



Arlington Heights garden club

March 2019

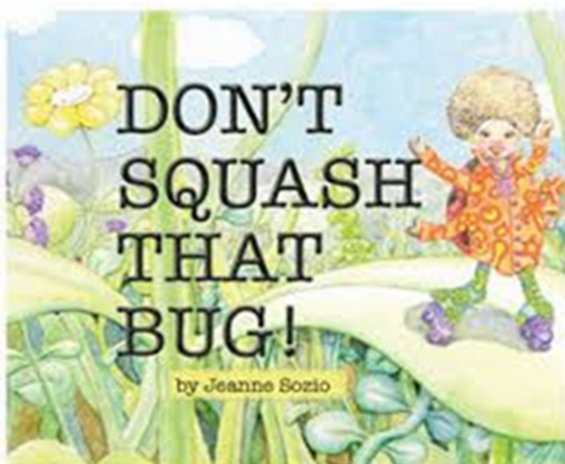
Growing Together

Carol Elliott, Editor

Don't Squash That Bug! **March 25th, 7pm Social, 8pm Program,** **Village Hall** **Speaker: James Rowan**

Jim has his degree in Natural Science from Northeast Illinois University and has been associated with North Park Village Nature Center in Chicago, Northwestern University and the Fort Dearborn Audobon Society. He has lectured to many organizations and schools over the past 25 years.

There are over a million species of insects and spiders on the planet, with about 25,000 species in Illinois. In this program we'll meet some of them, learn how to distinguish them and separate some of the "good guys" from the "bad guys".



Greetings from Our President

It's March! This is a major transition month for our weather and for our Garden Club. There are so many things to mention!! It is time to pay the annual Garden Club dues. Please renew your membership by the end of April to help out Renie and Shelley, our membership chairs.

At the March meeting, we will have gently read garden magazines for you to take home for a donation to our Club-take as many as you like-donate as much as you like!

Mark Saturday, May 18th, 8 AM on your calendar, to help plant 1000 plug plants at Lake Arlington. This is part of the "Surprise" mentioned last month. Your Garden Club is using part of the Krohn Family Donation, along with our own funds totaling \$3,500 for the Arlington Hts Park District to help create a pollinator garden on the south side of Lake Arlington, and we are donating an equal amount of \$3,500 (Krohn Family donation and Garden Club Funds) to the Village to help them install a native type prairie between Northwest Highway and the railroad tracks, just east of Arthur. We have been invited to help the Park District install the plants at Lake Arlington in May and will need as many able bodied members as possible. More details will be given at our March 25th meeting. These projects are both educational and beautification for our community, and we are excited about them.

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March Hostesses

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

*Carol Elliott,
Christina Preston,
and Val Solaski*

(cont) Greetings from Our President

Most likely before you read the next "Greetings From Our President", the weather will warm and the soil will dry out a bit. It will be prime time for digging up and potting your plants for the annual plant sale on June 1st. The earlier you can get them potted, the better they will sell. If you need pots of any size, please contact me. If you or someone you know has crowded perennials of the type we need for our sale, please let me or Pete Landwehr know. Glad to divide.

Lastly, mark May 27th on your calendar. The Garden Club will again be marching in the Memorial Day Parade and passing out seeds with fliers to promote our club and the annual Garden Walk and Boutique. Phew! So much! Makes me long for the slow, lazy days of winter again!!

Jim Spannagel, President

Welcome to Our Newest Member!

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest club member Cyndi Monroe. Welcome, Cyndi! We look forward to meeting you and gardening with you!

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

Gaining Garden Knowledge March/April 2019

Feb. 9 thru Mar. 24 - "In The Tropics: The Orchid Show" - at Chicago Botanic Garden in Glencoe

Mar. 2 thru 24 - "Spring Flower Show" - at Olbrich Botanical Garden in Madison, Wisconsin

March 22 & 23-10-11am Chalet Nursery "Spring Garden Prep 101" Free

Mar. 20 thru 24 - "Chicago Flower and Garden Show" - at Navy Pier in Chicago, IL. March 24 Trip to the Chicago Flower and Garden Show www.hawthorngardens.net \$60 Register:

Mar. 21 - "The Orchid Show", a six week long orchid extravaganza at the Chicago Botanic Garden in Glencoe, Ill. A late lunch will be at the Pavilion Restaurant in Northbrook, Ill.

March 21 , 7 p.m., Prospect Heights Public Library, Leslie Goddard will portray Georgia O'Keeffe The Art of Nature Register online <https://www.phpl.info/evanced/lib/eventcalendar.asp>

March 22 & 23-10-11am Spring Garden Prep 101 @ Chalet Nursery

Mar. 23-24 - "Northern Illinois Gesneriad Society Show & Sale" - at Chicago Botanic Garden in Glencoe, Ill.

March 26/27- Garden Clubs of Illinois "Landscaping Design Course I"

Apr. 6 - "Gardenfest 2019" - hosted by the McHenry County Master Gardeners - at McHenry County College in Crystal Lake, Ill.

Apr. 7-8 - "GCI Annual State Convention" - at the Sheraton Hotel in Lisle, Ill. All are welcome!

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

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

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.

Chicago Botanical Garden

www.chicagobotanic.org/education/adulted/registration_methods

The Organic Vegetable Garden in Spring, \$32/\$40
Saturday April 6, 9:00 am to 11:00 am

Success with Trees and Shrubs, \$39.20/\$49
Saturday April 6,, 9:30 am to 12:00 pm

Spring Lawn Care for Homeowners, \$31.20/\$39
Saturday April 13, 9:00 am to 11:00 am

Hands-on Gardening: Dividing Perennials, \$19/\$23.75
Wednesday, April 17, 10:00 am to 11:00 am



Cleaning Up Winter Debris

Q: I read that my plants should be left in the yard for winter interest and for a nesting area for insects and birds... I did this and now when can I start to clear the debris so I can start the garden again?

A: Ornamental grasses and other perennials left up for winter interest and nest building materials for birds need to be cut down to several inches above the soil line before growth begins. Ornamental grasses are a warm season grass; therefore, get the rest of your yard in order before tackling the grasses. Use a bungee cord or duct tape to tie the grasses together before using your pruners or shears. This will make it a much easier job for you.

The next area is your beds. Be careful when removing the mulch to allow the tender plants to acclimate. Look for emerging spring bulbs and the crowns of early perennials. Keep mulch handy in case the temperature drops and you need to recover the plants.

Over the winter, rabbits have probably fed on the lower branches of some of your shrubs versus the stems as a result of some good size snowdrifts. Have your pruners handy to prune back to a smaller branch or the next bud to repair the feeding damage. You may want to use a leaf blower to clean out your shrub beds. Also remove any crossing limbs that rub against one another. Prune back junipers, yews and arborvitae if needed.

When pruning flowering shrubs, timing is important to encourage this season's buds. Spring blooming plants such as lilac and forsythia bloom on "old wood" which formed last fall. The best time to prune spring bloomers is after they bloom. Summer flowering shrubs such as hydrangeas, butterfly bush, spirea and potentilla bloom on the current year's new growth. They should be pruned in winter or early spring before new flower buds form or if there is winter damage.

Use your leaf rake to clean up the winter debris on your lawn without damaging the turf that may have been pushed up and out of the ground by freezing and thawing. Don't forget to check your compost. If you've kept the compost pile active, congratulations. If not, you'll need to activate your compost pile by turning it. All of the material removed from your beds and lawn can be used in your compost. This is your brown material. If you collect lawn clippings/vegetable cuttings, you have your green and all the materials needed. The browns for carbon, the greens for moisture and the microorganisms will break down the waste to compost.

Congratulations on providing yourself winter interest, nesting materials and an area for overwintering insects. Now on to SPRING!!

--*Terri Passolt*,

Master Gardener

References: U of I - "Garden Bed Cleanup has begun", "Spring Cleanup"

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/state/newsdetail.cfm?NewsID=11516>

More Opportunities for Learning

Friendship Park Conservatory

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

NEW! Square Foot Gardening-Cool Crops

How early can you start broccoli, kale, spinach, beets or lettuce? Is your growing space so small that you feel an edible garden is impossible? Join us as we teach square foot garden techniques for cool crops. We'll send you home with healthy plant starts and garden tips to grow your own edibles in a very small space. Your home-grown foods will add color and nutrition to your meal planning!

Sat 4/6 10:30am-12pm \$20/25 Code: 36096

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.

Wed 4/12, Sat 4/13, Thu 4/25

Harper College Nature Classes CE.

HARPERCOLLEGE.EDU

Monarch Butterfly Rearing 4/6/19

Backyard Bat Housing 4/13/19

Garden Bench Workshop 4/27/19

Illinois Heirloom Gardening 5/18/19

D214 Community Education

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

Japanese Floral Arrangement

Mondays April 1-8 @ FVEC 7-9pm

Grow an Herb Tea Garden

Tuesday April 2 @ PHS 7-9pm

Success with Trees and Shrubs

Saturday April 6 @ CBGardens 9:30-noon

Organic Vegetable Garden in Spring

Saturday April 6 @ CBGarden 9-11am

Joy of Perennials

Monday April 8 @ JHHS 7-9pm

Grow a Culinary Herb Garden

Tuesday April 9 @ JHHS 7-9pm

Growing Terrific Tomatoes

Tuesday April 16 @ JHHS 7-9pm

Brambles and Berries

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

NEW FOR YOU TO DO

DERBY LINE GREENHOUSE, located at 16061 Derby Line Rd. Genoa Illinois. is a little treasure located in the countryside just east of Genoa. It is run by a woman who gave up the corporate world and decided to install four greenhouses on her family acreage and raise annuals. She, her daughter and a good friend begin the process late in January planting seeds (thousands of seeds) and the fruits of their labor is ready in April for gardeners lucky enough to have a treasure map.

Her selection and quality is second to none and deciding what to choose and use is almost impossible. She sells predominately annuals with some vegetables, herbs, and hanging pots. Flats and four inch pots are the norm. She doesn't accept credit cards.

Every year I look forward to the trip to Derby Line Greenhouse, it is the highlight of my gardening season SPRINGTIME CHRISTMAS!!!

I thought it would be fun to share this opportunity with the AHGC. Renie and I are planning a trip on Wednesday April 24th, leaving Arl.Hts. at 9:00 driving two to a car as we will need lots of room for plants. There is a fun little place we stop for lunch and arrive back home mid afternoon.

If you are interested in joining the treasure hunt, please contact me and mark your calendars for a day you won't forget.

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A Word to the Wise!

Your Garden Dictionary

Virescent: adjective Becoming Green

Lutescent adjective Becoming Yellow

Albescent: adjective Becoming White

For example, these terms are used when describing leaves that emerge one color and transform into another. A yellow leaf that turns green is **VIRESCENT**.



Annual Opening of the Greenhouse

Saturday, March 30th, 2019
10:00am - 2:00pm

Vendors, information, new products, giveaways, raffles and more!

Take the time to VISIT!

They are sponsors of our Garden Walk. Mention you are a AH Garden Club Member and appreciate their participation in our garden walk!!

Membership Dues are Due May 1st

We will begin to collect dues at the March and April general meetings. 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 March and April meetings. 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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We would like to invite you and the members of your Garden Club to Gardenfest 2019. Below is the pertinent information and hope to see you on April 6, 2019! Think Spring!!

McHenry County Gardenfest 2019

Saturday, April 6, 2019, from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Presented by University of Illinois Extension McHenry County Master Gardeners and McHenry County College

Costs \$45 and includes lunch

Welcome Spring at the McHenry County Gardenfest. Come learn about new garden trends, plants, and techniques at this day-long series of garden-related seminars and workshops. Gardenfest 2019 will be held April 6 at McHenry County College (MCC), 8900 U.S. Route 14, in Crystal Lake, Ill., from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Gardenfest is an annual educational event co-sponsored by MCC and the University of Illinois Extension McHenry County Master Gardeners. A total of 20 breakout sessions – presented by industry experts, U of I Extension educators, Master Gardeners and MCC instructors – will cover a myriad of gardening topics.

The keynote speaker will be Dale Sievert, who owns an extensive moss garden, discussing "The Sievert Gardens--From 1970 Until Today." Sievert will outline the nearly-five-decade evolution of his award-winning moss gardens. He also will reveal how his style and thoughts about gardening have changed over the years.

Other 2019 Gardenfest topics will include "Best New Plants for 2019," "Invasive Species in Northern Illinois," "How to Vermicompost and Build Your Own Worm Bin," "Hydrangea Highlights," and many other classes.

Gardenfest boasts 20 breakout sessions offered in four segments; each segment lasts an hour. Lunch will be served midday in the MCC cafeteria. Attendees also are eligible for door prizes.

New this year is the half-day, kid-friendly session "Gardening with Family." The MCC Horticultural staff will teach gardening basics to children ages 8 to 14 with an adult (two children may attend with one adult). Participants will also work in the greenhouse, start seeds, transplant seedlings and learn about the plants they will take home. An adult must be present for the duration of the session. All supplies and morning refreshments provided. Advance registration required. Packet pickup begins at 8 a.m. Class runs from 8:30 a.m. until noon. Costs \$20 for one adult and one child, costs \$30 for one adult and two children.

Registration forms for Gardenfest are available online at mchenry.edu/gardenfest. Registration begins Feb. 11, and the cost for Gardenfest is \$45. Space is limited, so register early. The registration deadline is March 22; no refunds after this date. Tickets can also be purchased at the door the day of the event (for an added \$5 fee, first come, first served). No refunds for any reason. For more information, visit mchenry.edu/gardenfest, email conferencecenter@mchenry.edu, or call 815-479-7570.