



January 2022

Greetings from Our President

My wife (I won't mention her name, but her initials are P.A.T.T.Y.) looked at the thermometer one morning this past week and told me that it read "zero" and since it was so cold she thought it a good idea to wear her heavy, cold weather pants that day. Now I thought, the weather forecast called for slightly warmer weather over night, and I went to check the thermometer myself. When I read it, it said 32 degrees, and I realized immediate that my wife had read the Centigrade scale and I was looking at the Fahrenheit scale. An honest mistake. We had a good laugh, let out a sigh of relief, and my wife wore a less heavy pair of pants!

This got me thinking about how we often see things—same temperature viewed in two ways (one sounding a whole lot colder). It is much like how we can view our Garden Club. One club, but we can see it as a way to learn, volunteer and give service, where we are actively involved. Or, we can see it from the sidelines as other people doing things and we get to watch. It all depends on our perspective.

Coming up soon we will be having elections for officers and committee chairs. It is my hope that a number of our members will be willing to say "yes" when the nominating committee asks them to consider taking a more active role and serving the Club as an officer or chairperson. Please consider sharing your talents and gifts to make our Garden Club more productive, educational and engaging for the benefit of all our members and our larger community. Happy New Year, everyone!

Jim

January 24th Zoom Meeting

Due to ongoing concerns regarding Covid, the January 24th meeting will be via Zoom. A meeting invite will be emailed to all members and guests several days before the meeting.

The speaker will be Alyse Burman presenting "Turn Your Garden into a B&B for Birds."

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January Education Program

January 24th @ 7 PM (Zoom Presentation)

Val Solaski, Programs

Turn Your Garden into a B&B for Birds

Presented by Alyse Cohen Burman



Alyse Cohen Burman is the owner of [The Wildbird Shack Ltd.](#), an independent wild bird store, located in Mt. Prospect. She has been birding for over 20 years, traveling throughout the United States to pursue her passion of birding. Prior to opening the Wildbird Shack, she owned APLife. She had the opportunity to work with various senior care communities, which included memory care. Blending her experience with birds and healthcare, she introduced a program called Tranquil Feathers, combining outdoor birding with indoor activities to avert the effects of sundowning in the elderly. Alyse has served in various community positions and as the director of the Prairie View Audubon Society.

The right balance of food, feeders, water and shelter will entice a variety of birds to your yard. This presentation includes location for birdscape design, food, hygiene and squirrel prevention.

A Zoom invite will be emailed to all our members and guests prior to the meeting.

I have often thought that if heaven had given me choice of my position and calling, it should have been on a rich spot of earth, well watered No occupation is so delightful to me as the culture of the earth.

— Thomas Jefferson

Happy Birthday and Best Wishes!

Coralie Adam
Nancy Asquini-Dean
Cyndi Monroe

District IX Annual Meeting

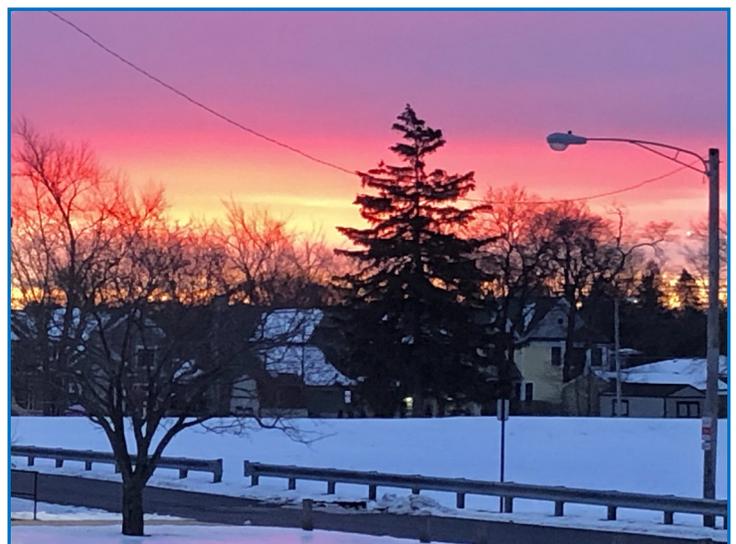
Happy New Year to all District IX Garden Clubs of Illinois Presidents, District IX Board of Directors and all the Club Members.

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at 10am for the District IX Annual Meeting.

Please "Save the Date" for "Splash Into Spring". Des Plaines Garden Club and Home and Garden Club of Libertyville-Mundelein are working on details with District IX Vice Director Maija Zaimins. More information will be forthcoming about specifics. Either in person or virtual, it will be fun!

Barbara Gilblair
District IX Director
Planting for the Future

[District IX of Garden Clubs of Illinois](#) [Garden Clubs of Illinois](#)



Winter Sunset | Arlington Heights, June Miller

Trip to Volo Bog in July

June Miller, Conservation

Save the date: Saturday, July 9, 2022 for a Field Trip to the Volo Bog State Natural Area. Enjoy this no cost guided tour of the state natural area featuring the only quaking bog in Illinois with an open water center. A beautiful area to visit! More information to come in the spring.

If you enjoy hiking, click [here](#) to view a collection of beautiful photos of the best trails at the Volo Bog.

[Volo Bog State Natural Area](#)
28478 West Brandenburg Road
Ingleside, IL 60041
815-344-1294



Household Chemical Waste Collection

June Miller, Conservation

Household Chemical Waste Event on Saturday, January 22, 2022. Safety is crucial during your visit. Please Stay In Your Vehicle.

Facility is located at: 1311 N. Estes Street, Gurnee, IL 60031

APPOINTMENTS ARE REQUIRED for Household Chemical Waste Events located at our Gurnee Facility to ensure safety & efficiency. Collections are for residential waste only. No business waste will be accepted. All SWALCO HCW Collection Events are FREE for Illinois residents ONLY.

Items you can bring to a collection include: CFL bulbs, unwanted prescription, over-the-counter medicines and supplements (people and pet), household cleaners, gasoline, garden chemicals, pesticides, oil-based paints (**NO LATEX**) and varnishes, as well as other household chemicals. For a more detailed list visit SWALCO's HCW Website at: www.swalco.org



International Crane Foundation

June Miller, Conservation

The Conservation Committee will be highlighting in the monthly Garden Club Newsletter one of the organizations, groups, or sites which the AHGC provides a donation to. This month, the focus will be on the **International Crane Foundation**.

The International Crane Foundation (ICF) works worldwide to conserve cranes and the ecosystems, watersheds, and flyways on which they depend. ICF uses a combination of research, education, habitat protection, captive breeding, and reintroduction to ensure the long-term protection of these iconic birds. It is the only place on Earth where you can see all 15 species in the crane family Gruidae. The site typically has between 100-120 birds.

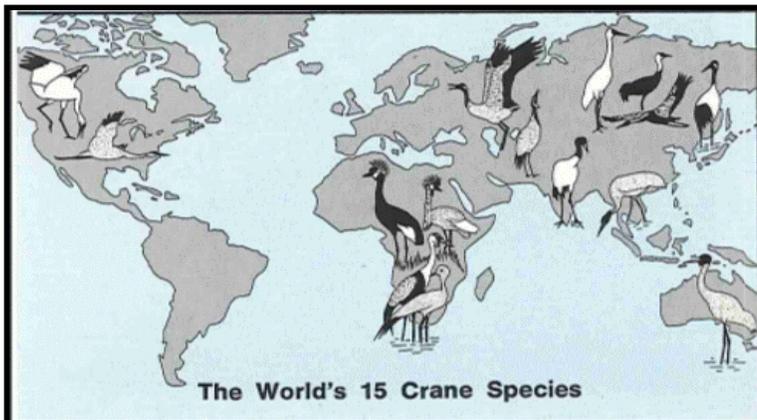
Located in Baraboo, Wisconsin, the ICF site is located just ten minutes from the Wisconsin Dells and surrounding Baraboo Hills. Visitors to the site may enjoy learning about the world's cranes, take a hike on the nature trails, and browse nature-themed items from around the world in the gift shop. Each season offers something different. Spring flowers and dramatic threat displays from the cranes greet the early-season visitors. Summer treats visitors to an explosion of color in the exhibits and on the prairie. Autumn colors are spectacular on this site and all over south-central Wisconsin. Approximately 25,000 people visit each year. In addition, thousands of people are reached through the ICF website, international programs, and off-site programming. The ICF will reopen for the 2022 visitor season on May 1.

Funding for the ICF is from private sources such as grants, donations from individuals or companies, and membership donations. In addition, entrance fees and income from the gift shop help. The federal government does pay a yearly stipend to take care of each Whooping Crane kept there.

If you are interested in learning about why cranes stand on one leg, what they eat, how long they live, or which crane is the rarest, visit the ICF website or take a trip to the International Crane Foundation site.

[International Crane Foundation](#)

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Gardening Knowledge

Bev Krams, Horticulture



Upcoming Educational Opportunities

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WHAT'S IN A NAME? DEMYSTIFYING LATIN BOTANIC NAMES | Citizens for Conservation

1/22 @ 10am - 11:30am

Citizens for Conservation-Barrington Village Hall, Live & Webinar

\$10/nonmember

Click [here](#) for registration information

SQUIRREL | Forest Preserves of Cook County

1/22 @ 1pm

National Squirrel Appreciate Day, Crab Tree Nature Center in Barrington Hills

Free

Click [here](#) for information

HOUSEPLANTS BY DESIGN: ADDING PLANTS TO YOUR DÉCOR | Purdue University

1/22 @ 10am

Free Zoom session

Click [here](#) to register

WINTER'S WILD WALK | Forest Preserves of Cook County

1/23 @ 1pm

River Trail Nature Center in Northbrook

Click [here](#) to register

SPRING EPHEMERALS | University of Illinois Extension

1/25 @ 1:30PM

Free Four Seasons Gardening Webinar

Click [here](#) to register

GARDENING FOR WILDLIFE | Melinda Myer

1/26 @ 6:30pm

Free Webinar

Click [here](#) to register

VERTICAL PLANTING & INDOOR DÉCOR | Chalet

1/28 12-1pm

Free Zoom Session

Click [here](#) to register

WINTER'S WILD WALK | Forest Preserves of Cook County

1/30 @ 1pm

River Trail Nature Center in Northbrook

Click [here](#) to register

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Bev Krams, Horticulture



UPCOMING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

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SMALL SPACE GARDENING | Melinda Myers

2/2 @ 6:30pm
Free Webinar
Click [here](#) to register

GROUNDHOG'S DAY | Forest Preserves of Cook County

2/5 @ 1pm
CrabTree Nature Center in Barrington Hills
Click [here](#) to register

PERENNIAL PLANT ASSOCIATION SYMPOSIUM | Morton Arboretum

2/5 8:30-2:15pm
Online Gardening Symposium
\$90 fee
Click [here](#) for more information

INSECTS IN WINTER | Forest Preserves of Cook County

2/6 @ 1:30pm
River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook
Free
Click [here](#) for more information

EVENING SNOWSHOE HIKE | Forest Preserves of Cook County

2/10 @ 5:30pm
Free
Camp Reinberg, Palatine
Click [here](#) for more information

ILLINOIS NUTRIENT LOSS REDUCTION STRATEGY REPORT | University of Illinois Extension

2/10 @ 1-2pm
Free webinar
Click [here](#) to register

WISCONSIN GARDEN & LANDSCAPE EXPO | PBS Wisconsin

2/11 through 2/13
Madison, Wisconsin
Click [here](#) for more information

ORGANIC GARDENING | University of Illinois Extension

2/15 @ 1:30pm
Free Four Seasons Gardening Webinar
Click [here](#) to register

Gardening Knowledge

Bev Krams, Horticulture



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EMBRACING DARK NIGHTS FOR HUMANS & WILDLIFE | Forest Preserves of Cook County

2/17 @ 12-1:30pm
Zoom free presentation
Click [here](#) to register

SUNRISE NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY | Forest Preserves of Cook County

2/19 @6-9am
River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook
Free
Click [here](#) to register

GREENS FOR GLOOMY DAYS | Rolling Meadows Library

2/19 @ 10am
Free Zoom presentation
Click [here](#) to register

DAHLIAS: PROVEN PERFORMERS | Melinda Myers

2/23 @ 6:30pm
Free Zoom presentation
Click [here](#) to register

ADD A LITTLE PRAIRIE TO YOUR GARDEN | Citizens for Conservation

2/26 @ 10am - 11:30am
Barrington Village Hall,
Live & Webinar \$10 Nonmember fee
Click [here](#) for more information

Book Review: We Made a Garden

Bev Krams, Horticulture

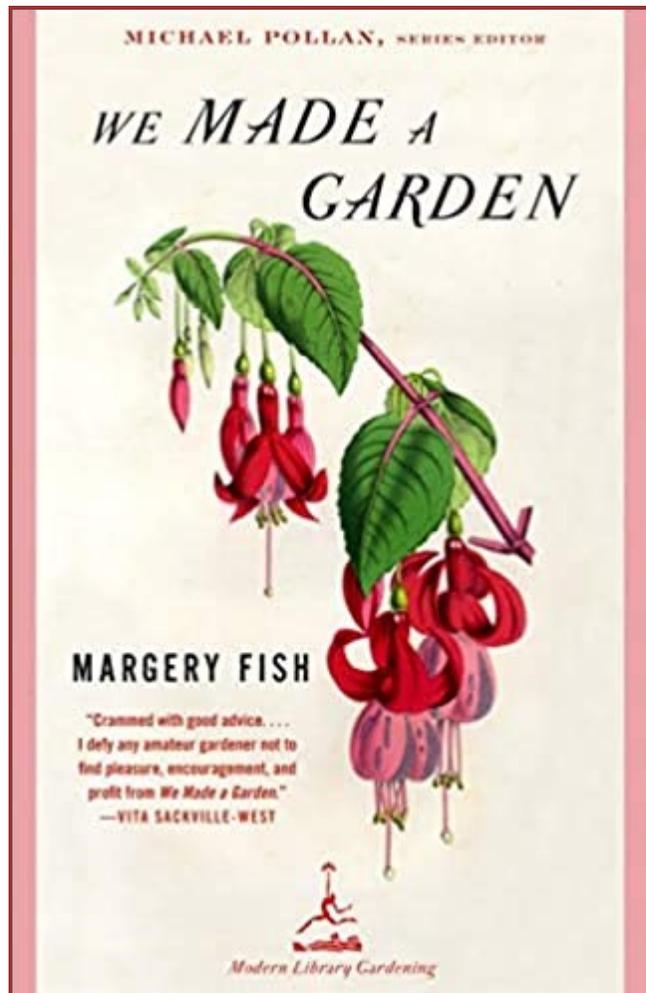
We Made a Garden by Margery Fish is an old gardening book. It is barely 120 pages and one I questioned if it was going to be relevant as Margery Fish and her husband Walter started their one acre 'wild' garden in Somerset England in 1937! The book was not published until 1956.

It's a history of a couple choosing, planting, creating and recreating a former farmyard/rubbish heap. The problem is each comes with their own set of opinions and passions. Mr. & Mrs Fish negotiate this garden plot sometimes separately and sometimes together, but she is frequently battling with her husband for the best approach 'to get it right'! Arguing frequently over how to plant 'beds' and lay bricks. She would move rocks, he would move them back.

She offers advice which still holds true today contending the biggest mistake a gardener makes is planting too close together. She offers bulb planting suggestions, composting theories, successful landscaping with evergreens using old fashioned language in British and Latin.

Someone asked her husband when they were going to finish this garden, he replied, 'never I hope' and that basically applies to all gardeners as there are 12 months in a year and every month is a different garden. Walter died leaving Margery to continue to garden, writing books and actually managed to change gardening from a pastime of the wealthy to a passion for the whole population. Her East Lambrook Manor is still open for visitors today.

I found the reference to this book in one of the gardening magazines. I was able to get the book through LINKin from AHML and read it two weeks before my husband, Mike, died of a heart attack in November. Reflecting on the book after Mike died I can truly say, **We too, Made a Garden.**



Thank you to everyone who sent a card, email or attended Mike's mass. Your kindness and concern is truly appreciated. We never meet people by chance. We are destined to cross our paths for a reason. Thanks for crossing mine.

Bev

Welcome New Members

The AHGC would like to extend a warm welcome to new members that joined in January. We look forward to meeting you.

Karey Bourke
Kathy Czurylo
Cindy Nolan



Christmas ornament wrapped in ice, Bev Krams

Holiday Zoom Party | December 2021



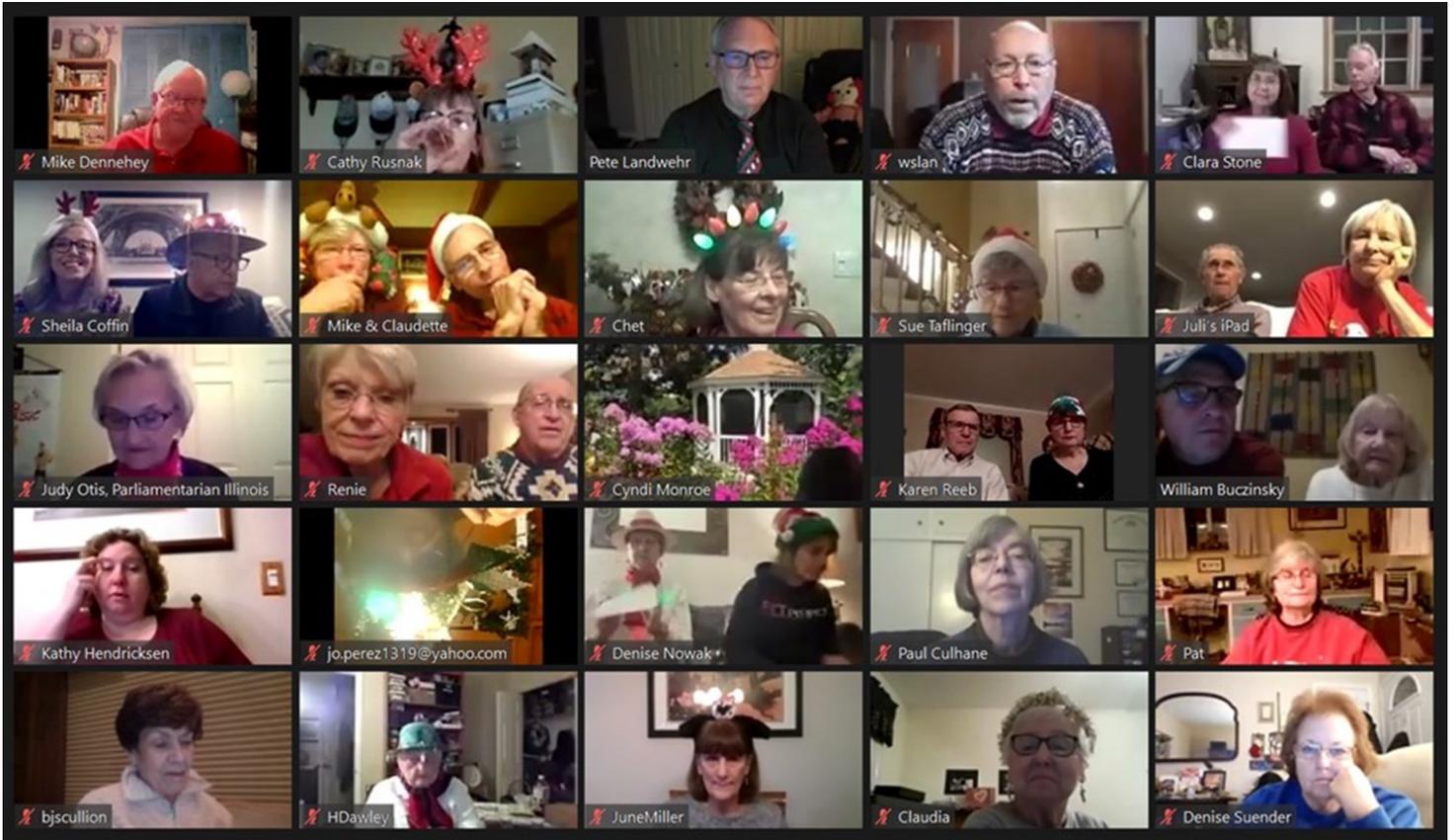
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March Blood Drive

Lew Coffin, Blood Drive Coordinator

Garden Club Preparing for March Blood Drive

The nation is faced with a critical Blood Supply Shortage. Winter weather, a surge in COVID cases and a shortage of donors and volunteers has contributed to Blood Drive cancellations across the country.

Many Blood Centers are reporting a drop from a typical 5 day supply to fewer than a 1 day supply. Supply is dangerously low for certain blood types. Officials warn that life saving blood may not be available for some patients needing trauma care, critical surgery and certain cancer treatments.

The Arlington Heights Garden Club is organizing a blood drive in March to help make a difference. Details will be shared with all our members in an email and the February newsletter.

As Gardeners we're used to rolling up our sleeves when there is work to be done. Consider donating blood at our March event. Someone dear to you may depend upon it.

If you have any questions you can email [Lew Coffin](mailto:Lew.Coffin@ahgardenclub.com) or call him at (847) 917-1437.

Club Programs - We NEED Your Input!

We are beginning to plan the speaker programs for the next Club year (September 2022 through May 2023). If you have topic suggestions or know of a good speaker, please contact [Val Solaski](mailto:Val.Solaski@ahgardenclub.com), Programs Chair.

Thank you,
Val

Garden To-Do List for January



Board of Directors

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| President | Jim Spannagel |
| Secretary | Nancy Asquini-Dean |
| Treasurer | Pete Landwehr |

Committee Chairs

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| Artistic | Barb Franks |
| Civics | Mike Relaz Dee Schurman |
| Conservation | June Miller |
| Garden Walk | Kathy Hendricksen Aileen Koeppen |
| Horticulture | Bev Krams |
| Hospitality | Marilyn Weber Joe Weber |
| Membership | Renie Norkiewicz Shelley Plischke |
| Newsletter | Mona Frisbie |
| Plant Sale | Bob Bruett |
| Programs | Val Solaski |
| Publicity | Lesley Jackson Connie Landwehr |
| Scholarship | Mike Dennehey |

GENERAL GARDEN CARE

- Order seed, bulb, and nursery catalogs to get started on this year's garden.
- Recycle Christmas tree branches by cutting them into 2-3 foot sections to use as mulch for garden and perennial beds.
- During winter thaws, water garden beds, turf and plants that have received salt spray from roads.
- Monitor plants for signs of damage from animals, ice, snow or wind.
- If it snows avoid using salt-based de-icing products in or around garden areas.
- Shovel snow before it freezes on sidewalks and sprinkle sand on sidewalks for traction.
- When shoveling, try to distribute snow equally on garden plants instead of piling it all against foundation planting or in the root zone of only one tree.
- Maintain a supply of water for the birds.
- Clean and refill bird feeders.

ANNUAL AND PERENNIALS

- LIGHT pruning of deciduous trees and shrubs can be done this month.
- Ice accumulation on tree branches should be left to melt.
- Immediately prune back branches damaged by snow and ice.

INDOOR GARDEN

- Houseplants require less water and much less or no fertilizer because of their slow growth at this time.

[Chicago Botanic Gardens](#) January Checklist

AHGC Board Meeting Notes

Nancy Asquini Dean, Recording Secretary

AHGC Board Meeting | January 10th 7:00 PM

President - Jim Spannagel welcome and opening of ZOOM meeting. District 9 GCI is coming up March 8th if you are interested in attending.

Secretary - Nancy Asquini Dean, November 2021 minutes approved

Treasurer - Pete Landwehr, December report reviewed and accepted by board. We will still make future donations to the Historical Society, Park District, Village of AH and School Board 25. Jim will follow up with the Village for project ideas. Pete will contact the Park District to consider donation to landscaping @ Douglas & NW Highway, Recreation Park Community Center and additional tree plantings at Recreation Park.

Artistic - Barb Franks, Thanks for a great Container Workshop and facilitating the Community Tree Decorating committee.

Civics - Mike Relaz and Dee Schurman assisted in coordinating the tree decorating and the Holiday Decorations at the Post Office.

Conservation - June Miller, Volo Bog trip being planned for July 9th.

Garden Walk - Kathy Hendricksen and Aileen Koeppen, six new members participating at the 6pm meeting. Kathy taking on a Church Council position so her time will be limited. GW committee meetings will now be the third Monday of the month from 7-8 pm.

Horticulture - Bev Krams, directory of Gardening Classes/Lectures and a book review will be posted in the January Newsletter.

Hospitality - Joe/Marilyn Weber report that 44 members attended the Holiday ZOOM party. \$100 will be donated to the Mt. Prospect Music Department approved by the board. Madrigal Singers were wonderful! Thank you to the great planning committee!

Membership - Renie Norkiewicz and Shelley Plischke will be contacting members to assist on committees using the spreadsheet Renie drafted. We will be using our new Photo Frame at our in person meetings when that occurs. New membership campaign launching for February-March-April. Participants will be able to receive 3 months of newsletters/programs before being asked to join the club. Connie will assist with publicity.

Plant Sale - Bob Bruett, the 2022 plant sale is June 4th. We will need Greeters for the Farmers Market on May 21, June 11, 18 but not the day of the plant sale. We will also need help at the AHGC Community Table to sell Garden Walk tickets on May 21, June 11, 18, 25.

Programs - Val Solaski, Board approved Zoom meetings for the January and February programs. Val is requesting feedback on future programing topics for next year. Please send her an email/call with any of your ideas.

Publicity - Connie Landwehr and Lesley Jackson will be following up on the new membership campaign and the programs for Jan-Feb

Scholarship - Mike Dennehey will be writing an article on the scholarship winners for this year. Connie will submit it to the Daily Herald.

Website - Denise Nowak conducted an extensive discussion/presentation on CC payment options. The board approved a motion to accept the WIX/SQUARE Credit Card Processing.

Old/New Business - Jim Spannagel

- Bylaws have been updated by a 33 to 0 email vote. Mike D. will get them to Denise to load on the Website for members to view our updated Bylaws.
- We are still searching for a VP candidate to add to our board. Volunteers welcome!
- The board suggested donating blood in Nancy's honor due to her recent illness. We will be coordinating a plan to accomplish this program.
- Contract with Christian Liberty Academy will be cancelled by Jim.
- District 25 School Grant Applications have been distributed to the schools by Kathy H. There is a January 15th deadline so we are looking forward to reviewing the applicants.