



# Arlington Heights garden club

Celebrating our 65th Anniversary

*April 2020*

*Growing Together*

*Carol Elliott, Editor*

**Please note: the April 27  
Garden Club meeting has  
been CANCELLED.**

**We hope everyone is staying safe  
and well.**

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## **Greetings from Our President**

History books tell us that when General Cornwallis surrendered his troops to George Washington at Yorktown, the British band played a 1640's English ballad entitled, "The World Turned Upside Down." They couldn't imagine a ragtag group of farmers and storekeepers defeating the most powerful military force in the world. It was all just too much to understand for the average woman and man. This was not the way it was supposed to be!

We find ourselves in another time and place where the "world is turned upside down," as we "social distance" and "stay at home" to slow the virus. It is my

sad task to let the community know that there will be no plant sale on June 6th, and no 2020 Garden Walk and Unique Boutique. Not knowing what type of turn out we could expect and with our host gardeners having to start preparations now, it would not be fair to ask them to work extra hard only to have things cancelled in a month or two. After discussion with the Board, we felt this was the prudent option for this year of uncertainty and worry. We postponed our garden viewing and festival until June 27, 2021.

In spite of this setback from a financial point of view, our club is in very good financial shape and we will be able to meet our scholarship and program responsibilities for the coming year. We hope our members understand and will be supportive when we resume our regular schedule again. In the meantime, enjoy working your gardens, lawns, patio plants and window boxes! Until we meet again in person, take advantage of the many virtual learning experiences mentioned in this newsletter. Be safe.

*Jim Spannagel*

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**President**  
**Jim Spannagel**

**Secretary**  
**Nancy Asquini-Dean**

**Treasurer**  
**Pete Landwehr**

## COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

**Artistic**  
**Barb Franks**

**Civics**  
**Kathy Wolan and Mike Relaz**

**Conservation**  
**Diane Culhane**

**Horticulture**  
**Bev Krams**

**Membership**  
**Renie Norkiewicz and**  
**Shelley Plischke**

**Program**  
**Val Solaski**

**Publicity**  
**Clara Stone**

**Social**  
**Marilyn and Joe Weber**

**Ways and Means**  
**Kathy Hendricksen**

## SPECIAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

**Newsletter**  
**Carol Elliott**

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

[www.ahgardenclub.com](http://www.ahgardenclub.com)

## Dues are due by mid-May

We are collecting dues by mail, and they are due mid-May. For your convenience the Membership Form is provided at the end of this newsletter. Please mail to:

Renie Norkiewicz  
110 N Kaspar Avenue  
Arlington Heights, IL 60005

Thank you,  
*Renie Norkiewicz & Shelley Plischke, Membership Co-chairs*

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## SLATE OF COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN 2020/2022

Following is the slate of new board members who will serve from May 2020 through May 2022.

Due to the current situation, we are unable to follow the usual protocol, asking for approval or added nominations directly from the membership at the April general meeting. So we ask that you contact one of the following committee members with objections or names of other nominees.  
Shelley Plischke [tplischke@comcast.net](mailto:tplischke@comcast.net)  
Kathy Wolan [kjwolan@att.net](mailto:kjwolan@att.net)

Also note that we are still looking for someone to chair the Program Committee and welcome all suggestions.

<b>Conservation</b>	Daniella Sents & Christine Preston
<b>Garden Walk</b>	Kathy Hendrickson Aileen Koeppen co-chair
<b>Newsletter</b>	Mona Frisbie
<b>Plant Sale</b>	Bob Bruitt
<b>Program</b>	open
<b>Publicity</b>	Leslie Meredith
<b>Secretary</b>	Nancy Asquini/Dean
<b>Website</b>	Mike Dennehey

## Garden Walk and Unique Boutique Update

My how things have changed since I wrote last month's update. I hope everyone is doing well and staying safe. Jim Spannagel was able to get a 4th garden as a replacement for this year's walk. However, after careful consideration amongst the Board and Garden Walk Committee, we have decided to cancel the year's walk given the level of uncertainty of when events will be allowed and when they could be done safely. Our Garden Walk hosts have agreed to be featured next year and I have updated our eventbrite listing to have postponed our Garden Walk & Unique Boutique to June 27, 2021. For any sponsors, donors and Unique Boutique vendors who had already signed up, we will either give them a refund or ask if they would like it credited towards 2021. Our club will need to tighten our belts as practical with not having our major fundraiser. However, based on Pete Landwehr's projections, we know that we still had funds for our 2020 scholarships and some other donations to the community.

A big thank you to everyone that had helped get things ready so far for this event. I look forward to restarting the Garden Walk/Unique Boutique planning process in January 2021 with Aileen Koeppen as a co-chair with me.

*Kathy Hendricksen, Garden Walk & Unique Boutique Chair*

*kshend@aol.com*

*(847) 514-0414*

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### Garden Club Polo Shirt Order Status

Please be advised that I submitted the order for the polo shirts in March but the production facility was considered a non essential business so the order won't be processed until the stay at home order in Illinois is lifted.

If we still aren't able to meet once I get the order, I'll try to come up with alternative arrangements to get your shirt to you. Thanks for you patience.

*Kathy Hendricksen*

### Passing of Former Club Member - Joanne Icenogle

A former longtime club member, Joanne Icenogle, passed away on March 25th. Probably not many members will remember that we were often invited to Joanne's garden to buy perennials, but the long-standing members will.

*Kathy Wolan*

# Garden Club Registration Déjà vu

The old Google website we've been using for the last twelve years is history. Everything has been transferred to the new Wix website. That's the good news. Here's the bad news.

All club members need to register again to gain access to the new Members Only secure page. However, this comes with some good news. This time the registration process is much easier and comes with instructions right on its own drop down from the Members Only tab.

Now that we all have more available time, please register. Just put your cursor on the Members Only tab and then click on the Instructions tab that drops down. I suggest you print it out and follow the instructions as written. Fill out the one registration form and the computer will send me an email. I will process your application and send you an email confirming your registration. See how easy it was?

Thanks for registering for our new Members Only secure page.

*Mike Dennehey*

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## Need a Gardening Question Answered????



UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS  
EXTENSION

April 1-October 31

Mondays and  
Wednesdays  
10am-12noon

Saturdays 12-3pm

847-298-3502  
Master Gardeners

*"Gardening is the art  
that uses flowers & plants  
as paint, and the soil and  
sky as canvas" - Elizabeth Murray*



## *NEW FOR YOU TO DO PART II*

Our scheduled trip to DERBY LINE GARDENS will go on as planned. The greenhouses are such that social distancing shouldn't be a problem, so if you haven't made your list yet, get started, and circle the date on the calendar. Any questions, please call Shelley Plischke at 847-577-7356.

We will meet at 714 E Mayfair Rd. on Wednesday April 22 at 9:00am. and caravan to the greenhouses.

Please note: Derby Line does not accept payment by credit card, cash or personal checks only.

If that date or time doesn't work for you but you'd like to support this small business here is the address:

Derby Line Gardens  
16061 Derby Line Rd.  
Genoa, Il. 60135



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## Club Members Must Do This

We need you to register for the "Members Only" page on our website. This enables you to see a list of our members with phone numbers and address as well as other important information that is available only to our Arlington Heights Garden Club members. To register, do the following: click on the yellow circle for "Member's Only". Then see "Log In" big letters. Below this is "Sign Up" in light gray. Click on this and fill in your email address and the password you want to use for garden club-write this somewhere where you can find it, just in case.

Then click on the gray "Sign Up" and you should be set. In a few days, our webmaster, Mike Dennehey, will send you a confirmation by email. Just follow the simple instructions and you will not have to log in again, ever. Each time you need to access the "Members Only" information, you simply click on the yellow circle you see when you arrive at our website. Thanks for doing this right away.

# AHGC Gaining Garden Knowledge April/May 2020

PLEASE check to see if these venues are still being held  
with COVID19 restrictions

**Friendship Park Conservatory:** 847-298-3500  
395 W. Algonquin Road, Des Plaines      mppd.org for registration  
May 9 Saturday 9-3pm PLANT SALE



April 1-30 BIG TREE PLANT SALE @ Platt Hill Nursery in Bloomingdale

May 9 & 16th Saturdays 7a-1p PALATINE GARDEN CLUB PERENNIAL PLANT SALE @  
Palatine Farmers Market

May 9 Saturday ROLLING MEADOWS GARDEN CLUB 9-2PM PLANT AND CRAFT SALE @  
3200 Central Rd RM

May 12-16 National Garden Clubs Convention in Milwaukee CANCELLED

May 16 Saturday 8:30-12n DES PLAINES GARDEN CLUB PLANT & BAKE SALE  
@ FRISBIE Senior Center in DP

May 16 Saturday 9-12n PROSPECT HEIGHTS GARDEN CLUB PERENNIAL PLANT SALE @  
behind Target across from Hersey.

Don't forget to support one of our biggest  
Garden Walk Sponsors!!!  
They are OPEN FOR BUSINESS!



# 2020 – 2021 AHGC MEMBERSHIP FORM

RENEWAL DUE DATE MAY 1<sup>st</sup>

Membership Renewal  Individual \$25.00  Couple \$40.00   
New Member - June thru May \$25.00  New Member - January thru May \$12.50

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday Month \_\_\_\_\_

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.

<input type="checkbox"/> Artistic <i>(Plan Workshops)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Civics <i>(Community Beautification)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation <i>(Environmental Issues)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Garden Walk <i>(Club's Main Fundraiser)</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Horticulture <i>(Plant Info/Events)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Membership <i>(Process Members)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter <i>(Monthly Newsletter)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Program <i>(Select Meeting Programs)</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Publicity <i>(Media Notices)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship <i>(Students/Members)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Social <i>(Organize Refreshments)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Plant Sale <i>(Annual Plant Sale)</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Website <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

110 N. Kaspar Ave.  
Arlington Heights, IL 60005  
(847) 394-5145  
laren4@att.net



3/1/2020

2020 NORTH COOK COUNTY MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEER TRAINING

HELP OTHERS LEARN TO GROW

BECOME A  
MASTER  
GARDENER



APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED MARCH 9 - MAY 9, 2020

LEARN MORE

[GO.ILLINOIS.EDU/LearnMoreMG](http://GO.ILLINOIS.EDU/LearnMoreMG)

OR APPLY TODAY

[GO.ILLINOIS.EDU/2020NorthCookMGApp](http://GO.ILLINOIS.EDU/2020NorthCookMGApp)

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT THE NORTH SUBURBAN COOK COUNTY  
EXTENSION PROGRAM COORDINATOR  
NEJRA MUMINOVIC | EMAIL: [MUMINOV2@ILLINOIS.EDU](mailto:MUMINOV2@ILLINOIS.EDU)

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