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NEWSLETTER OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

## Annual Membership Meeting

The UWRA annual membership meeting will be held May 11 via Zoom. Our guest speaker, Gary Brown, will address current campus planning and new projects on campus.

### AGENDA

- I. Call to order
- II. Welcome to members and guests
- III. Guest speaker Gary Brown
- IV. Annual Business Meeting
  - Special rules of order
  - 2020–21 year in review
  - Member recognition and thanks
  - 2020 annual meeting minutes
  - 2020 special membership meeting minutes
  - 2020–21 Board record of action
  - 2020 audit report
  - 2021–22 operating budget
  - Nominations and election
  - Other business
  - Comments/questions from membership
  - Passing of gavel and remarks of new president
- V. Adjournment ■

### Gary Brown (PLA, FASLA)

is the director of Campus Planning and Landscape Architecture, a division of Facilities Planning and Management at UW-Madison. He is responsible for interpreting, updating, and recommending methods of implementing the Campus Master Plan. He directs and coordinates detailed physical development plans, landscape architecture services, special studies related to land use, building massing studies, transportation plans, signage and wayfinding, and municipal zoning approvals.



### ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**Tuesday, May 11, 2021**

10:00 A.M.–NOON

Online Webinar

**Registration Deadline: May 7**

Advance registration is required. Register online at:

<https://uwramadison.org/event-4156685>

You may call or email the Association Office to register. The webinar link and call information will be included in registration confirmations and meeting reminders emailed to registrants.

If you have preliminary questions for the speaker, please send to program coordinator Mary Czyszak-Lyne at [czyszaklyne@gmail.com](mailto:czyszaklyne@gmail.com) by **May 7**.

### Food Pantry Contributions



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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESK

## Annual Membership Renewal Kickoff

BY SANDI HAASE



**A**re you wondering if your membership expires this year? There are three places where you will find your renewal date. The first is in the email you receive with the link to the digital (electronic) *Sifter*. The second is the mailing label of the hard copy of

*The Sifter*. The third is on your member profile at [UWRAmadison.org](http://UWRAmadison.org). Additionally, both the email notice and your member profile indicate your current membership level. If your mailing label, email notice, or profile indicates 2021, it is time to renew!

UWRA has two special membership categories you may want to consider: Bargain or Life. Any member can take advantage of the bargain "six years for the price of five" rate and save the hassle and postage of renewing each year. Life memberships are also available if either you or your spouse/partner is receiving a Wisconsin Retirement System annuity.

You can renew quickly and easily online! You have three renewal options:

- Renew and pay online at [UWRAmadison.org](http://UWRAmadison.org)
- Renew online and pay by check
- Renew with mail-in printed renewal form (*find it on p. 11 of this issue*) and a check.

In spite of the challenges we faced in 2020, UWRA had a very successful year. You don't want to miss the great events and presentations that are planned for the upcoming year. Your continued participation is extremely important to us and is very much appreciated.

Please renew your membership today and keep yourself on the mailing list so you do not miss any UWRA communications. ■

UWRA BUSINESS

## A Round of Applause . . . Please!

The success of our Association is a direct result of the time, effort, dedication, and work done by the UWRA Board of Directors, committees, and Strategic Framework Workgroup. Although we continue to face unprecedented challenges, these members continue to work toward offering programs and moving the Association forward.

Since we cannot be together to celebrate in person another very successful UWRA year, we want to take a moment to recognize all committee members for their contributions. In recognition of their effort, the Board of Directors has approved a \$500 donation to the UW–Madison Open Seat Pantry. Please join me in thanking these volunteers.

Sue Adams, Travel

Rachel Baker, Electronic Technology

Tom Broman, Partnership & Engagement, Membership, Board of Directors

Bruno Browning, Electronic Technology

Kathy Christoph, Electronic Technology

Ted Collins, Travel

Maury Cotter, Strategic Framework Group Facilitator

Judy Craig, Electronic Technology

Mary Czyszczak-Lyne, Membership, Board of Directors, Strategic Framework Group Project Lead

Peggy Daluge, Travel

Rick Daluge, Financial Matters in Retirement, Membership

Paul DeLuca, Financial Matters in Retirement, Board of Directors

Marcy Doelp, Electronic Technology, Board of Directors

Ruthi Duval, Luncheon

Bob Dye, Financial Matters in Retirement, Membership, Strategic Framework Group

Jane Dymond, Luncheon, *The Sifter*, Board of Directors

Tom Eggert, Financial Matters in Retirement, Retirement Opportunities

Marc Fink, Luncheon

Sue Fischer, Retirement Opportunities, Board of Directors

Marian Fisher, Financial Matters in Retirement, Board of Directors, Strategic Framework Group

Ramona Gasper, Luncheon



Joan Gillman, Financial Matters in Retirement, Strategic Framework Group

Christine Gunter, Retirement Opportunities

Sandi Haase, Financial Matters in Retirement, Strategic Framework Group, *The Sifter*

Jim Hanson, Membership

John Helgeson, Electronic Technology

Karen Holden, Financial Matters in Retirement, Strategic Framework Group and Survey Team

Gail Holmes, Travel

Brad Hughes, Electronic Technology

Bob Jokisch, Retirement Opportunities, *The Sifter*

Orv Jordahl, Electronic Technology

Faisal Kaud, Electronic Technology, Financial Matters in Retirement, Retirement Opportunities

Chris Kleinhenz, Partnership & Engagement, Board of Directors, Strategic Framework Group

Sharon Kluender, Retirement Opportunities

Diane Kravetz, Electronic Technology

Crescent Kringle, *The Sifter*

Jerry Kulcinski, Financial Matters in Retirement, Strategic Framework Group

Karen LaMere, Electronic Technology, Board of Directors

Deb Lauder, *The Sifter*

Sheila Leary, *The Sifter*

Al Liegel, Travel

Judith Louer, Luncheon

Laurie Mayberry, Partnership & Engagement, Retirement Opportunities, *The Sifter*, Board of Directors

Colleen McCabe, Travel

Don Miner, Financial Matters in Retirement

Gary Mitchell, Retirement Opportunities, Membership

Tim Norris, Financial Matters in Retirement

Esther Olson, Travel, Board of Directors, Strategic Framework Group

Jurgen Patau, Business Office and Operations, Financial Matters in Retirement, Strategic Framework Group

Mary Beth Plane, Retirement Opportunities, Strategic Framework Survey Team

Sarah Potts, Luncheon

Mary Barnard Ray, *The Sifter*

Paul Reichel, Electronic Technology, Financial Matters in Retirement

Kay Reuter-Krohn, Financial Matters in Retirement

Louise Robbins, Electronic Technology

Barbara Rust, Business Office and Operations

Christine Schindler, Luncheon

Hugh Schmidt, Electronic Technology

Rob Seltzer, Strategic Framework Group

Jack Sorenson, Financial Matters in Retirement, Board of Directors

Bill Steffenhagen, Membership

Jim Stratton, Partnership & Engagement, Retirement Opportunities, Membership

Millard Susman, Electronic Technology, Financial Matters in Retirement, Retirement Opportunities, Board of Directors

Jim Vannes, Electronic Technology

Ann Wallace, Electronic Technology

Wendy Way, Retirement Opportunities, Board of Directors

Barbara Wiley, Luncheon

Larry Winkler, Business Office and Operations

Beth Zemp, Business Office and Operations, Board of Directors

Kathy Zweifel, Financial Matters in Retirement

### **A very special farewell and thanks**

Members-at-large who are completing their terms on the Board of Directors:

Susan Fischer, Academic Staff member-at-large

Karen LaMere, University Staff member-at-large

Wendy Way, Faculty member-at-large

Mary Czyszczak-Lyne, Immediate Past President

If you are interested in becoming more involved in UWRA, joining a committee is a great start. Learn more about committees at [UWRAmadison.org](http://UWRAmadison.org). ■

### **Did you know...?**

Your UWRA membership card is posted on your member profile at [UWRAmadison.org](http://UWRAmadison.org). Under Membership Details, an image of your card includes your name, membership level, member ID number, and renewal date. Below the image, there is a link to a "printable PDF." Clicking on the link will open a page with instructions to print. ■

## TRAVEL WEBINAR

# Protecting Cranes and Wetlands

BY TED COLLINS, MEMBER, TRAVEL COMMITTEE

When Aldo Leopold penned his magnificent *Marshland Elegy*, there were likely fewer than 100 sandhill cranes left in Wisconsin. Leopold thought that they would follow the path of the whooping crane, reduced at that time to fewer than 20 living birds in North America.

But in ensuing decades, because of the protection of cranes and wetlands in Wisconsin and elsewhere, sandhill crane populations have increased to more than 12,000 in Wisconsin—part of an eastern continental population of more than 100,000 now nesting from Minnesota to Nova Scotia. The imperiled whooping cranes, too, have been reintroduced to Wisconsin since 2001.

Dr. George Archibald, co-founder of the International Crane Foundation (ICF) and now senior conservationist at ICF, will share these dramatic stories about our cranes. With fellow graduate student Ron Sauvey, Archibald established the ICF in 1973 near Baraboo, Wisconsin, as the world center for the study and preservation of cranes. Their dream was to save the world's cranes, and that notion has been Archibald's driving force ever since. His visionary leadership in international conservation over the last fifty years has given flight to extraordinary grassroots recovery efforts across the globe.

He pioneered innovative breeding techniques that allowed many rare crane species to reproduce in captivity for the first time. He forged scientific exchanges and field conservation programs in the 1970s with Chinese and Russian biologists in an era when it was a rare occurrence for a western scientist. Under his leadership, the ICF has successfully promoted crane and habitat conservation around the world. ■

If you have preliminary questions for the speaker, please email them in advance to program coordinator Ted Collins at [tedcollins67@gmail.com](mailto:tedcollins67@gmail.com) by **May 21**.



**George Archibald** is a native of Nova Scotia and earned his doctorate at Cornell University. He has been awarded four honorary doctorates and many awards, including the Gold Medal of the World Wildlife Fund, a MacArthur Fellowship, the Wildlife Conservation Medal from the Zoological Society of San Diego, the Lilly Medal from the Indianapolis Zoo, and the Douglas H. Pimlott Award from Nature Canada. He was awarded the Order of Canada on behalf of Queen Elizabeth II and received the inaugural Dan W. Lufkin Prize for Environmental Leadership from the National Audubon Society. He is the author of the book *My Life with Cranes*.

## PROTECTING CRANES AND WETLANDS

### The International Crane Foundation

**Tuesday, May 25, 2021**

10:00 A.M.–NOON

Online Webinar

**Registration Deadline: May 21**

Advance registration is required. Register online at:

[UWRAmadison.org/event-4211467](https://UWRAmadison.org/event-4211467)

You may call or email the Association Office to register. The webinar link and call information will be included in registration confirmations and meeting reminders emailed to registrants.

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**UWRA BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Candidate Slate for UWRA Board of Directors, 2021-22**

**Jane Dymond, President-Elect (University Staff representative)**



Jane Dymond has served on the UWRA Board and as chair of the Luncheon Committee since 2020. She worked in the Office of Human Resource Development, the Office of the Vice Provost for Diversity and Climate, and in the Office of Quality Improvement. She has been a docent at the Chazen Art Museum since 2010. Jane retired from the University in 2018 and loves spending time with her sons and their families, including four grandchildren. She is an avid reader and knitter.



**Marc Fink, 3-year term (Faculty representative)**

Mark retired in 2013 after 40 years of service in the School of Music as professor of oboe and associate director of the School, and as a member of the Wingra Quintet, the faculty ensemble in residence. Marc

joined UWRA in 2014 and has been a member of the luncheon committee this year.

**Jurgen Patau, 3-year term (Academic Staff representative)**

Jurgen retired in 2010 from the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Administration and from AIMS after 33 years of campus service in IT as a programmer and network manager. He joined UWRA in 2017 and is cur-

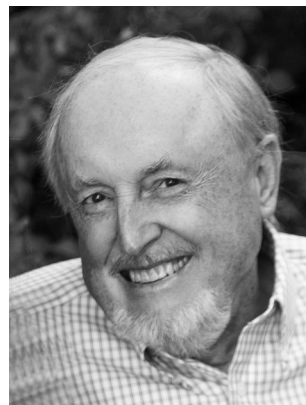


rently co-chair of the Committee on Financial Matters in Retirement. When the UWRA embarked on its 2020 strategic planning exercise, Jurgen joined the effort and served on two subcommittees.

**Mary Czyszczak-Lyne, 3-year term (University Staff representative)**



Mary Czyszczak-Lyne [chin-shock-line] retired in 2016 after nearly 44 years. Her final position was as the program administrator for the Letters and Sciences Honors Program. Throughout her career, Mary served on numerous campus-wide committees and in governance. Her UWRA experience includes serving as president, immediate past president, Membership co-chair, Strategic Framework project lead, Luncheon Committee liaison, Steering Committee chair for the 2023 Big 10 Retirement Association Conference, and Campus Retirement Issues Committee member.



**James Stratton, 2-year term (University Staff representative)**

Prior to coming to the UW, Jim served as director of the State of Wisconsin Classified Human Resources for nine years. As director of the Classified Personnel Office at UW-

Madison from 1981-2005, he managed the civil service program, including employee classification, compensation, recruitment, and human resources development issues with the Office of Human Resource Development. Although retired, he continues to serve as an independent HR Consultant. Jim has previously served on the UWRA Board and is a member of two committees, Membership and Partnership and Engagement. ■

**MEET A UWRA MEMBER**

## From Serving Students to Community Volunteering

BY SARAH POTTS, UWRA MEMBER

**M**y hometown is Des Moines Iowa, but I have lived in Milwaukee, Madison, or Fitchburg since I was four years old. A fun fact about me is that I was a founding member of the Madison West High punsters' club in 1966. We were never recognized by the administration, but we enjoyed playing word games. My first job was as an office assistant for the Democratic Party of Wisconsin in the summer and fall of 1968. I was crushed when Hubert Humphrey lost the election.

I worked full-time at UW–Madison for 35 years and as a post-retirement LTE for four years, spending most of that time either in CALS or Engineering. I was a department administrator in the Department of Plant Pathology for the twelve years prior to retirement. My favorite part of my work life was helping students. My favorite part of retirement is not having to rush out the door at 7 A.M.

The first thing I did after I retired was dust in places that were long neglected. I still can't throw away old greeting cards or my mother's collection of Depression glassware. Now I spend my time babysitting for my toddler grandson, doing poll work, volunteering with the Fitchburg Lions club, and serving on the board of my neighborhood association. I served three years on the UWRA board and have been a member of four committees. My spouse, Alan Potts, and I tend two large vegetable gardens every summer.

Lately I've been reading John O'Hara's short stories and novels. He wrote about American life in the 1920s and '30s and had a great ear for dialogue. The music I most enjoy listening to is '60s and '70s rock, ragtime, and Gilbert and Sullivan operettas. My favorite place on campus is Bascom Woods, and my favorite UWRA activity is day trips. ■

## Recognizing Life Members

The UW–Madison Retirement Association would like to take this opportunity to recognize all its current life members (as of April 9, 2021) and thank them for their support.

Susan Adams	Gerald E Burns
Hans Adler	David Callan
Colleen Albrecht	Jim Callen
Kenneth Albrecht	Judy Callen
B. Lynn Allen-Hoffmann	Gerry Campbell
Rima D Apple	Christine Cefalu-Moses
Michael W Apple	Robin Chapman
Jerry Apps	Mei-Hao Chen
Ruth Apps	Birgit Christensen
Ana Araujo	Joyce W Crim
Elizabeth Barlow	Geke de Vries
Susan Barthel	Susan Dentinger
Brian Bigler	John B Dillon
Franklyn Boll	Lynn Docter
Virginia Terry Boyd	Jane Doughty
Keith Bozarth	Susan Douglas
Bruce Braun	Ruth Drage
Nancy Braun	Edwin L Dreier
Robert Buchanan	Jack Duschak
Barbara Buenger	Shirley Duschak

**MARCH 1–31, 2021**

### WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

**Donald Anderson,**  
*School of Social Work*  
**Sven Lysloff, FP&M**  
*Digital Controls Group*  
**Ann McBride,**  
*Department of Medicine*

**Peter Sobol,** *Wisconsin  
Public Media*  
**Mary Sobol**

**{ The UWRA is your network in retirement! }**

**UWRA Life Members,  
continued from p. 6**

Robert Dye	Gail Jobelius	Patrick McDonnell	Ann M Schreiner
Jean Dye	Susan Katcher	Julia McGivern	Robert C Schubert
Peggy Ellerkamp	Murray Katcher	Ruth McNichols	Stephen Schuelke
Gerhard Ellerkamp	Robert G Kauffman	Rosalie Migas	Sandra Schwab
Gayle Ellis	Phyllis A Kauffman	Sue Milch	Tom Schwab
Richard Ellis	Don Klimpel	Anne Miner	Dan Schwarz
Barbara Erlenborn	Coky Klimpel	John Moses	Karen Schwarz
Jim Erlenborn	Sharon Kluender	Aileen Nettleton	Ken Scott
Herman Felstehausen	Cheryl Knobeloch	Allan Nettleton	Wes Severson
Marian Fisher	Frank Kooistra	Deborah Neuheisel	James Shaft
Raymond Fonck	James Koza	Diane Norback	Sheryl Shaft
David E Foster	Julia Koza	Jane Norman	Elizabeth Sheehan
Linda A Foster	Lawren Kunz	John Norman	Jim Shurts
Aaron Friedman	Janet LaBrie	Doris Ockert	Kathy Shurts
Susanna Fuerstenberg	Greg Landry	Shel Ohare	Michael Siebers
Susan Fuszard	Ann Landry	Esther Olson	Paulette Siebers
Kathleen Mary Gleeson	Ullrich Langer	James O'Neill	Miriam Simmons
Karen Goebel	Kathy Lewinski	Alberto Palloni	Hollis Skaife
Janice Golay	Allen Liegel	Russell Panczenko	Thomas Smith
Elise Gold	Joan Liegel	Peter Plane	Michael Smith
Brent Haase	Sherry Lloyd	Mary Beth Plane	Glen Stanosz
Sandi Haase	Richard Lottridge	Angela Powell	JoAnne Stanosz
W Lee Hansen	Jean Lottridge	Paul H Rabinowitz	David Stella
Sue Hilgemann	Barend Lotz	Ronald Raines	Kathy Stella
Mark Hill	Terry Roe Lund	Shiela Reaves	Steve J Stern
Karen A Hill	Stephen R Lund	Rolf Reitz	Audrey Tluczek
Douglas D Hill	Bruce Maas	Joel Robbin	Cathleen Trueba
David W Hoffman	Jan Maas	Jeanette Roberts	Jerald Tutsch
Michael Hoffmann	Florencia Mallon	Chong-Suk H Robinson	Kendra Tutsch
Karen Holden	Susan Manning	Stephen M Robinson	John J Uicker
Bradley Hughes	Bradley Manning, MD	Barbara Rust	Edward Van Gemert
Shitao Huo	Carrie Marlette	Kewal K Saluja	Grace Wahba
Mona Huo	Duane Marlette	Wilton Sanders	Ann Wallace
Gregory Iaccarino	Mary Marshall	Bonnie Schmidt	Sandra Ward
Patricia Iaccarino	Doug Marshall	Stephen P Schmidt	David Wilson
Richard Jahnke	Katharyn May	John Schmitz	Ann Wilson
Matthew Jaworski	Michael May	Jean Tretow-Schmitz	Larry Winkler
	Linda McDonald	Anthony J Schreiner	David Wood ■

FINANCIAL WEBINAR

# State Budget 2021

BY DON MINER, MEMBER, AND JACK SORENSON, CO-CHAIR, FINANCIAL MATTERS IN RETIREMENT COMMITTEE

Join us for a discussion of the 2021 State of Wisconsin Budget led by Jason Stein. He is the research director at the Wisconsin Policy Forum, where he focuses on state and local government.

The Wisconsin Policy Forum is a nonpartisan, independent research organization with offices in Milwaukee and Madison. It provides informed analysis of critical policy issues affecting local governments, school districts, and the state of Wisconsin. Research and facilitation activities encourage elected officials and community leaders to promote productive discussion and find effective, data-driven solutions to pressing policy challenges. ■

If you have preliminary questions for the speaker, please email them in advance to program coordinators Don Miner at [dminster655@gmail.com](mailto:dminster655@gmail.com) or Jack Sorensen at [jwsoren1@gmail.com](mailto:jwsoren1@gmail.com) by **May 14**.



**Jason Stein** worked as a Capitol reporter for the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* and *Wisconsin State Journal* before joining the Wisconsin Policy Forum as research director. He is the co-author with Patrick Marley of *More than They Bargained For: Scott Walker, Unions, and the Fight for Wisconsin* (UW Press). His work has been recognized by the American Society of News Editors, the Society of American Business Editors and Writers, and the Association of Capitol Reporters and Editors. *Milwaukee Magazine* named him as one of the city's most influential media figures in 2015.

## EAST-WEST VIRTUAL BREAKFAST

**Thursday, May 13, 2021**

9:00–10:00 A.M.

Online Meeting

**Registration Deadline: May 10**

Advance registration is required. Register online at:

[UWRAmadison.org/event-4085593](https://UWRAmadison.org/event-4085593)

You may call or email the Association Office to register. The webinar link and call information will be included in registration confirmations and meeting reminders emailed to registrants.

## Webinar Recaps to Appear in June *Sifter*

Webinars held in March and April—on Social Security, Putin's Russia, COVID-19, pandemic schooling, and more—will be recapped in the June issue. *The Sifter* will take a summer hiatus in July and August, resuming when the new UWRA year begins in September. ■

## STATE BUDGET 2021

### Options and Potential Outcomes

**Tuesday, May 18, 2021**

10:00 A.M.–NOON

Online Webinar

**Registration Deadline: May 14**

Advance registration is required. Register online at:

[UWRAmadison.org/event-4196626](https://UWRAmadison.org/event-4196626)

You may call or email the Association Office to register. The webinar link and call information will be included in registration confirmations and meeting reminders emailed to registrants.

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NEW ACTIVITIES IN RETIREMENT

## Repurposing Our Skills— Advocating for Seniors

BY ESTHER OLSON

**P**rior to retirement, I was the assistant director for administration at the Physical Science Laboratory and Synchrotron Radiation Center at the Kegonsa Research Campus. I returned to the Synchrotron as a rehired annuitant for five more years as the director of Education and Outreach. Advocacy and outreach were major parts of my job duties and of my extracurricular activities as president of the Academic Staff Public Representation Organization (ASPRO), where I developed my political skills.



After retiring, I turned my attention to a new age group—those over the age of 60. I refocused my skills and energy to advocate at all levels of government for “seniors.” Starting at the local level, where I served on the Sugar River Senior Center board, I then joined the board of Dane County’s Area Agency on Aging (AAA) and chaired its legislative subcommittee. Our goal is to improve senior visibility and increase program funding for Dane County Seniors. Working with the county executive and the Dane County Board, we secured more than \$600,000 for senior programs for the period 2014–2019. I also chair the State Aging Advisory Council and serve on several other Dane County and State of Wisconsin boards, committees, and networks related to advocacy for the aging, and I conduct advocacy training workshops for seniors.

Many of us have developed unique skills during our careers that can be shared in new ways after retirement. This is my take on that transition. ■

REFLECTIONS

## Make Way for Ducklings!

BY MARY BARNARD RAY

**E**very year we have lived on Jade Lane, a pair of ducks nests on our block, almost a mile from the nearest water. I’m sure they’re not always the same ducks, but we always call them “Jade” and “Lane.” The hapless pair never succeeded in raising ducklings without mishap, until this year when Jade emerged with twelve ducklings behind her! It was time to seek water, but she was headed the wrong way, and her babies had slipped under a fence.

Out the door Dennis and I went to herd the babies back to Mom, but we still wondered how she would get them safely to water. We enlisted a neighbor, Tom, and we three shepherded the family down the block, around the corner, and down another block, discussing shortest routes to a small stream.

All was going smoothly until we reached a busier street. Jade retreated to backyard shrubbery. I began to meet many homeowners as I crept along their foundations, shooing Jade away from the safety of arbor vitae, barberry bushes, and porches. There’s nothing like seeing someone behind your bushes to bring a homeowner out to investigate. Meanwhile, Dennis and Tom were busy diverting dog walkers to the other side of the street.

After racing toward every driveway to keep the ducks on course, we conferred as we approached Milwaukee Street. I prayed to the saints of patient drivers and walked out to stop traffic. It helps to have white hair when you are stopping traffic; no one wants to hit a grandmother! The puzzlement and consternation of the drivers resolved as soon as Dennis and Tom shooed Jade across the four lanes with her twelve ducklings in an orderly line.

Jade must have smelled the little stream, for she moved more quickly down the last three blocks and toddled right into the water. And that, friends, is the story of the most unexpected but satisfying ninety minutes of my year. ■



RETIREMENT OPPORTUNITIES WEBINAR

# Madison Area Master Gardener Association

BY BOB JOKISCH, MEMBER, RETIREMENT OPPORTUNITIES COMMITTEE

Join us for this online webinar as Ed Meachen discusses the Master Gardener program in Dane County. He'll tell us how he became involved in the program and its mission, goals, membership, history, and organization. And, he will show some images of his own gardens, the foundation of his interest in horticulture and the salvation for surviving a year of the pandemic.

Master Gardeners are volunteers interested in gardening and horticulture who receive training and education in science-based horticulture from UW–Madison's Division of Extension. Upon successful completion of an examination, they are certified as Master Gardeners. To maintain certification, Master Gardeners must annually complete ten hours of continuing education and 24 hours of volunteer service supporting public gardens and Extension's mission to bring horticulture education to the public. ■

*If you have preliminary questions for the speaker, please email them in advance to program coordinator Bob Jokisch at [bobjokisch@gmail.com](mailto:bobjokisch@gmail.com) by May 28.*

## MASTER GARDENERS

**Tuesday, June 1, 2021**

10:00 A.M.–NOON

Online Webinar

**Registration Deadline: May 28**

Advance registration is required. Register online at:

[UWRAmadison.org/event-4091807](https://www.uwamadison.org/event-4091807)

You may call or email the Association Office to register. The webinar link and call information will be included in registration confirmations and meeting reminders emailed to registrants.



**Ed Meachen** has served as president of the Madison Area Master Gardener Association (MAMGA) since 2014. He is the former associate vice president for learning & information technology at UW System Administration.

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## TRAVEL

### Visit the Chicago Botanic Garden

BY TED COLLINS, MEMBER, TRAVEL COMMITTEE

The Chicago Botanic Garden in Glencoe, Illinois (a 2.5 hour trip from Madison on I-94), offers one of the best Japanese gardens in the country, plus an English garden, rose garden, fruit and vegetable garden, dwarf garden, and cactus greenhouse. There is also a café. For more information, current hours, and COVID-related requirements, closures, and pre-registration details, visit <https://www.chicagobotanic.org/visit>

It can take four hours to visit all the gardens at CBG. Consider the 2.3 mile tram ride (\$7 for seniors). The garden does not charge admission but does charge \$25 for parking (\$10 on Tuesdays). If you are a member of Olbrich Gardens or other public garden, bring your membership card to show for possible free parking or garden shop discounts.

To take a virtual tour, see <https://goo.gl/maps/ceQRP>. And, there is a useful CBG app available at <https://www.chicagobotanic.org/app> ■

**UW-Madison Retirement Association Membership Application and Renewal Form**

**(Please Print)**

Name		Spouse/Partner Name	
Email		Spouse/Partner Email	
Are you retired? ____Yes ____No	Year you retired?	Are you retired? ____Yes ____No	Year you retired?
Retired from? (Department)		Retired from? (Department)	
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MEMBERSHIP LEVEL OPTIONS. All levels include a digital edition of <i>The Sifter</i> which is published monthly September–June.			AMOUNT
____Annual \$20 ____Bargain (6 yrs.) \$100 ____Life \$300 ____Not Yet Retired \$10 Outside of 535xx, 537xx, 539xx: ____\$10 (1 yr.) or ____\$50 (6 yrs.)			

**You are encouraged to join online! Visit UWRAmadison.org**

- You can:
- Join and pay online
  - Join online and pay by check payable to UWRA
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**ONLINE TECH CLINIC WEBINARS**

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- Friday, May 14** 10:00 A.M.–NOON **DESKTOP & LAPTOP COMPUTERS** [UWRAmadison.org/event-4204093](http://UWRAmadison.org/event-4204093)  
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- Wednesday, May 5 10:00 A.M.–NOON *Tribal Relations and Higher Education* with Aaron Bird Bear (see April *Sifter* for details)
- Tuesday, May 11 10:00 A.M.–NOON Annual Membership Meeting with Gary Brown
- Thursday, May 13 9:00–10:00 A.M. East-West Virtual Breakfast
- Friday, May 14 10:00 A.M.–NOON Tech Clinic: *Time to replace laptop/desktop?*
- Tuesday, May 18 10:00 A.M.–NOON *State Budget 2021* with Jason Stein
- Friday, May 21 10:00 A.M.–NOON Tech Clinic: *Time to replace tablet/smartphone?*
- Tuesday, May 25 10:00 A.M.–NOON *Protecting Cranes and Wetlands* with George Archibald
- Tuesday, June 1 10:00 A.M.–NOON *Madison Master Gardeners* with Ed Meachen

For information on upcoming PLATO trips, visit [platomadison.org/page-18561](http://platomadison.org/page-18561).  
 For information on Board and Committee meetings and deadlines for **The Sifter**, see the UWRA website at [UWRAmadison.org](http://UWRAmadison.org).

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