



VAN DER BROHE ARBORETUM AND BIRD SANCTUARY NEWSLETTER

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CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS COMPLETED

In addition to the activities facilitating the annual spring tree planting, the Arboretum has seen much activity this summer as various contractors have completed several keynote projects on the grounds. We remain so very appreciative of the donors and sponsors who have facilitated the realization of these truly iconic installations.

WEST PROPAGATION CENTER: The Ruth St. John and John Dunham West Foundation, Inc., a magnanimous local philanthropy, elected to honor Van der Brohe Arboretum with a grant for construction of the West Propagation Center. This building will be the operational heart of the Arboretum. The extensive sheltered porch area allows volunteers and visiting groups to meet and organize activities. The extensive glazing creates a good environment for propagating and transplanting plant material. We will hold grafting classes in the building this spring. We will have several mobility carts arriving this year for the use of those who find our extensive trail network a bit too strenuous. These will be charged and stored in the building. The installation of utilities and final painting will complete the job when weather warms.

GEORGE E. & SUSAN E. SCHIERECK GRIMM COUNCIL CIRCLE: Mr. George Grimm has been a consistent supporter of the Arboretum’s activities. This year, he sponsored both the Council Circle and the Ivy Walls. The Council Circle is a traditional Midwestern landscape feature with a heritage based in Native American culture. The seating area is composed of locally-quarried Valders Limestone, with highlights of Bluestone making up the compass rose.

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The West Propagation Center at Van der Brohe Arboretum. View more photos on our website.

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The angles of the solstice will be engraved on the floor. The central fire ring is to be used with propane. Those wishing to do so should contact the Arboretum Director or Coordinator. The paving stones making up the floor of the Council Circle are available for sponsorship. Several have already been sponsored, and we await a few more before having the engraver set up on site. Apologies to those waiting to see your sentiments etched in stone.

IVY WALLS: The four striking Ivy Walls stand in dramatic echelon on a slope in the Schweiger Prairie. As the prairie will remain free of trees, these “artificial trees” will be highly visible from almost all points of the Arboretum. Each wall has been planted with a different climbing ivy which will eventually cover the face, providing habitat and forage for a variety of bird species. The ivies include Boston, Englemann, Wild Grape, and very prolific clipping from an urban building in Tomah.

The Arboretum is a threshold environment, celebrating the natural areas shared by both human and avian populations. The Ivy Walls exemplify this synthesis, exhibiting a constructed feature with great wildlife value.

PROPAGATION FIELD: JIM & BARBEE LESTER have been very generously facilitating the purchase and planting of the trees which comprise the core of the Arboretum. Approximately 500 large trees were planted this past year—most shipped from New York state. Additionally, over 250 small trees, mostly from Oregon, were planted in the Propagation Field. In this protected setting, trees will be nurtured until they reach a stature with a better expectation of survival. It is expected that a period of 5 years will be required for the trees to graduate. It has been demonstrated that impatience does not accelerate tree growth.

eBIRD RESULTS

With the inception of the Arboretum and Bird Sanctuary, a means of tracking the density and variety of birds utilizing the site was researched. It became apparent that the website maintained by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, eBird.org, was an existing platform which suited our interests perfectly. Birders voluntarily report their sightings throughout the year.

This year over 133 species were observed on the grounds, a marked increase from the +/- 70 in 2019. VDBA sincerely thanks those birdwatchers who provide the metrics validating our efforts, as well as the Cornell Lab for all they do.

Visit VDBA's hotspot on eBird for bird counts and photos

<https://ebird.org/wi/hotspot/L13731461>



George E. & Susan E. Schiereck Grimm Council Circle.

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Ivy Walls.

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Bill Paddy transfers trees to the Propagation Field.

John Durbrow



Lester Forest Marker.

John Durbrow

NEW FACES AT VDBA

Van der Brohe Arboretum and Bird Sanctuary is very pleased to announce the addition of **KRANDIN ZELINSKE** to our staff. Krandin will join us as Administrative Assistant, bringing an increased level of professionalism to the organization.

She is available as another point of contact for VDBA at coordinator@vanderbrohearboretum.org.

Krandin lives in Two Rivers in close proximity to the grounds. She enjoys the outdoors, photography, and horses, as well as spending time with her husband and three young children. She and her family love visiting the Arboretum and walking the trails.

Krandin's wonderful photography can be seen on our website, social media, and our marketing, including this newsletter.



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TWO RIVERS HIGH SCHOOL AIDS WITH DONOR RECOGNITION MARKERS

The Arboretum has several points of contact with the Two Rivers High School. **RAIDERS MANUFACTURING**, an initiative conducted by **JUSTIN CASPER** to introduce verisimilitude to the educational component of his shop classes, creates the sponsor recognition markers seen on the site. We give the students an A+.

2023 GARDEN CRAWL & WINE TASTING

You all were great in making the August 26 Garden Crawl a resounding success! We extend sincere appreciation to the attendees, to **A. CHAPPA** and other sponsors, and to the volunteers who contributed towards a delightful celebration of the grounds and the mission of VDBA.

Many stepped up with door prize donations and wine tasting glasses with our logo were generously donated by **DENNY RICHMOND** of Two Rivers.

We were pleased to meet so many new visitors to the trails that evening and very happy to see many familiar friends. Attendance was 50% higher than in 2022. You are all very generous to support the development of the organization—you inspire us to do more!

We'd also like to congratulate those who won door prizes: Connie R.: A birch tree donated by **SILVER CREEK NURSERY** with planting donated by **KULPA'S TREE SERVICE**, Gary O: A case of wines featured that evening; and Jeannette R.: Packers tickets.



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Sponsor recognition marker by Raiders Manufacturing.



Amy Pace

Wine tasting glasses donated by Denny Richmond.

WETLAND RESTORATION

The **MANITOWOC COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION SERVICE** is preparing plans for a comprehensive wetland restoration and remediation in the south-east quadrant of the Arboretum grounds. This area had been disrupted by drainage tiles and spoils piles over the years. The proposed plans will feature very observable distinct types of wetlands with their associated plant colonies, making this installation an invaluable resource for the observation and understanding of these ecotypes. This work will be undertaken in conjunction with an overall site water management plan. We thank **DAVE WETENKAMP** and **ERIC OPPERMAN** for their enthusiasm for this project.

GRAFTING CLASSES OFFERED

We are very excited to announce that **JEFF EDGAR**, owner of Silver Creek Nursery and member of the VDBA Advisory Board, will be teaching tree grafting classes at the Arboretum on Saturday, March 2, 2024 in the West Propagation Center. Two sessions are scheduled, one at 10:00 am and one at 2:00 that afternoon.

Jeff is the only nurseryman on the planet authorized to take scion from a donor tree whose provenance can be traced back to those planted by John Chapman, a.k.a. Johnny Appleseed. He is the sole producer of "Johnny Appleseed" apple trees for the Educational Center and Museum in Urbana, Ohio.

All supplies and stock will be supplied. Each participant will leave with three potted grafted trees, two from the Johnny (Chapman) Appleseed tree plus another apple or flowering crab. Cost per person is \$135. Class size is limited to 6 people. Advance registration is required. Visit vanderbrohearboretum.org/grafting to sign up.

2024 TREE SALE TO COMMENCE FEB 26

Van der Brohe Arboretum will conduct our Annual Tree Sale in spring of 2024. Once again, we will be offering a great variety of high quality trees and shrubs at fabulous prices. There will be two classes of trees offered: *Field Direct* and *Preselect*. The *Field Direct* list will feature larger trees which will be dug as ordered in any quantity desired. Orders for this class will need to be submitted before April 12. Orders for plants in the *Preselect* category may be placed until April 26. All trees will be delivered to the VDBA parking lot for pick up on May 4. The sale will begin and lists will be posted on the VDBA website on February 26. Pass the word to friends, so they will not be left disappointed.



John Durbrow

Restored wetlands could attract more migratory birds.



Courtesy of Jeff Edgar

Jeff Edgar poses with the last recognized "Johnny Appleseed" tree in Ohio.



Watch for our Spring Tree Sale mailer!

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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