

## Volunteer highlight

RBG has more than plants to show off!

Volunteers are the backbone to RBG. With over 200 volunteers helping with the day to day operations each year, RBG would like to recognize those who help us keep the Garden growing.

Volunteer: Gary Smith

Years of service: 1990 to present

Activities: Chairperson of the finance committee 1993-1998; joined the board of directors in 2006; after retiring from his day job (17 years director of United Way of North Rock County), Gary became a member of the beloved Grumpies.

Currently: Gary currently serves as the part-time interim Executive Director for RBG.  
Quote: *"I'll always be a Grumpy at heart!"*



Volunteer: Nancy Page

Years of service: 2006 to present

Activities: Gift shop and visitor's center volunteer.

Currently: Nancy finds helping callers and visitors to the Gardens enjoyable... the busier the better!

Quote: *"My favorite thing to do is help the people and converse with RBG Staff"*



## Appreciation events scheduled

RBG thanks volunteers, friends, public

July 24, 2008, marks a big day of Rotary Botanical Gardens showing its appreciation to everyone who helps keep the Garden growing!

**The Big Break on the Terrace** is the all-volunteer event hosted on the terrace outside the visitors center. Grumpies, gift shop, assigned gardeners and all are invited for treats and refreshments and to mingle with the folks from "the other side" of the Garden. Coffee and treats served at 10am.

Later that day, **The Twilight Tour** invites the general public, Friend-Members and volunteers to stroll the grounds and enjoy RBG at near peak summer bloom. Free tours will be provided until 8pm. Staff will be on hand to answer questions.

## Recipes for 20th Anniversary

RBG cookbook in the works

To help celebrate our 20th Anniversary, Rotary Botanical Gardens is producing a cookbook unique to the creativity of the art of cooking. We are looking for original recipes (not copywritten) and are interested in all categories.

We would greatly appreciate your participation in this fun venture for family recipes. If there are duplicates, the first recipe received will be published. The submission deadline will be Friday, August 15th. The name of the person who submitted the recipe will also appear in the cookbook.

Please e-mail, send or drop off your recipe to Rod Jones, at the Gardens. Include your name, address, and phone number along with recipe. We are looking forward to your recipes and want to thank you in advance for your participation.

## 'Yesterdays' Garden History

Booklet looking back over 20 years of RBG

Now available in the Cottage Garden Gift Shop: "Yesterdays-A Garden's History". This 28-page, full-color book chronicles the history of Rotary Botanical Gardens. Inside, you'll find over 90 photos of the Gardens, past and present, along with photos of its many volunteers and visitors. The book is a gift of Dr. Robert Yahr, founder of Rotary Botanical Gardens and all proceeds from the sale of the book will be used to keep the Gardens beautiful for all to enjoy.

## Lil' Grumpy Garden Camp

Fun, food, flowers and fitness for kids

Rotary Botanical Gardens in conjunction with Rock County UW-Extension invites children grades K-5 to register for "Lil' Grumpy Garden Day Camp", August 19-20, 9am to 2pm. The program will emphasize nutrition education, gardening and physical activity and will feature craft projects. Registration is \$30 per child (general public); \$20 per child (Friend-member) and includes snacks and T-shirt. Registration deadline is August 1. Materials are available on-line or by calling (608) 752-3885x17.

Volunteer assistance is needed for this event. Please contact Mike or Julie if interested in helping on one or both days.



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## Upcoming events and opportunities

For more information pertaining to any of these events, please call (608) 752-3885 or visit [www.rotarygardens.org](http://www.rotarygardens.org).

- ⊗ **July 24, Big Break on the Terrace**, social with treats and refreshments for all volunteers, 10am on RBG terrace.
- ⊗ **July 24, Twilight Tour**: See the Garden at its Peak; Free Tours; 5:00pm to 8:00 pm
- ⊗ **August 14, Herbal Teas and Treats**, hosted by the Janesville Area Herb Society, 7pm, \$5 donation general public at the door.
- ⊗ **NEW! August 19, 20, 9am to 2pm, Lil' Grumpy Garden Day Camp**, fun for grades K-5. Emphasis on gardening, nutrition and physical activity. Registration required. \$30 per youth general public, \$20 per youth RBG friend-member. Deadline for registering August 1, 2008. Registration materials available by calling (608) 752-3885 or [www.rotarygardens.org](http://www.rotarygardens.org).
- ⊗ **September 5, Friends-only Fall Plant Sale Preview** 9:00am to 5:00 pm, Horticulture Center
- ⊗ **September 6-14, Fall Plant Sale** featuring shrubs, perennials, huge mums, asters, compost and more; 9:00am to 5:00pm, Horticulture Center
- ⊗ **September 6, Garden Festival** 1pm to 5pm, Free family event, rain or shine.
- ⊗ **September 9, Potions and Lotions-** garden based massage oils, beauty products and creams with Shelley Ryan, 1pm, Registration required \$75 per person, less \$10 RBG friend-members (Includes all materials)
- ⊗ **October 23, Volunteer Potluck**, 5:30pm, bring a dish to pass

All events subject to change or cancellation.

## June Friends New/Renewal Memberships:

Bausch, Bertha  
Baxter, Linda  
Beich, Mary Ellen  
Boettcher, Sue  
Branz, Donald  
Cartwright, Carol  
Cartwright, Patricia  
Churchill, Mary  
Clark, Giles & Joan  
Cope, Richard & Nancy  
Cullen, Sally  
Czaja, Rita  
Deupree, Neil W. & Katherine A.  
Edelman, Harlan & Sally  
Forrestal, Joseph B  
French, Russell & Liz  
Friedrichsen, Steven & Susan  
Grogan, H. Katy  
Gutmann, Dr George  
Haas, R. M. & W. M.  
Holte, Linda  
Koch, Barbara J.  
Mowbray, Charles & Carolyn  
Murray, David G. & Elizabeth H.  
Musil-Condon, Joyce  
Nemeth, Joseph & Karen  
Pingel, Donald H. & Kathy M.  
Ransom, Gloria  
Richter, Robert & Barbara  
Roe, Ann & Jonathan  
Roehrdanz, Carlton & Kazuno  
Schoeller, Cheryl Katz  
Sedor, Jean  
Smith, Charles & Carol  
Smith, Gary L  
Staben, Ron & Mary  
Webb, Donald & Jacqueline

If there is anyone who became a Friend or renewed their Friends membership in June whose name does not appear on this list, please contact Rod Jones, Funds Development Director at 608-752-3885, ext. 19. Omissions are purely unintentional.