



# Arlington Heights garden club

March 2018

*Growing Together*

*Carol Elliott, Editor*

## Greetings from Our President

### Climate Change

**Monday, March 26, 2018  
7:30 pm at Village Hall**

Want to feel more informed, energized and hopeful for a future stable climate? Please join us as Mike Zaniello from Citizens Climate Lobby will educate us, enable us and entertain us about what Climate Change is, what are its effects and what can be done about it. His presentation is in line with our National Garden Club mission "to promote the love of gardening, floral design and civic and environmental responsibility".

Mike Zaniello has a B.A. from the University of Chicago and an MBA from both Northern Illinois University and Loyola University. His business background includes Senior Director at Global Financial Systems (McDonalds Corporation), Chief Information Officer @ WMS Gaming and Rexnord and an extensive career @ Motorola. He is now a retired executive and his interest has turned to the Citizens Climate Lobby, an organization which exists to create the political will for climate solutions by enabling individual breakthroughs in the exercise of personal and political power.

We have all heard, "It's the little things that matter!" Whether it is a friendship, a marriage or a garden club, attention to small details can make all the difference and keep things running smoothly. If everyone would do just a "little bit," it makes a big difference. On April 18th, our Garden Club Conservation Committee will be participating in Olive School's Earth Day Activity Night. If one or two members would like to help Kathy Hendricksen plant seeds with the students, your help would be appreciated.

Mid-morning on April 27th, we will celebrate Arbor Day with the planting of a Linden tree at Windsor School. It would be great to have members participating in the ceremonies. Come support the Club and the students as we plant our annual tree at one of our local schools.

Please put a note on your calendar, to bring your stapler and staples to our pre-meeting on April 23rd at 6 PM. We will attach Garden Walk/Plant Sale flyers to over 2000 seed packets which we plan to give away at the Memorial Day parade. The more hands, the quicker the job is completed!! See inside for more details.

Lastly, if the weather turns warm soon, it will be time to dig and pot up your perennials for our annual Plant Sale on June 2nd. The sooner they can be settled in their pots, the better they look on sale day. If all gardener members contribute 10 plants each, we will have another great success! Thanks for all you do!!

*Jim Spannagel, President*

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**Newsletter**  
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## March Hostesses

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

*Marie Berhinig*

*Val Solaski*

*Aggie Prochaska*

## Arlington Heights Garden Club in the Memorial Day Parade

Two of our members have agreed to chair our Memorial Day Parade entry for this year. Brenda Catardi and Terri Passolt will be signing up people at our meetings to walk in the May 28th, one and a half mile long parade route. We will need to be in place by 8:45 AM. If you choose to walk with us, you might be able to persuade a grandson or granddaughter to walk along with you.

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## Correction to Feb. newsletter



Did you LOVE February's Article on GARBAGE GARDENING? We hope so as Terri Passolt, Master Gardener did a great job writing it.....Terri, please accept apologies for not including your name.

Terri Passolt, Master Gardener  
North Suburban Cook Master Gardener Program

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# The Worst of Winter is Over.

## How do I protect my plants from the extremes of warm and cold weather that we are sure to have?

Yes, we have seen some 'real' winter this year, 12 days in a row of below zero, over 28 inches of snow not to mention the torrential rains. The worst is over, hopefully. What you need to do for the next two months is watch for temperature fluctuations. The most serious issue facing plants during this time is the fluctuations of extreme heat and cold.

Some of the issues confronting our plants as we enter into March is frost injury, winter burn, soil heaving and freeze cracks and sun scald just to mention a few.

Frost injury occurs in early spring to emerging flowers and leaves when freezing temps cause water in the plant cells to freeze, expand and then rupture cell walls. Plants become limp, blackened or distorted.

Your evergreens, holly and boxwood are going to be dealing with Winter Burn if you did not heed the fall advice of WATER THOSE EVERGREENS into late fall. They are especially prone to winter burn from winter winds. Spring wind, sun and warm days speed the process. Add that 3-inch layer of mulch to conserve the moisture or consider using an anti-desiccant to reduce the water loss through leaves.

Get out there and check those perennial plants, especially strawberries and chrysanthemums that can be damaged by soil heaving. This happens when alternating freezing and thawing of soil pushes the roots up out of the ground exposing them to cold and drying winds.

Those rapid temperature changes in the spring can also split bark on the southwest side of your newly planted trees and thin barked trees such as maples, lindens and fruit trees. Direct sun heats the bark of the tree during the day then freezes at night and active tissue is killed. Tree wrap can give them some protection but check for frost cracks/sun scald.

Time to take that late winter walk through your yard and check to see what is out there that needs your attention!!

Bev Krams, Master Gardener  
North Suburban Cook Master Gardener Program

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*<http://web.extension.illinois.edu/cfiv/homeowners/980110.html>*

# Garden Knowledge Mar/Apr 2018

Easter is COMING! Visit your local nursery for your Easter blooms!

Mar. 10 thru 25 - "Spring Flower Show" - at Olbrich Botanical Gardens in Madison, Wisconsin

Mar. 14 thru 18 - "Chicago is in Bloom - the Chicago Flower and Garden Show" - at Navy Pier in Chicago, Ill.

Mar. 17 thru May 20 - "Simply Spring: The Butterfly Exhibit" - at Nicholas Gardens and Conservatory in Rockford, Ill.

Mar. 18 - "Spring Gardening Inspiration" - 4th Annual Gardening Event - hosted by the Darien Garden Club - registration required - [www.dariengardenclub.com](http://www.dariengardenclub.com) for information - in Darien, Ill.

March 23/24 @ 10am CHALET 'Landscape Preview 2018'

March 24 @ 9-3pm KNUPPERS 'Spring Flower Show'

Mar. 24 - "2018 Spring Garden Show" - hosted by the La Porte County, Indiana, Master Gardeners - at the Michigan City, Ind. High School

Mar. 24-25 - "Northern Illinois Gesneriad Society Show & Sale" - at Chicago Botanic Garden in Glencoe, Ill.

Mar. 24 thru July 15 - "Light Gap" - plants change and develop and light patterns change - at Olbrich Botanical Gardens in Madison, WI

April 7, Saturday GARDENFEST @ McHenry College [www.mchenry.edu/gardenfest](http://www.mchenry.edu/gardenfest) to register, great all day program!

April 14th Saturday @ Barrington Village Hall 10am  
Citizens for Conservation: "The Value of Ants". \$10

April 21, Straw Bale Gardening, 10 am, and  
April 28, Fruit Trees and Berries, 10:30 am, and  
Vegetable Gardening, noon, all at  
Countryside Nursery in Crystal Lake

April 29-30 - "GCI Annual Convention and State Flower Show" - at the Lisle Hilton in Lisle, Ill.



## Arlington Heights Garden Club offering two \$1500 Scholarships for 2018

The Arlington Heights Garden Club will award two \$1500 scholarships this year for students pursuing study in the fields of horticulture, botany, forestry, agriculture, marine biology, or environmental sciences. However, other fields of interest will be given consideration. Extra credit is given if an applicant can demonstrate a working experience in the horticulture, floral, or nursery community.

All applicants must be residents of Arlington Heights or adjoining communities, have a C average, and be pursuing enrollment for the 2018-2019 school term in a vocational / technical school, community college, or university. Grad school also qualifies. Scholarship applications are due on May 1st, with recipients announced the first week of June. Application forms are available at all District 214 High School Career Center offices, Saint Viator High School, and Christian Liberty Academy, and can be downloaded from the AHGC website: [www.ahgardenclub.com](http://www.ahgardenclub.com) on the Scholarship Info page. Please note a list of college fields of study and a list of local schools for students to consider is also available for download.

Proceeds from the annual Garden Walk, scheduled for June 24th this year, are used to fund this scholarship program. Please contact Mike Dennehey at [dennehm@wowway.com](mailto:dennehm@wowway.com) or 847-255-0133 for information.

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## Conservation Committee Update

by Kathy Hendricksen

On Wednesday, April 18th from 6:30-8:00 the Garden Club will again be participating in the Olive Mary Stitt Earth Day Fair at 303 E. Olive. We have an activity for the children to plant seeds in cups and have information about our club as well as promoting our plant sale and Garden Walk for their parents. The children are very enthusiastic and the night goes by quickly. If you would be interested in helping, please contact me at 847-514-0414 or at [kshend@aol.com](mailto:kshend@aol.com) to let me know as I will be out of town for the March general meeting.

Please also mark your calendars if you are able to join us for a tree planting on Arbor Day which is Friday, April 27th at Windsor School at 1315 E. Miner. The Garden Club and Ryan Sherman, Certified Arborist from The Davey Tree Expert Company are again teaming up to plant a Little Leaf Linden in a large grassy area near the playground. Details are still being worked out as to the time but it will probably be a brief program in the late morning with us doing a short program and the children doing something with their music teacher.



# Citizens for Conservation's

22<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL

## NATIVE PLANT, SHRUB & TREE SALE

Saturday & Sunday, May 5 & 6, 9am-3pm

Place your advance order online between March 1 & April 10  
Pre-order Pickup and "Members Only" Sale - Friday, May 4, 11am-6pm

[www.citizensforconservation.org](http://www.citizensforconservation.org)

For additional information call 847-382-SAVE (7283) or  
email [cfc@citizensforconservation.org](mailto:cfc@citizensforconservation.org)

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across the street from CFC Headquarters, 459 W. HWY 22, Lake Barrington.

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Discounted  
Milkweed  
for the  
Monarchs

★★★  
Bring a wagon  
for your plants!

## AHGC Golden Girl

Our very own Kathy Wolan has recently been  
honored as a Golden Heart Award winner for 2018!

CONGRATULATIONS !!!!!



# Help Us with the Garden Walk Raffle

We can use more baskets for the Garden Club Raffle plus any fillers that you would like to donate. Please bring items to our general meetings or drop them off at my house - 1411 North Hickory.

Also keep in mind that we will be putting the baskets together on June 16th.

Thanks,  
Pat Dennehey

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## YOUR MARCH GARDEN 'TO DO' LIST

### General Garden Care

- " Continue to plant seeds indoors.
- " Resist working in wet soil, which will form clods and they are difficult to break up.
- " On dry days remove debris from lawn and garden beds.
- " Check stored bulbs for decay.

### Trees and Shrubs

- " To reduce the spread of oak wilt, all oak pruning should be done in March.
- " Prune fruit trees in March before buds swell.
- " Prune spring flowering shrubs and trees immediately after they flower.

### Annuals and Perennials

- " Prune roses when the forsythia begin to bloom.
- " Check for spring blooming bulbs.
- " Gently press back perennials that have heaved out of the ground over winter.
- " As days warm up gently pull back mulch from perennials crowns.
- " Cut back perennials that were left for winter interest.
- " When temps are consistently in the 50's, sow seeds for cool season.

### Indoor Plants

- " Replant houseplants that have flowered and are root bound.
- " Fertilize as they begin new growth.

<http://web.extension.illinois.edu/fmpt/downloads/67798.pdf>

<https://www.chicagobotanic.org/plantinfo/checklist/february>



## February Meeting

Leslie Goddard gave a great presentation portraying the conservationist, Rachel Carson!

Thanks to her and to Val Solaski, our program chair, for an exceptional evening.

## DUES ARE DUE!!!

AHGC has created a new membership form that we are asking all members to complete. It will allow us to update your information (address, phone, e-mail, etc.)

Please complete the form at the end of this newsletter and bring it with your check to the March meeting or mail it to the address provided on the form.

Membership co-chairs:

Shelley Plischke, 847-577-7356  
tplischke@comcast.net

Renie Norkiewicz 847-394-5145  
laren4@att.net

## McHenry County College Gardenfest

Saturday, April 7

A full day of garden classes

Go to [www.mchenry.edu/gardenfest](http://www.mchenry.edu/gardenfest) to register.

In last month's newsletter, we published the application form for Gardenfest, a day-long gardening symposium to be held in Crystal Lake. Because it is a long drive, there has been some interest in forming a carpool. If you have registered for the event and want to carpool, please let Pete Landwehr know and he will coordinate it.

847-394-0135  
PCTL9061@gmail.com.



Arlington Heights Garden Club  
2018-19 Membership Form

New Member  Membership Renewal  Individual \$25.00  Couple \$40.00

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address(es) \_\_\_\_\_

In an effort to better serve your gardening needs the AHGC is eager to learn your areas of interest. Please share your thoughts and ideas to help us provide programs you would enjoy. \_\_\_\_\_

In order to get involved and meet people, we recommend members sign up for at least one or more committees. Please (✓) check committee(s) of interest and a chairperson will contact you with information on how you can help.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Artistic<br><i>(Plan Workshops)</i>        | <input type="checkbox"/> Civics<br><i>(Community Beautification)</i>   | <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation<br><i>(Environmental Issues)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Garden Walk<br><i>(Club's Main Fundraiser)</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Horticulture<br><i>(Plant Info/Events)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership<br><i>(Process Members)</i>        | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter<br><i>(Monthly Newsletter)</i>     | <input type="checkbox"/> Program<br><i>(Select Meeting Programs)</i>    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity<br><i>(Media Notices)</i>        | <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship<br><i>(Students/Members)</i>      | <input type="checkbox"/> Social<br><i>(Organize Refreshments)</i>      | <input type="checkbox"/> Ways & Means<br><i>(Fundraising Projects)</i>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Website<br><i>(Club Website)</i>           | If you wish to serve as a chairperson, please indicate committee _____ |  |   |

I would like to bring treats to the general meeting.

Sept  Oct  Nov  Jan  Feb  March  April  May  June  July

"I grant the AHGC permission to use photographs taken of me or including me at Garden Club meetings and events to be used in whole or in part for the purpose of promotion, social media and art for the sole use of the AHGC."

Please bring this form and your check made out to Arlington Hts. Garden Club to a general meeting, or mail to:  
Renie Norkiewicz, Membership Co-Chair

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11/26/2017



The Garden Conservancy proudly announces the US theater release by Gravitass Ventures of *The Gardener*, a full-length documentary film about Frank Cabot, renowned plantsman and Garden Conservancy founder, and his creation of Les Quatres Vents, his magnificent garden in Québec.

Wednesday, March 28; All showings at 7 p.m.

- Chicago, IL - Renaissance Place Cinema

*The Gardener* is a film that reflects upon the meaning of gardening and its impact on our lives. Shortly before his passing at the age of 86, influential gardener and plantsman Frank Cabot recounts his personal quest for perfection at Les Quatre Vents, his twenty-acre English style garden and summer estate that was opened to a film crew for the first time ever in 2009. Nestled amongst the rolling hills of the Charlevoix County in Quebec, Les Quatre Vents has become one of the world's foremost private gardens. Created over 75 years and three generations, it is an enchanted place of beauty and surprise, a horticultural masterpiece of the 21st century. Through the words of Cabot and his family, and with the participation of gardening experts and writers, the film looks back at this remarkable man's personal story and the artistic philosophy that gave birth to one of the greatest gardens in the world.

One hour, 24 minutes; directed by Sébastien Chabot