



# Arlington Heights garden club

May 2019

Growing Together

Carol Elliott, Editor

## Great Gardens of Chicago May 28th, Tuesday, 7pm Social, 8pm Program, Village Hall Speaker: Carolyn Ulrich Editor of Chicagoland Gardening Magazine

Carolyn Ulrich is the Editor of Chicagoland Gardening magazine. She was the Garden columnist for the *Chicago Sun Times* for 7 years and has written freelance for *Garden Design*, *Horticulture*, *House Beautiful* and the *Chicago Tribune*. She has won the Quill and Trowel award for her magazine writing 3 times. She is a member of the Hyde Park Garden Club where she has been on the Fair Committee for 20 years.

You don't have to go to England to see a "great" garden (one which could be featured in a national magazine). Bill Brinks in Michigan City, Trudy Temple in Hinsdale and John Anderson in Rockford have achieved garden greatness, each in a totally different way. Come along with us on this tour of great local garden gems!



## Greetings from Our President

Before you read another word, let me remind you of something important-our next meeting is going to be on Tuesday, May 28th, since our normal 4th Monday falls on the Memorial Day Holiday. We'll start at the regular time of 7 PM at Village Hall.

Speaking of Memorial Day, please consider walking in the Memorial Day Parade with the Garden Club. We need as many walkers as possible (only 1 ¼ miles) to pass out seed packets with information about our Plant Sale and Garden Walk attached. Please consider asking your children or grandchildren to walk with you and make it a family affair.

Watch for our new banner saluting our veterans. It will be carried in the parade also, thus the need for two more walkers just to display our "Thank You, Veterans" banner!!

On Wednesday, May 29 at 9 AM at the Senior Center, we will be planting their 16 containers with annuals to brighten the main entrance for all guests and visitors. Many hands make light work. Wasn't it just yesterday we were putting up the Christmas tree at the Senior Center??? It is a stand-up job, so we hope to have a good turnout for the planting.

Lastly, a reminder to all members to bring their potted plants for the Garden Club Plant sale to the Historical Museum on Friday, May 31st. We will be there to help you unload between 2 and 5 PM.

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## May Hostesses

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

*Bev Krams and Renie Norkiewicz*

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## (cont) Greetings from Our President

If you need to bring them earlier in the week, drop them off behind the Coach House anytime. If you are unable to transport your plants to the Museum, please call me (847-322-8207) and I will be happy to pick them up. Pots are still available also. All plants are welcome, especially any that might be a bit unusual or of exceptional quality. It is also a good opportunity to clean out the garage and donate any good tools, pots, garden books or yard art that might be sold at the sale. It would be very helpful to us, if you could water your plants well, the day before you bring them to the Museum. If you need to drop them off on Saturday, please come as early as possible. We will be there by 6:30 AM. Happy Gardening!

*Jim Spannagel, President*

## Plants for plant sale -

Again this year, we plan to label all plants for the plant sale consistently. To that end, please send a list of plants you will bring to Pete Landwehr at [PCTL9061@gmail.com](mailto:PCTL9061@gmail.com) and he will prepare the labels in advance.

The list should include species, cultivar if known, quantity, height, bloom time, bloom color and cultural preference (sun or shade, wet or dry etc). Please send your list to Pete as soon as possible to allow time for label preparation. Thanks.

# VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE GARDEN WALK

The success of the Garden Walk is due to our volunteers and it's FUN. It is with your volunteer time the club can raise the proceeds to fund scholarships, conservation and programs.

Positions needed for the event:

**Ticket Sales at the Farmers Market**

Saturday, June 8th (1) 7:30AM - 10:00AM & (2) 10:30AM to 12:30PM

Saturday, June 15th (1) 7:30AM - 10:00AM & (1) 10:30AM to 12:30PM

Saturday, June 22nd (2) 7:30AM - 10:00AM & (2) 10:30AM to 12:30PM

**Garden Host Volunteer**

Sunday, June 23rd (8) 12:30PM - 4:00PM

**Raffle Table**

Sunday, June 23rd (2) 9:30AM - 12:30PM & (1) 12:30PM - 4:00PM

**Tickets/Membership Table**

Sunday, June 23rd (3) 9:30AM - 12:30PM

Sunday, June 23rd (3) 12:30PM - 3:30PM

**Floater**

Sunday, June 23rd (2) 10:00AM - 1:00PM & (4) 1:00PM - 4:00PM

**Event Take Down**

Sunday, June 23rd (5) 4:00 PM - 6:30PM

The club will provide a FREE ticket to all our volunteers as a token of our appreciation. If you have a non member friend that would like to help, they are welcome and eligible for a free ticket too.

Please email or call me with the position and time you will be available to help.

Renie Norkiewicz

Garden Walk Membership Co-chair

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# Dryden Elementary School Tree & Shrub Planting Dedication

On Thursday, May 9th there was a joint effort between the Davey Tree Expert Company and the Arlington Heights Garden Club to dedicate the planting of a hop hornbeam tree in front of Dryden School. Pete Landwehr had also arranged to plant a Serviceberry and Pussy Willow in the central courtyard. With our wet weather the ceremony was held indoors with the entire school in attendance with Akemi Sessler the school principal presiding. Kathy Hendricksen spoke about the types of trees and shrubs planted and a brief history of Arbor Day that had happened a few weeks prior. A few students read poems about trees they had written, we watched a video where the children spoke as the Lorax from Dr. Seuss, and the kindergarten class performed a song and dance about planting trees with their music teacher playing the guitar. Davey and the Arlington Heights Garden Club were presented with thank you certificates and each of us were given carnations by the children. Thank you to Diane Culhane, Conservation Chair for helping to coordinate the logistics.





# Gaining Garden Knowledge May/June/July 2019

May 21- 7:30pm - "Wildflowers of the Great Lakes Region" - a presentation by Glenn Adelson, co-hosted by the Garden Club of Mt. Prospect @ the Mt. Prospect Public Library

May 23 | Thursday 6:30 - 7:30 pm It's Thyme for Herbs @ Chalet (register on website)

May 24 | Friday 10:00 am - 11:00 am It's Thyme for Herbs @ Chalet (register on website)

May 29 Monday MEMORIAL DAY PARADE Get in line and march with us @ the AH Parade!

June 2-8 - "National Garden Week" - various activities in the Chicagoland area

June 2 Sunday 1-2 pm Bev Krams "Schweikher House Peonies and How you can Grow Your Own" \$5 Fee/RSVP <https://www.schweikherhouse.org/events>

June 13 Thursday 6:30-7:30pm Maximizing Seasonal blooms with Perennial & Annual Pairings @ Chalet (register on website)

June 14 Friday 10-11am Maximizing Seasonal blooms with Perennial & Annual Pairings @ Chalet (register on website)

June 23 Sunday 10-4pm AH GARDEN WALK...come help out, see the gardens and check out the Boutique!

July 13 9-4pm McHenry Country Master Gardeners GARDEN WALK [www.mchenry.edu/gardenwalk](http://www.mchenry.edu/gardenwalk)

July 15 - "2019 Garden Clubs of Illinois Summer Meeting" - at Abbington Banquets in Glen Ellyn.

Aug. 3-4 - "District IX 2019 Flower Show" - at Chicago Botanic Garden in Glencoe, Illinois. (Setup on Aug. 2.)

## Friendship Park Conservatory: 847-298-3500

395 W. Algonquin Road, Des Plaines Register @ [mppd.org](http://mppd.org)

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

May 23 Thursday 7-8:30pm: Battle of the WEEDS!  
Which ones are your most common enemies?  
Find out! Code 36912 \$20/25

May 30 Thursday 7-8:30pm: Tower of Herbs  
Choose your herbs and plant them in the provided tower! Code 36911 \$45/55

June 12 Wednesday 7-8:30pm Pollinator Planter  
Make your own pollinator planter to attract those bees and butterflies Code 36909 \$40/50

June 15 Saturday 10-11:30am Make for the SHADE:  
Create your own container for those shady spots in your yard. Code 36913 \$40/50



# More Opportunities for Learning

## Chicago Botanical Garden

(See website for extensive list!)

[www.chicagobotanic.org/education/adulted/registration\\_methods](http://www.chicagobotanic.org/education/adulted/registration_methods)

June 9 Sunday 8:30-10:30am \$32/\$40 Wild World of Weeds

June 15 Saturday 10-12n \$32/\$40 Composting 101

## D214 Community Education

register online: [ce.d214.org](http://ce.d214.org) Ask for the Gold Card Price!

June 20 Thursday 7-9pm \$45 Silk Flower Arranging How TO @ Forest View

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## NEW FOR YOU TO DO!

The trip to Derby Line Nursery lived up to its billing..... A Great Day!!!

Eight AHGC members made the trip on a beautiful sunny Wednesday morning. Looking over all the choices and filling our wagons with the plants on our list was amazing; the hard part was deciding what else we wanted and how much room there was in the trunk. We stopped for lunch on the way home and shared great stories as we got to know each other better.

Definitely plan to join us next year.  
.....it is a Must Do!!!!



## The Newest NEW FOR YOU TO DO

Now that we have our gardens planted and can sit back and enjoy them, it dawned on me that most of us also plan vacations in the summer.

You, like me, probably have a 'method to your madness' when it comes to the care and feeding of your garden that only another gardener would understand....

so I came up with the idea that some of you might be interested in caring for each others gardens in their absence, or need help with yours. I would be happy to help as I know how important care is, even the simple watering of those potted plants on the patio.

If interested please contact me and I will compile a list to share!

Shelley Plischke  
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847-577-7356



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## Welcome to Our Newest Members!

A warm welcome to our newest club members! We look forward to meeting you and gardening with you!

**Mona Frisbie and Kimberlee Goczeski**





# EcoBeneficial Tips

[www.EcoBeneficial.com](http://www.EcoBeneficial.com)

## Top 20 Ways to Create An EcoBeneficial Landscape



1. Reduce or eliminate the "Green Desert" (lawn/turf). It is an ecological wasteland.

2. Increase the health of your soil. Everything starts with the soil: healthy soil makes for healthy plants.



3. Avoid synthetic pesticides. Rachel Carson warned about them 50 years ago in *Silent Spring*.

4. Limit the use of organic pesticides. Use only when absolutely necessary, and then sparingly and carefully.

5. Support beneficial insects, nature's pest control, by planting a diversity of native plants to support them.

6. Tolerate some messiness in your landscape to support wildlife. Dead logs, tree snags and brush piles are homes for many creatures.

7. Tolerate some plant damage in your landscape. Valuable insects have to eat too, and they don't eat very much.

8. Leave perennials standing through winter. They can provide food and cover for birds and insects.



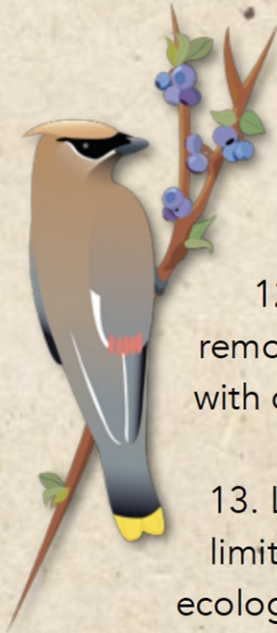
9. Plant more native plants to support your local ecosystem.

Native plants have co-evolved with each other and with the wildlife around them.



10. Think "plant communities" when selecting plants. Native plants don't grow in isolation. Learn which plants grow together naturally, and plant that way.





11. Eradicate or reduce the invasive plants in your landscape. Always try organic, mechanical means first.

12. When invasive plants are removed, replace them quickly and thickly with competitive, regionally native plants.

13. Limit exotic plants and know their limitations. They will not provide the same depth of ecological services as native plants.



14. Encourage biodiversity by planting diversely. Bio-diverse ecosystems are more resilient to pests, diseases and climate change.

15. Avoid double-flowered plants. They often have less nectar, pollen, and seed than single-flowered plants.

16. Select natural forms of native plants for best ecosystem dynamics.

17. Provide a water source for wildlife and insects. This is crucial, but often forgotten in many landscapes.



18. Emulate healthy local natural areas in your garden. Use nature as your reference for structure and plant selection.

19. Always plant the right plant in the right place. Some plants are flexible about where they are planted, but many are not.

20. When choosing plants, find the beauty in ecological function. As Mom said: physical beauty is only skin deep.

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## PRE-CONFERENCE LECTURES

### TALL GRASS TO TODAY: GATEWAY TO THE MIDWESTERN PRAIRIE

**Monday, July 29, 2019**  
**8:30 AM - 5:00 PM**

**Going Native: A Balanced Perspective**

**Ed Lyon**, Director, Reiman Gardens

Melding real-life challenges with the benefits of the native plant movement

**Hardy Grasses and Perennial Companions**

**Richard Hawke**, Plant Evaluation Manager, Chicago Botanic Garden

The best hardy grasses and companion perennials from the Chicago Botanic Garden's trials

**Trends in Design: Then to Now**

**Kellie O'Brien**, Owner, English Gardens, Ltd.

Today's perennials are a far cry from those popular 20 years ago

**Plants for Birds**

**Randy Powers**, Owner, Prairie Future Seed Co.

Perennials that provide a buffet for songbirds and others

**Perennials and Bulbs for Pollinators**

**Jack De Vroomen**, President, De Vroomen Garden Products

Plants for native bees, butterflies, moths, beetles and flies

**Tropicals for the Garden**

**Irvin Etienne**, Horticultural Display Coordinator, Garden at Newfields, Indianapolis Museum of Art

Dramatic colors and plant textures that create an exotic flair in the garden

**Cash Lunch: 12:15 PM-1:15 PM**

**Social & Cash Bar: 6:00 PM-7:00 PM**

**FOR PPA MEMBERS, NON-MEMBERS & THE GARDENING PUBLIC**

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**Early-Bird Rate: \$199**  
**Regular Rate: \$249**

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5440 North River Road,  
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