



Arlington Heights garden club

September 2017

Growing Together

Carol Elliott, Editor

Dragonflies and Damselflies

Monday, September 25th

The first program of the AHGC 2017-18 season will be Marla Garrison who is an expert on DRAGONFLIES AND DAMSELFLIES. She will share her knowledge so you will be able to determine the difference between the two suborders of the aquatic insect order *Odonata*. Ms. Garrison will provide you with details about the species, history, behavior and their role as wetland indicators. Her enthusiasm and slideshow presentation will amaze you as you learn about these fascinating insects!

Ms. Garrison is currently a biology professor at McHenry County College. She serves on the Executive Council of the Dragonfly Society of the Americas and has authored the book, *Damselflies of Chicagoland*, published by the Field Museum.



Greetings from Our President

In taking on the role of Garden Club president, I first want to thank Kathy Hendricksen, our outgoing president, for all her leadership and guidance which has brought life and pride to our Club. Among other things, she has organized our Garden Walk into a smooth running, finely tuned activity which is the financial foundation of our club. She has patiently answered my thousand questions during our transition period, and I am most grateful to Kathy for pulling together a wonderful team of people who are committed, hardworking, and who have a warm spirit of cooperation. After working with most of them for several years, I know what a competent and supportive group they are. They give me confidence going forward for the next two years.

This past summer seems to have been the fastest in my lifetime!!! We just finished a successful Garden Walk, and we are well into the planning for Garden Walk 2018. The Garden Selection Committee has been hard at it for over two months, trying to find the best gardens in our village. We are going to put out a request to all of our members to become another set of eyes. Please see the article on the next page for things to look for in possible Garden Walk gardens. Next year's Garden Walk will be June 24, 2018, and we always need lots of help. If you interested in helping, please call Pete Landwehr (847-638-9061) or Jim Spannagel (847-322-8207).

Jim Spannagel, President

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September Hostesses

A reminder and thank you from Aggie Prochaska, Social Chair, to those bringing treats to our September meeting!

Jenny Mantis,

Shelley Plischke,

Christina Preston

Be on the Lookout for Possible Garden Walk Gardens!

The Garden Selection Committee has been searching for next year's gardens for over two months, trying to find the best gardens in our village. We would like all of our members to look too. If you know of an outstanding garden in your neighborhood, or you drive past one on a regular basis or just happen to spot one accidentally, please let us know. Give us the address and if possible, the homeowners name, and we will follow up and check out the garden. We believe we can get ideas from any nice garden. In identifying potential candidates, we look for good structure and layout, a large variety of plants and shrubs that will be blooming in late June (June 24, 2018), items of interest (my wife calls them "yard art", and of course a landscape and hardscape that is well cared for. If you see a garden that meets our standards, please call Pete Landwehr (847-638-9061) or Jim Spannagel (847-322-8207).

Welcome, New Members!

We would like to welcome the following new members to our club:

Cindy Harris
Cindy Kriemelmeyer
Terri Passolt

New faces, New friends, New ideas. Glad to have you and look forward to sharing our love of gardening together!

It's September!

Do YOU know what's BEST for your LAWN?

Whoa...it's SEPTEMBER already!! Yep and don't miss out on these four easy steps to that perfect lawn in the spring.

1. The beginning of September is the optimum time to OVERSEED your current lawn or establish that new lawn you wanted to put in. If you want that thick, lush green carpet you have got to give it a boost. The ground is still warm and probably still moist from all that rain we have had. Introducing new grass seeds strengthens the lawn, makes the lawn more resistant to disease, and most important allows less weed seeds to penetrate. i.e. less weeding!
2. If you are going to fertilize only once a year, this is the time. Fall lawn FERTILIZATION the first two weeks of September is essential. Just use a regular lawn fertilizer with a 3:1:2 or 4:1:2 NPK ratio. Don't be tempted to use a 'winterizer' fertilizer until late October into early November. Fall fertilization protects the roots for winter dormancy.
3. CORE AERATION should be done while the grass is actively growing. Pulling plugs of grass out of the soil loosens the soil and allows nutrients to reach the grass roots. In addition aeration allows air to move freely and increases growth. Aeration also allows thatch to break down rather than allowing thatch to sit on top of the grass making it difficult for sun and water to reach the roots. DON'T rake those plugs up! They will soon break down and put additional nutrients into the soil.
4. The optimum time to control weeds is when they are actively growing and September is the best month to control your dandelion and clover broadleaf weeds. The weeds are preparing for winter by drawing nutrients and starches into their leaves and roots so they will subsequently pull in the herbicides you apply. Your fertilized growing grass will fill in the bare spots of the dying weeds. If needed, apply your POSTEMERGENT WEED CONTROL.

http://extension.illinois.edu/lawntalk/planting/lawn_care_calendar_northern_il.cfm
<https://extension.illinois.edu/hortihints/0208e.html>

Bev Krams

Master Gardener through the Master Gardener Answer Desk, Friendship Park Conservatory, Des Plaines and University of Illinois Extension, North Cook Branch Office, Arlington Heights. Call (847) 298-3502 Monday, Wednesday and Saturday or (847) 201-4176 ext. 14 on Fridays.



Garden Knowledge September 2017

Thru Oct. 1 - "10th Annual Quilt Gardens Tour" - over one million blooms in 19 supersized quilt-inspired gardens in Northern Indiana. Joins quilting, gardening, and art into a one-of-a-kind event. www.quiltgardens.com

Thru Oct. 22 - "Origami in the Garden" - large metal sculptures in the style of paper Origami will be scattered throughout the gardens - at Morton Arboretum in Lisle, Ill.

Thru Oct. 29 - "Model Railroad Garden: Landmarks of America" - at Chicago Botanic Garden in Glencoe, Ill.

Oct. 7 - "Scarecrow Harvest Festival" - at Midway Village Museum in Rockford, Illinois

Oct. 8 - "Autumn @ the Arboretum" - at Klehm Arboretum and Botanic Gardens in Rockford, Ill.

Oct. 11 thru 15 - "Glass Pumpkin Patch" - Morton Arboretum in Lisle, Ill.
www.mortonarb.org

Oct. 13-14 - "Quilts from the Village XIII" - at Libertyville Sports Complex in Libertyville, Ill.

Oct. 26 thru 29 - "Night of the 1,000 Jack-o'-Lanterns" at Chicago Botanic Garden in Glencoe, Ill. www.chicagobotanic.org

Sept. 23 The Scoop on Mulch 2pm @ Reds Garden Center
<http://www.redsgardencenter.com/seminars.html>

Sept. 30 "Fall Lawn Care" @ Knuppers 10am

Oct. 6-8 - "Fall Bulb Festival" - at Chicago Botanic Garden in Glencoe, Ill.

Oct 5- "Shrubs for the Illinois Garden" Morton Arboretum 9-1pm

Oct 7 "Gorgeous/Resilient Perennials @ Chalet Nursery 10am

Oct. 20 & 21 @ Pest Management: Insects, Disease, Animals 10am
<https://chaletnursery.com/#whats-happening>

Farmers Markets:

Arlington Heights	110 S. Fremont	Saturday 8-12noon
Palatine	Train Station Lot	Saturday 7:30-1pm
ElkGrove Village	901 Wellington Ave.	Saturday 7:30-1pm
Schaumburg	109 S. Roselle Rd	Friday 7:30-1pm

Work at the Post Office and Other Sites



Give Our Website a Look!

AHGC Members: There is a new feature on our website: Month by Month Gardening! Check it out and find your TO DO LIST (or your spouses!) for the month.

Google: Arlington Heights Garden Club

All the program lectures can be found on our website too.

Click on EVENTS on the left hand column and the years calendar will come up. Nice job done by Mike on putting this together!!

<https://sites.google.com/site/arlingtonheightsgardenclub/home>

Our New Mission Statement

The Arlington Heights Garden Club is a community organization welcoming all levels of gardeners.

We provide a forum to educate and share knowledge and experience encouraging the love of gardening while fostering friendships.

Our club promotes, protects and encourages environmental and conservation best practices.

We provide community guidance for civic beautification and support to students and other non-profits.

**Congratulations
to Kathy!**

**A Club Member
to Know**



Kathy Wolan has been awarded for her help at the Historical Society and other civics projects.

Kathy has been 'tending' and coordinating the volunteers at the Historical Society Museum's Banta Garden since 2005. In 2007 she was able to negotiate a 'deal' with the museum to put in a sprinkler system which was cost shared by the Garden Club and the Museum. Kathy has been trying to secure an 'extra' garden fork from Helen Dawley as Helen is no longer gardening at her home. Helen's tools could not be found so the AHGClub procured a 'fork' for her. Kathy no longer has to haul her own tools back and forth from home. She will have her 'equipment' at the Gardens. The Garden Club has cared for the Banta Gardens since 1995.

September GARDEN LIST

GENERAL GARDEN CARE

Time to plant trees and shrubs when they undergo color change.
Avoid pruning at this time
Control Poison Ivy before it goes dormant
Dig and store summer flowering bulbs
Save seeds from favorite self-pollinating non-hybrid flowers
Begin Compost heap if you do not already have one!
Continue to water trees and shrubs until ground freezes

ANNUAL AND PERENNIALS:

Transplant and divide at this time.
Best time to divide peonies, 3-5 eyes, plant no more than 2 inches deep
Plant mums early so they have a chance to root and weather the winter
Do not cut back perennials until the leaves and stems have lost green color

LAWN CARE

Change mowing height to 2 inches
Fertilize Early in the month....MOST Important application of the year
Reseed thin areas of lawn
Core aerate

FRUIT, VEGETABLE, AND HERB CARE

Continue harvesting to have productive plants
Add compost to garden beds
Seed bare garden areas with winter rye or barley for a winter cover crop.
Fall crop of spinach and leafy veggies
Harvest herbs and hang upside down to dry in dark space.

INDOOR GARDEN

Start preparing houseplants for the return to indoors. Check for insects, clean leaves and containers, sheltered area.
Begin 2-3 mo. dormancy for amaryllis bulbs. Stash in a cool dark place NO watering.
Pot your Rosemary basil oregano chives for indoor winter use.

HINTS:

Swap out your container plants for frost tolerant mums, pansies and flowering kale.
Use same soil and compost the disease free annuals.
Water your trees and shrubs so they are hydrated for winter
Average frost date is October 11-20
Order your garlic bulbs for mid October planting
Best time to do a soil test is September through December.
<https://extension.illinois.edu/soiltest/>

<http://web.extension.illinois.edu/cfiv/homeowners/100909.html>
<https://www.chicagobotanic.org/plantinfo/checklist>