

# Kewanee County Garden Club Newsletter



### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- KC Garden Programs and Events
- Garden Expo
- Bird City Algoma
- KC Garden Club Christmas Party Photos

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## FIGHTING THE 'WINTER BLUES'

We go to bed in the dark and wake up in the dark. Our gardens and tools are taking a well deserved rest. We understand that many plants will not bloom unless triggered by a stretch of longer nights. Darkness has its use.

This is the time for the gardeners among us for reflection, resolution, and renewal. We are thankful for the abundant year, preserved harvest, and the cycle of seasons.

However, there are just so many seed catalogs to pour over. What can one do?

- Watch the sunrise
- Clean up any debris in the garden
- Winter sow perennials and hardy annuals. Soak the seeds and surface sow instead of covering with an inch of soil.
- Plant a tree as a symbol of faith and growth for the new year.
- Fill orange halves with peanut butter and birdseed for the winter creatures.
- Fill a journal with photos of your garden and add notes.
- Take an afternoon walk and leave a trail of birdseed.
- Decorate with candles, evergreens, and pine cones.
- Gift friends with a small rosemary plant.
- Welcome friends to share your food and warmth

## WINTER-BLOOMING PLANTS FOR BEES

Bees take in carbohydrates from floral nectar and protein from floral pollen. Bees begin searching for food as early as January, when sunny days can push temperatures upward.

The preparation we do now is very important since early

spring is a vulnerable time for pollinators. Pollinator plants like crocus, primrose, and snowdrops will bloom even when snow is on the ground. Trees and shrubs also are effective choices for feeding honeybees.

When it comes to late winter

and early spring, it's the trees that are important. Willows, maples, filberts, and hazelnuts are some of the earliest sources of pollen. They are easy to establish and grow.

Plant early blooming flowers in clusters to make it easier for bees to spot and access.

**2018 Programs and Events**

**Tuesday, January 23**  
 'Apples' - Tom Zenner  
 City Hall—Kewaunee  
 7:00 p.m.

**Saturday, February 3**  
*"Interesting and Newer Perennials for Your Garden:*  
 Nancy Nedveck. Speaker  
 The Flower Factory  
 Neville Public Museum  
 210 Museum Place  
 Green Bay

**WPT Garden Expo—  
 Madison**  
 February 10, 2018  
 Saturday seminars are listed in newsletter on the following page ...

**Tuesday, February 27**  
 'Beans' - Warren Hingst  
 Algoma Youth Club  
 7:00 p.m.

**Saturday, March 3**  
*"Prairie Plants for Urban and Suburban Gardens"*  
 Neil Diboll, Speaker  
 Prairie Nursery  
 Neville Public Museum  
 210 Museum Place  
 Green Bay

**Tuesday, March 27**  
 'Potatoes' - Max Martin  
 Algoma Youth Club  
 6:30 p.m.

**Saturday, April 7**  
**Bird City Algoma Celebration**  
 Algoma Youth Club  
 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

**Garden Club Programs:**  
**April—November** are open

**Saturday, May 26**  
 Annual Plant Sale  
 Kewaunee

**WPT Garden Expo**  
**2018**

**Saturday,  
 February 10**

**\$50.00 Each**  
*Includes transportation to and from the Expo, one admission ticket, and snacks on the bus*



**Departure Time/Location**  
**Algoma** – Nicolet Bank parking lot 5:35 a.m.  
**Kewaunee** – Middle School, south parking lot 6:00 a.m.  
**De Pere Park and Ride**, Highway G, Main Avenue 6:40 a.m.

Send \$50.00 to: Ann Brunner, N2420 Lakeshore Road, Kewaunee, WI 54216  
 Deadline: Tuesday, February 6

# Seminar Schedule – Saturday, Feb. 10

Time	Mendota 1-2	Mendota 3	Mendota 4	Mendota 5	Mendota 6-7	Mendota 8	Time	Monona/Wingra	Time	Waubesa/Kegonsa
9:15	<b>Traditional Kitchen Gardens in the UK*</b> Michael Perry Mr Plant Geek	<b>Yardening With Mother Nature*</b> Margaret Mary Gerhard, Helfenstein <i>Also: Fri. 12:30 p.m.</i>	<b>Garden Talk with WPR's Larry Meiler,</b> Wisconsin Public Radio	<b>Indoor Lighting Basics*</b> Dennis Anderson Paradigm Gardens <i>Also: Fri. 5:15 p.m.</i>	<b>Building a Bulb Lawn: Adding a New Dimension to Your Lawn</b> Benjamin Futa, Allen Centennial Garden <i>Also: Fri. 4 p.m.</i>	<b>Straw Bale Solutions*</b> Joel Karsten, Straw Bale Gardens <i>Also: Fri. 12:15 p.m. and Sun 11:45 a.m.</i>	9:15	<b>Wild Food/ Wild Medicine</b> Linda Conroy, Moonwise Herbs <i>Also: Fri. 6:30 p.m.</i>	9:30	<b>Native Bee and Managed Bee Pollinators*</b> Richard Schneider, Capital Bee Supply
10:30	<b>Shrubberies for Impact*</b> Mark Dwyer, Rotary Botanical Gardens <i>Also: Fri. 4:15 p.m.</i>	<b>Making the Most of a Small Space*</b> Tim Stenzel, Avant Gardening & Landscaping	<b>Gardening Simplified: Exceptional Plants and Design Solutions for Time-Pressed and Maturing Gardeners*</b> Kerry Ann Mendez, Perennially Yours	<b>Learning in the Garden: Principles of Garden-Based Education*</b> Nathan Larson, Community GroundWorks	<b>Wild Harvest: Useful and Edible Plants*</b> David Eagan <i>Also: Sunday 1 p.m.</i>	<b>Healthy Soil, Healthy Plants, Healthy People*</b> Sandy Syburg Purple Cow Organics LLC	10:30	<b>What is Herbalism?*</b> Deborah Jacobs	10:45	<b>Hardscaping and Permeable Pavement*</b> Paul Ganshert Ganshert Nursery & Landscapes
11:45	<b>Year Round Gardening— Plant it, Eat it, and Enjoy!*</b> Melinda Myers	<b>Pollinator Friendly Gardening*</b> Allen R. Pyle, Jung Seed Co.	<b>TED-inspired Talk on "Gardening with Shame"*</b> Michael Perry, Amanda Thompsen, Benjamin Futa	<b>Wilderness Corridors and Why They are Important*</b> Kate Heiber-Cobb, Madison Area Permaculture Guild	<b>Organic Landscape Maintenance Practices</b> Becky Kielstrup, Avant Gardening & Landscaping <i>Also: Sun 2:15 p.m.</i>	<b>Rain Gardens for Function and Beauty</b> John Gishnock, Formecology LLC	11:45	<b>How to Attract Eastern Bluebirds and Bluebird Restoration Association of Wis. <i>Also: Sun. 11:45 a.m.</i></b>	12:00	<b>The Medicinal Side of Mushrooms*</b> Laura Kahles, Field and Forest Products
1:00	<b>How to Grow the Best Tomatoes</b> Joey and Holly Baird, and Norman Gaudin, The Wisconsin Vegetable Gardener <i>Also: Fri. 1:30 p.m.</i>		<b>The Budget-Wise Gardener: Plant the Best for Less! Money-Saving Tips for Purchasing Plants Plus Cost-Saving Designs*</b> Kerry Ann Mendez, Perennially Yours	<b>Everything You Need to Know About Worms and Jumping Worms*</b> Bernie Williams, Wisconsin DNR – Forest Health <i>Also: Sun. 12:45 p.m.</i>	<b>Growing Garlic in Wisconsin</b> Noel Valdes, Co-brHead LLC	<b>Gardening for Hummingbirds</b> Michael and Kathi Rock, The Hummingbird Society <i>Also: Sun. 2:15 p.m.</i>	1:00	<b>Planning for Your Perfect Outdoor Space*</b> Sean Pratt Ganshert Nursery & Landscapes <i>Also: Sun. 11:30 a.m.</i>	1:15	<b>Magnificent Monarchs</b> Cae Bergmann
2:15	<b>Old Farm Country Cookbook*</b> Jerry Apps and Susan Apps-Bodilly <i>Also: Sun. 1 p.m.</i>	<b>Flower Arranging With Native Plants</b> Marianne Nowak	<b>Vegetable Gardening A-Z Part One*</b> Dick Zondag, Jung Seed Co.	<b>Where 6,000 People are Protecting Potatoes for the World</b> Joshua Feyen <i>Also: Fri. 4 p.m.</i>	<b>The 365 Gardener*</b> Johanna Oosterwyk, UW Dept. of Horticulture	<b>Make Your Own Shiitake Mushroom Log*</b> Joe Krawczyk Field and Forest Products	2:15	<b>The History and Folklore of Our Native Plants*</b> Zannah Crowe, Johnson's Gardens	2:30	<b>Roses: Yes, You Can Grow Them!</b> * Yvonne Batuli, Madison Rose Society
3:30	<b>150 Ways to Create a Fantastic Yard Totally Tailored to You*</b> Amanda Thomssen, Kiss My Aster	<b>Invasive Plant Identification and Control for Gardeners</b> Kelly Kearns Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources	<b>Vegetable Gardening A-Z Part Two*</b> Dick Zondag Jung Seed Co.	<b>Goose Pond Sanctuary Prairie and Monarch Habitat Restoration*</b> Mark Martin and Sue Foote-Martin,	<b>Aronia and Uncommon Fruits*</b> Roberta Barham, Barham Gardens and Carandale Farm	<b>Container Gardening</b> Lisa Johnson, UW-Extension Dane County	3:30	<b>Making Maple Syrup*</b> Theresa Baroun Wisconsin Maple Syrup Producers	3:45	<b>The Cutting Edges of Sedges*</b> Phillip Stutz, Olbrich Botanical Gardens



## Bird City Algoma Celebration

*Be like the  
bluebird for  
he never is  
blue; for he  
knows from  
his upbringing  
what singing  
can do!*

This very popular event keeps growing each year, is scheduled for Saturday, April 7, 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. at the Algoma Youth Club.

Come and spend the entire time to enjoy what the vendors have in store for you. The seminars begin at 10:00 a.m. starting with Bob Kuhn 'Getting the Picture', followed by Don Pritzl from the Bluebird Restoration Association of Wisconsin, and lastly, Kim Diedrich from the Green Bay Wildlife Sanc-

tuary. Bring the kids and grandkids to this seminar as they will have the opportunity to see a bird, from the wild. up close and personal.

No need to 'duck' out for lunch as the United Methodist Men will treat your pallet to a very satisfying lunch. Refreshments and snacks will be available as well.

A new item added to the event is a **photo contest** for all middle and high school students throughout Kewaunee County.

Photos of wild birds can be taken within Kewaunee County. For more details, contact shepp@charter.net

A children's area will again be set up in the gym. Janet-Tlachac Toonen will be available to read stories from her illustrated and published books. The origami makers will be back as well as Algoma's 'butterfly' lady.

Save the date:  
**April 7, 2018!**

## Mission Statement

It is the mission of the Kewaunee County Garden Club to support the horticulture efforts of the people and communities of the county with volunteer work, education, and example.

## Membership Information

Single Membership .....	\$10.00
Couple Membership .....	\$15.00

### Send Membership Dues to:

Ann Brunner  
2420 Lakeshore Road  
Kewaunee, WI 54216

# Algoma Bird Celebration



Attract Bluebirds to your property

## International Migratory Bird Day

Algoma Youth Club

620 Lake Street, Algoma, WI

**Saturday, April 7, 2018**

Bird Bistro Garden  
Information

Door Prizes

**Doors open at 9:00 a.m.**

**9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.** Vendors, Children's Area with crafts and storytelling, Origami

### Seminars:

**10:00 a.m. – Getting the Picture:** Song Birds, Shore Birds, Waterfowl by local photographer Robert Kuhn

**11:00 a.m. – Don Pritzl** from Bluebird Restoration Association of Wisconsin (BRAW)

**12:00 p.m. – Lunch Break** – Food prepared by the United Methodist Men

**12:30 p.m. – Kim Diedrich, Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary**  
Meet some **LIVE** wildlife ++)  
**Kid Friendly!**



*KC Garden Club Christmas*



*Port O' Call  
December 5, 2017*

