



May 2023

Farewell From Our President

As the title above indicates, this is the final "Greetings" of my 6 years as president. I have been thinking for some time about some profound and inspiring last few words! But in the end, I just want to extend my heart-felt "thank you" to every member of the Arlington Heights Garden Club for all your support and help. These past years have been exciting, rewarding and productive years in which I have always been proud to represent our club at local, District and State events. Other clubs recognize our name and respect our accomplishments because of your efforts. I want to express my gratitude to the many men who take an active part in our club. We amaze other clubs with the number of men in our group and how involved they are. They work side by side with the many women of our club who do the majority of work and hold the majority of leadership positions on our Board. Still, we have a wonderful mix of volunteers.

Speaking of volunteers, a recent article on volunteers in the "Arlington Post", stated that only about 23.2% of Americans do volunteer work. I feel so fortunate that we are a club of the 23.2 %. I would even venture to say that 100% of our members continue to give back to our community in more than one way. You have been great to work with. When I look out over the membership at our monthly meetings, it is very humbling to see all the talented and generous hearts and hands who make our club so great! There is a couple in our club that shared with me, that when they retired, they agreed to say "yes" each time, when asked to do something, if it were possible. It is this type of attitude that makes for a wonderful club atmosphere. You have maintained a tradition of excellence for over 68 years! Please, continue that spirit and give all that energy and support to Beth Ligenza , our new president. With your positive volunteering attitude, she will be most successful in the years ahead, and will be a great president to lead us forward!

Thank you. See you in the gardens!

Jim Spannagel

Summer Meetings

- June 26
- July 24
- August 28 Picnic

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May Program

May 22nd @ 7 PM

Tips for the Lazy Gardener:

Presented by Cindy Tyley

Cindy Tyley is a certified landscape designer and owner of Carriage House Garden Design by Cindy Tyley. Cindy has been in business since 1997, offering design and consultation that focuses on practicality and low maintenance, as well as beauty. Cindy is a member of the Landscape Design Association and the Western Springs Garden Club.

Discover useful ways to save time, energy and money while gardening. This show and tell presentation demonstrates tips for both indoor and outdoor gardening throughout the year. Come and pick up some of the great gardening tips she has to offer!



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.

You Are Invited to Brenda's Stapling Party

Brenda Catardi is looking for volunteers to join the **STAPLING PARTY** on Monday, May 22 at 6:45, 15-minutes before our general meeting. The AHGC has 2,200 seed packs that need to be stapled to a flyer. These flyers will be distributed by our club members, families, and friends at the AH Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 29th, to promote our Garden Walk and Plant Sale.

Join Brenda and other club volunteers at 6:45pm at St. Simons Church. We will finish just in time for our 7pm general meeting. Please bring your stapler and extra staples. If you have any questions, contact [Brenda](#).

Can You Name This Native Plant?



Answer can be found on page [16](#)



*Nancy's Spring Garden
Iris, Corydalis, Heuchera, Anemone and Bachelor Button
May 2023*

New Faces on the Board

At the May 22nd general meeting, we will be installing eight Garden Club members into new positions on the Board of Directors. We are grateful for their willingness to serve the club and share their talents.

- Gail Abbott will replace Barb Franks as the Artistic Chair
- Juli Cicarelli will take over for Bev Krams as new Horticulture Chair
- Stepping in for Marilyn and Joe Weber, for Hospitality will be Cathy Kostel
- Renie Norkiewicz and Shelley Plischke will be stepping down. Sheila and Lew Coffin will be serving as the new Membership Co-Chairs.
- Beth Ligenza, who has been serving as Vice-President, will take over as President.
- Pete Landwehr, our current Treasurer has become the Garden Clubs of Illinois Finance Committee Chair and he will be replaced by Sharon Rudy.
- Denise Nowak's position as Webmaster, will be filled by Rose Marie Lesniak-Mendez.

The outgoing officers and chairpersons have done an outstanding job for the past two, four and in some cases, six years, and we appreciate all the time and effort extended to make our club the wonderful organization that it is. Please come join in welcoming all the soon to be installed members and show them your support as they begin their new duties and responsibilities of leadership at the May monthly meeting. There will be a brief installation ceremony during the gathering.

There's only one sure way to tell the weeds from the vegetables. If you see anything growing, pull it up. If it grows again, it was a weed.

—Corey Ford, "Advice to the Home Gardener"
Look, September 2, 1954

Purdue Plant Doctor

Are you interested in identifying plants, and managing pests and diseases?

Take a look at [Purdue's online website](#) to investigate your gardening issues!



PURDUE PLANT DOCTOR



Garden Trivia

- 1) French marigolds will repel which pest from tomatoes?
 - Hover flies
 - Common fly
 - White fly
- 2) If plants are not re-potted frequently, the roots will spiral and suffocate the plant. This is known as:
 - Pot bound
 - Root bound
 - Spiral bound
- 3) What is Intercropping?



(See page [16](#) for answers)

Garden Glories Spring/Summer Issue

Don't forget to read your newest edition of [GARDEN GLORIES](#), the official publication of the Garden Clubs of Illinois! Look for this in your email box!



Dahlia and Tuber Plant Sale

[Southtown Dahlia Club](#)

Dahlia Tuber & Plant Sale

Sunday, 5/21/23 @ 12 to 4pm

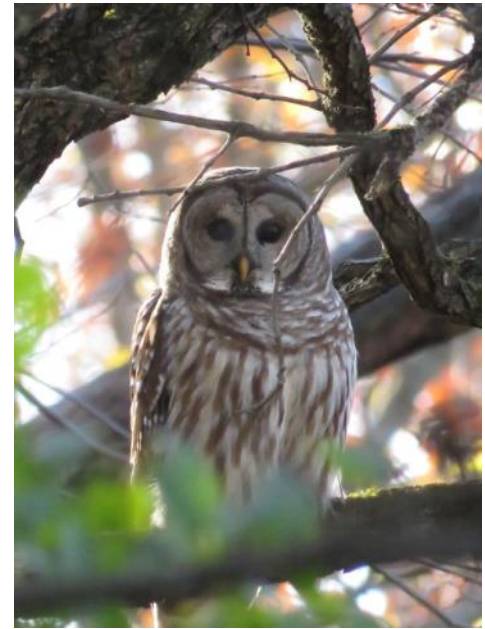
LOCATION: Crestwood Civic Center
13820 S. Cicero Ave.,
Crestwood, IL 60445





NATIONAL GARDEN WEEK
June 4-10, 2023
Sponsored by
National Garden Clubs, Inc.





New Illinois DNR Wild Life Website

Bev Krams | Horticulture

Have an issue with WILDLIFE and NEED HELP? Explore the [Illinois Wildlife Website](http://WildlifeIllinois.org). This new website strives to help citizens coexist with wildlife.

This new website provides information on:

- Woodpeckers drilling holes in your siding
- Raccoons nesting in your attic
- Rabbits eating your new plantings
- Abandoned Wildlife
- Plus lots more

WILDLIFEILLINOIS.ORG

Derby Line Trip Photos from April 26, 2023

We enjoyed selecting beautiful plants and flower's followed by a wonderful lunch at Niko's Tavern. It was an excellent trip!



Front Row: Jim Spannagel and Dale Sturm. **Back Row:** Patty Spannagel, Cindy Kriemelmeyer, Karen Reeb, Nancy Asquini-Dean, Sue and Mike Streich



Ivy Hill District 25 School Grant

Kathy Hendricksen | Club Awards

In the February issue of our newsletter we mentioned that the AHGC had awarded 3 grants to District 25 schools and had discussed the 2022 grant given to Ivy Hill School. Kim Eckert of Ivy Hill School had submitted an application for the 2023 grant by our deadline, but because of a computer glitch we did not receive it until she had followed up on her application. The board approved giving a 4th \$150 grant in March.

I was able to attend their Planting Day on Thursday, May 11th where they had the children gather outside to plant bean seeds to take home and then also spread flower seeds in the planters to create butterfly gardens. The planter boxes had been rebuilt by the district this year. Gourds will be planted along the edge of the school to sell at a farmers market in the fall, as they had done last year.



Earth Day & Arbor Day Events

June Miller | Conservation

There were three fun Garden Club events that occurred in April and May”

Earth Day Events

On April 18th, **Earth Day** was celebrated at Olive Mary Stitt Elementary School. The students were excited about being able to plant seeds in a cup to take home. They were able to choose between green bean, marigold or zinnia seeds. As they planted, they learned the importance of needing sun light, water, good soil, and warm temperatures to help their plants grow. Parents were given a handout for the Garden Club Plant Sale and Garden Walk and were invited to our monthly Garden Club meetings. Great raffle prizes were given away to the students including a well-crafted bird house made by Mike Relaz. Hopefully this event inspired many future gardeners.



Special thanks to all the Garden Club members who volunteered to make this event a success (Kathy Hendricksen, Cathy Kostal, Beth Ligenza, June Miller, Mike Relaz, and Sue Streich).

Earth Day & Arbor Day Events

June Miller | Conservation

Earth Day Compost

On April 22nd, **Earth Day** was also celebrated with a “Free Compost Giveaway” provided by the Village of Arlington Heights. Residents were asked to bring their own buckets or containers to the Public Works Building in order to receive good quality compost purchased from Lurveys. This event also provided compost bins that were purchased prior to and on the day of the event. This Village of AH event was planned in partnership with the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District and the AH Garden Club.

Thank you to all the Garden Club members who assisted with directing traffic and coordinating compost bin pickup (Cathy Kostal, Beth Ligenza, and June Miller) and to Ashley Karr (VAH Urban Forester), coordinator of this event.



Cathy Kostal, Beth Ligenza, June Miller, VAH Employee



Ashley Karr (urban Forester), VAH Employee,
Terese Biskner (Health Officer)

Arbor Day

In early April, the Garden Club Conservation Chairman, June Miller, along with John Tobias from the Davey Tree Company, met with the Ivy Hill Elementary School Principal, Scott Kaese and Ryan Schulz from the District 25 Facilities Management to choose a location and select the tree gifted to the school. A unanimous decision was made to plant an autumn blaze maple tree in a perfect.



Though May 1st was a cloudy and rainy day, there was definitely a bright and cheerful atmosphere inside Ivy Hill Elementary School. All the kindergarten through 4th grade students gathered in the cafeteria to celebrate **Arbor Day!** During the school event, the students were educated on types of trees, why trees are important for the Earth, information on the autumn blaze maple tree, Arbor Day history, and products made from trees. The Davey Tree Technician, Angel, talked about the safety rules when planting trees, the safety uniform for the Tree Technicians, and the care of the tree.

Earth Day & Arbor Day Events

June Miller | Conservation

Thank you to the AH Garden Club for purchasing the tree and Davey Tree Company for the delivery and labor in planting it. Special thanks to the following individuals:

- Jim Spannagel for teaching the students about the legacy of this tree for them.
- Kathy Hendricksen for her Arbor Day knowledge and tree product examples.
- June Miller for her tree education and boxes of tree related items for students to see and touch.
- Paulette Lopez from Davey Tree for providing “Celebrate Trees” green wrist bands and tree pencils for the students

It was a memorable day for the students and us!



Conservation Corner

June Miller | Conservation



FREE: Schaumburg Environmental Fair

The Schaumburg Environmental Committee's annual conservation and sustainability fair will be hosted by Spring Valley again this year!

Learn how to reduce your energy use and energy costs, and how you can contribute to the shift towards an electric vehicle future. The fair will feature a schedule of short presentations inside the Nature Center as well as displays and information in the outdoor pavilion near the Nature Center entrance. Exhibitors representing local environmental organizations will be on hand to share information and answer questions about their programs and projects. Crafts and activities will be set up for children to enjoy, and electric vehicles will be on display. Click [here](#) for more info.

Date: June 10, 2023 @ 12:30-3:30pm

Location: Nature Center at Spring Valley, 1111 E. Schaumburg Road, Schaumburg, IL

RECYCLING Tip of the Month



Here's a good tip and reminder from SWANCC.

When cardboard gets wet, it becomes heavy and begins to break down and fall apart and is unable to be baled and shipped to manufacturers to reuse it. Avoid getting your cardboard wet by making sure the lid on your recycling cart is always closed! If rain is anticipated in your area, don't leave cardboard next to your cart at the curb.

Solution: Break down boxes to take up less space in your cart, and keep any extra cardboard in your garage or basement to recycle it on a dry day.

Nature Speaks Program

Saving the Bees: What does it mean, and what role do honeybees play?

This is an in-person presentation at the Prospect Heights Public Library and a zoom presentation. Presentation by Grace Hart who is a professional urban beekeeper working with honey bees in the Chicago area.

Date: July 19th @ 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Cost: Free admission but [registration](#) is required

Contact the Prospect Heights Public Library
12 N. Elm Street, Prospect Heights, IL 60070
(847) 259-3500





5+ Inspiring
Gardens!

Garden Walk 2023

& Unique Boutique

Sunday, June 25

10am-4pm

110 W Fremont, Arlington Heights

The Garden Walk includes 5 distinctive gardens.

Advance tickets are available at

www.ahgardenclub.com

Arlington Heights Village Bank & Trust

Arlington Heights Farmers Markets in June

**The Unique Boutique at the Arlington Hts Historical
Museum is FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.**

Booths with arts, crafts, products & plants, Master Gardeners
Ask the Arborist, Arlington Heights Memorial Library,



Plant Sales

2023

Arlington Heights Farmers Market

Saturday, June 3

8:00am-12:30pm

Includes perennials, annuals, grasses, ground covers, herbs, native plants and more. All raised in and dug from members' gardens for sun and shade areas.

Master Gardeners will be available for questions.

Credit Cards Now Accepted

All proceeds are used to fund scholarship, conservation & programs.

Spring Cleanup at the Arlington Heights Historical Museum on May 6, 2023



Kathy Wolan, Sheila & Lew Coffin, Beth Ligenza, Cathy Kostal, Mike Relaz. Kneeling in front row: Dale Sturm

Spring Valley Log Cabin Open House

Saturday & Sunday, May 27—28 @ 6-8 pm

Get a unique glimpse into the 1920s this weekend by visiting Merkle Cabin, built in 1927 by John Redeker as part of his peony farm. Dressed interpreters will be on hand to answer questions about the cabin and peony farm and show you how to create a crepe paper flower. The peonies should be starting to bloom as well! A limited supply of peony roots will also be available for sale! Merkle Cabin [website](#).



Spring Clean-up at Saint Simon's Episcopal Church on April 29, 2023



Dale Sturm (foreground), June Miller (background)



June Miller, Cyndi Monroe, Eileen Owens



Aileen Koeppen, Mike Relaz, Eileen Owens, New Member



Lew and Sheila Coffin

Large Beardtongue

Penstemon grandiflorus

Large beardtongue is a perennial native plant that blooms in late May through June with large tubular-trumpet shaped flowers up to 2 inches long. The flowers are in shades of lavender, pink, or blue. There is a white stamen sparsely hairy on the tip end. The leaves are smooth, succulent in texture, and blue-gray or blue-green which provides a nice contrast with other landscape plants. The plant's beautiful and distinctive flowers attract hummingbirds, numerous types of insect eating birds, and various bees and butterflies.



- Growth:** 2-3 feet tall
- Sun Exposure:** Full sun to partial sun
- Locations:** Seen in prairies in few northern Illinois counties as it is listed as endangered.
- Hardiness:** Zones 3 to 9. Super easy to take care with resistance to most pests and diseases and is drought resistant.
- Soil:** Clay, sand, and well drained garden soil.
- Invasive:** Self-sows but is not invasive or aggressive.

Board of Directors

| | |
|-----------|----------------|
| President | Beth Ligenza |
| Secretary | Halina Zbilski |
| Treasurer | Sharon Rudy |

Committee Chairs

| | |
|--------------|-----------------------------------|
| Artistic | Gail Abbott |
| Civics | Mike Relaz Dee Schurman |
| Club Awards | Kathy Hendricksen |
| Conservation | June Miller |
| Garden Walk | Karen Reeb Jean Kengott |
| Horticulture | Juli Cicarelli |
| Hospitality | Cathy Kostel |
| Membership | Sheila Coffin Lew Coffin |
| Newsletter | Mona Frisbie |
| Plant Sale | Bob Bruett |
| Programs | Nancy Asquini-Dean |
| Publicity | Lesley Jackson Connie Landwehr |
| Scholarship | Sheila Coffin Emma Visee |
| Website | Rose Marie Lesniak-Mendez |

Project Coordinators

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



May 13 - October 14
 EVERY SATURDAY
 8AM -12 NOON

Answers to Garden Trivia

- 1) White Fly
- 2) Root bound
- 3) Growing fast growers and slow growers together to make good use of space.

AHGC Nancy Asquini-Dean Blood Drive

Lew & Sheila Coffin | Nancy Asquini-Dean Blood Drive Coordinators

The Arlington Heights Garden Club is holding its second Blood Drive with Vitalant. The event will be in a mobile donation unit at the First Presbyterian Church parking lot in Arlington Heights on Saturday, July 8th, 2023 from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM. This location is across from the Farmers Market and Library parking lots.

The blood drive was very successful last year, meeting our goal of collecting 25 pints of blood. These donations impacted and potentially saved 75 lives.

Each year, nearly 5 million Americans need blood transfusions. Blood helps trauma and burn patients, premature infants, heart surgery patients, organ transplant recipients and those fighting cancer, among others. In emergencies, it is the blood already on hospital shelves that saves lives. Your participation helped to ensure a ready blood supply for patients who need it.

Please consider donating. the process is easy and from check in to departure takes about 60 minutes. You'll learn your blood type and provide a valuable, life saving gift to someone in need.

If you are able to volunteer and can spare 90 minutes as a greeter for this event, please go to the AHGC Website/Members only page/Blood Donor Volunteers button to view the Volunteers Schedule or reach out to the coordinators below.

[Lew](#) and [Sheila](#) Coffin

Nancy Asquini-Dean Blood Drive Coordinators
847-917-1437 or 847-917-1436



Event Photo 2022 – Nancy Asquini-Dean Blood Drive

REPLENISHMENT BLOOD DRIVE



Nancy, recipient

Nancy Asquini-Dean was not expecting the results she received when taking an emergency visit to the hospital. After having severe back pains and being treated for osteoporosis, her visit to the hospital took an unexpected turn. What she thought was osteoporosis turned out to be a diagnosis of multiple myeloma. While multiple myeloma is not curable, it is treatable. Nancy has not been a recipient of blood products, but she has undergone many treatments. Nancy has been transparent with her diagnoses and has spoken with many people battling similar diseases, which has been one of her ways of helping. Nancy has built resilience in the face of adversity.

The Arlington Heights Garden club has leaped into action by hosting a blood drive for Nancy, The Nancy Asquini-Dean Blood Drive. Nancy has been a board member of the Arlington Heights Garden Club for over 18 years and expressed, "I never expected anything in return, and I am surprised by all of the support. The best part about this is it will benefit so many people." Nancy recognizes the importance of blood donation and wants to help others that are in an alike set of circumstances. Nancy says, "It's like when life gives you lemons, make lemonade."

Please join the Arlington Heights Garden Club by donating blood to help replenish the community blood supply and support individuals with diagnoses such as Nancy's.

Arlington Heights Garden Club Nancy Asquini-Dean Blood Drive






Saturday, July 8
8 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Vitalant Bloodmobile – Arlington Heights
First Presbyterian Parking Lot
302 N. Dunton

SCAN HERE
TO SCHEDULE



Please click **HERE** or scan QR Code to make an appointment. Questions contact Lew Coffin – lew.coffin@gmail.com

Appointments recommended. Walk-ins welcome.

For more information or to schedule a donation, call 877.258.4825 or visit us at vitalant.org Find us @vitalant:   

•EAT WELL
•STAY HYDRATED
•BRING ID



Gardening Knowledge

Bev Krams | Horticulture

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

BEE ALL ABOUT IT

Learn about the lifecycle of the honeybee

May 25 @ 7-8:30pm

[Register](#)

GARDEN & PRODUCE SWAP

May 28 @ 7-9 pm Hendrickson Room

Location: Markerplace Building

(Event takes place 4th Sunday of each month)

MUSEUM AND GARDEN PASSES

AHML provides you with passes to Museums and Gardens in our area

[CHECK IT OUT](#)

Arlington Heights Memorial
LIBRARY ▶



MORTON ARBORETUM

OF THE EARTH

A new exhibit of large scale sculptures opening May 26

Visit [website](#) for more information



NATIONAL GARDEN BUREAU

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



CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN

NORTHERN ILLINOIS HOSTAL SOCIETY DISPLAY & SALE

June 304 @ 10am—4:30pm

Visit [website](#) for more information



CHALET LANDSCAPE

2023 LAKE FOREST SHOWHOUSE & GARDENS

May 6-June 4

Tickets \$40

[Register](#)



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FERNWOOD Events & Programs

Visit [website](#) for information



SCHWEIKHER HOUSE TOUR

UPCOMING EVENTS

Christopher Laughlin Concert

June 6 @ 6:30 pm

[Register](#)

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



BLUMEN GARDENS

ARTIST + MAKER MARKET

May 21 @ 11am—2pm

Join us for our Artist and Maker Market. Shop multiple local artists and makers set up through our gardens. Live music by Ted Kowalczyk Visit [website](#) for more information



FOREST PRESERVES OF COOK COUNTY

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



OLBRICH BOTANICAL GARDENS

Located in Madison, WI
Free and open daily
www.olbrich.org



SCHAUMBURG PARK DISTRICT

Schaumburg Environmental Fair
June 10 @ 12:30-3:30pm
Nature Center at Spring Valley in Schaumburg
Click [here](#) for more information



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Illinois Extension

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

Gardeners Corner Spring 2023 [View the guide](#)

- 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

Styrofoam Recycling

That STYROFOAM coffee cup you used this morning will take 500 years to break down in a landfill! CONGRATULATIONS to the Mount Prospect Public Works for accepting Styrofoam materials for recycling at the Public Works Facility (1700 W Central Rd). For more information click [here](#).

Please do not bring material to public works outside the designated drop off hours. Recycled styrofoam is used for insulation, and building products. It takes ALL this styrofoam to make the compressed block that Bob is holding! Stop by during the designated hours with your STYROFOAM and say "hello" to Bob!



STYROFOAM RECYCLING

The Mount Prospect Public Works Department is now accepting styrofoam materials for recycling at the Public Works Facility, 1700 W. Central Road.

Drop off is available Tuesdays from 10 a.m. -12 p.m. and Thursdays from 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

ITEMS ACCEPTED:

Foam packaging materials from:

- Televisions, appliances, computers, furniture, foam coolers
- Food service foam like egg cartons, trays, takeout clamshells, cups, and plates.
- **Foam must be clean, dry, and free of tape and labels.**

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED:

- Blue or pink foam insulation
- Squishy or flexible foam
- Foam with excessive food, dirt or paint
- Foam peanuts, pieces or noodles
- Furniture cushions
- Construction foam insulation
- Liquid absorbing pads used in fish or meat trays
- Plastic cutlery
- Plastic strapping
- Shrink Wrap
- Cardboard

No business or industrial waste will be accepted



Treasurer's Report

Pete Landwehr | Treasurer

Arlington Heights Garden Club Treasurer's Report April 2023

Checking Account Balance 3/31/23

Stmt Date \$ 7,009.69

Receipts:

| | | | |
|--|---------|-----------------|---|
| Davey Tree - GW sponsor | 4/8/23 | 100.00 | GW sponsor |
| Stacy Ladra / Colorstreet | 4/8/23 | 50.00 | UB vendor |
| 8 single membership dues | 4/8/23 | 200.00 | |
| 2 couple membership dues | 4/8/23 | 80.00 | |
| VFW - Blue Star memorial | 4/8/23 | 500.00 | |
| American Legion - Blue Star memorial | 4/17/23 | 500.00 | |
| GCI Awards 23, 27, 51 | 4/17/23 | 60.00 | |
| DMM Realty | 4/17/23 | 500.00 | GW sponsor |
| 3 memberships - Johnson, Taflinger, M. Weber | 4/17/23 | 75.00 | |
| D, K, M & O | 4/27/23 | 250.00 | GW sponsor |
| 3 couples memberships | 4/27/23 | 120.00 | Stone, Olson, Culhane |
| 6 single memberships | 4/27/23 | 150.00 | Catardi, Frisbee, Kiepora, Sharidan, Whalen, Rusnak |
| credit card receipts via website | | 1,520.00 | |
| less: Credit Card Fees | | \$ (67.36) | |
| Total | | 4,037.64 | |

Disbursements (cleared):

| | Check # | Ck Date | |
|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|
| 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 |
| Westgate Elementary School | 1601 | 3/8/23 | 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 |
| Max Loeppert | 1612 | 4/4/23 | 150.00 Eagle Scout Project |
| Renie Norkiewicz | 1613 | 4/6/23 | 8.57 name tags |
| Shelley Plischke | 1614 | 4/7/23 | 160.00 Personal Development Award |
| Davey Tree Co | 1615 | 4/7/23 | 500.00 Ivy Hill tree |
| Sherri Martin | 1617 | 4/20/23 | 180.00 6 Garden Walk stones |
| Nina Koziol | 1619 | 4/24/23 | 250.00 April presentation |
| June Miller | 1620 | 4/25/23 | 177.96 Conservation - Earth Day |
| Total | | | 2,966.64 |

Checking Account Balance 4/30/23

\$ 8,080.69

Receipts to be deposited

Total undeposited receipts \$ -

cleared

| | Check # | Ck Date | |
|-------------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|
| Cate Doane | 1579 | 12/19/22 | 17.88 Holiday Party centerpieces |
| Debbie Borales | 1596 | 2/28/23 | 142.50 Personal Development Award |
| Emma Visee - VOID | 1599 | 3/3/23 | - Distict IX luncheon reimbursement |
| Ivy Hill PTA | 1605 | 3/15/23 | 150.00 Discretionary Donation |
| Alinda Wilhelm | 1611 | 4/4/23 | 150.00 Dist 25 school garden |
| SEWAH Studios | 1616 | 4/17/23 | 1,830.00 Blue Star Memorial marker |
| Marilyn Weber | 1618 | 4/24/23 | 14.73 Hospitality |

Total outstanding checks and invoices \$ 2,305.11

ADJUSTED CASH POSITION 4/30/23

\$ 5,775.58

AHGC Board Meeting Summary - May 8, 2023

Halina Zbilski | Recording Secretary

President - Jim Spannagel

- Beth introduced and welcomed the newly elected Board members. She also gifted the outgoing board members with plants, and thanked them for their gift of generous service to the Garden Club.
- Beth has compiled a new Garden Club Handbook. It contains the old bylaws and will contain the new bylaws required as a NFP, Awards, GCI and District IX Representatives, Job Descriptions, Calendar of Events, Scholarship guidelines, list of members, and any future recommendations.
- Mike and Pat Dennehey have volunteered to host the June general meeting on June 26th, and Mary Kiepura has volunteered to host the July general meeting on July 24th.
- SEWAH Studios has received our \$1830 payment for the Blue Star Memorial, which will be shipped in September or October. Rolling Meadows Blue Star dedication will be held on Wednesday, May 24th at 3:30 pm. We hope that 5-6 people from our Garden Club can attend.

Treasurer – Pete Landwehr

- There is a lot of credit card activity in March and April. Out of Unique Boutique vendor payments, donations, and membership dues payments, we paid credit card fees amounting to 4.4% of credit card receipts.
- Sharon Rudy reported that the final copy of the Bylaws written for the 501(c) (3) registration process will be voted on before the next meeting, and then attached to the IRS form. It may take 6 months or more to approve. The benefits are that donations will be tax deductible, and credit card fees will have better rates.

Civics – Mike Relaz and Dee Schurman

- Cleanup took place at the Clearbrook House garden in Mt. Prospect, and a small group of volunteers is needed to maintain it periodically. Mike and a group of veterans cleaned up at the American Legion Hall garden and a plan will be drawn up to determine planting needs sometime in May. Thank you to 7 volunteers who worked at the Museum cleanup on May 5th. There were 14 volunteers plus Boy Scouts helping at Saint Simons Episcopal garden cleanup on April 29th.
- There are now 2 raised beds at St. Viators and 1 raised bed at St. Alphonsus for volunteers to plant and maintain. Vegetable plant donations (such as peppers, cucumbers, spinach, lettuce, onions, potatoes, zucchini, basil, and vegetable seeds, etc) would be helpful to fill these beds. If anyone has extra tomato cages to donate, please inform Dee.

Conservation – June Miller

- The Ivy Hill tree planting still took place in spite of the rain. The ceremony was viewed inside via window. Thanks to Davey Tree, Kathy Hendricksen, and June for all their work.

Garden Walk – Karen Reeb and Jean Kengott

- 35 vendors have signed up for Unique Boutique, and April 30th was the deadline for the vendor discount, but we are still accepting a few more vendors. We have received \$1900 in sponsor donations.
- Volunteers are asked to bring a stapler ½ hour before our general May 22nd meeting to staple 2000 seed packets to our plant sale/garden walk flyers.

Membership – Renie Norkiewicz and Shelley Plischke

- Our count of GCI members is now 111 members.
- This May marks the 68th anniversary of our Garden Club. Joe and Marilyn are working on something special, and it remains a surprise, so do not miss the May general meeting.

Plant Sale – Bob Bruett

- Members are to email Bob as soon as they know the plants they will provide for the plant sale, so that he can print labels well in advance of the plant sale. 10 members have contacted Bob so far. 40 plants will be reserved for the Girl Scout project. Garden books, garden tools and other items are to be donated the day before the plant sale.

Programs – Nancy Asquini Dean

- The May 22nd program is “Garden Tips For the Lazy Gardener” by Cindy Tyley

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Publicity – Lesley Jackson and Connie Landwehr

- Volunteers will be asked at the May meeting to sign up to place 2 signs of our Plant Sale/ Garden Walk at designated public land areas in Arlington Hts. Signs will be distributed at the May 22nd general meeting. After the day of the Garden Walk, return signs to Judy Otis.
- Our posters advertising the Garden Walk mention 5 plus gardens, when in reality there are 7 gardens in the Walk, but the posters will not be revised to say 7 gardens. There will be 2 sizes of posters to be handed out at the May meeting, and members are asked to make their own copies if extras are needed. We have someone handing out posters to all businesses in Arlington Heights. We can also share them on our own Facebook page as well.

Website – Denise Nowak

- Denise met with the new website chair Rose Marie to discuss the website. Rose Marie has set up a new website for all garden club website requests: gardenclubrosemarie@gmail.com

Business/Old Business/Announcement

- We received a Gold Award for the Eagle Scout Project at South Middle School.

Next Board Meeting: June 12, 2023