



Arlington Heights garden club

January 2019

Growing Together

Carol Elliott, Editor

Going Green in Arlington Hts
January 28th, 7pm Social, 8pm Program,
Village Hall

**Speaker: Ashley Karr, ISA certified
Arborist, Village of AH, Forestry Crew
Chief**

The Public Works Department maintains all municipally owned property, streets, sidewalks, trees and landscaping, water and sewer systems, buildings and grounds, street lights and traffic signals. The department also provides other necessities of suburban life such as street sweeping, and snow removal and ice control to provide a pleasant and safe environment for the Village's residents. They committed to working harder and smarter in order to continue the high level of service that the residents of Arlington Heights have come to expect and deserve.

Join us this evening to discuss our communities Green Practices for ice removal, the Forestry Tree University, Landscape & Tree Maintenance and the brand new Turf to Prairie Project!



Greetings from Our President

Over the Holidays, Patty and I enjoyed spending an evening with two of our grandchildren watching the production of "Beauty and the Beast". We all agreed it was a wonderful performance and we each liked it for different reasons. One point which we couldn't miss was that if we give others a chance, we can find good in everyone no matter how monstrous they might appear. Belle discovered that the Beast, in spite of his ugly exterior, had some good in his heart.

Our discussion made me think of an earlier conversation I had with a fellow gardener that involved her husband and the fact that he didn't like the tree planted by the Village in front of their home. Once he learned that the tree would have a large seed pod, he vowed to cut it down rather than to pick up all those nasty pods. Nothing was mentioned about the shade provided, the oxygen produced, the property value added, nor the fact that the tree was ideal in that it was very salt tolerant along a very busy street. Sometimes we need to stop to see what good can be found in every plant, and in every person, no matter what our first or lasting impression might be of the other.

There is a wonderful family that lives on our block that refuses to dig out their dandelions because they provide nectar for the bees in early spring. I know I can't go that far, but at least I have come to accept that even weeds have a "good side".

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January Hostesses

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

Marie Berhinig

Bev Krams

Greeting from Our President (cont.)

And then there is the common milk weed! Food for our beloved monarchs! As we begin 2019, one of my resolutions is to try and find a little good in everyone, and a little good in most plants we find in our garden. And I can try and complain a little less as I dig those dandelions out of my own lawn knowing full well where the seeds came from. Happy New Year, everyone. Let's make 2019, the best gardening year yet!

Jim Spannagel, President

Christmas Tree Decorating Photos



Winter Container Workshop Photos



Christmas Tree Photos



Fall Leaves?

And what did you do with your LEAF COLLECTION last fall??

- a. Donated leaves to the Village of Arlington Heights
- b. Composted leaves in your compost bin/garden
- c. Burned the leaves
- d. Competed in the Elkhart County Leaf Collection

Hopefully you took the advice of the Garden Club to either recycle your leaves with the Village or add them to your own compost bin and garden area to enrich the soil. Some church groups in Elkhart County Indiana took advantage of a leaf collection competition!

The competition ran from September 10 to November 21, 2018. The county was looking for an alternative to the practice of leaf burning in the area. Burning poses a threat to human health by releasing carbon monoxide, dioxins, ozone forming chemicals and particulate matter. These outcomes create respiratory issues for many of the county's residents.

The Elkhart County environment is subsequently affected when the smoke particles fall to the ground, filtering through the soil and water supply. The particulate matter enters the county's water supply in addition to their rivers, lakes and wetlands. This was leaving an unhealthy habitat for fish and aquatic life in addition to fostering the growth of green algae.

The possibility of wildfires threatened the county as wildfires were getting out of control in yards and forest areas on breezy days. The cost of uncontrolled fires is high for homeowners and local governments.

The county's solution was to offer a \$50,000 prize to organizers who collect the most leaves (one ton minimum) from the unincorporated parts of Elkhart County. Twenty-one teams took 181 tons to the county landfill! One ton is equal to four pick up truck loads.

Prairie Camp from Missionary Church finished in first place delivering 39 tons of leaves to receive a winning prize of \$10,000. Yellow Creek Mennonite Church received \$8000 for their donation of 31 tons of leaves.

Congratulations to Elkhart County for their creative thinking and environmental concern. I wonder what the prize will be next year?!

--*Bev Krams*

Chair of the Horticulture Committee
Cook County Master Gardener

<https://homeguides.sfgate.com/burning-yard-waste-bad-53052.html>
<https://indianaeconomicdigest.com/main.asp?SectionID=31&SubSectionID=106&ArticleID=93227>



Gaining Garden Knowledge Winter 2019

Jan 18 or 19 10-11am Chalet Nursery "Add Color & Healthy Air with Houseplants" Free

Jan. 19 - "Rainforest Rhythms" - at Olbrich Botanical Garden in Madison, Wisconsin.

Jan 21-Monday 7pm-8:30pm Klehm Arboretum in Rockford, Tri-Moon Tranquility Walk, general admission but registration required: 815-965-8146 or info@klehm.org

Jan 25 or 26=10-11am Chalet Nursery " Learn the Value of Sprouts & How to Grow Food Inside" Free

Jan 26-10am "Mall Plants" Register for: Easy House Plant Seminar on light requirements and care @ Hawthorne Gardens www.hawthorngardens.net

Jan. 30 thru Feb. 1 - "iLandscape Show" - at the Renaissance Conference Center in Schaumburg, Ill. <https://ilandscapeshow.com/registration/>

Feb. 2 - "Winter Hosta Symposium" - Midwest Regional Hosta Society - in Brookfield, WI

Feb 2- Midwest Perennial Plant Association Symposium: Back to Basics
<http://www.mortonarb.org/courses/2019-midwest-perennial-plant-association-symposium-back-basics>

Feb 3 Sunday 10:30-12noon Chalet Nursery "Garden Renovation" \$25

Feb 8 or 9-10-11am Chalet Nursery "Felco Pruner Cleaning & Sharpening" \$10

Feb. 9 -2019 Garden Expo at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison, Wisc. An exhibition of vendors and the latest trends in gardening, edibles, landscaping, and hardscaping.

Feb 15 or 16-10-11am Chalet Nursery "Orchids 101" Free

Feb 16- Natural Landscaping Seminar; McHenry college www.thewppc.org/seminar.html

Feb 16-12-5pm Naturally Beautiful Garden Conference; Triton College R Bld. <https://westcook.wildones.org>

Feb 22 or 23-10-11am Chalet Nursery "Winter Tree and Shrub Trimming" Free

Feb 23-1pm Register @ www.hawthorngardens.net
Barnswallow: A Wild Bird Concern Raptor Show

Feb 23 - "Rainforest Rhythms" - at Olbrich Botanical Garden in Madison, WI

Feb 23 - 9-6pm Wild Things Conference D.E.Stephens Convention Center, Rosemont, <http://www.wildthingscommunity.org/>

Feb 23-7:30-2:30pm Gardener's Pathway Kiswaukee College, \$50 web.extension.illinois.edu/bdo

Feb. 9 thru Mar. 24 - "In The Tropics: The Orchid Show" - at Chicago Botanic Garden in Glencoe, Ill.



More Opportunities for Learning

Chicago Botanical Gardens

Organic Vegetable Gardening Basics- Saturday, January 26, 9 - 11 a.m.

Espalier Basics- Saturday, January 12, 9 a.m. - noon

Plant Health 1- 6 Tuesdays and 6 Thursdays, January 15 - February 21, 6 - 8 p.m.

Introduction to Production Methods- 2 Tuesdays, January 15 & 22, 6-9P

Seed Cleaning and Storing Workshop- Saturday, January 26, 11 a.m. - 1

Planning Your Garden for Seed Saving- Saturday, January 26, 1 - 3 p.m.

Welcome to your Midwest Garden- Saturday, February 2, 10 a.m. - noon

Houseplants 101- Saturday, February 2, 1 - 3 p.m.

Harper College Nature Classes CE. HARPERCOLLEGE.EDU

Monarch Butterfly Rearing 4/6/19

Backyard Bat Housing 4/13/19

Garden Bench Workshop 4/27/19

Illinois Heirloom Gardening 5/18/19

Citizens for Conservation Community Education Series

Saturday, January 26 - Creating Healthy Habitat for the Rusty-patched Bumblebee

Saturday, February 16 - Habitat Makeover: Adding Value to Your Landscape

Saturday, March 9 - Favorite Native Plants: Trees, Shrubs, Flowers and Grasses

Saturday, April 13 - A Morning with Rachel Carson

Programs will begin at 10 a.m. and end by 11:30. Come for coffee, conversation and handouts at 9:30. CFC members attend free; program fee is \$10 for nonmembers. All programs will be held at Barrington Village Hall, 200 S. Hough St. , Barrington. Free parking is available in the lot behind the building.

AND THE WINNER IS.....

This year's 2019 All American Selection have been announced. AAS is an independent non-profit organization that tests new and never been sold varieties for home gardeners like us! It is anonymous, impartial trials by volunteer horticultural professionals who determine the top garden plant performers. And who are the winners this year???



**BEGONIA VIKING XL Red on
Chocolate F1**

Covered in vibrant red flowers the plant keeps its compact shape, and does not go 'rangy' on you! Judges were impressed with the deep bronze/brown color and lack of disease even with last years unfavorable weather.



Marigold Big Duck Gold F1

According to AAS you are going to want to put these marigolds EVERYWHERE!! You will have large yellow blooms that will continue blooming until the end of the season. They are slightly taller than the compact varieties. Great 'filler' for new perennial beds.



Petunia Wave® Carmine Velour F1

And who doesn't need another PETUNIA!! Well here it is! 'FABULOUS', "VIBRANT", "OUTSTANDING", "INTENSE", AAS words, not mine! This is one of the highest scoring plants in the 2018 trials! Get the picture? The judges LOVED it! This plant will get you large flowers, little deadheading and can be used in baskets, containers and in the landscape.



Canna South Pacific Orange F1

Great Color-Long Blooming and this canna is grown from seed instead of tuber so it has chance of disease.

<https://all-americanselections.org/winners/>
Bev Krams, Horticulture Chairperson

2019 TRI-COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING FEBRUARY 12, 2019 HOSTED BY: LANDSCAPE DESIGN COUNCIL

AT: BOHEMIAN CRYSTAL RESTAURANT
639 N. BLACKHAWK DRIVE, WESTMONT, ILL.

Program: "American Home Garden Design: 1830 to the Present" - a presentation by Nina Koziol. Draw inspiration for your own garden from the history of home garden design! She will look at how home garden design has changed since the Midwest was first settled, and will explain more about design evolution, the rise of the suburban lawn movement, foundation plantings, cottage gardens, moon gardens, heirloom plants, just to name a few. Take the best of these design ideas and examine how they can be used in our own gardens, no matter the age or style of the home. Ms. Koziol is a long-time garden writer for the Chicago Tribune, Chicagoland Gardening, and other magazines, and is a frequent speaker for organizations and clubs in the Midwest.

Registration at 11:00 Meeting at 11:15 Luncheon at 12:00 Program at 1:00
\$26.00 for Tri-Council and IJC Members \$31.00 for Garden Club Members and
Guests Date of Event: Feb. 12, 2019 - Registration Deadline - Feb. 4, 2019

Make checks payable to: "Landscape Design Council"
and mail to: Carol Yee, 5224 Grand Ave., Western Springs, IL 60558-1826

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