

## Introducing: Bridget Staley



My favorite master gardener activities are the Outagamie Co. Fair and any Garden Walk. Both are great ways to meet people and help with gardening questions. Even if you don't know all the answers (and who does), you can always find someone who does. In my free time, I like to do cooking/canning, crafts of all kinds from beading to concrete leaves, and diddling on the computer. All of them take more time than I have to donate to them. I also wish I could learn how to weld; my husband Alan doesn't have time. I have a hidden talent: In 1978 my grandmother took me to the Ukrainian gift shop in Minneapolis. She paid the \$10 for them to give me a lesson on how to decorate the "Psyanky". We bought the supplies and I've been

making them ever since even raising my own geese for their eggs, but sadly I don't seem to have the time now. My best vacation, hands down, was last year's ten day trip to Austria. With its clean air, beautiful cities, country sides and no bugs! It was too short. If I had the money, I'd love to get to Ireland. I would specifically like to

see Ross Trevor, 20 minutes south of Belfast where the McGivern clan is from on my dad's side of the family, then to Ringaskiddy in County Down south of Dublin on the coast of Ireland where my grandfather Mehigan was born. They say there are 30 different colors of green in Ireland. I would like to make, write or do something to memorialize my mother and her art. I don't quite know how to go about it. Her art is spread out from Detroit to Minneapolis, from Denver to South Dakota and many places in between. My sister is also an artist and shares this dream.



**Ceramic eggs I did in Ukrainian Designs**