



# Arlington Heights garden club

October 2017

*Growing Together*

*Carol Elliott, Editor*

## Long Blooming Perennials

Monday, October 23rd

Most gardeners crave color from the time spring wakes up our gardens until frost puts them to in the fall. Instead of choosing 'flash in the pan' perennials who deliver 'now you see me now you don't', select long blooming perennials that are happy to put on a floral show for several weeks. Learn about these workhorses that satisfy our color craving.

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## Greetings from Our President

Suddenly, fall is upon us with its cooler temperatures and shorter daylight hours! It is also time to start thinking ahead to the holidays and our traditional celebrations. As I write this, there are only 72 shopping days left!! This year the Arlington Heights Garden Club will have a special gift for its members at the Holiday gathering. Our members work hard all year and contribute mightily to our club and our community. After discussion and consideration, it has been decided that we will have our holiday party dinner catered by a local business. This is something new and we thought we would try it and then have our members evaluate it afterward to measure the response and help us plan for future celebrations. So in place of our potluck dinner, it will be catered this year-our gift to our members. Mark your calendars for Monday, December 11th at 6 PM. More details will be forth coming.

If you haven't checked our website recently ([ahgardenclub.com](http://ahgardenclub.com)), please do. It has a list of all of our upcoming monthly meeting programs and a month by month list of gardening tips that serves as a great reminder of what we should be doing during each month of the year to make our gardens even better. A special thanks to Bev Krams and Mike Dennehey for this excellent addition.

Please see the inside of this newsletter for other news regarding our Garden Club.

*Jim Spannagel, President*

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## October Hostesses

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

*Diane Culhane,*

*Kathy Hendricksen,*

*Helen Soper*

## Be on the Lookout for Possible Garden Walk Gardens!

The Garden Selection Committee has been searching for next year's gardens for over two months, trying to find the best gardens in our village. We would like all of our members to look too. If you know of an outstanding garden in your neighborhood, or you drive past one on a regular basis or just happen to spot one accidentally, please let us know. Give us the address and if possible, the homeowners name, and we will follow up and check out the garden. We believe we can get ideas from any nice garden. In identifying potential candidates, we look for good structure and layout, a large variety of plants and shrubs that will be blooming in late June (June 24, 2018), items of interest (my wife calls them "yard art", and of course a landscape and hardscape that is well cared for. If you see a garden that meets our standards, please call Pete Landwehr (847-638-9061) or Jim Spannagel (847-322-8207).

## Nearly 100 Butterflies!

The efforts of several garden club members produced nearly 100 monarch butterflies. Diane Culhane, Carol Elliott, Kathy Wolan, Marie Berhinig, and Josephine Perez all contributed time and milkweed to this effort. If you too are raising monarchs, please let us know!



# Plant Garlic Now - Fight Off Vampires Next October!

You SHOULD plant garlic NOW when the weather is cool and the days are shorter. Garlic actually needs a cold period for proper root and shoot development. Planting in the fall gives garlic a jumpstart on the growing season by developing roots and it will be one of the first things to come up in the spring!

The best place to get cloves is from a seed company, local nursery, or Farmers Market. Cloves from the grocery store may not be suited to our area and many are treated to make their shelf life longer making them more difficult to grow.

Choose your bulbs by deciding if you want hardneck or softneck garlic. The softneck is great for areas with mild winters. It will also grow in cold areas such as ours. Soft necks mature faster, have smaller cloves, and store longer. Hardneck garlic works well in our area as it needs a cold winter planting to produce a bulb. It will grow a tall 'hard' stalk in the spring, called a 'scape'. Hardneck has a better flavor, larger cloves, and is easier to peel.

Find yourself a well-drained sunny location with soil that is high in organic matter. You can do this by adding 2-3 inches of compost and well-rotted manure to your garlic bed. Good soil preparation is necessary if you want to produce the large flavorful bulbs.

Break apart your cloves just before planting but keep the papery husk on the clove. Each clove will produce one plant, so determine how many plants you will need for your area. You will be planting them 5 inches apart in all directions with the points up and the wide root side facing down. They need to be placed 3 inches into the ground. The larger cloves will produce a larger head at harvest.

A good 5 inch mulch will protect your cloves through the winter. Thin the mulch away as the weather warms in the spring but leave 2 to 3 inches of mulch in the spring to help keep the weeds down during the growing season. Garlic tends to be a heavy feeder so supplement with compost and/or organic fertilizer to produce a successful crop.

When next fall comes, you will be very glad you took the time this fall to plant that wonderful healthy, flavorful garlic! You can wear it around your neck or eat it!

<http://web.extension.illinois.edu/cfiv/homeowners/110901.html>

*Bev Krams, Master Gardner*

The following is a good website for planting garlic with a 2:30 min video. Copy and paste into your web browser:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UvY8HM3IRuQ&feature=youtu.be&utm\\_source=Wee Newsletter%3A+Garlic+9%2F22%2F2017&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_17be3505cb99b930438-51984485](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UvY8HM3IRuQ&feature=youtu.be&utm_source=Wee+Newsletter%3A+Garlic+9%2F22%2F2017&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_17be3505cb99b930438-51984485)



# Garden Knowledge October 2017

Thru Oct. 22 - "Origami in the Garden" - large metal sculptures in the style of paper Origami will be scattered throughout the gardens - at Morton Arboretum in Lisle, Ill.

Thru Oct. 29 - "Model Railroad Garden: Landmarks of America" - at Chicago Botanic Garden in Glencoe, Ill.

Thru Oct. 29 - "Integrated Pest Management" - a symposium at Olbrich Botanical Gardens in Madison, Wisc.

Thru Nov. 5 - "Bruce Munro: Light" - a large scale exhibit of sculpture in both the conservatory and the gardens - at Nicholas Conservatory & Gardens in Rockford, IL

Oct. 20 thru Jan. 21, 2018 - Rare Box Exhibition: Curtis's: The Longest Running Botanical Magazine" - at the Chicago Botanic Garden in Glencoe, Ill.

Oct. 21 thru Jan. 27, 2018 - "Cultural Mining: Fashion and Adornment" - at the Lubeznik Center for the Arts in Michigan City, Ind.

Oct. 26 thru 29 - "Night of the 1,000 Jack-o'-Lanterns" at Chicago Botanic Garden

Oct. 27 - "Ghosts Under Glass" - at "The Domes" in Mitchell Park in Milwaukee, WI

Oct 27 Gardening to Attract Birds, 10-11am CHALET

Oct 28 \$30 Mounted Staghorn Ferns 10am KNUPPERS

Oct 29 Tool Sharpening 2-4pm Fees Vary KNUPPERS

Nov. 2 - 5 and 9 - 12 - "The Grove Arts and Crafts Faire" - holiday crafts, seasonal decorations, jewelry, baked goods, and gourmet foods - at "The Grove" in Glenview, Ill.

Nov. 2 thru 5 - "Fine Art of Fiber" - at Chicago Botanic Garden in Glencoe,

Nov 3 Preparing your Home Landscape for Winter 10-11am CHALET

Nov. 4 - "All Aboard: Model Train Show" - at Midway Village Museum in Rockford, IL

Nov. 4 - "Fall Symposium: Landscape Design" - at Rotary Gardens in Janesville, WI

Nov. 5 - "Collectors' Market - 20-30-40 Glass Society" - at the American Legion Hall in LaGrange, Ill.

Nov. 7-8 - "Gardening Study School, Course 1" - at Garden Clubs of Illinois Headquarters in Elmhurst, Ill.

Nov. 14 thru Jan. 7, 2018 - "Creche Makers" - nativity scenes from countries around the world that interpret their own culture - at Loyola University Museum of Art in Chicago, Ill.

Nov. 17 - "Shades of Crimson" - poinsettia displays in the greenhouse and around the grounds at Cantigny Park in Wheaton, Ill. <http://www.cantigny.org/calendar/signature-events/shades-of-crimson>

## Work at the American Legion



Mike Relaz (photographer), Pete Landwher, and Marty Landwher clear weeds and plant perennials in front of the American Legion.

### Give Our Website a Look!

AHGC Members: There is a new feature on our website: Month by Month Gardening! Check it out and find your TO DO LIST (or your spouses!) for the month.

Google: Arlington Heights Garden Club

All the program lectures can be found on our website too.

Click on EVENTS on the left hand column and the years calendar will come up. Nice job done by Mike on putting this together!!

<https://sites.google.com/site/arlingtonheightsgardenclub/home>

### Winter Container Workshop

Reminder for those who have signed up and paid.

Wednesday, November 8  
7 - 8:30 pm

Friendship Park Conservatory  
1000 West Central Road  
Mount Prospect, IL 60056

Bring gardening gloves, pruning shears, and holiday cheer!

# October GARDEN LIST

## GENERAL GARDEN CARE

CONTINUE to get that ONE inch of water a week on your perennials, flowers, shrubs and trees, especially if they are newly transplanted. GRAB YOUR HOSE!  
Apply anti-transpirants to your broad-leaved evergreens that are located in windy areas. This will slow down water loss through the needles. They may also be wrapped in burlap.

You may want to wrap your young trees and shrubs in poultry wire or hardware cloth to protect them from rabbits and vole damage.

Winterize aquatic gardens.

Save shredded leaves for mulching in November.

Clean birdbaths

## ANNUAL AND PERENNIALS:

The end of fall, what a great season this was! Make notes of what you did well and what you want to improve on.

Clean up your plant debris from the garden or you may want to consider leave some plant remnants for winter interest. It does provide food for wildlife.

Continue to add to the compost pile with shredded leaves. Till compost.

NOT TOO LATE TO PLANT SPRING BULBS! Plant until the ground freezes.

A few weeks after a killing frost, lift and store your dahlias and cannas.

## LAWN CARE

Continue mowing @ 2 inches until the grass is dormant

## FRUIT, VEGETABLE, AND HERB CARE

Plant your seed GARLIC.

Plant your MILKWEED.

Harvest PUMPKINS before a frost.

Ripen GREEN TOMATOES:

Save only mature green tomatoes.

Place tomatoes in a cardboard box lined with newspaper, leave a little space between the fruit for air circulation. Cover with newspaper. Repeat second and third layer covering each with newspaper. Cover box.

Store at 70-80 degrees to ripen in about two weeks.

Store at 60-70 degrees and 50-60 degrees for successive ripening.

A banana in the box will turn the tomatoes red quicker due to the natural ethylene in bananas to speed up the ripening.

## INDOOR GARDEN

Grow Micro greens and sprouts for your winter indoor garden.

[https://www.farmanddairy.com/top-](https://www.farmanddairy.com/top-stories/two-superfoods-grow-indoors-cool-weather/221572.html)

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Acclimate plants indoors and rescue some favorites from the frost.

<http://web.extension.illinois.edu/cfiv/homeowners/100909.html>

<https://www.chicagobotanic.org/plantinfo/checklist>