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Join us in celebrating
Blossom of Lights this fall.



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Letter from the Board President

Hello Garden Friends,

As we excitedly prepare for our upcoming fall event, “Blossom of Lights”, we chose the theme, “Nature. Illuminated.”, for this edition of our newsletter. Blossom of Lights will run Thursday - Saturday, October 6 - 29. This annual event will provide you the opportunity to see and experience the Gardens in a *different light*. We are excited to offer this to the community, and I hope to see you there!

The work of our Board of Directors has been *ablaze* as well. This *spark* was set in motion and discussed in last year’s fall newsletter, where I reflected on building infrastructure to support expansion and growth. Since that time, the following has occurred at the Board level. We have:

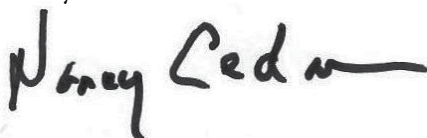
- Brought *radiant* new perspectives and skills to the Board with the addition of five talented Board members. We welcomed Ann Lucas, Paul David, Mark Munson, Tammy Stezinski and Jody Maier.
- *Cast light* on what we wish to accomplish by updating our Strategic Plan and began re-examining our Vision Statement to bring it more sharply into focus.
- Created and strengthened existing partnerships within the community to expand our resources and *how far our light travels, and who it reaches*.

Through our outstanding Executive Director, Darcie Howard, and our energetic staff team, Monk Botanical Gardens has:

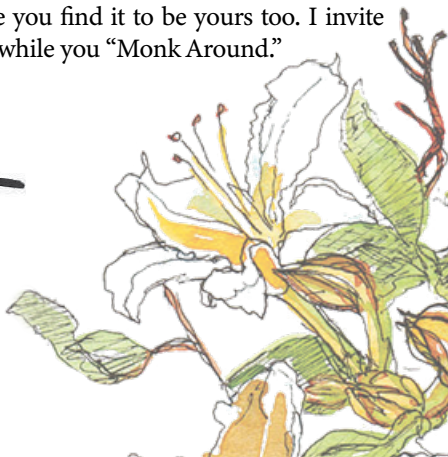
- *Brightened the lives* of over 1800 children through our Sprouts Nature Preschool, Tots in the Gardens, After School in the Gardens, and field trips from Marathon and Lincoln County schools.
- *Lit up the stage* with fabulous events and programming for all ages.
- *Shed new light* on the number of people visiting the Gardens with 38,600 visitors to date, excluding those coming for programming, with the installation of a new device.

While writing this, I gazed out from the screen porch on a summer night in Minnesota. I was captivated by the intermittent *flash* of fireflies and felt an inner *glow* that comes with a sense of connection and appreciation for the beauty of nature around me. Thank you for your support of Monk Botanical Gardens on our *lighted* journey. Growth and change to benefit the community/region are *not light years away*...it is happening **now**. As you have seen on billboards and buses, Monk Botanical Gardens is “Wausau’s Happy Place,” and I hope you find it to be yours too. I invite you to come out and *bask in nature*, while you “Monk Around.”

See you in the Gardens!



Nancy Cedar



Nancy Cedar, Board President

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NATURE. ILLUMINATED.

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As you read this, the talented staff and volunteers of Monk Botanical Gardens are hard at work pulling together an October event at the Gardens that promises to be one of the most beautiful things Wausau has ever seen: a botanical-inspired sea of special visual effects in the garden called “Blossom of Lights: Nature. Illuminated.”

Visitors to this event will see the gardens — and Wausau itself—in a whole new way as they stroll through the myriad of dramatic, artistic lights and light sculptures gracing the various spaces around 10 acres of Monk Botanical Gardens.

We have other things to share with you right now to help you see the Gardens in a new light. The last two years have been a time of incredible growth and maturation of Monk Botanical Gardens, not only in the gardens themselves, but also as an organization. And we have supporters and advocates like yourself to thank!

As of year end 2021, the Gardens has more than 434 members – a 28% increase from 2020.

More than 4,200 adults, youth and children participated in our programs in 2021. As of July 31st this year, when our high season was just beginning, more than 38,000 people already had visited the Gardens; another 2,100 adults, youth and children attended programs.

The Peter Pan in the Gardens theatre experience in July sold out. How lucky are we in Wausau to have theatre that illuminates nature, as nature illuminates theatre.

Our Sprouts Garden Preschool enrolled 26 students in its inaugural 2021-22 school year. As of this writing, 39 preschoolers are enrolled.

Every day the Gardens offers experiences big and small that illuminate nature. The first time a 4-year-old sees a bumblebee atop a purple coneflower. The challenge for Northcentral Technical College students to create metal garden sculptures that illuminate nature through art.



B L O S S O M O F L I G H T S

“These topiaries show how plants can take over a human-made sculpture and engulf it,” says Darcie Howard, Executive Director of Monk Botanical Gardens, about the metal project that will change in appearance as plants grow in and around it. “It shows the power of plants to take over something in the landscape and beautify it. This sculpture will convey a sense of fertility, integration, and create its own story.”

Blossom of Lights is designed to attract thousands of people during its month-long run, Thursdays-Saturdays in October, at the Gardens. It’s by far the biggest and most complicated single event the organization has ever created. It’s not really a leap, but more like a logical next step in our expanding endeavors to illuminate nature.

“I’m amazed that every time I go to the Gardens, it’s different,” says Nancy Cedar, board president of Monk Botanical Gardens. “It’s not a place you go to just one time and think you’ve seen it. There’s always an evolution in progress, always changes. That’s the way of nature. And to me, that’s illuminating.”

Help us continue to create exceptional experiences in the Gardens by becoming a member, donating to our annual campaign, and of course, inviting all your friends and family to Blossom of Lights. Admission by advance tickets only! Reserve your spot at MonkGardens.org/events/blossom-of-lights/

Staff Spotlight

As the Gardens continues to grow, so does our staff. *Written by Jim Force*



Megan Johnson
Volunteer Coordinator

Megan brings a passion for sustainability to her position as Volunteer Coordinator and Administrative Assistant. She started with the Gardens last March after serving as a Community Engagement Specialist at the Marshfield Clinic. As a master's student at UW-Stevens Point, she worked with the Central Rivers Farmshed, helping with farmers markets, event planning and grant writing while studying sustainable and resilient food systems.

At the Gardens, she is responsible for growing and maintaining the volunteer list and recruiting volunteers for the many tasks associated with the Gardens—from helping with events to weeding and planting and everything in between.

Her administrative duties include rental of the facilities, correspondence, answering the phone, acknowledging donors and contributors, billing, and marketing.

What impresses her about the Gardens?

She enjoys talking to volunteers, especially folks who have a long history of helping the Gardens prosper. And the property is special to her. “I like all the different areas we have,” she says. “We are able to be open to the public, as well as offer private programs.

“It’s a true community space.”



Alicia Reimann
Assistant Preschool Teacher

Alicia brings 13 years of experience in public education to her position of Assistant Preschool Teacher at the Gardens. It’s a part-time position (September to May) but critical to the Sprouts program which brings young people into contact with nature and the wonders of the outdoor world.

“I will be supporting the lead teacher in the Sprouts program,” she says. “The classes include students who range in age from 3-5 years old.” The assignment includes helping to lead course content and lesson plans for the morning and afternoon sessions, and guiding students in their learning about nature.

While it’s her first job at the Gardens, it’s hardly her first exposure to environmental education for young people. She has three children (ages 13, nine and two), and she lives outside of town on a hobby farm, in close touch with our natural surroundings.

Alicia hopes to transfer her love for nature and the Gardens to her new students. “We just love the Gardens,” she says. “The Treehouse, the flowers, the setting, the peace and comfort.”

She’s looking forward to what she calls “a child-led experience.”



Sarah Loth

Assistant Preschool Teacher

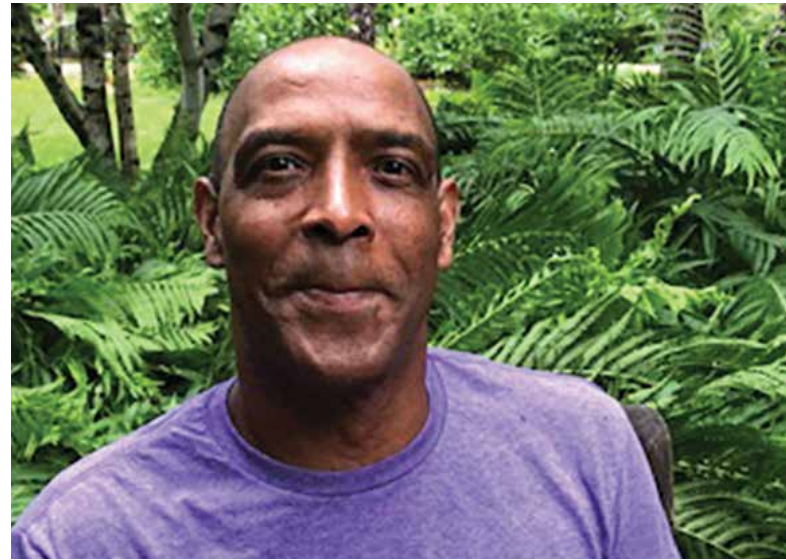
When Sarah Loth moved to Wausau she looked around the community for opportunities to involve her children in outdoor education. Ultimately, she discovered the Monk Botanical Gardens, and now is an Assistant Preschool Teacher in the Gardens' Sprouts education program for 3–5-year-olds.

"I'm extremely impressed with how far the Gardens have come since we moved here in 2017," she says. "Especially in programing, and not just for children. There are educational opportunities for families, the community, scout groups, and more."

She worked in child care while a student in college, and now has children of her own. When her youngest was three, she helped create a nature cooperative for youngsters.

She says her job with the Gardens will be to help develop content and curriculum, work with other staff, and create a safe and educational environment for the children who are enrolled.

This will be her first year as an assistant at the Gardens. Last year, she served as a substitute teacher.



Tyrone Lane

Groundskeeper

When you come out to the Monk Gardens, you can't help but notice the landscaping, the weeded beds, the mowed fields, the neat walkways.

It's the work of Tyrone Lane, who joined the Gardens staff earlier this summer as Groundskeeper, responsible for keeping the acreage well-maintained and pleasant to visit.

"Working outdoors is a blessing," he says. "This is a fun job; I really like it."

Tyrone is from Pennsylvania, but spent most of his recent years in Utah. He relocated to Wausau, taking courses at Rasmussen College. When he saw the landscaping position offering at the Gardens, he jumped at it.

"I fell in love with Wausau," he says. "It's a kind community. People help each other."

He says a typical day involves, weed whacking, staining benches and tables, mowing the grass, and keeping the plants and flower beds in good shape. A current project is getting the large parcel in front of the Gardens along Campus Drive in tip-top shape.

This winter, he'll be responsible for snow removal. It's safe to say he'll be attacking that job with the same enthusiasm.



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Hands on Plants **FALL WORKSHOPS**



Relax at the Gardens with a glass of wine & light refreshments while you get your hands on plants this season! All workshops end with you taking home your creation. Additional dates for especially popular classes have been added! To register go to monkgardens.org/education/adult-programs/

November 15 & 16: PORCH POTS
November 22 & 23: WREATH MAKING
November 29 & 30: GNOMES

December 6 & 7: KISSING BALLS
December 13: HOLIDAY CENTERPIECES



Illuminate Your Garden in All Seasons

*Written by Marissa Ashbeck,
Horticulture & Grounds Manager*

As the season winds down and the leaves start to turn, don't see autumn as an end but as a new opportunity in your garden! We have worked hard all season to reap the benefits of what we have sown. Whether taking in the last few blossoms, harvesting, canning, preserving, drying or cleaning up our yards for the upcoming season, let's take time to reflect upon this season. How can you bring life into your home during the fall and winter?



As the temperatures decrease and the frost blankets the landscape, think about projects you may want to attempt throughout the winter. You can start preparing now. Try pressing or drying flowers and leaves for crafting in the long, dreary months ahead. By drying herbs, vegetables, and fruits, you can craft tasty morsels in your cozy kitchen. I am sure that many of us have hit the "harvest wall" and cannot can one more jar, but think about how wonderful these preserves will be to enjoy this winter. If you are not a canner, try freezing the piles of squash that are waiting to be harvested. You put in all of the time to grow these items, and now it's time to bring them back to life during the winter.

To preserve the flowers that have blossomed, consider selectively cutting some of them to use in a dried arrangement or preserving them in silica sand for later use. The others can stand through the winter to provide interest in the landscape, along with providing food and habitat for the birds and insects. As you go around your garden one last time before winter, observe areas that could use more fall bloomers or plants that can stand through the snow, and plan to plant this spring. The opportunities are endless. Illuminate your garden in all seasons.

Volunteer Spotlight

Amanda Bagnall-Newman

Written by Jim Force

Amanda Bagnall-Newman grew up in the tourist country of Door County, Wisconsin, but likes the local focus of activities here in Wausau—especially the programs at the Monk Botanical Gardens.

She's an active volunteer, donating her skills as a graphic artist and marketing pro to the upcoming "Blossom of Lights" event in the Gardens this coming October. She's also mastered drink pouring at various social events at the Gardens and she looks forward to spending more time learning about gardening.

"I'm the opposite of a Green Thumb," she says, confessing that most of what she plants "dies immediately."

The Gardens is a safe space to learn from people who know better, she says. "It's an awesome community resource. I'm learning a lot about what it takes to run a non-profit organization. It's amazing that people give back as much as they do."



A graphic artist for Connexus Credit Union, she has been a volunteer for just over a year. While that's not a lot of time, her marketing and graphics influence will be a significant factor in the success of this fall's Blossom of Lights event, which will brighten the Gardens on Thursday through Saturday nights throughout October.

"I'm super excited to see how it turns out," she says.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR BLOSSOM OF LIGHTS

We are seeking volunteers before, during and after the event! If you, your business or community group would like to volunteer to help the night of, for set up prior to the event or break down of the event please contact Megan at mjohnson@monkgardens.org or 715-261-6309.

Lighting the Way for Their Community

Written by Megan Johnson

Take a walk through the Gardens in spring and summer and you will hear the chirping of birds, the buzzing of bees, and the hum of VOLUNTEERS working diligently.

The Gardens has been alive with energy and excitement, and our volunteers are no exception in adding to the flurry of activity happening. Their dedication is felt throughout the grounds as they help with projects both seen and “unseen” by visitors. Here are just a few of the ways volunteers have contributed to the Gardens over the last few months.



Volunteers have been busy in Sara’s Garden! They installed the last of the soil on the hugelkultur berm and added perennials and mulch. Hugelkultur is a German word meaning “mound culture” and is a type of raised bed. Layering different types of plant debris creates a raised bed and ultimately decreases the amount of soil required. Volunteers also installed a majestic topiary horse (donated by Evolutions in Design) that now stands atop the berm, greeting passersby.

Another special spot in the Gardens is Herbie’s Garden. Through the efforts of interns and volunteers, visitors will now appreciate an updated path through this area containing over 100 plant varieties within its perimeter alone. Volunteers added new mulch and uncovered even more plants that are now identified and labeled.



Another place in the Gardens where you may spot volunteers is the Kitchen Garden! These steadfast volunteers stood by their adopted garden plot month after month, caring for the seedlings that grew into flourishing plants. The Kitchen Garden is a splendor for visitors and an important part of our environmental education programs.

Many other groups also joined us in the Gardens this year including Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, Connexus Credit Union, Liberty Mutual, North Central Wisconsin Master Gardeners, North Central Health Care’s Teen Volunteer Group, St. Mark’s NCIS: Wausau (Neighborhood Catholics in Service), and Wipfli. They left no task unturned and assisted with numerous activities including garden cleanup, planting, harvesting, and preschool play yard improvements.

Volunteers were also crucial to the success of our annual events. They helped at Holi (hosted by Indian Society of Central Wisconsin), Booze & Botany, and Theatre in the Gardens. They offered invaluable assistance to chefs and mixologists at Booze & Botany, led cheerful children in crafts at Peter Pan, ushered cars to parking, checked tickets at the front gate and so much more.

Our volunteers include community members of all ages, backgrounds, and interests. Some come individually and others in a group but all become a part of the Gardens, both its history and its future. We are grateful for our volunteers and all we will continue to accomplish together. Their commitment to keeping the Gardens beautiful lights the way for visitors and community members to see the unique place we have right here in Wausau.

Sparking Community Connections

Wausau's Happy Place is committed to being an integral part of this community through partnerships that provide unique opportunities to engage visitors. We strive to deliver diverse experiences that illuminate the Gardens' beauty. This summer, we "sparked" several new relationships and experiences.

Our House Assisted Living

Throughout the spring and summer, Gardens' education staff and interns got to know some of the residents. Residents planted herb seeds in pots to be enjoyed indoors, planted their accessible raised garden beds on the patio, and explored the Gardens on a golf cart.



Central Wisconsin Symphony Orchestra

The Central Wisconsin Symphony Orchestra (CWSO) performed three times at the Gardens this summer. String quartets played beautifully for two evenings of Yoga in the Gardens, adding to the meditative atmosphere of the weekly summer classes. As a part of their summer concert series, a CWSO brass quartet provided a standalone evening event in the Memory Plaza in August.

Boys & Girls Club of the Wausau Area

Boys & Girls Club students visited the Gardens weekly to participate in nature illuminating programs. These students made plaster animal tracks, caught and identified insects in the pond, learned about invasive plant species like buckthorn, and (their favorite) picked and tasted herbs and veggies from the Kitchen Garden! On their last visit, they discovered that the beans have fuzz on the pods that make them stick like velcro!



Northcentral Technical College (NTC) Welding Partnership

The NTC Manufacturing Camp partnered with the Gardens again to continue enhancing our sculpture garden in the Wildflower Woods. Camp participants chose to highlight the Gardens' natural life by creating a metal turtle sculpture. The shell is adorned with cutouts that can be observed from all angles. It is the perfect addition to our tree sculpture installed last season. As we move forward with this beautiful partnership, the students will keep the theme of "What is above and below you?" in mind.

The NTC Welding Department sparked a passion for welding with students attending the NTC Alternative High School by teaching the welding trade. Students took on the challenge of making a botanical-themed bike rack for the Gardens. Their creativity sprouted beautiful craftsmanship, a skill that will stay with them for years.

Season Recap



Booze & Botany

In its 4th year, this sold-out event, hosted at White-water Music Hall & Brew Works, brought together the creativity of our local mixologists and chefs, highlighting Great Northern Distillery's finest spirits.



Theatre in the Gardens

Once again, Out of the Woods Theatre presented a fantastic array of theater events, Peter Pan and Secret Garden. Coming this October is a walking theater event perfect for the whole family, The Legend of Sleepy Hollow.



Members Only Dinner in the Gardens

We love our members! To show our appreciation, this year, we offered a free Dinner in the Gardens event. Everyone enjoyed the pizza making with Politos and, of course, tasting their creations!



Planting at RiverWalk

If you haven't seen our gorgeous planted garden on RiverWalk, it is time for a river walk stroll. This was a delightful collaboration with the City of Wausau!



Summer Camp

This summer, we offered two new options for campers; a preschool-aged camp and a full-day camp for older kiddos. We almost doubled our attendance this year!

Board Spotlight

Written by Jim Force



▶ Paul David

New Board Member: Paul David

Paul David has been on the Monk Botanical Gardens' board of directors for just a few months, and has already learned so much more about the Gardens than he previously knew.

"I had no appreciation for the amount of programming the Monk Gardens is doing—particularly for kids," he says of Summer Camp for children, Tots in the Gardens, the After School programs and more.

He's also impressed with the physical development that's taken place. "It had been a couple of years since I'd been out there," he says. "It's nice to see all the progress that's been made," he adds, referring to the new gardens, plantings and structures.

Paul, Assistant General Counsel for Aspirus, was encouraged to join the board by former Monk Gardens president Bob Reinertson. He says he approaches his new assignment with a community perspective—a vision of how beneficial the Gardens can be not just to Wausau, but for communities throughout north central Wisconsin.

"There's a lot of neat stuff at the Gardens," he says. "It's unique and needs to be used and shared."



▶ Ann Lucas

New Board Member: Ann Lucas

As a new board member, Ann Lucas brings years of volunteer work and expertise in capital fund raising to the Monk Botanical Gardens.

A resident of Kronenwetter, she recently retired as Executive Director of the Sentry Insurance Foundation in Stevens Point. In her 35 years in the community, she has volunteered for a variety of non-profits, including the Woodson YMCA, the Women's Community, the Bridge Community Clinic and the Chamber of Commerce. She has also served on community planning commissions.

She'll bring that experience to the Gardens' new capital campaign, aimed at realizing our dreams for a Visitor and Education Center.

"The building will provide the Gardens with flexibility we don't have now—to move activities indoors and conduct a true year-round program," she says. "We have many, many gardeners in our area who are anxious to learn," she says of the Gardens' potential. "This is a good investment of my time."

SPROUTS EXPLORE OUR NATURAL WORLD.

New Gardens preschool program is a hit.

“I like that we get to explore, and I like playing outside with my friends, and I like going on hikes,” says Sam, one of our first group of preschool students to enroll in our Sprouts Garden Preschool program.

Sam was one of many to graduate last June as part of our first Sprouts class. It was an illuminating year filled with learning and growth for students, educators, and families alike. These young scholars and trailblazers displayed curiosity at every turn as they explored their new backyard. And our teachers met their inquisitiveness, expertly guiding students, teaching them to see the magic in nature throughout the changing seasons while also staying steadfast to core educational principles that drive learning forward. As is hoped for and perhaps expected, classmates developed strong community ties and friendships with one another. One of the most extraordinary things to spark in our first year was a sense of community amongst the families.



These families took a chance on a brand new program, and many were sending their children to school for the first time. Together, they dropped their kids off on the first day and felt all the big emotions that came with it. Together, they supported their children as they grew more confident, curious, and resilient. Together, they watched their kids walk across the “stage” and accept their awards and paper graduation caps, sparking a whole new set of big emotions as they recognized their child’s accomplishments.

Many of these families have attended Tots in the Gardens throughout the summer, maintaining friendships that had blossomed during Sprouts classes and preparing their younger children for their turn as Sprouts in the fall.

What once was a new, unfamiliar place for our young students is now a home in their learning journey. We’re looking forward to expanding our Sprouts community with lots of hands-on learning, exploration, and growth with our next crop of young students and their families this fall!

Sam and his family are eager as well. They have attended Tots in the Gardens throughout the summer, staying connected with old friends and introducing Sam’s younger sister, Norah, to the Gardens since she will be joining Sprouts in the fall.

We hope that the Gardens continues to be a home base for learning for Sprouts families and all community members, supporting learning and environmental education at any age.

Sprouts
Garden Preschool

FALL & WINTER PROGRAMS

After School in the Gardens

September 6 - October 26

Monday - Wednesday • 4:00 - 6:00 pm

After a day of in-school or virtual learning, let your kids play in the Gardens. They will explore and learn about nature with the Gardens' education staff.

Hands-on Plants

Relax in front of the fireplace in our pavilion with a glass of wine while you get your hands on plants this fall & winter! All workshops end with you taking home your creation and are led by Monk Botanical Gardens' Horticulturist, Marissa Ashbeck.

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Theatre in the Gardens: The Legend of Sleepy Hollow

October 30 • 4:00 - 8:30 pm (timed tickets)

Join Out of the Woods Theatre & Monk Botanical Gardens for a brand new haunted walking theatre experience! In this wickedly funny adaptation of Washington Irving's classic tale of superstition and village rivalry, gawky schoolmaster Ichabod Crane fancies himself a dashing, worldly man of learning, capable of winning the heart of Katrina Van Tassel. Will this beautiful daughter of a wealthy local farmer return Ichabod's affections, or does she have other ideas? What will be the outcome when Ichabod confronts his desires, fears, and of course, the Headless Horseman of Sleepy Hollow?

Luminary Walks

January 5 • 5:30 - 7:30 pm

February 14 • 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Bring your family and friends (leashed dogs are also welcome) to the Gardens for a luminary-lit walk ending at the Kitchen Garden, where you can enjoy a bonfire and hot chocolate. Bring your own marshmallows and sticks to roast over the fire. Trails are cleared for easy walking.

Garden Chat with Marissa

January - March

2nd & 4th Wednesday at 12 pm on Facebook Live

Marissa Ashbeck, Horticulture & Grounds Manager, hosts a different garden topic or Q&A session to provide you with great information about the Gardens or guidance about gardening at home.

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By including the Gardens in your will, trust, and other estate plans, you are creating an investment of a lifetime, and ensuring the Gardens' educational opportunities and beautiful designed gardens will be offered in your community for generations to come.

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To join go to <https://monkgardens.org/support/donate/support-our-mission/> and click monthly giving.



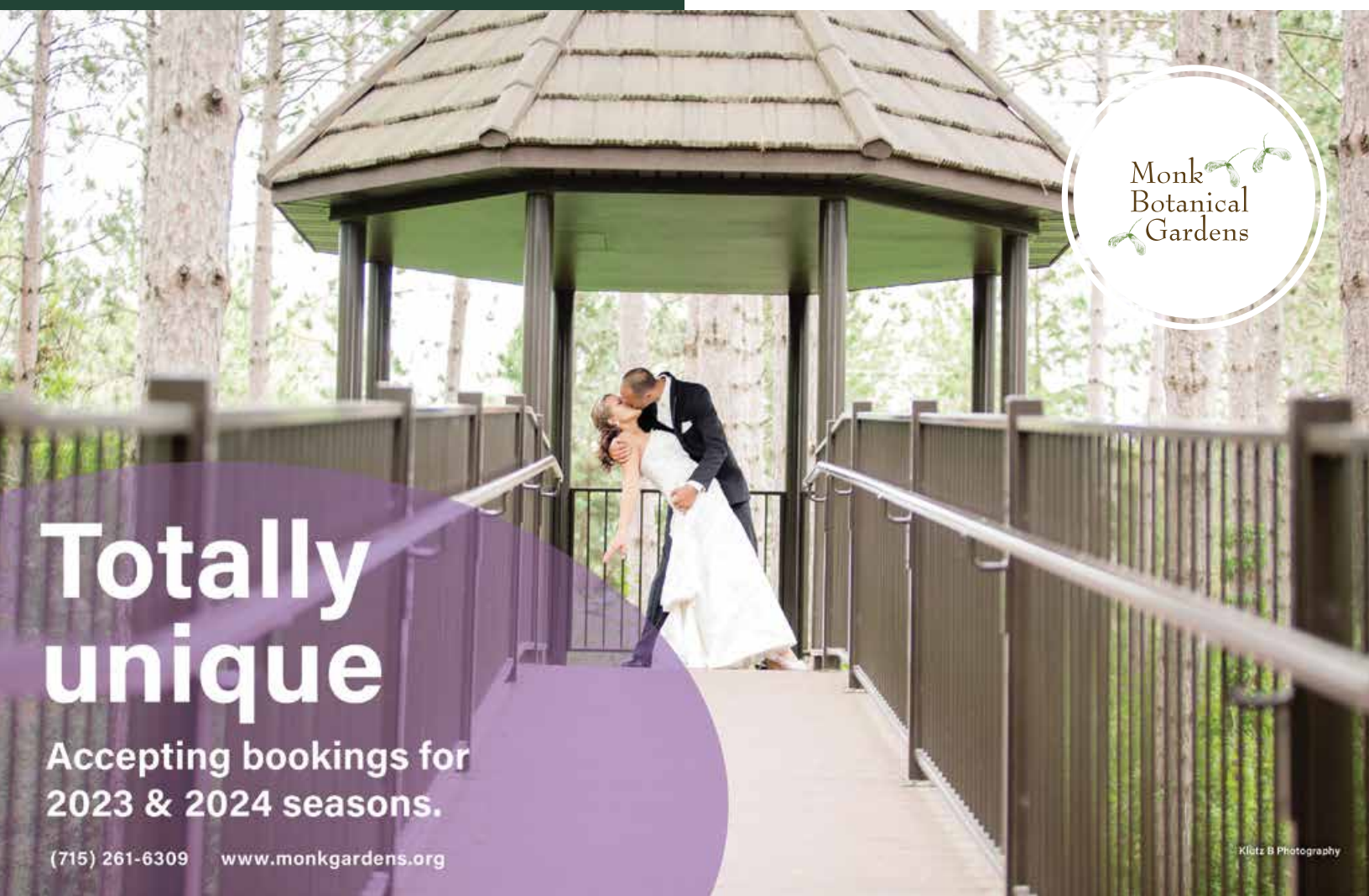
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