



GREETINGS FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Jim Spannagel, President

Thank you to everyone who took the time to vote on our Bylaws changes and slate of Board Members last month. The updates to our Bylaws passed 22-1 and the candidates were approved 23-0. We want to welcome our new Board of Director members and thank them for being willing to step up and help the club in their various capacities.

Mona Frisbie is now compiling our Newsletter, Leslie Meredith is our new publicity chair, Daniella Sents and Christina Preston have taken the helm of the Conservation Committee, and Aileen-Koepfen will be assisting Kathy Hendricksen as Garden Walk co-chair. Those current Board members who agreed to continue serving for two more years include: Kathy Hendricksen as Garden Walk chair, Val Solaski as Programs chair, Nancy Asquini-Dean as Secretary, Mike Dennehey as Website chair, and Bob Bruett becomes our new Plant Sale chair.

My heartfelt gratitude goes out to those leaving the Board after serving diligently including Diane Culhane as Conservation Chair, Carol Elliott as Newsletter editor and Clara Stone who has done our publicity. You have advanced the Club immensely. Thank you.

Due to state and local guidelines regarding gatherings and out of concern for our members health, we will not be holding our summer meetings in member's gardens and we wait to see if our August cook-out at the Museum may still be possible. In the meantime, "Be Calm and Garden On!"

Polo Shirts Available to Be Picked Up

After a delay due to COVID-19, the Garden Walk Polo Shirts that we ordered in March finally arrived last week.

If you ordered a shirt and are available to pick it up, please let me know. I work full time from home so if you are able to come by to pick up your shirt, call or email me in advance to let me know when you will be stopping by. Otherwise, I will try to get the shirts delivered next week in the evening. Thank you for your patience.

[Kathy Hendricksen](#)

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Plant Sale this Saturday, June 20th

We will be holding our annual plant sale at the Arlington Heights Historical Museum on June 20, 2020 from 8 AM to 1 PM. Fremont Street will be closed in front of the museum and the plant sale will be held on the parkway lawn between the museum and Mueller House.

- ◆ If you dug plants for the sale, be sure to get a list of plants and quantities to Pete Landwehr so that he can print labels for each pot.
- ◆ If you need help in digging plants or need pots, please contact Pete, Jim or Bob Bruett but please dig soon.
- ◆ Please water the plants well on Thursday to ensure they are in good shape but the pots are dry so we can affix labels on Friday or Saturday.
- ◆ We will also take other garden items like books, nice pots, trellises etc.
- ◆ You can bring your plants and other items either Friday from 3 – 6 PM (preferred) or Saturday morning from 6- 8 AM.

- ◆ We also need wagons, boxes etc. for customers to transport their purchases to their cars.
- ◆ Farmers Market rules require all of us to wear gloves (which we will provide) and your own face mask.
- ◆ Exact change is required of customers.
- ◆ Questions should be directed to Pete or Bob

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“If your knees aren’t green by the end of the day, you ought to seriously re-examine your life”
— *Bill Watterson*

Garden Walk & Unique Boutique Update

Kathy Hendricksen, Garden Walk Co-Chair

I'd like to express my appreciation for all the work the Garden Walk and Unique Boutique Committee did to prepare for this year's event up until we decided to postpone until next year due to COVID-19. Please be sure to mark your calendars for Sunday, June 27th 2021 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. We will be featuring five residential gardens and The Moorings next year. Several of our Unique Boutique vendors rather than get a refund asked us to hold their payment for next year. Traci's Treasures generously asked that her \$50 vendor fee be used to help our club with our scholarships. Mark Utendorf of Emerald Lawn Care had donated \$100 as a silver sponsor, which he said he will do again next year, and asked us to apply his sponsorship towards the club's 2020 expenses. All other vendors and sponsors were issued refunds.

[Pat Dennehey](#) will continue to store raffle items at her home until next year. As you are going through things while staying at home, please consider donating any extra baskets or items that are new or in excellent condition that could be put as fillers for the raffle baskets or as other prizes. If you notice new businesses or hear of businesses closing, please contact Pat so she can update our spreadsheet. Pat can be reached at 847-255-0133. She lives at 1411 N. Hickory if you'd like to make arrangements to drop off items at her front door.

June Gardening

Bev Krams, Horticulture Chair

Summer Solstice will begin Saturday, June 20, 2020 at 4:43 pm CDT. The official end of spring. We have had over 10 inches of rain in May, and cool weather has pushed our planting dates weeks forward.

How is your yard lookingDoes it have the *shaggies*? Spring has left us with a need to deadhead and weeds galore, a number of them I have never seen before!

WATER — Despite high rain fall continue to check your garden soil. You will want an inch of water a week from you or the heavens. No rain gauge, then get one! Check it to make sure your garden is getting what it needs to flourish. Don't forget those pots that you have painstakingly put together. Don't lose them now! Pots need extra attention. Most important pots need regular feeding. Don't be afraid to give them what they need. Replace those nutrients you continually was out of the container.

DEADHEAD— Oh those messy-looking bulb leaves as your summer blooms fade. Don't touch them! Continue to leave bulb foliage intact to wither and ripen the bulbs naturally. You'll reap the rewards next spring! Deadhead spring-flowering perennials while you are at it.

EDGE BEDS — There is no better way to make an impressive garden than to establish a clean line and define your garden edges. A well-cut edge makes a big difference in how the garden looks.

HOUSEPLANTS — Get them outdoors, including that winter amaryllis! They can spend the summer outdoors, in a sheltered location with filtered bright light, under a tree perhaps. This is the time to pinch them back, repot those that need it, feed them regularly and they will love you for it!

LAWN — Don't bag those clippings. Leave them on the lawn to return nitrogen to the soil. Yes, you may be cutting more often because you do not want to take more than one-third of the blade of grass off at one mowing. Leaving clippings and cutting more frequently strengthens the root system and builds a better lawn.

Let's move into Summer! Are you ready?

Ask A Master Gardener

The University of Illinois Extension North Cook Master Gardeners are staffing the answer desks (remotely) and are ready to assist you with your gardening questions.

As we shelter at home and spend more time in our gardens, many questions may come to mind. The Master Gardeners can help you with:

- plant/weed identification
- questions about houseplants, flowers, vegetables, lawns, trees, and shrubs
- insect and disease identification/problems
- much more

Are you new to gardening and need help getting started? Do you want to learn how to compost?

Let us help by providing you with unbiased, research-based horticulture and gardening practices and information.

Email your questions to [University of Illinois Extension Master Gardeners](#) (attaching photos are helpful for identification).

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“To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow”

—Audrey Hepburn

Garden Knowledge— Summer 2020

The COVID-19 pandemic has left us with limited opportunities to increase our gardening knowledge. Continue to keep your eyes open for learning workshops and classes.

The [Morton Arboretum](#) and [Chicago Botanic Garden](#) are just opening up so be sure to check out their websites for more information on classes.

Virtual Bird House Making Class Friday, June 26 @ 3-4 pm

Register online with the [Salt Creek Rural Park District](#)

Paint the DIY wooden birdhouse and place it in your balcony, porch or garden to give a natural appeal to your surroundings. Participants must pre-register for this class (by June 23) and the instructor will drop off your birdhouse supplies on your porch prior to the start of the class.

Chicago Living Corridors: Invite Nature to Your Yard Wednesday, June 17 @ 7-8 pm

This session is free and will be the first session of a new webinar series

[Register online](#)

Chicago Living Corridors presents this first webinar, titled “Invite Nature to Your Yard,” as part of its 2020 webinar series. Chicago Living Corridors works to expand native habitat by engaging private landowners, connecting natural areas, and mapping habitat sites throughout the Chicago area. This webinar will provide information for those new to native planting as well as experienced native gardeners. Our presenter, Jim Kleinwachter, leads the Conservation Foundation's Conservation@Home program to promote the creation of more eco-friendly yards. Join us to learn a variety of techniques for transforming your yard, including the selection and use of native plants, identification of invasive species, and solutions for water problems.

Board of Directors

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Students Awarded 2020 AHGC Scholarships

Three students were awarded 2020 \$2,000 AHGC and Wendy Landwehr Memorial Scholarships.

Scholarship Committee: Jim Spannagel, Marty Landwehr, Mike Dennehey, Nancy Asquini-Dean, Peter Landwehr, and Shelley Plischke

This year we received 16 Scholarship Applications; this is the most we've ever received. The AHGC Scholarship Committee proudly awards 2020 AHGC Scholarships to the following students.

Matthew Hoffman and Ashley Roscoe both received AHGC scholarships for the last three years. This year they both applied to continue their scholarships. They competed with the new applicants except they had to maintain their college educational competence against the new applicants who were all but one high school seniors. They both performed very well so the committee has awarded them their AHGC scholarships for a fourth year.

Matthew Hoffman

\$2,000 Gilbert Krohn Memorial Scholarship

Matthew graduated from Wheeling High School where he earned a 5.47/5.0 GPA. He is majoring in Biological & Agricultural Engineering at Texas A&M. In his junior college year Matthew earned a GPA of 3.6/4.0.

Along with a full college class load Matthew's GPA positioned him as an Engineering Honors student. A family friend contracted Matthew to do a landscape design for their new home in Deer Park. He developed a rustic looking no-lawn design that has been implemented. The owners are very pleased. This summer he is an intern at the Argonne National Lab. He will be engineering bacteria to synthesize, a precursor to plastic, from corn stalks. Matthew is also an accomplished pianist and plays classical piano in the college student center.

He is involved in several extra-curricular activities: Howdy Farm Volunteer, Piano player for college church, member of the Pharmaceutical and Biotechnology Student Association, and a member of the Texas A&M Gymnastics Club.

Matthew's scholarship will assist in his future studies at Texas A&M University.

Ashley Roscoe

\$2,000 Marolyn Bina Memorial Scholarship

Ashley graduated from Hersey High School with a 3.7/4.0 GPA. She is attending the University of Wisconsin at Whitewater. Her goal is to become a Fish and Wildlife officer and she is well on her way with a 2.96/4.0 GPA. Ashley is majoring in Environmental Science with a Certificate in GIS.

Ashley is a very dedicated, "hands on" person in the way she approaches her work. She has focused on working as a Sustainable Outreach Intern research assistant for the Undergraduate Research Department which has provided her with excellent opportunity and experience. She has been working as a board member for the Rock River Coalition where she has gained experience in working with the public and making meaningful decisions. She has impressed her advisor so much he requested she work with the department to organize and complete several GIS projects started by former students.

Working with her warm personality, Ashley recognized the need for improving a department kiosk which was dedicated to a deceased student twenty years ago. She tracked down the parents to share her idea with them. They were so excited and impressed they offered additional support for the Nature Preserve and also established a scholarship program for new students.

Last fall Ashley was awarded a grant to develop a low-cost drone program to identify patches of invasive phragmites. If successful, this program will be implemented by the National Resource Conservation Service over Southeastern Wisconsin.

Ashley was awarded a Teacher's Assistant (TA) position for her department. Her tasks were to review labs, assist students in labs, and host office hours. The opportunity provided Ashley with an excellent opportunity to work with students while gaining additional knowledge in her field.

Ashley's scholarship will assist with her future studies at the University of Wisconsin - Whitewater.

Continued— Students Awarded 2020 AHGC Scholarships

Wendy Landwehr Memorial Scholarship

The Wendy Landwehr Memorial Scholarship is a \$2,000 scholarship funded by Martin Landwehr, a member of the AHGC, and is dedicated to the goals and ideals of his wife, Wendy. For years, Wendy assisted her employer in working with mentoring and recruiting women engineers. She promoted the attitude of empowering women, students and engineers, with the education and opportunities to compete in the technical world. Over the years, Wendy also enjoyed a love for gardening and gardening activities. This scholarship combines these interests to continue her efforts. This scholarship is established to include rural students who may have a more vocational interest in their education and female students are preferred but male students may be considered. The AHGC Scholarship Committee assists with the application reviews for this award.

Marlena was awarded this scholarship last year and because she performed at a high level in her freshman year, has been awarded this scholarship for a second year.

Marlena Kot

\$2,000 Wendy Landwehr Memorial Scholarship

Marlena graduated from the John Hersey High School in 2019 with a 4.45/3.83 GPA. She is studying Engineering Physics at the University of Michigan – Ann Arbor and had a 3.34 GPA as a freshman.

This was a challenging year for Marlena. She had some difficulties transitioning from high school to college and it was a shock having to leave her dorm in the middle of the semester to study online at home. After just getting established at school with classes and organizations, she was uprooted to study at home without direct association with instructors and the personal contact of working with her new friends and school groups.

This disruption assisted her in thinking about her major; she chose to continue learning about the environment instead of striking out into a new endeavor. The Engineering Physics major she chose provides her with an opportunity to pursue her love of physics and select additional classes centered on the environment but from a variety of engineering perspectives.

Her high school AP credits allows her to satisfy the usual freshman classes and start right into her sophomore classes. This can be an advantage by not having to take the usual beginning class but throws her right into the more stressful second year classes with more advanced student competition.

Marlena has been an Executive Board member of the First-Generation Engineers Club, the Polish Club, MSTEM Academies, and the BlueLab Thailand Club, which helps a city in Thailand with flooding mitigation. She also received a research position where she assists in developing a computer model to simulate tree growth under changing climate conditions.

This scholarship will assist Marlena with her future studies at the University of Michigan.