



March 2022

Greetings from Our President

A grass or a broadleaf? This is the type of question that could provide an excellent learning opportunity between a teen and a senior member of our club, in a new project we are launching this spring. In bringing the different generations together in a public service partnership project, we hope to break down stereotypes of teens and seniors and beautify our community at the same time. Read more about this project on page 9.

There are many new activities members can look forward to in coming months. In addition to our Plant Sale activities and all the planning for our annual Garden Walk/ Unique Boutique, we will also host our first blood drive in July. In April we will be celebrating Earth Week with children’s activities at Olive-Mary Stitt Elementary School. The annual Arbor Day Tree Planting will take place at Green Briar Elementary School. We also look forward to the planting of a sugar maple tree at Northwest Community Hospital to honor all the medical and non-medical staff for their efforts during COVID-19.

We must not forget the ongoing award winning landscaping project at the WINGS administrative building in Rolling Meadows. You can read more about this project and the award our club received on page 16. Club members will be teaching the Forest View Academy students (22 students participated last year) how to start seeds, and plant and care for a garden. Club gardeners will also begin working on gardens and landscape at the Historical Museum, the Arlington Heights Post Office, the Senior Center, and adding a little TLC to the gardens at St. Simon’s Episcopal Church - our new club meeting space.

We would love to have our new members come join us and become more involved. Happy spring, everyone!

Jim Spannagel

March 28th Meeting

We will be meeting in person for our March general meeting and the meeting will be held at a new location.

Please see page 2 for details on the meeting location.

The speaker will be Heather Prince presenting “ Creative Screening: Beyond Arborvitae

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March Program

March 28th @ 7 PM at Saint Simon's Church

Val Solaski | Programs

Creative Screening: Beyond Arborvitae

Presented by Heather Prince



Heather Prince has been a part of the green industry for more than 20 years, including experience at The Morton Arboretum, Chicago Botanic Garden, The Growing Place, The Pizzo Group and Wannemaker's Home and Garden. She is a professional garden writer and trained horticulturist specializing in trees, shrubs and natives, with a passion for connecting people with plants.

While arborvitae is a favorite traditional hedging evergreen, there are many more options to enliven your space! We will explore evergreen and deciduous plants that offer a buffer in a tight space, be it sunny or shady.

New Meeting Location

Our Club has found a new location for our monthly meetings beginning Monday, March 28, 2022. We are pleased to announce that [Saint Simon's Episcopal Church](#) in Arlington Heights has made their basement meeting space available to us.

Saint Simon's is located at 717 West Kirchoff Road, Arlington Heights, IL 60005, and is right next to the 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 "stairs 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.



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Happy Birthday and Best Wishes!



Julia Bruett
Pat Dennehey
Carol Elliott
Margaret Gray
Kathy Hendricksen
Bev Krams
Cindy Kriemelmeyer
Connie Landwehr
Mike Relaz
Diane Lanigan
Kathy Wolan

Schaumburg Home & Garden Show

April 9th & 10th 2022
Open Sat. & Sun: 10am – 5pm

Schaumburg Convention Ctr.
 1551 Thoreau Drive N. – Schaumburg, IL 60173
*Just West of Route 53 on Algonquin Rd.
 S / E of Algonquin & Meacham Roads*

FREE ADMISSION
FREE PARKING

FREE SPRING BAG/BUNDLE COLLECTION

in Arlington Heights

Landscape waste starts APRIL 4th thru DECEMBER 16th

The 3rd landscape waste collection in April (week of April 18th) Groot will collect from each household, five “un-stickered” landscape waste pages or bundles. Get your landscape liter together!

Arlington Heights Village [landscape waste program](#).

Native Plant PRE-ORDER Sale

On-Line Pre-order now through April 29th

Plant pickup Sat. May 21 & Sun May 22

at Spring Valley Nature Center

Schaumburg Community Garden Club [Native Plant Sale](#)

Accepting *on-line* Plant Pre-Orders now through Friday, April 29th!
 Shop for natives, perennials, grasses, wildflowers, trees and shrubs.

PICK UP ONLY, NO TENT SALE

Pick-up days are Saturday, May 21st and Sunday, May 22nd. Both days 10am to 4pm.

Location for pre-order pick up:

Spring Valley Nature Center | 1111 E. Schaumburg Rd | Schaumburg, IL 60193

Firefly Family Theatre Presents
Grow!
 AN ADVENTURE IN FIREFLY GROVE

► Thursday, March 24, 10:30–11:30 a.m.
 Hendrickson Room

Spark the Firefly wants to plant a garden but doesn't know how to get her plants to grow. With the help of her friends in the forest, Spark learns the parts of the plant, what plants need to grow and the importance of nature. Audiences will learn science concepts through music, poetry and interactive movement.

For families with children ages 2 and up. 1

[Arlington Heights Memorial Library](#)




Trip to Derby Line Greenhouse

Shelley Plischke

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 20th @ 10 AM.

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 is 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 any questions please contact [Shelley Plischke](#).



Book Review

The Right-Size Flower Garden

by Kerry Ann Mendez

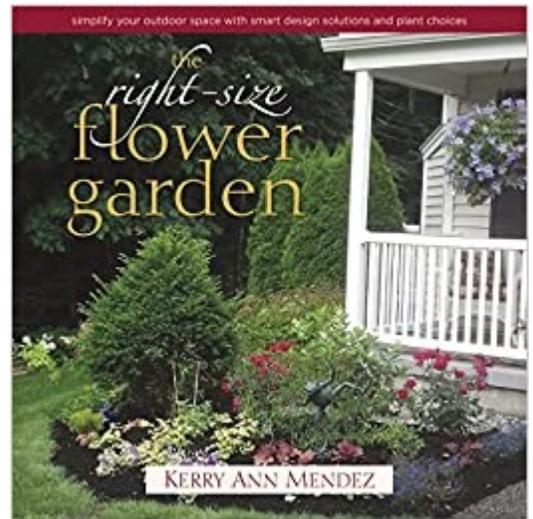
Bev Krams | Horticulture

Kerry Ann Mendez wrote this garden book when she needed 'the right sized garden.' As many of us know, life happens. Kerry had a huge flower garden which she shared with her husband until he broke his neck. His gardening days were over and Kerry was forced to down size in order to enjoy her garden and be able to manage it alone.

Gardening articles often encourage us to tear up the lawn and open up the plant beds. In Kerry's case, she needed to cut back the size of the beds and had to eliminate some entirely. She wanted to create a high impact with colorful foliage. Achieving this meant swapping out perennials with 2-3 season flowering shrubs. She created groupings of colorful perennials to make an impact. This also allowed her to tend her garden in a more organized manner by making simple design changes with high value plants.

The book offers you great photos, plant '*this not that*' lists, and shortcuts to a right size, low maintenance and drought tolerant garden. Who does not want that?

If you are considering downsizing your garden due to age, injury, new job, or just more personal time, Kerry has the right advice for you. Are you just looking for a good looking garden with the least amount of maintenance? This book is your 'go to' instruction guide and the AHMLibrary has two copies!



Garden Walk & Unique Boutique Update

Aileen Koepfen

The Garden Walk & Unique Boutique planning committee is still 'plugging' away at making the 2022 Garden Walk and Unique Boutique a great one! Remember this year's event is scheduled for Sunday, June 26th. The 2022 Garden Walk will feature four residential gardens, Luther Village and a bonus of viewing of the butterfly garden at the Arlington Heights Library.

Our email invitations were sent out and we have 7 sponsors who have donated funds, and 15 vendors participating in the Unique Boutique so far. Please consider helping with our letter mailing campaign that is coming up. We'd like some volunteers to help stuff letters at Kathy's house on March 26th at 10:00 AM followed with lunch. I hear she is a great cook! Okay, I don't know that for a fact, but come anyway and find out for yourself. [Click here to sign up to help with this task.](#)

Remember we need everyone's participation to make our largest fundraiser a success. It really does take a village. Spring is in the air so let's have some fun!

Garden Walk & Unique Boutique Co-Chairs

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Get the MOST from your Membership!

Renie Norkiewicz | Membership

Our members join the AHGC with a common interest, gardening, however many of our members have other special skills and talents. The BEST way to enjoy our club is to utilize those skills.

The AHGC Board Members have provided a shortlist of projects to introduce our membership to their committees. This is an opportunity for our members to use their talents, get familiar with club activities, share common interests, and establish new friendships.

Listed below are 13 AHGC Board Committees with activities that may be of interest to you. Please take the time to review them to see all the various activities the club has available for our members. Identify the committees that interest you, and send your choice/s of committee or questions to [Renie Norkiewicz](#). Committee chairs will follow-up with you.

It is my experience that it is more fun and enjoyable to be involved!

ARTISTIC: Do you like crafts and being creative or would like to learn? Do you enjoy organizing fun artistic events? Then our committee NEEDS YOU!

- Participate in new ideas for garden related workshops or events.
- Coordinate seasonal container workshops.
- Help organize mosaic workshops to create art for our gardens.
- Coordinate Holiday Tree Trimming Program at 3 locations in Arlington Heights.

CIVICS: Do you enjoy the outdoors, like to get your hands dirty and help beautify and maintain gardens around the community, this group is for you. Join us and make new friends, learn about plants and their maintenance while having FUN.

CONSERVATION: Are you interested in becoming a better steward of our land, wanting to support, protect, and sustain our natural resources? This committee will help you learn more about conservation in diverse and impactful ways.

- Help organize guided tours of natural areas and facilities supporting natural resources.
- Participate in fun & educational activities at local schools such as Earth Day/Arbor Day.
- Raising awareness of preserving our environment for our future generations.
- Recognize the gradual changes in our climate and teach others what to do about it.

GARDEN WALK: Do you enjoy the excitement of planning a fundraiser that benefits the community? The Garden Walk/Unique Boutique is our annual main event with the goal to raise proceeds to support local communities, educational and environmental programs. There are sub-committees working together to make this event successful and it takes many hands to make it run smoothly. Be part of a team who work well together to make a positive impact on our community while promoting the joy of gardening.

- Participate in one of the 10 planning subcommittees and utilize your skills.
- Volunteer for the activities taking place on the day of the event.
- Visit our website to review the sign-up sheets and choose activities of interest to you.

HORTICULTURE: If the science & art of growing plants is your passion, we have a spot for you.

- Did you say you like to write about plants and gardening?
- Do you like reading gardening books and writing book reviews?
- How about researching garden programs the club would be interested in attending?

HOSPITALITY: Are you someone who enjoys not only partaking in refreshments but also sharing the fun of that with others?

General Meeting – Contribute a snack for our safe, in-person meeting, when mask-free.

- Unique Boutique – Handout complimentary breakfast packs to vendors during set-up.
- August Picnic – Help with food service set-up/clean-up
- Holiday Party – Assist with holiday decorations and foodservice set-up/clean-up.

MEMBERSHIP: If you like to socialize and meet new people, this is for you. Duties shared.

- Check in members at the door with the AHGC Membership Check List.
- Ask visitors to sign-in on the Guest List.
- Make sure the attendees are wearing a name badge, if none, provide a name badge.
- Offer attendees a paper slip to write their name for the door prize drawing.

Get the MOST from your Membership! *(Continued from previous page)*

NEWSLETTER: Production of our monthly newsletter is a team effort and the content is contributed by many members of our club. We are always looking for new content and fresh ideas for the newsletter.

- Do you like to take photos of gardens?
- Did you run across an article that would be perfect to include in our newsletter?
- Do you have gardening questions that you have always been curious about?

PLANT SALE: Volunteer for our annual plant sale and help the club serve the community.

- Add a cell pack to your seed starting to donate to the sale.
- Volunteer to help dig up plants from older member's yards to sell at the sale.
- Dig up your own plants to donate for sale.
- Volunteer for set up (June 3rd), day of sale and tear down (June 4th).

PROGRAMS: Do you want to help plan the Programs presented to the Garden Club? Join our committee and help shape the list of upcoming presentations.

- Assist in selecting the list of potential program topics for the next club year.
- Identify and research speakers for the desired topics of interest.
- Work on meeting logistic details with the selected speakers.
- Help with technical support for the committee and presenters at the general meeting.

PUBLICITY: The Publicity Committee raises the profile and reputation of the garden club to boost membership and encourage participation in our fundraisers, club activities and monthly meetings. This is done via news publications and social media. The committee chairs provide the articles to the Daily Herald and Chicago Tribune. Facebook and Instagram pages are managed by the chairs to keep information current and available to the public.

- Encourage members to share our Facebook and Instagram posts for upcoming events.
- Forward information on programs & fundraisers to local neighborhood groups.

SCHOLARSHIP: Each year, the Arlington Heights Garden Club awards one or more \$2,000 academic scholarships to assist area students. The club has awarded 39 scholarships to outstanding students since 2003. Be part of the Scholarship committee to assist with awarding scholarships to our local students.

- Help make the selection of our next scholarship students.
- Contact high school & college guidance departments to post scholarship information.
- Welcome and introduce scholarship students at our summer club meetings.
- Take photos of students to post on club website, club newsletter, and local newspapers.
- Develop articles about program & students for posting in club newsletter & newspapers.

WEBSITE: Our website is the window into our garden loving community. Ideally our design invites visitors to come grow with us.

- Develop visually appealing webpages
- Add, update, and organize content
- Work with other committee leads to advertise events
- Automate manual process through website tools
- Represent AHGC as a “go to resource” for gardening information

Forcing Winter Branches

Kim Ellson | Pesche's



Forcing branches allows us to enjoy a burst of color and brighten up our homes in the middle of winter with materials from our own garden. As we all keenly await the arrival of spring in those cold and dark winter months, and although we cannot change the seasons, we can enjoy a taste of spring in our homes. Forcing branches is very simple, requires little input, and is very rewarding.”

There is something exciting and rewarding about watching branches come to life and display their hidden beauty. Every branch has its own unique beauty and appeal. Early-blooming deciduous trees and shrubs are used for forcing as the buds on these plants have already developed prior to the onset of winter. When trying to distinguish between buds, note flower buds are larger and plumper than leaf buds. Fruit trees have their flower buds on spurs, which resemble short knobby branches.

You do not have to just force flowers; leaves, buds, and catkins are equally attractive. Some species might have more than one desirable trait. Red maple offers a vibrant display of leaves and flowers. Hazelnut delights with little catkins. Honeysuckle and lilac offer fragrant flowers. Birch has graceful weeping branches and pussywillow has soft fuzzy buds. There is a wide range of plants that are suitable; however, some will break dormancy more readily than others. If you are new to forcing, start with some reliable favorites like forsythia, Cornelian dogwood, red maple, or pussywillow. All these experience bud break in a short period of one to three weeks. As a general rule, the later in the season, the more developed the buds, and the shorter the forcing period as buds are nearing their natural bloom time.

Plant species also affect this time period, with some species taking four to five weeks to break, including crabapple, quince, cherry, and buckeye. Always be informed of each plant species' dormancy requirement to avoid disappointment. This will dictate which plants can be collected in January and which need until February or March to ensure successful forcing. Always seek out healthy material with the most developed buds. Be aware, you are now pruning your shrub, so be mindful not to damage the structure or health of that plant. You do not want an unpleasant surprise once your plants leaf out again. The ideal day to collect branches is when temperatures are above freezing. Bring cut branches indoors and submerge these in warm water. If collecting in freezing temperatures, submerge branches in cold water for a day to avoid shock prior to the warm water. Warm water has less oxygen in it than cold water, and it is crucial to ensure no air pockets enter the stems. Air pockets within stems will disrupt the uptake of water and therefore the success of the blooms.

Make a fresh, clean, slanted cut on the stems, an inch above the original cut, while the stems are still underwater. Split the base of the stem to further aid water uptake and mist branches regularly thereafter to avoid buds drying. You can make your arrangement and have it indoors immediately to enjoy from day one, or you can keep the materials in a cool area until the buds break. Always ensure that branches have ample water and are kept out of direct sunlight. Indoor arrangements can be placed somewhere cool at night to extend their life span. Changing the water regularly will avoid any buildup of bacteria. Ensure that stems stay wet during water changes to avoid air uptake. Preservatives serve to further prolong the longevity of the branches, and these can be purchased or homemade.

So sit back, relax in the comfort of your warm home, and await the beautiful display of color, reassuring us that spring is indeed on its way.

Be Environmentally Conscious

June Miller | Conservation

Mother Nature has been teasing us with several nice warm days lately. The urge to do some serious spring garden clean-up is so tempting. However, before you grab your rake and landscaping bags, take a look at this short article from the [A Way to Garden](#) website.

Delay raking a few days, to support beneficial insects. "Wait until after several 50-degree-Fahrenheit spring days to clean up again," advised The Habitat Network (the former program from Cornell and the Nature Conservancy). Doug Tallamy agrees. Some overwintering insects, notably bees and certain butterflies and moths, are triggered by a steady stream of 50-degree days to get moving. Once they do, often after resting in leaf litter or under tree bark or even inside goldenrod galls, for example, they're no longer as vulnerable to our spring-cleaning actions that might kill them, or move them away from their host plant.



Students Partner with Our Garden Club

Claudette Nowell-Philipp

Living in a vibrant community like Arlington Heights is often all about building and maintaining partnerships. So, a bit of good news is that our Garden Club has invited local high school students to partner with us on some of our gardening projects that contribute to the natural beauty of our Arlington Heights community.

One of our members, Claudette Nowell-Philipp has planted the seed of this idea with Mark Gunther at Hersey High School. Mark is a teacher at Hersey and heads up Service Over Self volunteer initiatives. Starting this Spring, and as a pilot project, a few students will be joining us Garden Club members as we work on some of our garden related community projects. We're hopeful and confident that we can work with their busy high school schedules. These student volunteers will work alongside experienced Garden Club members to provide hands-on assistance. When the day's work is done, and throughout the growing season, we'll all get to enjoy the satisfaction of contributing to the natural beauty of our community.

Later this year, we will review this pilot and consider expanding the program to include students from other Arlington Heights high schools.

If you see a young person working on one of our projects or events, please extend a warm welcome and enthusiasm for our shared efforts in making Arlington Heights a great place to live... and plant a garden.

Looking for Volunteers

Dee Schurman & Mike Relaz | Civics

Now that we have had a few warm days I'm sure you are all anxious to get outdoors and get your hands dirty in the garden. The Civics group is looking for a few volunteers that would like to help out with volunteering to plant, water and maintain the grounds around the Arlington Heights Post Office.

No experience required. We can show you what to do. If you are interested, please email [Dee Schurman](#) or [Mike Relaz](#)

Attention Garden Lovers

Shelley Plischke | Membership

Now that we will be meeting in-person, the Membership Committee will continue with our monthly raffle.

We are always looking for interesting garden related items for our raffle. As you begin your spring cleaning, if you come across something you are not using any longer but is in good condition; a pretty pot, a garden gizmo, that sun hat you never wear, we welcome all and anything GARDEN. Please contact [Shelley](#) with questions or donations.

Gardening Knowledge

Bev Krams | Horticulture



UPCOMING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

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WILDFLOWER ID | McHenry Country Conservation District

Webinar/ \$5 non resident

3/23 @ 7-8pm

[Register](#)

ALL ABOUT HOUSEPLANTS | Melinda Myers

3/24 @ 6:30pm

[Register](#)

ASK THE EXPERTS ABOUT THE YEAR OF THE SALAD GREENS | National Garden Bureau

Webinar/[Register](#)

3/25 @12 noon

GROWING NUTRITIOUS HERBS & VEGETABLES | Melinda Myers

3/31 @ 6:30pm

Webinar/[Register](#)

PELLETED SEEDS | University of Illinois Extension, Four Seasons Gardening

3/29 1:30PM

Zoom / [Register](#)

MANAGING WATER ON YOUR PROPERTY | Melinda Myers

Webinar/[Register](#)

4/5 @ 6:30pm

FIELD TRIP to CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN | Salt Creek Park District

4/6 9:00am-4:00pm \$18NR/\$15R

Ages: 55+ years

Come with us as we visit the Chicago Botanic Garden with its world-renowned plant collections and displays; it is one of the country's most visited public gardens. The 385-acre garden features 23 display gardens and three native habitats, uniquely situated on nine islands surrounded by lakes. Lunch is on your own.

[Registration](#) deadline is April 1st. Code 204400-05

READY FOR A HIKE at the INDIANA ROAD WOODS | Friends of the Forest Preserve

4/10 11am-1pm

[Register](#)/FREE

Gardening Knowledge

Bev Krams | Horticulture



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CLIMATE CHANGE: PREPARING COOK COUNTY'S NATURAL WONDERS FOR CHANGE | FPCC

4/20 12noon-1:30pm

Zoom/[Register](#)/Free

NATURE SPEAKS: LAKE IN THE HILLS FEN | Prospect Heights Public Library

4/21 7-8:30pm [Register](#) ZOOM/in person

Dr.David Schwaegler master storyteller and photographer for the Fen

BLUMEN GARDENS SPRING ANTIQUE SHOW in Sycamore IL

4/22 and 4/23

\$5 @ door + food donation appreciated.

For details click [here](#)

VANISHING EDENS: BIODIVERSITY IN A CHANGING WORD | Citizens for Conservation

Entomologist Dr. Michael Jeffords

4/23 10-11:30am Barrington Village Hall

Live & Webinar \$10/nonmember

[Register](#)

EARTH DAY CELEBRATION | McHenry County Conservation District

Prairieview Education Center, Crystal Lake

4/23 12-4pm

For details click [here](#)

JUMPING WORMS-A NEW INVADER IN ILLINOIS - University of Illinois, Four Seasons Gardening

4/26 @ 1:30pm

ZOOM

[Register](#)

Member Profiles

Lesley Jackson | Contributing Editor



Connie Landwehr

Connie joined the Garden Club in 2019 as she wanted to enjoy spending time and socializing with Pete. She stepped in to help with the club publicity and became a Board member in 2020. She is delighted to have made new friends since joining.

Connie hails from central Indiana. She attended college in Des Moines, where she and Pete met. She became an elementary school teacher in special education, teaching various grades during her career.

Pete and Connie are proud of the fact they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last year. They have 2 sons, and 5 grandchildren – two girls and three boys. She says she is lucky they all live close by so they get to see them often.

They moved to their current house seven years ago, where Pete spends a lot of his time. She enjoys sitting in the garden admiring all the plants and watching Pete work! However, she is very busy during harvest time, as she is the chief canner/freezer, working hard to fill up their three freezers. She also notes that they cannot travel from May to October, as the garden comes first!

Connie's favorite flowers are Peace roses, Coneflowers and Black Eyed Susan.



Pete Landwehr

Pete joined the Garden Club in 2014, after completing his Master Gardener training. He was interested in sharing ideas and plants, and wanted to be part of a community of like-minded people. He was initially on the Horticulture committee, before becoming Treasurer three years ago.

Pete was born and raised in Des Moines. His name is of German origin, and aptly, means protector of the land. He joined the Air Force and was stationed in Arizona for a while, where their love of Mexican food comes from.

He then worked as an accountant for 40 years, and when he retired he wanted to spend more time in his garden. He had been growing vegetables for over 25 years, and wanted to expand his knowledge and his garden!

They did a lot of landscaping in their new garden, and he now has 8 raised vegetable beds. He also volunteers at Catholic Charities in Des Plaines, where he works 18 raised vegetable beds! The food is donated to local food pantries, and he is delighted to use the opportunity to teach people about growing their own food. The help desk at the Farmer's Market is very grateful to have his expertise each Saturday.

He has now developed a great love for house plants. He found this helped him pass the time during lock-down, and Connie says one side of their house now looks like a greenhouse!

He says his goal is to have something flowering in the garden from March to October. However, he needs to work on middle to late June as nothing much seems to happen then!

He helped to rescue the special deep red Day Lily from the Arlington Heights centennial celebrations.

Pete loves daffodils and his favorite plant is one that is free! He is proud to say that he grows lots of native plants, and his garden is certified as Conservation at Home.



Environmental News

June Miller | Conservation

Keep this event in mind as you begin to clean out your garden supplies this coming spring.

WHAT: Household Chemical Waste Event

WHEN: Saturday, March 26, 2022

WHERE: SWALCO facility 1311 N. Estes Street, Gurnee, IL 60031

****Safety is crucial during your visit. Please Stay In Your Vehicle****

APPOINTMENTS ARE REQUIRED for Household Chemical Waste Events located at our Gurnee Facility to ensure safety & efficiency. Collections are for residential waste only. No business waste will be accepted. All SWALCO HCW Collection Events are FREE for Illinois residents ONLY.

[Click here to schedule an appointment](#)

Items you can bring include: CFL bulbs, unwanted prescriptions, over-the-counter medications and supplements (people and pet), household cleaners, gasoline, garden chemicals, pesticides, oil-based paint (no Latex!) and varnishes, as well as other household chemicals.

For a more detailed list, visit SWALCO's HCW Website at: www.swalco.org



Member Benefits: Chicago Botanic Garden

The AHGC has an annual membership to the Chicago Botanic Garden (CBG) and this membership includes a parking pass and a membership card that will admit two people. If any AHGC member would like to borrow the parking pass and membership card, please contact [Pete Landwehr](#).

The CBG membership also entitles garden club members to a 10% discount on their own personal CBG membership. However, you need to renew in person or over the phone to get the discount as it cannot be done online.



Pete & Connie Landwehr, and Bev Krams at the Chicago Botanic Garden

Citizens for Conservation

June Miller | Conservation



This month, the Conservation Committee is highlighting the [Citizens for Conservation](#) (CFC) organization whom we provide a yearly donation to. The CFC is a volunteer based nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation and restoration of the natural environment that once covered northeastern Illinois. The CFC is based in Barrington, Illinois, was established in 1971, and currently works to restore and maintain over 500 acres including 12 owned preserves and 2 parcels where there is conservation easements.

Much of this agricultural land was generously donated, funded with grants, and acquired through proceeds from various CFC fundraising campaigns. Their objective is to create unbroken, linked habitat corridors in order to increase biodiversity and to strengthen ecosystems to deliver environmental benefits to the community. The linked land will support native plants, insects and amphibians, and natural migration of birds. As these ecosystems mature, their capacity expands to improve air and soil quality, help control erosion and flooding, improve both groundwater and surface water quality, reduce surface air temperatures, and expand the land's carbon storage and processing capacity—all of which serves to reduce the impact of climate change.

The CFC's mission is *Saving Living Space for Living Things* – through protection, restoration and stewardship of land, conservation of natural resources, and education.

- The CFC **protects** natural areas with an initiative to protect over 3100 acres of public land in Barrington.
- CFC **educates** the community about natural resources and good environmental practices. They offer programs and materials which focus on diverse subjects such as using native plants, attracting pollinators and butterflies, supporting birds in their landscapes, and using earth-friendly practices. Tours of the preserves and bird watching events are also provided for the public. Click [here to view](#) CFC's handout on invasive plant species
- CFC **restores** native plant communities primarily with the oak savanna, tallgrass prairie, and wetland. Restoration helps protect and perpetuate the diverse indigenous species of plants and animals that give this community their special value.

The CFC relies almost entirely on volunteers who act as stewards of the land. They meet at least once a week year-round (usually Thursdays and Saturday mornings). The workdays include native plant rescues, seed collecting and sowing, clearing and removal of non-native and large invasive plants, and conducting controlled burns.

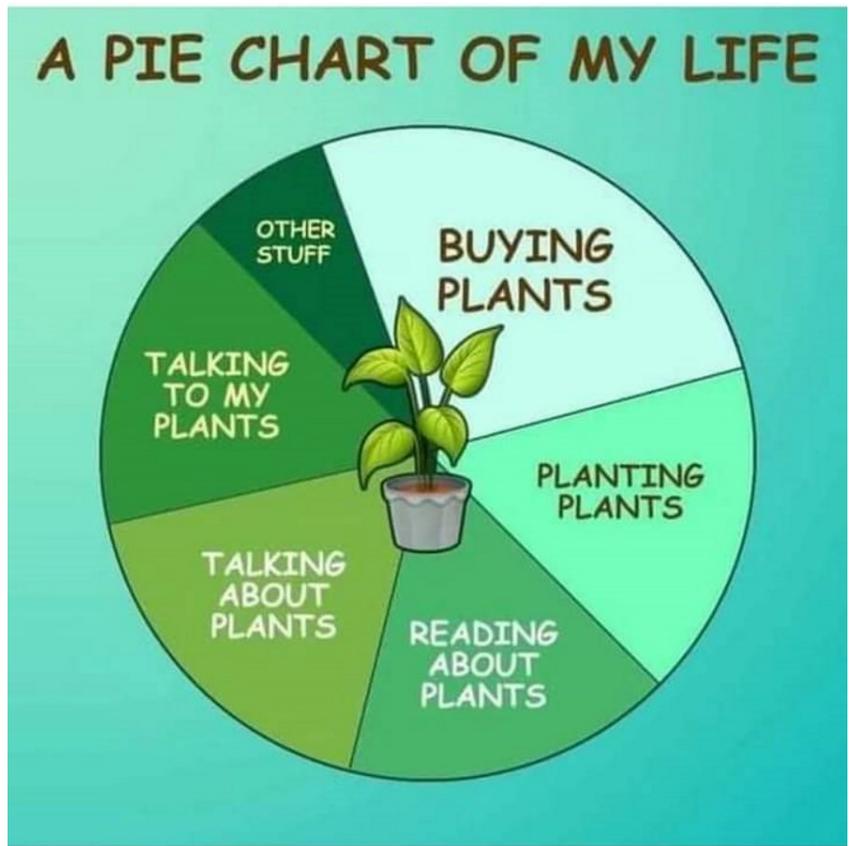
Just a reminder of the CFC's Spring [Native Plant, Shrub, and Tree Sale!](#)

Learn more about this exemplary organization through their website. The CFC [website](#) provides downloadable information on invasive plants and charts, planting and caring for woodland plants, trees and shrubs, and also information on forbs, ferns, grasses, and sedges.

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Arlington Heights Garden Club Honored for WINGS Project

The Arlington Heights Garden Club was awarded a first place certificate for its ongoing Civic project in the large club division. We were recognized for our landscaping efforts at the WINGS administration building in Rolling Meadows. This multi-year, multi-organization project, led by Pete Landwehr, involved more than 10 of our club members and also members of the Girl Scouts of America, the Arlington Heights Kiwanis Club, and a few staff members of WINGS. We were contacted about 3 years ago and asked if we could add beauty and character to the buildings landscape by planting natives near the entrance of the building, as well as by creating a butterfly garden behind their building. As part of the plan, a memorial eastern redbud was planted to honor a former employee of WINGS. Phase two of the planting project will begin in a few weeks. The club received the certificate (pictured below) as well as a monetary award which will be arriving soon.

DISTRICT IX GARDEN CLUBS OF ILLINOIS

AWARDS

Arlington Heights Garden Club

1st Place
LARGE CLUB

FOR

2021 ONGOING CIVIC PROJECT

Barbara Gilblair
Director, District IX

Awarded March 8, 2022

Treasurer's Report

Pete Landwehr | Treasurer

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS GARDEN CLUB

TREASURER'S REPORT

FEBRUARY, 2022

<u>Checking Account Balance 1/31/22</u>	<u>Stmt Date</u>	\$	6,972.72
<u>Receipts:</u>			
Denise Nowak	2/1/22	25.00	membership dues - cc
Denise Nowak	2/3/22	15.38	GW & UB - cc
Jackie Blend	2/4/22	50.00	UB vendor fee - cc
Ingrid Mitchell	2/10/22	55.00	UB vendor fee - cc
Nancy Blaz	2/10/22	50.00	UB vendor fee - cc
Marty Landwehr	2/12/22	2,000.00	2021-22 Wendy scholarship
Rabbit Hutch - Jan Balkus	2/12/22	50.00	UB vendor fee
Jim Foster - J&S Collectibles	2/12/22	100.00	UB vendor fee
Joycelyn Tobias	2/11/22	50.00	UB vendor fee - cc
Diane Marchetti	2/18/22	250.00	GW Sponsor - cc
Wintrust Bank	2/17/22	500.00	GW Sponsor
Cindy Kaiser	2/28/22	50.00	UB vendor fee - cc
less: Credit Card Fees		<u>(24.67)</u>	
Total		3,170.71	
<u>Disbursements (cleared):</u>			
	<u>Check #</u>	<u>Ck Date</u>	
Propsect High School	1483	1/11/22	100.00 donation for holiday concert
Auto Owners Insurance Co	1486	1/20/22	358.00 insurance policy
Marlena Kot	1490	1/31/22	1,936.76 2021-22 scholarship
Garden Clubs of Illinois	1491	2/7/22	100.00 1/4 page GW/Plant sale ad
Ivy Hill PTA	1492	2/19/22	150.00 School Garden Grant
Total		2,644.76	
Checking Account Balance 2/28/22		\$	<u>7,498.67</u>
Receipts to be deposited			
Total undeposited receipts		\$	-
Open invoices and checks written but not cashed			
	<u>Check #</u>	<u>Ck Date</u>	
Natalie Kot	1454	10/25/21	63.24 partial 2021 scholarship
Village of Arlington Heights	1487	1/21/22	1,000.00 discretionary donation
Alyse Burman - Wildbird Shack	1489	1/26/22	140.00 Jan presentation
Total outstanding checks and invoices		\$	1,203.24
ADJUSTED CASH POSITION 2/28/22		\$	<u>6,295.43</u>

AHGC Board Meeting Notes

Nancy Asquini Dean | Recording Secretary

AHGC Board Meeting | March 14th 7:00 PM

President - Jim Spannagel Welcome and opening of meeting. It was announced at the District IX Annual Meeting that we won the Civic Project award for our efforts at WINGS! Thank you Kathy Hendricksen for submitting this application.

Secretary -The February secretary's board minutes was approved.

Treasurer - February treasurer's report was approved. Pete stated that we have had some activity with our new credit card processing.

Artistic – No report.

Civics – Mike R. reported that the post office is in need of a good clean up after the winter.

Claudette wrote up a one page document with specifics for the proposed senior's project, which involves working with young people on public projects. She has a contact person at Hersey.

Conservation – The NCH tree planting to recognize the staff during Covid needs a date.

Earth Day at Olive School is April 19th. Plantings will be given to those stopping at our display (averages about 125 visitors). Our annual tree planting will be done this year at Greenbriar Elementary.

Garden Walk – Village Bank donated \$500 to GW. Luther Village to be asked for sponsorship as they will be on Walk. Pat D. to do mailing soon for raffle donations.

Memorial Day Parade is back! Brenda Catardi to organize and will be invited to Garden Walk meetings.

Horticulture – Ask a Gardener table to be set up at general meetings. Emma Visee suggested newsletter contain information on how to access Illinois, National Garden Club, etc. info.

Hospitality – St. Simons meetings by Joe, Val and volunteers on logistics of general meeting.

Membership – Annual trip to Derby Gardens set for Wednesday, April 20th.

Newsletter – Mona requested the board/chair be responsible for sending out group emails

Plant Sale – Bob will be holding meeting soon to begin discussions on this event.

Programs - February program had 47 attendees. March program: "Creative Screening Beyond Arborvitae" will be in-person at Saint Simon's Church.

Publicity – Lesley has facebook information to enable posting of flyers.

Scholarship - Applications for this year's scholarship are available.

Old/New Business – Blood drive moved out to July 30th.

Emma Visee has stepped up to assume position of Awards Application Chair replacing Kathy Hendricksen. Welcome.

Nominating Committee – Terms are ending and need filling for following positions: Garden Walk & Unique Boutique, Program, Secretary and newly created Vice President.

Note: Val and Bev have programs set for 2022-2023. Question whether we could partner with AHML for January 2023 meeting since it will be with an East Coast ZOOM meeting with renowned author Tovah Martin.