



April 2021

Greetings from our President

These are certainly strange times, and unusual times call for unusual responses to challenges. In a few weeks we will be voting for a slate of candidates for the upcoming two years. However, at this writing, our nominating committee, as hard as they have tried, have not been able to fill a complete slate of candidates to slot all the positions and chairmanships that need to be filled for the odd number cycle of 2021. Bob Bruett and his committee of four other members, have found willing volunteers for all positions except for **Civics Chair** and **President**. According to our by-laws, in order to run for President, a member must have served on the Board of Directors for one year. Currently there are no takers, so now we must get creative and after much discussion at the last Board meeting, it was agreed that we need to look outside the Board for someone (or possibly two members serving as co-presidents), who would be willing to step forward and say “yes” to the presidency.

As current president, if necessary, I would be willing to stay on for up to a year, and mentor someone to transition to the position of president of the Garden Club. Names are being suggested to the nominating committee and they will be contacting members to ask them to consider accepting the opportunity to serve the club as president. Please consider seriously this opportunity in an unusual situation, and remember what someone named anonymous once said, “Most of the important work in this world is done by people who are too busy, too tired, too sick, too committed already, to do it.”

Jim Spannagel

April 26 @ 7 PM
Zoom General Meeting

Rain Gardens and Rain Barrels

See page 2 for more information on this meeting and program presentation.

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April Educational Program

April 26th @ 7 PM

Val Solaski, Programs

Rain Gardens and Rain Barrels

Presented by Meredith Schnelle

Meredith Schnelle earned her BFA from the University of Wisconsin. She is a Master Gardener, Nature Photographer, Webmaster and Citizen Scientist for Plants of Concern at the Chicago Botanic Garden. She has participated in the Antioch Garden Club as President, Vice President, Newsletter Editor, Webmaster and Photographer.



Rain barrels and rain gardens are an effective device to enhance a sustainable landscape. Rain gardens reduce erosion, filter storm water and are easy to install in a home landscape. Rain barrels harvest water for later use while moderating runoff. Find out how to plan and install a rain garden using specifically adapted native plants to harness your water runoff while supporting wildlife and adding beauty to your property.

All members and guests are required to register through the Arlington Heights Public Library to attend this meeting. If you have not yet registered for this program, [Click here](#) to register.



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April Gardening

Bev Krams, Horticulture

Arlington Heights Spring Bag/Bundle Collection

Landscape waste collection resumes on Thursday, April 1st. On the third landscape waste collection day in April, Groot will collect from each household, five unstickered landscape waste bags or bundles. For more details visit the [AH Village website](#).

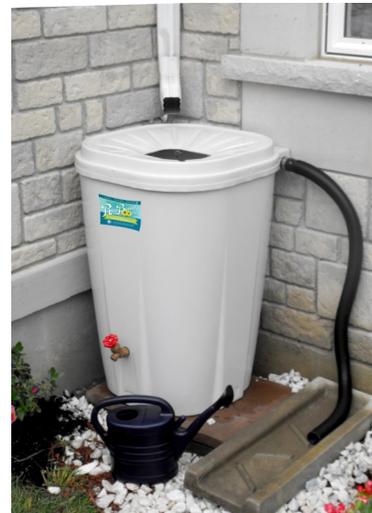


For more information on the Wild Ones Spring 2021 Native Plant Sale visit [the Wild Ones website](#).

Rain Barrels

Rain barrels capture rainwater from your roof for later use. They can help minimize sewer overflows and flooding. Order yours from the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago for only \$46.

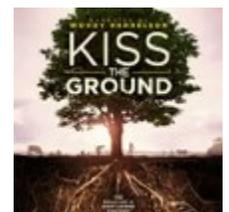
Click [here](#) for more information.



Movie Review - *Kiss the Ground*

Bev Krams, Horticulture

[KISS THE GROUND](#) is a documentary narrated by Woody Harrelson that sheds light on an 'new, old approach' to farming called 'regenerative agriculture' that has the potential to balance our climate, replenish our vast water supplies, and feed the WORLD! You can find this documentary on [Netflix](#)



Gardening Knowledge

Bev Krams, Horticulture

UPCOMING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Tour the Nature Preserve with Commissioners

When: Wednesday, April 21st @ 5 to 6:30 pm

Where: The Nature Preserve at the Morava Center located at 110 West Camp McDonald Road in Prospect Heights

Parking is in the lot by the tennis courts behind the Morava Center. After parking proceed west on the gravel road to the bleachers area just behind the baseball field. We will meet there at 5:00 and start the tour.

Success with Rhododendrons & Azaleas

Chalet Nursery

When: Friday April 23 @ noon

Where: Free Virtual Program

Learn the planting techniques, the fertilizers to use, and the special “tricks” to enjoy these plants in your garden.

To register for this session [click here](#)

Schaumburg Community Garden Club Native Plant Sale

When: Now through April 30th. Preorders online. Pick-up only. No tent sale

Where: 1111 E. Schaumburg Rd. Schaumburg, IL 60193

For more information [click here](#)

The Language of Flowers Virtual Symposium

When: Friday, April 30, 2021, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Where: Free Virtual Program celebrating the language of flowers

Flowers were the emoji’s of Victorian Times. See how this sentiment led to a bounty of books, prose and poetry.

To register for this symposium [click here](#)

Walk in the Woods

Sponsored by Wintrust Bank. Call Norma Ahlstrand @ 847-483-6013 to REGISTER

When: Friday, April 30 @ 10am (Free)

Where: River Trail Nature Center | 3120 MILWAUKEE AVE. | NORTHBROOK, IL

Spring is the best time to get outside and enjoy fresh air while exploring the wild and diverse native flowers in our area. Join us as we wander through the forested trails in search of native wildflowers in bloom. Walk as little as a half mile or be adventurous and walk another half mile or more. The trails are unpaved, so be sure to wear your closed-toe walking shoes. Discover what else is on-site after our walk is over with free time to explore on your own. Bring your water bottle and enjoy a day in the woods with friends.

Water fowl, flowers and wildlife

When: Tuesday May 4 @ 10am (Free)

Where: Wood Dale Grove 895 S. Wood Dale Rd. Wood Dale, IL

A half mile walk on a limestone trail encircling the lake searching for waterfowl and wildlife.

Go Green Wilmette 2021 Native Plant Sale

When: Saturday May 8th, 2021 9:00 – 11:00 am

Where: Pick-up Location Gillson Park Beach Parking Lot, Wilmette, IL

Visit [website](#) for details

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Gardening Knowledge

Bev Krams, Horticulture

UPCOMING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Tri-Village Garden Club Annual Plant Sale

When: Saturday, May 8 from 9am-1:00pm

Where: The Bartlett Log Cabin located in Bartlett Park, 211 N. Easter Avenue

This is the day before Mother's Day and there will be a large selection of annuals and perennials that attract hummingbirds and other pollinators. A perfect gift for mom! For additional information email [Melody Eback](mailto:MelodyEback), or call (847) 767-3344

Lombard Historical Society Lilacia Park

When: Tuesday May 11 from 8-4pm

Explore the park and the fragrance of the lilacs dating back to the 1900's.

Lunch is included. Depart 8am in Buffalo Grove

Member \$75/Nonmember \$85

Be sure to check the Chicago Living Corridors [website](#) for complete list of NATIVE PLANT SALES

The Land Conservancy of McHenry County Spring Sustainability Sale

Trees, shrubs, plants, herbs, vegetables, rain barrels, and composters.

When: Order ahead. Pickup May 14 and 15, time to be determined

Where: 4622 Dean St., Woodstock, IL 60098

For more information [click here](#) or call 815-337-9502

The University of Illinois Extension Master Gardeners of Lake County Annual Plant Sale

When: Saturday, May 15, 2021 @ 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Where: University of Illinois Extension, 100 S. Highway 45, Grayslake, IL 60030

Plants available include perennials shared from the Master Gardener's gardens, natives, herbs and vegetable plant seedlings.

Used garden-related items will be available for sale in our "Garden Treasures" area.

Payments accepted in cash and check only.

For more information [click here](#) or phone 847-223-8627

Lake Forest Open Lands Go Native! Plant Sale

When: Pre-order now through May 18th. Available for pickup on May 22nd from 8-1:00

Where: Mellody Farm Nature Preserve at 350 North Waukegan Road, Lake Forest, IL 60045

For more information [click here](#)

Stroll with the Birds

When: Wednesday May 26 @10am

Where: Crabtree Nature Center | 3 Stover Rd. in Barrington, IL

Stroll the 1.5 mile trail identifying birds in the area and enjoy the woodlands, wetlands and prairies. Free



Member Profile: Meet Denise Nowak

We would like to welcome a new member to the Arlington Heights Garden Club, Denise Nowak.

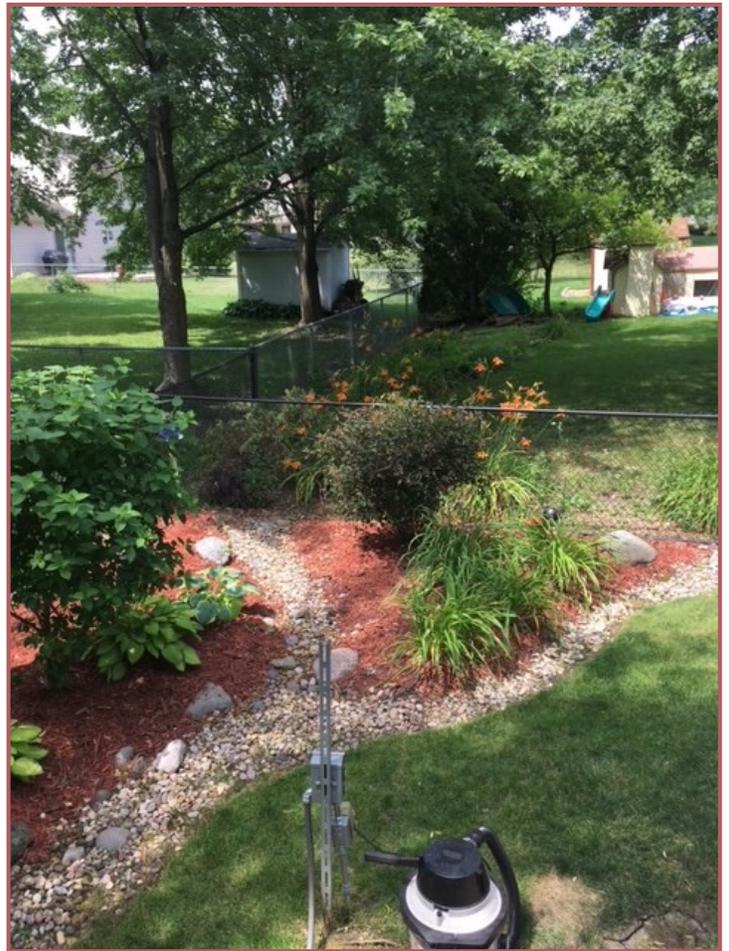
Denise joined the AHGC a little over a month ago. She was introduced to our garden club through her friend, Barb Franks. Denise and Barb share several hobbies including gardening, golfing, photography and networking. Denise grew up in Melrose Park and Wheaton, and for the past 25 years has lived in Carol Stream with her husband, two sons and two Australian Shepherds. Denise was born to garden. Her family owned a flower boutique and her mother-in-law has been her gardening mentor and taught Denise about gardening over the years. Denise has always loved flowers.

After a 30 year career in computer/software sales, several years ago Denise launched a corporate wellness and personal training business with several partners.

When you meet Denise be sure to ask her about her "river of rocks" landscaping solution to handle flooding.

Since joining the AHGC (only one month ago) she has hit the ground running becoming our new webmaster, skillfully updating, maintaining and improving our club website. Denise said she looks forward to meeting all the members of the club at future events/meetings.

Welcome Denise. We are grateful to have you as a member of our club and our webmaster. Your high-energy, passion for gardening, and technical skills are a wonderful addition to the Arlington Heights Garden Club!



Signs of a Serious Gardener

- You can remember the date to plant the potatoes better than you can remember your own birthday.
- You suffer from zone envy. No matter what winter hardiness zone you live in, you wished you could grow plants in the next warmest zone.
- You're running out of places to garden, but under your fingernails looks promising.
- You don't hesitate to book an extra moving van just to move your plants.



Plant Sale — June 5th 2021

Bob Bruett, Plant Sale Chair

AHGC Annual Plant Sale, June 5th @ 7:30am-12:30pm

We will be holding our annual plant sale at the Arlington Heights Historical Museum on June 5, 2021 from 7:30 AM to 12:30 PM. The plant sale will be held either on Fremont Street in front of the museum on the parkway lawn or in the Museum court yard.

- We are asking for our members to donate any of their plants for the sale. If you dig up plants for the sale, be sure to get a list of plants and quantities to Bob Bruett so that he can print labels for each pot.
- If you need help in digging plants or need pots, please contact Pete, Jim or Bob Bruett but please dig in the next few weeks.
- Please water the plants well on the Thursday before the sale to ensure they are in good shape, keeping the outside of the pots dry so we can affix labels on Friday or Saturday.
- We also take donations of other garden items like books, nice pots, trellises etc.
- You can bring your plants and other items either Friday from 3 – 6 PM (preferred) or Saturday morning from 6- 8 AM.
- We need to borrow wagons, boxes etc. for customers to transport their purchases to their cars.
- Renie will be coordinating the sign-up for volunteers to work for the plant sale Thursday and Friday.
- Farmers Market rules will need to be followed which will probably include masks, more to follow.
- As we get closer to the plant sale, the Farmers market and museum COVID rules should be finalized and we'll send them out.

Contact s:

Bob Bruett (847)-702-3124 or [email](#)

Pete Landwehr (847)-638-9061 or [email](#)

Jim Spannagel (847) 670-8207 or [email](#)

All Star Award

Arlington Heights Garden Club is "All Star" Winner

Jim Spannagel, President

During the March 9, 2021, District IX annual meeting, our Arlington Heights Garden Club was recognized as the "All Star" winner in the large club division (over 60 members) of District IX Garden Clubs of Illinois. We received a beautiful certificate (shown below) and a \$50 check which helps our treasury at this time. The "All Star" award is much like being named "Club of the Year." It is based on what a club has done, how many civic projects like caring for the Historical Museum grounds, conducting a plant sale, how many scholarships given, holding virtual zoom meetings, activities to encourage gardening in the community, and dozens of other criteria. One thing which helped us a great deal was being a co-host to the 2020, Annual Business Meeting and Luncheon. A special thanks go to all those who helped with this particular event, and all the other countless things you do to make our club the excellent organization it is. It is like receiving an Oscar!! And in behalf of the Club, I would like to thank each of you!!!



Richardson Farm Tulip Festival in Spring Grove, IL



Tulips -- five acres, 300,000 bulbs, 30 different varieties. As you know being a gardener, everything depends on Mother Nature and the weather determines when the tulips bloom. Richardson Farms expect their tulips will be in full bloom or nearly full bloom from mid-April through mid-May. Check their [Facebook page](#) regularly for up-to-date information.

For more information on the tulip festival, visit their [website](#).

Board of Directors

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What to Plant Now By Your Grow Zone

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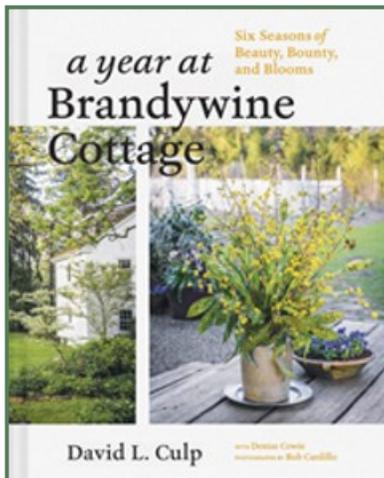
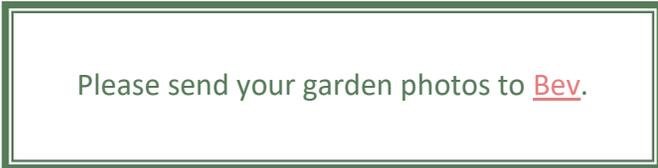
Derby Line Greenhouse Trip Reminder

Shelley Plischke

Wednesday April 21st is our trip to Derby Line Greenhouse. If you would like to join us in a caravan we will meet at my house (714 E. Mayfair Rd.) and will leave Arlington Heights at 9:00am.

If you prefer to drive alone, simply set your GPS to :
*16061 Derby Line Rd.
Genoa, IL 60135*

If you have any questions please contact [Shelley Plischke](#)



Book Review: A Year at Brandywine Cottage

Bev Krams, Horticulture

A Year at Brandywine Cottage is organized seasonally and the author, David Culp, provides you with advice on flower gardening, growing herbs and vegetables, cooking seasonally and flower arrangements for the appropriate time of year. Culp also provides advice on what to do in your garden each month and most importantly what to plant for year round beauty!

The book actually takes you month by month through Culp's garden which is in Chester County Pennsylvania. He is an avid gardener sharing his stories and tips on how to care for his favorite plants through each month of the year. He is an environmentalist talking about climate change, what to feed the birds and how to bribe the groundhogs with peanut butter to keep them from eating his beloved plants. In addition, take a look at the family recipes that are shared using the fruits of his garden: gooseberries, dandelions and watercress, organized by season.

This book is a delight to read, filled with great photo's, mouthwatering recipes and for us gardeners there are boundless tips, ideas and suggestions for making gardening easier. This book is a calendar of advice which you can live and grow though all four seasons being mentored by Culp. Now go out and make a garden!!

This book is available at the Arlington Heights Memorial Library.

AHGC Board Meeting Notes

Nancy Asquini Dean, Recording Secretary

AHGC Board Meeting | April ,12 2021 7:00 PM

President, Jim Spannagel - At the District IX annual meeting March 9th we received the “All Star Award” for large clubs (60+ members) Certificate issued will be posted on our website. We were one of 26 clubs represented from District IX. Brenda Catardi won a \$25 gift card.

Requested dates to serve as greeters and have a table for our club set up at the Farmer’s Market prior to our plant sale should be issued soon. We will need volunteers.

Civics – Saturday, May 15th 10 AM is the day the AH Park District set to expand the Lake Arlington butterfly garden we planted in 2019. There are 288 3” plugs to plant and 11 club members have volunteered. Contact Kathy Wolan or Jim Spannagel if you’re interested in helping. Kathy W. and Mike R. cleaned up east side of Post Office grounds.

Conservation – Jim reported to GCI that our members planted 16 new native trees between spring 2019 and April 2021. Program will likely be ongoing so continue to keep track. Pete reports that Wings landscaping project is continuing but effort to kill grass to begin spring plantings was not as successful as expected. Work continues on area preparation.

Garden Walk Monthly Meeting – Kathy and Aileen will hold Zoom meeting Monday, April 19th at 7 PM. Nancy will report on replacement signs needed with info provided by Jim.

Horticulture – Forest View classroom presentation April 23rd requests Club for help.

Membership – Sending out survey in May to prospective members. Survey will be linked to website. Library display case for May featuring Garden Walk and Club being set up. Wednesday, April 21st is trip to nursery to purchase spring plants. Details in newsletter.

Plant Sale – Set for Saturday, June 5th at Historical Museum starting at 7:30 a.m. Details in newsletter. Contact Jim or Pete if you need pots for planting.

Programs - April 26th “Rain Gardens and Rain Barrels” in cooperation with Library. Must register thru Library. Need to start looking for larger facility for when meetings begin again in the fall.

Publicity - Lesley Jackson and Connie Landwehr are keeping Facebook and Instagram updated. Putting April meeting with Library on Facebook. National Garden Month listed.

Website – Thank you to Mike Dennehey for many years of maintaining website. New committee chair is Denise Nowak. She showed how we could automate payments to Club (decision postponed to Fall and polling of members first.) Also she put all forms on website.

Scholarship - Club is awarding one \$1,500 scholarship and Marty Landwehr is offering the \$1,500 Wendy Landwehr scholarship. Applications must be submitted by May 1st the scholarship committee will review these applications and select recipient who will be notified by mid-June. Marty will select the winner for his scholarship.

Nominating committee of 2 Board Members and 3 members still looking for Civics and President.