

# Master Gardener Update March 2022

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# Virtual Visit Klehm Arboretum and Botanic Garden, Rockford, IL

Klehm Arboretum & Botanic Garden is 155acres of woodlands and botanical gardens. This gem in the countryside is the largest public garden in Winnebago County, Illinois. The gardens include 1.4 miles of paved handicapaccessible pathways and approximately three (3) miles of wooded trails. (Map on p. 15)

In the beginning the land upon which the Arboretum and Gardens would eventually stand was actually Rockford Nursery – established by landscape architect William Lincoln Taylor in 1910. He brought his brother, E. H. Taylor into



the business in the 1920s and going forward they operated the nursery together.

According to an old newspaper clipping from the Rockford Register Star, in 1968 the nursery was purchased by Charles Klehm and Son Nurseries of Arlington Heights, Illinois. The Taylor brothers remained with the nursery to complete existing orders and to serve as advisors for the Klehms. Many of the rare trees that can still be found on the site are the result of experimental plantings made by the Taylor brothers during their years with the nursery.

#### 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: Hit control/click on this link: RPMGA on Facebook

Rotary Gardens: rotarybotanicalgardens. org

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

Wisconsin Master Gardener Association (WIMGA): wimga.org E.H. Taylor & Rockford Nursery employees, 1925



The Klehm family maintained the land until 1985. Realizing its value, the family donated the land to the Winnebago County Forest Preserve District with the stipulation it be maintained as an arboretum.

In 1991 consulting arborists completed a professional inventory of the site. They concluded that Klehm Arboretum has an assortment of plant life unlike any other natural area in the United States. The combination of native plants and those from around the world provides a unique botanical resource for study. The site includes many unique species from throughout the United States that normally do not thrive in this region, plus the Midwest's most vigorous evergreen collection.

In 1991, the Winnebago County Board and the Klehm Arboretum & Botanic Garden Board of Directors approved a

master plan for site and building development, completed by consulting landscape and building architects.

The Arboretum launched a \$2 million capital campaign for Phase I development in May of 1992. Plans for Phase I included a 13,500 square foot education center, demonstration gardens with plots for exhibiting new plant varieties and garden techniques, a special events garden with a performance stage, and area for gatherings and musical performances.

In the spring of 1993, a one-and-a-half-mile figure-eight paved walking path was completed. Named in honor of the first corporate pacesetter donor, the Clarcor Garden Pavilion was completed in February 1994.

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# Klehm's Mission:

To maintain a living museum for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of all people.

# **Statewide MG Program Notes**

#### Reminder

You *must* complete the Onboarding Lite course in Canvas and read and sign the Terms/Conditions/Code of Ethics documents in the Online Reporting System (ORS) before you do any volunteering for 2022. If you volunteer before completing the class and agreements, that time cannot be counted toward your MG volunteer hours.

#### ORS for 2022 Delayed

The updated version of the ORS is now expected to be released during the week of March 14, 2022. The delay is to allow for additions/corrections to 2021 hours that became obvious when we received individual reports via email of our 2021 hours. See below.

#### One Additional Chance to Add or Correct 2021 hours. Deadline is March 3rd.

Jay Dampier, Horticulture Outreach Program Manager, sent an email out on February 8 directly to you with your hours report included. Since then, we've received some emails from Master Gardeners stating that your hours were incorrect. This is due to either technical issues with the ORS or unreported hours. Due to these factors, we are opening the ORS until March 3, 2022 so you can add missing hours to your 2021 record. **You will only have one final chance to add missing hours to 2021 due to technical limitations.** Please read the worksheet and directions (Google file) or (PDF file) before you log into the ORS.

#### FAQ and Info for Organizations Available

Still have questions about something? Check out this link: <u>Read the Frequently Asked Questions (Google Document)</u> The document will be updated regularly, so check back any time you're confused. Not quite sure how to talk about the MG program changes with organizations that would like you to volunteer? Read what the Division of Extension has put together for that situation (or share the link with your contacts) <u>https://mastergardener.extension.wisc.edu/for-organizations/</u>

#### **Include YOUR Organizations in ORS**

To be able to report your 2022 volunteer hours by the name of the organization(s) you're volunteering for, the state MG program needs their data to include in the ORS. Have you submitted it yet? If not, gather the info listed here, then click the link that follows: 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. https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1SAuJ6vdWHWNZSgs20MokQOJy9cDOEBRIAqxKbFqLsG4/viewform?edit\_requested=true

# **RPMGA Notes**



#### March Program: Controlling Apple Pests in the Home Orchard, Thursday, March 3, 5:30 p.m., online

Many of us have the space to grow an apple tree (or two), but tending apples so you end up with beautiful fruit is much more daunting than growing vegetables or ornamentals. The insects and diseases that also find apple fruit appealing usually get to them before we do. In this program, Diana Alfuth, the UW-Extension Horticulture Educator for Pierce and St. Croix counties, will discuss the key apple pests we get here in Wisconsin and the not-so-daunting ways, including *bagging the fruit*, that you can limit the damage. (Note: Diana is giving a lunchtime webinar on this topic at noon on March 2 through the Division of Extension Horticulture program, but we get the expanded version, with more detail, and a better opportunity to ask questions!) **Connection information was sent to RPMGA members on February 23rd. If you can't find it, contact Mary Kay Thompson (mastergardenermary@gmail.com) and she'll resend the link.** 

#### Volunteer Opportunity: Bylaws Update Group to Begin Work This Month

With all the changes that have happened with the Rock Prairie Master Gardener Association, Inc. over the last year or two, our bylaws have become sadly out of date. A group is about to start work on that. These individuals will suggest changes to build in more flexibility, plus take into consideration the changes to RPMGA and the MG program. Their proposals will be submitted to the membership for consideration, revision, and approval. The group will meet online. If you would like to earn some volunteer hours before spring arrives, contact Mary Kay Thompson as soon as possible: mastergardenermary@gmail.com.

#### Coffee Chat, Tuesday, March 8, 9:00 a.m.

Don't forget this month's virtual coffee chat with Rock and Walworth county MGVs. It's a great place to hear the latest, meet MGVs you may not know, and generally feel more connected. Julie Hill sent out an email with the link to the Zoom session on March 1. Hope you can be there!

# Rotary Gardens Botanic Talk: Creating Year Round Beauty in the Garden



# Thursday, March 10, 6-7:00 p.m. online

Gardens can provide us with year-round interest and pleasure. Having a garden that delights in winter requires a little thought and planning in the summer. Come together with Chanticleer Garden Assistant Horticulturist Chris Fehlhaber, about the planning and practices that will lead to a garden that enchants all year. Participants will learn which plants bring multi-season interest, autumn practices and techniques, and tips for attracting birds and wildlife. The fee for this program is \$12 for Rotary Gardens members or \$15 for the general public. The deadline to sign up is Monday, March 7. You can register online using the form at the bottom of this page: <u>https://rotarybotanicalgardens.org/event/creating-year-round-beauty-inthe-garden/</u> or call the gardens to sign up and pay over the phone: (608) 752-3885.

### **Rotary Gardens Volunteer Opportunities**

Rotary Gardens is one of Janesville's treasures. As the season begins, consider if you would like to spend time helping keep that treasure growing and blooming. There are many ways to contribute to the beauty of the garden. You can take care of a specific location on your own. You can work with a group on planting and display chores. You can talk with people informally as an ambassador. You can be trained to talk about the garden for groups that request guided tours. You can water every weekend, or show up on impulse for one of the regular workdays that occur throughout the season. Or sign up for special events. For more information, go to <a href="https://rotarybotanicalgar-dens.org/volunteer/volunteer-opportunities/">https://rotarybotanicalgar-dens.org/volunteer/volunteer-opportunities/</a>

# **Talks for Fun**

#### Midwest Garden Inspirations, Tuesday, March 8, Noon-1:00 p.m., Edgerton Hospital

Join Landscape Professional Mark Dwyer as he presents his Healing Garden series! This afternoon will focus on the beautiful gardens of our part of the country. Easy places to reach for a short break and great ideas. Masks required. Free, no registration required. Just show up!



## Best Pollinator Plants for Southern Wisconsin, Saturday, March 12, Welty Environmental Center, Beloit, 10-11:00 a.m.

In this presentation, naturalist David Bendlin will describe a variety of native and nonnative annual and perennial plants that he and his wife, Barbara, have found to be the best plants for attracting bees, butterflies, hummingbirds and other pollinators. Sponsored by the Rock County Conservationists (RCC), the talk is free and open to the public. It will be followed by RCC's annual meeting; anyone interested in learning more about RCC is welcome to stay for the meeting. No registration necessary.

# More Training Available in March 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 <a href="https://canvas.wisc.edu/">https://canvas.wisc.edu/</a> 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: <u>http://www.olbrich.org/education/classes.cfm</u> Registration for this class has closed, but try calling to see if they'll let you in at the last minute: 608-246-4550 **March 3,** The Ultimate Caterpillar Garden, 6:30-8:30 p.m., \$50/\$63. Registration deadline: February 24. 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. **March 8,** Gardener's Bootcamp, 6-8:00 p.m., \$27/\$33. Registration deadline: March 1.

March 10, Recycling Garden Debris: Functional and Funky Ways to Conserve Organic Matter for a Healthier Garden, online, 6-8:00 p.m., \$16/\$20. Registration deadline: March 3.

March 13, Hands-on Hydrangea Pruning, 1-4:00 p.m., \$30/\$38. Registration deadline: March 3.

March 22, Benefits of Native Plants: Getting Started, 6-7:30 p.m., \$16/\$20. Registration deadline: March 15.

March 24, Un-Natural Landscapes: An American Dream, online, 7-8:30 p.m., \$12/\$15. Registration deadline: March 23.

March 31, 10 Mistakes I Made in My Vegetable Garden So You Don't Have To, online, 6:30-8:00 p.m., \$28/\$35.

Registration deadline: March 24.

April 6, Designing with Foliage, 6-7:30 p.m., \$16/\$20. Registration deadline: March 30.

April 7, Wisconsin Spring Wildflowers in Woodlands and Prairies, online, 6-8:00 p.m., \$18/\$22. Registration deadline: March 31.

April 9, By the Light of the Moon: An Evening Garden, online, 6-8:00 p.m., \$18/\$22. Registration deadline: March 31.

### Gardening in Community Gardens, Part 1: Planning, Tuesday, March 1, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Gardening in a community garden has its own challenges in addition to those that every gardener faces! It's a perfect time to start planning for this year. In this program, learn strategies that you can use to improve the productivity of your community garden plot. We will discuss crop rotation, succession planting, cool and warm season crops and more. Free. No registration necessary. Just show up! Daniel Hale Williams Resource Center, 1717 Center Ave., Janesville, WI 53511

### Identification, Management & Control of Major Apple Pests, Wednesday, March 2, Noon to 12:30 p.m., online



Be prepared to combat common pests on your backyard apple trees! Join us to learn about the major insect and fungal pests that can cause damage to your apples and the timing of different management strategies to help you be successful this season! Presenter: Diana Alfuth, Horticulture Outreach Specialist, Pierce and St. Croix counties. Free, but registration required. <u>Click here to register</u>

### 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)

### Spring Into Gardening Workshop Series, Saturdays in March, Beginning March 5, 9:30-11:45 a.m., online

Kenosha County Extension is sponsoring this 4-week program of gardening talks. There will be two sessions each week. March 5: perennial gardening and attracting monarchs and other butterflies. March 12: planning a vegetable garden and knowing and amending your soils. March 19: low maintenance houseplants and growing flowers in containers. March 26: pruning shrubs and good small-scale trees. For more details, go to <a href="https://kenosha.extension.wisc.edu/horticulture/spring-into-gardening">https://kenosha.extension.wisc.edu/horticulture/spring-into-gardening</a> Fee for the entire series: \$25. Click here to register.

#### 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 <a href="https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=24956">https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=24956</a>



### Weed Management in the Vegetable Garden, Monday, March 7, 6-8:00 p.m., online

Learn how to identify various common weeds in the vegetable garden and use their life cycles and other techniques to manage them. Cultural techniques will be stressed, but organic and traditional chemical control products will be briefly discussed as well. Speaker: Lisa Johnson, Horticulture Educator for Dane County. Fee: \$12. <u>Click here to register</u>

#### Shade Gardening, Tuesday, March 8, 1:30-2:30 p.m., online

Join Andrew Holsinger, University of Illinois Extension horticulture educator, on how to increase color and interest in your shade garden with perennials. Andrew Holsinger will discuss soil preparation, light levels, design, planting, and maintenance. Free, but registration required. Sign up at <a href="https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationD=24809">https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationD=24809</a>

#### Preparing for the Growing Season, Wednesday, March 9, 9-10:00 a.m., online

Join Tom Jerow, Master Gardener, to learn how to prepare for vegetable gardening, seed starting, getting your garden ready and spring crops. Part of the Wise Wisconsin Winter Program Series. Free, but registration required. Sign up at <a href="https://go.wisc.edu/5u4ez3">https://go.wisc.edu/5u4ez3</a>

#### Plant Anatomy, Plant Taxonomy and Secrets of Scientific Names, Wednesday, March 9, 9-11:00 a.m., online

Plant anatomy addresses plant structures, how they function and helpful vocabulary for understanding how plants grow. Plant taxonomy explains the mysteries of scientific names, reviews plant naming rules, how plants are organized into families and why that helps us understand their needs. There will be a short game activity (with prizes!) to review the vocabulary. Part of Dane County Extension's Green Thumb Gardening Series. Fee: \$12. <u>Click here to register for online class!</u>

#### Growing Strawberries in Containers, Wednesday, March 9, Noon to 12:30 p.m., online

Did you know that you can grow your own fresh strawberries in containers? Join us to learn how! We will talk about what you need to know to successfully grow strawberries in containers, including selecting the right variety, soil, watering and fertilizer and how to overwinter them. Presenter: Darrin Kimbler, Agriculture Educator, UW-Madison Division of Extension Iron County. Free, but registration required. Click here to register



### Adding a Tropical Twist to the Garden, Saturday, March 12, 9-10:30 a.m., online

UW-Whitewater Online Gardening Series featuring Mark Dwyer. Our Midwest gardens can still feature a "taste of the tropics" with the addition of some heat loving tropical plants for both sun and shade. The vivid colors, bold textures and ornamental contribution make them worth consideration when creating a memorable garden with a "tropical twist". MGVs may only claim a half hour of continuing ed for this session. Fee: \$25. Registration required by noon on Thursday, March 10. Sign up at https://www.uww.edu/ce/gardenlandscape/onlineworkshop



#### Vegetable Insects, Monday, March 14, 6-8:00 p.m., online

Dr. Russ Groves of UW-Madison Wisconsin Vegetable Crop Entomology (https://vegento.russell.wisc.edu/) will review the life cycles of common insect pests of a variety of crops and give you techniques to combat them in the garden. You will receive a number of electronic fact sheets on insects covered during the talk. Fee: \$12. <u>Click here to register</u>

#### Shrub pruning, Wednesday, March 16, 9-11:00 a.m., online or in-person at Dane County Extension, Madison

We will cover proper pruning techniques for different types of deciduous and evergreen shrubs. You will get an electronic copy of a chart covering timing and techniques for pruning many deciduous shrubs that you can use in your own garden. If you take the class in person, you'll go out to the Teaching Garden to practice pruning different types of shrubs. Part of Dane County Extension's Green Thumb Gardening Series. Fee: \$12. <u>Click here to register for online class!</u> <u>Click here to register for in-person class!</u>

#### Phenology, Keeping Track of Nature, Saturday, March 19, UW Arboretum, 1-3:00 p.m.

The March equinox is the perfect time to think about spring unfolding. Phenology—noting the periodic occurrences in the natural world—is both art and science, practiced for millennia across cultures and regions. Learn about different approaches, and maybe find your own. Instructor: Kathy Miner, naturalist. Indoor class. Fee: \$20. Register by March 15. Meet at the Visitor Center. This class may be offered virtually



if necessary. Sign up at <u>https://arboretum.wisc.edu/classes/phenology-keeping-track-of-na-ture-2/</u>

#### Seed Saving and Harvesting/Storage, Monday, March 21, 6-8:00 p.m., online

Learn how to successfully harvest and store seeds from a variety of crops. Success is more likely with some crops, and less likely with others. Learn which crops are easiest and most reliable for getting the results you want. We will also cover proper storage of seeds and seed viability testing. Speaker: Lisa Johnson, Horticulture Educator for Dane County. Fee: \$12. <u>Click here to register</u>

### The Garden Guru: The Importance of Using More Native Plants in Your Yard, Monday, March 21, 6-8:00 p.m., online

We are regularly hearing in the news of the decline in pollinators and the increased numbers of plants and animals that are becoming endangered. There are actually ways the average homeowner can greatly increase the chances of survival of many species by changing their landscapes a little bit. The added bonus is that you will also save time and resources in doing so. Find out why native plants make sense in so many ways. Free, but registration required. Sign up at <u>https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\_D5VIN6btTWWuFIcgmcF1WA</u>

### Shade and Ornamental Tree Planting and Pruning, Wednesday, March 23, 9-11:00 a.m., online

Learn how to properly plant trees and provide good after-care. Many trees are not planted properly, and this affects their health and longevity. Learn proper pruning techniques to create a safe and strong structure so your tree remains an asset for many years. We will review the 3cut method and making decisions on where and what to cut and how much to cut. Part of Dane County Extension's Green Thumb Gardening Series. Fee: \$12. <u>Click here to register for online class!</u>



### Elements of a Healing Garden, Thursday, March 24, 6-7:00 p.m., online

Gardens like the Edgerton Hospital Healing Garden have certain design elements, layout features and plantings to further provide engagement with patients, staff and visitors. Mark Dwyer helps you learn and examine some of these features in more detail. He will review other healing gardens and chat about some of the fun plantings that make these garden spaces truly special. Free. To register and obtain the Zoom link, go to <u>https://www.edgertonhospital.com/events/2022/march/elements-of-a-healing-garden-zoom-lecture/</u>

#### Gardening with Wisconsin Native Plants, Thursday, March 24, 6:30-7:30 p.m., online

Do you want your garden to support butterflies and bees and thrive with minimal care? Join Susan Carpenter, the Native Plant Garden curator and gardener at the University of Wisconsin–Madison Arboretum. Susan will discuss how native plants are the basis of sustainable, diverse, and beautiful gardens supporting pollinators, beneficial insects, and wildlife. These gardens thrive without fertilizers, pesticides, mowing, or supplemental watering. Susan will share garden examples, plant sources, and practical tips for garden care. This is a FREE, virtual event hosted by Stoughton Public Library and sponsored by Badger Talks at UW-Madison. No registration required, but email storef@stolib.org if you'd like a reminder with the Zoom link one day in advance.



### Prescribed Burn Training, Saturday, March 26, 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Nature at the Confluence, South Beloit, Illinois. Zach Grycan, *Natural Land Institute*, and Megan Oropeza, *The Land Conservancy of McHenry County*, will lead a workshop for anyone interested in learning how to manage their own land or volunteering for conservation organizations. Learn how to conduct a prescribed burn and tips on best practices from these experienced prescribed burn managers. Topics to be covered will include discussion of fire behavior and suppression, effective use of hand and power tools, effective use of water to aid fire suppression, conducting a prescribed burn and ecological effects of fire. After a morning of classroom training, participants will assist with a controlled burn (weather permitting). Fee: \$60. Register by March 24 at <a href="https://www.naturalland.org/event/prescribed-burn-training-workshop-3/">https://www.naturalland.org/event/prescribed-burn-training-workshop-3/</a>

#### Pelletted Seed, Tuesday, March 29, 1:30-2:30 p.m., online

Pelleted seed? Let's take a look at what, why, where, and how-to of using pelleted seed as well as the advantages and disadvantages of this colorful seed product available to consumers at a garden center, big box store or farming supply center near you. Join Mary Fischer, University of Illinois Extension horticulture educator as she covers the topic of pelleted seed. Free, but registration required. Sign up at <a href="https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=25257">https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=25257</a>

### Plant Propagation, Wednesday, March 30, 9-11:00 a.m., online

We will discuss techniques to propagate plants via seed, cuttings, divisions, offsets, and bulbs. You will receive a chart of techniques to propagate many common houseplants and some perennial garden plants. We will briefly touch on tissue culture and woody plant propagation as well. A propagation activity is included. Part of Dane County Extension's Green Thumb Gardening Series. Fee: \$12. Click here to register for online class!



# Klehm Arboretum and Botanic Garden, continued





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In 2003 the Winnebago County Forest Preserve District and the Klehm Arboretum Board of Directors adopted a 10-year master plan for future development. The plan includes new gardens, revitalizing existing gardens, increasing the diverse collections, and the addition of facilities to better meet the needs of visitors.

Right: The Alphabet (and Herb) Garden

The fall of 1994 saw the completion of the Member's Garden and the dedication of the fountain.

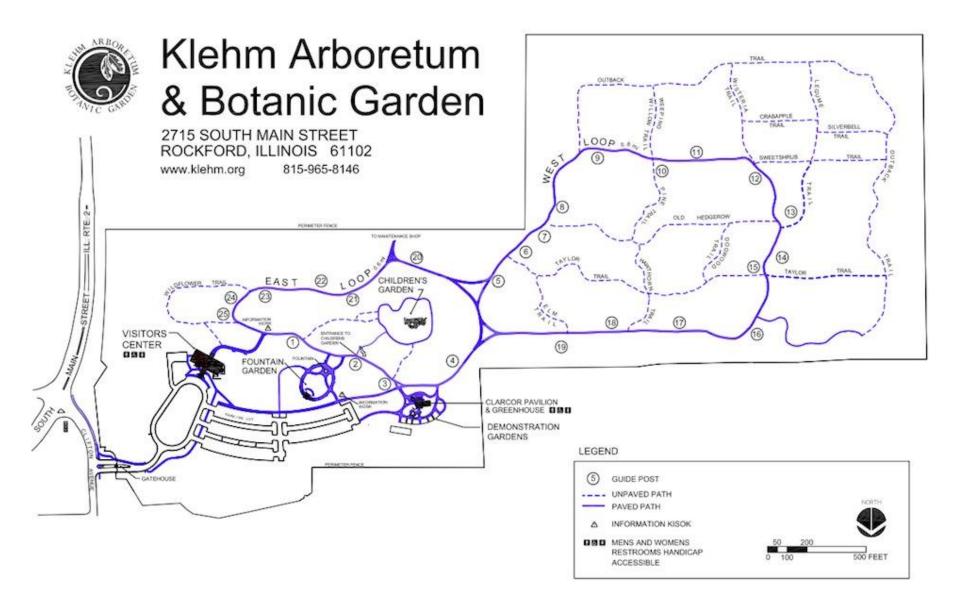
In 1995, work began on the Nancy Olson Children's Garden which was dedicated in October of 1996. The garden was designed for kids to explore the wonders of nature.

Supporters celebrated ground breaking of the Botanical Education Center in August 1996.

After more than 15 months of construction, the Botanical Society moved into its new home in December 1997.

In March of 1998, Klehm Arboretum and Botanic Garden opened on a full time, seven-day-a week





Today, Klehm Arboretum and Botanic Garden still operates as a 501(c)3 not-for-profit under a partnership with the Forest Preserves of Winnebago County. Due to COVID-19 Klehm has adjusted its way of doing business to accommodate many of the educational and community events it has traditionally provided and yet maintain strict attention to the safety of the guests who visit the gardens.

There is an online store that offers apparel and merchandise where guests or members can shop at their leisure and still support Klehm.

Director of Education & Programming, Samantha Burbach, has structured many education-based opportunities online. There are webinars, videos and fact sheets for everything from Valentine's Flowers – Care, Tips & Simple Design Instructions, to Leaf Resist Water Color Painting complete with step-by-step instructions that you and your family can follow in your back yard. But that being said, not all the programs she has created are structured for home or internet use. There is a robust schedule of person-to-person

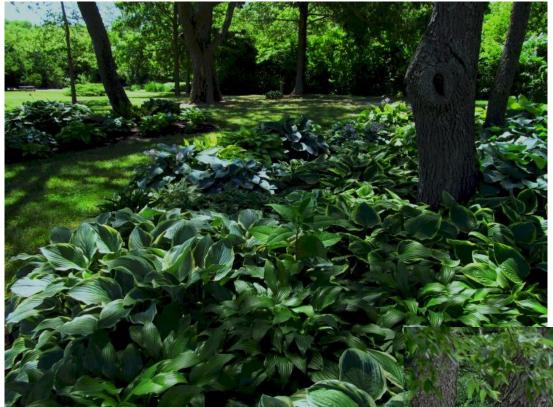




Alexander Mills, Exec. Dir.

workshops already in place for the coming months beginning in March. Alexander Mills, Executive Director at Klehm, will be the instructor for several of the presentations.

*Left: One of the many demonstration gardens.* 



Left: The Hosta Garden Below: The Grass Garden





The Daylily Garden



The Dinosaur Garden



Above: A wedding at Klehm Right: Winter beauty



When vacation time comes, there is a benefit that Klehm offers all members – reciprocal benefits at over 300 botanical gardens in the US and the Cayman Islands, something that could save members money when traveling. (A list of all the participating gardens is available on the Klehm website.) By becoming a member, you are entitled to free daily admission (except for special events), a monthly e-mail newsletter, a 10% discount at the Gift Shop, discounts on classes, concerts, lectures and other programs. There are a number of levels of membership. For more information visit their website at Klehm.org.

# Klehm Arboretum and Botanic Garden Hours and Admission Fees

2715 S. Main St. Rockford, IL 61102

WINTER HOURS Open Daily: 9 am – 4 pm\*Last entry at 3:30 pm

#### ADMISSION:

- Adults: \$8
- Seniors (62+): \$5
- Students (18+ with ID): \$5
- Children: \$5
- Children 3 and under: free

Masks required in the Visitors Center & restrooms. Leashed dogs are welcome!

No scooters, skateboards, bicycles or in-line skates.

Contact the Gardens by phone or email:

- (815) 965-8146
- info@klehm.org



Right: The Maze

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