



# Arlington Heights garden club

Celebrating our 60th Anniversary

May 2016

*Growing Together*

*Carol Elliott, Editor*

## Organic Lawn Care

Monday, May 23

Speaker: Richard Ellis

Learn how to have a great lawn, the organic way! Long before it was a hot topic, Richard Ellis has been doing organic lawn care. He will talk about different products, methods and techniques a homeowner can use to maintain a lawn organically and organic methods to control weeds and pests. In Q&A, Richard will help diagnose lawn problems from your samples or description.



Richard Ellis, "The Soulful Gardener," has a Bachelors Degree in Chemistry from Wartburg College, graduate work at Ohio State and a Master Degree in Divinity from the Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago. After 15 years as a Lutheran Pastor he has spent over 25 years in the retail Lawn and Garden industry. He began organic gardening in 1976.

## Greetings from Our President

Spring has sprung and it is a busy time for the Garden Club. I hope you take the time to participate in our member plant exchange, help plant at the Historical Museum, donate plants for our first plant sale, and visit various other community plant sales and outings that are listed.

We are on the count down to our Garden Walk on June 12th from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Please get the word out to attend the walk by e-mailing or passing out fliers which I will have more at the May meeting. We are still looking to fill in some volunteers to help us sell advance tickets at the Farmer's Market on June 4th and 11th, to come to Pat Dennehey's house on June 4th at 12:00 p.m. to help assemble baskets and to be a greeter at one of the gardens the day of the walk. We need everyone's help to promote the love of gardening in our community and make our biggest fundraiser a success.

We also still have about half of our membership that hasn't yet renewed. Please make this a priority to clear up that housekeeping at our May meeting or mail it to Donna Soens, membership chair.

I'll look forward to seeing you at our May program. I sincerely appreciate all the work our Program Committee has done under Val Solaski's leadership to give us interesting programs on a variety of subjects.

*Kathy Hendricksen, President*

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## SPECIAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

**Newsletter**  
**Carol Elliott**

**Scholarship and Website**  
**Mike Dennehey**

## May Hostesses

A reminder and thank you from Aggie Prochaska, Social Chair, to those bringing treats to our May meeting.

*Pat Garrity*

*Claudia McGrath*

*Suzanne Scheetz*

## AHGC Plant Exchange

On May 14 we will have our annual member plant exchange at 10:00 AM in the parking lot across from the Arlington Heights Historical Museum. Please pot up your extra perennials soon for the plant exchange so they have time to recover from transplant shock. This is a great opportunity to share your excess blessings with other members and the public.

Please note that new members/gardeners are not required to bring plants to attend, We want to help you build your gardens!

The plants should be marked as to plant name and growing preferences. If it is aggressive or invasive, please mark it as such so no one is caught unaware.



## June 11 Plant Sale

Please also pot up your extra perennials for our first plant sale to be held on June 11 at the Farmer's Market across from the AH Historical Museum. Please label plants clearly with plant name, sun or shade preferences, wet or dry preferences, and if they are aggressive. If we have any plants leftover, we will sell them at the Garden Walk the next day. Please plan on potting up these perennials at least a couple of weeks before the public sale so they will look well established in the pots. Donations can be dropped off at the Museum a couple days before or at the Farmer's Market on June 11th.



## Free and Wise Garden Help

If you have any questions about the care of your garden, call the University of Illinois Extension office at Friendship Park Conservatory in Mount Prospect Ph. 847-298-3502. The Master Gardeners who volunteer at FPC can help answer your gardening questions.

## Slate for Upcoming Elections

Here is the slate for even year terms for the board. We will install officers in May:

Conservation: Jim Spannagel  
Newsletter: Carol Elliott  
Program: Valerie Solaski  
Publicity: Helen Dawley  
Secretary: Bev Krams  
Ways and Means: Adrienne Martz  
Website: Mike Dennehey

## It's time to grant our 2016 academic scholarship

Each year the AHGC tries to award at least one \$1500 academic scholarship to assist local students. Our club has awarded 24 academic scholarships to outstanding students since 2003. Five applications for this year's scholarship have been received from students in Arlington Heights and adjoining communities and it's time to make the selection.

Seven club members have volunteered to be on the selection committee. If you would be interested in being on next year's selection committee, please let me know.

The committee will meet the last week of May. The selection will be approved at the June Board meeting and announced at the June general meeting on June 27th.

If you know a student who may qualify for this scholarship, please direct them to the scholarship page on the AHGC website at [www.ahgardenclub.com](http://www.ahgardenclub.com). Primary consideration will be given to applicants pursuing study in the fields of landscape architecture, horticulture, botany, forestry, agriculture, marine biology and environmental science. However, other fields of interest will be given consideration if the applicant can demonstrate working experience in the horticulture/floral/nursery community. Applications for next year will be due by April 1st of 2017.



## GROWING YOUR GARDEN KNOWLEDGE - SPRING 2016

May 14 - AH Garden Club Plant Exchange - 10:00 AM in the parking lot across from the Arlington Heights Historical Museum. Please pot up your extra perennials soon for the exchange and the 6/11 plant sale. The plants should be marked as to plant name and growing preferences.

May 21 - "Protecting Pollinators" - learn what you can do to support our pollinators and to become a more bee-friendly gardener - at River Trail Nature Center in Northbrook, Ill.

May 21 - "Central States Dahlia Society Plant Sale" - from 12:00 to 3:00pm at Friendship Park Conservatory in Des Plaines, Ill.

May 28 - "Annual Hosta Sale" - at Acorn Hollow Hostas - from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon - in West Chicago, Ill.

May 28-29 - "Northshore Iris & Daylily Society Iris Show & Sale" - at Chicago Botanic Garden in Glencoe, Ill.

May 28 thru Sept. 8 - "Butterflies & Blooms" - hundreds of free-flying butterflies from around the world - with an additional fee at Chicago Botanic Garden in Glencoe, Ill.

June 4 - "Lurie Garden Spring Festival & Plant Sale" - also, author Amanda Thomsen will present "Unique Décor Ideas for the Garden" at 11:00am - at Lurie Garden in Chicago, Ill.

June 4-5 - "Northern Illinois Hosta Society Show & Sale" - at Chicago Botanic Garden in Glencoe, Ill.

June 11 - AH Garden Club Perennial Plant sale - at the AH Farmers Market

June 12 - Arlington Heights Garden Club Garden Walk

July 9 - "McHenry County Master Gardeners Garden Walk and Demonstration Gardens" in Crystal Lake, Ill., and the McHenry County area.

July 18 - "GCI 2016 Summer Meeting" - at Cantigny Park and Gardens in Wheaton, Ill.

July 29-30 - "GCI Flower Show - Under the Big Top" - at Naperville Municipal Center in Naperville, Ill.

Aug. 11 - "The Gardens at Ball", evaluation and test gardens, to see the best of the new. Des Plaines Garden Club outing including lunch at "The Country House Restaurant" in Geneva. Then visit "We Grow Dreams Greenhouse", in West Chicago, Ill.

Aug. 28 - "Heirloom Garden Show" - rare and specialty fruits, vegetables, flowers, and herbs are displayed and sold by Midwestern growers - at Garfield Farm and Inn Museum in Campton Hills, Ill.



# ZONING IN ON PLANT LIFE: What's your ZONE?

Determining what hardiness ZONE you live in is very important when you are selecting your plant material. Knowing the plants ability to endure cold conditions in addition to the ability to withstand alternating periods of freezing and thawing will allow that plant to grow and survive in an environment it was meant to be in.

Much of the plants tolerance will depend on where it originated. If you are a snowbird and you hauled that beautiful hibiscus from Southern Florida to Illinois it will not survive the winter outdoors. Looking for a hardy perennial hibiscus for your zone will meet your needs in your home state.

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) developed a scale of Zones in the 1960's. Zone 1 is very Hardy and Zone 13 is the least hardy. The zones are defined by 10 degrees of Fahrenheit steps. Some are further divided into two 5 degree subzones. For example, using the interactive map: <http://www.plantmaps.com/interactive-illinois-usda-plant-zone-hardiness-map.php> we discover that Arlington Heights is in Zone 5a which means plants in our area need to be able to survive temperatures of -20F to -15F.

Take a close look at plant tags and research information to determine the plants hardiness and make sure your plant investment is right for its ZONE!

Bev Krams  
University of Illinois  
Master Gardener

\*Stepping Stones to Perennial  
Garden Design: USDA  
Hardiness Zones, University of  
Illinois Extension, 2016.



# Save the Date!

**June 12**

is the date of the club's

## Garden Walk!

Please volunteer and

help make the day a success!

Membership dues are due in May and will be collected at the meeting. Forms will be available at the membership desk or they can be printed from this newsletter. See last page.

Individuals \$25.00

Couples \$40.00

## District IX GCI Plant Sales/Garden Walks for 2016

May 13-14, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Northbrook Garden Club Plant sale  
Northbrook Village Green, Community Center,  
1810 Walters, Northbrook.  
Perennial plants - "From Our Gardens to Yours".  
This year's bonus is a free pink swamp milkweed  
plant from the Garden Club, 2016 winner of  
Garden Clubs of Illinois Monarch Butterfly  
Sustentation Award.

May 14, 8:30 - noon  
Garden Club of Lake Zurich  
Annual Spring Plant sale  
Ela Area Public Library, Lake Zurich

May 14, 9 am - 2 pm  
Rolling Meadows Garden Club  
Plant & Craft Sale  
3200 Central Rd, Rolling Meadows  
Annuals, perennials, hanging baskets, vegetables,  
herbs & Master Gardeners

May 20 and 21, 9 am - 4 pm each day (or until we  
sell out on Saturday) Lincolnwood Garden Club of  
Evanston Plant sale  
Independence Park in Evanston, about a block  
west of the intersection of Greenbay Road and  
Central Street on Central Street

June 12, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Arlington Heights Garden Walk & Unique Boutique  
Five creative and inspiring residential gardens in  
Arl. Hts. are featured on this year's walk.

June 22, 10:30 am - 3:30 pm  
North Shore Garden Club, Centennial  
Celebration Garden Walk - Visit seven  
beautiful and varied gardens in Winnetka,  
Glencoe and Highland Park.  
Tickets: \$35 General Public; \$40 Day of Event  
Purchase tickets at [www.nsgc.eventbrite.com](http://www.nsgc.eventbrite.com)  
or by sending a check made out to North  
Shore Garden Club to Jessica Lundevall, 76  
Lakewood Place, Highland Park IL 60035.  
Guests must get their ticket and map the day  
of the event between 9:45 am and 2:45 pm in  
the parking lot of North Shore Congregation  
Israel, 1145 Sheridan Road, Glencoe.

June 26, noon - 4 pm  
Rolling Meadows Garden Club  
Garden Walk  
Check in at 3100 Central Rd, Rolling  
Meadows  
Tickets are \$10.00 in advance / \$15.00 day of  
event  
Check our website for ticket selling locations:  
[www.rollingmeadowsgardenclub.com](http://www.rollingmeadowsgardenclub.com)

Saturday, July 9, at 9 a.m.  
Illinois Dunesland Garden Club  
Annual Garden Walk and raffle  
Begins at the Zion-Benton Public Library



Arlington Heights Garden Club  
2016-17 Membership Form

I would like to be a member of the Arlington Heights Garden Club. My check is enclosed:

Individual \_\_\_\_\_ \$25.00      Couple \_\_\_\_\_ \$40.00

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

In order to get involved and meet people, we strongly recommend everyone sign up for at least one or more committees. Please check the committee(s) you would be interested in helping.

Artistic       Budget       Civics       Bylaws  
 Conservation       Garden Walk       Horticulture       Social  
 Membership       Newsletter       Program       Awards  
 Publicity       Scholarship       Special Events  
 Ways & Means       Website

Would you be willing to serve as a chair of a committee? Y N  
If yes, which committee? \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to bring treats to be served at a general meeting.

September \_\_\_\_\_ October \_\_\_\_\_ November \_\_\_\_\_ January \_\_\_\_\_

February \_\_\_\_\_ March \_\_\_\_\_ April \_\_\_\_\_ May \_\_\_\_\_

"I grant the AHGC permission to use photographs taken of me or including me at Garden Club meetings and events to be used in whole or in part for the purpose of promotion, social media and art for the sole use of the AHGC."

Please bring this form and your check to a general meeting, or mail to:  
Donna Soens, Membership Chairman  
116 South Harvard Ave  
Arlington Heights, IL 60005