

About Us

The Friends of the Wild Flower Garden, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) Minnesota Non-profit corporation founded in 1952 by a group of private citizens. Our purpose is to protect, preserve, and promote the interests of the Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden and Bird Sanctuary for its unique beauty and as a sanctuary for native flora and fauna of Minnesota, and to educate and inspire people of all ages in relating to the natural world. We offer assistance for the garden in the form of funding and volunteer support. Our mission is supported by your membership, memorials and donations. Information about donations, memorials and in-honor-of gifts is found on the “support” page of our website.

Your 2021 Board of Directors

| <u>Director</u> | <u>Responsibility</u> | <u>Director since</u> |
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| <u>Officers:</u> | | |
| Jennifer Olson | President | 2013 |
| Gary Bebeau | Treasurer | 2001 |
| Candyce Bartol | Secretary | 2014 |
| <u>Other Directors</u> | | |
| Colin Bartol | Newsletter editor | 2013 |
| Steven Benson | at large | 1995 |
| Kathleen Connelly | Past president | 2016 |
| Lauren Husting | Media Communications | 2014 |
| Jim Proctor | Invasive Plant Group | 2005 |
| Sally Pundt | at large | 1994 |
| Steven Pundt | at large | 1994 |
| J. Pam Weiner | at large | 2001 |
| <u>Ex-officio</u> | | |
| Susan Wilkins | Carden Curator | 2004 |

An excellent way to learn more about us and how we visualize our mission is to join the board of directors. Openings are always available for members who want to offer their services. Board terms are for one year. Some people stay on the board for only a year or two, others for as long as they are willing to contribute. You can contact any board member via the email links on the “contact us” page on our website. If you use the general “all other” link your message will be forwarded to the appropriate person.