



# Arlington Heights garden club

Celebrating our 60th Anniversary

April 2016

Growing Together

Carol Elliott, Editor

## Fifty Shades of Green

Monday, April 25

Speaker: Cindy Tyley

Learn how to have the shade garden of your wildest fantasies! This talk combines tips on creating a shade garden as well as viewing pictures of shade plants.



Cindy is the owner of Carriage House Garden Design by Cindy Tyley. She has a certificate in Landscape Design and is a member of the Western Springs Garden Club.

## Greetings from Our President

The lion at the beginning and the lamb at the end of March got mixed up! Here's hoping the lion and lamb weather we've had in April too will end soon.

We hope you will participate in our plant exchange on May 14 and set aside plants for our first public plant sale on June 11th at the Farmer's Market.

Please be prepared to sign up to volunteer for our Garden Walk on June 12th if you didn't at our last meeting. At the next meeting we will pass out fliers and electronic versions and ask you to help us get the word out to friends and family. The cost of the walk is \$10 in advance or \$15 the day of. We will sell tickets the first two Saturdays of the Farmer's Market. Village Bank will also sell advance tickets.

Several of you have already provided Donna Soens with your membership dues renewal for the upcoming year, but if you haven't please plan on doing that this month.

I really enjoyed the wildlife program last month and look forward seeing you at this month's program. Thank you to Val and her program committee for selecting interesting and varied speakers. They are going to be planning next year's programs, so please share any of your ideas with them.

Kathy Hendricksen, President

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## SPECIAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

**Newsletter**  
**Carol Elliott**

**Scholarship and Website**  
**Mike Dennehey**

## April Hostesses

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

*Adrienne Martz*

*Pat Dennehey*

*Carol Elliott*

## AHGC Plant Exchange

On May 14 we will have our annual member plant exchange at 10:00 AM in the parking lot across from the Arlington Heights Historical Museum. Please pot up your extra perennials soon for the plant exchange as well as the June 11 plant sale so they have time to recover from transplant shock. This is a great opportunity to share your excess blessings with other members and the public.

Please note that new members/ gardeners are not required to bring plants to attend, We want to help you build your gardens!

The plants should be marked as to plant name and growing preferences. If it is aggressive or invasive, please mark it as such so no one is caught unaware.



## Earth Day News

Jim Spannagel, our Conservation Chair, has arranged an Earth Day event on April 20th at Olive School from 6-8 pm.

The topic for the event is bluebirds. A bluebird house has been purchased to raffle off to the school children attending the event. Volunteers from the club will help children plant flower seeds to take home. Milkweed seeds and information about monarch butterflies will also be offered. Anyone interested in helping with this event, please give Jim a call at 847-670-8207



## Our March Program



Rebecca Fyffe of ABC Humane Wildlife Control and Prevention gave a great program on managing critters and pests in our yard, garden, and homes. If you have questions for Rebecca or need her services, please see the company's website: [www.abcwildlife.com](http://www.abcwildlife.com).

## Slate for Upcoming Elections

Here is the slate for even year terms for the board which we will vote on formally at our April meeting and install officers in May:

Conservation: Jim Spannagel  
Newsletter: Carol Elliott  
Program: Valerie Solaski  
Publicity: Helen Dawley  
Secretary: Bev Krams  
Ways and Means: Adrienne Martz  
Website: Mike Dennehey

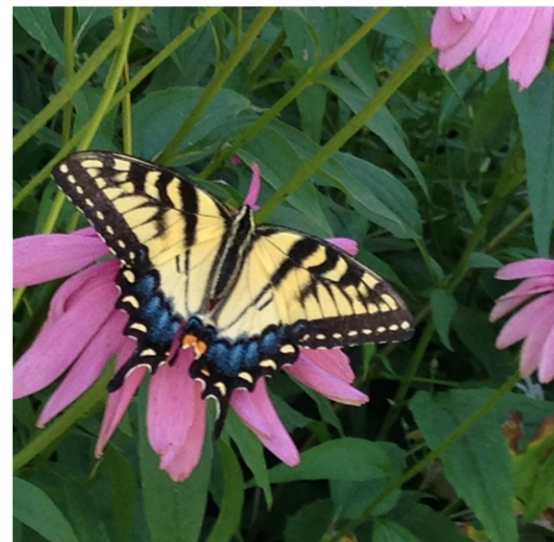
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## Free and Wise Garden Help

If you have any questions about the care of your garden, call the University of Illinois Extension office at Friendship Park Conservatory in Mount Prospect Ph. 847-298-3502. The Master Gardeners who volunteer at FPC can help answer your gardening questions.

## Benefit of Membership!

A benefit of membership to the club besides excellent programs and camaraderie with like minded members, is that you can take advantage of the club's Chicago Botanic Garden membership. If you are renewing your own personal membership with the Chicago Botanic Garden, you can say you are an Arl. Hts. Garden Club member and take \$10 off your membership fee. The Garden Club's membership decal is held by our Treasurer, Nancy Asquini-Dean. Any member that would like to borrow the deal which allows free entrance to park, may check it out with her and then return for other members to use. The sticker can be laid on your dashboard to pick up the radio frequency without having to adhere to your windshield



## GROWING YOUR GARDEN KNOWLEDGE - SPRING 2016

Apr. 20 - "Earth Day Event" - AH Garden Club project at Olive Mary Stitt grade school, Arlington Heights, Ill.

Apr. 20-21 - GCI "Gardening Studies School, Course 1" - at College of DuPage in Glen Ellyn, Ill.

Apr. 22 - "Earth Day"

Apr. 24-25 - Garden Clubs of Illinois 2016 Convention - "The World of Hummingbirds" at the Chicago/Naperville Marriott in Naperville.

May 1 - Schaumburg Garden Club Native Plant Sale - 10:00 - 2:00 at Spring Valley Nature Center, 1111 E Schaumburg Rd, Schaumburg, IL. - preorder for best selection at <http://schaumburggardenclub.org/plantsales/native-plant-sale/>

May 6-8 - Citizens For Conservation Native Plant Sale - preorder by April 15 at <http://citizensforconservation.org/native-plant-sales/> or show up on day of sale

May 7 - Mt. Prospect Park District Plant Sale - includes herbs and lots of Proven Winners plants - 9:00 - 2:00 at Friendship Park Conservatory, 395 W. Algonquin Rd, Des Plaines, IL.

May 7-8 - "Central States Dahlia Society Sale - at Chicago Botanic Garden in Glencoe, Ill.  
May 10-11 - GCI "Environmental Studies School, Course 2" - in Zion, Ill.

May 11 - "Gardening with Native Flowers and Plants" - Authors Charlotte Adelman and Bernard Schwartz present a program on using native flowers and plants in our gardens to replace non-native ornamentals. Des Plaines Public Library at 7:00PM. The program is free but registration is required. The library phone number is 847-827-5551.

May 12 - "Planning Your Vegetable Garden" - Kim Ellson, Horticulture Educator for the University of Illinois Extension, will guide us in reaping a bountiful harvest this season in our home vegetable gardens! Included plant selection, methods of starting vegetables, crop rotation, composting, companion planting, and much more. Des Plaines Garden Club meeting at 11:00AM at Frisbie Senior Center.

May 14 - AH Garden Club Plant Exchange - 10:00 AM in the parking lot across from the Arlington Heights Historical Museum. Please pot up your extra perennials soon for the exchange and the 6/11 plant sale. Mark plants with plant name and growing preferences.

May 21 - "Protecting Pollinators" - learn what you can do to support our pollinators and to become a more bee-friendly gardener - at River Trail Nature Center in Northbrook, Ill.

May 28 thru Sept. 8 - "Butterflies & Blooms" - hundreds of free-flying butterflies from around the world - with an additional fee at Chicago Botanic Garden in Glencoe, Ill.

June 11 - AH Garden Club Perennial Plant sale - at the AH Farmers Market

June 12 - Arlington Heights Garden Club Garden Walk



# BABY, It's COLD OUTSIDE!!

## Hardening Off Plants

The FROST FREE date in our area is mid May so the beginning of May is a good time to begin thinking about hardening off plants. 'Hardening off plants' is the process of getting indoor plants accustomed to outdoor temperatures 7-14 DAYS before transplanting them by gradually exposing them to new light sources, temperature variations and water amounts. Just as we do not appreciate that blast of cold winter air in our face, plants are very sensitive to the 'shock' of being moved from that cozy warm indoor environment to the harsh outdoors!

The biggest shock is the significant increase in light intensity outdoors. Outdoor light can be as much as 100 times brighter than indoor light.

START PLACING PLANTS OUTSIDE IN A SHADY AREA AVOIDING THE MID DAY FULL SUN EXPOSURE FOR 1-2 HOURS A DAY FOR THE FIRST 2-3 DAYS.

Wind is a danger to plants accustomed to the house or greenhouse as it dries out a plant very quickly and can cause them to snap or be knocked over. PLACE PLANTS IN A SHELTERED AREA AND BRING THEM BACK INDOORS FOR THE NIGHT.

Keep in mind plants are living in a 60-70 degree environment and freezing temperatures will kill your plants. AFTER 7 DAYS YOUR SUN LOVING PLANTS SHOULD BE READY FOR TEMPS ABOVE 45 DEGREES. Bring them back inside if it is below 45 degrees.

After 7-14 days plants are ready for transplanting. However remember to not force them into drastic conditions to which they are not accustomed. Transplant them in the evening or a cloudy day. Water them immediately after transplanting and continue to monitor the watering as they will be actively growing and requiring more water and nutrients than they did indoors.

Too much stress can cause injury or death to the plant in addition to making them more susceptible to pest problems. Acclimate those transplants, seedlings and houseplants to their new environment and they will be growing abundantly in your garden.

Bev Krams, Master Gardener  
April 2016

Acclimating Plants Outdoors,  
University of Illinois Extension  
Gardener's Corner, Vol.5, Issue 3,  
2016

Secrets to Success, 5 Steps to  
Harden Off Seedlings, Botanical  
Interests.com 2016



# Save the Date!

**June 12**

is the date of the club's

## Garden Walk!

Please volunteer and

help make the day a success!

Membership dues are due in May and will start being collected at the meetings. Forms will be available at the membership desk or they can be printed from this newsletter. See last page.

Individuals \$25.00  
Couples \$40.00

## Garden Club Offering \$1500 Scholarship for 2016

Are you or a family member thinking of gaining education in the horticultural area? Here are two opportunities from our club for educational assistance!

### Academic Scholarship

The Arlington Heights Garden Club will award one \$1500 scholarship for students pursuing study in the fields of horticulture, botany, forestry, agriculture, marine biology, or environmental sciences. Other fields will be given consideration if applicant can demonstrate a working experience in the horticulture/floral/nursery community over the past year. Applicants must be residents of Arlington Hts or adjoining communities, have a C average, and be pursuing enrollment for the 2016-2017 school term in a vocational / technical school, community college or university. Grad school also qualifies.

Proceeds from the Garden Walk, scheduled for June 12th this year, are used to fund the scholarship program. One outstanding student was awarded a scholarship for the 2015-2016 school year.

Scholarship applications are due on May 1st, with recipients announced the first week of June. Application information is available at all Arlington Heights High School Career Center offices or can be downloaded from the AHGC website at: [www.ahgardenclub.com](http://www.ahgardenclub.com). Please contact Mike Dennehey at [dennehm@wowway.com](mailto:dennehm@wowway.com) or 847-255-0133 for information.

### Personal Development Award

As a member of the AH Garden Club, are you interested in taking some short courses with a gardening theme? You can register for any course given by the Chicago Botanic Gardens, Morton Arboretum, evening school at a high school or college, GCI, or local nurseries and AHGC will pay for one half the cost up to \$200. If interested, please read the information and download the Personal Development Award application from the Scholarship Page on the club website at [www.ahgardenclub.com](http://www.ahgardenclub.com). If you have any questions please contact Mike Dennehey at [dennehm@wowway.com](mailto:dennehm@wowway.com) or 847-255-0133 for information.



Arlington Heights Garden Club  
2016-17 Membership Form

I would like to be a member of the Arlington Heights Garden Club. My check is enclosed:

Individual \_\_\_\_\_ \$25.00      Couple \_\_\_\_\_ \$40.00

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

In order to get involved and meet people, we strongly recommend everyone sign up for at least one or more committees. Please check the committee(s) you would be interested in helping.

Artistic       Budget       Civics       Bylaws  
 Conservation       Garden Walk       Horticulture       Social  
 Membership       Newsletter       Program       Awards  
 Publicity       Scholarship       Special Events  
 Ways & Means       Website

Would you be willing to serve as a chair of a committee? Y N  
If yes, which committee? \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to bring treats to be served at a general meeting.

September \_\_\_\_\_ October \_\_\_\_\_ November \_\_\_\_\_ January \_\_\_\_\_

February \_\_\_\_\_ March \_\_\_\_\_ April \_\_\_\_\_ May \_\_\_\_\_

"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 to a general meeting, or mail to:  
Donna Soens, Membership Chairman  
116 South Harvard Ave  
Arlington Heights, IL 60005