



# Arlington Heights garden club

*June/July/August 2019*

*Growing Together*

*Carol Elliott, Editor*

## **Summer Meetings**

**June 24th, 7pm at the Bruetts**

**July 22nd, 7pm at Shelley's**

**August 26th, 6pm Picnic at the  
Historical Society**

During the summer we hold informal meetings in the gardens of our members. We meet from about 7:00 to 8:00. Please bring a lawn chair to each of these meetings. Although we do not have a program at our summer meetings, they are a great chance to socialize, see another member's garden, and get some of your gardening questions answered.

On June 24th, we will meet in Bob and Julia Bruett's garden at 1422 W. Lynnwood Ave in Arlington Hts.

On July 22nd, we will meet in Shelley Plischke's, garden at 714 E. Mayfair Road in Arlington Hts.

Our August meeting is our picnic at the Historical Society across from the library. See more info about our picnic inside this newsletter.

If it rains on the June or July meeting date, the meeting will be cancelled. If it rains on the picnic date, the picnic will be held inside the Historical Society.

## **Greetings from Our President**

Your mother, like mine, probably taught you that two of the most important phrases are, "Thank you" and "Please." So let me first give a big "THANK YOU!" to everyone who helped make our annual plant sale a huge success. The large number and nice variety of plants looked great and well established in their pots. Thanks for doing the early potting! It was wonderful to see so many members working the sale, helping our customers, answering plant questions, and just having a good time being part of this event. However you helped, "THANKS!"

Also, if you have not signed up to work at our Garden Walk and Unique Boutique, "PLEASE" consider signing up and giving the Garden Club a few hours of your time to help with our main fund raiser of the year. As we go to press, we still need a few more individuals. Contact Renie or Shelley if you can help out.

"PLEASE" invite a friend or two to view our gardens on the Garden Walk. There are some nice surprises and many great gardening ideas along the way. "THANKS" for all you do to make our club the great group it is!

Lastly, we hope to see you at our June 24th meeting at Bob and Julia Bruett's home at 1422 W. Lynnwood Ave, Arlington Hts, IL 60004. Feel free to invite a neighbor or friend to join you for the meeting in this lovely garden. Bring your lawn chairs.

*Jim Spannagel, President*

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[www.ahgardenclub.com](http://www.ahgardenclub.com)

## June and July Hostesses

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

*June: Maryann Baker*

*July: Renie Norkiewicz*

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## Summer Picnic!!

AHGC Summer BBQ - August 26, 2019 - 6:00 PM

Before you know it will be time for the annual Garden Club Summer BBQ at the Arlington Heights Historical Museum.

At the June and July meetings a signup sheet will be available for your choice of bratwurst or hamburger, also to sign-up to bring a dish to share.

If you miss the chance to sign up at the June or July meetings you can email us at:

[jweber\\_mphotogcr@yahoo.com](mailto:jweber_mphotogcr@yahoo.com)

Please let us know no later than August 15.

Thanks,  
Joe and Marilyn Weber

## Plant Sale Results

This year we sold \$3,472 of plants and garden items. Jim pre-sold another \$365 for a total of \$3,837 gross sales (before deducting any expenses). That represents about 1,200 plants sold this year. WOW!!!

For comparison, we grossed \$2,346 last year, \$2,390 the year before and \$900 the first year. Prior to that, it was a free plant exchange among members.

A big thank you to all who worked so tirelessly in the heat and rain to make this a great success.

Pete

# VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE GARDEN WALK

The success of the Garden Walk is due to our volunteers and it's FUN. It is with your volunteer time the club can raise the proceeds to fund scholarships, conservation and programs.

Positions needed for the event:

**Ticket Sales at the Farmers Market**

Saturday, June 8th (1) 7:30AM - 10:00AM & (2) 10:30AM to 12:30PM

Saturday, June 15th (1) 7:30AM - 10:00AM & (1) 10:30AM to 12:30PM

Saturday, June 22nd (2) 7:30AM - 10:00AM & (2) 10:30AM to 12:30PM

**Garden Host Volunteer**

Sunday, June 23rd (8) 12:30PM - 4:00PM

**Raffle Table**

Sunday, June 23rd (2) 9:30AM - 12:30PM & (1) 12:30PM - 4:00PM

**Tickets/Membership Table**

Sunday, June 23rd (3) 9:30AM - 12:30PM

Sunday, June 23rd (3) 12:30PM - 3:30PM

**Floater**

Sunday, June 23rd (2) 10:00AM - 1:00PM & (4) 1:00PM - 4:00PM

**Event Take Down**

Sunday, June 23rd (5) 4:00 PM - 6:30PM

The club will provide a FREE ticket to all our volunteers as a token of our appreciation. If you have a non member friend that would like to help, they are welcome and eligible for a free ticket too.

Please email or call me with the position and time you will be available to help.

Renie Norkiewicz

Garden Walk Membership Co-chair

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# AH Garden Club Plant Sale Photos





## Arlington Lakes Butterfly Garden Planting



## AH Garden Club on Display at the Library: "Serving the Community" done by Renie and Clara. Be sure to check it out!





# Gaining Garden Knowledge June/July/August 2019

June Spring Valley Nature Center in Schaumburg...  
CHECK OUT THE PEONY DISPLAY free!  
1111 E. Schaumburg Road, Schaumburg · 847/985-2100

June 23 Sunday 10-4pm AH GARDEN WALK...come help out, see the gardens and check out the Boutique!

June 29 Saturday 9-4pm Porter Co. Indiana GARDEN WALK  
<https://www.pcgarden.info/garden-walk/ticket-locations/>  
Tickets may be purchased on day of Walk for \$10 @ Kmart Parking Lot, 2801 Calumet Avenue, Valparaiso, IN

July 13 9-4pm McHenry County Master Gardeners GARDEN WALK [www.mchenry.edu/gardenwalk](http://www.mchenry.edu/gardenwalk)

July 14 Elmhurst Garden Walk & Faire @ Wilder Park [www.elmhurstgardenclub.org](http://www.elmhurstgardenclub.org)

July 15 - "2019 Garden Clubs of Illinois Summer Meeting" - at Abbington Banquets in Glen Ellyn, Ill.

Aug. 3-4 - "District IX 2019 Flower Show" - at Chicago Botanic Garden in Glencoe, Illinois. (Setup on Aug. 2.)

## Chicago Botanical Garden

(See website for extensive list!)

[www.chicagobotanic.org/education/adulted/registration\\_methods](http://www.chicagobotanic.org/education/adulted/registration_methods)

## D214 Community Education

register online: [ce.d214.org](http://ce.d214.org)

Ask for the Gold Card Price!

June 20 Thursday 7-9pm \$45 Silk Flower  
Arranging How TO @ Forest View







## Snapdragons!

You really want snapdragon's in your garden this year? YES!!! When is the last time you had snapdragons in your garden? Maybe it was your mother's garden or your grandmothers garden. This is definitely a nostalgic plant that evokes many pleasant memories of past gardens.

Well if you want a plant that is fragrant, comes in multiple sizes, every color but blue, and attracts pollinators, well you've got a winner!!



What a choice of sizes you can find to meet any of your garden plant height requirements. Need a small annual along the garden path then choose DWARF snapdragons that averages 10-12 inches high. These are typically the most common snapdragons found in the garden centers. This is the size that is also great in container plantings. You can also find MEDIUM (16-24 inches) snapdragons and a TALL series (24-30 inches).

But don't stop looking because you can also find SNAPTASTIC. This is a new medium height plant with bushy characteristics of the dwarf but with a little more height of the tall and better branching requiring less staking. Oh, but there is also CANDY SHOWERS! Need that spiller for your container, window box or hanging basket? This variety of snapdragon is a trailer and will do the trick!

The fragrance of snapdragons is an added bonus and to maximize the effect plant them in mass. They will not only get your attention but they will bring in the pollinators! These plants are favorites of hummingbirds, butterflies and larger sized bees (Bumble). Smaller pollinators (honey bees) find the flower heads a little heavy to access. Be assured snapdragons are not a favorite of deers and rabbits.

Sound like the perfect flower? Well, full disclosure here, your snapdragons will want to stop flowering or produce only a small number of blooms in warmer weather. But, once the temperatures moderate the plants will start to flower again and take you into the fall. The good news is that they can be planted early. They tolerate 60-75 degrees during the day and 50-55 degrees at night. They are a cold hardy plant and once established and hardened off they can withstand sub-freezing temps.

Your snapdragons will perform best in full sun but they will tolerate some light afternoon shade. Deadheading spent flowers will ensure the plant keeps flowering and not set seed. Manage your watering with medium to tall snapdragons to establish their root system thereby allowing them to stand tall and not fall. Don't forget to feed your snapdragons for a beautiful bloom.

It's the year of the SNAPDRAGON!! Plant SNAPDRAGONS!!!

Bev Krams

<https://extension.illinois.edu/hortanswers/plantdetail.cfm?PlantID=4&PlantTypeID=1>  
<https://ngb.org/year-of-the-snapdragon/>

## May Meeting: Installation of Officers and Program Speaker



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### FREE Plants!

Plants looking for new homes. If anyone would like hostas and/or Chinese/Japanese lanterns, we have plenty and need to thin out the flower beds. Call Pat and Mike Dennehey 847-255-0133.

### SUMMER NEW FOR YOU TO DO

Just a reminder that I am compiling a list of members that would be interested in assisting other members with their gardens while on vacation. Please let me know if you are willing.

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