



Arlington Heights garden club

November/December 2018

Growing Together

Carol Elliott, Editor

Edible Containers

November 26th, 7pm Social, 8pm

Program, Village Hall

Speakers: Nancy Hollmeier and
Margy Walkington



Nancy Hollmeier, 35 years in interior design, and Margy Walkington, an accomplished art teacher and an avid ceramic artist, will capture our imaginations! Both women enjoy their Garden Works business, which deals with floral displays for weddings and special events in the Geneva area.

Our presenters will provide numerous formats for you to create an Edible Container that will delight your family and friends at your next luncheon or family gathering. Don't know what to do with those leftover carrots, zucchini and lettuce? Come and learn how to put that edible container together yourself! See the simple and fun techniques using your garden fruits and vegetables with a little holiday flare! Be sure to bring your camera. When you're done with your container, you can EAT IT!!

Greetings from Our President

It was probably in high school that Thanksgiving became my favorite holiday to celebrate. Perhaps I liked it because there were no great expectations, no gifts to buy for others, no card to remember, no place special we had to go as a family. After attending church in the morning where we saw grandparents, uncles, aunts and cousins, we headed home to finish a few chores before sitting down for Thanksgiving dinner. Growing up on a farm in the 50s and 60s meant gathering with parents and siblings, around our own table weighed down with foods produced mainly with our own hands. My dad didn't care for turkey, so we generally had roast chicken, duck or maybe beef, all of which had been someone's 4-H project the month before. We raised our own potatoes, sweet potatoes, green beans, sweet corn and the apples and cherries that mom baked into pies.

It was probably during those years that I began to recognize how fortunate and blessed I was. As we learned about our troubled world in school, it all seemed so far away, and even though we never thought of ourselves as rich, we never lacked for anything important. Looking back, it was in this time span that my love for gardening and growing things took root and is still a large part of my life today. I still have much to be grateful for. I once heard a sermon when a wise man said that "happiness doesn't come from having what we want, but rather, from wanting what we have". That struck me with such force

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November Hostesses

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

Helen Soper

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Martin Landwehr

Greeting from Our President (cont.)

that I am still remembering it many, many years later. Perhaps the secret to inner happiness is being grateful for what we have. I have to laugh every time I see the street side engraved bench in Cederburg, WI, that states, "Enough is just a little bit more---Wirth". In our rush to have the good life, maybe we just need to slow down enough to see all that we already have and to take time to appreciate the really important things already in our lives.

As we prepare to celebrate our national day of giving thanks, let's not be distracted by the hype of getting to "Black Friday", but take time to reflect on all our blessing and express thanks in whatever way we find suitable. Let me express my thanks to all the members of our Garden Club whose hard work and efforts (great and small), make our Club the fine organization it is. A special grateful, "thank you" goes to the Board members who are willing to step up and do all the behind the scenes thinking and planning that makes everything come together and make it look so easy. In whatever way you and your family celebrate, may Thanksgiving become more than just a single day of the year. May it become "thanks living" to make everyday a time to appreciate what we have in this beautiful world which gardeners love with special devotion.

Jim Spannagel, President

P.S. Hope to see everyone at the catered Holiday Party on December 10th. It promises to be a wonderful evening!! It is our Club's way of saying thanks to everyone for their hard work all year long.

Winter Container Workshop

We are sponsoring a Winter Holiday Container workshop at Friendship Park Conservatory in Des Plaines on Monday, December 3, 2018 from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. Each participant will be provided with a decorative container and an assortment of greens as well as pine cones, dried flowers and other items.

You will be given instruction and ideas on how to build your own unique winter display. Please bring gloves and a pruner. The cost to members is \$35 while the garden club will pay an additional \$10.

The cost to non-members is \$45. The class is limited to 20 participants. You can register in person or via phone (847-298-3500 ext 401) beginning Friday 11/16/18.



For details, you can contact Barb Franks or myself.
Pete Landwehr

Get Your Discount to GCB

Since we have a club membership to the Chicago Botanical Garden, garden club members are entitled to a \$10 discount on their individual or family membership. When renewing, mention that you are a member of the Arlington Heights Garden club to claim your discount. We provide a roster of our members so they have it on file.

Welcome to Our New Members!!

A Warm Welcome to our newest members ALLISON MORRISON and HALINA ZBILSKI. Looking forward to knowing each of you better as we share our gardening ideas and knowledge.

Fall Leaves 2:1 Program

October 29 through December 14, AH residents need to only place 1 sticker for every 2 bags of leaves set out for collection. Many local stores sell the landscape waste stickers. Stickers are also available at Village Hall & the Arlington Heights Senior Center.

NOW TELL ME WHY YOU ARE EVEN PUTTING OUT THOSE LAWN BAGS??!!

Those bags of leaves are worth more than their weight in gold if you use them wisely. They are the makings of next year's successful gardening plants.

1. You could let those leaves lie where they are. Kind of a 'natural look'. Unfortunately when it rains the leaves then stick to the sidewalk, blow into the crevices of your yard and your neighbors. Deep layers of leaves can kill patches of grass and lead to snow mold.
2. Collect the leaves for use in your compost bin or save leaves in a bin as a substitute for peat moss in the spring to amend your soil. Leaves are not like 'saved grass' that gets matted, smelly and moldy. They can eliminate your need for commercial compost starters. Stuff the leaves in black plastic garbage bags, add some soil to the bag, close it up and store it for the winter. In the spring you will have some additional 'browns' to add to your compost.
3. Collect the leaves that you have bagged while mowing and till them into your garden. These leaves will decompose much faster and add those wonderful nutrients to the soil. Remember OAK leaves and pine needles are an excellent source of compost. Own a Walnut tree? You may want to collect those separately and dispose of them. Walnut trees give off a substance called Juglone. This substance can occur in the buds, nut hulls and roots, however, leaves and stems contain a smaller quantity. Juglone is poorly soluble in water and does not move very far from the soil. This can retard the growth of plants in your garden.
4. Just shred the leaves as you mow and leave them on the lawn. On a regular basis small amounts of leaves mowed and left on the lawn is a great source of nitrogen.

What NOT to do with your LEAVES.

DO NOT BURN. It is illegal. It is a cause of respiratory problems and pollution.
DO NOT SWEEP into the Street. Although you can do this in Palatine on certain days of the month...It leaves clogged storm sewers, a fire hazard from the heat of a car's catalytic converter and here in Arlington Heights it is not legal!



--*Bev Krams*

Chair of the Horticulture Committee
Master Gardener University of Illinois Extension

Gaining Garden Knowledge Fall 2018

Nov 17-18 Seasonal Secrets @ Chalet for continuous holiday decorating ideas 11-2pm

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

Nov. 16 thru Dec. 30 - "Community Tree Display" - at Robert R. McCormick House - at
Cantigny Park in Wheaton, Ill.

Nov. 17 thru Jan. 6, 2019 - "Scrooooge" - a Holiday flower show at "The Domes" in
Mitchell Park in Milwaukee, Wisc.

Nov. 17 thru Jan. 1 2019 - Morton Arboretum 'Illumination' mortonarb.org

Nov. 23 thru 25, Nov. 28 thru Dec. 2, 6 thru 9, 13 thru 16, 20 thru 23 - "The Grove's
Holiday Store" - 10:00 to 5:00 - at "The Grove" in Glenview, Ill.

Nov. 23, 24, 25, 30, Dec. 6, 7, 8, 9, 13, 14, 15, 16, 20, 21, 22, 23, 27, 28, 29, 30 -
"Holiday Light Show" - at Rotary Botanical Gardens in Janesville, Wisc.

Nov. 23 thru Dec. 24 - "2018 Christkindlmarket in Naperville" - the Christmas market at
Naper Village in Naperville, Ill.

Nov. 23 thru Jan. 6, 2019 - WONDERLAND EXPRESS @ Chicagobotanic.org

Nov. 25 thru Jan. 6, 2019 - "All Aglow" - sparkling holiday lights and beautiful floral
displays - at the Nicholas Conservatory & Gardens in Rockford, Ill.

Dec. 1 - "Celebrate the Season Holiday Festival and Mistletoe Market" - at Cantigny
Park in Wheaton, Ill.

Dec. 1 - "Holiday Open House" - at Friendship Park Conservatory in Des Plaines

Dec. 1-2 - "Winter Wonderland Holiday Festival" -
at Prairie Lakes Community Center in Des Plaines

Dec. 1 thru 31 - "Sinnissippi Station" - a magical
miniature world of trains and trolleys - at Nichols
Conservatory & Gardens in Rockford, Ill.

Dec. 1 thru 31 - "Holiday Express" - at Olbrich
Botanical Gardens in Madison, Wi.

Dec. 2 and Dec. 16 - "Brunch with Santa" - at
Cantigny Park in Wheaton, Ill.

Dec. 5 and 9 - "Hands on History: Victorian
Christmas" - at the Des Plaines History Center in
Des Plaines





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 November meeting.

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

Sad News

It is with sadness that we
announce the passing of Bob
Nicholson, a Master Gardener
and an officer of the Garden
Clubs of Illinois and the Des
Plaines Garden Club. He was a
true friend to many of us and will
be greatly missed.

Thanks to our Program Chair, Val
Solaski, for a fun and informative
October meeting with Sharon Yiesla
from Horticultural Services!

