



# Arlington Heights garden club

April 2018

Growing Together

Carol Elliott, Editor

## Conservation @ Home

Monday, April 23, 2018

7:30 pm at Village Hall



Conservation @ Home is sponsored by the University of Illinois and the Cook County Forest Preserves. The program recognizes and certifies properties that have demonstrated environmentally sound landscape practices. Residents of Cook County have the opportunity to integrate sustainable practices on their property by becoming aware of their contribution to clean water, rich soil, and resilient ecosystems that support people and wildlife. Come learn the Certification Process to have your yard become a habitat for wildlife!

Pete Landwehr has been a Master Gardener since 2014 and has been raising vegetables for over 30 years. He started a weekly "Ask A Master Gardener" answer desk at the Arlington Heights Farmers Market and a vegetable garden at Catholic Charities in Des Plaines to raise fresh vegetables for their food pantry.

Dwayne Anderson has been with the University of Illinois Extension's Master Gardener program since 2008. His primary interest is developing and maintaining school vegetable gardens and is currently involved with the running of two school gardens. Dwayne is also interested in growing and promoting native plants.

## Greetings from Our President

What a surprise--an inch of beautiful white snow on April 9th & 25 degrees! But it is April in the Midwest, and we know that things will change soon. Then we will be in high gear trying to keep up with all the tasks for our gardens and getting ready for the annual plant sale and 2018 Garden Walk!! To help us stay on top of things, I would like to highlight a few important points.

Please **bring a stapler** and staples at **6 PM** to our April 23rd meeting to help attach a Garden Walk/Plant Sale flier to over 3,000 free seed packets that Brenda Catardi has found for our parade march.

At **10:45 AM on April 27th**, come help us celebrate Arbor Day with the planting of a Linden tree at Windsor School (1315 E. Miner St.) It would be great to have some members present and participating in the ceremonies.

Brenda Catardi and Terri Passolt are signing up people to walk in the **May 28th Memorial Day Parade**. We need to be in place by 8:45 AM for this 1 1/2 mile trek. See if you can persuade a grandson or granddaughter to walk with you or in your place that day to pass out our seed packets/fliers. We could sure **use another 10 walkers**.

Please see inside this newsletter regarding our June 2 plant sale. Also the deadline for membership renewal is May 1st. Please bring cash or check to Monday's meeting.

Happy Spring everyone!

Jim Spannagel, President

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## April Hostesses

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

*Mary Jo Pedersen*

*Barbara Scullion*

*Bev Krams*

## Nomination Slate for New Officers

The Nominating Committee for new officers for 2018-2020 consisted of the following members: Brenda Catardi, Helen Dawley, Marty Landwehr and committee chairs Kathy Hendricksen and Renie Norkiewicz. The Committee chairs would like to thank the committee members for their help with the proposal for the new officers. The election of officers will take place at the April general meeting.

The Nomination Committee respectfully recommend the following members for board positions for the election year of 2018-2020 and 2018-2019 replacement for Social.

### Election Slate:

2018-2020

CONSERVATION: Diane Culhane  
WAYS & MEANS: Kathy Hendricksen  
NEWSLETTER: Carol Elliott  
PROGRAM: Valerie Solaski  
PUBLICITY: Clara Stone  
WEBSITE: Mike Dennehey  
SECRETARY: Nancy Asquini-Dean

2018-2019

SOCIAL: Marilyn Weber/Joe Weber

Kathy Hendricksen and Renie Norkiewicz  
Nomination Committee Chairs

## Welcome to Our New Members!

Maryann & Steve Baker  
Dale Craig

Please help our new members feel at home!

## Plant Sale - June 2

It will soon be time to dig and pot your perennials for the June 2nd Plant Sale. Check your gardens to see what you can share. Do you have a neighbor who might like their perennials divided? If pots are needed, Pete Landwehr and Jim Spannagel have extras and some will be available at the April 23rd meeting. The sooner they are potted up, the better they will look come Sale Day.

A new benefit for new members has been added. Each new member from this year, will be able to receive 3 free regularly priced plants of their choice at the June 2nd Plant Sale. The membership committee will be contacting you soon with more details. Free plants for your garden!! This will almost cover the cost of your entire membership!!



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## Photos from our March Mosaic Class



## More Mosaic Fun!!

Enhance your flower garden with this whimsical concrete mosaic turtle (13 ½" X 9"). Instructor Lisa Tolbert of Mosaic Whimsies gears this class toward (but not limited to) beginners and includes basic techniques, tools and materials involved in creating mosaic art. The class covers cutting, proper adhesives, design/layout and grouting.



Lisa offers a huge assortment of broken ceramic and china dishes, ceramic and glass tiles, balls and other shapes as well as an array of stringed glass beads, crystals and pearls. (Feel free to bring china or ceramic pieces that you would like to incorporate.) All tools are provided and are available for purchase. The turtle's shell is such an ideal mosaic surface with endless possibilities to incorporate different textures and colors to create an eye-catching show piece!

An instructional guide is available which includes all topics discussed. Lisa is confident that you can tackle any mosaic on your own after taking her class!

**When:** Saturday, May 19  
**Time:** 12-4:00 pm  
**Where:** Pioneer Park  
500 N. Fernandez  
Arlington Heights, IL 60004  
**Cost:** \$60/person

Please make your check payable to Mosaic Whimsies and mail to Barb Franks at 908 West Campbell Street, Arlington Heights 60005 to hold your spot. There are 20 spaces available.

Class will start promptly at 12:00. Hope to see you there!

Barb Franks  
Artistic Committee  
Arlington Heights Garden Club  
847-612-8892

# What does HARDENING OFF really mean?

BABY, It's COLD OUTSIDE!! 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 not to force them into drastic conditions to which they are not accustomed. Make sure the soil has adequately warmed for planting. Soil temperatures between 50-60F are necessary. 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  
North Suburban Cook Master Gardener Program



*Provided by Master Gardeners through the Master Gardener Answer Desk, Friendship Park Conservatory, Des Plaines. For more details on any of the ideas presented here, visit our website at <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/mg>, call the Master Gardener Answer Desk at (847) 298-3502 on Wednesdays or send an email to [northcookmg@gmail.com](mailto:northcookmg@gmail.com) any time.*

*[https://extension.illinois.edu/gardenerscorner/issue\\_05/spring\\_03\\_05.cfm](https://extension.illinois.edu/gardenerscorner/issue_05/spring_03_05.cfm)  
<https://www.botanicalinterests.com/articles/view/73/5-Steps-to-Harden-Off-Seedlings/category:secrets-to-success>*

## Garden Knowledge Apr/May 2018

- Mar. 24 thru July 15 - "Light Gap" - plants change and develop and light patterns change - at Olbrich Botanical Gardens in Madison, WI
- Thru May 13 - "Spring Flower Show" - at Lincoln Park Conservatory in Chicago, IL
- Mar. 17 thru June 3 - "Simply Spring: The Butterfly Exhibit" - at Nicholas Gardens and Conservatory in Rockford, Ill.
- Mar. 31 thru May 28 - "Shakespeare in Love - Spring Flower Show" - at "The Domes" in Mitchell Park in Milwaukee, WI
- Apr. 20 - "Swing into Spring Senior Expo" - sponsored by Maine Township at Golf Mill Shopping Center in Niles, Ill.
- Apr. 21 - "Right Plant, Right Place: Healthy Plants with Less Maintenance" - at Jurica-Suchy Nature Museum at Benedictine University in Lisle, Ill.
- April 21-Countryside Nursery in Crystal Lake, 10am STRAW BALE GARDENING
- April 22 - 1pm Mr. Schweiker and how he came to Schaumburg @ Schweikher House <http://schweikherhouse.org/programs/conversations-in-the-studio/>
- Apr. 24-25 - "GCI Environmental School, Course 1" - at Forest Preserve District of Cook County in River Forest, Ill.
- Apr. 27 - "Anderson Japanese Garden Opens" - in Rockford, Ill.
- April 28-Countryside Nursery in Crystal Lake, 10:30am FRUIT TREES AND BERRIES
- April 28-Countryside Nursery in Crystal Lake, 12noon VEGETABLE GARDENING
- April 28 Countryside Nursery in Crystal Lake 1:30pm ROSE CARE
- April 28 9am SPRING HYDRANGEA REFRESHER @ Knuppers
- Apr. 29-30 - "GCI Annual Convention and State Flower Show" - at the Lisle Hilton in Lisle, Ill.
- Apr. 29 - "Arbor Day Plant Sale" - at Morton Arboretum in Lisle, Ill.
- May 5-10am Monarch Rearing Workshop <http://parkfun.com/spring-valley/programs/adult/2018/02/14/new-monarch-butterfly-rearing-workshop>
- May 6-10am Creating Concrete Birdbaths <http://parkfun.com/spring-valley/programs/adult/2018/02/14/creating-with-concrete-birdbaths>
- May 8 - "Wildlife-Friendly Gardening" - a presentation by Chris Benda, The Illinois Botanizer - at Lurie Garden in Chicago, Ill.
- May 12-1pm Stone Buildings in the Fox Valley Area @ Schweikher House <http://schweikherhouse.org/programs/conversations-in-the-studio/>
- May 12 - "Third Annual Vintage Market" - at The Grove in Glenview, Ill.
- May 12 thru Oct. 28 - "Landmarks of America: Model Railroad Garden" - at Chicago Botanic Garden in Glencoe, Ill.
- May 16 - "Artistic Effects in Glorious Gardens" - a presentation by Laura Mueller, a lecturer from the Art Institute of Chicago, at the Des Plaines Public Library. Free but registration is required 847-827-5551.
- May 20- 10-2pm Native Plant Sale @ Schaumburg Nature Center
- May 26 thru \_\_\_\_\_ - "Butterflies & Blooms" - a garden habitat filled with hundreds of butterflies - at Chicago Botanic Garden in Glencoe, Ill.
- May 28 - "AH Memorial Day Parade" - Join your club members and walk with us in the Parade! Call Terri for info 847-392-6177

# Conservation Committee Update

by Kathy Hendricksen

As we go to press I am thanking ahead of time our volunteers of Brenda Catardi, Diane Culhane, Barb Franks, Mike Relaz, and Jim Spannagel to assist at the Olive Earth Day Fair on Wednesday, April 18th from 6:15 to 8:00. A huge thank you to Jim Spannagel for leading it the day of since I ended up double booking myself and will be out of town for a business trip in Cincinnati. The kids will have the opportunity to plant zinnia seeds that Brenda arranged to get for free from JULIE which is the organization that coordinates utility lines being marked before things are dug.

If you are available, please plan on joining the Garden Club at 10:45 on Friday, April 27th at Windsor School to an Arbor Day tree planting of a Little Leaf Linden behind the school on the east side of the playground. This is a joint project between the Garden Club and Certified Arborist Ryan Sherman from The Davey Tree Expert Company. The details are still being worked out but the children will be singing songs and potentially doing a craft project organized by the Green Team.

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## Penny Pines - excerpt from winter National Gardener

*For the last two years the Garden Club has made a \$68 donation to this organization.*

Since launching a partnership in 2004 with the US Forest Service, National Garden Clubs, Inc. and its affiliates across the nation have raised funds on the local and state levels for Penny Pines, which is dedicated to sustaining our national and urban forests.

This conservation effort entails the planting of replacement trees that are indigenous (not only pine trees) to forested areas damaged by insects, fires or natural catastrophes. The plantations provide soil protection, watershed protection, soil stabilization, as well as beauty and shade for recreation. Penny Pines began in California in 1941 as a statewide conservation program, but expanded to all 50 states. Early on, seedlings could be produced for one cent each and approximately 680 seedlings could be planted in a typical acre, with 10 acres costing \$68. That amount has been retained as a minimum donation through the years. Today, approximately 200 replacement seedlings can be planted with a \$68 donation.



# Save a Bumble by Planting These Plants

## The Weedpatch Gazette

This article (<http://weedpatchgazette.com/save-a-bumble-by-planting-these-plants/>) highlights the concern over the Rusty Patched Bumble Bee. It was written by Rommy Lopat and includes a listing of plants that will not only feed the Rusty Patched Bumble Bee but all our pollinators.



This spring, as you are choosing plants for your garden, you might want to consider using many of these Native Plants. (There is always room for one more!)  
--Citizens For Conservation Plant Sale May 5th and 6th

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## YOUR APRIL GARDEN 'TO DO' LIST

### General Garden Care

- " Plant Cool Season annuals that can tolerate a light frost.
- " Add 2-4 inches of compost to garden beds.
- " Measure rainfall to assure 1 inch of water a week in garden.

### Trees and Shrubs

- " Plant trees and shrubs. Last Friday in April is National Arbor Day.
- " Wait one year to fertilize new woody plantings.

### Annuals and Perennials

- " Plant perennials, hardy grasses and roses.
- " Divide mature summer and fall blooming perennials when they are 4-6 inches tall. Do not divide day lilies (September), Oriental poppies (July) or iris (late July)@ this time.
- " Fertilize spring flowering bulbs with a 5-10-5 or 10-10-10 as new growth emerges.
- " Stay on top of weeds.
- " Begin uncovering roses. Top-dress with 6-2-0 organic slow release fertilizer.
- " Later in the month begin to harden off warm season vegetables and flowers.
- " Plant strawberries.

### Lawn Care

- " Lawns can be treated with crab grass control in early to mid-April before weeds germinate.

### Indoor Plants

- " Continue to keep houseplants indoors until temps are consistently 50-60 degrees.

<http://web.extension.illinois.edu/fmpt/downloads/67798.pdf>  
<https://www.chicagobotanic.org/plantinfo/checklist/april>





## March Meeting

Mike Zaniello gave a presentation on climate change,

Thanks to him and to Val Solaski, our program chair, for a thought-provoking evening.

## FINAL NOTICE FOR DUES!!!

Dues are due May 1st. Please bring payment to the April meeting or mail check to Renie Norkiewicz, 110 N Kaspar Av, Arlington Heights, IL 60005.

Please complete the form at the end of this newsletter and bring it with your check to the April meeting.

Membership co-chairs:

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

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

## Gardening Quote

In the SPRING  
at the end of the day,

You should smell  
... LIKE DIRT!!

Margaret Atwood

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>    |
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| <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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