



Hanson's Garden Village's 2023 Spring Newsletter

Hello from Hanson's!

We are working hard to get ready for the 2023 gardening season! We started planting cuttings at the end of January and have been picking up steam as we get closer to spring. We have started growing hanging baskets and geraniums as well as our first perennial plugs and bare root.

We are still working to finish our new greenhouse structure that was started last summer. This replaces #7 and #8 greenhouses that were next to our General Store greenhouse. We hope to have it up and running in March and plan to move some of our classes to this more open location.

We are seeing increased prices on our supplies, plastics and energy bills, but we are working towards maintaining or only slightly raising prices this year. All our quart size perennials will remain the same price as 2022 as well as our 6.5" potted mixes!

Once again, we have a lot of great classes planned for this spring. Sue's Moss Basket Classes have been announced and some time slots are full, so make sure to save yourself a spot this April! Last year we grew over 200 moss baskets for our attendees. Our entire class schedule is listed below including a lot of fun, new and unique offerings. If you see a class that you want to join, but the date or time doesn't work, let us know!

We have a couple fun things happening in the coming weeks including greenhouse tours and a talk on our new and favorite plants! You must register, but there is no cost. We also have two fun St. Patrick's Day Leprechaun Garden Classes and Scavenger Hunt for kids! See more details below.



We are also super excited to collaborate with two local businesses for our Succulents, Sips and Charcuterie class!

We are now accepting pre-orders for bare root plants via phone or in-person ordering. We also have seed packets and growing mix available. Our office is open weekdays from 8:30am-5:00pm, but our General Store won't be open until late April/early May. If you need to escape the winter weather, we welcome you to stop out and visit our warm greenhouses during open hours.

Explore this newsletter for lots more information and details on all our sales, classes and events happening at Hanson's this spring!

See you soon!



Guide to Native Plants (a.k.a. Local Beings)
112 species that support clean water, wildlife habitat, and a happy soul.
By Patrick Goggin



NEW

Are you one of these?

- Home gardener
- Plant enthusiast
- Naturalist
- Teacher of native plants
- Waterfront property owner
- Pollinator lover
- Land or water resource manager

Check this out!



Access the Native Plant e-guide directly using this QR code, or visit healthylakeswi.com under Best Practices "350ft2 Native Plantings."

This e-guide seeks to show and tell the story of all the gifts these native plants give us, and contains species profile pages for 112 different plants, each including these five topic areas:

- Biology notes
- Beneficial insects and other wildlife support
- Seasonal interest notes
- Common associates the plant grows with in natural communities
- Water conservation and erosion control tips

Appendices provide assorted resources to dig deeper into native plant gardening and ecological design and restoration.

Contact the author at pgoggin@uwsp.edu.

Free Native Plant Resource Guide

Patrick Goggin of UWSP/Wisconsin Lakes Partnership spent 7 years compiling a wonderful native plant guide called: "Guide to Native Plants (a.k.a. Local Beings): 112 species that support clean water, wildlife habitat, and a happy soul."

This 160 page guide has over 400 photographs and appendices of resources related to native plant gardening and ecological restoration design and installation.

It is free and available at <https://healthylakeswi.com/.../02/NativePlantGuide-sm.pdf>

We carry most of the native plant varieties listed in the guide. **Our entire native plant list can be found here.**

104. Wild geranium
Geranium maculatum

Geranium family
Geraniaceae



Biology notes:

In Wisconsin very common except in the far north, reaching greatest abundance in woodlands, dry woods, forests and rich mesophytic habitats including sugar maple, beech and hemlock stands, most uncommon in oak-hickory, aspen birch, or white pine woods, often in shady crevices and streamside thickets as well as low floodplain forests and white cedar woods, occasionally in meadow prairies and borders of sedge meadows, somewhat weedy and thriving in open or disturbed woods, on soils ranging from dry sand through loam or clay to black muck. Usually left alone by rabbits and deer. The preference is light shade to partial sunlight, moist to slightly dry conditions, and rich loamy soil with abundant organic matter. This plant also tolerates full sunlight if there is sufficient moisture in the soil, it is one of the easier woodland species to cultivate. Each seed is packed into a pod and the pods are attached to a structure that resembles a crane's bill. As the bill dries, it literally catapults the seeds away from the parent plant. Each seed has a small tail-like structure attached to it that bends and moves in response to changes in humidity, which helps to drive the seed into the soil where it can safely germinate.

Beneficial insects & other wildlife support:

Visitors to wild geranium include moths (white-marked tussock, geranium & tobacco budworms & leaved), butterflies, skipper, blue (Spiegel & blue), and black (Lambert, Dismal, & Proctor), bugs (plant, burrowing, and stick), aphids, and assorted bees (bumble, native, small carpenter, sweat, mason, long-tongued, Halictid, and Andrena). Dark lines on the flowers act as nectar guides. It is the larval host plant for leaf-minning moths and white-marked tussock moths. Among other animals, chipmunks, squirrels, and mice eat the seeds.

Seasonal interest:

Foliage turns bright red in fall, flowers grow way to distinctive, beaked seed capsule aka crane's bill. An excellent plant to mass under trees, interplant with ferns or late-summer flowering woodland natives.

Common associates include:

Red huckleberry, woodland phlox, sweet cicely, Virginia waterleaf, wild ginger, plantain-leaved sedge, common wood violet, great white willow, and early meadow rue.

Water conservation & erosion control:

Wild geranium is a spreading ground cover appropriate in moist light conditions and all but the wettest soil sites, good border plant for woodland edges or used to access sites on shaded slopes that have dry to mesic soils. A great choice for growing in dry to mesic areas to stabilize soil and to slow down, spread out, and intercept stormwater.



Height: 18 to 24"
Width: 12 to 18"

Flower color: pink
Flowering period:
Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct



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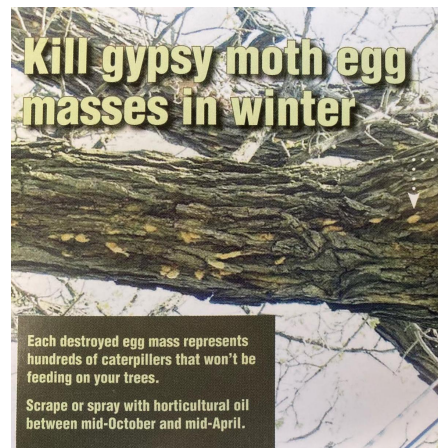
Fast facts

Spongy Moths

Do you know about Spongy Moths (formerly Gypsy Moths)? They can defoliate trees causing possible forest loss. Wisconsin is fighting to keep this invasive pest from spreading into Minnesota and states to the west.

The egg masses are easiest to identify in winter months and have a spongy texture to them. They can be found on structures as well as trees. They can be disposed of by soaking in a bucket of water or by using a horticultural oil.

More information can be found at spongymoth.wi.gov.



Kill gypsy moth egg masses in winter

Each destroyed egg mass represents hundreds of caterpillars that won't be feeding on your trees.

Scrape or spray with horticultural oil between mid-October and mid-April.

Lots of great new products are arriving for this spring! Hats and flags are now available in our office building. Garden decor, art and concrete statuary will be

available late April/early May.



2023 Event & Sale Schedule



Behind the Scenes Greenhouse Tours

Saturday, March 18th, 9am & 11am

Join us on Saturday, March 18th for free, guided greenhouse tours to break your cabin fever! Check out the new plants we are growing for 2023 and ask your spring questions.

Tours will last approximately 30 minutes. We will be walking in and out of greenhouses and on possible snow/ice/mud (weather dependent), so please be prepared.

Our office will be open for early spring purchases like seeds, soil and bare root pre-orders, but our General Store will not be stocked with plants at this time.

We are offering two time slots for tours:
9:00am & 11:00am

First Day of Spring Talk: New Plants for 2023 & Hanson's Favorite Plants

Monday, March 20th, 4:00pm

Celebrate the first day of spring with an informative talk about new plants we are excited about at Hanson's Garden Village as well as some tried and true varieties we love! Presentation should last about one hour and discussions will follow. Bring your garden questions with you! Free for attendees, but please RSVP by calling our office.

If there is interest, we can also give a greenhouse tour prior to the talk at 3pm. Let us know when you register if you are interested in taking a tour.



Early Bird Perennial Sale

April 17th-30th

April 17th-30th get 10% off ornamental and native perennials!

Pay and take that day. No held orders.
In stock items only. In-store retail sales only.

Perennial lists are available on our website: www.hansonsgardenvillage.com under our Plant and Product List tab.



Bare Root Sale

BARE ROOT IS AVAILABLE FOR SALE IN-STORE BEGINNING ON SATURDAY, APRIL 29TH.

WE ARE NOW ACCEPTING PREORDERS THROUGH SUNDAY, APRIL 23RD!

We recommend pre-ordering bare root products now for guaranteed availability, high demand and limited quantities.

No pre-orders will be taken starting Monday, April 24th in order to give our staff time to pull pre-orders and set up for in-store sales. Phone orders will be accepted again starting on Saturday, April 29th depending on availability of staff. All pre-ordered bare root must be paid for, in full, at the time of order. Customers with pre-orders will be allowed to pick up their orders starting on Friday, April 28th, however, no new purchases of bare root plant material will be allowed before Saturday, April 29th.

Call us at 715-365-2929 to pre-book and guarantee your 2023 bare root order!

SEE OUR 2023 BARE ROOT LIST HERE!

Bare root plants save time and money! Bare root plants are a very successful, inexpensive way to plant. Most bare root selections cost 50% less than potted varieties and are easier to move and plant. We also guarantee all bare root plants through the growing season.

Bare root plants are sold dormant and can be planted as soon as you can dig a hole in the ground. The roots are exposed (not potted) and must be kept moist until planting occurs. Because of the nature of bare root plants, they are only available in the early spring and sell out quickly.

More information is at hansonsgardenvillage.com.

Greenhouse Mama Minis

Photographer Heather Collins will once again be doing photo shoots at Hanson's Garden Village on April 23rd.

[More information is on her Facebook page.](#)



May Token Promotion

During the month of May, for every \$100 spent you will receive a \$5 token good towards purchases at a later date. The redemption period for 2023 will begin on Saturday, June 17th - Herb Fest - through the end of October. They never expire and tokens collected from previous years can also be redeemed starting June 17th, 2023.

Receiving Tokens:

Tokens are given for in-store retail purchases. Tokens are not given for class/workshop fees, held orders, landscape services, consultation and design charges, delivery charges and any other applicable services. Tokens are not given for gift certificate purchases, however, certificates redeemed in May will receive tokens.

Redeeming Tokens:

Tokens will take \$5 off your in-store purchases June 17th through our seasonal closing in October. If you have tokens from previous years those are redeemable too. You can use multiple tokens at a time. The \$5 value must be used in total - no change will be given for sales under \$5.

Our only stipulation in token redemption is that they can only be used as payment for products and not services. Tokens can not be used as payment for class/workshop fees, held orders, landscape services, consultation and design charges, delivery charges and any other applicable services.

Other restrictions may apply. No exceptions.

Mother's Day Petting Zoo

Stay tuned for details!



Herb Fest

**Saturday, June 17th
10:00am-1:00pm**

Herb Fest is scheduled for Saturday, June 17th, 2023. This is a free, fun event that celebrates all things herbs and other gardening topics. There will be talks, demos, sales and much more!

Do you have suggestions for our event? Do you or someone you know want to share your knowledge or skills at our event? [Let us know here!](#)



2023 Spring Class Schedule



Just for Kids:

St. Patrick's Day Mini Leprechaun Garden Class & Scavenger Hunt

**Saturday, March 11th, 10:00am-11:30am
&
Friday, March 17th, 10:00am-11:30am**

Looking for a fun activity for your kids during spring break? Take a trip to our tropical greenhouses and bring them for a fun, DIY planting class at Hanson's! Create your own mini leprechaun garden containers with special leprechaun figurines. After the class, partake in a fun candy hunt created by a silly leprechaun in our greenhouses! We will be holding two scavenger hunts based on age.

Bring your own container or choose from our selections (\$1.99-\$5.99+). We supply 1 leprechaun figurine, decorative stones, moss and other landscaping materials. The rest of the items are ala carte - you choose the ingredients for your planter and make it exclusively yours! We have everything to offer including plants (\$0.62-\$2.99), decorative furniture and accessories, figures and fairies! Make it and take it



home that day!

\$22.00 + tax

Includes instruction, soil, landscaping materials, leprechaun figurine and fertilizer as well as the scavenger hunt activity



Indoor Garden Gnome Planter Class

**Tuesday, March 14th, 5:30am
&
Saturday, March 25th, 10:00am**

NEW!

Create a fun DIY garden gnome as well as an indoor sanctuary for them. Gnomes can be brightly colored or created with muted colors. Attendees will make a 12" bowl container filled with lush ferns, houseplants and succulents to keep your gnome happy during the winter months.

Make it and take it home that day!

\$40.00 + tax

Includes instruction, gnome supplies, container, soil, plants, landscaping materials and fertilizer

Succulents, Sips & Charcuterie Class

**Thursday, March 30th, 5:30pm
&
Saturday, April 1st, 10:00am**

NEW!

Held in partnership with Cotton & Birch Collective and Catalyst Wine Bar.

A perfect date night or ladies night! You will be sipping, snacking and creating easy to care for succulent wine bottle planters!

Libby, from Cotton & Birch Collective in Eagle River, will be demonstrating the art of charcuterie boards and offering both savory and sweet samples. These snacks will be paired with wine samples from Catalyst Wine Bar in Rhinelander. After you have your snacks and wine, Hanson's staff will help you create your own succulent wine planter. Succulent plants require little watering and can easily be kept indoors as houseplants year round or during the winter months. Make it and take it home that day!

Class Fee \$60.00 + tax

Includes instruction, food and wine samples, half wine bottle container, soil, perlite, fertilizer and 3 plants

Must be 21 to participate in the wine sampling.





Hopping into Spring: Easter Basket Planter Class

Wednesday, April 5th, 5:30pm
&
Saturday, April 8th, 10:00am

NEW!

Create an Easter basket or bowl planter filled with blooming spring flowers and bunny favorites like lettuce and carrot plants. Decorate your container with a DIY bunny plant pick and other Easter decor. This class is fun for both children and adults!

Make it and take it home that day!

\$28.00 + tax

Includes instruction, container, soil, plants, fertilizer and decor

\$25.00 + tax if you bring your own Easter basket!

(Must be similar in size to HGV containers)

Sue's Moss Basket Classes

Don't miss out on our most popular planting class! Classes are fun to do with friends, family, spouses, grand kids and others. Make it a girl's day or a date night! Bring your own beverages to enjoy while you plant!

In this class, create your own 16" moss hanging baskets. You pick the plants based on sun or shade with Sue and crew helping along the way as needed. The hanging baskets are left to grow in our greenhouses until Memorial Day, May 29th, unless you pick them up sooner. We can also plant your basket for you - more details are below.

In-person classes will be held in one hour time slots and limited to 12 people.



New this year: "Open Planting" time slots have been created for returning moss basket students that want to plant and do not need a demonstration. Students can come at any time during the designated time frame to make their baskets. HGV crew members will be on hand for minimal assistance. This is only open to people who have taken our moss basket class before and understand the process.

In-Person Class Pricing

1 Reused Basket: \$50.00 + tax

Must be a hanging basket frame from a previous Sue's Moss Basket Class.

\$5 Off Each Additional Basket

Discount available for one person making multiple baskets.

1 New Basket: \$60.00 + tax

\$5 Off Each Additional Basket

Discount available for one person making multiple baskets.

Cost includes: instruction, hanging basket frame and hook (for new attendees), 10-12 plants, sphagnum moss, soil, fertilizer and Hanson's greenhouse care until pickup.

Sue's Moss Basket Class Schedule

Tuesday, April 11th:

2:00pm-3:00pm - FULL!

6:00pm-7:00pm - FULL!

Thursday, April 13th:

10:00am-11:00am - FULL!

6:00pm-7:00pm - PRIVATE CLASS

Saturday, April 15th:

9:00am-10:00am - FULL!

11:00am-12:00pm - FULL!

1:00pm-2:00pm - 2 Spots Left

3:00pm-4:00pm

Sunday, April 16th:

10:00am-11:00pm - 3 Spots Left

12:00pm-1:00pm

2:00pm-3:00pm - 2 Spots Left

Wednesday, April 19th:

10:00am-11:00am - 3 Spots Left

6:00pm-7:00pm

Friday, April 21st:

OPEN PLANTING - 3:00pm-7:00pm

Returning Students Only

Saturday, April 22nd:

9:00am-10:00am

11:00am-12:00pm

1:00pm-2:00pm

3:00pm-4:00pm

Sunday, April 23rd:

OPEN PLANTING - 10:00am-12:00pm

Returning Students Only



HGV Planted Basket Pricing

Reused Basket: \$60.00 + tax

Must be a hanging basket from a previous Sue's Moss Basket Class.

New Basket: \$70.00 + tax

Please label any reused baskets and drop them off by April 22nd.

Plant recipe lists will be made available to you for plant selection after you sign up. You can also send us a picture of a previous basket if you want us to duplicate and we will try our best.



Colorful Watering Can Hanging Basket Class

Sunday, April 23rd, 1:00pm

Create a beautiful mixed annual hanging basket in a bright watering can planter. Hanson's staff will help you select the perfect plants for sun or shade and create a successful planter that will last through the summer! You can leave your planter at HGV greenhouses until Memorial Day, May 29th.

\$63.00 + tax

*Includes instruction, container, soil, fertilizer and plants
Limit 1 container per attendee*

Want to reuse a planter from last year's class?
Ask us for the reduced class fee!

Vertical Growing: Al's Pouch Planting Class

Tuesday, April 25th, 2:00pm & 6:00pm

NEW!

Al's Pouches are plastic planting bags that are great for hanging on walls, fence posts or other places not suitable for hanging baskets. They can be created for sun or shade using a few great annual plant choices like impatiens, begonias and petunias. The pouches will grow in our greenhouses until Memorial Day, May 29th, unless you pick them up sooner.

\$30.00 + tax

Includes instruction, Al's Pouch, soil, fertilizer and plants
\$25 FOR EACH ADDITIONAL POUCH PER ATTENDEE



Herb Planter Class

**Wednesday, May 3rd, 6:00pm
&
Saturday, May 6th, 10:00am**

Great herbs for cooking all season long! Plant up a wonderful assortment of fragrant, tasty herbs in a decorative planter.



You can take your planter home, or leave it at HGV greenhouses until Memorial Day, May 29th.

\$44.00 + tax

Includes instruction, container, soil, fertilizer and herb plants
\$5 OFF EACH ADDITIONAL CONTAINER PER ATTENDEE

There is a \$6.00 reduction in price for customers reusing old planters from a previous year's herb class.

Just for Kids: **Mother's Day Planter Class**

Thursday, May 11th, 6:00pm

Bring the children in your life out for a fun planting class to create a take home gift for Mom, Grandma or any other special woman in their lives. Children will decorate pots and pick out blooming flowers to create a beautiful container for a Mother's Day Gift that they will take home that day. Adult supervision is required and greatly appreciated. This is a make and take class.

\$15.00 + tax

\$12.00 for each additional child/pot

Includes instruction, pot, decorations, soil, fertilizer and flowers



Patio Planter Class

Tuesday, May 9th, 10:00am & 6:00pm
&
Saturday, May 13th, 9:00am & 11:00am

A fun Mother's Day activity! Create your own patio planters! Hanson's staff will help you select the perfect plants for sun or shade and create a successful planter that will last through the summer! Make one or more and have them match the color scheme or planting style you love! You can take your planter home, or leave it at HGV greenhouses until Memorial Day, May 29th.

\$54.00 + tax

Includes instruction, container, soil, fertilizer and plants
\$5 OFF EACH ADDITIONAL PLANTER PER ATTENDEE

There is a \$8.00 reduction in price for customers reusing old planters from a previous patio planter class.



Umbrella Hanging Basket Class

Wednesday, May 17th, 2:00pm & 6:00pm

Plant a unique 13" umbrella hanging basket with houseplants and/or succulents for indoor or outdoor use. This is a make and take class.

\$70.00 + tax

*Includes instruction, soil, container, plants and fertilizer
Limit 1 container per attendee*

Replant your container from last year at a discounted price!

Reused Basket: \$35.00 + tax

Must be an umbrella basket from last year's class.



Hodag Planter Class

Saturday, May 20th, 10:00am

Celebrate Hodag Heritage Days at Hanson's! Create a 12" bowl planter inspired by the elusive creature of the Northwoods - the Hodag! Includes a Hodag figurine. Dress up in your Hodag apparel. This is a make and take class.

\$47.00 + tax

Includes instruction, soil, container, plants, Hodag figurine and fertilizer



Tea Party Planter Class

Sunday, May 21st, 11:00am



You are cordially invited to a tea party planter class. Last year we hosted this class for kids, but we are opening the fun to all ages this year! Dress up in your party attire and enjoy treats and drinks at our tea party. We will be planting 12" tea cup planters with spring flowers. Add some a la carte mini fairies or other magical creatures - or bring your own! This is a make and take class. Adult supervision is required and greatly appreciated for children attending the class.

\$44.00 plus tax

Includes instruction, soil, container, plants, fertilizer and attendance at the garden party



Burgers, Beers and Baskets Class

Thursday, May 25th, 6:00pm

NEW!

Join us for a cookout with Hanson's highland grass fed beef burgers and local beers. Plant up a 10" hanging basket with flowers and vines for sun or shade. This is a fun date night or culinary excursion by yourself or with friends. This is a make and take class.

\$50.00 + tax

Includes instruction, soil, container, plants, fertilizer and food and drink

Coming as a couple and only want to make one basket?

Just Food & Drink: \$20.00 + tax



BYOC Class **"Bring Your Own Container"**

Saturday, May 27th, 10:00am

NEW!

Have containers from previous classes you want to plant up? Or just some pots that have been lying around your garage or shed? Bring them out to our BYOC class and create whatever you like! The class fee covers instruction and fertilizer. You pay for soil scoops and plants. HGV staff will help you select the right plants for your growing conditions. We also have an awesome selection of pots in a wide range of prices for sale. This is a make and take class.



\$5.00 plus tax
Includes instruction and fertilizer

Watering Can Planter Class

Tuesday, May 30th, 6:00pm

NEW!

Celebrate National Water a Flower Day at Hanson's! Create a 10" colorful watering can planter with flowers and vines for sun or shade. This is a make and take class.

\$50.00 + tax

Includes instruction, soil, container, plants and fertilizer



Just for Kids: **Veggie & Herb Planter Class**

Sunday, June 4th, 11:00am

Create a healthy herb and vegetable container at this fun class. Children will select a few starter plants to create a container that can be easily placed on a deck or patio for growing delicious veggies at home. This is a make and take class. Adult supervision is required and greatly appreciated.

\$26.00 plus tax

Includes instruction, soil, container, plants, fertilizer



Yoga in the Garden

Tuesday, June 6th, 10:00am

NEW!

Join Alyssa, our resident botanist and yoga instructor, for a yoga session in the garden to celebrate National Garden Exercise Day. Please bring your own mat.

\$15.00 + tax



Fairy Garden Class

Sunday, June 11th, 11:00am

Great for kids or kids at heart! Make your own mini fairy garden!

Bring your own container or choose from our selections (\$1.99-\$5.99+). We supply decorative stones, moss and other landscaping materials. The rest of the items are ala carte - you choose the ingredients for your planter and make it exclusively yours! We have everything to offer including plants (\$0.62-\$2.99), decorative furniture and accessories, figures and fairies! Make it and take it home that day!

\$15.00 plus tax

Includes instruction, soil, landscaping supplies and fertilizer

Call now to register 715-365-2929!

Register early as classes have attendance limits. Pre-payment is required for a reserved spot in a class. If a cancellation is made, a full refund in the form of a store credit will be given.

Each class includes the recommended number of plants depending on the basket or planter. Additional plants beyond our recommendations may be purchased at a supplemental price.

Let us know if you love a class, but the date and time doesn't work! We can try to set up another time frame!

[Visit Our Website](#)

[Find Us On Facebook](#)

Current Hours:

Monday-Friday 8:30am-5:00pm

Our General Store Opens In Early May