



March 2023

Greetings From Our Vice President

This month finds us "jumping" on many fronts. First and foremost, we are jumping for joy at being recognized as a District IX All-Star among the large clubs! Everything we do as a club earns us this type of distinction and every one of us contributes by participating in our meetings and civic endeavors.

We are also jumping with activity as this year's garden walk planning is well underway. The yards are being finalized, vendors are signing up (we have 20 already) and sponsorship and donation letters are out. Please think about volunteering at this event as it's an all hands on deck opportunity!

Lastly, we are jumping through hoops because of the invasive jumping worm. It is in our area and as good stewards of the environment, we need to make some changes to our plant sale in order to prevent any unintended spread. Please take a few minutes to read Bob Bruett's plant sale update (page 4) that describes the actions we will be taking. If you have the ability, please consider growing an extra flat of seeds to contribute to our plant sale.

May spring's arrival be swift— I know we all want to get jumping on our garden plans for this year!

Beth Ligenza

2023 Spring Meetings

- March 27
- April 24
- May 22

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March Program

March 27th @ 7 PM

Divide and Multiply: When to Divide What (and How)

Presented by Beth Botts, award-winning garden writer and author



Beth Botts is a longtime garden writer for the Chicago Tribune, Organic Life, Country Gardens, Chicagoland Gardening and other publications. She is the author of *Illinois, Indiana & Ohio Month by Month Gardening: What to Do Each Month to Have a Beautiful Garden All Year*. Formerly an editor and reporter for newspapers, including the Chicago Tribune, she is now a staff writer for a major public garden and speaks regularly to garden groups in the Chicago area.

How can you get more plants (or more flowers) from the perennials you have now? By dividing, of course. This talk will cover when, why and how to divide many common plants and some uncommon ones too! Learn how to divide the right way!

Please note the schedule change for our March 27 meeting. The program will begin at 7:45:

March 27th Special Schedule

7:00-7:15 PM Social time

7:15-7:45 PM Business Meeting

7:45 PM Program begins

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.



Can You Name This Ephemeral
Spring Native Plant?



Answer can be found on page [17](#)

Spring Clean-up at St. Simon's Church

Dee Schurman | Civics Co-Chair

Are you itching to get out in the yard as much as I am? I have the perfect project for you. Join me on **April 29th from 9 till noon** at St Simon's for their Annual Spring Cleanup of their grounds. We will work alongside their volunteers to weed, cut down perennials and rake up debris from the winter. You can volunteer for the entire time or however long you are available. Please bring gloves, knee pads, rakes, pruners and trowels. If I remember correctly, last year it rained the day prior to the cleanup and a few spots were a little soft, so boots may be needed. Pizza will be provided for lunch.

Let's show our appreciation to St. Simon's for letting us use their facilities for our meetings and parties. I had a wonderful time meeting new people at this event last year. Please consider volunteering to help with this event. There are many beds around the grounds for us to social distance if you are concerned. Who doesn't want to see beautiful grounds with beautiful flowers. Join me for a wonderful morning working in the garden! Let me know if you plan on attending or have any questions.

[Dee Schurman](#)

847-902-9280

You can also sign up to volunteer for this spring clean-up project on our Help Wanted [Bulletin Board](#). From our club website select the *Members* tab then select the *Members Only* option (password is required), then scroll down and click on the Help Wanted Bulletin Board button.



Dee Schurman, 2022 Spring Cleanup at St. Simon's

Plant Sale Update for 2023

Bob Bruett | Plant Sale

This year we have several significant changes due to the impact of the [Asian Jumping Worm](#).

Our Master Gardeners shared the University of Illinois Extension recommendations for plant sales regarding the infestation of the Asian Jumping Worm. This is an invasive species taking over in many states and counties including Northeast Illinois. The Extension recommendation is not to sell plants dug up from your yards in an effort to slow the spread of these worms. There is more information on the Asian Jumping Worm in this newsletter. (See Page [6-7](#).) The plant sale committee made several recommendations for this year and next year's sales based on another club's experience.

- 1) This year we will focus on selling seedlings we start from scratch. I'm asking for all those who can start some seed trays to do so. Please let me know what you are planning to grow and/or ask me for some recommendations so we don't have 500 tomato plants! Please plant flowers, vegetables, herbs or houseplant cuttings. Using new, sterile potting mix to start seeds and cuttings, is perfectly safe. Also, if houseplants have never been outside on the ground, they are safe.
- 2) If you would like to dig up perennials from your yard, you will need to follow a procedure which should eliminate any transferring of the worm eggs (cocoons) with the plants. If there is any evidence or suspicion of jumping worms, we will not be able to accept the plants for our plant sale. Absent those conditions, you should carefully dig up the plants, knock off all the soil, separate each plant and then wash the roots with a strong blast from a hose to ensure no eggs (cocoons) are still present. Then pot your perennials using new, sterile potting mix. Please wash pots in warm, soapy water before using. We will purchase quantities of potting mix for you to use – just let us know if you need some. It is easiest to dig, wash and pot up the plants when they are small. They are easier to handle and will establish quickly when small. Keep the newly potted plants in the shade for a week or so before gradually introducing them to more direct sunlight. Do not store them on mulch as that is a prime habitat for the jumping worms.
- 3) Our plant sale will include the above plants, vintage garden items and a big push on making the community aware of this "pest."

For the **2024 Plant Sale** we will be checking the yards of those wanting to contribute for the Asian Jumping Worms. Those with no traces of worms will be able to contribute as before. Those with jumping worms will not be able to contribute. We are hoping for some solutions for these critters but nothing is available at this time.

Help Wanted

Be sure to check out our club's new **Volunteer Bulletin Board**. This bulletin board was created to make it easy for all our members to view and sign-up for volunteer activities throughout the year.

You can access this bulletin board from our [website](#). Just click on the *Members* tab and select the "*members only*" option. (You will be required to enter the password to access this section of our club website.) If you do not have the password, just send [Mona Frisbie](#) an email and she will forward the password to you.

We recommend visiting this bulletin board throughout the calendar year to check for new volunteer activities that are currently available and find something you are interested in.



Save the Date —April 26 Trip to Derby Line Greenhouse

Shelley Plischke | Trip Coordinator

It must be Spring! We are going back to Derby Line Greenhouse. I hope you can join us this year as we make our annual trip to the Derby Line Greenhouse on Wednesday, April 26th

Kathy Gerault and her family have created a little jewel of a nursery located in the rolling meadows east of Genoa Illinois, where they hand plant and lovingly care for thousands of the most beautiful annuals you will ever see. The AHGC will again have early and exclusive access to the plant selection that morning. The nursery is located at 16061 Derby Line Rd. Genoa, IL. It's about a 45-minute drive from Arlington Heights. We plan to meet there at 10:00, shop till we drop or the car is full, then stop for lunch on the way home to share our treasures as well as this year's garden plans. It is a fun morning, so if you haven't joined us in the past clear your calendar for a road trip to Genoa. I promise you won't be sorry!

Please note: Derby Line Greenhouse is not equipped to accept credit cards, so payment must be cash or check. Mark your calendar, make a list, and prepare yourself for a gardeners dream! If you have questions please contact [Shelley Plischke](#).

Nominating Committee – March Report

Lew Coffin | Nominating Committee Chair

The AHGC Nominating Committee is pleased to report a very positive response to our appeal to fill all open board positions. Currently, we have only one position that remains open, and it is the role of Vice President.

The Vice President position provides a unique opportunity for a club member to interact with a variety of subcommittees and to learn the operations of the club while assisting the President in various tasks. This position is very flexible and will be tailored to meet the skills, interests, and schedule of any candidate. Candidates may approach this position on a trial basis, without obligation, to determine if there is a fit.

If you are interested in the vice president position or would like more information, please contact:

[Lew Coffin](#), Nominating Committee Chair (847-917-1437)

[Beth Ligenza](#), current Vice President, incoming President (847-337-0743)

Next Steps

The slate of AHGC Board Candidates will be presented at the March 2023 General Meeting with the vote to be held at the April 2023 General Meeting.

Nominating Committee:

Lew Coffin , Committee Chair

Gail Abbott

Sheila Coffin

Ingrid Erickson

Barb Franks

Amaranth

Jumping Worms —WHAT?

Bev Krams | Horticulture

Invasive Species Alert

.....worms that wiggle so rapidly they've been dubbed jumping worms. Mr. B. in New Lenox thinks he got them from a bag of mulch he bought. He spotted them last fall in his garden but jumping worms have been around northern Illinois since 2015. In the Midwest the worms were first officially spotted in 2013, at the University of Wisconsin arboretum in Madison. The worms are actually native to East Asia and have also been called crazy worms, Alabama jumpers and snake worms.

The worms don't actually jump but they wiggle a lot, thrash wildly when they are handled or disturbed and can shed their tail in defense. They are about 4-8 inches long and are darker on top than on the bottom with a glossy or iridescent skin. There is also a smooth colored band (milky white clitellum) that circles the body. The band is flush, not raised.

You will **find these creatures between mid-summer through the first hard freeze**. They breed quickly during the growing season as it takes only 60 days for adults to reach maturity and yes, their eggs will survive a Chicago winter and hatch in mid April after temperatures reach 50 degrees. Oh, and did I mention they are capable of reproducing without mating!

Why are we so concerned about these worms? Unfortunately, they have the potential of changing our soil structure by damaging plant roots, changing water holding capacity of the soil and depleting available nutrients in the soil. Jumping worms are found in the top 3-4 inches of the soil and in leaf litter. Their appetite for organic matter is voracious and their rapid reproductive rate creates a threat to our forest floors and native environments.

What about our residential lawns? Landscapers have been known to reapply mulch numerous times in a growing season because the worms have consumed it so quickly. They LOVE the organic matter until it's all gone.....and yes, they have been known to destroy lawns! You can pull up your grass like a carpet and find the worms below. Grubs in your lawn will feed on grass roots, but jumping worms turn the soil into the texture of discarded coffee grounds which does not support the root structure. The soil can no longer retain moisture as it passes through too quickly and it lacks the nutrients to support the health of the plant. Nothing will grow in this type of soil.

What's a gardener to do?

Well, researchers are still searching for the best way to control this creature. For right now, if you spot a jumping worm, grab your gloves and a clear plastic bag, secure the worms in the bag, placing the bag in the sun until they die and throw the bag away! You can also place vinegar or rubbing alcohol in the bag. Obviously a temporary fix!

Researchers do know that heat treated mulch >130 degrees Fahrenheit for >3 days will kill the cocoons. In Illinois, compost producers are required to complete this process. Another option is to purchase bagged mulch. With compost and mulch being the prime food source of these worms be careful of your mulch and compost sources!

The Arboretum at the University of Wisconsin, after a pilot study, continues to explore using an organic, low nitrogen fertilizer (3-0-1) specifically used in the golf course industry. It contains tea seed meal which contains saponins, a toxin that affects the worms. It is applied in late April to target hatchlings and summer, to suppress the worms. With a small population it is recommended to make a mustard solution of 1/3 cup of dry mustard in one gallon of water and trench an area of soil. This irritates the worms, bringing them to the surface to be easily removed.

Unfortunately, once you have the worms in your soil, they may be here to stay. We just need to figure out how to live with them. I wonder if anybody knows if chickens feast on jumping worms?

For more information on jumping worms, check out the [University of Illinois Extension](#).

Isn't it always something? Jumping Worms

Invasive jumping worms now pose an environmental threat to soil, flora, and fauna. Although these worms die over winter, they leave tiny cocoons (about the size of a poppy seed) that will begin hatching in mid-spring. **NOW** is the time to minimize the spread of the worms and cocoons.



- When adding new plants, choose bare-root rather than potted plants if possible.
- Check all potted plants for worms as well as castings (see photo below right).
- When sharing or transplanting plants, rinse roots, removing all soil.
- Use only mulch, compost, and added soil that have been heated to 105°-130° F for at least 3 days.
- Thoroughly clean soil and compost from all shoes, equipment, and tools.



Jumping worms consume organic matter drying out soil and creating texture resembling coffee grounds (left side in image above).

Champaign County Illinois Master Gardeners 2023

SPEAKING OF RABBITS

Recycling Tip. Save your plastic mesh onion bags. You can use them to protect your young tender plants. After the plants get larger or the rabbits get frustrated and hop over to the neighbors yard, the bags can be cut away and recycled!



Spring

MAINTENANCE TIP

WAIT!

**Ground and stem nesting insects are still waiting to emerge!
Hold off on spring clean-up until temperatures are consistently over 50 degrees over night.**

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Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Of Greater Chicago *Rain Barrels*

Bev Krams | Horticulture

The District's rain barrel program promotes local green infrastructure to capture rainwater from roofs and save it for later use, such as watering gardens and flowers. In order to promote the use of rain barrels, the District has partnered with the MWRC to provide low-cost rain barrels to Cook County residents.

NOTE: Discounted subsidized rain barrels have sold out for the year, but low-cost rain barrels are still available for \$43.92. **While orders are being accepted, delivery will resume in March 2023.**

Click [here](#) for ordering information.



Membership Renewal Fees Due by May 1st

Renie Norkiewicz | Membership

Members can register for their renewal membership online. It is easy and all you need to do is follow the simple instructions below:

- Visit our [website](#) Click on the MEMBERSHIP tab
- Click on MEMBERSHIP red button
- Tickets (Membership Dues)
- Select one of the following:
 - Pay Membership by check.
 - Single Member \$25 - credit/debit
 - Couple Membership \$40 - credit/debit
- Fill out information on the membership form
- Payment by card – enter required card information
- Payment by check – make check out to: Arlington Heights Garden Club. Bring your check to March or April meeting or mail to:
Renie Norkiewicz
110 N Kaspar Avenue
Arlington Heights, IL 60005

Membership is complete once payment is received. Once you renew, you are a registered member for the calendar year starting in June 2023 thru May 2024.

If you have any questions, please contact [Renie Norkiewicz](#), or call (847) 394-5145





2023 WEST COOK NATIVE PLANT SALE

MARCH 15-MAY 18

MEMBERS SAVE 10%



West Cook Chapter



Extension

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL, CONSUMER
& ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES



For more information click [here](#)

Greener Good

June Miller | Conservation

Greener Good is a nonprofit conservation shop that supports the community through collection, organization, and redistribution of reusable materials. It also provides programs for reimagining, repurposing, and creating environmental awareness. Greener Good makes donated reclaimed and reusable materials available for use by crafters, artists, kids of all ages, and educators.



The primary goals of this shop are:

- Promote environmental sustainability by the reuse of donated used materials thereby reducing waste in the community
- Provide environmental awareness and education
- Host creative workshop projects and classes for the community and schools
- Provide teachers with access to craft, art, and sewing supplies, games and puzzles, books such as early childhood, chapter, novels, and textbooks, and school and office supplies at low cost

How can you help?

- 1) Donate materials to the shop
- 2) Provide a monetary donation
- 3) Volunteer to sort materials and assist with classes or other needed tasks
- 4) Spread the word, as currently their main source of advertising is by social media and word of mouth

Please Note: *Amanda Moller*, Founder of Greener Good and a member of the AHGC, will be present at the Conservation Corner during our next monthly March meeting. **Material donations may be brought to the meeting, which will be greatly appreciated.** See their website for donation ideas and please make time to visit this creative shop.

Greener Good

106 S Northwest Highway
Palatine, IL

Open Wednesdays and Fridays 2pm-6pm
Two Saturdays per month 10am-3pm



AHGC Wins All-Star Club Award for 2022

Our Arlington Heights Garden Club was recognized as the **All-Star Club** for the large club division (more than 60 members) at the Annual District IX meeting on March 14th. The All-Star Award is given to the outstanding over-all club in District IX, which is comprised of 63 clubs. Points are awarded depending on activity and club criteria. Kathy Hendricksen is our awards chair. Criteria depends on increased membership, hosting monthly educational programs open to the public, awarding scholarships, having a plant sale and garden walk, and many other activities. Almost every time a member participates in a club activity, YOU help our point total. The All-Star award is the contribution of all our members to help us earn this reward. Thank you to each member of our great club! In attendance at the business meeting were Dee Schurman, June Miller, Clara Stone, Nancy Aquini-Dean, Mike Relaz and Jim Spannagel. By attending the meeting, we already earned points for next year's All-Star Award! Unfortunately, we cannot win the award two years in a row, so for 2023, we are working for pride!



*Barbara Gilblair,
District IX Director, presenting the
award to Jim Spannagel.
(Photo taken by Mike Relaz)*



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Conservation Corner

June Miller | Conservation

March Recycling Tip

SWANCC has just announced that empty and clean paper cups are now accepted for recycling. There are new technology advancements for sorting paper cup materials. Since hot and cold paper cups contain a plastic lining to provide a liquid barrier, recyclers can effectively separate the plastic from the recovered fiber pulp. These cups provide a high-quality fiber for reprocessing into new products such as cereal cartons, facial tissue boxes, and other packaging. Yay!



Celebrate Birds & Water at Volo Bog State Natural Area

World Migratory 2023 Bird Day

WATER
SUSTAINING BIRD LIFE

Fun for All Ages!
Celebrating BIRDS & WATER over two days in three places
Join us in one, two, or all three

Sunday, April 30

- o **Volo Bog State Natural Area**
 - o 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm
 - o Fun Family Activities

Lots of activities & prizes

McHenry County Audubon Society

Sunday, May 7

- o **Hackmatack National Wildlife Refuge**
Four Seasons Nature Preserve, Lake Geneva WI
 - o 8–9:30 am Bird Banding
- o **Glacial Park's Lost Valley Visitor Center**
 - o 10 am–11 am Talk on Whooping Cranes
 - o 12:00–4:00 pm Fun Family Activities

Complete activities and get your passport stamped!
Accumulate stamps to win prizes.

ILLINOIS AUDUBON SOCIETY
Helping Preserve Illinois' Forest and Prairie Since 1897

The top prize is our coveted Plush Bird that sings its song!

Logos for Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Lake County Audubon, Friends of the Forest, and various other organizations are also present.

Member Profile

Lesley Jackson | Contributing Editor

Meet Jim & Patty Spannagel

Our Board President and his wife make an excellent team. Jim does all the gardening work, while his wife, Patty, comes up with all the great ideas for their garden! They rarely buy items to decorate their garden because they love to upcycle. They sometimes pick things up from the side of the road, and various neighbors and friends will let them know if there is a treasure to be found, discarded by someone else. Patty loves garden art, as you can see from the photographs.

Jim and Patty have been married for 36 wonderful years. Jim grew up on a farm in the community of Villa Grove, IL, and after college taught at Marquette High School in Ottawa, IL, where he met Patty. After teaching in Catholic high schools for 9 years he went to work for Country Companies, a farm insurance company for 12 years before getting his MS in education. He then taught biology, earth and environmental science at Crystal Lake Central High School for the next 15 years. He also taught nucleonics (all things nuclear and how radiation is used) which very few schools teach. Teaching is where his heart truly lies.

Patty hails from Niagara Falls, NY and lived in Ottawa, IL for a few years. She spent most of her career working in dental consulting and travelled for work, mainly east of the Mississippi. She enjoyed the work and all the people she was able to meet. They moved to Arlington Heights 33 years ago for her job.

They have three children, one lives in Virginia, one in Florida and one in Normal, IL. They have 4 grandchildren. The eldest grandchild has always gardened with Jim since about the age of 2. He is now studying environmental science and his claim to fame is that he once grew 4 banana trees in his small bedroom!

When they moved to their current home there was very little in the garden. They had to take out a Chinese Elm, which was too big and had rotted. They now have 20 different varieties of hostas, a prairie garden, and a veggie garden – harvesting 30 lbs of potatoes last summer! They also have blackberry canes from Jim's parents farm – all his siblings took some and they are still thriving 75 years later!

Patty prefers lower growing plants and would love to have a rock garden because that is what her grandmother always had, and Jim prefers taller plants such as Iris and Poppies.

They decided to join the AHGC to get more involved in the community. One of their first volunteer jobs with the club involved pulling thistles at the Historical Society garden. He helped with putting in the flower beds there too. He was asked to serve on the Conservation Committee and then 6 years later became Board President. They have both been instrumental in starting and developing the plant sale into what it is today. When participation in the club's plant exchange dropped to just a few members, Jim suggested starting an annual plant sale. The event was originally 2 days over 2 weekends, and they decided one half day on one weekend was plenty!

They have a statue of St Fiacre, the patron saint of gardeners, in their backyard. Jim always stores the statue in the garage for the winter. Their St. Fiacre statue unfortunately met a sad end when he was accidentally decapitated while falling from the potting bench onto the hood of Patty's car when she nudged the bench pulling into the garage one day.

The AHGC is extremely grateful for all the work they have both contributed to the club over the years, and wish Jim well when he steps down from the Board President role this year for a well-deserved break!



Gardening Knowledge

Bev Krams | Horticulture

UPCOMING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

CITIZENS FOR CONSERVATION

Local Oaks — Helping Them Thrive
Saturday, April 15 @ 10-11:30am | Barrington Village Hall

Click [here](#) for more information



NATIONAL GARDEN BUREAU

Register for upcoming programs and view recordings of past programs
Click [here](#) to register



LINDA MYERS

Understanding Garden Basics
Wednesday, March 29 @ 6:30 pm CT
Click [here](#) to register

What's New—Discover New and Unique Plants!
Wednesday, April 5 @ 6:30 pm CT
Click [here](#) to register

Growing a Bountiful Harvest Even When Time, Space & Budget are Limited
Wednesday, April 18 @ 6:30 pm CT
Click [here](#) to register



KERRY ANN MENDEZ

Time-saving, Sustainable Maintenance Strategies for Lush Flowers
April 1 @ 10am CT (11am ET)
Click [here](#) for more information



McHENRY COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Earth Day Celebration
April 22 @ 12-4pm
Click [here](#) for more information



Gardening Knowledge

Bev Krams | Horticulture

UPCOMING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Sustainability Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow

April 3 @ 7-8:30pm

Click [here](#) to register

Earth Day Book Discussion: The Seed Keeper

April 19 @ 7-8pm

Click [here](#) to register

Museum and Attraction Passes

The AHML provides discounted/free passes to local museums and attractions

Click [here](#) for details



CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN

Orchid Show

Now through March 26

Click [here](#) for tickets



MORTON ARBORETUM

Programs and Classes (online and in-person)

Click [here](#) for information



CHALET NURSERY

Events and Classes

Click [here](#) for information



FERNWOOD

Upcoming Events and Programs

Click [here](#) for information



NORTHBROOK PUBLIC LIBRARY

Upcoming Programs & Events

Click [here](#) for more information



Gardening Knowledge

Bev Krams | Horticulture

UPCOMING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

PLATT HILL NURSERY

Gardening How-To Knowledge
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HARPER COLLEGE Courses

Creating Backyard Wildlife Habitats
April 13 @ 7-8pm Online \$30 (see page 52 of course catalog)
Click [here](#) to view course schedule



UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS EXTENSION

Your Spring Gardening Guide
Click [here](#) to view all the topics



WEST COOK WILD ONES

The Weed Assassin's Guide To Killing Stuff, And Other Beautification Tips
April 16, Sunday 2:30-4pm ZOOM
Click [here](#) to register



McHENRY COUNTY COLLEGE

Gardenfest
Saturday, April 15 @ 7:30am-4pm \$45
Click [here](#) 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



PURDUE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION

Home Vegetable Gardening
April 13, 20 and 27 @ 5:30-7:30 CT (virtual and onsite)
Click [here](#) for information



Spring Beauty

Claytonia virginica

You will know it's spring when this attractive perennial wildflower starts to appear! Spring beauty belongs to the Purslane Family and is *ephemeral*, a plant that completes its lifecycle in just a few weeks. It is a low growing plant with loose clusters of light pink or white flowers with fine dark pink stripes. It grows from an underground tuber which is actually edible and has a sweet chestnut-like flavor. The flowers open on warm sunny days and close at night or on cloudy days. Both the flowers and foliage do fade away by mid-summer. Spring beauty is very spectacular in large patches and can be used as groundcover.



- Growth:** 4-12 inches tall
- Flowering:** March - May
- Exposure:** Part shade
- Habitat:** Moist, rich fertile soil and is seen in deciduous woodlands, meadows, and lawns near trees
- Range:** Found in all Illinois counties



Board of Directors

President	Jim Spannagel
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**The Garden Clubs of Illinois (GCI)
Annual Convention**

April 16-17
 Chicago Marriot in Naperville, Illinois
 Click [here](#) for more details.

SPRING BAG/BUNDLE COLLECTION

FREE SPRING BAG/BUNDLE COLLECTION in Arlington Heights

Landscape waste starts APRIL 3rd thru DECEMBER 15th

The 3rd landscape waste collection (week of April 17th) Groot will collect from each household, five (5) "un-stickered" landscape waste bags or bundles. Take advantage of this OFFER and **get your landscape litter together!**

Treasurer's Report

Pete Landwehr | Treasurer

Arlington Heights Garden Club Treasurer's Report February 2023

Checking Account Balance 1/31/23		Stmt Date	\$	7,042.19	
Receipts:					
Jagilski shirt purchase on website		2/15/23	(24.00)		Jan transaction refunded in February
Eliza Hollis		2/15/23	50.00		UB Vendor fee - cc 2/12
Lori Demange		2/15/23	50.00		UB Vendor fee - cc 2/12
Gina Falconetti		2/16/23	50.00		UB Vendor fee - cc 2/14
Judy Geno		2/17/23	50.00		UB Vendor fee - cc 2/14
Marcy Lautanen-Releigh		2/17/23	50.00		UB Vendor fee - cc 2/14
Laura Carney		2/22/23	50.00		UB Vendor fee - cc 2/19
Karen Serges		2/23/23	12.50		1/2 price membership cc 2/20
Sandra Depesa		2/27/23	50.00		UB Vendor fee - cc 2/22
Anthony Lira		2/24/23	55.00		UB Vendor fee + electric - cc 2/24
J&S Collectibles (100), Ken Staggs (50), Linda Fierce (50), Dennehey (100)		2/28/23	300.00		UB Vendor fees
4 District IX Convention co-pays		2/28/23	96.00		Spannagel, Miller, Schurman, Asquini Dean
3 GW Stone stands		2/28/23	45.00		Dingboom, Bruett, Dennehey
less: Credit Card Fees			\$	(13.81)	
Total				820.69	
Disbursements (cleared):					
	Check #	Ck Date			
BSA Troop 37	1540	10/16/22	150.00		Zac Nesvacil Eagle Project
Denise Nowak	1586	1/24/23	167.88		WIX website tools
Bev Krams	1589	2/3/23	17.45		USB for newsletter scanning
Garden Clubs of Illinois	1590	2/6/23	80.00		GCI Awards
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Total				425.33	
Checking Account Balance 2/28/23			\$	7,437.55	
Receipts to be deposited					
Receivable for Holiday workshop				30.00	Marty Landwehr - 2/27 he is checking
Total undeposited receipts			\$	30.00	
cleared					
	Check #	Ck Date			
New Salem Lincoln League	1568	11/7/22	100.00		Discretionary Donation
Cate Doane	1579	12/19/22	17.88		Holiday Party centerpieces
AH Historical Museum	1592	2/16/23	750.00		discretionary donation
AH Historical Society	1593	2/16/23	1,250.00		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
Sean Menke	1595	2/27/23	200.00		Feb program
Debbie Borales	1596	2/28/23	142.50		Personal Development Award
Total outstanding checks and invoices			\$	2,660.38	
ADJUSTED CASH POSITION 2/28/23			\$	4,807.17	

AHGC Board Meeting Summary - March 13, 2023

Halina Zbilski | Recording Secretary

President - Jim Spannagel

- Six members will be attending the Annual District IX meeting on Tuesday, March 14th. Every 4th year AHGC is asked to donate a basket. A big thank you to Shelley who put together a beautiful basket to donate.
- The GCI Annual Convention Annual Convention will be held on April 16th and April 17th at the Chicago Marriott in Naperville.
- Jean Kengott was appointed as the new Co-Chair of the Garden Walk committee.
- Lew Coffin and the Nominating Committee contacted all the newest members in an attempt to fill open committee chair positions. The Vice President position is still open. Nominees will be announced at the March general meeting, voting will take place at the April general meeting, and installation will be held at the May meeting.
- If anyone planted native trees, let Jim know by March 31st.

Vice President – Beth Ligenza

- The minimum order for Garden Club shirts is 25 shirts, but only 5 people so far have ordered polo shirts. It was decided to wait for more orders.

Treasurer – Pete Landwehr

- Sharon Rudy has signed up as a registered agent to get the ball rolling on the 501(c)(3) registration process.
- Ivy Hill School will also be a recipient of a \$150 grant via the School Grant project.

Artistic – Barb Franks

- Three large totes containing approximately 60 tabletop sleighs were among the Christmas tree decorations. Suggestions were made on how to be able to use these sleighs, possibly at a workshop, or table decorations at our Christmas party, or even sell at the plant sale.

Civics – Mike Relaz and Dee Schurman

- The VFW will be spring cleaning the garden at Clearbrook House in Mt. Prospect. AHGC will maintain the garden during the summer months.
- Mike will be passing around a signup sheet at the March general meeting for volunteers to assist the Civics committee to attract more volunteers for our Civic projects.
- Volunteer help is needed at St. Simons Episcopal on April 29th for spring cleanup.

Conservation – June Miller

- An April 3rd meeting with Davey Tree, Ivy Hill School principal, the Director of School Facilities, and June is set to determine the site and type of tree to be planted.
- We will be participating in the Village's activities on Earth Day, Sat April 22
- We will be participating at Olive School for their Earth Day activities, held on Tuesday, April 18th from 6:30 to 8:30 pm.

Plant Sale – Bob Bruett

- University of Illinois Extension has a new recommendation for plant sales due to the problem of spreading jumping worm infestations among gardens. We are encouraged to knock off all dirt and wash off roots, and use fresh sterile soil. Hostas are discouraged because this procedure would be very difficult. We are urged to plant more seedlings or cuttings to sell, including fruit and vegetable seedlings. Also houseplants will be accepted. We will not be digging up plants in non-member gardens this year.

Publicity – Lesley Jackson and Connie Landwehr

- Stroll Scarsdale Magazine is going to feature the Garden Club in their magazine. Publicity is being asked to provide a 150-200 word paragraph about what we do now and some past projects, as well as a few pictures. We also have done AHGC write-ups in the Northgate newsletter.

Scholarship – Emma Visee

- Four scholarship applications have been received. The Scholarship committee will meet on Tuesday, March 21st.

Website – Denise Nowak

- Thank you, Denise, for all your work in setting up the Volunteer Bulletin Board.

Business/Old Business/Announcement

- Nancy reported on the status of the Blue Star Memorial marker proposal. May 1st is the deadline to lock in current price of the marker.

Next Board Meeting: April 10, 2023