



Grapevine



Holiday Light Show
Special Edition 2009

Rotary Botanical Gardens. 1455 Palmer Drive. Janesville, WI 53545. 608.752.3885. www.rotarygardens.org

Rotary Botanical Gardens
Cottage Garden
Gift Shop
Holiday Open House

Saturday, Nov. 14th
11:00 am – 4:30 pm

*Shoppers will receive a
 20% discount on
 purchases made during
 the Open House*



Holiday Light Show (HLS) Tickets on Sale Now

Early Bird Discounts Available!

The 2009 Holiday Light Show will run **December 11-13, 18-23, 26-31, January 2 & 3**. Doors open nightly at 5 pm with the last ticket sold 8 pm.

Early bird tickets for HLS are available now in Rotary Botanical Gardens' Cottage Garden Gift Shop during regular business hours - \$4 for adults 12 and up, \$2 for youth 2-11, under age 2 free. (RBG Friends receive a refreshment coupon with each ticket purchased in advance.) Tickets will also be available at the door each night of the show \$5 for adults 12 and up, \$3 for youth 2-11. Special ticket pricing available for groups of 8 or more - call (608) 752-3885x17 two weeks in advance or visit www.rotarygardens.org and download an order form.

Did You Know??

- This is the 16th Year of HLS
- 300,000 lights are part of the show
- 90 specialty displays (many horticulturally themed)
- 2,000 half gallon milk jug luminaries
- 250 long icicles hang from the trees
- 40 obelisks with lights
- 6 miles of extension cords are used
- 150 white pine trees (temporary) for decoration
- It takes 6 weeks to set-up
- 6 weeks to take down

Win This Beautiful Quilt

Raffle Tickets on Sale Now



The Rock Valley Quilters Guild has created two beautiful quilts to be raffled Dec. 31, 2009. The largest quilt, measuring 60" x 72" is red, white and green. The design is an applique version of Rose of Sharon with traditional quilting. The smaller wall quilt colors are burgundy, creams and greens with Cardinals featured in the piecing. \$1 raffle tickets are on sale now at RBG. Do not need to be present to win.

Upcoming Events and Opportunities at the Gardens

For more information pertaining to any of these events, please call (608) 752-3885 or visit www.rotarygardens.org. All events subject to change or cancellation.

- Dec. 2, **Toddler, Tale & Tour**
10:00 am to 11:00 am
- Dec. 4, **Taste of Chocolate Dinner** - 5:30 am to 8:30 pm
- Dec. 11-13, 18-23, 26-31, January 2 & 3 **Holiday Light Show** - 5:00 pm to 8:30 pm
- Dec. 16, **Toddler, Tale & Tour**
10:00 am to 11:00 am
- Dec. 24 & 25,
Visitors Center Closed



~~Secret~~ **TOP SECRET** Cider Recipe An HLS tradition

Equal parts Apple Juice, Cranberry Juice and Water into a large urn or pot- secret is to buy your juices in same-sized containers. Add ½ cup of brown sugar (more or less to taste), pinch of salt, basket of cinnamon sticks and whole cloves. Simmer until hot... serve!

Don and Joella Miller Help Bring the Large Scale Train Display to Life at Holiday Light Show

Don and Joella Miller of Brodhead are very active in their large scale train club. The Wisconsin Garden Railway Society has been in existence for 20 years and they have belonged for 14 years. As a matter of fact, Don is the president elect for the 2010-2012 term. He has been VP for the last 8 years.



Before moving to Brodhead they lived in Clarksville, MI where Don built his first large scale layout. After getting settled in Brodhead they looked up large scale clubs and found the WGRS - at that time, the only large scale club in Wisconsin.

The Miller's have an outdoor layout at their home in Brodhead with approximately 200 feet of track in the 25x50 foot shade garden, full of a variety of hostas, heucheras, tiarellas and other alpine plants Joella has gathered. In past years they have opened their layout to the public for the weekend of Covered Bridge Days in August.

A few years ago the National Garden Railway Convention was hosted in Chicago. Along with 10 other club members, Don and Joella opened their layout to convention attendees for a day of touring train layouts in Wisconsin. During that visit, they had folks from Australia, Germany, British Columbia among the many visitors that day.



2009 HLS Garden Route





Holiday Light Show Wishlist

Your donations are greatly appreciated and help to make this a great event. Please make your donations by December 11:

- 8 oz. cans Nestles Cocoa
- 8 qt. containers of Carnation powdered milk
- Carnation CoffeeMate (dry)
- Powdered Sugar
- Bags of Miniature marshmallows (no colored marshmallows, please)
- Cranberry juice and Apple juice (not apple cider)
- Brown sugar

Horticulture Department Wishlist

Please note that each item has an estimated value. Earmarked donations for the specific amount will be utilized immediately for the expense of that item.

- Jacobsen Hauler utility cart (\$6,000)
- Office Photocopier (\$3,000)
- Professional Inkjet photo printer (\$500)
- HP Laser Printer (\$400)
- Office laminator (\$200)
- New rain apparel (\$200)
- Reference Library donations (\$100)
- New snow shovels (\$100)

Unique Holiday Gifts

Cottage Garden Gift Shop

If you're looking for a unique gift for Holiday giving, visit the Cottage Garden Gift Shop. You'll find distinctive gifts made by regional artists, gifts for the gardener and beautiful items for your home including handmade stained glass jewelry,



We have special gifts, attractively priced, that will make great teacher gifts and stocking stuffers. This year, we are again featuring handmade wooden reindeer, obelisks and garden potting benches made by our own Grumpies.

Gift Certificates for merchandise and Friend Memberships are also available in the Gift Shop.



Volunteers Needed for Holiday Light Show

Contact Angie Haber at (608) 752-3885 x 20 for more information or stop by the Cottage Garden Gift Shop to sign up.



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HLS Nightly Entertainment Schedule

Dec. 11 – Fran Payer	Dec. 21 – Saint Williams School
Dec. 12 – Parker High School	Dec. 22 – Knapton Musik Knotes
Dec. 13 – A Visit from Santa, Music by En Route	Dec. 23 – Knapton Musik Knotes
Dec. 18 – Rock Prairie Dulcimer Club	<i>Closed Christmas Eve and Day</i>
Dec. 19 – Marx Dance Academy	Dec. 26-31 – Holiday Movie
Dec. 20 – A visit from Santa and a Holiday Movie	January 2 & 3 – Holiday Movie