



# MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

## Terry Barrett Class of 2017



Let me tell you how my wife (Kimberly) and I ended up living in the Fox Valley. I retired from my position as a professor at a university in Kentucky on the last day of 1999. At the time, Kimberly was the Dean of Students at a university in Missouri. We decided to look around for further opportunities for her and some adventure for me. That search resulted in our becoming "landed immigrants" in Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada.

I have always loved being outdoors and living in Northwestern Ontario is an outdoorsperson's paradise. In the summer I spent most of my time either fishing Lake Superior, canoeing bush lakes north of Thunder Bay or building a rock garden in our backyard. The winters found me spending lots of time playing in the snow (ice fishing, skiing, cross-sledding, snow shoeing).

Kimberly and I bought a wonderful home right on Lake Superior. Behind the house was a hill with a cliff that looked like a perfect spot for a rock garden. Down on the shore was an old silver mine where the shafts

if the garden could reflect a little of my Native American heritage (I and my children are all card carrying members of the Samish Indian Nation of northwest Washington State) so my son, Terrance, and I worked one summer decorating some flat stones and our propane tank.

When Terrance graduated from grade 8, we decided to return to the US. We spent four years in Eau Claire, WI, four years near Birmingham, AL, and four years in Dayton, OH. By that time Terrance had graduated university, moved to Madison and got married. Since it looked like our son was committed to staying in Wisconsin for the foreseeable future, Kimberly and I decided to return. A wonderful job opportunity opened for Kimberly at Lawrence University and so here we are.

We appreciate being closer to our son, I love the fishing opportunities, and I am especially happy to have finally satisfied one of my long-term goals of becoming a Master Gardener

Volunteer. I very much appreciate the organization and what it is doing for the community. Because one of my major interests in gardening is garden design, I have volunteered to help with the rose garden and the impact garden at the UW Extension grounds. I look forward to many happy gardening days as a member of this organization. Thanks for welcoming me and my family.



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had been filled with tons and tons of flat stones just right for making a rock garden. So, all that was needed was a weak mind, a strong back and lots of time (three things I could easily furnish). I also thought it would be great

