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Have Plants to Share?

Seedlings
Perennial divisions from your garden
Plants you purchase to donate

Please bring plants in clean pots and
clearly labeled

Drop off at the greenhouse

May 11, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

May 12, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Or leave on the North side of
greenhouse

Need pots for perennial divisions?

Contact Don at
the_grey_haired_guy@hotmail.com

What a great way to help raise funds
for NPBGS!

Thank You!



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SATURDAY,
MAY 13TH
8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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**Northern Plains Botanic Garden Society's
mission is to establish and operate a
regional botanic garden, conservatory
and arboretum in Fargo.**

**Thank you
Outgoing Board Members!**

Joshua Cook
Ann Riley

We greatly appreciate your
leadership and dedication in
helping to grow the botanic
garden in north Fargo.

We also wish to thank
Mary Beyer
For remaining until a new board
member can be found for her
expired position.

Board News

New Board Member Conrad Klinkhammer



Conrad J. Klinkhammer is the co-founder of *Fargo Meets Japan* with his wife Minami Klinkhammer. He studied Japanese at Minnesota State University Moorhead before attending Kanda University of International Studies near Tokyo. He returned to the Fargo area in 2011. Conrad is a Realtor at Berkshire Hathaway Homeservices Premier Properties and operates a Bookkeeping Company with his wife Minami. Conrad has recently joined the board of the NPBGS to help tie the Japanese and Japan-enthusiast community into the Hina Doll Festival, the Japanese Garden, and beyond.

Membership Committee

First, **Thank You** renewing members and **Welcome** new members. We are grateful for your support. Memberships help with general operating expenses, including purchasing plants for our beautiful botanic gardens.

The membership Committee's 2023 goal is to substantially increase memberships. With more public awareness of the gardens, the Edible Forest, and the ongoing construction of the Japanese Garden, we are hopeful that more visitors will feel the need to support the garden with a membership.

To become a member or to renew a membership:

- Visit our website at www.npbgs.org
- Send a check to NPBGS, PO Box 3031, Fargo ND 58108-3031. Please note "membership" on the check. Membership forms and membership levels are on our website.

Annual Meeting and 25th Anniversary Celebration

This year the Northern Plains Botanic Garden Society marked 25 years of existence with a festive Annual Meeting held at the Rourke Art Gallery and Museum in Moorhead. The event was well attended with Chiwon Lee, founding member, and many past members as well as current members and guests in attendance. Cynthia Herfindahl created special leaf-shaped cookies for the refreshment table, which also included vegetable sushi and other Japanese delicacies. Sarah Coomber played the koto, the official instrument of Japan.

Sadafumi Uchiyama, our Japanese Garden designer, presented a talk and slide show of the Portland Japanese Garden and explained the importance of the healing effects of visiting a Japanese Garden.

Minami Klinkhammer explained the meaning of the Hina Doll display in the upstairs gallery, pointing out the purpose for each of the figures and their significance in the Hina Doll Festival held each year in Japan to honor girls.

The business meeting took place after the presentations. The Minutes of the 2022 Annual Meeting and the Treasurer's Report were approved and accepted.

President Jerry Raguse began by thanking Lisa Brown for her hard work in assembling the [Annual Report](https://www.npbgs.org/organization-information), which is here : <https://www.npbgs.org/organization-information>. He also recognized all past board members and volunteers for their service.

Theresa Jesten, Secretary, recognized outgoing board members Joshua Cook and Ann Riley for their service. Mary Beyer was also thanked for being willing to serve beyond her term until a new board member can be found. Conrad Klinkhammer was welcomed as a new board member.

Lisa Brown and Vern Hunter were recognized with Certificates of Appreciation for their hard work and dedication to the Society.



25th Anniversary and Annual Meeting Attendees



Sarah Coomber playing the koto, a Japanese instrument



Cynthia Herfindahl created leaf-shaped cookies



Sadafumi Uchiyami addressing the audience



Minami Klinkhammer explains the meaning of the different figures in the Hina Doll display to guests



Ann Riley presents Certificate of Appreciation to Lisa Brown for her never-ending energy in support of NPBGS over the years, from grant writing to gardening and much more.



Ann Riley presents Certificate of Appreciation to Vern Hunter for his leadership and especially for his dedication and hard work to make the Japanese Garden a reality.

Garden Plans for Spring and Summer

Japanese Garden Progress

Construction contracts for phase two of the Japanese Garden have been awarded to Earthwork Services Inc. for \$46,339.00, and to S & S Landscaping Co. Inc. for \$48,565.00.

The contract with Earthwork Services Inc. includes grading the site using existing soil material to the contoured elevations designed by MBN Engineers. The grading work includes storm water retention ponds as required by the City of Fargo.

The contract with S & S Landscaping Co. Inc. includes lawn seeding, an irrigation system, and an aggregate pathway system.

Fundraising for the Japanese Garden project is ongoing, and we still need to raise 30% more for Phase 2 construction. For more information and to donate, please visit our [Japanese Garden Capital Campaign](https://www.npbgs.org/japanese-garden-capital-campaign) webpage: <https://www.npbgs.org/japanese-garden-capital-campaign> (or scan the QR code below).



Volunteer Opportunities

Help the Garden Grow! Volunteers are vital to the continued growth of the Northern Plains Botanic Garden Society.

Many opportunities to fit your talents are available including:

Gardening, Construction/Maintenance, Special Events

Committees—Membership, Public Relations, Programs & Events

Summer is the time to volunteer in the gardens to help keep them looking beautiful. We also need committee members.

To join our volunteers please visit our website at www.npbgs.org to request that someone contact you. You may also send an email to annr56@aol.com.

**Come join our fun volunteers
and make some new friends!**

Other Garden Plans

A new **Herb Garden** is in the planning stages. NPBGS members Denise Quick and Ruth Morton are designing an herb garden that will include, medicinal, culinary and dye plants. Once established, the plants can be used for workshops explaining their uses as well as how to grow them.

The bark paths in the **Chrysanthemum Garden** will be replaced with the same gravel used in the other paths throughout the garden, making the garden more accessible and easier to maintain. This will also create a nice contrast to set off the planted areas.

The **Woodland Garden** will be further developed with the addition of new wildflowers scattered throughout and near the path for easy visibility and identification. Many will be spring bloomers to bring early color to the garden, when few plants are in bloom. The **pollinator beds** and the **Rain Garden** will also have more plants added.

The contract gardeners have already started working in the gardens and especially in the greenhouse, where new organizing ideas are being implemented. Preparations for the Spring Plant Sale have begun and a few very hardy plants are already growing in pots the greenhouse.



Blue Cohosh



Prairie Smoke



First garden workday
with contract gardener
Gail

Memberships Donations Memorials

Memberships, Donations, Memorials and Grants received November 1, 2022 through April 15, 2023

MEMBERSHIP

Terry Adams & Naomi Nakamoto
Candace Allen
Linda Anderson
Margaret Armstrong-Law
Mamie Baker
Dollie & Robert Becklund
Mary Beyer
Sue Bennet-Coyne
Caroline & Lauren Brorby
Lisa Brown
Nicole Brownlow
Mark Chekola
Anita Dobbs
John Dokken
Mim Flecca
Char-Marie Fleming
Toni Gredesky
Connie Grondahl
Vern & DiAnn Hunter
Dan & Nancy Johnson
Eithnea Killellea
Michelle Kleim
Conrad & Minami Klinkhammer
George & Annette LaPalm
Mary Leff
Judy Maxson
Shirley McCaslin
Ruth Morton
Sue & Barry Nelson
Karen Olson
Judy Pacella
Pegi Palmes
Tim & Jane Pettinger
Tom & Joyce Pettinger
Cynthia Phillips
Tom Reiffenberger
Dora Rooke
Kris & Shaun Schipper
John & Linda Schultz
Matt Sorenson
Pauline Spencer
Julia Trujillo
Sam & Coralie Wai
Jim Walla
Gail Wanek
Barbara Weatherston
Arielle Windham
Linda Worner
Brenda Youngquist

DONATIONS

Kent Anderson
Mary Beyer
Sarah Bosak
Ann Braaten
Lisa Brown
Donna Chalimonczyk
Sarah Coomber
Anita Dobbs
Sandra Fleming
Patricia Grimson
Sharon Gully
Cynthia Herfindahl
Dale E. Herman
Wendell & Sue Herman
Emily Hilgers
Sybil & David Hopkins
Deborah Hunter
Vern & DiAnn Hunter
Tom & Gerry Kennedy
John Kippen
Emily Kulland
Larry & Jane Lamont
Donald Larew
Chiwon Lee
Gary & Marilyn Litt
Donna Maston
Shirley McCaslin & John Peterson
Wilma Jean McDonald
Carolyn Monzingo
Ruth Morton
Marjorie Olson & Chris Michalski
Janet Pelton
Mavis Pomeroy
Lou Richardson
Denis & Nelson Richardson
Ann & Tom Riley
Kris & Shaun Schipper
John & Linda Schultz
Morrie Schwinden
James & Jan Ullferts Stewart
Gin Templeton
Gail Wanek
Brent & Sherri Wien
Marilyn Woods
Linda Worner
Edward Zvirovski
John Zvirovski

BUSINESSES

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MEMORIALS

In Memory of Marjorie Brown
Ann & Tom Riley
John Zvirovski
In Memory of Peggy Gaynor
Jean B. Anderson
Lisa Brown
Bonnie Gates
Vern & DiAnn Hunter
Tom & Ann Riley

Vern & DiAnn Hunter
In Memory of Eileen Sauter
Lisa Brown
In Memory of Don Rusness
Tom & Ann Riley
In Memory of Allen Stremick
In Memory of Bryce Mink
In Memory of Royce Smith
In Memory of Thomas McDonald

**Thank you for your continued support
though memberships and donations!**

**Because of Bell Bank's
five year
commitment of support,
the Edible Forest is growing.
Thank you, Bell Bank!**

**Thank You
West Acres Development LLP
For your continued support**

GRANTS

The Barry Foundation, West Fargo High and Fargo North High Philanthropy & Youth Committees
William and Anna Jane Schlossman Fund, FM Area Foundation, as recommended by Carol & Brad Schlossman
Alex Stern Family Foundation



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1-7pm

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Calendar of Events

May 13 **Spring Plant Sale**

8 am—1 pm

May 20 **Hello Spring**, Rheault Farm

1—4 pm

June 1

NPBGS Volunteer Appreciation Social,

6—8 pm

June 21 **Pollinator Party**,

Baker Garden & Gift

4—8 pm

The Market at West Acres

June 3, 10, 17 Pre-season Market Days

June 20 Market officially opens

Tuesday & Thursdays: 9 am—5 pm

Saturdays: 9 am—3 pm

NPBGS will attend every Saturday

June thru October