



Arlington Heights garden club

October 2018

Growing Together

Carol Elliott, Editor

Gardening Myths & Misinformation
October 22nd, 7pm Social, 8pm Program,
AH Fire Station 2,
1150 North Arlington Heights Rd.
Speaker: Sharon Yiesla



Sharon from "Sharon Yiesla, Horticultural Services" will deliver our presentation. She has over 30 years of experience in the horticulture field.

There have always been a lot of garden myths and old wives' tales being shared over the back fence. Today's 'back fence' is the internet and it reaches countless gardeners. Some of the myths are small, harmless pieces of misinformation, but others can be very harmful to plants and keep us from attaining high quality gardens. This program will dispel some of the common myths and set the record straight.

Greetings from Our President

As I sit and write, there is a forecast of frost and freeze over the next two nights. It is that time of the year when we begin cleaning out our vegetable and flower beds and putting them to bed for the winter. It is also a good time to reflect on how the year unfolded in our garden. It was a very challenging year to put it mildly-excess rains (the wettest May and June combined on record), followed by 6 weeks of drought (the driest July since 1936), followed by a very wet late August and early September (enough standing water to bring the worst mosquito infestation in years).

My potatoes, green beans and several other vegetables had to be replanted due to standing water and the Japanese beetle seemed to be the worst ever in my garden. It was far from a perfect gardening year, and I hope we see none like it again. It is a vivid reminder that we live in an imperfect world and that's okay too. In addition to the sometimes beautiful flowers we raise and the sometimes delicious vegetables we harvest, there are lots of wilts and insect chewed leaves.

Gardening is a wonderful teacher. We learn patience and we learn to be accepting of what comes our way, and we learn to make the best of things. And those of us who love gardening, generally have many years of practice to hone these virtues. We can also learn to adjust to what nature gives us. My mom used to tell us that whenever we planted a cherry tree, to always plant two cherry trees. One was for the birds, and the other for us.

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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

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Greeting from Our President (cont.)

Mom rightly knew that the birds were always going to be in the trees and they would get their share, so if we wanted a cherry pie, we better just plant that extra tree and probably we would end up with some cherries in our bucket.

Hopefully, gardening can teach all of us to accept imperfections in one another too. While there might be only one or two fragrant roses that survive the Japanese beetles, every person has a few good qualities if we but look to find them. There has never been a perfect garden or a perfect garden year, just like there has never been a perfect person. That doesn't mean we can't still enjoy the good in both our imperfect gardens and our imperfect neighbors. Happy Fall everyone!!

Jim Spannagel, President

P.S. Remember our October 22nd meeting is moved to Fire Station #2, at 1150 N. Arlington Hts Road, Arlington Hts, IL. There is some parking on the south side of the building and along side streets. The meeting starts at the regular time of 7 PM.

Who is Gilbert H. Krohn, and Can You Find His Stone??

A "gentleman, churchman, and man's man," the Arlington Heights Garden Club honored Gilbert Krohn with a Memorial Stone in 1971 placed in the 'Welcome to Arlington Heights Garden' on NW highway and Highland Avenue. Over time Northwest Highway grew to four lanes putting the Memorial Stone near the edge of the curb and 47 years managed to bury half the stone under ground. With the coordinated efforts of Ashley Karr, the Village Forestry Crew Chief, the Arlington Heights Garden Club, Dan Schoeneberg, the Museum Administrator and permission from the Krohn Family, the stone was lifted from where it was resting for 47 years and moved to a prominent place in the Museum garden.

We should all be blessed with Gil's green thumb and landscaping talent! If you visited his home at 542 South Dunton, the Fuji dogs would have been guarding the bridge to the Japanese garden. Huge rocks and a waterfall added to the visual and auditory creation of that garden; in addition dwarfed evergreens and strange shaped trees were planted in the Japanese style. Visiting Gil's garden would also allow you to see the detail in his pagoda-shaped garage! On the south end of the garden was a mass of color and fragrance from the rows of rose bushes each labeled with the name of the species. The roses were also a former test garden for the famous Jackson and Perkins rose breeders. The roses bloomed for a second time that summer before he died of a fatal heart attack in August 1969.

Gil was a retired steel salesman for Babcock Wilcox Company of Beaver PA for 40 years before retiring in 1967. But he will always be remembered for his leadership on the AH Beautification Council which under his direction saw the first planting into the barren earth that lined the railroad tracks along Northwest Highway so the 'roads that lead into Arlington Height should be beautiful'. His dream was to begin making Arlington Heights the kind of town where every block had a pleasant spot of beauty created through design and natural growth.

Gil worked with Carl Klehm, a well known AH Nursery owner, on the design of the NW Highway plantings. One of the earliest AHGC projects on record was completed in 1961 with 25 members working with the Arlington Beautification Council to plant crown vetch on the hillside near the railroad tracks. As a founding member of the council Gil worked with the railroad and Village from 1964-66 to beautify land along the RR tracks which was filled with billboards and car dealerships.

Gil secured the agreement with railroad to beautify the 'right of way', received approval from the Village Board, persuaded the Railroad to remove railway ties, trees, level the grading, and remove telephone lines. Gil filled the land along the RR tracks with wild flowers and bushes.

Gil was an active member of the AHGC, the AH Beautification Council and had been president of both. St. Simon's Episcopal Church benefited from his talents as he was in charge of the landscape planning. Gil will now always be remembered here in our Arlington Heights Historical Museum Garden. He was a man on a mission to beautify our town. Stop by the Museum and find the stone that honors one of our special citizens.

--*Bev Krams*



Jim Spannagel and
Bev Krams
with the
Krohn stone
in the
Arlington Heights
Historical Society
Garden

Garden Clubs of Illinois - Open Positions

There will be two open Board positions at the District IX of the Garden Clubs of Illinois, Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary, starting March 2019 with about 5 meetings a year.

Duties of the Treasurer shall include but are not limited to: a. maintaining accounts for all monies and securities of the District. b. making payments only upon order of the Executive Committee on voucher checks signed by either the treasurer or the director. c. keeping full and accurate records of all money received and expended and reporting at each meeting of the Board of Directors. d. submitting an annual review report of all transactions. e. chairing the Budget Committee and presenting the budget to the Board of Directors.

Duties of the Corresponding Secretary shall include but are not limited to: a. conducting the correspondence of the District as requested. b. distributing meeting announcements and minutes to the Board of Directors and to the member clubs of the District as needed. c. maintaining an accurate list of the member clubs. d. coordinating information with the District Webmaster on the District IX website.

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Gaining Garden Knowledge Fall 2018

Sept. 2 thru Oct. 21 - "Drawn From Nature" - an exhibition of artwork by students and instructors of the Joseph Regenstein, Jr. School - at Chicago Botanic Garden in Glencoe, Ill

Thru Oct. 28 - "Landmarks of America: Model Railroad Garden" - at Chicago Botanic Garden in Glencoe, Ill.

Oct. 22-24 - "Roadside Flower Sale Workshops" - in Burnstein Hall at Chicago Botanic Garden in Glencoe, Ill.

Oct. 24 thru 28 - "Night of 1,000 Jack-o'Lanterns" - at Chicago Botanic Garden in Glencoe, Ill.

Oct. 15-16 -GCI "Landscape Design School, Course 4" - at Journey Care Center in Glenview, Ill.

Oct. 18 - "Urban Wild" - a harvest festival with farmers, beekeepers, and artisans - at Lurie Garden in Chicago, Ill.

Oct. 20-21 - "Wisconsin-Illinois Lily Society Lily Bulb Sale" - at Chicago Botanic Garden in Glencoe, Ill.

Oct. 20-21 - "Midwest Fruit Explorers Show & Sale" - at Chicago Botanic Garden in Glencoe, Ill.

Oct. 20-21 - "Midwest Daffodil Society Bulb Sale" - at Chicago Botanic Garden in Glencoe, Ill.

Nov. 1 thru 4, 8 thru 11 - "The Grove Arts and Crafts Faire" - at "The Grove" in Glenview, Ill.

Nov. 2-4 - "Fine Art of Fiber" - at Chicago Botanic Garden in Glencoe, Ill.

Nov. 3 - "Fall Symposium" - at Rotary Botanical Gardens in Janesville, Wisc.

Nov 29- Prospect Heights Library Register
847-259-3500 Joel Greenberg, Author and
Naturalist: "Hope is the Thing with Feathers:
American and Three Birds"



It's Holiday Party Time!

Arlington Heights Garden Club
Monday, December 10
6:00 PM
Arlington Heights Historical Museum

This is a Catered Affair!
Come dine with us and celebrate the holiday season!

Sign up sheet for bringing appetizer or dessert will be
at the October and November meetings.

If you are not going to be at the October or November
Arlington Heights Garden Club meetings,
PLEASE email Joe Weber at
jweber_mphotogcr@yahoo.com
by Saturday, December 1 if you are coming to the party.

Publicity

We're now included in the Northgate Civic
Association Homeowners Newsletter.

Do other members have a contact person for their
local Homeowners Newsletter that might include
info on the AH Garden Club? Please pass the
information to Clara Stone, Publicity, at
clarefire@hotmail.com or 847-670-8272