



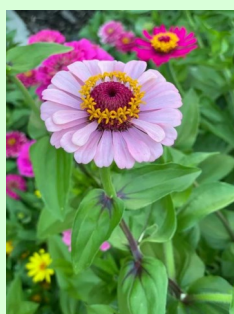
# News and Views From The Gardens

Spring 2022

Civitati Faventes Horti

Volume 25, Issue 1

Inside This Issue:	Page
President's Message	2
Volunteering	2
Membership	2
Garden Notes	3
Volunteer opportunities	4
Market @ West Acres	4
Upcoming Events	4



## SPRING PLANT SALE

**NPBGS Greenhouse**  
1211 28th Ave. N  
Fargo

**Saturday, May 14<sup>TH</sup>**  
8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**PERENNIALS, ANNUALS, WILDFLOWERS,  
VEGETABLES, HERBS, SHRUBS**

*Locally grown*

**Prices range from \$2 - \$7 for most plants.**  
**Checks, Cash, Credit Cards Accepted.**

**Proceeds benefit the**  
**Northern Plains Botanic Garden Society**

[www.npbgs.org](http://www.npbgs.org)

*...promoting community through gardening since 1998...*

## Member of the Year Award

At the March 2022 NPBGS Annual Meeting, Audrey Cook was announced as the NPBGS 2021 Member of the Year award recipient. The inscription on the plaque contained the wording "... for her outstanding website and social media work, enthusiasm, and gracious service."

Audrey was instrumental in updating the NPBGS website specific to our non-profit organization. The process was time-consuming for having data moved to the new website, preparing a stunning landing page, developing and updating many pages so they were more user-friendly and accessible.

The new website allows us to track and analyze data such as site traffic so we can optimize our reach to the public. Updates and improvements continue to be made. Audrey devoted, and continues to devote, many hours to this task.

On April 19, President Jerry Raguse and Nominating Committee Chair Ann Riley presented the plaque, check and book to Audrey.

## Congratulations Audrey!



President Jerry Raguse presents MOY plaque to Audrey Cook



Nominating Committee chair Ann Riley presenting check and book to Audrey Cook



**Northern Plains  
Botanic Garden Society  
Newsletter**

Ruth Morton, Editor

\*\*\*\*\*

**Published by**  
**Northern Plains Botanic Garden Society**  
**P.O. Box 3031**  
**Fargo, ND 58108-3031**  
E-mail: [info@npbotanicgarden.com](mailto:info@npbotanicgarden.com)  
Website: [npbgs.org](http://npbgs.org)

\*\*\*\*\*

**Board of Directors**  
Jerry Raguse President  
Joshua Cook, Vice President  
Teresa Jesten, Secretary  
Ruth Morton, Treasurer  
Mary Beyer  
Marissa Gapp  
Ann Riley  
Matt Sorenson  
Barbara Villella

\*\*\*\*\*

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

## President's Message

With the promise of spring and the gardens starting to come alive, it promises to be another exciting year at the Garden. Our three contract gardeners are busy, in between snows, cleaning up the winter mess and prepping the gardens for our visitors. Even though they are busy, we can always use volunteer help at the Garden, as well as with special events and at the farmers market at West Acres. Perhaps you would like to help out by serving on one of our committees. You can find a list of volunteer activities on our website under the 'Join and Give' tab and then the 'Volunteer' tab.

I would also like to congratulate Audrey Cook as this year's recipient of Member of the Year. She has done a wonderful job of creating and maintaining our new website. If you have not visited it yet, please do. It contains a lot of information as well as a virtual tour of the gardens.

So as the weather improves, visit the gardens as often as your time permits and look for changes in the gardens as new flowers bloom, tour the edible forest, or help out to make the gardens a Fargo destination.

Jerry Raguse  
President

## Membership & Volunteers

### Membership

**Thank You** to all renewing members. We are very grateful for your continued support. Also, we welcome our **New** members. Memberships help with our general operating expenses including purchasing new varieties of plants.

There are two easy ways to become a member or to renew your membership: Online at [www.npbgs.org](http://www.npbgs.org). This is a fast and easy option. Or send a check to NPBGS, PO Box 3031, Fargo ND 58108-3031, with a notation of *(New) Membership for 2022*. Including a membership form is appreciated.

As a reminder for lapsed members who wish to renew, here are the membership categories:

Bulb (student) \$10, Stem (Individual) \$20, Vine (family) \$35, Flora (Supporter) \$100, Garden (Sustaining) \$250, Arbor (Patron) \$500, Lifetime \$1000

I look forward to hearing from you, and actually seeing you, at some time in the near future. Summer is just around the corner!

Ann Riley  
Chair, Membership & Volunteer Committee

### Volunteers Needed for NPBGS

First off, a huge **THANK YOU** to all of our wonderful volunteers who have chosen to help, especially in the Botanic Garden. We value you ALL!

The NPBGS certainly cannot survive without help from volunteers. **We need more!** I encourage you to consider volunteering for this awesome organization. There are many more ways to become involved with NPBGS than to help specifically in the gardens. Please check our web site [www.npbgs.org](http://www.npbgs.org) for other opportunities. Your efforts could contribute in so many ways.

More committee members are needed on the *Membership & Volunteer Committee, Programs & Events Committee, Public Relations Committee and Finance Committee*. Help may also be needed with manual work in the Japanese Garden area this summer.

If interested, please contact me – Ann Riley at [annr56@aol.com](mailto:annr56@aol.com) – and I will direct you to the appropriate contact person for a specific area of your choice.

Thank you for your consideration.

Ann Riley



## Garden Notes

### Japanese Garden Phase Two is in Progress

With completion last summer of the flagstone path leading to the Japanese Gate on 28<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, Phase One of the Japanese garden is primarily complete with appropriate planting, raked gravel dry ponds and waterfall, and a Japanese bridge. Phase One is an “entrance dry garden,” with the majority of the Japanese Garden to be built on the North side of the entrance gate.

The Second Phase involves grading the site following the plan designed by Sadafumi Uchiyama, our Japanese Garden designer and builder from Portland Oregon. Once the earthwork is complete and groundcover takes hold, pathways will be built.

As part of the grading plan, the City of Fargo requires a permit process for a storm water mitigation plan including water holding ponds. The completed engineering mitigation plan has been approved by the City of Fargo and the Park District. Contractor proposals are being sought for the earthwork and grant proposals have been submitted to help fund this work.

There is a time limit on the City approval, so it is imperative that funds be secured in a timely manner so that Phase Two can begin this summer. A promotional brochure has been designed for the Society by the **Good For Nothing** Marketing team, who donated their time and talents, to help with this effort.

Any donors wishing to contribute to the Japanese Garden fund should indicate this preference on their donation form or check.

Thank you to the “Good For Nothing” Marketing Team,  
Paige Johnson, Danyel Moe, Benjamin Lamb,  
Anders Johnson  
for designing the new promotional  
Japanese Garden brochure



### The Rest of the Gardens

The gardeners are eager to get busy with new garden plans! We have spent the winter months thinking up new ideas and searching for new plants to enhance the existing gardens.

**The Woodland Garden** will be a focus for renewal this season. Jim Walla has selected several interesting varieties of native shrubs and cultivars adapted to our area that will bring color in the form of early spring blooms or fall leaf color to this garden. Then wildflowers will be planted along the paths for both beauty throughout the seasons and a chance to learn about our native plants.

Lou Worner and Ruth Morton have designed a blue and yellow themed planting for the **Greenhouse** bed to honor Ukraine. New plants will also be added to the **pollinator beds** and to the **Rain Garden**.

Two stump benches that are decaying will be replaced with refurbished Park District benches and another patio set will be installed in the **Children's Garden** play area.

The statue of Alice (in Wonderland) that resided at the Atrium has been refurbished, along with the White Rabbit. These iconic figures will be placed in the letter A of the **Children's Garden**.

The base of the new stairs leading from the greenhouse patio will be enhanced with a small, central garden surrounding a large decorative pot. The vegetable garden will be used for cut flowers and herbs, with a balancing bed that will be used for dye plants. There will be many new things to see in the gardens this summer.





**Northern Plains Botanic Garden Society**  
**P.O. Box 3031, Fargo, ND 58108-3031**

NONPROFIT ORG  
U.S. POSTAGE  
PAID

Return Service Requested

### **Volunteer Opportunities At the Botanic Garden**

Mondays & Thursdays  
8:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

#### **How you can help:**

Plant seedlings in the gardens  
In May and early June  
Weed, water, trim spent blooms  
The rest of the season  
Experience not necessary,  
Training is available

### **The Market @ West Acres**

A cooperative effort between West Acres Mall  
and NPBGS.

We have a booth at the market every Saturday,  
selling flowers, jellies and herbs. Vendor booth  
fees are donated to NPBGS.

#### **Volunteer opportunity:**

Help to staff the booth for an hour or two between  
9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Saturdays  
late June to early October

Be sure to stop by and visit our  
NPBGS booth at these upcoming events:

#### **Dakota Horizons Girl Scouts' "Amplify Your Adventure"**

May 14th, 10 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Viking Ship Park, Moorhead.

#### **Fargo Park District's "Hello Spring"**

May 21, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Rheault Farm, Fargo.



- **JOIN**
- **VOLUNTEER**
- **DONATE**

*Sign Up Today!*

[www.npbgs.org](http://www.npbgs.org)

*...promoting community through gardening since 1998...*

