



September 2023

Greetings from Our President

With our Plant Sale, Garden Walk/Unique Boutique, summer backyard meetings and the August picnic, we have had a busy and productive summer for a garden club. Our civic efforts also ramped up, with beautification work being done at the Post Office, Historical Society, American Legion Post, Clearbrook resident house, Viatorian Giving Gardens and the Northwest Compass Community Garden Project. We are fortunate that so many of our members volunteer their time for these civic projects. Our entire Board would like to thank all the volunteers that make these projects possible.

As we continue our long standing engagement in the community, I am excited and proud to announce that we are now officially a 501(c)(3) organization. This designation will help to expand our ability to garner support and grants to use to further our mission of horticultural education and fostering a love and respect for the environment. My thanks to everyone who worked to make this important organizational transition to a not-for-profit organization over the past year.

We have a great year of programs and member activities planned ahead of us and I look forward to hearing from all of you on ways to continue to grow and strengthen our club.

May all our gardens continue to grow and flourish!

Beth Ligenza

Fall / Winter Meetings

- September 25
- October 23
- November 27
- December Holiday Party

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September Program

September 25th @ 7 PM, St. Simon's Church

Landscaping with Natives:
The Why & How of Landscaping with Native Plants

Presented by Pete Landwehr

Pete has been a Master Gardener since 2014 and has been raising vegetables for over 30 years. He has been involved in the University of Illinois [Conservation@Home](#) program since its introduction in 2016. He started the weekly summer Master Gardener answer desk at the Arlington Heights Farmers Market where he and fellow Master Gardeners volunteer answering gardening and landscaping questions. He started the Catholic Charities vegetable garden in Des Plaines to raise fresh vegetables for their food pantry. Retired from a 40 year accounting career, he now devotes his time to helping others learn and enjoy gardening.

Pete will discuss the reasons why natives are so important to the ecosystem, what they provide to other plants, insects and wildlife, and the differences between natives and cultivars. He will also give details of some of his favorites and how to use them to develop a cohesive landscape design.



*Old gardeners never die,
they just run out of thyme*
~Gardening Saying



About Our Monthly Meetings

Our monthly general meetings are held on the fourth Monday of each month, September through May.

During the summer, June and July Meetings are held in Members' Gardens.

Meeting Agenda (NOTE: time change below)

- 6:30-7 PM Social time
- 7-7:30 PM Business meeting
- 7:30 PM Speaker program begins

Meeting Location

Our meetings are held at [Saint Simon's Episcopal Church](#) in their basement meeting space.

Saint Simon's is located at 717 West Kirchoff Road, Arlington Heights, IL 60005, and is right next to NW Community Hospital. There is ample parking next to the building. Enter the large west side parking lot and proceed to the west side of the building. You will see a sign, "Parish Hall," next to the stairs. Take the stairs down to the basement entrance. For those who are "stair challenged," you will enter at the parking level entrance to the right of the stairs and take an elevator down to the basement. There is a sign outside indicating the West elevator entrance. A club member will be there to assist you with the elevator. Click on [map](#) for directions.

We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting.

Can You Name This Native Plant?

(Answer can be found on 14)



Photo taken at The Grove by June Miller



Now is the perfect time to plan for adding native trees and shrubs to create beauty and habitat.

- Online pre-order September 1-30 on the CFC [website](#)
- Pre-orders only. No additional plants will be available for sale
- Discount for CFC members
- Plant pick-up will be on October 14 at Hill 'N Dale Preserve

Be sure to checkout the [Summer Issue](#) of the National Gardener



Stop by the Museum to pickup the NEW flavors of Arlington Club Soda!

Back By Popular Demand

- Lime Rickey
- Grape

New Flavors:

- Klondike Fizz - this was produced by Muller starting in the 1890s-1920s. It was a marketing gimmick derived from the Klondike Gold Rush in the mid-1890s. It also became a popular drink marketed for temperance groups at Soda Fountains.
- Golden Ginger Ale- produced for a long time by FW Muller and throughout the history of Arlington Club.

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HISTORICAL MUSEUM



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An hour in the garden puts life problems in perspective



Val Solaski

Congratulations to Val on being named to the Garden Club of Illinois BOOK OF HONOR!

As Programing Chair, Val has led us through the History of Gardening, Containers, Shrubs, Perennials, Vegetables, Herbs and even Foraging for Wild Edibles.

'Celebrities' such as Rachel Carson and Georgia O'Keefe have been invited by Val to speak at our club to share their beliefs and values with our members.

Bees, Birds, Bats and Butterflies have been brought to our attention by Val and she did not leave us without providing a program on ANTS this year!

She has brought us the issues of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District, Conservation, Climate Change, Composting, Biomimicry and Organic Waste.

We have been to French Gardens, South African Gardens, Victory Gardens, Keukenhof Tulip Gardens and Fairy Gardens.

For thirteen Garden Club Seasons and 104 Gardening Programs, Val has dedicated her time, patience, and organizational skills to the Arlington Heights Garden Club. She has done a tremendous job and all our club members have benefited from her volunteer work with the AHGC.



Thank You, Valerie Solaski.



Soldier Beetle

Look what Kathy Wolan found in her yard!

FUN FACTS:

- Large numbers of **SOLDIER BEETLES** are active from late July to September
- 1/2 -3/4 inch long
- The beetles are attracted to yellow flowers
- They are beneficial as pollinators & are related to fireflies
- Soldier beetles live through winter as larvae in leaf litter, plant debris, loose soil: **DON'T CLEAN UP YOUR FALL GARDEN**
- Soldier beetles, also known as leatherwings, get their name from the soft, cloth like wing covers, which when brightly colored are reminiscent of military uniforms of previous centuries. These beetles are elongate, soft-bodied and about 1/2 inch long.
- For more information, [click here](#).



Bumblebee and a Soldier Beetle sharing a Purple Coneflower



Allerton Park and Retreat Center

Bev Krams

Looking for a short weekend stay 2 3/4 hours from Arlington Heights, between Champaign and Decatur?

ALLERTON is a private residence of artist and philanthropist Robert Allerton built in 1900. The Allerton Park and Retreat Center is a historical treasure that was donated to the University of Illinois in 1946. The area includes 1,500 acres of woodland and prairie, a mansion and reflecting pond, a 10-acre meadow, formal sculpture gardens, hiking trails, [a café](#), and several lodging facilities. Book your stay in the Gardener's Residence, the Gate House or the Mansion! For more information, click [here](#)



Hydroponic Wall and Rooftop Gardens Tour

June Miller | Conservation

On **Wednesday, September 27th** at 4 pm there will be a guided tour by the Stevenson High School Horticultural Club Students and their Sponsor, Amy Inselberger (SHS Biology Teacher).

Hydroponics is a technique of growing plants using a water-based nutrient solution and oxygen rather than soil. This hydroponic method allows for faster growth of plants. The hydroponic walls span two stories high at the school. Come see this unique and interesting process. Also, tour the rooftop greenhouse and garden and enjoy the beautiful plants.

If you are interested in joining this tour, please **RSVP** with [June Miller](#) by 9 am Tuesday, September 26, so June can provide an accurate count of members that will be visiting the site. After you register with June you will be notified of where to meet at the school closer to the event.

[Stevenson High School](#) Horticulture Club in Lincolnshire, IL.



Monthly Meeting Time Change

Beth Ligenza | President

Based on feedback from a number of vendors, as well as several speakers, the AHGC Board has voted to update the member meeting time for the 2023-2024 year.

Effective immediately, **our meetings will begin at 6:30pm**, with social time running from 6:30-7pm

The business portion of the evening will commence at 7pm. This will allow our speakers to begin their programs at 7:30. This will also allow members to get home a little earlier, as well as making it an earlier night for the hospitality and clean up crew. It will also make it easier for us to select speakers, as some were not able to accommodate the 8pm program start time.



Be Sure to Have Your Garden Checked for Jumping Worms This Fall

Bob Bruett and his crew have been busy checking for jumping worms in members' gardens. This soil assessment can be requested by any club member.

Asian Jumping Worms can dramatically change soil texture into something similar to coffee grounds. Jumping worms feast on mulch and strip vital nutrients from topsoil. Jumping worms do not survive our winter weather because they only burrow in the upper three inches of soil; however in the fall, jumping worms produce eggs which over-winter emerging in the spring. The time is **NOW** to identify these worms **IF YOU WANT TO DONATE GARDEN PLANTS FOR THE 2024 PLANT SALE IN JUNE.**

If you would like your garden checked for these worms, please contact [Bob Bruett](#).

For more information on jumping worms [click here](#).

2023 Garden Walk

Karen Reeb & Jean Kengott | Garden Walk Co-Chairs

As new Garden Walk committee co-chairs, we survived our inaugural hosting of the 2023 AHGC Garden Walk & Unique Boutique. Although the weather was touch and go that day, Mother Nature smiled on us and gifted us with beautiful, albeit windy weather!

This year's Garden Walk included seven gardens and 38 Unique Boutique vendors. Our 2023 net profit for this year's event was \$9,499.57, an increase of \$649.29 from 2022. We also sold 43 more tickets this year (and at a higher rate due to more tickets being sold on the day of our event.)

We would like to thank everyone who shared their knowledge, answered our endless questions, gave helpful suggestions, guided us and held our hands through many trials and tribulations. To the many volunteers who worked so hard, gave of their time and our amazing club members, committee members and volunteers who worked so hard to help us make this one the most successful Garden Walk/Unique Boutique to date!

With sincere gratitude,

Karen & Jean



2023 August Picnic

Cathy Kostal | Hospitality

The annual AHGC Picnic was held on August 28th at the Historical Society Grounds. We enjoyed beautiful weather as the approximately 80 attendees socialized and enjoyed the wide variety of delicious appetizers, side dishes and desserts that our members contributed in addition to the chicken that was catered from Mariano's.

It was wonderful to be able to honor Kathy Hendricksen and Thom Kraak, recipients of the Garden Clubs of Illinois VIP Recognition Award. Be sure to read the article on page 10.

Special thanks to Sue and Mike Streich for donating the door prize - a handy garden tool set - that was won by Brenda Catardi. Thanks to Jerry Kostal for providing our "Background Music"! Many thanks to all our members who volunteered to help with the set up and clean up afterwards and all of those providing food and drinks. It was a very special event for a great group of people!

Brenda Catardi wins
the door prize



District 25 Youth Garden Grant Project at Greenbrier School



Conservation Corner

June Miller | Conservation

Annual Pop-Up Art Sale Returns to the Prospect Heights Slough

Saturday, September 30th @ 10 AM – 4 PM

Izaak Walton Pavilion

201 North Elmhurst Road

Prospect Heights, IL

A day of music, nature, and art! The art sale features the work of local and regional artists and craftsmen who will be exhibiting paintings, drawings, sculpture, woodworks, ceramics, jewelry, and more.



Recycling Tip from SWANCC

A commonly asked question for SWANCC (Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County) is “Why can’t shredded paper go in a curbside recycle bin since it is paper?”. In the Materials Recovery Facility, the tiny paper shreds can’t be captured in the sorting process as they cling to other objects and flutter around the facility. This not only causes contamination in other materials but the shreds can become embedded in the machinery and clog up the sorting equipment. Therefore, shred your paper as needed but be sure to put it in the trash, not the recycling bin!

NOTE: Shredded paper CAN go into your own home compost bin! It counts as a 'brown' ingredient AND provides carbon for your home compost!



Nature Speaks: A Conversation with Dr. Gerould Wilhelm



Thursday, October 19th

7 PM - 8:15 PM

Prospect Heights Public Library

12 Elm Street,

Prospect Heights, IL

In person or Zoom. [Registration](#) required.

Spend an evening in conversation with renowned botanist, research taxonomist, educator, and co-author of “Flora of the Chicago Region”, Dr. Gerould Wilhelm. The conversation will be centered around rare and endangered habitats in the Chicagoland region, climate change and species migration, and why land Stewardship is more important than ever. Dr. Wilhelm will express his views on these issues and open the evening for a discussion.

Illinois Prairie Week

The third full week of September each year is designated as [Illinois Prairie Week](#). The week is used to observe the value of preserving and reestablishing native Illinois prairies. If you can, take time this month to visit a local prairie to marvel over all the beautiful grasses and wildflowers it offers.

Two University of Illinois Lake County Extension Classes Available

Landscaping for a Changing Climate

Wednesday, October 11th 6PM on Zoom

What we plant and how we plant it can make a difference. Discover nature-based solutions for home gardeners that lessens the impact of our changing climate. [Register](#)

Starting Native Plants From Seeds

Wednesday, November 8th 6PM on Zoom

Starting native plants from seeds can be challenging until you know the tricks to sparking germination. Discover what it means to stratify and scarify seeds and which species need which treatment. [Register](#)

Hammerhead Worms

Bev Krams

OH NO, another WORM!

HAMMERHEAD WORMS likely hitched a ride to the states in the early 1900's when they were unintentionally imported with plants. Now the worms thrive from Pennsylvania to Hawaii. These worms are another invasive species! Hammerhead worms cause harm because their prey are typically EARTHWORMS which are essential to our forests, crops and backyard gardens.



These Hammerhead Worms propel themselves across the surface of a lawn or driveway with something called the creeping sole. A creeping sole is a series of small cilia on the undersurface of the worm that helps it glide. If they find their prey, they secrete a vast amount of sticky slime which entangles their victim. The toxin they secrete is tetrodotoxin. This is the toxin found in the puffer fish, paralyzing the muscles of its prey. Their mouth is also their anus and if you cut them in half, they will regenerate a complementary portion of each body part!

OK, so what should you do if you come across a Hammerhead? Definitely dispose of the worm. If you touch them you should wash your hands as it can cause a rash. They are really sensitive to vinegar spray. If you see these worms in your yard, spray them with vinegar and they will dissolve! Or, you can 'solarize' them as recommended for Jumping Worms. Put them in a plastic bag, seal and leave them in the sun to dry.

VIP Recognition Award to Kathy and Thom

It was wonderful to be able to honor Kathy Hendricksen and Thom Kraak for the Garden Clubs of Illinois VIP Recognition Award. For the past 23 years Kathy and Thom have generously shared their time, talent, home, garden and grilling skills with the Arlington Heights Garden Club.



Thom invested his time starting in 1999 with the wonderful Millennium Lily, distributing more than 3,000 plants to Village residents. The Lily only started his involvement with the club as he then served as program coordinator, president and frequently working with the Park District and Museum on behalf of the club.



Kathy has held numerous positions in the club but most importantly the presidency during a time when the club needed her leadership and direction the most. It was five years of building back friendships, trust and putting the AHGC Walk back on its feet. In addition she took on the leadership of the Garden Walk for over five years and has made the Walk what it is today, a great success!

Thank you Kathy and Thom for all you have contributed and for always being there!



GCI District IX Open Nominations

Nancy Reese | Bylaws Chair, GCI District IX

The nominating committee for District IX, Garden Clubs of Illinois is actively looking for candidates to fill three positions. Do you know someone?

- Who can run meetings (Director)
- Who can plan a party (Vice Director)
- Who can assist the Director with correspondence and emails (Corresponding Secretary)

Candidates must belong to a Garden Club in District IX. (As a member of the AHGC you meet this requirement.) More details on each position are listed below. If you are interested, or know of someone we can talk to, or just have questions, please reach out to one of the four nominating committee members:

[Diane Freeman](#), Northbrook Garden Club

[Mary Ellen Murphy](#), Park Ridge Garden Club

[Nancy Reese](#), Garden Club of Mount Prospect

[Joyce Stemp](#), Wheeling Garden Club

DIRECTOR

- Two-year term March 2024 to March 2026
- Lead all District board meetings and the annual District IX business meeting.
- Serve on the GCI board (meetings held in person and on Zoom).

VICE DIRECTOR

- Two-year term March 2024 to March 2026
- Assist the clubs running the annual District IX spring meeting and raffle.
- Perform the duties of the District Director as needed.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

- One-year term March 2024 to March 2025
- Conduct correspondence via email as requested by the District Director.
- Maintain an accurate list of the District IX member clubs in Excel.



Officers

President	Beth Ligenza
Secretary	Halina Zbilski
Treasurer	Sharon Rudy

Committee Chairs

Artistic	Gail Abbott
Civics	Mike Relaz Dee Schurman
Club Awards	Kathy Hendricksen
Conservation	June Miller
Garden Walk	Karen Reeb Jean Kengott
Horticulture	Juli Cicarelli
Hospitality	Cathy Kostal
Membership	Sheila Coffin Lew Coffin
Newsletter	Mona Frisbie
Plant Sale	Bob Bruett
Programs	Nancy Asquini-Dean
Publicity	Connie Landwehr
Scholarship	Sheila Coffin Emma Visee
Website	Rose Marie Lesniak-Mendez

Project Coordinators

Lew & Sheila Coffin	Northwest Compass Garden
Claudette Norwell-Philipp	Student Partnership
Brenda Catardi	Parade

Gardening Knowledge

Bev Krams

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

GARDEN & PRODUCE SWAP

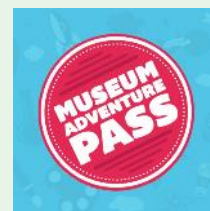
- Sunday, September 24 @ 10am— 12pm
- Location: Makerplace Building

MUSEUM AND GARDEN PASSES

AHML provides you with passes to Museums and Gardens in our area

[CHECK IT OUT](#)

Arlington Heights Memorial
LIBRARY ▶



MORTON ARBORETUM

OF THE EARTH..... New exhibition of Large Scale Sculptures

Visit [website](#) for more information



McHENRY COUNTY COLLEGE

Farm Stroll

September 24 @ 10am-4pm Self Guided Tour

Visit [website](#) for information



CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN

Horticulture Courses Offered at the Regenstein School

Visit [website](#) for list of courses

FINE ART OF FIBER EXHIBIT

Trees: Habitat, Roots Growth | November 4-6 @ 10am-5pm Visit [website](#) for more information



CHALET

EVENTS + CLASSES

[Register](#)



Gardening Knowledge

Bev Krams

SCHWEIKHER HOUSE TOUR

TAKE A TOUR

Take a tour of the Schweikher House, on the National Historic Register in Schaumburg. It will provide you with history, architectural design and a tranquil landscape all hidden off a wooded stretch on Meacham Road in Schaumburg. It is a gem! Visit their [website](#) for more information



BLUMEN GARDENS

UPCOMING EVENTS + WORKSHOPS
Visit [website](#) for more information



FOREST PRESERVES OF COOK COUNTY

[River Trails Nature Center](#) | Northbrook
[Busse Woods](#) | Take a Hike in Ned Brown Preserve
[Crabtree Nature Center](#) | Barrington



OLBRICH BOTANICAL GARDENS

Located in Madison, WI
Free and open daily
www.olbrich.org



NATIONAL GARDEN BUREAU

Register for upcoming programs | Review past programs
ngb.org



McHENRY COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Browse the [Fall 2023 Landscapes](#) Publication





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Gardeners Corner Fall 2023 [Read the Fall issue](#)

- Butterflies can eat to live, live to eat in a balanced garden
- Ideas for youth to explore and connect with nature
- Reap the benefits of intergenerational gardening
- Build drought-tolerant gardens this fall for next summer's blooms
- Tips for extending the garden's growing season
- Consider pollinators during fall garden cleanup
- Keep growing with herbs indoors this fall and winter
- Don't dump Halloween pumpkins, donate or compost them
- Podcast: More than just mums: Fall blooming plants for the garden

Nodding Onion

(*Allium cernuum*)

June Miller | Conservation

The nodding onion is an attractive perennial plant native to most of North America. Each mature bulb forms a single leafless stem that produces a cluster of 30 bell-shaped flowers in shades of light pink, lavender, and white. The stem and pendulous umbels droop downward, "nodding" to the ground. The grass-like foliage is similar to sedges. If you crush the leaves, an onion-like smell can be detected making it deer resistant. The nodding onion plant blooms in July through late August with the foliage lasting through September. It is attractive to pollinators like butterflies and honey, bumble, and sweat bees. Nodding onion plants can be found in woodlands, prairies, and meadows and is a great addition to borders and front row gardens due to being a smaller size for a native plant.

Growth: 8-24 inches

Sun Exposure: Sun to partial sun

Hardiness: Zones 3 to 9

Soil: Grown in a variety of areas and conditions such as dry to moist soil, damp clay soil, and even in sandy and rocky garden beds.

Invasive? Will self seed and spread by bulb offshoots. May need to deadhead flowers to reduce unwanted spread.



Member Profile

Lesley Jackson | Contributing Editor

Meet Our New Treasurer – Sharon Rudy

Sharon comes from a large family, as she is number seven out of a family of ten! She loves being part of a big family as there is always so much going on. She is an Illinois native, raised in Joliet. When she was growing up, she asked her Mom if she could have a small area of the yard just for herself. Her Mom was a dedicated gardener, and Sharon had watched her and decided she wanted to try and grow something too. She grew marigolds, and her love for gardening was born.

Sharon spent 39 years as a CPA, initially in public accounting and the last 18 years working for a private golf club, as the Controller, which included HR and IT. She admitted she loves to lead a mission. She and her husband, Rich, also raised two children – their son lives in Texas and their daughter in Chicago.

She retired in 2022 and as they had moved to Arlington Heights from Buffalo Grove, she thought it would be a perfect time to join the Garden Club, get more involved with the community, and meet new people. She admits she loves to look at gardens more than doing any yardwork. She vowed she would only buy one flat at a time to minimize the amount of work due to problems with her back.

When they moved, she said it was exciting to see what would pop up in her new garden. They have a lot of shade in their garden, but Sharon still loves to plant for sun. The front yard had a very old Evergreen which they removed and poured a concrete slab so that they could sit there and chat with the neighbors as they passed by. She is pleased to report they live in a very friendly neighborhood. They also have a huge, very old Magnolia. She planted Hostas in a figure eight shape in the barren area under the tree.

She has started growing natives – wild Geraniums, Columbine and her favorite flowers are Phlox, Hyacinths and Korean Spice. She grows some tomato plants in with the flowers as she has so little sun. She loves to put “bling” in the garden to dress it up too.

Her very favorite place is the Chicago Botanic Garden, and likes to enjoy trips there with her sisters. She loves the scents, sights, peace and tranquility she can find there.

She hopes to be able to contribute to the Garden Club by using her skills as the Treasurer. She has also become involved with [Greener Good](#), a recycling store helping to cut down on single use items. Another of Sharon’s passions is managing a nonprofit group of 30 seamstresses that sew dresses for girls in less fortunate areas of the world. She adds they are always looking for donated fabric, seamstresses and people to transport the dresses!



Rich and Sharon Rudy

Northwest Compass Community Garden Project

Lew & Sheila Coffin | Project Coordinators

Introduction

Sheila and I are volunteers at [Northwest Compass Inc.](#), a local food pantry and community services organization. We are leading a project funded by a grant to install a teaching garden that will provide vegetable, shade, native plants and cut flower gardens as well as herb container gardens. The project also includes benches, rain barrels, composting and a demonstration area. The gardens will provide programs on growing your own food and will provide a space for reflection and repose.

About Northwest Compass

Northwest Compass is a non-profit, direct service organization that supports low- and middle-income individuals and families experiencing a housing crisis and food insecurity. The office, located at 1300 W Northwest Hwy in Mount Prospect, is a walk-in center serving anyone in the northwest suburbs seeking assistance. There is a food pantry offering fresh fruits, vegetables, dairy, meat, and non-perishable goods at the location.

Northwest Compass received a grant from NAR-Mainstreet Community Outreach Place Maker, sponsored by Baird and Warner to create a public garden for their clients, staff and the community to visit and enjoy. The space will be a teaching garden, offering educational opportunities and programs for all, while providing fresh food to the food pantry and a relaxing space for visitors to enjoy the gardens.

Project Execution

Sheila and I served as project coordinators putting together a timeline for all of the tasks to be completed, organized volunteer sessions, handled purchasing, permits, bids and scheduling of contractors. We consulted with Navrazz Basati (Northern Illinois Extension) who provided the vision for the garden and Alison Pittas, the grant writer from Northwest Compass to ensure we would meet the intent of the grant.

Arlington Heights Garden Club members were recruited to create a team of experts and provide advisors for each area of the garden. They completed planning and detailed specifications in parallel, allowing the project to be completed in about 6 weeks to meet the grant deadline.

Baird and Warner provided as many as 10 volunteers on multiple occasions who were joined by others we recruited. Arlington Heights Garden Club members led these teams while rolling up their sleeves.

Special thanks to the following team leaders:

Julia Hart	Baird and Warner
Susan Streich	Bird Feeders
Greg Pickle	Bird Houses
Mike Relaz	Construction
Nicole Jagielski	Containers and Raised beds
Shelley Plischke	Cut Flower Gardens
Pam Pickle	Entrance Beds
Patti Joyce	Native Plants and Flower Mural
Dee Schurmann	Shade Garden and Prep
June Miller	Shade Garden and Prep
Mike Streich	Site Cleanup and Prep



Northwest Compass Community Garden Project Team

Lew & Sheila Coffin | Project Coordinators



Dee Schurman worked with Baird & Warner volunteers to thin out the iris, hostas and dig out the buckthorn to create a new shade garden.



Mike Relaz fixed the risers on the existing deck for the teaching area in the garden.



Sheila Coffin uses the Hugelkultur gardening method to fill the raised beds.



Nicole Jagielski taught a session on container planting, then helped volunteers plant vegetables in the raised beds. Some poblano, eggplant and tomato plants were donated by Jim Spannagel.



Sue and Mike Streich volunteered to shovel dirt



Lew Coffin prepares the brick base for a composter



Sheila Coffin, (Greg Pickle), Mike Streich, (John Castellanos) and Sue Streich filled the raised beds with soil in preparation for planting day. (Not pictured Lew Coffin)

Treasurer's Report

Sharon Rudy | Treasurer

Arlington Heights Garden Club Treasurer's Report August 2023

Checking Account Balance 7/31/23				
		Stmt Date	\$ 16,892.97	
Receipts:				
Ana Hernandez single membership			25.00	
Clara Gong single membership			25.00	
Sharon Paluch single membership			25.00	
Julia Hart single membership			25.00	
Cathleen Steinkuller single membership			25.00	
less: Credit Card Fees			(5.15)	
Total			119.85	
Disbursements (cleared):				
	Check #	Ck Date		
Ivy Hill PTA	1605	3/15/23	150.00	Discretionary Donation
Joe Weber - reimbursement	1636	6/27/2023	24.28	Hospitality Unique Boutique
Jim Spannagel - reimbursement	1641	6/30/2023	37.98	Plant sale
Lew Coffin - reimbursement	1643	7/24/2023	165.62	Adobe Acrobat
Garden Clubs of Illinois	1644	7/24/2023	33.00	membership dues
District IX dues	1647	8/2/2023	10.00	district dues
Total			420.88	
Checking Account Balance 8/31/23			\$ 16,591.94	
Receipts to be deposited				
Total undeposited receipts			\$ 95.00	9 picnic guests=\$45 and 2 shirts
cleared				
	Check #	Ck Date		
Cate Doane	1579	12/19/22	17.88	Holiday Party centerpieces
Kelly Teich - refund GW tickets	1634	6/27/2023	30.00	Refund GW tickets
Dee Schurman - reimbursement	1645	7/24/2023	110.00	Replacement petunias
Pat Dennehey - reimbursement	1646	7/24/2023	95.00	Basket sales cks made to AHGC
GCI - 4 single memberships	1648	8/30/2023	24.00	GCI membership dues
Sheila Coffin - reimbursement	1649	8/30/2023	119.46	79.35 membership/40.11 general
Catherine Kostal - reimbursement	1650	8/30/2023	520.17	Hospitality - picnic
Total outstanding checks and invoices			\$ 916.51	
ADJUSTED CASH POSITION		8/31/2023	\$ 15,770.43	

AHGC Board Meeting Notes - September, 11 2023

Halina Zbilski | Recording Secretary

President - Beth Ligenza

- Beth is unable to attend the September general meeting, so Lew Coffin will lead the meeting.
- Board members discussed the current 8 pm speaker start time at the general meetings. A proposal was finally agreed upon to start the social hour at 6:30 pm, meeting start time at 7 pm, and speaker start time at 7:30 pm.
- Sign-up sheets will no longer be passed around at the general meetings. Instead, a designated spot will be allocated to do any sign ups. Connie volunteered to make a poster; "Volunteers Needed". Beth will transfer the printed page of sign-ups to the website. Direct website sign ups are encouraged.
- Board members also discussed changing the timing of new board member installations from May to September 1st. New Garden Walk chairs that have been nominated and accepted will shadow the existing chair persons. This change will also require a Bylaw change.
- Suggestion was made by Sheila to have standardized email addresses for some board positions (scholarship, garden walk, programs) to keep those emails separate from personal emails. There is presently a separate email for the website, membership, and treasurer. It enables emails to be handed down to subsequent board members, and emails can be stored into different folders for different years. Rose Marie will assign the addresses and their unique passwords.

Treasurer – Sharon Rudy

- Sharon presented the Treasurer's Report, which was approved.
- As of Sept 1, we are now operating as a 501(c) (3) organization, and therefore we have a new checking and savings account. Donors can now make tax deductible contributions, and we are able to apply for and receive grant money.
- Sharon also presented the revenue and expense report, and the proposed budget for each category. The chairpersons are asked to review their budget allotment, and if they need more or less, to respond to Sharon. The final budget is to be approved next month.

Artistic – Gail Abbott

- Gail is thinking about a Thanksgiving workshop as well as a Christmas workshop. She often runs workshops at Reds. The floral planter sleds were discussed regarding their future use.

Civics – Mike Relaz and Dee Schurman

- We have so many places to maintain, such as Post Office, Historical Museum, American Legion, Clearbrook, Viatorian, Northwest Compass, and in the nearby future, the Blue Star Memorial. There is a need to address the problem of scheduling volunteers, as some volunteers do not show up on their volunteer day. Suggestion was made to assign a person in charge of each location, because if it difficult for the chairs to manage all locations. Another suggestion is to have the volunteers inform the chair people with a definite yes or no before their volunteer day.

Conservation – June Miller

- June is organizing a tour of Stevenson High School Horticultural Club gardens in late September.

Garden Walk – Karen Reeb and Jean Kengott

- Currently the Memorial Day Parade is listed as a job description under the Garden Walk chair. But since Publicity is in charge of printing the flyers for parade distribution, the parade will now fall under the publicity job description.

Hospitality – Cathy Kostal

- Cathy thanks everyone who helped at the August picnic and everyone who brought food.
- 32 people signed up to bring general meeting treats, which more than covers all meetings. Cathy will contact each volunteer to cover a month or be a backup. She is thankful to all who volunteered.

AHGC Board Meeting Notes - September, 11 2023

Halina Zbilski | Recording Secretary

Membership – Sheila Coffin and Lew Coffin

- Our current membership is 141 members as of September.
- The website provides an email address ahmembers@gmail.com to forward corrections and inquiries to the chairs to perform website corrections.

Plant Sale – Bob Bruett

- Out of the yards that were checked for the Asian jumping worm, 2 yards were found to have them. Please note that yards must be checked in the fall vs the spring, because in spring the worm is in egg form. So to contribute to the Plant Sale without having to wash all the dirt off, please contact Bob to have your yard checked this fall.

Programs – Nancy Asquini-Dean

- The list of Programs for the new 2023-2024 year is set.

Publicity – Connie Landwehr

- Publicity posts on Facebook and Instagram. Follow and Like and let Connie know your comments about the posts, and share them on your own Facebook page. Names of images of people are omitted.

Website – Rose Marie Lesniak-Mendez

- Rose Marie has set up a new website for all garden club website requests: gardenclubrosemarie@gmail.com

Business/Old Business/Announcement

- The Nancy Asquini-Dean Blood Drive was a positive endeavor. Lew read a note from Nancy thanking us for organizing the Blood Drive on her behalf. Vitalant is grateful to the garden club as well. Because the blood drive does not fit within our club purpose, and most of the members are unable to donate, it is proposed that we discontinue the blood drive. Donations can still be made, accruing to the benefit of Nancy and the AHGC.
- Northwest Compass is a non-profit organization that supports housing and job assistance to low and middle income individuals. They received a grant to create a public garden. Lew and Sheila are volunteers, and along with Baird and Warner volunteers, coordinated a teaching garden and recruited some garden club members to help with this task to be accomplished in 6 weeks. The project is finishing on Sept 15th, but a small number of people will support this from here on.

Next Board Meeting: Oct 9, 2023