



Arlington Heights garden club

February 2018

Growing Together

Carol Elliott, Editor

An Evening with Rachel Carson

Monday, February 26, 2018

7:00 pm at AH Memorial Library

Biologist and author Rachel Carson warned the world of the potentially dire environmental impact of chemical pesticides in her best-selling 1962 book, *Silent Spring*. In this brand-new living-history program, set in 1963, actress and historian Leslie Goddard portrays Carson as she discusses her childhood love for the living world, her passion for writing, and her work to awaken the world to the beauty and fragility of nature.

Leslie Goddard is an award-winning actress and scholar who has been presenting history programs for more than ten years. She holds a Ph.D. from Northwestern University and master's degree in theater. A former museum director, she is the author of two books on history and currently works full-time as an author and public speaker.

This special program will be co-hosted with the Arlington Heights Memorial Library and will be held in the Hendrickson meeting room.



Greetings from Our President

So far, February has been a very cold month, and we even set a new weather record with 9 consecutive days of snowfall. With so much "wintery weather news," it may surprise some to know that the wheels of the Garden Walk Committee are turning and we are moving full speed ahead. Under the experienced leadership of Kathy Hendricksen, this finely tuned and well-oiled machine is bringing together the pieces that will make this year's Garden Walk, a huge success. It is very enjoyable to be a part of something like the planning committee, and if you would like to help us out, please contact Kathy or myself. We have many ways you can be of service to your community and your Club.

Two of our newer members just agreed to chair our Memorial Day Parade entry for this year. Please see inside this newsletter for more information.

This is a reminder that we have a wonderful presenter this month at our regular meeting. Leslie Goddard will become Rachel Carson before our very eyes. Carson is often given credit for starting the environmental movement and raising our awareness of how our everyday actions affect the Earth around us. We hope to see a large turnout on Monday, February 26th at the Arlington Heights Memorial Library at 7 PM. Please pass the word to your friends. It promises to be an informative and enjoyable evening.

Jim Spannagel, President

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February Program at the Library!

The February 26th "Rachel Carson" program is at the Arlington Heights Library. Do Not come to the Village Hall for the February meeting.

If you did not sign up at the January meeting, please register for the program on the AHML website. This should be a great opportunity to hear about a great conservationist presented by a wonderful historian.

Arlington Heights Garden Club in the Memorial Day Parade

Two of our members just agreed to chair our Memorial Day Parade entry for this year. Our thanks go out to Brenda Catardi and Terri Passolt who are pulling ideas together to give our Garden Club a higher profile in our community.

I constantly meet people who are not aware that we even have a Garden Club in Arlington Heights. Our parade involvement will be one more way we can tell our neighbors what we are about, and at the same time publicize our annual plant sale and Garden Walk.

If you would like to help, let Brenda, Terri, or myself know, and then dust off your walking shoes. You will need them on Memorial Day, May 28th. We will need some walkers.

Jim Spannagel, President

AHGC Museum Archive Project

A special THANK YOU to the following members who helped out on this project:

Helen Dawley Margaret Grey Terri Passolt
Shelley Plischke Marilyn Webber

We were able to meet twice at the AH Historical Museum, review, organize and catalog the historical club data. The request for donation was turned into the museum in January and we just received word that the Museum accepted our 'deeded gift'. This will keep our history in one central location and give us access to it at any given time in the future.

A special thanks to Kathy Hendricksen who stored materials in her garage for a number of years and to Helen Dawley who had the foresight to keep an even larger stash of materials in her house!! Thanks to everyone!! Jim and Bev

Garbage Gardening

Garbage gardening is growing plants from your kitchen scraps. In every kitchen garbage bin there is a garden just waiting to be planted and on occasion, even bear edibles. We've all heard of soaking and rooting avocado seeds indoors. You can also grow apple and lemon trees from seed. Growing pineapple plants is easy too; pineapple tops transform into attractive plants; while yams create a long handsome vine. It's fun to grow new plants with leftover fruits and vegetables.



You'll need potting soil which generally refers to a soilless mix that its evenly moist, not wet. Containers may be any type of well-draining pot for garbage gardening with pits or plants. Try repurposing more garbage by using your egg cartons or margarine containers with drainage holes cut in the bottom.

Prior to germination, your garbage garden doesn't need light. However, once leaves begin to grow, your garbage growing plants require bright, indirect light. If your plants become spindly or are pale, more light is needed. Some seedlings require heat and some require cold to entice germination. Heat from below can be a radiator or a food warming tray. Woody plants, such as apples, pears and peaches require a cold period to shock them out of their dormant periods, which is referred to as stratification. To stratify such seeds, place your moistened seed flat in a plastic bag in the refrigerator.

Various fruits make an attractive indoor tree. Select ripe fruit and remove seeds. Wash and separate from pulp. Select full seeds. Stratify in the fridge covered with 2 times as much soil as the seed is wide. The length of time for stratification varies: apples 2-3 months, peaches, 3-4 months, apricots 3-4 weeks, pears 2-3 months, cherries 4 months and plums 3 months. Plants several seeds at once, germination isn't high.

Remember that some of your garbage gardening are experiments and may require tweaking conditions several times to attain an actual plant. Most of your garbage gardening will not yield produce, but will add a variety to you household plants.

Water suspension, as mentioned earlier with regards to the avocado pit, can also be attempted with yams, sweet and white potatoes. Look for a potato with eyes and poke several toothpicks into the spud. Place this in a glass of water where the water only touches the lower 1/3 of the potato and then leave in a darkened area until you begin to see sprouting. Move the spud into the light, remove any shoots over 2-3 inches and watch it grow. You can try this method with green onions, leeks, garlic and even lemongrass for an edible garbage garden. Or take garlic or onion bulbs that have started to sprout, plant into a small pot of potting mix or soilless container mix. Plant so the bulbs shoulders are just below the surface. Place in a sunny spot, keep the soil moderately moist. As the green shoots grow, snip a few or salads or vegetable dip.

Keep in mind many plants are hybrids so their seeds will not yield the same fruits and vegetables. You may never get anything edible out of you garbage garden, but its cheap entertainment.

Garden Knowledge Feb/Mar/Apr 2018

Feb 23/24 @ 10am CHALET 'Houseplants by Lisa Steinopph
March 9/10 @ 10am CHALET 'Winter Tree & Shrub Trimming'
March 23/24 @ 10am CHALET 'Landscape Preview 2018'

Feb 22 @ 11-1pm KNUPPERS 'Tool Sharpening' bring your tools
Feb 22 @ 11:30am KNUPPERS 'Pruning'
Feb 24 @ 10am KNUPPERS 'Pruning 101"
March 24 @ 9-3pm KNUPPERS 'Spring Flower Show'



Mar. 10 thru 25 - "Spring Flower Show" - at Olbrich Botanical Gardens in Madison, Wisconsin

March 17, Saturday @ Barrington Village Hall 10am Citizens for Conservation: Selecting Native Plants that Thrive in Wet Locations \$10

Mar. 14 thru 18 - "Chicago is in Bloom - the Chicago Flower and Garden Show" - at Navy Pier in Chicago, Ill.

Mar. 17 thru May 20 - "Simply Spring: The Butterfly Exhibit" - at Nicholas Gardens and Conservatory in Rockford, Ill.

Mar. 18 - "Spring Gardening Inspiration" - 4th Annual Gardening Event - hosted by the Darien Garden Club - registration required - www.dariengardenclub.com for information - in Darien, Ill.

Mar. 24 - "2018 Spring Garden Show" - hosted by the La Porte County, Indiana, Master Gardeners - at the Michigan City, Ind. High School

Mar. 24-25 - "Northern Illinois Gesneriad Society Show & Sale" - at Chicago Botanic Garden in Glencoe, Ill.

Mar. 24 thru July 15 - "Light Gap" - plants change and develop and light patterns change - at Olbrich Botanical Gardens in Madison, WI

April 7, Saturday GARDENFEST @ McHenry College www.mchenry.edu/gardenfest to register, great all day program!

April 14th Saturday @ Barrington Village Hall 10am Citizens for Conservation: "The Value of Ants". \$10

Apr. 29-30 - "GCI Annual Convention and State Flower Show" - at the Lisle Hilton in Lisle, Ill.

Spring Mosaic Class

To help ease out of the dreadful winter months, here's an opportunity to create some bright, cheerful mosaic pieces! Arlington Heights Garden Club members and their friends can choose to create a mosaic flower pot (6" diameter)....or you can create some new mosaic jewelry pendants, or you can make both! Our instructor, Lisa Tolbert of Mosaic Whimsies, makes these options available to us for \$40:

One (1) flower pot and one (1) mosaic pendant or

Three (3) mosaic pendants (if you don't want to make a flower pot)

This 3-4 hour class is geared toward beginners who want to learn about basic techniques, tools and materials and gain confidence and a solid foundation with new skills. This informative class covers cutting, proper adhesives, substrates, design/layout and grouting. Students will be introduced to a wide variety of materials and will complete their project during class, exploring both traditional and contemporary techniques. Students are encouraged to experiment with color and texture to begin to discover the possibilities of mosaic. All materials, supplies and use of tools are provided. Come experience the endless possibilities of this beautiful art form.

Please see the attachments for examples of the mosaic jewelry pieces that are so much fun to make! Lisa will provide a huge selection of tiny flowery shards, colored glass, as well as other silver and gold charms. **Also included in this class is the introduction to a new epoxy adhesive that Lisa has found works wonderfully when including any jewelry and beading in your mosaic work. The adhesive is also useful with other mosaics that incorporate a lot of jewelry.**

Here are the details:

Date and time: Sunday, March 18 from 1-5pm

Location: Arlington Heights Historical Museum
10 W. Fremont Street
Arlington Heights, IL 60004

Participants: 20 spaces available

Cost: \$40 per participant - please RSVP prior to Barb by March 8 to give Lisa time to order supplies.

Make checks payable to Mosaic Whimsies. You may also pay by cash to Barb by March 8.

Contact: Barb Franks, Artistic Committee
Arlington Heights Garden Club
barbarafranks908@gmail.com
Cell 847-612-8892



Help Needed

There are two ways you might help the Garden Club right now. With it being too cold outside to garden, here are two warm, indoor activities. First the Plant Sale committee is looking for someone who can type labels for the various types of plants we will be selling at our June 2nd plant sale. We have a great source of information. It would be just a matter of using this source and typing up a very brief summary describing the conditions in which various plants grow best. If you have a little time, please talk to Pete Landwehr or Jim Spannagel.

Secondly, it is that time to set up a nominating committee to nominate new committee chairpersons. This group seeks out members to serve our Club for a period of two years. By May, the job of the nominating committee is completed. Our By-Laws state that there must be three members at large on the committee and two Board Members. We have the Board Members, and now look to the membership for help in filling out the committee. If asked to help in this small way, we hope that you will consider saying yes. It also is the surest way to guarantee that you will not be asked to take on a longer term as a committee chair!!!!

AHGC Golden Girl

Our very own Kathy Wolan has recently been honored as a Golden Heart Award winner for 2018! She will receive her award surrounded by her family and many garden club friends at the annual dinner on February 17th. Kathy has been a committed member of the AHGC for seventeen years serving in many capacities including President from 2009-2011. She is currently co-chair of the Civics Committee which she admits to being her favorite area of service, "I like to be in the Garden." Her most visible contributions include an island garden at the Ar. Hts. Senior Center; and she is currently committed to and actively improving the grounds at the Ar. Hts. Post Office. Kathy acknowledges that her pet project is the garden at the Ar. Hts. Historical Museum where she has lovingly labored since 2005 and where she admits to "stepping up for the ridiculous" as she tackled an "overwhelming weed bed." With her insight, extensive knowledge, hard work, and a touch of magic it has become the beautiful garden it is today! One open to and shared by the entire community. As she is honored for her service, she wants to thank all the AHGC volunteers that have helped her accomplish her vision.

Kathy, we applaud your dedication
.....CONGRATULATIONS !!!!!

Welcome

to our newest
Garden Club
member

Sue Taflinger

We look forward to
meeting Sue!

Help Us Stuff Letters to Get Donations for the Garden Walk Raffle

On Saturday, March 3rd starting at 10:00 a.m. we will be stuffing envelopes to solicit area businesses for raffle donations, advertisements and sponsorships. It is a fun social activity and many hands make light work. Kathy will serve lunch afterwards so please RSVP to her by February 28th at (847) 514-0414 or kshend@aol.com so we will know how much food to provide. Kathy's address is 1319 N. Dunton, Arl. Hts.

Thanks,
Kathy Hendricksen & Pat Dennehey, Solicitation Co-Chairs

YOUR FEBRUARY GARDEN 'TO DO' LIST

General Garden Care

- " Order seed, bulb, and nursery catalogs to assist in planning your garden for the upcoming year.
- " Continue to check plants for signs of damage from weather or animals.
- " Use potassium or calcium based de-icing products on walkways rather than sodium-based products. Consider using sand on slippery surfaces.
- " Repair and paint garden tools and lawn furniture for spring.
- " Clear leaves from around early blooming bulbs so you can see their flowers emerging.

Trees and Shrubs

- " Mild weather might cause some buds on flowering shrubs to bloom prematurely. These buds will not rebloom in spring.
- " Continue to cut branches for forcing indoors.
- " Heavy pruning of large woody shrubs can be done this month.
- " In unseasonably warm/dry winter plants will be stressed. Water evergreens, conifers as needed.
- " If tree branches become covered with ice, just let the ice melt rather than risk breaking the branches. Gently sweep snow with a soft broom from large evergreens.

Indoor Plants

- " Houseplants might show signs of stress caused by light deprivation, overwatering, inadequate humidity and overheated indoor air. Stressed plants also are more prone to develop insect and disease problems.
- " Consider starting seeds indoors.

<http://web.extension.illinois.edu/fmpt/downloads/67798.pdf>
<https://www.chicagobotanic.org/plantinfo/checklist/february>



January Meeting

Marcy Lausanne-Raleigh gave a great presentation on growing herbs and using them in many different ways.

Thanks to her and to Val Solaski, our program chair, for a very enjoyable evening.

DUES ARE DUE!!!

AHGC has created a new membership form that we are asking all members to complete. It will allow us to update your information (address, phone, e-mail, etc.)

Please complete the form at the end of this newsletter and bring it with your check to the March meeting or mail it to the address provided on the form.

McHenry County College Gardenfest

Saturday, April 7

A full day of garden classes

See the flyer on the next page for more details, or go to www.mchenry.edu/gardenfest to register.

Gardenfest

ready, set, grow

Saturday, April 7, 2018 | 7:30 a.m.–4 p.m.
Luecht Conference Center at MCC
Building B, 8900 U.S. Highway 14, Crystal Lake
www.mchenry.edu/gardenfest

Registration and Exhibitors 7:30–8 a.m.

Welcome 8–8:15 a.m.

Keynote Speaker Mark Dwyer 8:15–9:15 a.m.
The Sensory Garden



Mark has been the Director of Horticulture at Rotary Botanical Gardens in Janesville, WI for the past 19 years. He directs the continued maintenance and improvement of this 20 acre botanical resource with a talented grounds staff and many dedicated volunteers. Mark previously worked at Fernwood Botanical Garden (Niles, MI) and as a landscape designer in Appleton, WI. Mark has degrees in landscape architecture (University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana) and urban forestry (UW-Stevens Point). Mark's true passion is obtaining, growing, observing, and photographing all types of plants. Mark also blogs daily from the gardens at www.rotarybotanicalgardens.org.

Exhibitors 9:15–10 a.m.

Session I 10–11 a.m.

- Composting for the Average Gardener—Anne Miller and Ann Huetter
- Daylilies~Rainbows of Color—Suzanne Eck
- Developing a Pollinator's Paradise—Mark Dwyer
- Cooking with Herbs—Zak Dolezal (*Limit 20 participants*)
- Rediscover Roses—Heather Moister

Session II 11:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

- Cooking with Herbs—Zak Dolezal (*Limit 20 participants*)
- Beginning Gardening—Dave Woodruff
- Feng Shui & Zen Meditation Gardens—Genna Hibbs
- Gardening in the Shade—Kim Hartmann
- Edible Alliums: Garlic, Onions, Shallots, Leeks and Chives—Jerry Gudauskas

Lunch and Exhibitors 12:15–1:15 p.m.

Session III 1:30–2:30 p.m.

- Organic Backyard Vegetables—Rich Tobiasz
- Canning 101—Lisa Faber and Amanda Olsen (*Limit 20 participants*)
- The Plight of the Honey Bee, Native Bees and Other Pollinators—Jerry Gudauskas
- Understanding Farmer Markets—Dave Woodruff
- Oak Trees 101—Bruce Spangenberg

Session IV 2:45–3:45 p.m.

- Organic Backyard Fruit—Rich Tobiasz
- Things are Looking Up—Vines: Climbers and Twiners—Kathy Uszler
- Best New Plants for 2018—Kim Hartmann
- Lawn Care Myths and Challenges—Bruce Spangenberg
- Fun and Fabulous Terrariums—Cindy Hayden

Gardenfest Registration Form

Mail this registration form or fax to (815) 479-7775 indicating your first and second choice for EACH session. The \$45 fee includes lunch. Please submit a registration form for EACH person attending. View workshop descriptions and download additional forms at www.mchenry.edu/gardenfest. No registrations will be accepted by phone.

*Indicate your first and second choice for EACH session

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3:45–4 p.m. Pick up Door Prizes/Exhibits

Required Info (to reduce duplicate records in our system)

Name _____
Address _____
City/State/Zip _____
Phone _____
Email _____
Birthdate _____ Male Female

No Registrations will be accepted before February 12, 2018

Registration Deadline: March 27, 2018 (no refunds after this date)

- ___ \$45 Registration fee (NCC S61 001)
- ___ \$25 MCC Horticulture students (NCC S61 002)

After this date, registration is only accepted the day of the conference for an additional \$5 fee (space limited)

Make checks payable to: McHenry County College

Please check: Visa MC Discover AmEx

Card # _____ Exp. Date _____
CCV# _____ (last three digits on back of card)
Cardholder's Signature _____

Mail or fax this registration form with session choices and payment to MCC Conferences, 8900 U.S. Highway 14, Crystal Lake, IL 60012
Fax #: (815) 479-7775

No phone registrations accepted—we need your session choices!

For more information call (815) 479-7570
or email conferencecenter@mchenry.edu

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Arlington Heights Garden Club
2018-19 Membership Form

New Member Membership Renewal Individual \$25.00 Couple \$40.00

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip code _____

Home Phone(s) _____ Cell Phone(s) _____

Email Address(es) _____

In an effort to better serve your gardening needs the AHGC is eager to learn your areas of interest. Please share your thoughts and ideas to help us provide programs you would enjoy. _____

In order to get involved and meet people, we recommend members sign up for at least one or more committees. Please (✓) check committee(s) of interest and a chairperson will contact you with information on how you can help.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Artistic
<i>(Plan Workshops)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Civics
<i>(Community Beautification)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation
<i>(Environmental Issues)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Garden Walk
<i>(Club's Main Fundraiser)</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Horticulture
<i>(Plant Info/Events)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership
<i>(Process Members)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter
<i>(Monthly Newsletter)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Program
<i>(Select Meeting Programs)</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity
<i>(Media Notices)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship
<i>(Students/Members)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Social
<i>(Organize Refreshments)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Ways & Means
<i>(Fundraising Projects)</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Website
<i>(Club Website)</i> | If you wish to serve as a chairperson, please indicate committee _____ | | |

I would like to bring treats to the general meeting.

Sept Oct Nov Jan Feb March April May June July

"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 Arlington Hts. Garden Club to a general meeting, or mail to:
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