

Medicine Wheel Garden



The Medicine Wheel Garden
was a Silver Award Project,
made by Girl Scout Troop 5536.

We worked on the Garden from
November 2009 to July 2010.

S. Janet Weyker

Our advisor





Killing the grass with
newspaper.



Picking extra newspaper
up.



Alyssa rototilling
the garden.



Cutting directional poles to size.

Autumn and S. Janet
decorating a directional
pole.



All of the directional poles
finished with decorations.

Decorating the Peace Pole.



Our troop standing with the finished peace pole.





Kate and Autumn digging
the paths.



The last of the tamping

Planting the Peace
Pole.



Adjusting the Peace
Pole.



Madeline planting

the North Quadrant



Alyssa planting the
WEST Quadrant.

Kate Planting in the South Quadrant



The West Quadrant.



The Finished Medicine Wheel Garden

The plants
signs
arrived!



The Plant Identification Book Mailbox.



The Dedication Ceremony.

The Program at the Dedication Ceremony.

Dedication of the Medicine Wheel Garden

Eco-Justice Center
Sunday, June 27, 2010



A Girl Scout Silver Award Project
by Troop 5536



Sr. Vivian Giddings (rt) plays her drum. Sr. Rose Marie keeps beat.



Left to right: Ellen Miller, Kathy & Katie Heineck, Autumn Fox, Madeline Fell, Alyssa & Pam Heitfeld of Troop 5536

Ellen's
Circle.

Prairie Medicine Wheel Garden

Last fall Madeline Fell, a participant in our first Ecology Camp at the Farm, was looking for a project that she and four friends could do to earn their Girl Scout Silver Award. They decided to accept the challenge of creating a Medicine Wheel Garden at the Eco-Justice Center. The garden, also called an ethno-botany garden, is planted with native species that were used for medicinal purposes by the Native Americans and early settlers. With the help of Nan Calvert, president of the local chapter of Wild Ones, the girls identified the plants native to southeastern Wisconsin. Botanical signs name each cluster of plants and a booklet explaining the medicinal uses of each plant is available to visitors. The garden also features a peace pole in the center and smaller poles at each of the cardinal directions. We and the Girl Scouts are very grateful for the financial support received from Youth As Resources and Root River Wild Ones and for the rocks donated by Weyker Trucking. The garden is located on the south end of the orchard; visitors are welcome to walk around and ponder in this sacred space.

The article about the ~~new~~ Medicine Wheel Garden in the Eco Justice Newsletter.



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Madeline

Medicine Wheel Gardens-
what a project. Working
on the garden flew by
especially because we worked
with friends and sister
Janet. Now we get to
watch the garden grow



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The medicine wheel garden
was made possible by troop 5536.
I did the east quadrant, which
has plants from eastern Wisconsin.
We accomplished an
educational part of nature that
my troop and I are very proud of.



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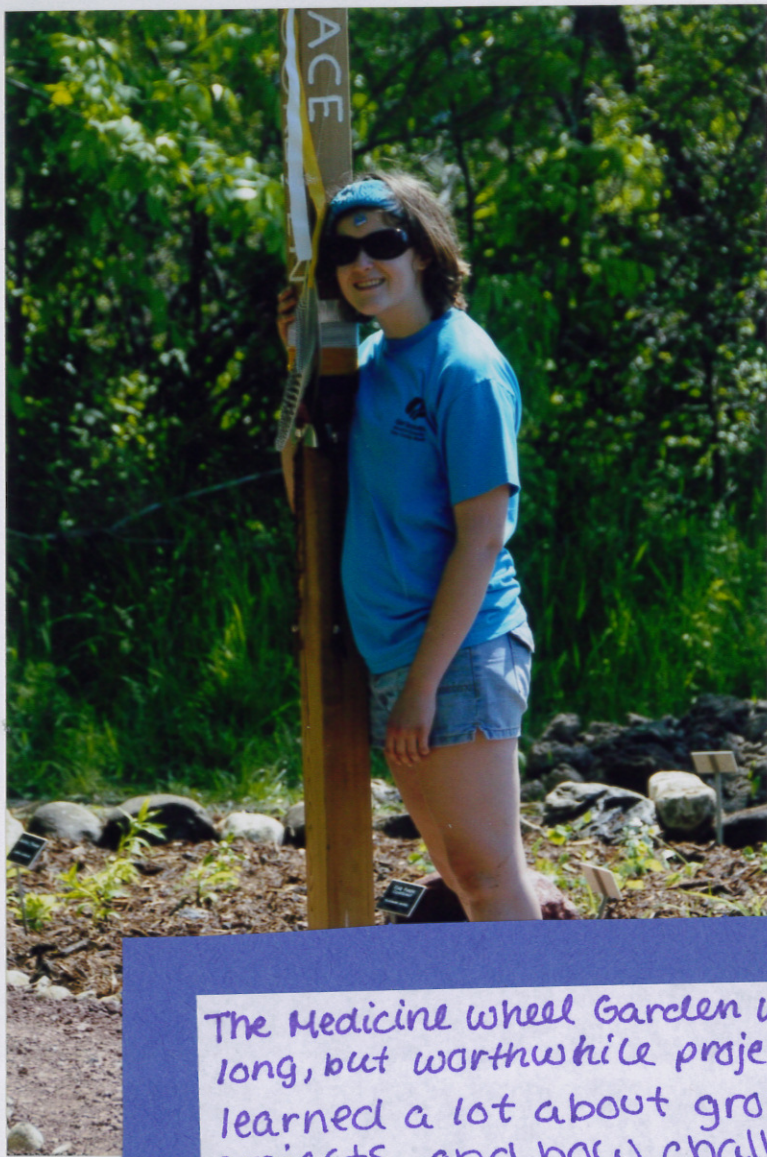
The Medicine Wheel Garden was a long process of digging, shoveling, raking, and planting. It taught me a lot about Native American culture and native plants of Wisconsin. The garden made me realize what can be accomplished by a small troop if we all work together. -Kate Hedrick



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Planting a garden as large as ours from scratch was a huge accomplishment for a group our size. I'm glad that I was part of a project that will teach so many people about Native American culture.



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The Medicine wheel Garden was a long, but worthwhile project. I learned a lot about group projects, and how challenging doing a HUGE project like this is. Even though the project was a lot of work, it was a lot of fun!

-Alyssa