



# Arlington Heights garden club

April 2017

Growing Together

Carol Elliott, Editor

## What now? Refreshing the Tired Garden - and Gardener

Monday, May 22

Speaker: Beth Botts

Tips for figuring out how to give an established garden a new look and feel that takes less work to maintain. How changing your perspective and approach can make gardening easier and fun again!

Raised on the South Side by an organic gardener and environmentalist, Beth is an evangelist for common-sense gardening. She has written thousands of articles and blog posts, as an editor and garden writer for the Chicago Tribune and a freelance writer for magazines such as Organic Gardening, Country Gardens, Chicagoland Gardening and The American Gardener and as a senior writer at The Morton Arboretum.



## Greetings from Our President

We will be installing officers and committee chairs at our May meeting. As I wrap up being President of the Club for the last four years, I want to thank everyone for their support and cooperation. I was glad to be a part of some milestones during my term such as organizing a contest at Harper to create a logo for our club, celebrating the club's 60th Anniversary, and the reinstatement of the Garden Walk as our major fundraiser and community event. I have appreciated having dedicated volunteers to organize projects and educational programs and most importantly bring a spirit of camaraderie and love for gardening. It will be good to have new leadership with Jim Spannagel and I will have the privilege of continuing to serve on the board to trade spots with him to serve as the Conservation Chair.

Please be sure to renew your membership dues at the next meeting as we need to send GCI dues by June 1st. If you can't make the meeting, please send a check to Renie Norkiewicz with the updated information that is on the application form as she and Shelly Plischke are taking over for Donna Soens.

With the weather getting nicer, please pot up your perennials for our plant sale. Please sign up to volunteer for the many slots we need help with to work at the Farmer's Market/Plant Sale and Garden Walk. I'll see you at the meeting!

Kathy Hendricksen, President

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

**Artistic**  
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## SPECIAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

**Newsletter**  
Carol Elliott

**Scholarship and Website**  
Mike Dennehey

## May Hostesses

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

*Pat Garrity*

*Jim Spannagel*

*Aggie Prochaska*

## Volunteers Needed

Club members are needed in upcoming activities such as the Dryden Apartment/Windsor School Garden Creation on Friday 5/19 at 12:00, the Historical Society Grounds Planting on Saturday 5/20 from 9-12, or to volunteer for the House Walk on Sunday 5/21.

We are pleased to have 11 applications for our scholarship and would welcome new members to help the scholarship committee select a winning candidate. The applications will be reviewed 5/25 from 2-4 p.m. at the Arl. Hts. Library so contact Mike Dennehey at 847-255-0133 or [dennehm@wowway.com](mailto:dennehm@wowway.com) if you can participate.

## Plant Sale News

Garden Club members are reminded of the upcoming plant sale on June 10th and 17th, on the grounds of the Arlington Heights Historical Society, across the street from the Saturday morning Farmers Market. The sale will be open to the public from 8 AM until noon. As soon as the soil dries, this is the perfect time to begin potting up those extra plants. Each member is asked to donate at least 10 plants, and most of us can probably share 2-3 times that amount. If potted now, the plants will recover and look great on the dates of the sale. Please provide on a large popsicle stick, a piece of mini-blind or a piece of paper in a plastic sandwich bag, the name of the plant, and whether it grows best in sun or shade. Templates for plant information will be sent along with this newsletter.

Plants can be dropped off at the Historical Society on the morning of June 10th by 7 AM, but preferred is Thursday or Friday, June 8th or 9th any time of day or evening. If you needs pots, large or small, or someone to transport your plants to the Historical Society, contact Jim Spannagel (847-322-8207).

Please share the sale date with friends and neighbors, especially those who may be just beginning their garden. Master Gardeners will be available to answer questions.

Photos from the Wildflower Walk and last month's meeting.



## WANT A DAY TRIP IN ANY DIRECTION

### HORNBAKER GARDENS

22937 1140 N. AVE

PRINCETON, IL 61356

815-659-3285

Hornbaker Gardens, Inc is a family owned and operated nursery located 5 miles southeast of Princeton, IL. Our large collections of hostas, daylilies, trees and shrubs, grasses, aquatics annuals, and other perennials draw plant enthusiasts from not only the Midwest, but from all across the country.

### LAND OF THE GIANTS HOSTA FARM

9106 North Raven Ct

Milton, WI 53563

608-580-0190

Land of the Giants Hosta Farm is owned and operated by Jeff and Penny Miller and located in Milton, Wisconsin. They have over 2700 different varieties. With over 340,000 planted in the ground. Most of which are rare and unique hostas, not found at local nurseries but are eagerly sought after by devoted collectors and shade lovers nationwide.

### K-GARDENS

2938 72<sup>ND</sup> St SW

Byron Center, MI 49315

616-583-9069

Between Holland and Grand Rapids, Michigan

They grow and nurture a few hundred varieties of quality hostas, amazing annuals that beautify your yard, wonderful perennials to bring a touch of color, remarkable daylilies sparkling in the sun, and last, but not least magnificently cut flowers to bring a smile for someone special.

# Journey North: Tracking the Monarch Migration

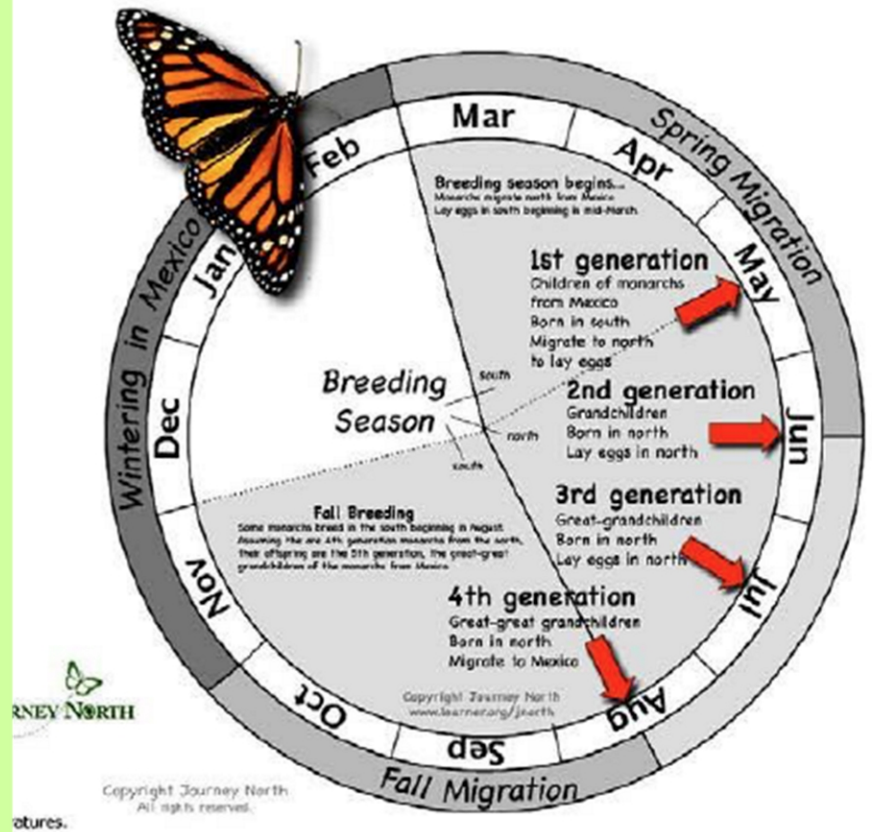
by Jessica Wright,  
Education Coordinator

The Monarch butterfly is now in the second phase of its migration back north. These amazing winged wonders start their epic migration back north in early March. As they make their way back to our gardens, they stop along the way to feed, mate, and lay eggs.

As gardeners we can help Monarchs on their journey by planting both nectar and milkweed (host) plants in our gardens. Plant host plants in full sun and in an area where you can keep an eye on them just in case you have visitors.

If you would like to see where the Monarchs are on the journey back north, you can track their voyage on the website <http://learner.org/jnorth/>. This website is a global study that asks citizen scientists to be the researchers and reporters. Monarchs are not the only migratory animal you can track on the website. You can also see the progress of hummingbirds, gray whales, and many others.

## Monarch Butterfly Annual Cycle



## Monarch Butterfly Life Cycle



Stage	# Days at 28°C (83°F)	# Days at 22°C (72°F)
Egg	3	5
Larva	9	14
Chrysalis	8	13
Total Days	20	32

About one month for one generation

Development rates are temperature dependent.  
Monarchs develop more quickly in warm temperatures and more slowly in cool temperatures.

# GROWING YOUR GARDEN KNOWLEDGE - May 2017

May 13 - Annual & Perennial Plant Sale - 9:00 - 3:00 sponsored by the Mount Prospect Park District - Friendship Park Conservatory greenhouse - 395 W Algonquin Rd., Des Plaines, Ill.

May 13 - Rolling Meadows Garden Club Plant and Craft Sale - 9-2 at William D Ahrens Building, 3200 Central Rd, Rolling Meadows, Ill.

May 13 & 20 - Palatine Garden Club Plant Sale - 8 - 1 at the farmers market, 137 W Wood St, Palatine, Ill.

May 17 - "Plant for the Pollinators" - a presentation by Sharon Yiesla about the other pollinators , insects, etc., and what types of flowers will attract them. Held at the Des Plaines Public Library at 7:00 in cooperation with the Des Plaines Garden Club. The program is free but registration is required. The library phone number is 847-827-5551.

May 20 - "Central States Dahlia Society Plant and Tuber Sale" - at Friendship Park Conservatory in Des Plaines, Ill.

May 21 - Native Plant Sale - sponsored by the Schaumburg Garden Club - 10:00 - 2:00 at Spring Valley Nature Center, 1111 E Schaumburg Rd, Schaumburg, Ill. - pre-order plants at: <https://schaumburggardenclub.org/plantsales/native-plant-sale/>

May 27 - "What Now? Refreshing the Tired Garden - and Gardener" by Beth Botts at our garden club meeting - 7:00 PM at the Arlington Heights Village Hall, 33 S. Arlington Heights Road, A.H.

Jun. 3 - "The Gardens of Arlington Heights" - by Bev Krams at 11:00 at the Historical Museum.

Jun. 3 - "Design Ideas for Edible Gardens" - 2 PM at Red's Garden Center, 3460 Dundee Road, Northbrook, Ill. Preregistration required. Call 847-272-1209 or email [reds@redsgardencenter.com](mailto:reds@redsgardencenter.com)

June 6 - "Garden Tour: Perennials" - at Cantigny Park in Wheaton, Ill.

Jun. 10 & 17 - Arlington Heights Garden Club Plant Sale at the Arl Hts Historical Museum.

Jun. 10 - "Moon Gardens" - 2 PM at Red's Garden Center, 3460 Dundee Road, Northbrook, Ill. Preregistration required. Call 847-272-1209 or email [reds@redsgardencenter.com](mailto:reds@redsgardencenter.com)

Jun. 14 - "Garden Club of Mount Prospect - Field Trip" - to Nicholas Conservatory and Gardens - in Rockford, Ill. Contact Helen Konieczka at 847-368-9343 for information.

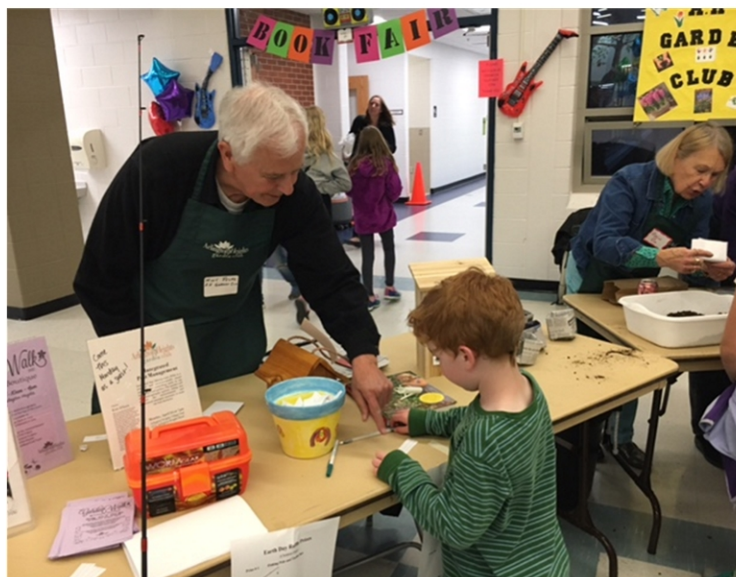
Jun. 17 & 24 - "Perennial Garden Maintenance Seminar" - 2 PM at Red's Garden Center, 3460 Dundee Road, Northbrook, Ill. Preregistration required. Call 847-272-1209 or email [reds@redsgardencenter.com](mailto:reds@redsgardencenter.com)

Jun. 21 - "Evening Garden Tour" - explore the gardens at Cantigny Park in Wheaton, Ill.

Jun. 25 - "Garden Walk" - our garden club will present five wonderful gardens for your viewing as well as our "Unique Boutique" 10:00 - 4:00 at the Arlington Heights Historical Museum.

July 8 - "Garden Walk" - presented by the McHenry County Master Gardeners starting at McHenry County College in Crystal Lake, Ill.

## Earth Day photos from activities at Olive School



### Garden Club Election Slate for the Board

The following slate was put forth by our nominating committee and are to be voted on at our April General Meeting and installed at our May meeting:

Elected on ODD years 2017-9:

ARTISTIC: Barbara Franks

CIVICS: Kathy Wolan/Mike Relaz

HORTICULTURE: Bev Krams

MEMBERSHIP: Renie Norkiewicz/Shelley Plischke

PRESIDENT: Jim Spannagal

SOCIAL: Aggie Prochaska

TREASURER: Pete Landwehr

Elected on EVEN years 2018-20:

++replacements

CONSERVATION: Kathy Hendricksen++

WAYS & MEANS: vacant

NEWSLETTER: Carol Elliott

PROGRAM: Valerie Solaski

PUBLICITY: Clara Stone++

WEBSITE: Mike Dennehey

SECRETARY: Nancy Asquini Dean++

Respectfully Submitted by: Bev Krams,  
Adrienne Martz, Carol Elliott, Renie Norkiewicz,  
Shelley Plischke

### Stamps

Be sure to check your incoming mail to see if any of the letters have commemorative stamps. Cut them off of the envelopes, leave only 1/8th inch of the envelope showing. Be careful not to damage the stamps. Bring them to the meetings and put them in the stamp basket.

Remember that the proceeds from the sale of those stamps are used to purchase wildlife habitat.

### AHGC Dues Due in May

Garden Club dues are due for the 2017/2018 Club year in May. Please use the form at the end of this newsletter to join or renew your membership for next year. Individual dues are \$25.00, and couples are \$40.00

# Arlington Heights Garden Club 2017-18 Membership Form

I would like to be a member of the Arlington Heights Garden Club. My check is enclosed:

Individual \_\_\_\_\_ \$25.00 Couple \_\_\_\_\_ \$40.00

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

In order to get involved and meet people, we recommend everyone sign up for at least one or more committees. Please check the committee(s) you would be interested in helping.

\_\_\_\_\_ Artistic \_\_\_\_\_ Civics \_\_\_\_\_ Conservation \_\_\_\_\_ Garden Walk  
\_\_\_\_\_ Horticulture \_\_\_\_\_ Membership \_\_\_\_\_ Newsletter \_\_\_\_\_ Program  
\_\_\_\_\_ Publicity \_\_\_\_\_ Scholarship \_\_\_\_\_ Social \_\_\_\_\_ Ways & Means  
\_\_\_\_\_ Website

Would you be willing to serve as a chair of a committee? Y N

If yes, which committee? \_\_\_\_\_

Comments/suggestions: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to bring treats to be served at a general meeting.

September \_\_\_\_\_ October \_\_\_\_\_ November \_\_\_\_\_ January \_\_\_\_\_

February \_\_\_\_\_ March \_\_\_\_\_ April \_\_\_\_\_ May \_\_\_\_\_

"I grant the AHGC permission to use photographs taken of me or including me at Garden Club meetings and events to be used in whole or in part for the purpose of promotion, social media and art for the sole use of the AHGC."

Please bring this form and your check made out to Arl. Hts. Garden Club to a general meeting, or mail to:

Renie Norkiewicz, Membership Co-Chair

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