



VAN DER BROHE ARBORETUM AND BIRD SANCTUARY Spring 2022 Update

A foggy day at the Arboretum adds drama to a newly-seeded parterre.



Development of the Arboretum grounds has moved into high gear. Visitors to Van der Brohe Arboretum will notice that the grounds have changed dramatically in a relatively short period of time, much like the weather here in Wisconsin this spring. Crews and staff have been busy planting trees and meadows, and volunteers have been on-site for spring garden cleanup and irrigation. With this rush of activity, there has been little time available to author an extensive spring newsletter. This brief update highlights our exciting accomplishments, which would not be possible without the support of our donors and friends.

TREES

748 specimen trees have been delivered and planted, representing almost 200 different species or cultivars. There have been 7 semi-truck loads to sort and distribute throughout the site. Per the Masterplan, trees are planted in copses, groves and allées. Groves particularly complete this spring include the Maple Grove, the Linden Grove, the Buckeyes, and the Ornamental Flowering Trees. The Restoration Grove features eight types of Elm expected to be disease resistant. Watch that planting area to consider varieties for your elm restoration interests. An equal number of trees will be planted in the coming years as the stocks become available.



Crews from Willems Landscaping of DePere unload and plant a delivery of young specimen trees.



A delivery of trees.



Left: Linden Grove. Right: Maple Grove.

IRRIGATION

An irrigation loop will be installed at a future date to effect watering the trees. In the interim, much-appreciated help from volunteers and staff keeps the trees healthy.

MEADOWS

44 acres of Pollinator Meadow are being installed simultaneously with the tree planting. Wet terrain has hampered both endeavors, and stressed schedules. Funded by NRCS, this planted area includes short prairie grasses and wildflowers. The ground has been tilled, seeded, and compacted. Select areas have been densely planted with particularly beautiful plants in bunches. As the forbs and warm season grasses will be slow to develop, a "nurse" crop of oats, rye, and sunflowers have been intermixed with the seed selection. These plants will be the most apparent in the coming year but will not appear in 2023.

PEOPLE

- Laura G. is back tending the Franciscan Gardens and awakening them from winter slumber.
- Welcome to new Board Members David Abts and Andrew Bruzewicz!

TRAIL CONDITIONS

Trails have been heavily impacted by construction traffic but remain open. Expect work vehicles for the next several months. Visitors are welcome. Use caution on the trails.

POLLINATOR BUS TOUR JUNE 23



Learn from experts about pollinators on this fun and educational bus tour! Visit Woodland Dunes, VDBA, and a farm near Kellnersville. Explore the sites, sample foods from Harmony Cafe featuring ingredients that rely on pollination, and learn how to manage both small residential gardens and large-scale habitat to support pollinators. \$15 per person. Scan the QR code or visit vanderbrohearboretum.org for details and tickets.



Top and middle: Volunteers and supporters Genny Shields and Mike Knotek water the newly planted trees. Bottom: A walking trail temporarily damaged by construction work at the Arboretum.

Promote Van der Brohe Arboretum on Social Media!

Help spread the excitement about VDBA by "checking in" and tagging us in your social media posts and photos when you visit the grounds!

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It is only through the passage of the seasons, the recurrent rhythms of light and dark, reflections in states of repose, and the glories of regeneration that individuals connect to the pattern and structure of living in a sentient world.

Johann van der Brohe