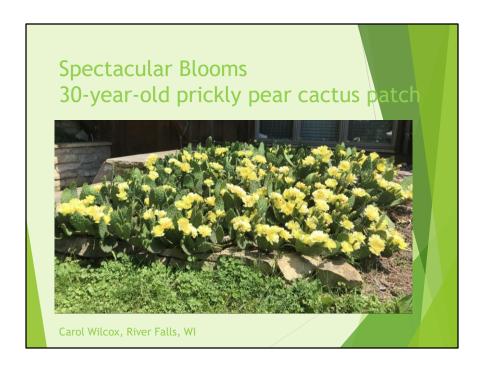
Garden Tours Plants and Pretties

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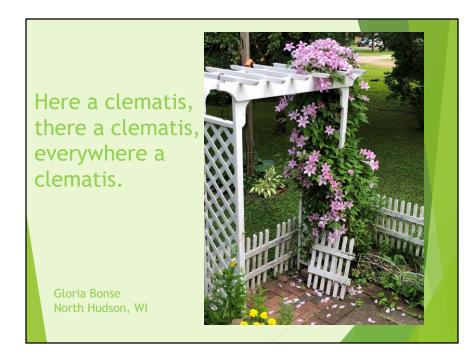
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I am absolutely astounded with the number of amazing submissions that I received. If I missed yours, it was definitely unintentional. Let me know and I'll include them at the August meeting. If you have questions or comments, please use the chat function. Diana, will monitor the chat space, won't you please? You can ask questions or make comments while I change the presentations. Diana will moderate the comments which can be verbal or written. In an attempt to include everyone, the output is a bit large so I broke it up into sections I have several, I guess that's more than a few, which I think would be 3... if you need a break, please take a break. Love is stronger than hate. Let's spread the LOVE. Sit back, relax and enjoy our tour from the comfort of your home, garden or local winery.

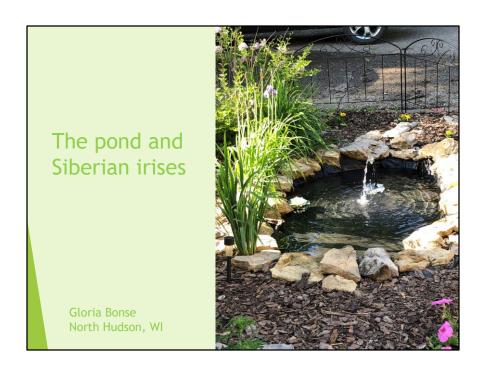




This is a 30 year old prickly pear cactus patch. If you have ever eaten "nopal" salad, it is the prickly pear cactus paddles or pads which have been de-prickled. The fruit which may be called tuna are sweet and delicious. Cut them in half and dig the fruit out with a spoon. When I was in Mexico with my friend Kethrin at her family home, we had nopal salad. After about my 3rd helping she mentioned that I might want to be careful as there is a laxative effect.



It's a good year for clematis!



This pond is a recent addition to Gloria's garden. Check out the beauty of the Siberian Irises. Aren't they nice?



This perennial planting between the house and garage add a beautiful space.



This mixed planting accents the patio. Trailing vine Mezoo has tiny daisy-like flowers and succulent like leaves. It is native to South Africa.

Can you Find Lauren, the bird keeping an eye on the Patio?



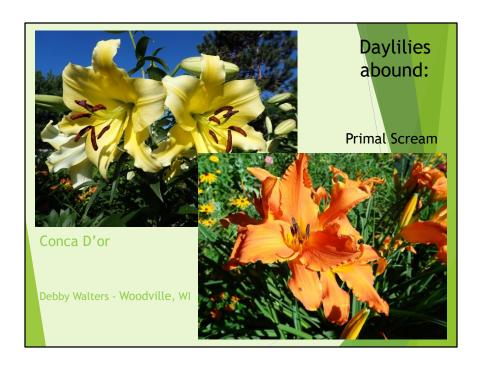
Check out the colors on these lilies. The are three-years-old and finally survived the onslaught of rabbits munching with the assistance of interplanting with garlic. Liz used voila' as an exclamation to draw attention to the amazing beauty of the flowers, or maybe the amazing results of garlic and I switched the "o" and the "I" and wondered what a musical instrument had to do with the submission. Ah, English.



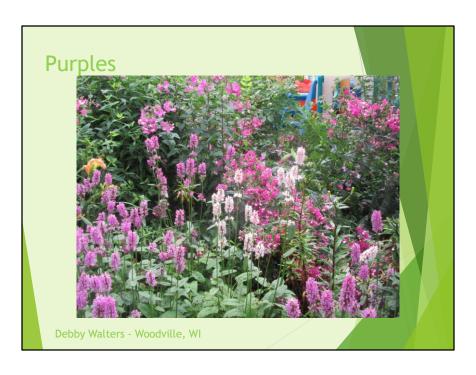
Day lilies have been blooming all over the area. This one is gracing Liz's garden.



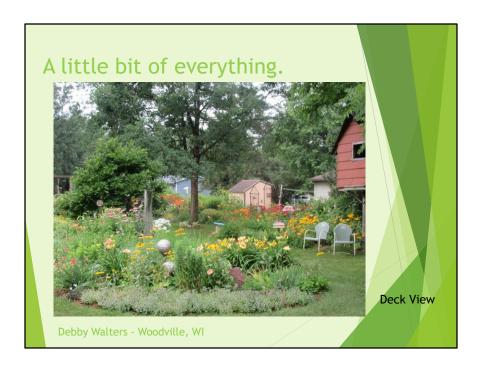
The monarda are bright this year and attracting many birds. This is the excellent bird watching view from Carolyn's dining room.



I am impressed with people like Debby who know the varieties of their daylilies. I am a big fan of daylilies and grow many different ones. However, most of mine come from my Friend Gregg's farm in Chippewa Falls so they do not have names. The yellow beauty is Conca D'or. Do you know the name of the orange flower? It seems very viscous indeed and is one of Debby's favorites. The Primal Scream.



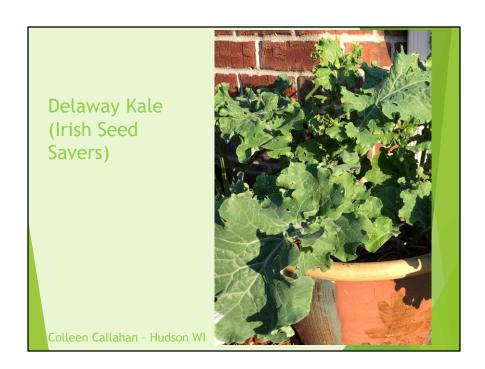
A coordinated color scheme adds pizzazz.



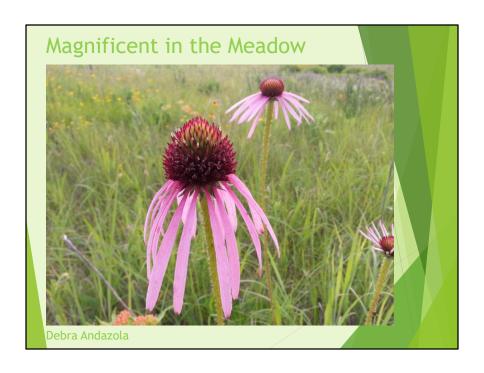
Here is an awesome deck view.



I would want to get out early and enjoy the view and stay to enjoy the fire pit.



Delaway Kale. Seeds from Irish Seed Savers. Sweeter than regular kale. Makes a mean kale lasagna! Delaway Kale is a sweet tender and cold-hardy Irish Heirloom. Here's an example of what goes around, comes around. The seed was given to Owen Hughes of County Mayo, Ireland by a neighbor who had brought it from America before the 1930's.



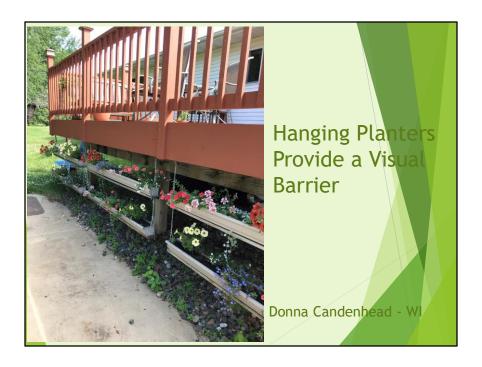
Cone flower



Robyn Wefel has a few updates to the garden at the St. Paul Hotel. #1 the Garden is open and



Made the top 25 list nationally: Historic hotels with Magnificent Gardens, again this year. Congratulations to Robyn and crew, which we learned at her presentation is mostly Robyn. To see Robyn's pictures, follow her on Instagram at robynwefel.



Under the deck is a great place for storage of many different cases. Here, the hanging planters hide a supply of wood.



The mandevilla plant has become a common patio plant. The brilliant flowers add a tropical flair to any landscape. Yes, it is a perennial, however, it is very temperate and requires shelter at $<50^{\circ}$ F. It is considered very frost tender. This Obelisk was a score at Garden U, several years ago. It was obtained from Smith Brothers Landing. I hope to see you all in 2021 at Garden U.



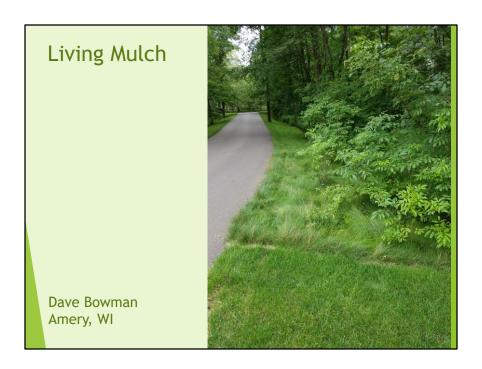
Laurie and family have lived in there current home for a year. The previous owners did 'absolutely nothing' as far as landscaping in the mostly shady garden. This building is the 'Relax Shack'. With the addition of sweat and tender loving care, and 103 plants, here is the landscaped 'Relax Shack'. In the final photo, the 'Relax Shack' can be seen from the deck. Seems like a lot of relaxing can be going on here.



No, it's not Hank Williams Jr. It is favorite flower in Laurie's Garden that she was gifted by Grandma Lucille, in 1995, when they moved into their first home. It was one of Grandma Lucille's favorites as well. They are one of the first blooms in spring, starting in mid-May, and the hummingbirds love them. Last year, they made the move to the current home and are waiting their final destination where they will be showcased in the yard. It seems that this plant does not live up to Kenny Rogers, you picked a fine time to leave me Lucille, as it has been sticking with the family, for many generations. If you can identify this flower, please post it in the chat area.



I visited prairienursery.com to learn about the "no mow" lawn. Prairie Nursery developed the original no mow lawn seed mix in 1994 as a sustainable alternative to the traditional high-resource-input lawn. A specially designed blend of fine fescue grasses, no mow forms a lush green carpet of grass in full sun or partial shade. The deep rooted fescues send roots up to 9" deep enhancing drought resistance by reducing water lass and reaching deeper water reserves. The complementary blend of bunch forming, which is exceptionally drought resistant and has moderate tolerance to heavy foot traffic is filled in by the creeping fescues that spread gradually by underground rhizomes. No mow does require mowing twice a year, one in late spring when seed heads appear and again in fall. A great application is to inter-seed with spring bulbs. These photos show no mow lawn used in woods edging. Here, we see one of the newly planted crab apple trees.



In this area, no mow seed was planted for a living mulch in the elderberry patch.



Which variety of apple are these? That sounded like a good question to ask Dianna during my master gardener training. My advise to you is "don't". Your question may be answered with a question. "Do you have any idea how many apple varieties there are?" I didn't and now you are going to. There are about 7,500 varieties of apples in existence through the world and about 2,500 of them are grown in the United States. The best answer you might receive is 'a red one'.



Peg did not enjoy her view of the neighbors trailers and gravel. Instead of installing a fence with unsightly potential, they created a living fence with plants that will form a hedge.

