

**Olbrich Botanical Gardens
Report for the Superintendent's Report to Madison's Board of Park Commissioners
May 2013**

HGA continues the planning work continues for Olbrich's renovation and expansion project planning. Only one public meeting remains – here is more information.

Public Stakeholder Meeting 1, Tuesday, January 15 | 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Pre-Design: **Evaluate & Refine Planning Concept**

Completed: video, presentation and notes available

Public Stakeholder Meeting 2, Thursday, February 21 | 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Pre-Design: **Final Planning Concept Presentation**

Completed: video, presentation and notes available

Public Stakeholder Meeting 3, Mon, March 25 | 5:00 – 7:00 pm

Schematic Design: **Initial Concepts**

Completed: video, presentation, and notes available

Public Stakeholder Meeting 4, Mon, April 22 | 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Schematic Design: **Evaluate & Refine Concept**

Completed: video, presentation and notes available

All materials relating to the above meetings are available at

<http://www.olbrich.org/about/expansionproject.cfm>

Public Stakeholder Meeting 5, Mon, May 20 | 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Final Schematic Design Presentation

Visitor comment from the past month:

Hello, I'd like to know more about the gravel you use in the outdoor garden, particularly in the pathways, Thank you! (Phyllis T) Response from librarian: *Quartzite screenings from Michael's materials with contact information.*

Numbers

OBG Attendance (counted from 9 – 4 only + event participants)	2013	2012
March 1 - 31	18,642	18,756
YTD March 31	39,019	41,437
Total Member Households (individuals*) Feb 28	6,519 (11,475)	6,158 (9,426)

**based on the number of membership cards issued*

OBG City of Madison Major Revenue Categories (unaudited)	YTD 3/31/2013	YTD 3/31/2012
Bolz Conservatory Admission YTD	\$19,737	\$14,181
Room Rentals YTD*	\$38,366	\$35,260
Catering Percentage Revenue YTD**	\$4,174	\$35,260
TOTAL YTD	\$62,277	\$50,996

**accrued at time of booking – up to 21 months before the rental date, ** accrued on a monthly basis following each catered rental*

May Public Events at Olbrich Botanical Gardens call 608-246-4550 for more info

Bolz Conservatory Light Gaps Exhibit, through – July 14, 10 am – 4 pm

Leaf Mulch Sale – Load Your Own: ongoing 10 am - 4 pm daily while supplies last

Herb Day, Sunday, May 5, 9:30 – 3:30 pm by the Madison Herbal Institute

Dahlia Sale, Sunday, May 5, 12 – 2 pm by the Badger State Dahlia Society

National Public Gardens Day, Friday, May 10

Olbrich's Plant Sale With the Pros May 10 - 11

Early Bird Shopping for Olbrich Circle Members May 10, 9 -11 am; \$20 entrance fee for non Circle

Regular Shopping - Friday, May 10, 11 am – 6 pm and Saturday, May 11, 9 am – 3 pm

Sundowner's/Crosstown African Violet Club Sale, Sat, May 11, 9 am – 4 pm

Badger Bonsai Show, Saturday and Sunday, May 18 & 19, 10 am – 5 pm

Leaf Mulch Sale – Full Service: Thursday, May 23, 12 – 5 pm and Friday, May 24, 12 – 5 pm

Education – May classes and programs call 608/246-4550 for info/registration or visit www.olbrich.org

Wellness at the Gardens

Yoga, Mondays 5:30 pm – 6:45 pm and Thursdays, 7:30 – 8:45 am (drop in OK)

Yogalates, Wednesdays, Jan 9 – May 22 5:30 – 6:30 pm

Classes & Workshops for Adults

Spring Has Sprung: Herbs for Food and Medicine, Tuesdays, May 7 – June 4 (No class 5/21), 6 – 9 pm

Ornamental Container Gardens, Tuesday, May 21, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Learn & Play Together

Toddler Story & Stroll: Celebrate Spring Series – Full With Waiting Lists!

Rain, Fri, May 3, 10 – 11 am

Flowers, Fri, May 10, 10 – 11 am

Birds, Fri, May 17, 10 – 11 am

*Roberta Sladky
March 29, 2013*