brush Painting; and ArtByCarla.

Educational offerings include classes for adults and children. Bear in mind that these offerings may be different when the Gardens open in May. At this time, however, the Gardens offer a Children’s Day event (based on the cultural equivalent that occurs annually in Japan); Backyard Scavenger Hunt; Japanese Language Tutoring; and Kid’s Cultural Tutoring.

The Gardens are open daily (including holidays) from May 1st through October 31st. Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Saturday & Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. There is a



Founding family member and current member of the administration team, David Anderson.

modest admission fee of \$11.00 for adults, \$10.00 for seniors (62+), and \$9.00 for students. Members and children five (5) years of age and under are free. To speak with someone about events or tours, call 1-815-229-9390. Becoming a member of the Gardens gives one an array of benefits not available to the casual guest. Membership information is available on the Gardens’ website.

Fresco at the Gardens, a full service restaurant, while closed for the season on December 23, is open during spring, summer and fall. The restaurant provides farm to table cuisine, take-out, catering and dine-in options. Private events are available by contacting info@franchescos.com.

The Gardens operate with the help of staff and volunteers. Those interested in becoming



Tea house entry.

volunteers can contact the Gardens by visiting the website. Information for all programs, events, or programming is available on the website at <https://andersongardens.org/> Once there, follow the links.



A machiai, a place for participants to rest before beginning the tea ceremony.



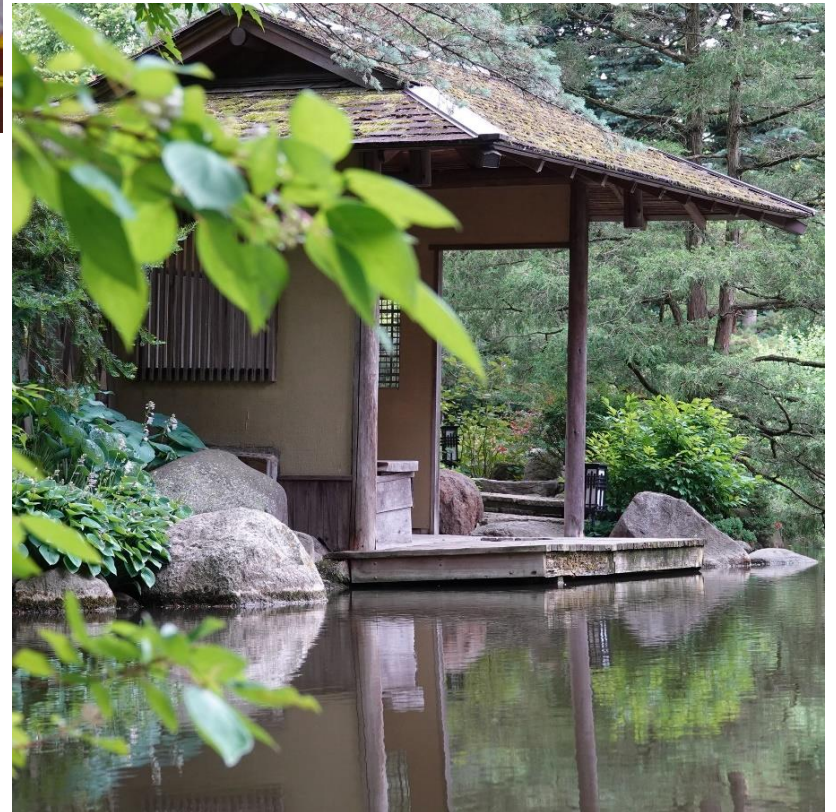
Tea Ceremony demonstration during Summer Festival



Aerial view of the Guest House.



Awa Dancers during Dance Festival



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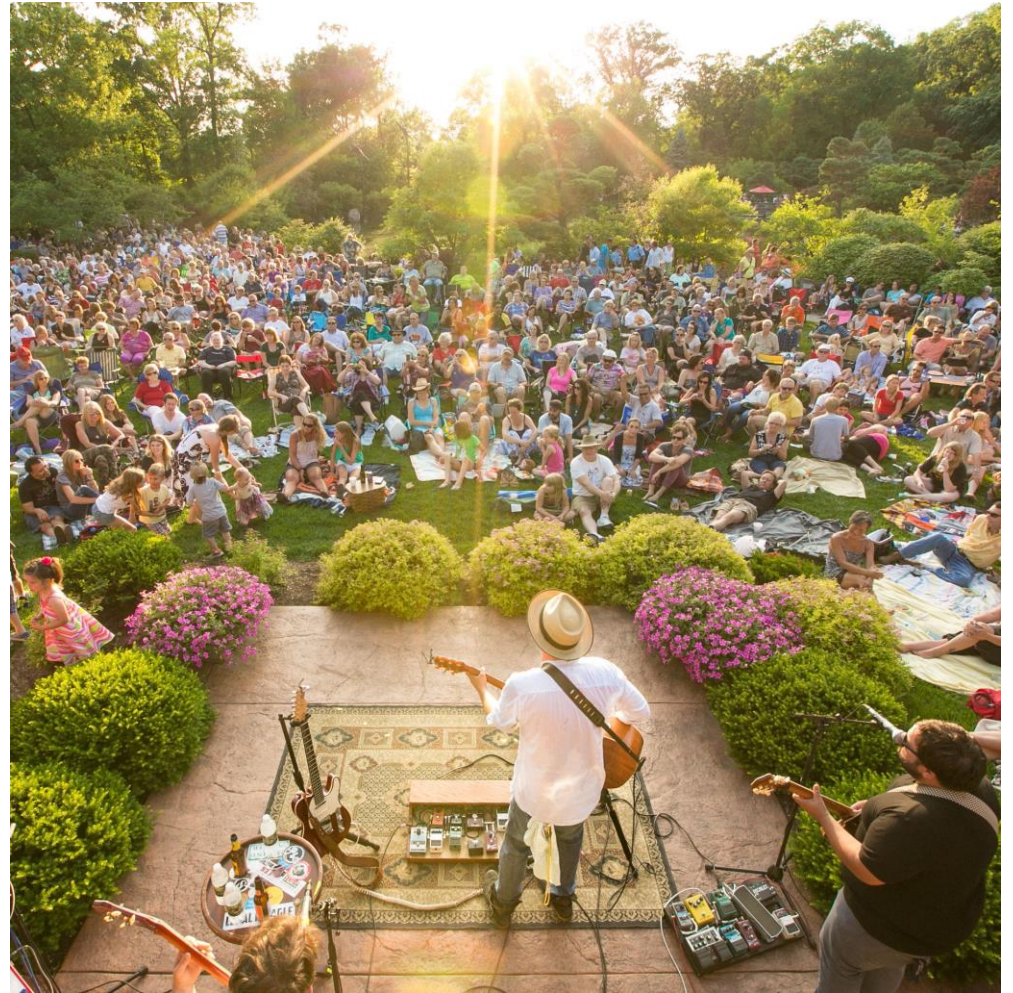


Authentic Japanese boat, artisan Douglas Brooks, 2015



Bronze Angels, Swedish artist Carl Milles, 2000.

Concerts in the Gardens



Feathered guests

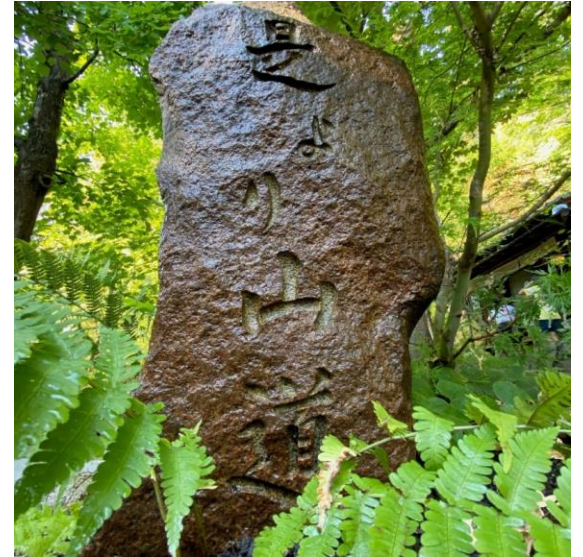


Gong



Karensansui gravel garden pattern

Kori yori san dou - which means mountain trail from here.



Main Gate





The West Gate (above) and Tsukubai hand washing fountain near the tea house (above, right).

Sweat bee collecting pollen and nectar from an echinacea blossom.





Tintai drummers, a wedding in the pavilion and the wishing tree.



Zig Zag bridge

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