



Arlington Heights garden club

April 2017

Growing Together

Carol Elliott, Editor

Summer Meetings!

Mondays, June 26 at 7:00, July 24 at 7:00, and August 28 at 6:00 our picnic at the Historical Society

During the summer we meet in members' gardens from about 7:00-8:00. Please bring a lawn chair to relax in. Although we do not have a program at our summer meetings, they are a great chance to socialize, see another club member's garden, and get some of your gardening questions answered.

On June 26th we will meet in Barb Franks' garden at 908 West Campbell. From Village Hall, take Sigwalt west to Ridge. Turn right and go one block north to Campbell. Turn left and continue to 908.

On July 24th we will meet in the Dennehey's garden at 1411 North Hickory. From Village Hall, take Arlington Heights Road north to Olive and turn right. Take Olive to Hickory and turn left. Continue to 1411.

On August 28th we will meet at the Historical Society at 6:00 for our summer picnic. If you have not signed up for the picnic, please do so at the June or July meeting or call Aggie Prochaska, our Social chair.

Greetings from Our President

I am honored to serve as your new President and want to thank Kathy Hendricksen for her 4 years of service in the role. We had a productive transitional board meeting earlier this week and appreciate the new and experienced members who are assisting in the leadership of our club. A big thank you to everyone who volunteered and donated plants or items for our two plant sales. Even before our plant sale second date, we made enough to fund a scholarship which is great!

Our Garden Walk is coming up soon so I hope you will continue to get the word out to your friends and neighbors to have a wonderful day visiting 5 beautiful gardens, shopping, learning and taking a chance on the raffle at our Unique Boutique. This is such a signature event for our club to promote our love of gardening with the community and earn funds that we can give back to the community. I sincerely appreciate the hard work and planning our Garden Walk Committee has put into this event and all of the volunteers who make it happen!

I look forward to seeing you at Barb Franks house the day after the Garden Walk on 6/26, the Denneheys on July 24th, and at our summer cookout at the Historical Museum on 8/28 at 6:00 p.m. As a special treat after we eat, Bev will do an encore presentation of "Gardens of Arlington Heights.". Please hang onto this newsletter since our next one won't be coming out until September.

Jim Spannagel, President

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June and July Hostesses

A reminder and thank you from Aggie Prochaska, Social Chair, to those bringing treats to our June and July meetings!

June: Pat Garrity, Claudia McGrath, and Suzanne Scheetz

July: Diane Culhane, Pete Landwehr, and Kathy Wolan

A Big Thank You!

We were pleased to have had a record 12 applications for our scholarships. The details are listed later in the newsletter but thanks to Mike Dennehey and members of our scholarship committee for helping to award \$1500 scholarships to two worthy students.

Thank you also to the garden club members who helped with the Windsor/Dryden Community Garden which now has vegetables growing. Pete Landwehr was a big help in their planning of the project and is now also helping the American Legion to redesign a problem garden that we will help establish and that they will maintain.

Tree Trouble

Unfortunately, we learned that the sugar maple we planted last year at Westgate as a collaborative effort with Davey, had leafed out this spring but then died. Ryan Sherman of Davey is arranging to plant a replacement sugar maple within the next week or two and Mike Relaz will assist as he has done before to make sure it gets adequate water so hopefully when the students come back to school in the fall it will seem like magic! We appreciate our partnership with Davey and hope to do another tree planting later this year or next spring at Windsor School.

Here are a few pictures from the work days at Windsor/Miner School and at Clearbrook Garden.



It's June, What should I DO???

Take the time to visit the AHGC website and find out!

Make sure you are taking the Chicago Botanical Gardens advice for staying on top of your garden

to make it the BEST!!

More Spare Plants?

We have committed to help the American Legion spruce up their front perennial bed at their facility next to Recreation Park. We have collected most of the plants that we need but are still looking a few of the following: Artemisia; Blue Fescue; Yarrow. If you have extras of any of these, I would appreciate the opportunity to dig up a few of these plants for them.

Thanks Pete Landwehr

2017 AHGC Scholarship Recommendations

Scholarship Committee: Aggie Prochaska, Bev Krams, Shelley Plischke, Peter Landwehr, and Mike Dennehey

This year we received 12 Scholarship Applications, the most we have ever received and all but one were first time applicants. The AHGC Scholarship Committee proudly recommends the following students for the 2017 scholarships.

Matthew Hoffman \$1500 Scholarship Recommended

Matthew graduated from Wheeling High School where he earned a 5.47/5.0 GPA. He plans to major in Biological & Agricultural Engineering at Texas A&M.

Matthew developed an early interest in gardening which led to his own vegetable garden. His gardening interest developed into a curiosity in chemistry during the 8th grade to the point he entered into a chemistry competition. After his junior year he enrolled in a biotechnology summer program at the University of Chicago which really ignited his academic interest in this area. During his senior year he enrolled in a science research program at the Chicago Botanic Gardens where he originated an outstanding project on the potential bioenergy crop of purple moor grass as an energy source. He received a gold medal for his project.

Matthew has shown a balanced interest throughout his schooling by taking track and field, concert, marching, jazz band, and jazz combo, all four years of high school. He also participated in Moody's Mega Math Challenge and was a National Merit Scholarship Finalist his senior year.

The Scholarship committee highly recommends a \$1,500 scholarship to assist Matthew with his future studies at Texas A&M University.

Ashley Roscoe \$1500 Scholarship Recommended

Ashley graduated from Hersey High School with a 3.7/4.0 GPA. She will be attending the University of Wisconsin at Whitewater majoring in Biology. Her goal is to become a Fish and Wildlife officer.

Ashley developed a real interest in nature and camping while growing up. She developed this interest throughout her high school years by being actively involved in service oriented programs, an intern at Brookfield Zoo, and a member of the Prospect Heights Police Department Peer Jury Program, all while working two jobs through high school. She has also been a leader in the DECA Business Club, the Fishing Club, a Service over Self leader, and a Veteran's Initiative Student Leader.

Ashley has shown her interest in working with animals by participating in the King Conservation Science Scholar Program. She also took care of Toby, the Hersey therapy dog. Her biology teacher became her mentor during her high school years. A similar mentoring relationship was developed with Detective Pete Hamrick who is assigned to Hersey. He guided her through many of the police oriented programs she was involved in and commented on her ability to coordinate activities that will prepare her for future interests.

The Scholarship committee highly recommends a \$1,500 scholarship to assist Ashley with her future studies at the University of Wisconsin - Whitewater.

Plant Sale photos



Hardy Succulent Arrangements

A new vendor at our Unique Boutique, Lindsay Lombardo of Pretty Green Things is holding workshops to plant succulents in a terra cotta planter for \$30 at Brackett & Co. that I am passing along the information if you have an interest in a fun Friday evening activity.

Create your own Hardy Succulent Arrangement (Sedum/Hens and Chicks) In 4" Terra Cotta Pot
BYOB
Brackett and Co, 13 W. Campbell, Arlington Heights
July 7th and 21st, 6-8 p.m. at a cost of \$30
Call Brackett and Company to sign up. (847) 873-1250. Any questions email
Lindsaypgthings@gmail.com

Stamps

The Illinois Audobon Society is no longer collecting stamps, but the Lincoln Land Association of Bird Banders is, so please continue to bring in your stamps. Before the Illinois Audobon Society decided to end their program, they raised more than \$65,000 for their land acquisition program. Unfortunately they no longer have the staff to run the program, but the birds will still benefit through the Lincoln Land Association of Bird Banders program.