



☀️ Take It Outside! Creative Library Programming in Outdoor Spaces ☀️

🧊 Friday, January 23rd at 1:00 pm CT 🧊

Our Presenters



Milton
PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Renee Reckner



L.E. Phillips Memorial
Public Library | SO
MUCH
MORE...

**Bethany Bulgrin, Stephanie Schulz
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STORY
GARDENS

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Full Spectrum Photography



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SUPPORTERS CAN DONATE \$40 TO SPONSOR A BOOK. THE COST COVERS THE PURCHASE OF TWO BOOKS AND THE LAMINATING

STORYWALK® REMIX



ART WALK



FUNDRAISER FOR THE CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT/MAINTAINCE OF STORY GARDENS
HAVE RAISED \$23,000 IN TWO YEARS

ART IN THE GARDENS



CONNIE BIER



JOHN DORN



HEATHER
HANSEN



LOCAL STUDENTS



LITTLE FREE ART GALLERY



INTERACTIVE



CHESS TABLES



MUSICAL
INSTRUMENTS



TIC-TAC-TOE



TEXT THE BIRDS!

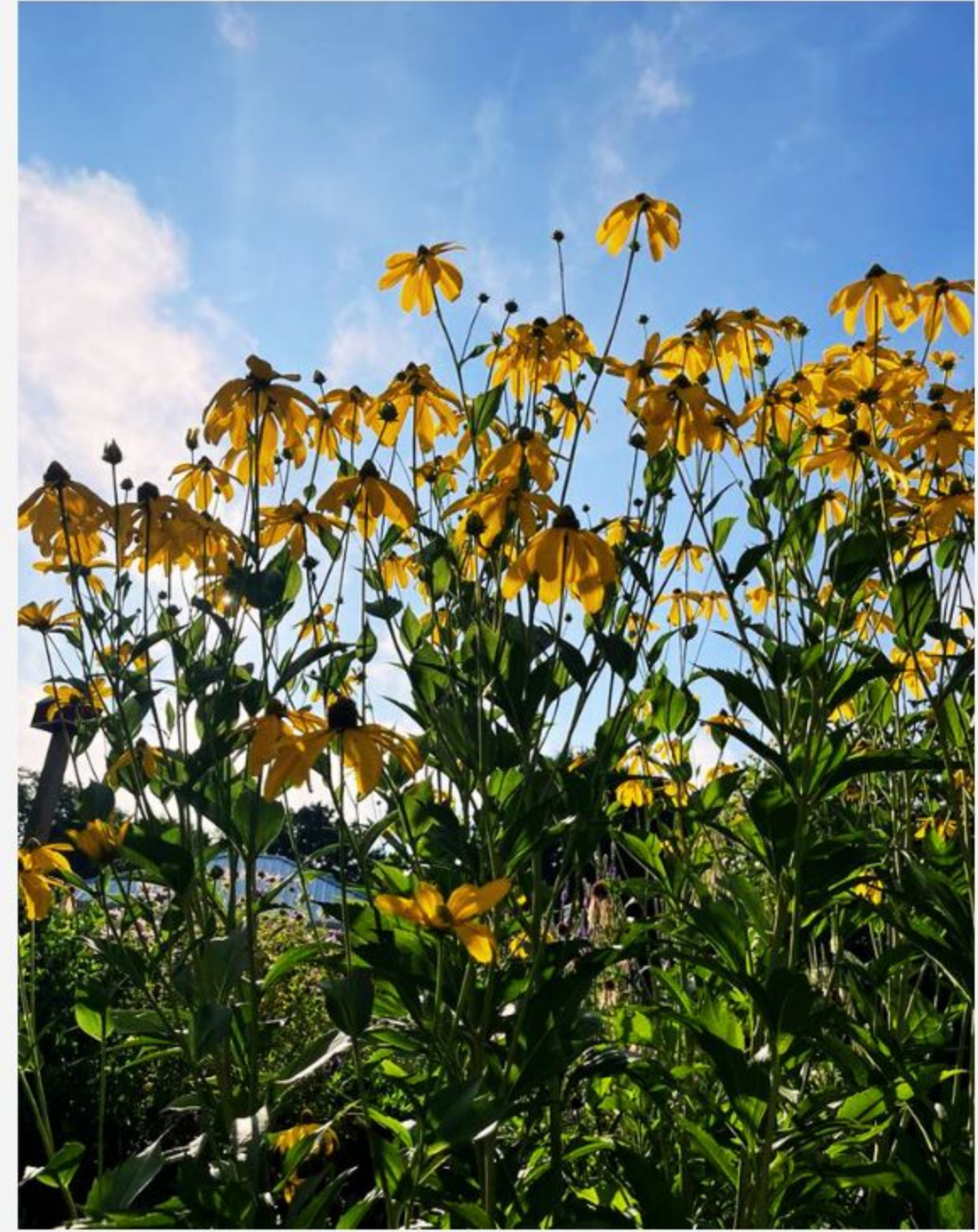
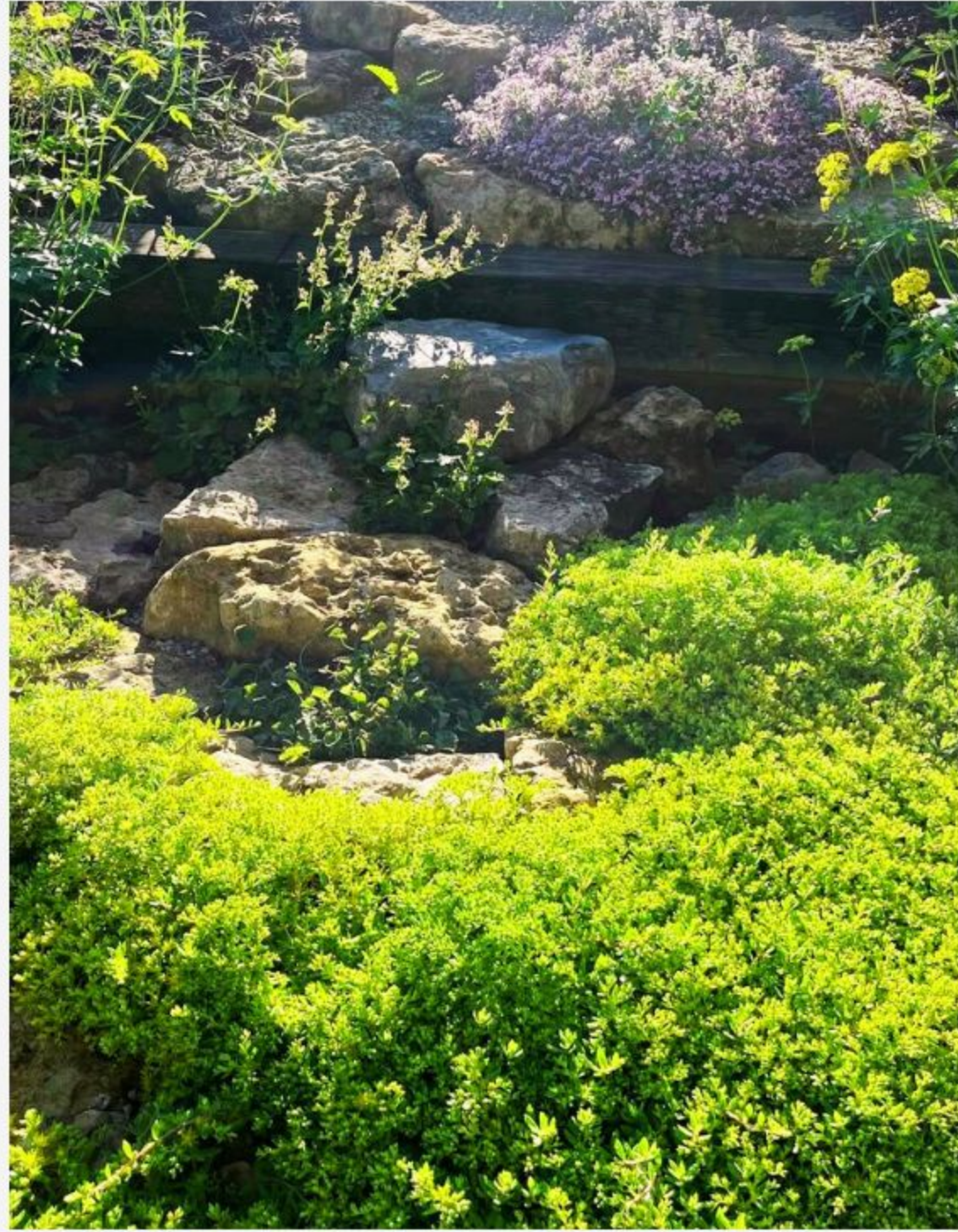
FLOWERS, OF COURSE



POLLINATOR GARDEN



SHADE GARDEN



RAISED GARDEN BEDS



COMMUNITY



100 MONARCHS



RAISED \$37,100 FOR THE CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT OF THE SPACE.



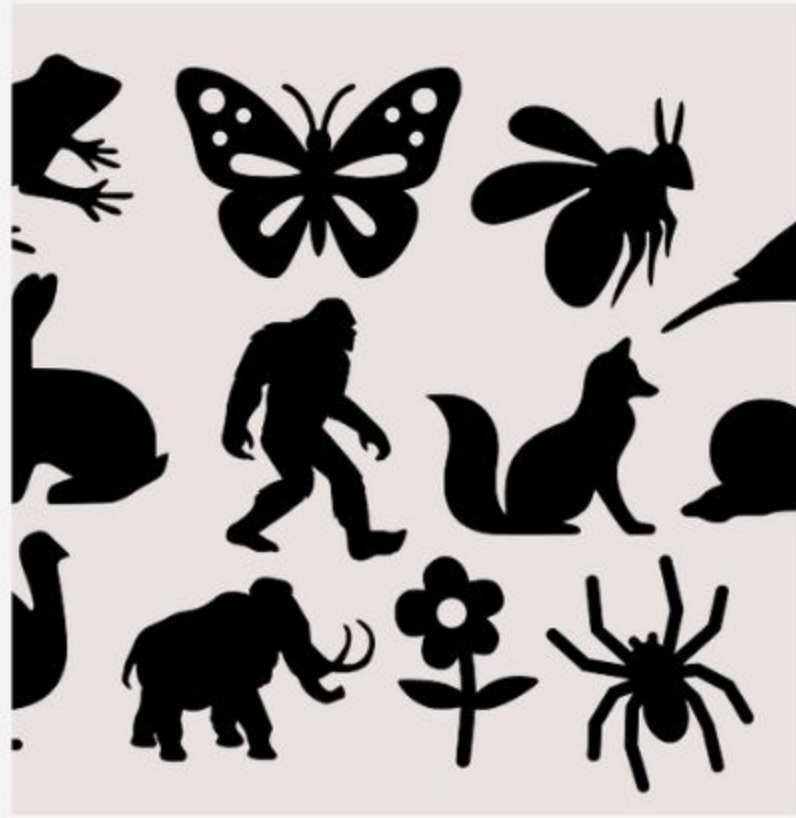
TIMELINE [APPROX.]



COMING SOON



PET CELEBRATION
GARDEN



SCAVENGER
HUNT



GARDEN
KALEIDOSCOPE



INTERPRETIVE
SIGNS







THANK
YOU
VERY
MUCH!

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Renee Reckner

DESIGNATED PARKING AREAS AT ALL TIMES

AS PER ORDINANCE #7-1-6
*ALL PETS MUST BE LEASHED, AND THE LEASH MAY NOT BE LONGER THAN 30" IN LENGTH

AS PER ORDINANCE #11-6-1
*NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES WITHOUT OBTAINING A PERMIT

INFORMATION:
*TO RESERVE THIS PARK CALL THE VILLAGE HALL @ 247-3395
*IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS CALL THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT @ 247-3333
www.ci.somerset.wi.us/park



Small Town Audio History Tour



ECHOES OF THE PAST

SELF-GUIDED
AUDIO TOUR
OF SOMERSET

SCAN TO LISTEN

OR NAVIGATE TO:
[SOMERSETPUBLICLIBRARY.ORG/HISTORY-TOUR/](https://somersepubliclibrary.org/history-tour/)

STOP

BROUGHT
TO YOU BY

 **SOMERSET**
PUBLIC LIBRARY

 **WILS**
ideas to action

What Sparked the Idea

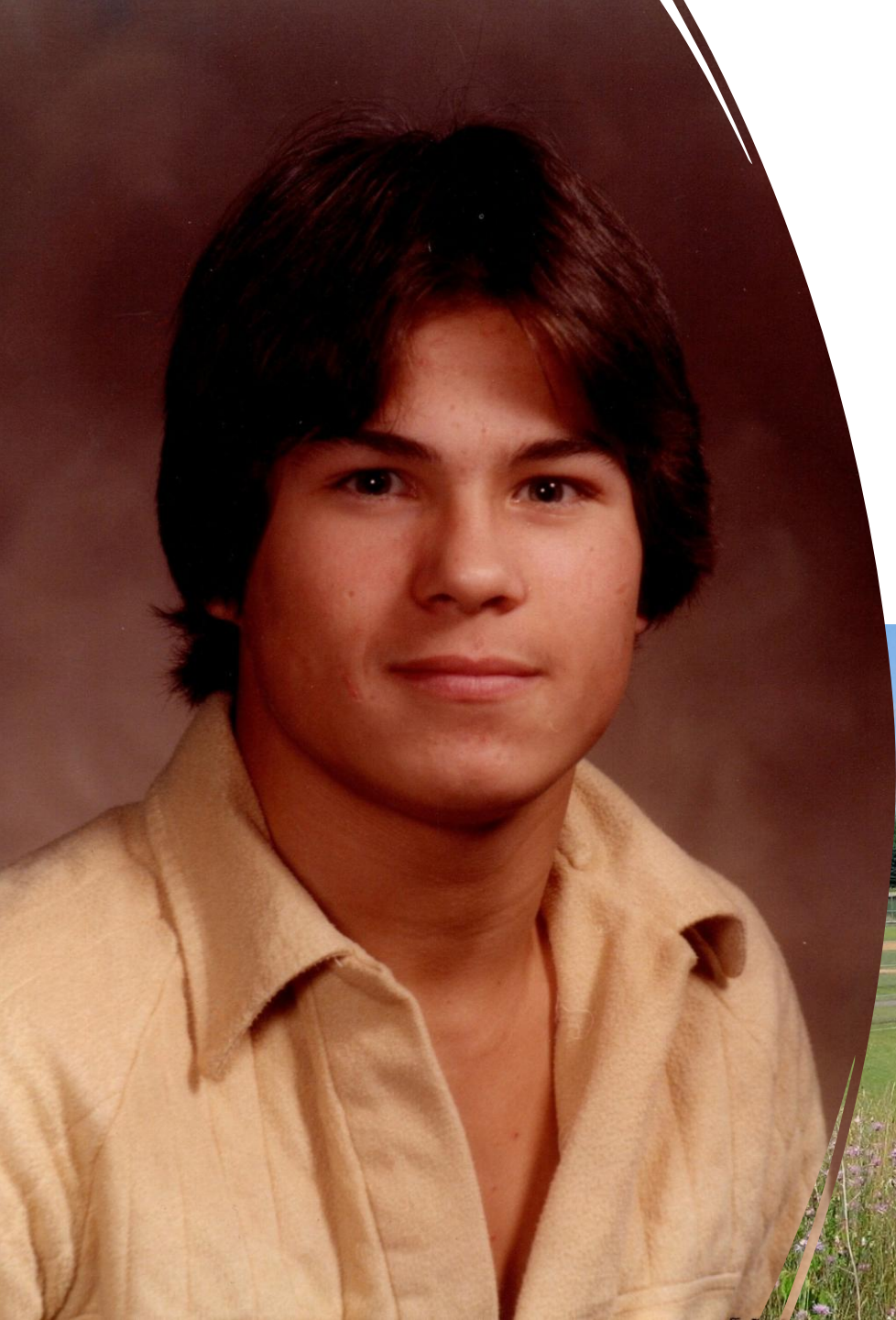
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Project Development



Project Development

Larry Forrest



The Final Pieces



Marketing



What Surprised Us



In Closing

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Dabble on the Patio

AN OUTDOOR CRAFTING SERIES

at the L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library



WHAT IS IT?



● a craft

● a mocktail



● adults

featured craft

- productive & structured
(but casual)
- guided
(not direct instruction)
- promotes makerspace



repeat attendance





mocktails & music

- crafting + socializing

format

- adults only
- evenings
- drop-in
(flexibility)



vibe

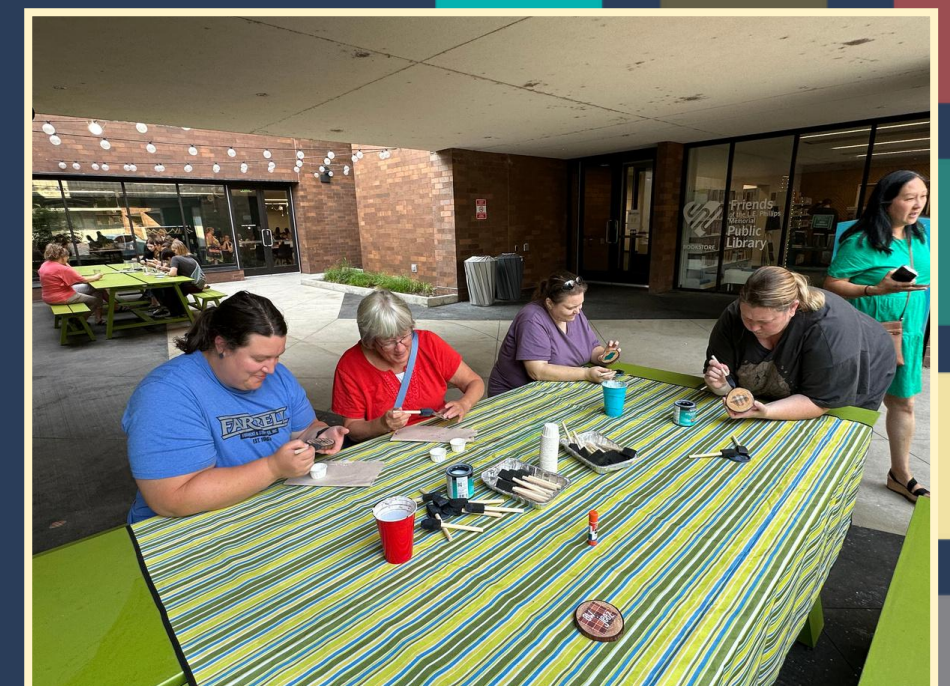
WHY OUTSIDE?

space

- underutilized areas
- larger attendance

flexibility

- messy is okay!
- varied setup options



vibe

seating options

casual

fresh air

social

a chance to “get out”

audience

competes with other summer
events

(schedule accordingly!)



WHAT WORKS?

marketing

- multiple appeal factors
- sober event
- giveaways

budgeting

- budget-friendly supplies & drinks



timing

- 2 hour event
- 20-45 min craft

setup

- supplies distribution
- 'traffic flow'

staffing

- share prep, setup and event staffing



Thank you!





WEST BEND
LIBRARY

Steve Thiry



















Questions or Comments?

Thank you!

Please join us next month on Friday, February 27th at 10:00 am CT for the WiLS 2026 Member Meeting to hear how four libraries in Wisconsin are caring for their communities.

Register at <https://bit.ly/wils-mm-2026> or visit the WiLS website at <https://wils.org>.