



Arlington Heights garden club

April 2019

Growing Together

Carol Elliott, Editor

Landscaping with Curb Appeal April 22nd, 7pm Social, 8pm Program, Village Hall

Speaker: Ken Benson, GCI

Ken Benson has both a Master's and a Bachelor's degree in Horticulture from the University of Illinois, Champaign. He is a landscape architect and was host of the cable TV show, "Landscaping with Ken Benson" from 1992 - 2000. He is a past Board member of the Chicago Flower and Garden Show and a founding Board member of the Midwest Ecological Landscapers Association.

Ken will present an interactive and descriptive program on the do's and don'ts and myths of Curb Appeal. The presentation will explore the reality of developing visually appealing gardens while avoiding common mistakes. Pictures from Florida, New Mexico and Arizona will explore the trends that are influencing our Midwest landscaping.



Greetings from Our President

As with gardening, there are some tasks that are just easier if done in a timely fashion. Please bring your stapler and extra staples to a pre-meeting stapling party on Monday, April 22nd at 6 PM. We will be joining seed packets with fliers for our Garden Walk and Plant Sale. These will be passed out while Club members walk along in the Memorial Day Parade on May 27th. Many hands make quick and light work! We had fun last year doing this, and it takes about 1 hour. Check your grandchildren's schedules and invite them to march in the parade with you!

Please mark May 9th, at 2 PM on your calendar, so that you can attend the tree planting ceremony at Dryden Elementary School. Your Garden Club has been planting a tree at a local school for a number of years now and it is always a fun event that students, teachers, administrators, and club members enjoy. This year with the help of Pete Landwehr, we are also planting two native shrubs at Dryden School. Come be a part of the fun!

Also mark Saturday, May 18th, at 9 AM, on your calendar. We are asking every able bodied club member to come help plant the new Park District butterfly garden at Lake Arlington. The planting is a joint venture with the Park District using our funds and the funds donated to our club by the Gilbert Krohn family. It is great P.R. for our club and we help our pollinator friends at the same time.

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www.ahgardenclub.com

April Hostesses

A reminder and thank you from Marilyn and Joe Weber, our Social Chairs, to those bringing treats to the April meeting.

Terri Passolt and Jim and Pat Spannagel



On April 9th at the Park District Board meeting, the Garden Club presented the Park District with the club's donation for the Butterfly Garden at Lake Arlington.

(cont) Greetings from Our President

All new members of our club in the past 12 months will be receiving a voucher for 3 complimentary plants at our annual plant sale. Please see me at the April or May meeting to receive this voucher.

In between all these activities, I hope you find some time to pot up your perennials for our annual plant sale on June 1st. This is a perfect time to divide and share, just as the plants are coming through the soil surface. If you need pots, give me a call-847-322-8207-all sizes!

Jim Spannagel, President

Welcome to Our Newest Members!

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest club members Tom and Joanne Francis. Welcome, Tom and Joanne! We look forward to meeting you!

Please introduce yourselves to Tom and Joanne at our next meeting and share your love of gardening.

Nomination Slate for New Officers and Committee Chairs for 2019-2021

The Nominating Committee for new officers and committee chairs for 2019-2021 term consisted of the following members: Maryann Baker, Steve Baker, Aggie Prochaska and committee chairs, Kathy Hendricksen and Renie Norkiewicz. The Committee chairs would like to thank the committee members for their help with the proposal for the 2019 -2021 nomination slate. The election will take place at the April general meeting.

The Nomination Committee respectfully submits the following members for 2019-2021 term:

Election Slate:

Artistic: Barbara Franks

Civics: Kathy Wolan / Mike Relaz

Horticulture: Bev Krams

Membership: Renie Norkiewicz / Shelley Plischke

President: Jim Spannagel

Social: Marilyn Weber / Joe Weber

Treasurer: Pete Landwehr

Kathy Hendricksen and Renie Norkiewicz
Nomination Committee Chairs

Houseplants Needing a Home

The Club recently received a donation of houseplants. Orchids, Christmas cactus, and sansevieria are looking for new homes. They are free and will be at the April general meeting.

Baskets for Garden Walk Raffle

If anyone has baskets or fillers for the baskets, please bring to General meetings or drop off at my house. If you want to join in the fun, we will be assembling the baskets June 15th at 1411 North Hickory.

Thanks,
Pat Dennehey

Gaining Garden Knowledge April/May 2019

April 13, 20, 27 Composting Demo at Garfield Park Conservatory, 300 N. Central Park Ave.
11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Free. Info: www.garfieldparkconservatory.org

April 20 Basic Beginning Gardening. What's the difference between annual/perennial, or raised bed vs. digging in the ground? Also: basic tools and safety. Forest Wetlands Discovery Center, 30 N. Orchard Ave., Park Forest. 10:30 a.m. Free. Info: villageofparkforest.com.

Apr. 22 - "EARTH DAY" - Help your club celebrate!!

Apr. 22 - Movie: Plant Ocean @ Prospect Heights Library from 1-2:30pm.

Apr. 25 - The Science of Climate Change @ Prospect Heights Library from 7-8:30pm.

Apr. 26 - "Arbor Day" - various activities in the Chicagoland area

April 26, Friday 9- 11:00 AM Greenbrier Park for Arbor Day Celebration AHPD

April 27 Sat. 10:11am- Attracting Hummingbirds Seminar @ Hawthorn Gardens

April 29 @ 7pm Palatine Library -Rachel Carson: Silent Spring & the Environmental Movement
Register: <https://www.palatinelibrary.org>

Apr. 30 thru May 5 - "National Garden Clubs Annual Convention" in Biloxi, Miss.

May 2 Thursday, 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM Spring Spectacular @ Pioneer Park AHPD

May 11- 8am-11am Lake Arlington "International Migratory Bird Day" Guided Walks, Bird Feeder Care, Native Plants and MORE....FREE

May 14 deadline for the May 21 Anderson Japanese Gardens. 55+ Depart 9am from Twin Lakes
\$22 Salt Creek Park District Good Deal!

Chicago Botanical Garden

www.chicagobotanic.org/education/adulted/registration_methods

Harper College Nature Classes CE.

HARPERCOLLEGE.EDU

Garden Bench Workshop 4/27/19

Illinois Heirloom Gardening 5/18/19



How do we know when it is time to sow our seeds or plant our potatoes? We are all in different gardening zones, so the 'books' can't offer exact planting dates for our specific garden. Maybe it is better to rely on nature!!

PHENOLOGY IN THE GARDEN

Nature's "signs" are different in every region; however, you should still relate to these examples:

- o Blooming crocus are your cue to plant radishes, parsnips, and spinach.
- o When the forsythia is in bloom, it is safe to plant peas, onion sets, and lettuce.
- o Half-hardy vegetables, including beets, carrots, and chard, can be planted when the daffodils blossom.



- o Look for dandelions to bloom before planting potatoes.
- o Perennial flowers can be planted when the maple trees begin to leaf out.
- o When quince is blossoming, transplant cabbage and broccoli.
- o Wait for apple trees to bloom before planting bush beans.
- o When the apple blossoms fall, plant pole beans and cucumbers.
- o By the time the lilacs are in full bloom, it will be safe to plant tender annual flowers and squashes.
- o Transfer tomato transplants to the garden when lily-of-the-valley is in full flower.
- o Full-sized maple leaves signal time to plant morning glory seeds.
- o Peppers and eggplant can be transplanted when the bearded irises are blooming.
- o When peonies blossom, it is safe to plant heat-loving melons, such as cantaloupe.

<https://www.almanac.com/news/gardening/gardening-advice/phenology-garden-planting-natures-signs>
<https://www.heirloomgardener.com/organic-gardening/phenology-be-observant-zm0z18wzhoe>

*****Information offered by AHGC member Halina Zbilski.....Thanks for your input!

More Opportunities for Learning

Friendship Park Conservatory

847-298-3500, 395 W. Algonquin Road, Des Plaines

Cool Crops-Cool Containers

Start your Gardening with cool weather plants! Colorful annuals to choose from to create a seasonal planter for your doorstep. Quick design tips and growing instructions. Bring gloves and dress for the weather. May be able to tour the flowerbeds. Reg.by 4/8 for supplies.

Thu 4/25

D214 Community Education

register online: ce.d214.org Ask for the Gold Card Price!

Growing Terrific Tomatoes
Tuesday April 16 @ JHHS 7-9pm

The Garden of Doom@JHHS
Mon May 6 @JHHS 7-9p \$25

Brambles and Berries
Sat.April 27 @ CBG 9:30-12 noon

Get Started with Annuals
Sat May 11 @ CBG 9-11am \$40/35

Hydrangeas
Sat May 4 9:30-Noon

Summer Garden Maintenance
Sunday May 19 @ CBG 1-3pm \$40/
\$35

NEW FOR YOU TO DO!

The DERBY LINE GARDEN trip is on for Wednesday April 24th. If you plan to join us we will be meeting at 714 E Mayfair Rd, at 9:00 am and driving to Genoa Illinois for a day of fun. So far there are about 10 of us making the trip, but the "more the merrier."

Let me know if you're coming so we don't leave without you.

Shelley Plischke
e-mail tplischke@comcast.net
cell 847-204-4929



Arlington Heights Garden Club offering three \$2,000 Scholarships for 2019

The Arlington Heights Garden Club will award three \$2,000 scholarships for students pursuing study in the fields of horticulture, botany, forestry, agriculture, marine biology, or environmental sciences. However, other fields of interest will be given consideration. Extra credit is given if an applicant can demonstrate a working experience in the horticulture, floral, nursery, or farming community. There are two types of residency requirements; for residents of Arlington Heights or adjoining communities and for applicants living within a 20-mile radius of Arlington Heights.

All applicants must have a C or above GPA average, and pursuing enrollment for the 2019-2000 school term in a vocational / technical school, community college or university. Grad school also qualifies. Scholarship applications are due on May 1st, with recipients announced the first week of June. Application forms for residents of Arlington Heights or adjoining communities are available at all District 214 High School Career Center offices, Saint Viator High School and Christian Liberty Academy and can be downloaded from the AHGC website: ahgardenclub.com on the Community/ Scholarship page. Please note a list of college fields of study and a list of local schools for students to consider is also available for download.

Proceeds from the annual Garden Walk, scheduled for Sunday, June 23rd this year, and donations to the AHGC, are used to fund this scholarship program. Detailed information is available on our AHGC website, ahgardenclub.com or contact Mike Dennehey at dennehm@wowway.com or 847-255-0133.

"Call JULIE Before You Dig"
message during Safe Digging Month
in April.

You can start by following us on Facebook and Twitter @JULIE1Call and sharing posts. For other ideas, tool kits and free education and safety materials, visit our Web site. <https://www.illinois1call.com>



Arlington Heights Park District

Envirogroup



What *your* Park District is doing to promote a
sound environment and healthy lifestyle.

Mission Statement

The Enviro Group purpose is to help set a high standard of leadership and competency in the promotion and incorporation of sound environmental practices and lifestyles. "

Check out AHPD accomplishments! ahpd.org/Envirogroup



Our March Program

Thanks to our presenter and Program Committee for an informative program on insects. Did you see the wonderful pictures he sells? He will be at our Unique Boutique this year.

Membership Dues are Due May 1st

We will collect dues at the April general meeting. It is important to have your dues paid by May 1st given that we need to register with the Garden Clubs of Illinois in May.

For your convenience the Membership Form is provided in the newsletter or you can pick up a Membership Form at the April meeting. Dues can also be mailed to the following address:

Renie Norkiewicz
110 N Kaspar Avenue
Arlington Heights, IL 60005

AHGC MEMBERSHIP FORM

June 2019 thru May 2020 - Renewal due date May 1st

Membership Renewal Individual \$25.00 Couple \$40.00
New Member - June thru May \$25.00 New Member - January thru May \$12.50

Name(s) _____ Birthday Month _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip code _____

Home Phone(s) _____ Cell Phone(s) _____

Email Address(es) _____

In an effort to better serve your gardening needs the AHGC is eager to learn your areas of interest. Please share your thoughts and ideas to help us provide programs you would enjoy. _____

In order to get involved and meet people, we recommend members sign up for at least one or more committees. Please (✓) check committee(s) of interest and a chairperson will contact you with information on how you can help.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Artistic
<i>(Plan Workshops)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Civics
<i>(Community Beautification)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation
<i>(Environmental Issues)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Garden Walk
<i>(Club's Main Fundraiser)</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Horticulture
<i>(Plant Info/Events)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership
<i>(Process Members)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter
<i>(Monthly Newsletter)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Program
<i>(Select Meeting Programs)</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity
<i>(Media Notices)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship
<i>(Students/<u>Members</u>)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Social
<i>(Organize Refreshments)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Ways & Means
<i>(Fundraising Projects)</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Website
<i>(Club Website)</i> | If you wish to serve as a chairperson, please indicate committee _____ | | |

I would like to bring treats to the general meeting.

Sept Oct Nov Jan Feb March April May June July

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2019 Tri-Council Spring Outing

Sponsored by Gardening Consultants Council
Friday May 10 at 10:00 am
Lilacia Park, 150 S. Park Ave.
630-629-1885
Lombard, Illinois

We will meet at the carriage house (barn) behind the Victorian Cottage, 23 W. Maple Ave, Lombard, (which is ½ block east of Main St. Lombard) for a one hour tour. Parking available at the Library or public lots.

The Lombard Garden Club will be holding its annual Lilac Sale at the park on that day at the north end of the park.

Cost is \$5 per person, guests \$7.
Please make your reservation by May 1st.

Lunch is on your own at noon: Main Street Cafe, 2 W. St. Charles Rd, corner of Main St. Lombard. This is just north of the Metra, an easy walk from the park; or there is a parking lot behind the restaurant, enter from Main St.

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Make checks payable to: Gardening Consultants Council and mail to Carol Yee, Treasurer, 5224 Grand Ave., Western Springs, Illinois 60558

Members \$5 _____ Guests \$7 _____

Name _____ Amt. Enclosed _____

Address _____

City _____ Zipcode _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Joining us for lunch: Yes _____ No _____

Garden Club _____ Dist. _____

Council Member: ECC _____ GCC _____ LDC _____ IJC _____ Guest _____