



May 2021

### Greetings from Our President

I believe it was that learned person, Anonymous, who once said, "The only constant in life is change." And so it is. Not having any luck in finding a new president, our Board decided we needed to change our bylaws, and add the best practice of creating a vice-president position on the board. This role would be filled by a person "in training", to step in and become the next president of our club, when the president has served the maximum two, two year terms, as defined by our bylaws.

At this time we are writing up a job description for a vice-president, amending our bylaws to allow for a new position on the board, and actively looking for that person who is willing to serve the club in this position while preparing to step into the presidency. Today, most social and non-profit organizations use such a format to provide for a smooth transition of officers. Until all these pieces are in place, I have agreed to continue as president, a role made enjoyable by the many wonderful people I get to work with on the Board. Thanks for all your support and encouragement as we move forward with these adjustments!

*Jim Spannagel*

May 24 @ 7 PM  
Zoom General Meeting

### **Growing Edibles in Containers**

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

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# May Educational Program

May 24th @ 7 PM

Val Solaski, Programs

## Growing Edibles in Containers

Presented by Lisa Hilgenberg

Lisa Hilgenberg has vegetable gardening in her blood; her family's Century Farm heritage dates to 1881. As the horticulturist at the Chicago Botanic Garden's 4-acre Regenstein Fruit & Vegetable Garden since 2010, Lisa manages a crew of four and a team of 25 volunteers in curating, interpreting and caring for a collection of 500 types of edible plants. She also is a mentor for interns from the Chicago Botanic Garden's urban agriculture program, Windy City Harvest, students from the College/Science First program and students from the Potager du Roi in Versailles, France.

Learn how to grow edibles in containers and bring fresh produce to your family right from the back patio! Lisa will create several containers in the presentation to demonstrate tips and techniques.

A Zoom invite will be emailed out to all members and registered guests prior to this meeting.



### Win a One Year Individual Membership to Cantigny Park

The AHGC has the opportunity to provide, to one lucky member, a free one year individual membership to Cantigny Park. The Park, located in Wheaton Illinois, is the former estate of Joseph Medill and features formal and informal gardens.

If this membership is something you'd enjoy using, please send your name, mailing address, email address and contact phone number to [Val Solaski](mailto:Val.Solaski@ahgc.org)

The winner's name will be drawn at our June meeting. You do not need to be at the June Meeting to win. A gift membership will then be ordered in the winner's name.



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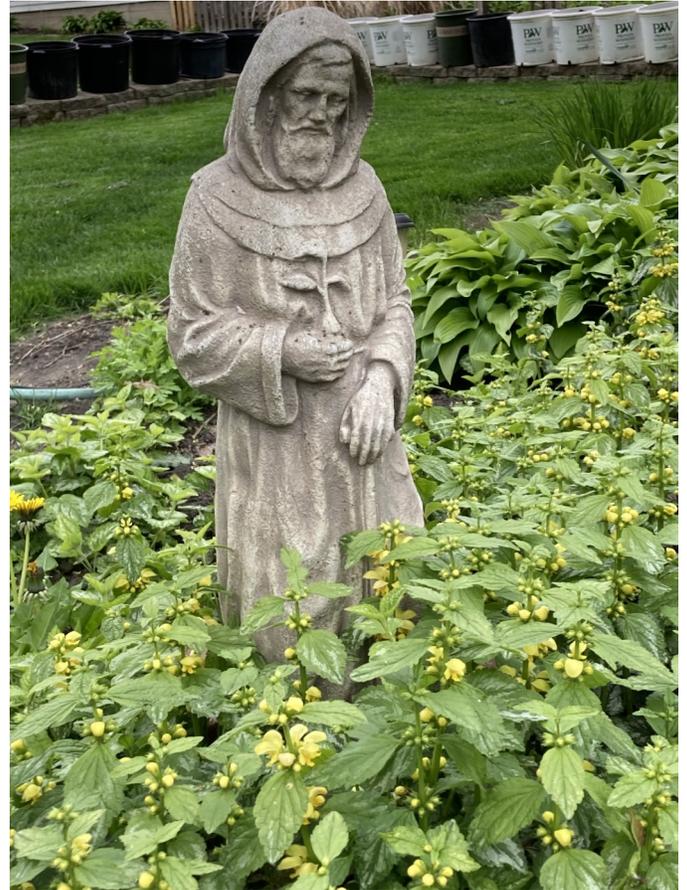
## Window Box at the Library

Have you been over to the Arlington Heights Memorial Library to see the great display created by Renie Norkewicz and Shelley Plischke?

The display highlights our club and the many activities our members are involved in. Be sure to stop by and take a look!



*Arlington Heights Memorial Library, Garden Club Display Case*



*Saint Fiacre Garden, Jim Spannagel*



*So that's what five yards of mulch looks like! — Mike Krams*

# Gardening Knowledge

Bev Krams, Horticulture

## UPCOMING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

### Chalet Weekly Garden Coach Webinar

When: Every Thursday (Feb-August) from 10-11am

Jennifer Brennen will address your gardening questions!

Click [here](#) to register

### Hydrangeas Are Hot!

When: Wednesday, May 19th @ 7pm

Where: ZOOM by Sharon Yieslla @ Des Plaines Public Library

Click [here](#) to register

### Raptor Meet & Greet

When: Saturday, May 22nd @ 11am

Where: Crabtree Nature Center Barrington Hills (free)

Registration required: Call Crabtree 847-381-6592

### What's On the Menu? Feeding time at the Forest Preserve

When: Saturday, May 22 @ 3pm (free)

Where: River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

### Spring Stroll

When: Sunday, May 23rd @ 10:30am

Where: River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Registration Required: 847-824-8360 (free)

### Birds and Blooms

When: Sunday, May 23rd @ 1pm

Where: Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills

Registration required: Call Crabtree 847-381-6592 (free)

### Stroll With the Birds

When: Wednesday, May 26 @ 10am

Where: Crabtree Nature Center | 3 Stover Road | Barrington, IL

Stroll the 1.5 mile trail identifying birds in the area and enjoy the woodlands, wetlands and prairies (free)

### Spring Bird Walk

When: May 28<sup>th</sup> @ 7am

Where: Penny Road Pond | Barrington Hills (free)

Registration required: Email [Hilary Lane](mailto:Hilary.Lane@ahgardenclub.com) or call 312-450-8206

Bring you binoculars/mask. Click [here](#) to register

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# Gardening Knowledge

Bev Krams, Horticulture

## UPCOMING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

### What's On the Menu? Feeding time at the Forest Preserve

When: Saturday, May 29th @ 3pm

Where: River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook, IL (free)

### Who Lives Under This Log?

When: Sunday, May 30<sup>th</sup> @ 1Pm

Where: Crabtree Nature Center | Barrington Hills (free)

Registration required: Call Crabtree 847-381-6592

### What's On the Menu? Feeding time at the Forest Preserve

When: Sunday, May 30<sup>th</sup> @ 3pm

Where: River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

### Workshop: Herb Window Box

When: Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup> @ 11am

Where: Lurvey's (\$60 fee for materials). Click [here](#) to register

### Meet Chicago's Bird Whisperer Pam Karlson and Learn Her Secrets! | WildOnes

When: Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup> @ 2:30 pm

Where: WildOnes Zoom

Click [here](#) to register

### Native Predatory Wasps by H. Holmes | WildOnes

When: July 18 2:30pm

Where: ZOOM

Click [here](#) to register

### Nature Speaks: Wilderness, Conservation, Natural Resource Management and Harmony with Nature by professor Stanley Temple, University of Wisconsin

When: Thursday, June 24<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm

Where: ZOOM/Live Prospect Heights Library. Click [here](#) to register

### Workshop: Plant for Pollinator Container

When: Saturday, June 26<sup>th</sup> @ 11am

Where: Lurvey's (\$60 fee for materials). Click [here](#) to register

## Recommendations from Bev Krams

*Presentation — Hope for the Wild 2019 by Doug Tallamy*

Discover why our yards and gardens are essential parts of the ecosystems that sustain us and how we can use our residential landscapes to connect the isolated habitat fragments around us. Doug Tallamy is a professor in the Department of Entomology and Wildlife Ecology at the University of Delaware and has authored 92 research publications and taught for 37 years. His book *Bringing Nature Home: How Native Plants Sustain Wildlife in Our Gardens* was awarded the 2008 Silver Medal by the Garden Writers' Association. Be sure to watch Doug's [1-hour presentation](#).



### *Book Recommendation*

#### *Nature's Best Hope: A New Approach to Conservation That Starts in Your Yard*

by [Doug W. Tallamy](#)

"*Nature's Best Hope* advocates not just a horticultural revolution, but a cultural one, bridging the human-dominated landscape and the natural world." —*Smithsonian Magazine*

"An inspiring and necessary book...Tallamy is so important in today's ecological efforts...everyone can (and should) read his writings." —*The Garden Club of America*

"A full-blown manifesto that calls for the radical rethinking of the American residential landscape, starting with the lawn." —*The Washington Post*

"If you'd like to turn your own little postage stamp of native soil into a conservation effort, *Nature's Best Hope*, is a great place to begin." —*New York Times*

"*Nature's Best Hope* isn't just what we can do with boots on the ground; it's about fighting for a changed cultural mindset. We can experience the health, wellness, and resiliency of life if we're willing to embrace all of the messy complications that make this world worth experiencing in all its wild promise." —*The American Gardener*

Please send  
your favorite  
garden photos  
to [Bev](#)



*Golden Gate Tulip*

### WHAT TO DO WITH YOUR SPENT SPRING BULBS

*Bev Krams, Horticulture*

A quick video on what you need to know about rejuvenating next year's flowers. Click [here](#) to watch.

# Civic Project Award

## Garden Club Wins Award for Civic Project

At the Garden Clubs of Illinois Annual Meeting last month, the Arlington Heights Garden Club was awarded an honorable mention for our submission for the Myrtle R. Walgreen Memorial Award for a Civic Project. Last summer the community education staff of School District 214 asked our club to partner with them at Forest View Alternative High School to provide continuing education gardening classes to adults, to plant a demonstration community vegetable garden plot, and to provide gardening education and cooking demonstrations in the high school's kitchen with harvested produce. Because of COVID 19, the spring classes were cancelled but plans proceeded with the community vegetable garden which was planted, maintained and harvested by volunteer club members to provide fresh produce to community food pantries.

Thank you to [Bob Bruett](#), [Marty Landwehr](#), [Pete Landwehr](#), [Renie Norkiewicz](#), [Mike Relaz](#), [Daniella Sents](#) and [Jim Spannagel](#) for their work on this project, and to [Kathy Hendricksen](#) for submitting the award.



## Signs of a Serious Gardener

- You would rather share your toothbrush than your hand pruners.
- You carry more photos of your garden in your wallet than photos of the kids.
- In the middle of winter, you start cultivating the mold in the refrigerator just to see something grow.
- On vacation your car automatically turns into every garden center and botanic garden along the way.



These Fernleaf herbaceous (*Tenuifolia*) have vibrant red single flowers, slender feathery fern-like leaves, short in stature (12-36") and are one of the first peonies to appear in your garden. Fernleaf is native to southeast Europe and thrives in rock gardens because it likes good drainage. Fernleaf peonies also have an interesting characteristic of dying back very early in the season. If your budget allows, think about purchasing a Fernleaf peony. They tend to cost a little more than most peonies. You can find 2-3 eyes/roots for approximately \$60-\$80. They grow very slowly and they live a long time.

They are BEAUTIFUL!!

## Plant Sale Reminder — June 5th 2021

*Bob Bruett, Plant Sale Chair*

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

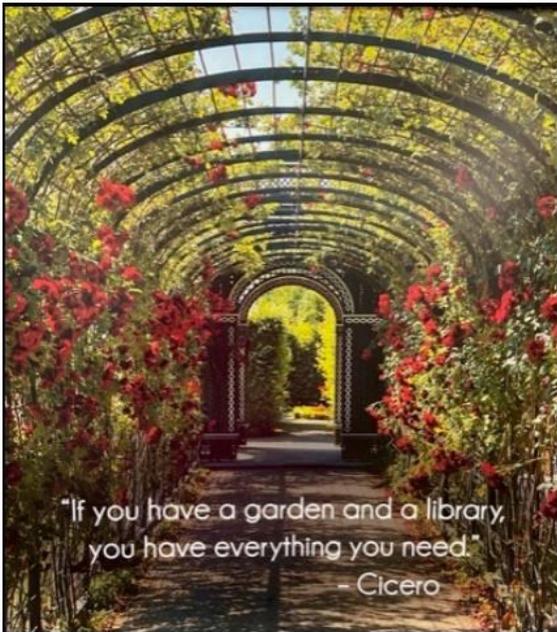
We will be holding our annual plant sale at the Arlington Heights Historical Museum on June 5, 2021 from 7:30 AM to 12:30 PM. The Plant Sale will be held in the Museum courtyard (same as in 2019)

- If you dug 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 and deliver the labels to you the week before.
- If you need help in digging plants or need pots, please contact Bob, Jim or Pete but please dig soon.
- Please water the plants well on Thursday to ensure they are in good shape but the pots are dry so you can affix labels on Friday or Saturday.
- We will also take 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- 7:30 AM.
- We also need wagons, boxes etc. for customers to transport their purchases to their cars.
- Farmers Market rules for Covid will be observed. At this time masks must be worn.
- Exact change is requested of customers but not required. Questions should be directed to Bob, Pete or Jim.

Bob Bruett (847) 702-3124 or [email](#) | Pete Landwehr (847) 638-9061 or [email](#) | Jim Spannagel (847) 670-8207 or [email](#)

## District 214 Forest View Gardening

*Jim Spannagel, President*



At the April State Garden Clubs of Illinois meeting, the Arlington Heights Garden Club, was awarded an honorable mention (see story on page 7) for the " #22 Myrtle Walgreen Memorial Award for Civic Project". What is this all about? In late June, 2019, District 214 contacted our club and asked if we could plant and care for a demonstration garden that would be used by their students at Forest View Academy. Though a late start, our club planted and cared for the garden on the south side of the school. In the spring of 2020, we were in the midst of planning for in person classroom sessions to teach the student about how to start seeds and plants under lights. The hope was this activity would allow special needs students to raise some of their own food and be able to prepare and enjoy it. Mike Relaz prepared the growing lights, and then everything was closed down due to the COVID virus. Again our Club planted the garden and cared for it through the summer, giving the produce to food pantries.

This spring, we were ready to conduct Zoom sessions with the students when word came that we could meet in person. On April 23<sup>rd</sup>, our first class planted many varieties of vegetables, flowers and herbs indoors under the lights. Many of our students had never touched a seed or planted anything before. It was exciting to watch them discover what was needed for germination and growth to take place. Students were allowed to pick from any number of activities and we had 23 who potted up seeds that first day. The following week, we planted potatoes and learned what "eyes" are, and some history of the potato. Large containers were taken home by the students and teachers to care for and harvest later in July when there is no school. On May 14<sup>th</sup>, the weather and soil were finally warm enough to move outdoors and we planted radishes, lettuce, spinach and a few cool crop vegetables. Our hope is that students will get to try one of the radishes before school is out for the summer. It is gratifying to watch students learn to use a hoe and rake properly to plant their own seeds. On May 28<sup>th</sup>, the final class, we will plant the tomatoes, beans and other tasty veggies in the soil. Throughout the summer our Club will care for the in ground plot and handicap accessible raised bed with harvested produce going to food pantries. There is hope that in August when students return, we will still have vegetables to harvest and enjoy. If you would like to help care for the garden this summer, please contact [Mike Relaz](#) or [Jim Spannagel](#), and we will schedule you into the routine.

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### Board of Directors

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President	Jim Spannagel
Secretary	Nancy Asquini-Dean
Treasurer	Pete Landwehr

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### Committee Chairs

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Artistic	Barb Franks
Civics	Kathy Wolan Mike Relaz
Conservation	Daniella Sents Christina Preston
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	Connie Landwehr Lesley Jackson
Scholarship	Mike Dennehey
Website	Denise Nowak



## Garden Walk & Unique Boutique

Sunday, June 27th 10am-4pm May 24th @ 7 PM

*Kathy Hendricksen & Aileen Koeppen, Garden Walk & Unique Boutique Co-chairs*

Things are continuing to progress with the planning of the Garden Walk & Unique Boutique on Sunday, June 27th from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Arlington Heights Historical Museum featuring five gardens. Please pass on the publicity information (it was emailed to you last week) to your friends, associates and neighbors and invite them to come to the event which is \$15 in advance, or \$20 the day of. Advance tickets can be purchased from two Arlington Heights locations (Village Bank, the Farmers Markets) in June, or you can purchase tickets online on our web site. Please review our website for volunteer opportunities. We need everyone's help to make this event a success. All volunteers receive a free ticket to visit the gardens!

We have over 20 Unique Boutique vendors, community booths of Ask an Arborist, Ask a Master Gardener, Ask Emerald Lawn Care, the Village of Arlington Heights and the Arlington Heights Library. Enjoy food from Lolas' and soda pop from the Historical Museum as well as three different live music groups.

If you have any extra baskets or new items that could be basket fillers, please email [Pat Dennehey](mailto:Pat.Dennehey@ahgardenclub.com) or call (847) 255-0155. We collect donations from businesses and club members to create the raffle baskets. Please review our web site to see the most current list of our sponsors and if you are a patron of their business, please be sure to thank them for their support.

After a year of hunkering down, we're looking forward to having this event taking into account any necessary precautions as we ease into getting back to normal. We look forward to having a successful event to fund our club's scholarships, community projects and programs. We appreciate everyone's assistance in helping to make this event a huge success.

## Lake Arlington Butterfly Garden

On Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup> five Garden Club members joined Jeff and Peggy from the Arlington Heights Park District to plant additional native plants in the butterfly garden. Our club donated the funds to establish this garden in 2019 and donated additional funds for this expansion. Jeff from the Park District mentioned that due to COVID there have been staff cut backs so the smaller projects have not been getting done. He would welcome volunteers from our club to help weed the butterfly garden. Specific dates for weeding will be scheduled and coordinated with the volunteers. A big thank-you to the team of volunteers on this project: [Aileen Koeppen](#), [Kathy Wolan](#), [Emma Visee](#), [Carol Elliott](#) and [Kathy Hendricksen](#).



# Treasurer's Report

## ARLINGTON HEIGHTS GARDEN CLUB Treasurer's Report May, 2021

<u>Checking Account Balance 4/30/21</u>	<u>Stmt Date</u>	\$	4,521.21
<u>Receipts:</u>			
13 single member dues	5/3/21		325.00
4 couples member dues	5/3/21		160.00
Plant Sale proceeds - Koeppen	5/3/21		30.00
Hawthorne Gardens GW sponsorship			200.00
Tammy Joy Matheson	5/10/21		50.00 UB Vendor fee
Total			765.00
<u>Disbursements (cleared):</u>			
	<u>Check #</u>	<u>Ck Date</u>	
Total			-
Checking Account Balance 5/31/21		\$	5,286.21
Savings Account Balance 3/31/21			-
Interest Income @ 0.02%			
Transfer to checking			
Savings Account Balance 4/30/21		\$	- Closed 3/1/21
CASH IN BANK 5/31/21		\$	5,286.21
<u>Receipts to be deposited</u>			
Total undeposited receipts		\$	-
<u>Open invoices and checks written but not cashed</u>			
	<u>Check #</u>	<u>Ck Date</u>	
Bev Krams	1412	3/23/21	50.00 Platt Hill Nursery gift cards in lieu of program costs
Meredith Schnelle	1413	4/26/21	75.00 April presentation
Total outstanding checks and invoices			\$ 125.00
ADJUSTED CASH POSITION 5/31/21		\$	5,161.21

# AHGC Board Meeting Notes

*Nancy Asquini Dean, Recording Secretary*

## AHGC Board Meeting | May 10, 2021 7:00 PM

### President-Jim Spannagel

- At the State GCI annual convention, the AHGC was awarded an “Honorable Mention” for award #22, The Myrtle Walgreen Memorial Award for Civic Project. Congrats and thank you to all who helped with this project.
- Our club was assigned to be the 4 greeters at the Farmer’s Market on May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**The April secretary’s board minutes and April treasurer’s report approved.**

### Artistic

- Barb has been speaking with an artist we’ve used in the past for mosaic classes. Barb is getting more details and needs a count on how many members would be interested.

### Civics

- Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup> 10 AM is the day the AH Park District is expanding the Lake Arlington butterfly garden planted in 2019. There are 288 3” plugs to plant and 12 club members have volunteered to help.
- A Forest View Academy garden class with 20+ students attending planted cool crops.
- Miner School greenhouse project was discussed with Joy Borkowski of Miner School. Lots of possibilities for projects we could assist with.

### Garden Walk Monthly Meeting

- Kathy and Aileen will hold a Zoom meeting Monday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. Tickets are now on sale at two Village Bank locations. We have 12-15 sponsors and to date 17-20 vendors signed up for Unique Boutique.

### Membership

- Club has 74 paid members and GCI dues just submitted for this number.
- Annual member campaign suggested as a yearly event (March, April, and May) and Board agreed with this idea.
- Website “Members Only” page is being well used.

### Plant Sale

- Set for Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at Historical Museum starting at 7:30 a.m. Vouchers for free plants to 21 new members being issued. Pick up from cashier at sale.

### Programs

- April joint presentation with Library on rain gardens had 111 attendees.
- May 24<sup>th</sup> program “Growing Edibles in Containers” with Lisa Hilgenberg of Chicago Botanic Garden is last one of year.
- Summer backyard meetings begin in June at Aileen Koeppen’s garden and July in Renie Norkiewicz garden.

### Publicity

- Lesley Jackson would like items from members to put on Facebook.
- Connie has 4-5 neighborhood groups who agreed to list our garden walk/ plant sale.

### Scholarship

- Mike D. is holding scholarship meeting on Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup> to select a winner. Five students have applied.

### Old/New Business

- Need to create a new Vice President position. To be done.
- Past president Yeanne Markham passed away recently and Board approved a donation to GCI “Book of Remembrance” in her memory. Funds GCI scholarships.