



Arlington Heights garden club

October 2019

Growing Together

Carol Elliott, Editor

CHANGE IN LOCATION OF OCTOBER 28 MEETING

**New Location: The Arlene Mulder
Community Room located in the
Arlington Heights Police Station
at 200 East Sigwalt.**

Due to unexpected Village scheduling conflicts, the location of the October 28 meeting has moved from the Village Hall to the Community Room in the Arlington Heights Police Station, which is the building right next door to the Village Hall at 200 E. Sigwalt. Enter using the main entrance at the front of the building. At the front desk, turn right and continue down a short hallway to the Arlene Mulder Community Room.

Program: **October 28, 2019**
Going Green in Arlington Heights.
Village of Arlington Heights, Public Works /
Forestry Department

The Public Works Department maintains all municipally owned property, streets, sidewalks, trees and landscaping, water and sewer systems, buildings and grounds, street lights and traffic signals. The department also provides other necessities such as street sweeping, and snow removal and ice control to provide a pleasant and safe environment for the Village's residents.

Join us to discuss our community's "Green" practices for ice removal, the Forestry Tree University, Landscape & Tree Maintenance and the brand-new Turf to Prairie Project!

Greetings from Our President

Please note that we have a change in the location of our October 28th meeting. Due to activities at the Village Hall, we will be meeting next door to our usual monthly meeting building, and we will meet in the Arlene Mulder Room of the new Police Station at 7 PM. We had a wonderful turnout at the September meeting and hope we can duplicate the attendance on Monday evening.

Our Club membership continues to grow and we want to encourage new and current members to consider getting more involved by serving on one of our eleven standing committees, or by being part of the planning group on one of our special committees such as the Plant Sale, Garden Walk, By-Laws, etc. After discussion at the September Board Meeting, it was agreed that members should be encouraged to share their talents on one of our committees, or perhaps volunteer to serve as "co-chair" of a standing committee, thereby gaining experience to help one day take over that committee and serve as its chairperson. The time commitment would be minimal for most committees and it is a great way to get to know other club members and get a first-hand view of how the Garden Club functions. There will be further details at the next general meeting. Please give it some consideration.

Jim Spannagel, President

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www.ahgardenclub.com

October Hostesses

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

Kathy Hendricksen

Mary Jo Pedersen

Kathy Wolan

It's Holiday Party Time!

Arlington Heights Garden Club
Monday, December 9
6:00 PM
Arlington Heights Historical Museum

This is a Catered Affair!
Come dine with us and celebrate the holiday season!
Sign up to bring an appetizer or dessert at the October or November meeting.

If you wish to attend the holiday party but you won't be at either of these meetings PLEASE email Joe Weber at jweber_mphotogcr@yahoo.com by Sunday, December 1 if you are coming to the party.

AHGC Gaining Garden Knowledge October/November 2019

Farmers Markets:

Palatine	Train Station Lot	Saturday 7:30-1pm
ElkGrove Village	901 Wellington Ave.	Saturday 7:30-1pm
Mt.Prospect-Ends Oct20	Metro Commuter Lot	Sunday 8-1pm
Schaumburg-Ends Oct25	109 S. Roselle Rd	Friday 7:00-1pm

October 22 Tuesday 7-8:30p Prospect Heights Library Nature Speaks: Flooding in the Region and What you can Do. Register 847-259-3500

November 1 Friday 10:30-12noon \$19 Migration of the Monarchs

by Dr. Suzanne Rausch @ The Garlands in Barrington, IL

November 2 Saturday 10-3pm Green Living Expo @ McHenry Community College in Crystal Lake

November 14-17 Blumen Gardens in Sycamore, IL Holiday OPEN HOUSE.

November 21 Thursday 7-8:30p Prospect Heights Library Easy Floral Arrangements for Fall and Winter Holidays Register 847-259-3500

Friendship Park Conservatory: 847-298-3500, 395 W. Algonquin Road, Des Plaines
Register @ mppd.org

Check out the website for MANY nature Programs for you, your kids or Grandkids!!

November 11 Mon. 7-7:30pm WINTER PLANTER \$40/45

November 12 Tues. 7-7:30pm WINTER PLANTER \$40/45

November 16 Sat.10:30-12n WINTER PLANTER \$40/45

Chicago Botanical Garden (See website for extensive list!)

www.chicagobotanic.org/education/adulted/registration_methods

October 21 Monday 6-8pm Succulents 101

October 22 Tuesday 6:30-8:30pm Backyard Design

October 26 Saturday 10-12noon Growing Herbs Indoors and Out
1-3pm Planning Your Vegetable Garden

November 1 Friday 6:30-9pm Owl Prowl

November 2 Saturday 9-11am Where Do Plant Names Come From?
10-12noon Birds in the Garden

November 5 Tuesday 6-8pm Weeping Trees: Small and Large

November 6 Wednesday 10-11am Cutting Back Perennials

November 9, Saturday, 7:30 - 9 a.m. Bird Walk: Fall Migration

10-Noon Prairie Flowers for the Home Garden

November 12, Tuesday, 6 - 8 p.m. Holiday Lighting Techniques

November 13, Wednesday 6 - 9 p.m. Juniper Bonsai Workshop

November 16, Saturday 9 - 11 a.m. Forcing Bulbs for Indoor Color

November 19, Tuesday 6 - 8 p.m. Reindeer Staghorn Fern Workshop

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D214 Community Education

register online: ce.d214.org Check out Home/Garden for MORE CLASSES Ask for the Gold Card Price!

- October 28 Mon. 7-9pm Green Cleaning with Herbs Prospect HS \$29
- November 2 Sat. 9-11a Where Do Plant Names Come From \$40/36
- November 9 Sat. 1-3pm Charming Bungalow Garden Design \$40/36
- November 11 Tues. 6-8p Holiday Lighting Techniques \$40/36



Harper College ce.harpercollege.edu register online!

- October 19 Saturday 10-11:30a Reducing our Carbon Footprint Spring Valley Nature Center Fee
- November 9 Saturday 1-2:30pm Backyard Bird Feeding Spring Valley Nature Center Fee

Morton Arboretum (see additional listings)

<https://www.mortonarb.org/learn-experience/adult-programs/interest/Gardening-and-Horticulture>

Bulb Sale The Arboretum Store

September 20 through October 31, 2019 (while supplies last)
10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

- October 23 Wednesday 9-1pm Shrubs for Illinois Garden
- October 24 Thur. 7-9p Fall Pumpkin Arrangement \$45/54
- October 26 Sat. 1-3p Fall Pumpkin Arrangement
- October 26 Saturday 12-1:30p, 1-2:30p, OR 2-3:30p Whiskey Walks (oak trees!)
- October 30 online Basic Plant ID \$16/20
- November 2 9-3pm Structural Pruning \$65/76
- November 2, Sat. noon to 3:00 p.m. Wilderness Survival Skills
- November 3 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Glacial History Bike Tour
- November 12 Tues 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Full Moon Troll Hike
- November 13 Wed. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Full Moon Troll Hike
- November Tuesdays 5, 12, 19 6:30-9pm Garden Design for a Changing Climate \$85/96
- November 12 online Botanical Names Demystified \$16/20
- November 13 Wed. online Invasive Species \$29/34
- November 13 Wed. 7-8:30p Emily Dickinson: Poet/Gardener \$16/20
- November 14 9-3pm Structural Pruning \$65/76
- November 14, Thursday, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Living with Urban Life
- November 23 Sat. 1-3p Thanksgiving Table Arrangement \$45/54
- November 26 Tues. 1-3p Thanksgiving Table Arrangement \$45/54
- December 7 Sat. 1-3pm Cocoa in the Conifers \$16/20
- December 14 Sat. 1-3pm Cocoa in the Conifers \$16/20

Fall Leaves 2:1 Program

November 4 through December 13, 2019 (end of Groot Landscape Collection) AH residents need to only place 1 sticker for every 2 bags of leaves set out for collection. Many local stores sell the landscape waste stickers. Stickers are also available at Village Hall & the Arlington Heights Senior Center.

NOW TELL ME WHY YOU ARE EVEN PUTTING OUT THOSE LAWN BAGS??!!

Those bags of leaves are worth more than their weight in gold if you use them wisely. They are the makings of next year's successful gardening plants.

1. You could let those leaves lie where they are. Kind of a 'natural look'. Unfortunately when it rains the leaves then stick to the sidewalk, blow into the crevices of your yard and your neighbors. Deep layers of leaves can kill patches of grass and lead to snow mold.
2. Collect the leaves for use in your compost bin or save leaves in a bin as a substitute for peat moss in the spring to amend your soil. Leaves are not like 'saved grass' that gets matted, smelly and moldy. They can eliminate your need for commercial compost starters. Stuff the leaves in black plastic garbage bags, add some soil to the bag, close it up and store it for the winter. In the spring you will have some additional 'browns' to add to your compost.
3. Collect the leaves that you have bagged while mowing and till them into your garden. These leaves will decompose much faster and add those wonderful nutrients to the soil. Remember OAK leaves and pine needles are an excellent source of compost. Own a Walnut tree? You may want to collect those separately and dispose of them. Walnut trees give off a substance called Juglone. This substance can occur in the buds, nut hulls and roots, however, leaves and stems contain a smaller quantity. Juglone is poorly soluble in water and does not move very far from the soil. This can retard the growth of plants in your garden.
4. Just shred the leaves as you mow and leave them on the lawn. On a regular basis small amounts of leaves mowed and left on the lawn is a great source of nitrogen.

What NOT to do with your LEAVES.

DO NOT BURN. It is illegal It is a cause of respiratory problems and pollution.

DO NOT SWEEP into the Street. Although you can do this in Palatine on certain days of the month...It leaves clogged storm sewers, a fire hazard from the heat of a car's catalytic converter and here in Arlington Heights it is not legal!

Bev Krams

Chair of the Horticulture Committee
Master Gardener University of Illinois Extension



Arlington Heights Garden Club

Join us for the Winter Container Workshop!

Start your holiday season by designing your own festive and fragrant winter planter. This fun hands-on class allows you to be creative, while making a beautiful outdoor container for your home. With some easy, helpful tips your planter will be the envy of your friends, neighbors and holiday guests.

Date: Wednesday, November 13

Time: 7:00-8:30pm

Maximum number of class participants: 20

Location:

Mt. Prospect Park District
Friendship Park Conservatory
395 W. Algonquin Road
Des Plaines, IL 60018
847-298-3500

Cost: \$35/member and \$45/guest.
AHGC is subsidizing \$10 per member toward the cost.



- *Materials include beautiful spruce tips and the freshest of assorted evergreens.
- *Bring your holiday cheer, a pair of gardening gloves and pruning shears.
- *Beer, wine and soda available for purchase.

Cheers! Register after October 28 and NO LATER THAN November 8 to ensure materials. You may register and pay by credit card by calling the Friendship Park Conservatory and letting them know you are an AH Garden Club member.

You can call Barb with any questions at 847-612-8892.

Sow seeds like Mother Nature!

She does some of her BEST planting in the FALL. This allows the flowers to germinate when outside conditions are optimum which leads to earlier and easier germination. A number of seeds need to be give a period of stratification, exposing them to cold and moist conditions. The alternating freeze and thaw of winter helps break down the seed coat and starts the growing process. Seeds should be planted after a killing frost but before the ground freezes.

- o If there are special instructions on the seed packet, follow them!
- o Some seeds with tougher shells benefit from scarification (scratching the surface before sowing) or pre-soaking for better germination rates.
- o Mark Your SPOTS with winter-durable tags or markers.
- o It is incredibly easy to mistake freshly germinating seeds for unwanted weeds, or stomp on tiny seedlings in the spring garden.

Here are some suggestions for sowing fall seeds in our zone 5 gardens.

Milkweed	Poppies
Columbine	Hollyhocks
Rudbeckia	Bachelor Buttons
Pansies	Prairie Coneflower
Lupine	Larkspur
Coreopsis	Lobelia
Dianthus	Penstemon





There are two times
of the year.
Autumn.
And waiting for
Autumn.



Welcome New Members

We are pleased to welcome new members!!!!

Looking forward to sharing their ideas and knowledge as we work together toward another successful year.

Debbie Borales

Nicki Ward

Which flower does your personality best resemble?

A cosmos symbolizes order and harmony?
A nasturtium has a spicy, peppery kick?
Take the Botanical Interests quiz to find out your flower personality!



<https://www.botanicalinterests.com/category/Flower-Personality-Quiz>