



April 2023

Greetings From Our President

“Marriage and Gardening” --thanks to Garden Gate Magazine

Over the many years that I have helped select gardens for our annual Garden Walk, I have noticed that spouses don't always agree on whether they want to be on the Garden Walk! One spouse may be very eager, the other very reluctant with serious reservations. A gardening article I just read got me thinking about my own garden and my marriage to Patty. Sometimes we don't see eye to eye when it comes to gardening! Can you image?

Every marriage needs one partner who is creative and has a mental plan of how they want the garden to look—like rearranging the shrubs—straight line or artistic spacing. You also need one partner who likes the shrubs just the way they are as the original landscaping blueprint showed them.

Every marriage needs one partner that has an eye for color and can artfully group plants together to form a patch worthy of “Fine Gardening” magazine. You also need a partner who knows the growing habits of plants and knows that certain desired plants won't fit into that landscape design—some like sun and dry, others like shade and moist.

Every marriage needs one partner who likes very short plants, not over 6 inches tall. You also need a partner who wants to support the bees and butterflies with natives that range from 2 feet to 7 feet tall.

Every marriage needs one partner who likes the formal, closely trimmed look. You also need a partner who loves the “natural” look and wants to leave the hollyhock where Mother Nature planted it last year -- even if it is way out of place.

Every marriage needs one partner who uses a tape measure to get those pansies exactly 8 inches apart and uses a chalk line to make the rows straight. You also need a partner who can eye-ball it and feels that his mediocre garden skills will make everything look good enough!

Every successful garden needs two people with the same goal (a beautiful yard), but very different ideas of how to accomplish the goal. But then again, maybe that is like marriage too! Maybe it takes two people with the same goal (happiness and commitment) but different ideas of how to live in peace and harmony! Happy gardening!

Jim

2023 Spring Meetings

- April 24
- May 22

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April Program

April 24th @ 7 PM

Totally Tomatoes!

Presented by Nina Koziol



Nina is a garden writer and horticulturist who gardens for butterflies and hummingbirds on an acre 40 miles from Chicago. She wrote garden articles for the Chicago Tribune for 22 years as well as for Chicagoland Gardening, Old-House Journal, Organic Gardening and The American Gardener. She writes for The Landscape Contractor magazine, PlantersPlace.com, and for the Chicago Botanic Garden's web site. She has taught horticulture, design and residential landscape design history classes at the Chicago Botanic Garden and The Morton Arboretum since 1997.

It's not summer without a bounty of juicy tomatoes! Discover how to select, grow, harvest, store, and prepare these nutritious fruits as well as onions, peppers, shallots, beans, basil, and cilantro. Everything you need for a basic salsa and sauce can come straight from your garden.

Reminder for April 26th Trip

DERBYLINE GARDENS ROAD TRIP

Wednesday, April 26th

Greenhouse opens at 10:00 AM

16061 Derby Line Rd.
Genoa, IL 60135

Join us for a perfect start to your gardening year. Fill your car with beautiful annuals and be sure to bring your checkbook because they do not accept credit cards. Join us for lunch on the way home. Can't wait to see you. I promise you'll have a wonderful time.

Questions? Contact [Shelley Plischke](#)

Monthly Meetings

Our monthly general meetings are held on the fourth Monday of each month, September through May.

During the summer, June and July Meetings are held in Members' Gardens.

Meeting Agenda

7-7:30 PM Social time

7:30 PM Business meeting begins

8:00 PM Speaker program presentation begins

9:00 PM Presentation and questions wrap up

Meeting Location

Our meetings are held at [Saint Simon's Episcopal Church](#) in their basement meeting space.

Saint Simon's is located at 717 West Kirchoff Road, Arlington Heights, IL 60005, and is right next to NW Community Hospital. There is ample parking next to the building. Enter the large west side parking lot and proceed to the west side of the building. You will see a sign, "Parish Hall," next to the stairs. Take the stairs down to the basement entrance. For those who are "stair challenged," you will enter at the parking level entrance to the right of the stairs and take an elevator down to the basement. There is a sign outside indicating the West elevator entrance. A club member will be there to assist you with the elevator. Click on [map](#) for directions.

We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting.



Can You Name This
Native Plant?



Answer can be found on page [10](#)



Keukenhof Gardens (photo by Bev Krams)



Hepatica (photo by June Miller)

Nominees for Board Positions 2023

Lew Coffin | Nominating Committee Chair

Every May, half of the Board/ Committee Chair Position terms come to an end and the Garden Club forms a nominating committee to fill these roles. We are pleased to offer the following slate of nominees for a vote at the April General Meeting.

Slate of Nominees - 2023

POSITION	NOMINEE(S)
Artistic	Gail Abbott
Horticulture	Juli Cicarelli
Hospitality	Cathy Kostel
Membership	Sheila Coffin, Lew Coffin
President	Beth Ligenza
Treasurer	Sharon Rudy
Website	Rose Marie Lesniak-Mendez
Vice president	open

We are still accepting nominations for any of the above positions. Please express your interest to anyone on the Nominating Committee or in person at the April General Meeting if you would like to make a nomination for one of these roles.

Nominating Committee

Lew Coffin, Committee Chair
Gail Abbott
Sheila Coffin
Ingrid Erickson
Barb Franks



Keukenhof Gardens (photo by Bev Krams)

Plant Sale Update for 2023

Bob Bruett | Plant Sale

This year we have several significant changes due to the impact of the [Asian Jumping Worm](#).


- 1) We will focus on **SELLING SEEDLINGS WE START FROM SCRATCH**. I am asking for all those who can start some seed trays to do so. Let me know what you are planning to grow and feel free to ask me for some recommendations so we do not end up with 500 tomato plants :) Please plant flowers, vegetables, or houseplant cuttings.
- 2) You can also **SELL SEEDS FROM YOUR OWN COLLECTION**. They must be Heirloom and not Hybrid so people get a reliable plant. If you need seed envelopes, just let me know and I will make sure you get them.
- 3) If you would like to **DIG UP PERENNIALS** from your yard, you will need to follow a procedure which should eliminate any transferring of the worm eggs with the plants. This involves digging up the plants, cleaning off the dirt from the roots and replanting in a sterile potting soil at least a month before the sale. These should not be kept on the ground to avoid any new worms from crawling in. Please let me know as soon as you can about what you are digging up so we know what plants to expect. As usual, I'll print up labels as we get closer to the event and will eventually need the exact counts for the inventory.
- 4) Our Plant Sale will include the above plants, **VINTAGE GARDEN ITEMS** and a big push on making the community aware of this "pest."
- 5) Please let me know ASAP of any plants, seeds or vintage items you plan to contribute to our club sale. Specific numbers can be filled in later in May.

This year our Master Gardeners brought up the U of I Extension recommendations for our Plant Sales regarding the infestation of the Asian Jumping Worm. This is an invasive species taking over in many states and counties including Northeast Illinois. The Extension recommendation is not to sell plants dug up from your yards to try to eliminate or slow the spread of these worms. You can find more information on the Asian Jumping Worm in our [March newsletter](#) (article on page 6) from Bev Krams. The Plant Sale committee came up with several recommendations for this year and next year's sales based on another club's experience.


For the 2024 Plant sale we will be checking the yards (of those wanting to contribute perennials) for presence of Asian Jumping worms. Those with no traces of the worms will be able to contribute as before. If you want to participate in this please send [Bob Bruett](#) an email or call Bob at 847-702-3124. Any gardens with the worms will not be able to contribute unless you follow items number 3 listed above. We are hoping for some solutions for these critters but unfortunately, nothing is available at this time.

Isn't it always something?
Jumping Worms

Invasive jumping worms now pose an environmental threat to soil, flora, and fauna. Although these worms die over winter, they leave tiny cocoons (about the size of a poppy seed) that will begin hatching in mid-spring. **NOW** is the time to minimize the spread of the worms and cocoons.




Clitellum is smooth, milky white and wraps around entire body



Body is shiny, dark gray to brown in color

- When adding new plants, choose bare-root rather than potted plants if possible.
- Check all potted plants for worms as well as castings (see photo below right).
- When sharing or transplanting plants, rinse roots, removing all soil.
- Use only mulch, compost, and added soil that have been heated to 105°-130° F for at least 3 days.
- Thoroughly clean soil and compost from all shoes, equipment, and tools.



Jumping worms consume organic matter drying out soil and creating texture resembling coffee grounds (left side in image above).

Champaign County Illinois Master Gardeners 2023

University of Illinois
Invasive Species Update
on
Jumping Worms

[Click here](#) to view factsheet

Book Review: 100 Plants to Feed the Birds

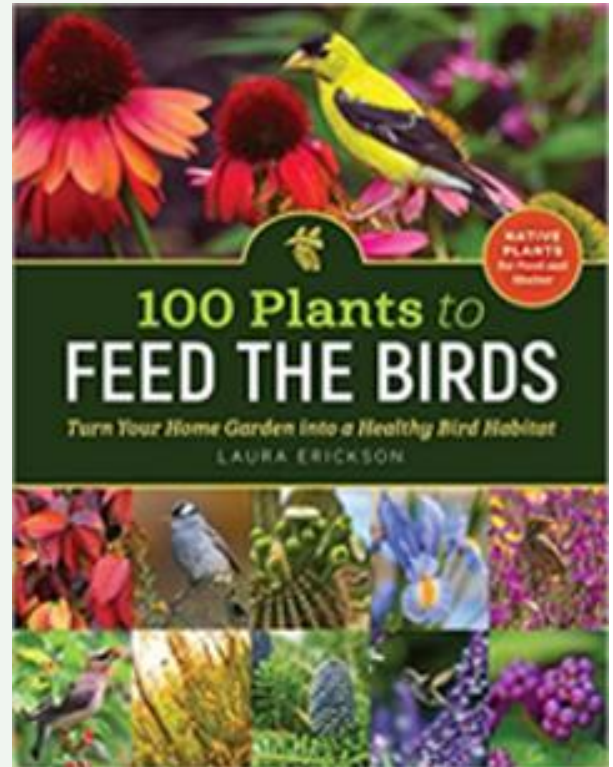
Bev Krams | Horticulture

It's an AWARD WINNER! *Laura Erickson's, 100 Plants to Feed the Birds: Turn Your Home Garden into a Healthy Bird Habitat*, was awarded the 2023 American Horticultural Society's Book Award and your AHML has the book for you to read.

We have discussed which plants support BEES as pollinators, now let's discuss which plants support the BIRDS! Ms. Erickson' discusses which plants provide the food, nesting materials, shelter and insects the birds need.

The book is beautifully illustrated. She offers sections on Conifers, Trees, Grasses, Herbaceous Plants, Shrubs, Vines and Cactus! Each will focus on the native plant recommended species, the birds it attracts, a map of the Native Range it is in and facts specific to the plant listed. It is a solid introduction for gardening beginners and birders to associate birds with particular habitats.

Ms. Erickson has spent a lifetime of paying attention to the plants birds need. This book will provide you with bird friendly landscape plantings which are increasingly important. Read the book, *100 Plants to Feed the Birds* and provide YEAR-ROUND nutritional and nesting support for the birds in our area.



Trial Board Position Opening – Vice President

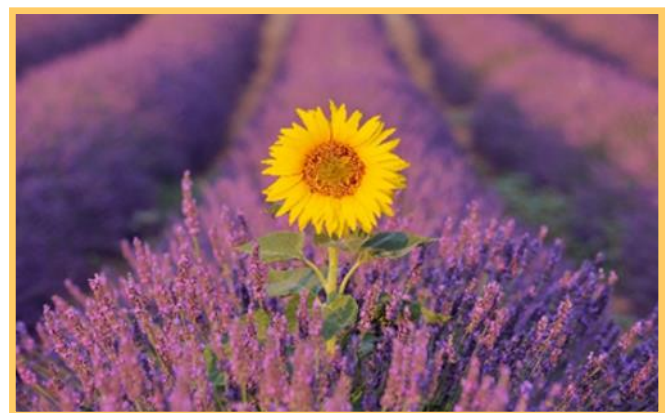
Lew Coffin | Nominating Committee Chair

There is an exciting club opening for the relatively new role of Vice President. This position offers an opportunity to try out a role and explore the club operations before making a commitment. Depending on your schedule and interests you will be able to interface with the various club committees and over time, get to know how the club functions and where your skills and interests lie. You could choose to assist with any of the club activities or committees, handle special projects, or provide support to the President.

What do you have to lose? It's your time to stand out - put your skills and a little spare time to good use with the Arlington Heights Garden Club!

For more information on this **free trial offer** and to explore how this role could work for you please reach out to:

[Beth Ligenza](#), President Nominee 847-337-0743 or [Lew Coffin](#), Nominating Committee Chair 847-917-1437



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Conservation Corner

June Miller | Conservation

Earth Day 2023

Saturday, April 22, marks the 53rd anniversary of Earth Day! This holiday is a global celebration focusing on environmental issues, climate protection efforts, and education on good green living. The theme this year is “Invest in Our Planet.” Now is the time for governments and citizens to improve our environment and give the next generation a better and safer future. There are so many



things we can all do to honor this day and everyday forward. The Garden Club will be sponsoring a booth at Olive School on 4/18 to plant seeds and inspire the students to become future gardeners.

Here are three activities that you can do at home to support Earth Day.

Reduce the use of plastics or reuse them!

Plastic has been known to harm marine and human life by littering beaches and landscapes and clogging waste streams and landfills. Plastics are some of the most commonly littered items in the world. Only 10% of the plastic that is made gets recycled, and more than 70% of the plastic goes into natural ecosystems. Sadly, not all plastic items can even be recycled. Therefore, it is important to reduce plastic use. This can be done as simply as using refillable water bottles while working outside in our gardens. Plastic bottles last 450 years in the landfill! Also, we need to keep plastic plant pots, cell pack containers, and plastic trays out of the recycling cart (per SWANCC). A good tip is to ask the place where you purchase plants if they have a protocol for taking back these empty items as there are specific companies that do recycle them. An even better tip is to reuse or repurpose these garden items.



Plant More Native Plants to Support Our Pollinators!

There are so many benefits of adding native plants to landscaping. Creating a healthy ecosystem for pollinators (bees and insects), wildlife (birds and butterflies), and humans is a vital one. Just adding a few native plants to your annual garden bed is helpful and can provide interest and beauty to it. Another benefit is that once these native plants are established, they typically require less maintenance, chemical nutrients and watering, saving time and money. They are also more resistant to common diseases and pests, improve soil quality and drainage, and combat climate change by effectively storing carbon dioxide, improving air quality. Purchasing native plants locally ensures that they are native to *our* area and will provide food and habitat to *our* native insects and wildlife.

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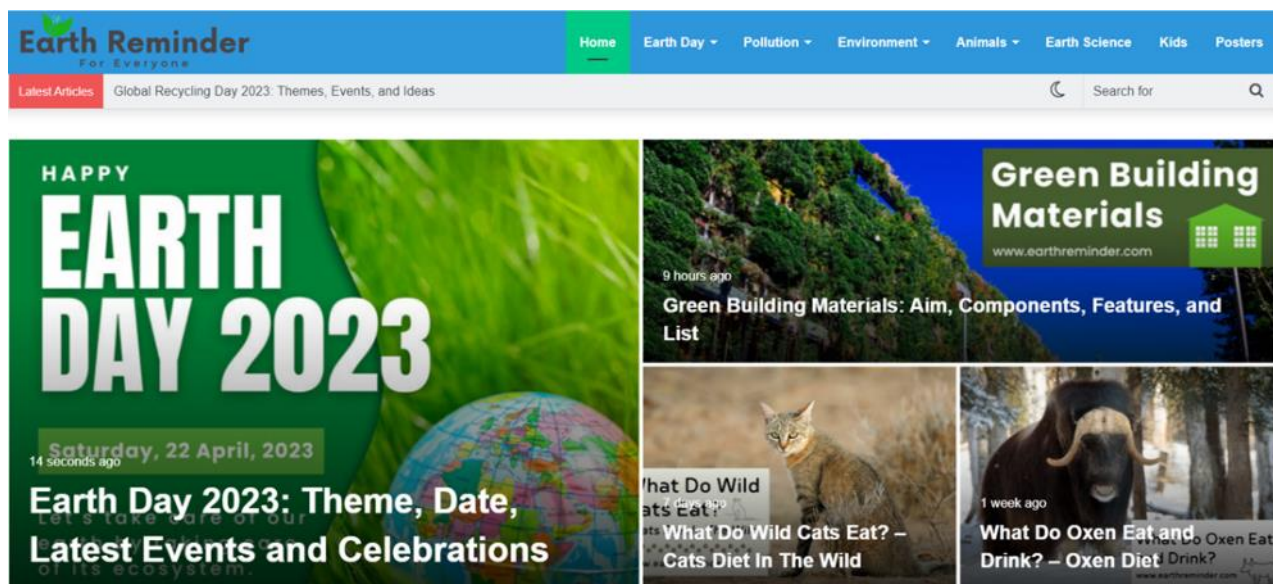
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Earth Day 2023

Be Aware of Invasive Plants!

Invasive plants can crowd-out native plants and the wildlife that depend on them. They are *capable of causing extinction of native plants and animals* which affects biodiversity, and can degrade soil leading to erosion. What can you do? Manually or mechanically remove them. Use an organic method of removal with a vinegar, water, and dish-washing liquid solution and if necessary, chemical methods with specific products. Review this handy [INVASIVE SPECIES FIELD GUIDE](#) from the Field Museum to identify and eliminate invasive plants in your landscape.

EARTH DAY EVENTS



Arlington Heights Public Works
Compost Giveaway
Saturday, April 22nd 10am-1pm

The Village of Arlington Heights
will be giving away compost
purchased from Lurvey's.



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Earth Day 2023

EARTH DAY EVENTS

Arbor Day 2023



Celebrate this national holiday on **Friday, April 28**. Arbor Day recognizes the importance of trees in the earth's environment. The Arbor Day Foundation states that this holiday represents "a hope for the future". Trees provide us cleaner air, cooling shade, habitat for wildlife, a healthier community, and endless beauty! The Garden Club, along with Davey Tree Company, is sponsoring a tree planting at Ivy Hill Elementary School on May 1st. The students will be learning all about the value of trees.

Check out the free offer from the Metropolitan Water Reclamation Plant. Get together with friends or family and plant a tree!



The MWRD's Restore the Canopy program offers FREE saplings.

[Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago \(mwrdd.org\)](https://www.mwrdd.org)

Visit our water reclamation plants every Wednesday from 9 a.m. to Noon (April 2023 - October 2023) to pick up your free saplings.

Distribution Sites Nearby

- Egan Water Reclamation Plant, 550 South Meacham Rd., Schaumburg
- Kirie Water Reclamation Plant, 701 West Oakton St., Des Plaines

American Legion Post Flower Garden Project

On April 7th a volunteer team worked on the flower garden at the American Legion Post in Arlington Heights



Pete Landwehr, Steve Skiber, Jim Spannagel and Mike Relaz



Plants from Possibility Plant Nursery

May 20 @ 9am-3pm

May 21 @ 10am-12pm

North Bay Pavilion | Independence Grove in Libertyville, IL

(847) 968-3333

Visit their [website](#) for more information

A flyer for a Plant Sale. It features a circular image of yellow flowers. The text includes: "University of Illinois Lake County Extension Master Gardeners", "PLANT SALE", "Saturday, May 20, 2023", "9:00 am - 2:00 pm", "WE ARE OFFERING", "A beautiful selection of nursery grown plant varieties not readily available in garden centers.", a list of offerings: "Natives, Perennials, Pollinator-Friendly Plants", "Vegetables, Herbs", "Garden Treasures", "Gardening Advice from Master Gardeners", "Rain or Shine Cash, Check, Charge", "University of Illinois Lake County Extension 100 South US Hwy 45 Grayslake IL 60030", and "Illinois Extension" logo. There is also a QR code and a small disclaimer at the bottom.

University of Illinois Lake County Master Gardener's Plant Sale
Saturday, May 20th @ 9am-2pm Click [here](#) for more information

Lanceleaf Coreopsis

Coreopsis lanceolata

Lanceleaf Coreopsis is a very dependable and showy native perennial seen in the Midwest. The flower heads are bright golden yellow on long green stalks which makes them useful in cut flower arrangements. Lanceleaf Coreopsis blooms early May through July but can continue blooming sporadically throughout fall if the seed heads are removed. It has few problems with insects or disease and is deer and rabbit resistant. This plant is beneficial as a great source of nectar and pollen for bees and butterflies. Also, once the plant produces seed heads, the songbirds will feast on the seeds. Lanceleaf Coreopsis is also called Sand Coreopsis or Tickweed because the seeds do look like ticks!

- Growth:** 1-2 feet
Sun Exposure: Likes full sun but will tolerate light shade.
Locations: Found in prairies, meadows, roadsides, and in pollinator and wildflower gardens.
Hardiness: Typically seen in zones 3-8 and found in most northern Illinois counties.
Soil: Any soil type but prefers well drained soil. Has good drought tolerance.
Invasive? Self-sows but only lightly as it is a clump-forming plant.



Board of Directors

President	Jim Spannagel
Vice President	Beth Ligenza
Secretary	Halina Zbilski
Treasurer	Pete Landwehr

Committee Chairs

Artistic	Barb Franks
Civics	Mike Relaz Dee Schurman
Club Awards	Kathy Hendricksen
Conservation	June Miller
Garden Walk	Karen Reeb Jean Kengott
Horticulture	Bev Krams
Hospitality	Marilyn Weber Joe Weber
Membership	Renie Norkiewicz Shelley Plischke
Newsletter	Mona Frisbie
Plant Sale	Bob Bruett
Programs	Nancy Asquini-Dean
Publicity	Lesley Jackson Connie Landwehr
Scholarship	Sheila Coffin Emma Visee
Website	Denise Nowak

Project Coordinators

Blood Drive, Lew Coffin
Claudette Norwell-Philipp, Student Partnership

You cannot get through a single day without having an impact on the world around you. What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of a difference you want to make.

—Jane Goodall



Virginia Blue Bells (photo by June Miller)

April Garden "To Do" List

GENERAL GARDEN CARE

- Plant Cool Season annuals that can tolerate a light frost.
- Add 2-4 inches of compost to garden beds.
- Measure rainfall to assure 1 inch of water a week in garden.

TREES AND SHRUBS

- Plant trees and shrubs. Last Friday in April is National Arbor Day.
- Wait one year to fertilize new woody plantings.

ANNUAL AND PERENNIALS

- Plant perennials, hardy grasses and roses.
- Divide mature summer and fall blooming perennials when they are 4-6 inches tall. Do not divide day lilies (September), oriental poppies (July) or iris (late July) at this time.
- Fertilize spring flowering bulbs with a 5-10-5 or 10-10-10 as new growth emerges.
- Stay on top of weeds.
- Begin uncovering roses. Top-dress with 6-2-0 organic slow release fertilizer.
- Later in the month begin to harden off warm season vegetables and flowers.
- Plant strawberries.

LAWN CARE

- Lawns can be treated with crab grass control in early to mid April before weeds germinate.

INDOOR GARDEN

- Continue to bring houseplants indoors until temps are consistently 50-60 degrees.

Other Resources:

Chicago Botanic Garden

April Garden [Checklist](#)

University of Illinois Extension:

[Tips for Starting Your Spring Garden Off Strong](#)

Chicago Region, Illinois, USA


Selected Plants that Threaten Chicagoland Natural Areas

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Common Buckthorn

Rhamnus cathartica

- Woody shrub up to 25 ft. tall.
- Dark green leaves with finely toothed edges 1.5-3 in. long, in pairs along stems.
- Branches may end in short thorns.
- Small green-yellow flowers.
- Clusters of berry-like black fruit.



Reed Canary Grass

Phalaris arundinacea

- Coarse grass 2-6 ft. tall.
- Stems hairless, hollow, rounded.
- Prominent, stiff translucent ligule (membrane) where leaf meets stem.
- Leaves 1/4-1/3 in. wide, gradually tapering, up to 10 in. long.
- Seed heads 3-16 in. long.



Lesser Celandine

Ficaria verna or *Ranunculus ficaria*

- Non-woody plant up to 12 in. tall.
- Leaves dark green, shiny, kidney- to heart-shaped varying in size.
- Bright yellow flowers in early spring on stalks above leaves.
- Numerous underground tubers.
- Grows vigorously into dense mats.



Callery (Bradford) Pear

Pyrus calleryana

- Tree up to 60 ft., usually less.
- Leaves 2-3 in. long, on stalks, with wavy, slightly toothed edges.
- Showy white flowers 1 in. wide in spring, before leaves appear.
- Green to brown round fruits 1/2 in. in diameter.



Oriental Bittersweet

Celastrus orbiculatus

- Climbing, woody vine up to 60 ft. long and 4 in. in diameter.
- Mature bark gray or brown. Smooth twigs green, or gray.
- Rounded leaves 2-5 in. long.
- Showy flowers and scarlet fruits along stems.



Japanese Barberry

Berberis thunbergii

- Small woody shrub 2-8 ft. tall.
- Branches have short straight spines.
- Leaves up to 1 in. long, paddle-shaped. Leaves wine-red, green, or both on same plant.
- Drooping clusters of pale-yellow flowers.



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Common Reed

Phragmites australis

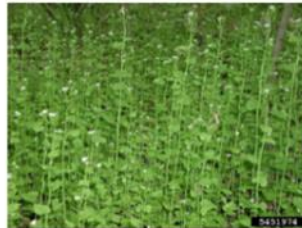
- Coarse grass up to 15 ft. tall.
- Broad, pointed leaves on thick, vertical stalks.
- Smooth flat leaves 6-24 in. long, ½-2½ in. wide.
- Flower heads dense, fluffy, gray or purple, 6-16 in. long.



Garlic Mustard

Alliaria petiolata

- Non-woody plant 1-4 ft. tall, flowers in second year.
- Heart shaped, 1-6 in. long leaves at base, smaller on flower stalk.
- Strong garlic odor when crushed.
- Early spring flowers have four small, white petals.



Amur Honeysuckle

Lonicera maackii

- Multi-stemmed arching woody shrub up to 16.5 ft. tall.
- Oval leaves 1.3-3.3 in. long in pairs along stems.
- White flowers ½-¾ in. long in pairs above stems.
- Red spherical fruit ¼ in. in diameter.



Purple Loosestrife

Lythrum salicaria

- Multi-stemmed (30-50 per plant) non-woody plant up to 10 ft. tall.
- Lance-shaped leaves without stems 1.5-4 in. long, but round or heart-shaped at the base.
- Pink to purplish flowers in 4-16 in. long spikes at the tops of the stems.



Dame's Rocket

Hesperis matronalis

- Non-woody plant up to 4 ft. tall, blooming in second year.
- Leaves 2-6 in. long and hairy, usually without stalks.
- White to purple or pink showy, fragrant 4-petaled flowers in clusters.
- Often grown as an ornamental.



Burning Bush

Euonymus alatus

- Woody shrub up to 8 ft. tall.
- 2-4 corky wings on branches.
- Dark green leaves 1-3 in. long and 1/2-1 in. wide, turn bright red in fall.
- Small, greenish-yellow flowers.
- Red fruit about ½ in. long in fall.
- Commonly sold as an ornamental.



Gardening Knowledge

Bev Krams | Horticulture

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

THE SEED KEEPER presented by Diane Wilson
April 19, Monday @ 7-8pm [Register](#)

WASTED: THE STORY OF FOOD WASTE
April 19 @ 7-9 pm Hendrickson Room [Register](#)

GREEN CLEANING WITH HERBS
April 20 @ 7-8:30pm Hendrickson Room [Waitlisted](#)

SEED SWAP @ Markerplace
Sunday April 23 @ 10-12noon Drop In

MUSEUM AND GARDEN PASSES
AHML provides you with passes to Museums and Gardens in our area
[CHECK IT OUT](#)

Arlington Heights Memorial
LIBRARY ▶

NORTHBROOK PUBLIC LIBRARY

VIRTUAL BUMBLE BEE BANQUET
April 19 Wednesday @ 7-8pm [Register](#)



PASQUESI'S HOME AND GARDENS

ATTRACTING BIRDS TO YOUR LANDSCAPE BY MELINDA MYERS IN LAKE BLUFF
April 22 Saturday @ 11-12noon
[Seminar details](#)



CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN

[Calendar of Events](#) and Programs



MORTON ARBORETUM

Classes and Programs
Click [here](#) for more information



Gardening Knowledge

Bev Krams | Horticulture

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

McHENRY COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

EARTH DAY CELEBRATION
April 22 @ 12-4 pm
Click [here](#) for more information



BLUMEN GARDENS

GARDEN GATE TO SPRING ANTIQUE SHOW
April 21 and 22
Admission: \$5 + can of food donation
See [website](#) for more information



FERNWOOD Events & Programs

Click [here](#) for information



SCHWEIKHER HOUSE TOUR

Take a tour of the Schweikher House, on the National Historic Register in Schaumburg. It will provide you with history, architectural design and a tranquil landscape all hidden off a wooded stretch on Meacham Road in Schaumburg. It is a gem! Visit their [website](#) for more information.



NORTHBROOK PUBLIC LIBRARY

GARDEN DESIGN FOR BEAUTY AND SUSTAINABILITY
April 25 Tuesday @ 7-8:30pm | in person
[Register](#)



NATIONAL GARDEN BUREAU

[Register](#) for upcoming Garden programs & review past programs.



FOREST PRESERVES OF COOK COUNTY

[River Trails Nature Center](#) | Northbrook
[Busse Woods](#) | Take a Hike in Ned Brown Preserve
[Crabtree Nature Center](#) | Barrington



Gardening Knowledge

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EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES



Illinois Extension
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

Gardeners Corner Spring 2023

- Grow the best new flower and vegetable varieties with 2023 All-America Selection Winners
- Make the most of mulch by choosing from living, synthetic, inorganic, or organic
- Grow confidence when choosing seed packets for your garden
- Sustainable community gardens benefit local growers, ecosystems, and communities
- Plant trees for every season
- Plant top annuals of 2023 to create craveable container gardens
- Bugged by houseplant pests? Give carnivorous plants a try
- What's in a name? The roots of fruit and vegetable names are long and intertwined
- Identify, avoid, and manage troublesome wild parsnip

Natural Lawn Care Webinar

May 5 @ 5-7pm

[Register](#)

Treasurer's Report

Pete Landwehr | Treasurer

Arlington Heights Garden Club Treasurer's Report March 2023

Checking Account Balance 2/28/23 Stmnt Date \$ 7,437.55

Receipts:

Linda Kalinski - 3D Artworks	3/8/23	50.00	UB vendor
Clara Stone - District IX lunch copay	3/8/23	24.00	
District IX All Star Award	3/17/23	50.00	
Marine Corps - Blue Star Memorial	3/29/23	500.00	
Marty Landwehr - holiday workshop	3/29/23	30.00	
Emerald Lawn Care	3/29/23	100.00	UGW silver sponsor
Anne Merrill / Scentsy	3/29/23	55.00	UB vendor
8 single membership renewals	3/29/23	200.00	
4 couple membership renewals	3/29/23	160.00	
Website Credit Card Activity	3/31/23	1,111.00	

less: Credit Card Fees \$ (44.32)
Total 2,235.68

Disbursements (cleared):

	<u>Check #</u>	<u>Ck Date</u>	
Secretary of State	cert ck	3/17/23	50.00
New Salem Lincoln League	1568	11/7/22	100.00 Discretionary Donation
AH Historical Society	1593	2/16/23	1,250.00 Discretionary Donation
Sean Menke	1595	2/27/23	200.00 Feb program
Garden Clubs of Illinois	1597	3/3/23	100.00 Garden Glories GW/Plant Sale Ad
GCI District IX	1598	3/3/23	196.00 Distict IX luncheon - 4 members
GCI District IX	1600	3/4/23	49.00 Distict IX luncheon - Stpone
Greenbrier PTA	1602	3/8/23	150.00 Discretionary Donation
Marilyn Weber	1603	3/8/23	24.89 hospitality
Pesche's	1604	3/10/23	110.00 Plant Sale potting soil
Sharon Rudy	1606	3/16/23	433.65 Registered Agent fees for Incorporation

Total 2,663.54

Checking Account Balance 3/31/23 \$ 7,009.69

Receipts to be deposited

Total undeposited receipts \$ -

cleared

	<u>Check #</u>	<u>Ck Date</u>	
Cate Doane	1579	12/19/22	17.88 Holiday Party centerpieces
AH Historical Museum	1592	2/16/23	750.00 discretionary donation
Volo Bog	1542	11/1/22	200.00 Discretionary Donation
Volo Bog			(200.00) reverse lost check #1542
Volo Bog	1594	2/16/23	200.00 replace lost check # 142
Debbie Borales	1596	2/28/23	142.50 Personal Development Award
Emma Visee - VOID	1599	3/3/23	- Distict IX luncheon reimbursement
Westgate Elementary School	1601	3/8/23	150.00 Discretionary Donation
Ivy Hill PTA	1605	3/15/23	150.00 Discretionary Donation
Beth Botts	1607	3/27/23	265.00 March program
Chicago Botanic Garden	1608	3/29/23	50.00 annual dues
Linda Fierce	1609	3/29/23	50.00 UB vendor refund
Pat Dennehey	1610	3/29/23	75.11 donation letter supplies

Total outstanding checks and invoices \$ 1,850.49

ADJUSTED CASH POSITION 3/31/23 \$ 5,159.20

AHGC Board Meeting Summary - April 10, 2023

Halina Zbilski | Recording Secretary

President - Jim Spannagel

- Jim thanked all for thoughts, prayers, card, and plant for Patty, who really appreciated the outpouring of concern and support from club members.
- At the Annual District IX meeting, AHGC won 1st Place 2022 All-Star Award in Large Club division. Congratulations to our members and thank you Kathy Hendricksen for completing the application.
- The GCI Annual Convention Annual Convention will be held on April 16th and April 17th at the Chicago Marriott in Naperville. Pete will have the honor of being installed as the GCI Finance Committee Chair.
- The nominees for open Board seats will be voted on at the April general meeting. We still do not have a candidate for the Vice President position. Lew will send an email blast to all club members with an updated appeal for a VP candidate. Installation of new board members will be held at the May meeting.
- Our second annual Blood Drive will take place on Saturday, July 8th, 8 am – 2 pm at the First Presbyterian Church parking lot.

Vice President – Beth Ligenza

- There are currently eight polo shirt orders. Orders with less than 25 shirts will be more expensive. If anyone wants a sleeveless shirt, the company would do the embroidery work at a set fee, and the person must provide their own sleeveless shirt.

Treasurer – Pete Landwehr

- There is a lot of activity in March and April. Unique Boutique vendor payments, donations, and membership payments are coming in. Because of the many recent credit card payments, a separate form is being generated to report the Credit Card recap.
- Sharon Rudy and Pete reported on the 501(c) (3) registration process. Jack Vrett, an attorney is helping us update our Bylaws for a non-profit status, which will have a different format for a NFP corporation.

Civics – Mike Relaz and Dee Schurman

- 40 members signed up for Civic activities at the March meeting.
- Volunteer help is needed at St. Simons Episcopal on April 29th.

Conservation – June Miller

- The Ivy Hill tree planting will take place on May 1st at 9:30 am.
- We will be supporting and participating in the Village's activities on Earth Day, Sat April 22. The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District will provide the compost, which will be available on a first come, first serve basis, but takers must bring their own bucket. This Earth Day activity will be advertised on Facebook and Instagram.
- We will be providing seeds, containers, and soil for the planting activity at Olive School for their Earth Day being held on Tuesday, April 18th from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Mike is making a bird house to be raffled off.

Garden Walk – Karen Reeb and Jean Kengott

- 30 vendors have signed up for Unique Boutique, and we have 11 sponsor donations. Most vendors are repeat vendors, and 6 are new vendors. The committee is working on providing vendor photos, booklet pages, map for vendors, and getting the signs and shovels ready.
- Per Brenda Catardi, the Memorial Day parade will be held on Monday, May 29th. Members are to arrive at 8:45 am on Sigwalt, east of AH Road, assemble at 9 am, and start marching at 9:30 am. The route is 1 ¼ miles long, and ends at Memorial Park around 11 am. There is free public parking, and carpooling is suggested. We are anticipating getting approximately 3000 seed packets from Julie. Stapling seed packets to flyers advertising our Plant Sale and Garden Walk will take place ½ hour before the May meeting.

Membership – Renie Norkiewicz and Shelley Plischke

- 54 members have paid dues so far. An email blast will be made to unpaid members, reminding them that May 1st is the deadline for dues payment.

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Plant Sale – Bob Bruett

- If anyone has leftover heirloom seeds for the plant sale, coin envelopes supplied by June Miller will be available to members at the April and May meetings.

Programs – Nancy Asquini Dean

- The April 24th program is “**Totally Tomatoes**” by Nina Koziol. Topic will also include selecting, planting, and storing everything you need for making salsa.

Publicity – Lesley Jackson and Connie Landwehr

- The article which features the Garden Club in *Stroll Scarsdale Magazine* is going to be published in May, closer to our activities.
- Since currently there are so many ads for “order ahead plant sales” in May, we are postponing our Plant Sale ad in the Daily Herald a little closer to our Plant Sale.

Scholarship – Emma Visee

- 25 scholarship applications were received, 2 were received after the March 15th deadline, so 23 were reviewed. The following applicants each received \$2000 scholarships: the AHGC Scholarship – Etienne Sirois; the Gilbert Krohn Memorial Scholarship – Elise Slowinski; the Wendy Landwehr Memorial Scholarship – Jennifer Suszek. All three will be contacted by Emma, and will be invited to the June or July general meeting. Nominees rejected will receive a letter and will be encouraged to re-apply next year.

Business/Old Business/Announcement

- Nancy reported on the status of the Blue Star Memorial marker proposal. The branches listed on the Memorial will be as follows: First listed will be the American Legion, second will be the Marines, and third will be the VFW.

Next Board Meeting: May 8, 2023