



Arlington Heights garden club

Celebrating our 65th Anniversary

March 2020

Growing Together

Carol Elliott, Editor

Greetings from Our President

**Please note: the March 23
Garden Club meeting has
been CANCELLED.**

**The village has limited access to
public buildings for the time
being, and we have no place to
meet for this month. Hopefully,
we can reschedule our March
speaker for next year.**

**Also the Georgia O'Keefe program
on March 28th at the library has
been cancelled. This program was
in partnership with Arlington
Heights Memorial Library and will
be rescheduled at a later date.**

Attached to our monthly Newsletter, you will find the suggested changes to our "Arlington Heights Garden Club Bylaws". Please read them over carefully before coming to our March 23 General Meeting where we will address any concerns from the membership. Some changes are minor, such as changing the "Purpose" of our club, to its "Mission". Another small suggestion is to change "Social Committee" to "Hospitality Committee" to better reflect what this committee actually does for us. We also needed to update the fact that we now meet (and have for many years) on the "fourth Monday" of each month and not the "third Monday" of each month. (Bet you didn't know we weren't meeting on the correct dates for the past c. 6-7 years!!)

Probably the major changes made show the current reality of our club. For example, the Board decided to drop the "Ways and Means Committee" from our list of "Special Committees", and replace it with "The Garden Walk/Unique Boutique Committee" on our Standing Committee list. Also, the plant sale has become a major fund raiser for us and we have added "Plant Sale Committee" to our list of Standing Committees. The Scholarship Committee has also been moved from the "Special Committee" list, to be a "Standing Committee" to reflect the wonderful scholarships we now offer.

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www.ahgardenclub.com

Dues are due by May 1st

We will begin to collect dues at the April general meeting. It is important to have your dues paid by May 1st given that we need to register with the Garden Clubs of Illinois in May.

For your convenience the Membership Form is provided at the end of this newsletter, or you can pick up a form at the April meeting. The form with payment can be mailed to: Renie Norkiewicz, 110 N Kaspar Avenue, Arlington Heights, IL 60005

Renie Norkiewicz & Shelley Plischke, Membership Co-chairs

Greetings from Our President

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A "Special Committee" does not have a vote on our Board of Directors and is designed for occasional use on an as needed basis, such as the "Bylaws Committee". A "Standing Committee" is an ongoing committee with responsibilities over many months and it also is of such importance that it's Chair has a vote on the Board of Directors. Suggested changes are viewed in red. Please be prepared to discuss and vote on the proposals. Two thirds of the members present at the March meeting must approve the guidelines that we will be following for the near future.

Jim Spannagel, President

Plant Sale on 6/6/20

We will be holding our annual plant sale fund raiser at the Arlington Heights Historical Society on Saturday, June 6, 2020. Each year about this time, garden club members and friends that have perennials needing division or have extra plants to share dig and pot them up. You can tell if perennials need dividing if they bloom less than normal or have a hollow center. It is important to pot them 4-6 weeks beforehand so the plants get settled and recover before the sale date.

If you need pots, contact Pete Landwehr or Jim Spannagel. If you need help digging, contact Pete Landwehr or Bob Bruett. Also, please let Pete or Bob know the quantity and description of the plants ahead of time so we can generate labels for them. So pot them up as soon as you can find them.

Garden Walk and Unique Boutique Update

The Garden Walk & Unique Boutique planning committee has been busy planning this year's event which will be Sunday, June 28th from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. We had one of our 4 residential gardens recently drop out, so we are down to 3 residential gardens and The Moorings. If any of you know of a garden or are willing to open up your garden to our walk, please contact Pete Landwehr (pct19061@gmail.com) or Jim Spannagel (spannagel66@hotmail.com) as we really need 1-2 more residential gardens to make the Garden Walk complete.

A big thank you to Nancy Asquini-Dean, Debbie Borales, Dale Craig, Diane Culhane, Helen Dawley, Pat Dennehey, Josephine Perez, and Marilyn Weber who came to my house to stuff 385 letters to solicit donations for our raffle. We got the job done in about 90 minutes and then had fun enjoying lunch and great conversation. If you have any personal connections with businesses to help us secure donations, please let Pat Dennehey or me know. If any of you have sporting event tickets or other subscription tickets that would happen after June 28th, please let us know as that would make a popular prize. Pat has received several baskets and new or like new items to put as fillers, so please continue to bring those to her at our general meetings or you can make arrangements to drop them off at her house.

We have 13 vendors signed up so far for our Unique Boutique and hope to get several more in the next month before our deadline. If you are aware of a crafter that might have an interest in having a booth at our Unique Boutique, please let Barb Franks know (barbarafranks908@gmail.com), or you can direct them to our web site of ahgardenclub.com to access the vendor application.

Clara Stone is going to be assisted by Leslie Meredith to publicize the Garden Walk & Unique Boutique, so watch for an upcoming ad in Garden Glories as well as other postings and an ad in the Daily Herald as the event gets closer. Attached with your newsletter is an electronic flier that lists both our plant sale and garden walk that you could pass on to friends and neighbors. We will have hard copies to hand out at upcoming meetings.

We appreciate everyone's participation to make our largest fundraiser a success, so please be on the look out for the volunteer sign up sheet that Renie and Shelley will be passing around at the next few meetings to help out with the various aspects of this event leading up to it and the day of. Please let me know if you have any questions or suggestions.

Kathy Hendricksen, Garden Walk & Unique Boutique Chair
kshend@aol.com
(847) 514-0414

Eggshell Gardening

Give those egg shells and empty egg cartons a second chance to bring life into your garden. Use them for starting your garden seeds! Fill the individual sections of the egg cartons or the cleaned eggshells with a sterile well-drained potting or seed starting mix. Plant the seeds, moisten the soil and put the containers in a warm sunny location or under grow lights. Watch them grow!

When you are ready to transplant or plant, separate the paper egg carton cups and slice through the sides and bottom just before planting them into larger containers or into your garden. Crack the eggshells just prior to transplanting seedlings making it easier for the roots to expand into the surrounding soil.

Plant the seedlings in the garden when the weather is right for the plants you have grown and after the transplants have been hardened off. Using these biodegradable containers reduces transplant shock. Paper carton and eggshells will disintegrate adding organic matter and nutrients to the soil.

In addition many fast food containers provide a tray for starting seeds and a clear plastic top that can be used to create a mini greenhouse. Just vent the covering if condensation forms or as the seedlings begin to grow. Give it a try and enjoy the wonder of growing seeds!!!



January and February Presenters



YOUR Earliest Spring Chores

Hours of spring cleanup can take a toll on muscles and bones not used to gardening. Don't get overwhelmed. START your CLEANUP near the house and work out from there. It's GREAT to see PROGRESS up-close where you probably spend most of your time. What to start with to do the LEAST AMOUNT OF DAMAGE!

1. Rake heavy debris carefully off beds that hold earliest bloomers first, which would be your tiny bulbs that are trying to push up through piles of leaves or where your ephemerals are growing. (Don't rush! Nature may FOOL YOU and dump another load of snow on the ground! We can probably count on it!)



2. DELAY RAKING/CLEAN UP a week or two, to support beneficial insects. The Nature Conservancy suggests waiting until after several 50-degree-Fahrenheit spring days to clean up again. Doug Tallamy of the University of Delaware states some overwintering insects, notably bees and certain butterflies and moths, are triggered by a steady stream of 50-degree days to get moving. They rest in leaf litter or under tree bark or even inside goldenrod galls. You may be moving them away from their host plant.

3. Target earliest bloomers like Euphorbia for immediate cutbacks. Nudge them with a severe end-of-winter haircut. Late bloomers such as Sedums will be easier to clean up now than once they start to push through the soil.

4. Cut back evergreen or otherwise-persistent perennial foliage. Leaves of European ginger, Helleborus and Epimedium will soon be replaced with a fresh flush of foliage.

5. Cut down ornamental grasses. Off with their heads (the grasses', that is), right by the base, ASAP.

6. Empty bird boxes. Time to CLEAN HOUSE. Bluebirds won't accept a dirty box. Wear gloves when you do this task.

7. Consider ordering bulk mulch from a local source for delivery-skipping all those plastic bags, and all that fuel used for trucking bark chips across America. Keep your footprint small!

Bev Krams Master Gardener North Cook County
<https://awaytogarden.com>

NEW FOR YOU TO DO PART II

The trip to DERBYLINE GARDENS in Genoa was such a success last year that we have planned to do it again on Wednesday April 22.

If you have been busy planning your gardens and containers this is for you!!! So plan to spend a wonderful morning wandering the greenhouses filled with the most beautiful annuals of highest quality and great prices too, then join us for lunch if time permits.

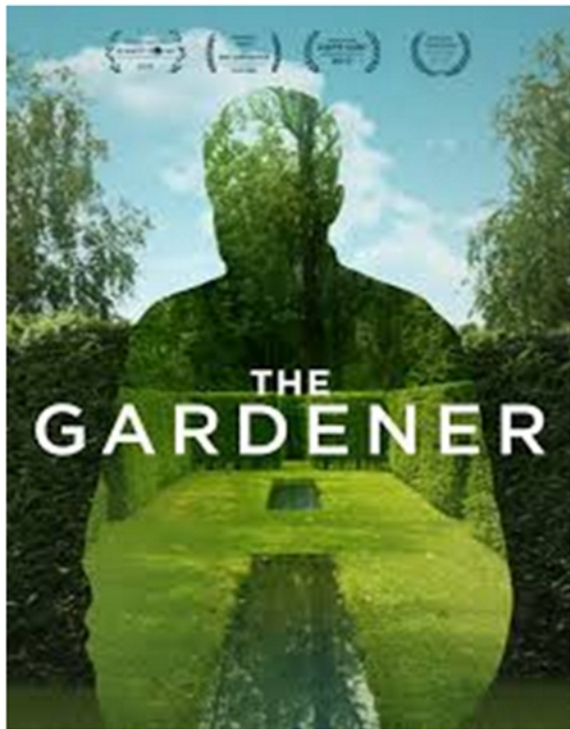
We will meet at 714 E Mayfair Rd. at 9:00am and caravan to Derbyline Gardens. RSVP at tplischke@comcast.net or call 847-204-4929 so we don't leave without you.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! ENJOY YOUR SPECIAL DAY!

Claudia Coffey
Mary Jo Gotham
Mary Jo Pedersen
David Von Bergen

Dale Craig
Pam McVoy
Shelley Plischke
Martha Wicker



Take a visual tour of a fabulous 20 acre English style garden and summer estate of Frank Cabot which took him over 75 years to create. Let him take you through Les Quatre Vents (The Four Winds) which is nestled in the rolling hills of the Charlevoix County in Quebec and only opened to the public four Saturdays a year. Come exercise your emotions in the Garden Theatre and see the beauty of his creation. Sponsored by the AHGC/AHML. Thursday April 16th 7-8:30pm @ the AHMLibrary
Contingent on library opening

24th Annual

 Citizens
for
Conservation

Native Plant, Shrub & Tree Sale

Saturday & Sunday, May 2 & 3, 9am-3pm
Pre-order pickup and "Members Only" sale - Friday, May 1, 11am-6pm
Place your advance order online between March 1 & April 13

CitizensForConservation.org

For additional information call 847-382-SAVE (7283)

NATIVE PERENNIALS * GRASSES * SEDGES * FERNS
BUTTERFLY & RAIN GARDENS
NATIVE WILDFLOWERS, SHRUBS & TREES
FOR WOODLANDS, PRAIRIES & WETLANDS

459 West IL Rt. 22, Barrington • In the barn area east of Good Shepherd Hospital

Bring a wagon for your plants!



Saving Living Space for Living Things



AHGC Gaining Garden Knowledge March/April 2020

PLEASE check to see if these venues are still being held
with COVID19 restrictions

Chalet Nursery Register on Line <https://chaletnursery.com/pages/events>
March 21 Saturday 10am AND
March 22 Sunday 1pm Garden Essential Must Haves (Gear & Tools)

District 214 Community Education ce.d214.org for registration
March 19 Thursday 6-7pm Seed Starting@Forest View FREE
April 23 Thursday 5-6pm Planting Your Garden@ Forest View FREE

Friendship Park Conservatory: 847-298-3500
395 W. Algonquin Road, Des Plaines mppd.org for registration
March 17 Tuesday 12-4pm Farm on Ogden Trip \$35/40 Code 38847
March 19 Thursday 7-8:30pm Succulent Bouquet \$40/45 Code 38839
April 2 Thursday 7-8:30pm Salad bowl Favorites \$30/35 Code 38852
April 8 Wednesday 6:30-8:30pm Spring into Gardening \$25/30 Code 38851
April 14 Tuesday 10-11:30am and 7-8:30pm Cool Season Planting Fun \$35/40 Code 38848/9
April 25 Saturday 10:30-12N Herb Trough \$40-45 Code 38725
April 27 Monday 7-8:30pm Herb Trough \$40-45 Code 38726

Chicago Botanic Garden 1000 Lake Cook Rd, Glencoe, IL Continuing Education Opportunities
<https://www.chicagobotanic.org/education/adulted>
Mar. 21-22 - "Northern Illinois Gesneriad Society Show & Sale"
April 25-26 Midwest Daffodil Society Show

HARPER College NATURE CLASSES CE.HARPERCOLLEGE.EDU
April 4-10-12N MONARCH BUTTERFLY REARING WORKSHOP @ Spring Valley Nature Center \$79
April 25-1-2:30pm GARDEN BENCH WORKSHOP @ Spring Valley Nature Center \$99
May 16-10-12N ILLINOIS HEIRLOOM GARDENING @ Spring Valley Nature Center \$84

Morton Arboretum 4100 Illinois Rt 53, Lisle IL Continuing Education Opportunities
<http://www.mortonarb.org/learn-experience/adult-programs>
April 29 Wednesday 7-8:30pm Coping with Climate Change: How Plants and People Respond to Our Rapidly Changing World \$20/25

AND THERE'S MORE!!!

March 17-7:30-9pm Preserving Protecting and Promoting
the Monarch Butterfly@ the Mt. Prospect Library

March 21 Saturday Michigan City High School "Spring Garden
Show by the Master Gardeners" \$10 lpmastergardener.com



March 22 Sunday 2-3:30pm "The Invention of Nature: Alexander von Humboldt's New World"
Meet the author @ Fernwood in Niles MI register.

March 22 Sunday 2-4pm CFC Citizens for Conservation Tower Lakes Stormwater
Management Success with Andy Hay Project Manager Barrington Village Hall \$10
nonmembers
<https://citizensforconservation.org/education/community-education/>

March 31-7:30-9pm **The Joys of Backyard Bird Feeding**@ the Mt.Prospect Library

Apr. 4- 7:30-4pm "**Gardenfest 2020**" - hosted by the McHenry County Master Gardeners - at
McHenry County College in Crystal Lake, Ill.
www.mchenry.edu/gardenfest

April 4 Saturday 10-12N **Natural Lawn Care** Sagawau Environmental Learning Center
Registration <https://go.illinois.edu/NaturalLawnCare>

April 11 Saturday 10-12N **Natural Lawn Care** Crabtree Nature Center Registration
<https://go.illinois.edu/NaturalLawnCare>

April 16 Saturday 10-12N **Natural Lawn Care** Trailside Museum of Natural History Registration
<https://go.illinois.edu/NaturalLawnCare>

April 18-9:30-11:30am CFC Citizens for Conservation **Living with Beavers** with Chris Anchor
Barrington Village Hall \$10 nonmembers
<https://citizensforconservation.org/education/community-education/>

April 18 Saturday 11am **Vegetable Gardening** @ Countryside Nursery FREE

April 26-April 27 **Climate Change: GCI 93rd Annual Convention**@ Doubletree in Lisle IL, Topic
See your Garden Glories or <https://www.gardenclubsofillinois.org/event-information>

Now thru MAY: **Birds of the Fox River Valley** photographed by Ira A. Marcus.The collection
includes 30 framed photos. Each photo represents a special moment with the bird, but when
viewed all together as a collection, the beauty and strength of these majestic creatures shines
through. A must see for any bird lover! ELGIN HISTORY MUSEUM



OPENING OF THE GREENHOUSE!! 10-2pm Saturday March 21 Come See all the Vendors!!
Don't forget to support one of our biggest Garden Walk Sponsors!!!

2020 – 2021 AHGC MEMBERSHIP FORM

RENEWAL DUE DATE MAY 1st

Membership Renewal Individual \$25.00 Couple \$40.00
New Member - June thru May \$25.00 New Member - January thru May \$12.50

Name(s) _____ Birthday Month _____

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.

<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"/> Plant Sale <i>(Annual Plant Sale)</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

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Please bring this form and your check made out to Arlington Hts. Garden Club to a general meeting, or mail to:
Renie Norkiewicz, Membership Co-Chair

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