



Arlington Heights garden club

September 2019

Growing Together

Carol Elliott, Editor

Dahlias - Living Fireworks 2019 is the YEAR of the DAHLIA!! September 23rd, 7:00 pm Social, 7:30-meeting at Village Hall

Did you know Dahlias are the National Flower of Mexico? Be prepared to learn about Dahlia tubers to plant in your garden to create for you a spectacular fireworks of bloom through your summer/fall season. When you should plant them, where you should plant them and how to plant those beautiful dahlias will all be discussed.

Carol Cichorski and her husband Mike 'found' dahlias 18 years ago and their life has not been the same since. They plant about 400 tubers in their basement in February with 65 of them going to their own garden, a 1/2 acre lot. Carol is past-president of the Elk Grove Garden Club, Mike is past president of the Central States Dahlia Society. She speaks regularly at the Chicago Flower and Garden Show, is an avid gardener and a blogger. Come share their dahlia passion and find out how to grow dahlias too!



Greetings from Our President

There is good news and bad news! First, the bad news. Where did the summer go? It seems like it just started about 3 weeks ago! Yes, it was a unique and challenging gardening year, which is now, with shortened days, quickly coming to an end. Now the good news, we are just beginning a new Garden Club year of great programs on gardening topics, environment subjects and other issues that should interest each of our members!

Our thanks to Val Solaski and her committee for putting together what promises to be another great series of presentations for our membership. We begin on Monday, September 23rd, with "Dahlias-Living Fireworks!" presented by Carol Cichorski. There will be many dahlias as part of her program, some quite large and breath taking, I understand. I hope to see many of our current 76 members at this meeting. Yes, this is a significant increase in members over where we started last year. Thanks to Renie Norkiewicz and Shelley Plishke for all their efforts with those who come as guests to our meetings each month.

We are coming off of one of our most successful years and Pete Landwehr, our treasurer will have the proposed budget for the coming year to share with you. We are in excellent financial shape and have some interesting projects for the upcoming year that you will want to hear about.

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September Hostesses

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

Terri Passolt and
Jim and Pat Spannagel

Greetings from Our President (cont.)

Lastly, a loose end. Would anyone have taken home a green Garden Club apron with the intent to wash it and have forgotten to bring it back? We are missing a few of our beautiful and handy aprons and would ask that you return them to me or any Board member.

Let's get the year off to a great start, with a large turn out on Monday!

Jim Spannagel, President

Garden Walk Raffle

We had a very successful raffle this year and could not have done it without help from the club. Many thanks to the club members who stuffed envelopes, donated baskets and fillers, assembled baskets, transported them to the park, helped with set-up, sold tickets, bought tickets and won, and helped take down. It is never too early to think about next year's raffle. Since we filled 45 baskets, we can always use more. Feel free to bring to a meeting or drop off at one of our homes (leaving them at night with no note is fine). We can always use items as fillers. Also, please let us know if you learn of a business opening or one closing. We will add them to the data base. Getting a business card, menu, etc. is a big help. Again, thanks for all the help and we'll look for you next year.

Pat Dennehey 847-255-0133 1411 North Hickory
Kathy Hendricksen 847-514-0414 1319 North Dunton

Three \$2,000 AH Garden Club Scholarships Awarded for 2019/20

Each year the Arlington Heights Garden Club awards one or more \$2,000 academic scholarship to assist local students. Our club has now awarded 31 academic scholarships to outstanding students since 2003. Applications have been received from students living in Arlington Heights and adjoining communities. Proceeds from the annual Garden Walk are used to fund the scholarship program. Details on this program are available on the club's website: ahgardenclub.com.

The AHGC Scholarship Committee proudly awarded three \$2,000 Scholarships to students for the 2019-20 school year. We wish them success in their college experiences.

\$2,000 -- Marolyn Bina Memorial Scholarship -- Ashley Roscoe

Ashley graduated from Hersey High School in 2017 and was awarded \$1,500 scholarships for the last two years. She attends the University of Wisconsin at Whitewater and her goal is to become a Fish and Wildlife officer. Ashley is majoring in Environmental Science with a Certificate in GIS.



Ashley admits her first year presented her with a big challenge: living away from home for the first time, meeting new people, and dealing with the difficulty of college level classes. Instead of joining many clubs and organizations she focused on working as a research assistant for the Undergraduate Research Department. She also volunteered with the Sustainability Office at the university where she monitored local streams performing tests such as the oxygen levels, turbidity tests, and flow tests. All of this information was sent to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and used to monitor stream health throughout Wisconsin.

Ashley is now ready to start her junior year with the confidence and focus that college experience brings.

\$2,000 -- Gilbert Krohn Memorial Scholarship -- Matthew Hoffman

Matthew graduated from Wheeling High School in 2017 and was awarded \$1,500 scholarships for the last two years. Matthew is majoring in Biological & Agricultural Engineering at Texas A&M. In his sophomore year Matthew earned a 3.7/4.0 GPA.



Along with a full college class load Matthew's GPA qualifies him as an Engineering Honors student. He is involved in several extra-curricular activities: Howdy Farm Volunteer, piano player for church, member of the Pharmaceutical and Biotechnology Student Association, Texas A&M Gymnastics Club, and is a Pro-Life Aggies Member.

\$2,000 -- Wendy Landwehr Memorial Scholarship -- Marlena Kot

Marlena graduated from John Hersey High School in 2019 with a 4.45/3.83 GPA. She will be studying Chemical and Environmental Engineering at the University of Michigan.

Marlena has always been an excellent student and applied herself to her academic, extracurricular, and volunteer activities. During her high school career, she took 10 advanced placement classes and received recognition as a QuestBridge National Scholar, an AP Scholar with distinction, the World Languages Honor Society, and National Honor Society.

She excelled out of the classroom, participating in tennis, soccer and basketball. Marlena was an MVP nominee for tennis and elected captain of her JV basketball team. She played on a travel basketball team throughout high school, and learned leadership skills as team captain.

She has constantly helped and supported community events, charities and youth programs. She is a role model to young adults and continues to shine in a wide range of athletics and leadership positions. She served as a National Honor Society officer.

Marlena worked during her entire high school career, starting as a cashier at Pesche's Garden Store and continuing at Goodwill Industries in Arlington Heights.



A Successful Bucket Brigade at the Post Office

A BIG BIG thanks to all who participated in the Bucket Brigade. We had Renie Norkiewicz, Bev Krams, Diane and Paul Culhane, Pete Landwehr, and Jim Spannigal all bringing buckets of soil to the Post Office. Thanks to Pat and Mike Dennehey for supplying the beautiful garden soil. We spread it, planted grass seed, sprinkled more soil and watered. Thanks, Renie, for the assist on the watering. We put up a barrier of rope with caution signs and are hoping for the best. By the time you read this it should be sprouting!

Many thanks,
Mike Relaz and Kathy Wolan



Senior Center Planting Photos

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Volunteer Information



Volunteer Appreciation



THANK YOU TO THE ARLINGTON HEIGHTS GARDEN CLUB!

On Wednesday, May 29,
volunteers from
**The Arlington Heights
Garden Club**
planted flowers in the
front of the Senior Center
as well as on our patio.
Thank you for
beautifying our center!



AHGC Gaining Garden Knowledge September 2019

Farmers Markets:

Arlington Heights	110 S. Fremont	Saturday 8-12 noon
Palatine	Train Station Lot	Saturday 7:30-1pm
ElkGrove Village	901 Wellington Ave.	Saturday 7:30-1pm
Schaumburg	109 S. Roselle Rd	Friday 7:30-1pm

Friendship Park Conservatory: 847-298-3500, 395 W. Algonquin Road, Des Plaines
Register @ mppd.org

Check out the website for MANY nature Programs for you, your kids or Grandkids!!

- Sept 18 @ 6:30-8:30pm Code 37448 Perennials-Moving Day! \$25/30
- Sept 24-Oct 1 @ 7-8:30pm code 37463 Homemade Gifts from the Garden \$60/70
- Oct 5 @ 10:30-12n code 37455 Designing with Spring Bulbs \$30/35
- Oct 9 OR Nov 5 @ 7:8:30pm code 37464/5 Farmhouse Planter \$30/35
- Oct 15@ 7-8:30pm code 37471 Fall Door Decor \$35/40
- Oct 17 @ 7:8:30pm code 37456 Designing with Spring Bulbs
- Nov 11 OR 12 @ 7-7:30pm OR Nov 16@10:30-12n WINTER PLANTER \$40/45

Chicago Botanical Garden (See website for extensive list!)

www.chicagobotanic.org/education/adulted/registration_methods

D214 Community Education register online: ce.d214.org Check out pages 31-32 for MORE CLASSES. Ask for the Gold Card Price!

- Sept 14 @ 10-12n Design & Grow Dahlias Chicago Botanic Gardens \$229/207
- Sept 16 & 23 @ 7-9pm Japanese Flower Arrangements - Forest View \$59/55
- September 23 @ 7-9pm Growing and Using Mushrooms- Prospect HS.\$29/\$25
- October 5 @ 9-11am Bulbs for Beginners - Chicago Botanic Gardens CBG \$40/36
- Oct 17 @11:30-1:30pm Common Plant Diseases in the Landscape CBG \$65/59
- October 28 @ 7-9pm Green Cleaning with Herbs Prospect HS \$29

Harper College ce.harpercollege.edu register online!

November 9 @ 1-2;30pm Backyard Bird Feeding Spring Valley Nature Center

October 19 @ 10-11:30am Reducing our Carbon Footprint Spring Valley Nature Center

AH Park District

September 29 Sat. @ 9-10am OR 10-11am Build A Bat House Frontier Park \$18

Register on line: www.AHPD.org

Morton Arboretum - <https://www.mortonarb.org/learn-experience/adult-programs/interest/Gardening-and-Horticulture>

- September 21 Saturday 9-11;30am Garden Wrap-Up
- September 21 Saturday 12:30-3pm OR OR October 12 12:30-3p Basic Plant ID
- September 28 Saturday 1-3:30pm Japanese Floral Arranging
- October 17 Thursday 7-9pm Beginning Home Composting
- October 17 Thursday 6:00-8:00 pm If Trees Could Talk
- October 23 Wednesday 9-1pm Shrubs for Illinois Garden
- October 26 Saturday 12-1:30p, 1-2:30p, OR 2-3:30p Whiskey Walks (oak trees!)

Prevent invasive buckthorn from choking out your plants

Q. I heard buckthorn is an invasive plant. I want to remove it from my yard, but then what do I do with it? I don't want the seeds to germinate.

A. Buckthorn is a native to Europe and western Asia and is one of the most invasive plants in our area. It creates a dense thicket crowding out native plants. Two forms of invasive buckthorn are common buckthorn (*Rhamnus cathartica*); and glossy buckthorn (*Rhamnus frangula*). Both were introduced as ornamental landscape plants but quickly invaded natural areas.

Buckthorns are known for prolific reproduction by seed and wide habitat tolerance. They have a long growing season, leafing out before native plants and retaining its leaves until late fall. They crowd out trees, shrubs, wildflowers and perennials.

Removing the buckthorn fruit first will reduce the seeds added to your soil each year. Look for clusters of round, shiny, black berries. Buckthorn seeds in your soil can continue to germinate for up to five years. Buckthorn management is a multiyear commitment. After the fruit has been removed, work in an area less dense with buckthorn before moving to the more heavily infested areas. Monitor all areas where buckthorn has been removed for new plants.

Small plants or seedlings can be removed by hand. Use a hand tool to pull out small shrub. Always check with JULIE, an agency that locates underground utilities, before digging to ensure there are no buried electric and gas lines in the area. Dig before the plant produces seeds, usually summer through fall. Disturbed soil may result in increased seed germination.

Buckthorn plants 2 inches in diameter or larger are best controlled by cutting the stem at the soil surface and either covering or treating the stump to prevent resprouting. Nonchemical control options include covering the cut stump with a tin can or black plastic such as a Buckthorn Baggie. Use nails to affix the can or a tie to affix the black plastic. Leave it in place for one to two years.

Chemical control options for cut stumps include treating the stump immediately after cutting with an herbicide using a paint brush or a single use foam brush. Glyphosate, a nonselective systemic herbicide, can be used. Make sure the herbicide purchased contains at least 18% to 20% glyphosate. Use it undiluted. Be sure to read, understand and follow the label directions for proper use of the chemicals. Chemical treatment can be applied to cut stumps when the temperature is above freezing.

The most effective time to cut and treat the stumps is in late summer and throughout fall. The most effective way to remove all parts of buckthorn is with fire; however, it isn't permitted in any municipality. I consulted John McCabe, resource management director with the Forest Preserves of Cook County and a local arborist. If buckthorn plants contain seeds, bag and mark them as landscape waste and place them out with your trash rather than composting them. Landscape waste is banned from landfills in Illinois, so waste companies take these products to a composting facility. High temperatures are critical for the destruction of seeds. Check with your local municipality for disposal.

Now with all that open space, what is a good alternative to buckthorn? The Chicago Botanic Garden recommends speckled alder, American filbert, hornbeam and arborvitae!

- Terri Passolt



Helen's 90th Birthday!

Welcome New Members

Since the Garden Walk in June we are pleased to welcome seven new members!!!!

Looking forward to sharing their ideas and knowledge as we work together toward another successful year.

Mervyn Coke Martha Wicker

Karen Johnson Karina Nikogosian

Denise Britton Andrea Eichler

David Von Bergen

Current AHGC Membership List provided on website "Members Only" page

Please visit our website at ahgardenclub.com to register for the "Members Only" page to view or print the Membership List. If you end up at our old Google website, just click on the link provided.

Only members who have paid their membership fee are able to register for the "Members Only" page. Access is available once the member follows the registration instructions provided on the "Members Only" page found on the HOME dropdown. This is a secure page that is monitored by AHGC Website Chair, Mike Dennehey, who will confirm membership and will provide the access to the Members Only page after verification. This registration is a one-time event and once done you will be taken directly to the page itself.

The Membership List has been set-up as a PDF on the website to help accommodate all computers and printers. The Membership List is updated regularly and the website will provide the current listing.

For any website questions, please contact Mike Dennehey at dennehm@wowway.com or 847-255-0133.

AHGC Membership Co-chair,
Renie Norkiewicz