



Arlington Heights garden club

Summer 2018

Growing Together

Carol Elliott, Editor

Summer Meetings

June 25th, 7:00 pm - Our next monthly meeting will be in the backyard of Dale Craig (316 S. Reuter Dr, Arlington Hts, IL 60005), so bring your lawn chair and enjoy the very nice garden of one of our newest members. Thanks to Dale for volunteering to host our first summer meeting.

Directions from Village Hall: Go W on Sigwalt to S Reuter Dr (1.1 mi) Turn left onto S Reuter Dr (0.3 mi); 316 S Reuter Dr is on the right side

July 23rd, 7:00 pm - Our July meeting will be in the backyard of the Denneheys (1411 N Hickory, Arlington Hts, IL 60004). Again bring your lawn chair and enjoy the garden of one of our longtime members.

Directions from Village Hall: Turn right onto N Arlington Heights Rd. Go N on Arlington Heights Rd for 1.5 miles and turn right onto E Thomas. Go 0.3 miles and turn right on Hickory Ave. Go 1 1/2 blocks. 1411 N Hickory is on the left

If it rains during the June or July meeting time, the meeting is cancelled for the month.

August 27th, 6:00 pm - Our August picnic will be at the Historical Society. If it rains, the picnic will held inside the building.

Greetings from Our President

It is finally summer! For gardeners, it is one of our favorite times of the year and in spite of record May rainfall and cooler temperatures in April, most of our gardens are bursting into bloom, with tomato plants producing small green fruit. It is time to enjoy the next few months!

A huge thanks to all the members who helped make our annual plant sale such a success. Not only did we do well financially to support our many gardening causes, we helped many people add quality plants to their gardens and answered dozens of questions. Many laughs were shared and some new friendships were sparked. The memories of our team clean up at the end will stay with me forever-WOW! Members showed up and within, what seemed like 20 minutes, there was no sign that a plant sale had ever happened! Great job everyone! You make my job so easy!!

A last minute reminder-our 2018 Garden Walk and Unique Boutique is Sunday, June 24th, from 10 AM to 4 PM. The gardens have interesting designs, features and plants that you don't want to miss. Better still, view the gardens with a friend you haven't seen for a while, who enjoys gardening, or a neighbor. And did I mention the Unique Boutique? This year we have more vendors than ever before, and many are new. So please, stop by to check out all the wonderful items to purchase, enjoy a bite of lunch and stroll the beautiful Historical Society grounds which are cared for by our members. Hope to see you out enjoying those "lazy, crazy days of summer!"
Jim Spannagel, President

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Summer Hostesses

A reminder and thank you from Aggie Prochaska, Social Chair, to those bringing treats to our summer meetings.

June: Nancy Cludia McGrath, Christina Preston, and Brenda Catardi

July: Maryanne Baker, Renie Norkiewicz, and Kathy Wolan,

Memorial Day Parade

Thanks to everyone who walked in the Memorial Day Parade!



Plant Sale

The plant sale was a great success! Thanks to everyone!



Raffle

Thank you to Helen Dawley, Cindy Kriemelmeyer, Mary Jo Pedersen, Josephine Perez, Shelley Plischke, Barb Scullion, and Sue Taflinger for helping Pat Dennehey and Kathy Hendricksen put together over 50 baskets for our Unique Boutique Raffle after we had a nice luncheon together on Saturday, June 16th. We have over \$6500 worth of prizes from businesses who made donations. Thank you to all our members who made contributions of prizes, filler items or baskets. Please plan on buying raffle tickets and telling your friends to come have a chance to win some wonderful prizes as its a \$1 a ticket, \$10 for 12 tickets or \$20 for 25 tickets.

Garden Walk & Unique Boutique

We're in the home stretch this week as we prepare for our biggest event and fundraiser. Please continue to remind any friends, associates and neighbors to come to our event. It's free to come to the Unique Boutique. We'll have 34 vendors as well as community booths of Ask an Arborist, ask a Master Gardener, the Village of Arl. Hts., and the Arl. Hts. Library. Enjoy hot dogs from Lolas' and ginger beer from Zingabrew from 11-2:30 and enjoy live music from 10-2. Advance tickets can be purchased on line, at Village Bank and one more Farmer's Market. Thank you to our garden hosts and to all of our members who are volunteering as we couldn't do it without you! We also appreciate our sponsors and advertisers.

Kathy Hendricksen
Garden Walk & Unique Boutique Chair

Post Office Volunteers Needed

During the long summer evenings a group of us like to garden at the Post Office. Usually, I call those who want to participate with a day or two of notice. If available, we get together to pick weeds and spruce things up as best we can. It works well to be there when the Post Office is closed and it's fun to garden together. Anyone interested in joining us please email me in order to be invited by email or phone. It's spontaneous so if you are not available we'll try again another time. All are welcome--come join the fun.

Kathy Wolan and Mike Relaz

6 Mosquito Repellent Plants to Keep Pests Away

1. Marigolds

Place potted marigolds near mosquito entry-points, such as doors and windows, or on a deck or balcony where you spend a lot of time outdoors. They also deter insects that prey on tomato plants - an added bonus for gardeners. Not only do they make your landscape more attractive, but marigolds also have a distinct smell that repels mosquitoes.



2. Citronella

Citronella is found in bug sprays and insect-repelling candles, but for maximum effectiveness, consider planting it. The perennial clumping grass grows 5 to 6 feet, and can be planted in the ground or kept in large pots. Citronella plants thrive best in full sun and areas with good drainage. (Photo by David Becken)



3. Catnip

Catnip grows best in full sun. (Photo by John LaFollette)
Warning: Your catnip might bring all the cats to the yard. The perennial herb, related to mint, is easy to grow. While Catnip does repel mosquitoes in close proximity, some people apply crushed leaves for more protection.



4. Lavender

In addition to smelling lovely, aiding in relaxation and promoting restful sleep, lavender dissuades mosquitoes and gnats from invading your outdoor dinner party when planted in the garden or in pots placed by windows, doors and entertainment areas. The dried flowers can also be placed in wardrobes to repel moths. (Photo by David Becken)



5. Basil

Basil leaves don't have to be crushed to prevent mosquito invasions. (Photo by Mike LaFollette)
Enjoy delicious pesto dishes, and keep mosquitoes at bay, with this insect-repelling herb. Basil is one of the few herbs in which you don't have to crush the leaves to reap its benefits. Lemon basil and cinnamon basil are the best varieties to prevent unwanted pests.



6. Lemon balm

Lemon balm keeps mosquitoes away, but attracts pollinators, such as bees and butterflies. (Photo by David Becken) It's fast growing, drought resistant and reseeds itself, so consider planting in a pot rather than in your yard to avoid a lemon balm takeover.



Garden Knowledge Summer 2018

- June 9-10 - "16th Annual Promenade of Art" - in Arlington Heights, Ill.
- June 18 thru 24 - "Pollinators Week Events" - various events each day about different pollinators - at "The Domes" in Mitchell Park in Milwaukee, Wisc.
- June 21 - "Summer Solstice Event" - at Chicago Botanic Gardens in Glencoe, Illinois
- June 23 - "Pioneer Day at The Grove" - in Glenview, Ill.
- June 23 - "Porter County, Ind. Master Gardeners Garden Walk" - in Valparaiso, Ind. area
- June 23 - "Gardener's Art Festival" - at The Growing Place in Naperville, Ill.
- June 23-24 - "Ikebana International Show" - at Chicago Botanic Garden in Glencoe, Ill.
- June 23-24 - "Festival of Fine Arts" - in Highland Park, Ill.
- June 24 - "Garden Walk and Unique Boutique" - hosted by the Arlington Heights Garden Club - in Arlington Heights, Ill.
- June 24 - "Artist Market in the Gardens" - at Blumen Gardens in Sycamore, Ill.
- June 26-29 - "Art in Bloom" - works of art are creatively interpreted through flowers and other organic materials - at the Rockford Art Museum in Rockford, Illinois.
- June 30-July 1 - "Art Festival" - at Chicago Botanic Gardens in Glencoe, Ill.
- July 7-8 - "Wisconsin-Illinois Lily Society Annual Lily Sale" - at Chicago Botanic Gardens in Glencoe, Ill.
- July 7 thru Sept. 3 - "Bristol Renaissance Faire" - in Kenosha, Wisc.
- July 12 - "Tri-Council Summer Outing" - hosted by the Gardening Study Council - to the Shakespeare Garden in Evanston, Ill., and the Baha'i Temple in Wilmette, Ill.
- July 14 - "Elmwood Park Garden Club Garden Walk" - for more information, contact ruth.skinner@hotmail.com - in Elmwood Park, Ill.
- July 14-15 - Bromiliad Society of Greater Chicago Show & Sale" - at Chicago Botanic Garden in Glencoe, Ill.
- July 14-15 - "Northshore Iris and Daylily Show & Sale" - at Chicago Botanic Garden
- July 21-22 - "18th Annual Secret Garden Walk" - sponsored by the Miller Garden Club in Gary, Ind.
- July 21-22 - "44th Annual Park Full of Art" - at Central Park in Griffith, Ind.
- July 21-22 - "Cactus and Succulent Society of Greater Chicago Show and Sale - at Chicago Botanic Gardens in Glencoe, Ill.
- July 28 - "Japanese Summer Festival" - a celebration of traditional cultural arts - at Anderson Japanese Gardens in Rockford, Ill.
- July 28-29 - "Herb Garden Weekend" - at Chicago Botanic Garden
- Aug. 4-5 - "Art at the Glen" - in Glenview, Ill.
- Aug. 4-5 - "Annual Prairie State Bonsai Show" - Morton Arboretum in Lisle, Ill.
- Aug. 11-12 - "Gardeners of the North Shore Show & Sale" - at Chicago Botanic Garden
- Aug. 11-12 - "Kite Festival" - at Chicago Botanic Garden
- Aug. 12 - "French Connection Day" - at Cantigny Park in Wheaton, Ill.
- Aug. 17-18 - "Mid-America Bonsai Show & Sale" - at Chicago Botanic Garden in Glencoe, Ill.
- Aug. 25-26 - "Heirloom Fest: Tomatoes and More" - at Chicago Botanic Garden in Glencoe, Ill.



Photos from the May Mosaic Class





May Meeting

Nancy Carroll gave a fun presentation on summer in the garden, One of our local Boy Scouts also spoke.

Thanks to them and to Val Solaski, our program chair, for a wonderful evening.

The American Legion

The American Legion is looking good thanks to our garden club volunteers!



Free Plants!

We are being overrun with English Primrose and Chinese Lanterns. We also have some Hosta that needs to be split up. If you would like some, please call 255-0133 or email patdennehey@wowway.com. The plants will be available until the end of June or until they are gone.

Pat Dennehey

Three \$1,500 AH Garden Club Scholarships Awarded for 2018/19

Each year the Arlington Heights Garden Club awards one or more \$1500 academic scholarship to assist local students. Our club has now awarded 28 academic scholarships to outstanding students since 2003. Applications were received from students living in Arlington Heights and adjoining communities. Proceeds from the annual Garden Walk are used to fund this scholarship program. Details on this program are available on the club's website: www.ahgardenclub.com.

This year a Wendy Landwehr Memorial Scholarship, which is administered by the AH Garden Club, was added to the program. In memory of Marolyn Bina, a long time Garden Club member, one of our two scholarships will be awarded in her name.

The AHGC Scholarship Committee has proudly awarded three \$1500 Scholarships to students for the 2018-19 school year. We wish them success in their college experience.

\$1,500 Marolyn Bina Memorial Scholarship -- Ashley Roscoe

Ashley graduated from Hersey High School with a 3.7/4.0 GPA in 2017 and was awarded a \$1,500 scholarship last year. She attended the University of Wisconsin at Whitewater for her freshman year. Her goal is to become a Fish and Wildlife officer and she is well on her way with a 3.334/4.0 GPA last year. Ashley is majoring in Environmental Science with a Certificate in GIS

Ashley admits her first semester presented her with a big challenge: living away from home for the first time, meeting new people, and dealing with the difficulty of college level classes. College required a big adjustment. Instead of joining many clubs and organizations she focused on working as a research assistant for the Undergraduate Research Department. She also volunteered with the Sustainability Office at the university where she monitored local streams performing tests such as the oxygen levels, turbidity tests, and flow tests in streams. All of this information was sent to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and used to monitor stream health throughout Wisconsin.

\$1,500 AH Garden Club Scholarship -- Matthew Hoffman

Matthew graduated from Wheeling High School where he earned a 5.47/5.0 GPA. He also was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship last year. Matthew is majoring in Biological & Agricultural Engineering at Texas A&M. In his freshman college year Matthew earned a 3.86/4.0 GPA.

Along with a full college class load Matthew's GPA positions him as an Engineering Honors student. He also is involved in several extra-curricular activities: Howdy Farm Volunteer, Piano player for college church, member of the Pharmaceutical and Biotechnology Student Association, Texas A&M Gymnastics Club, and is a Pro-Life Aggies Member.

\$1,500 Wendy Landwehr Memorial Scholarship - Alexis Opperman

The Wendy Landwehr Memorial Scholarship is a new \$1500 scholarship to assist a student living within 20 miles of Arlington Heights. This scholarship focuses on an academic/vocational educational approach. It differs from the AHGC Scholarship in that students who assist other students or participate in a mentoring program are specifically credited for these efforts. Student financial need is also considered. A 20-mile proximity to Arlington Heights has been established to include rural students who may have a more vocational interest in their education. Female students are preferred but male students may be considered. Martin Landwehr, Wendy's husband, funds this scholarship and has the responsibility for the final selection of the awardee assisted by the AHGC Scholarship Committee.

Alexis graduated from the Buffalo Grove High School with a 4.3/4.0 GPA. She will be studying Environmental Engineering at the University of Alabama.

"Leksi," as she is called by her teachers and friends, has always been a good student and applied herself to doing her best in school, extracurricular, and volunteer activities. During her high school career, she has assisted others as a Lit Lab tutor and a Lighted School House assistant. In Calculus she assists others with their homework. She ascribes to the idea that helping others reinforces her own understanding of a subject. Leksi is a well-rounded student who has participated in a variety of clubs, sports, show choir, and symphonic, concert and jazz band; winning many awards and honors in these activities.

It's June, What should I DO???

General Garden Care

Apply 1 to 2 inches of leaf mulch on flower beds and around trees, keeping mulch away from the trunks. Mulch conserves moisture, protects plant roots, suppresses weeds, and regulates soil temperature.

Make sure all trees, shrubs, perennials, and roses receive 1 inch of water per week. If Mother Nature does not provide this amount, it is best to water deeply once per week rather than shallowly several times per week.

Tree and Shrub Care

Pinch off terminal growth buds on rhododendrons to increase next year's buds.

Prune all spring-flowering shrubs, if necessary, immediately after they flower.

Evergreens, such as boxwood or yew, can be lightly pruned after the new growth fills in to maintain a formal shape.

Rose Care

One application of fertilizer in the spring is usually sufficient for species roses such as *Rosa rugosa* and shrub roses. All other roses should be given their second application of a well-balanced fertilizer in mid-June or after their initial bloom period.

Monitor roses for black spot and other fungal leaf diseases. Remove infected leaves immediately and begin a preventative spray program with an approved fungicide at labeled intervals. Call Plant Information Service at (847) 835-0972 for effective fungicide recommendations.

Deadhead hybrid tea roses as soon as flowers fade. Many shrub roses are self-cleaning and don't require deadheading. When in doubt, lightly prune old blossoms to keep plant looking attractive.

Annual and Perennial Care

When cutting peony blossoms to bring indoors, remove as few leaves from the plant as possible. Remove spent blooms after they are finished flowering.

Remove spent blooms of annuals and some perennials to encourage new flower formation. Stake tall perennials and continue to tie annual and perennial vines to supports. Continue to apply repellents to emerging summer-blooming lilies, if rabbits and deer have been a problem in the past.

Fertilize annuals in containers, baskets, and window boxes with a quarter-strength balanced fertilizer every seven to ten days. Always water the plants before adding liquid fertilizer. Fertilize bulbs with a 9-9-6 slow-release fertilizer if you did not do so at planting time. Mark the spots with small stakes to repeat fertilizer application in the fall (when plants are not visible). Continue to remove yellowing leaves of summer-flowering bulbs.

Tall, floppy plants such as chrysanthemums, asters, and tall sedums can be cut back by as much as half or pinched to regulate their height.

Sow seeds of biennials, such as hollyhock, directly into the garden this month for next year's bloom. Mark the area carefully to avoid accidentally disturbing the seeds.

Monitor plants, especially succulent new growth, for insects. Infested plants can be hosed down to remove small insect populations. Don't apply chemical treatments if ladybugs or other predator insects are present.

Mite activity often increases in hot, dry weather. Symptoms include stippled foliage which can be removed from plant. Refrain from applying chemical miticides which will also kill beneficial mites and increase mite populations. Consider releasing predators such as ladybugs or praying mantis to consume unwanted mites.

Lawn Care

Cool-season turfgrass should be mowed to a height of 2 to 3 inches. This height can be raised during hot, dry periods or when turf is stressed due to disease, insects, or drought.

Seed bare areas of turf with an appropriate grass seed mixture. Keep newly seeded lawns moist until seeds germinate. Do not allow the grass to become overly dry for the first year and limit excessive foot traffic. Begin mowing when the grass reaches a height of approximate 4 inches.

The best time to fertilize is fall.

Established turf requires approximately 1 inch of water per week. Lawns that are allowed to become dormant and brown usually recover nicely as precipitation increases in the fall. It is best to water early in the day.

Fruit, Vegetable, and Herb Care

Harvest peas, raspberries, and all cool-season lettuces and vegetables as they ripen. Pinch top growth of herbs to encourage branching and keep them from flowering. Snip or cut off sprigs of herbs to use in cooking all season.

A fascinating nature project for families is to plant dill or fennel to attract swallowtail butterflies to lay their eggs. Watch for tiny eggs to develop into plump caterpillars that will feed on the herb foliage before pupating into butterflies.

Stake or cage tomatoes and peppers as they continue to grow. Mulch your vegetable garden with straw to retain moisture.

Source: Chicago Botanical Garden