



Arlington Heights garden club

March 2017

Growing Together

Carol Elliott, Editor

Hydrangeas

Monday, March 27

Speaker: Glenn Grosch

A colorful and fact-filled presentation on successfully growing hydrangeas in the Chicago area. Each of the six species will be covered as to hardiness, light requirements and moisture needs. The issues of how to prune for flower display and how to manage the "blue/pink" will be discussed in clear detail. Glenn will also touch on growing azaleas and rhododendrons successfully in our area.

An experienced horticulturist and entertaining lecturer with strong academic credentials, Glenn has been on the Chicago Botanic Garden teaching staff since 1997 and has been offering programs through Garden Clubs of Illinois since 1999. Glenn has also been a certified arborist.



Greetings from Our President

It seems that we are having a month of March with alternating lamb and lion weather! It is nice to start thinking of spring, and I hope you will plan to participate in activities the Garden Club is planning. Pete Landwehr is organizing a car pool of members interested in attending the McHenry Garden Fair on Saturday, April 8th. Jim Spannagel will be looking for a few volunteers to assist elementary school children to plant seeds at the Olive Mary Stitt Earthy Day Fair on April 19th from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Pete Landwehr is organizing a guided Wildflower Walk on the afternoon of 4/30 at Busse Woods for the first 15 Garden Club members who sign up. If we have a full roster, he will look into an additional date. Plans are forming for the Windsor/Dryden Apartment Community Garden so stay tuned for further details.

I'd like to thank the nominating committee of Carol Elliott, Bev Krams, Adrienne Martz, Renie Norkiewicz, and Shelley Plischke for putting together a slate that will be presented at our next meeting and voted on in April.

I look forward to seeing you at the March meeting where I will share some of the wonderful letters we have received from the organizations we recently made donations to from last year's Plant Sale and Garden Walk proceeds. It is gratifying that our club is sharing our love of gardening by featuring gardens in our community and raising funds for scholarships and other charitable organizations.

Kathy Hendricksen, President

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March Hostesses

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

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Plant Sale and Garden Walk News

Planning for the Plant Sales on June 10th and 17th and the Garden Walk on June 25th is progressing and we need everyone's help! A volunteer sheet will be passed around starting at the March meeting and we hope all members will help out as much as they can. We also would like members to start thinking about perennials they will be able to divide and pot up in May/early June.

The letter stuffing party at Kathy's house a few weeks ago was a great success and we have already had donations and sponsorships come in for our Garden Walk raffle. Thanks to Nancy Asquini-Dean, Diane Culhane, Bev Krams, Renie Norkiewicz, Shelley Plischke, Clara Stone, and Kathy Wolan for joining Pat Dennehey and Kathy to make the task go by quickly while enjoying some food and each other's company!

We'll be gathering again on June 17th to make up the raffle baskets so if you have any extra baskets, basket filler items, or other new items that could be prizes, please give these to Pat at future meetings.

Wildflower Walk

We have locked in April 30 at 1:30 for our wildflower walk at Busse Woods with Kris. She said that there is a 15 person limit (FPDCC rules) so if we have more, we would need a second date. If we have more people sign up for the walk, we can discuss an additional date.

Volunteers Needed for Community Garden

The Dryden Apartment Community Garden Project, under the leadership of Arlington Heights School District 25 Assistant Superintendent of Personnel and Planning's Jake Chung, is moving forward in the 2017 gardening season. A joint meeting of community organizations will be held in the near future to outline the Garden Club's role in this exciting project. Arlington Heights Garden Club has agreed to provide the educational leadership in this venture, and that will involve teaching children and adults how to plant, care for and harvest vegetables and flowers that might be produced in the garden plots. Each family will be provided a plot in which they can grow items their family enjoys.

At the March and April meetings of the Garden Club, a clipboard will be passed around for members to sign-up. The time commitment can be as little or as much as members can give. In addition to raising produce, this project hopes to build closer ties with families within our Arlington Heights community. If you have ever planted a tomato plant or a pansy, you have the skills necessary to bring smiles to children's faces and to help them learn about the important activity of home gardening. Please contact Jim Spannagel (847-670-8207) if you have questions or would like further information.

AHGC Offering Educational Assistance for 2017

Are you, a family member, or friend thinking of gaining education in the horticultural area? Here are two opportunities from our club for educational assistance! Proceeds from the annual Garden Walk, scheduled for June 25th this year, are used to fund these scholarship programs. If you have any questions please contact Mike Dennehey at dennehm@wowway.com or 847-255-0133 for information.

Academic Scholarship

The Arlington Heights Garden Club will award two \$1500 scholarships 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, nursery community over the past year. All applicants must be residents of Arlington Heights or adjoining communities, have a C average, and be pursuing enrollment for the 2017-2018 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 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.

Personal Development Award

As a member of AHGC, 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 download the Personal Development Award application from the Scholarship Page on the club website at www.ahgardenclub.com.

Butterfly Gardening

James C. Schmidt, Horticulturist
University of Illinois

There is no more delightful decoration for a garden than nature's own- butterflies. On warm sunny days, these visitors provide color and motion that doubles the pleasure of gardening. Fortunately, it takes very little effort to make your yard more attractive to butterflies.

Butterflies will visit and probably stay to lay eggs, wherever there is a variety of a plant for food and shelter, some moisture, and absence of pesticides. While there are typically more species in warm climates than in cooler ones, there are butterflies everywhere in the country. Their appearance in your back yard ultimately depends on whether their favorite plants are growing there - certain ones to support the larvae, others to support adult butterflies.

Garden Design Tips

Provide sun, a place for resting, and protection from the wind. Because they are cold-blooded, butterflies are usually not active on cool or cloudy days. As they need to warm up the muscles used in flying, butterflies do best in warm sunny locations. Rocks and logs, which will heat up in the sun, give butterflies places to bask and warm up for earlier take-offs.

Allow for water. Male adult butterflies require extra sodium for mating and may often be seen at the edges of puddles lapping up the salts left behind for evaporation. This behavior is called puddling. Create artificial puddles in the garden to support male butterflies. Fill shallow pans or plastic saucers with large stones and water. Place large, flat stones in the garden for basking.

Provide a place for roosting. Add a butterfly shelter mounted to a tree or a stake about 18 inches high in an area among the nectar plants. Butterflies naturally roost in shrubs, tree crevices, under bark or in log piles.

Choose lots of kinds of plants -- herbs, annuals, perennials. Choose those with flattopped or short tubular flowers. Use hot colors -- oranges, reds, yellows. Plan for continuous bloom the entire season. Choose from among annuals and perennials that flower all season. Use large masses of plants -- butterflies are attracted to color, not individual plants.

Provide Food for Larvae and Nectar for Adults

Caterpillars eat leaves and sometimes flowers and seeds of certain plants. They are often picky eaters and may only feed on a specific plant or group of plants.

Adult butterflies feed primarily on the nectar of flowers and will feed from a variety of available flowers. While they are attracted by both color and scent, butterflies have difficulty picking out individual flowers, so large masses are best for attracting them.

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Snapdragon (<i>Antirrhinum majus</i>)	Buckeye
Butterfly Weed (<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>)	Monarch, Queen
Red Cabbage (<i>Brassica oleracea capitata</i>)	Cabbage White, Checkered White
Sweet Pea (<i>Lathyrus odoratus</i>)	Eastern Tailed Blue
Nasturtium (<i>Tropaeolum majus</i>)	European Cabbage White
Rue (<i>Ruta graveolens</i>)	Eastern Black Swallowtail
Pipevine (<i>Arstolochia tomentosa</i>)	Pipevine Swallowtail (<i>Battus philenor</i>)
Carrots, parsley (<i>Petroselinum crispum</i>), dill (<i>Anethum graveolens</i>)	Black Swallowtail (<i>Papilio polyxenes asterius</i>)
Prickly ash (<i>Zanthoxylum americanum</i>)	Giant Swallowtail (<i>Papilio cresphontes</i>)
Spicebush (<i>Lindera benzoin</i>), sassafras	Spicebush Swallowtail (<i>Papilio troilus</i>)
Wild cherry, birch, ash poplar, apple, tulip tree	Tiger Swallowtail
Pawpaw (<i>Asimina triloba</i>)	Zebra Swallowtail (<i>Papilio marcellus</i>)
Milkweeds (<i>Asclepias</i>)	Monarch (<i>Danaus plexippus</i>)
Violets	Great Spangled Fritillary (<i>Speyeria cybele</i>)
Thistles, bachelor's buttons	Painted Lady (<i>Vanessa cardui</i>)
Pussy willow, plums, cherries	Viceroy (<i>Limenitis archippus</i>)

Nectar Plants for Adults

Annuals

Ageratum (*Ageratum houstonianum*)
 Sunny Cosmos (*Cosmos sulphureus*)
 Globe amaranth (*Gomphrena globosa*)
 Sunflower (*Helianthus annuus*)
 Heliotrope (*Heliotropium arborescens*)
 Lantana (*Lantana camara*)

Melampodium (*Melampodium paludosum*)
 Flowering Tobacco (*Nicotiana glauca*)
 Egyptian Star Cluster (*Penta lanceolata*)
 Petunia (*Petunia x hybrida*)
 Blue Salvia (*Salvia farinacea*)
 Mexican sunflower (*Tithonia rotundifolia*)
 Brazilian verbena (*Verbena bonariensis*)
 Zinnia (*Zinnia elegans*)

Perennials

Common yarrow (*Achillea millefolium*)
 Butterfly weed (*Asclepias tuberosa*)
 New England Aster (*Aster novae-angliae*)
 Butterfly Bush (*Buddleia davidii*)
 Coneflower (*Echinacea purpurea*)
 Joe-Pye Weed (*Eupatorium maculatum*)
 Blanket Flower (*Gaillardia x grandiflora*)
 Autumn Joy Sedum (*Hylotelephium x 'Autumn Joy'*)
 Blazing Star (*Liatris spicata*)
 Bee Balm (*Monarda didyma*) also *M. fistulosa*
 Goldenrod (*Solidago* hybrids)

Trees and Shrubs

Hawthorn (*Crataegus* sp.)
 Privet (*Ligustrum amurense*)
 Fruit trees (*Prunus*, *Pyrus* sp.)
 Lilac (*Syringa* spp.)

Wildflowers

Blazing Stars (*Liatris*)
 Black-Eyed Susan
 Boneset (*Eupatorium*)
 Clover
 Butterfly Weed (*Asclepias tuberosa*)
 Coneflowers
 Goat's beard
 Goldenrods
 Dogbane
 Ironweed (*Veronia*)
 Joe-Pye Weed (*Eupatorium*)
 Milkweeds
 Phlox
 New England Aster
 Spearmint
 Thistles
 Verbena
 Wild Bergamot (*Monarda*)

GROWING YOUR GARDEN KNOWLEDGE - March 2017

Mar. 18-26 - "Chicago's Blooming - the Chicago Flower & Garden Show" - at Navy Pier in Chicago, Ill.

Mar. 19-20 - "Go Native" - the 90th Annual Garden Clubs of Illinois Convention - at the Chicago Marriott/Naperville - Naperville, Ill.

Mar. 25-26 - "Northern Illinois Gesneriad Society Show & Sale" - at Chicago Botanic Garden in Glencoe, Ill.

Mar. 27 - "Hydrangeas" by Glenn Grosch at our garden club meeting - 7:00 PM at the Arlington Heights Village Hall, 33 S. Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights, Ill.

Mar. 30 - Post-Orchid Show sale of the excess orchids left over after the end of the show - at Chicago Botanic Garden in Glencoe, Ill.

Apr. 4 - "Garden Tour with Forester Chris Roberts" - at Cantigny Gardens in Wheaton, Ill.

Apr. 6 - "Cantigny Gardens Preview" - at Cantigny Gardens in Wheaton, Ill.

Apr 8 - "Personal Land Restoration" - sponsored by Citizens For Conservation, \$10 for non-members - 9:30 AM at Barrington Village Hall, 200 S. Hough St, Barrington, Ill.

Apr. 8 - "2017 Gardenfest" - 7:30 - 4:00 at McHenry County College - in Crystal Lake, Ill. Keynote speaker is Melinda Myers - \$45 fee includes lunch - <http://www.mchenry.edu/gardenfest/>

Apr. 22 - Earth Day

Apr. 24 - "Integrated Pest Management" by Kim Ellson, University of Illinois Extension Educator at our garden club meeting - 7:00 at the Arlington Heights Village Hall, 33 S. Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights, Ill.

Apr. 28 - Arbor Day

Apr. 28-30 - "Arbor Day Plant Sale" - a variety of trees for our area for sale, chosen by experts - at Morton Arboretum in Lisle, Ill.

May 5-7 - "28th Annual Spring Plant Sale" - at Oak Park Conservatory in Oak Park, Ill.

May 6-7 - Citizens For Conservation Native Plant Sale in Barrington, IL - pre-order plants at: <http://springsale.citizensforconservation.org/>

May 6-7 - "Central States Dahlia Society Sale" - at Chicago Botanic Garden in Glencoe, Ill.

May 11 - "Wild Birds" - Alyse Burnman, co-owner of Wild Bird Shack in Mt Prospect has been birding for over 18 years and traveled throughout the United States. Her presentation will be on hummingbirds and other native birds, how to attract and keep them in our yards, and what to feed them. - Des Plaines Garden Club meeting at Frisbie Senior Center in Des Plaines, Ill. For information, see: www.desplainesgardenclub.com

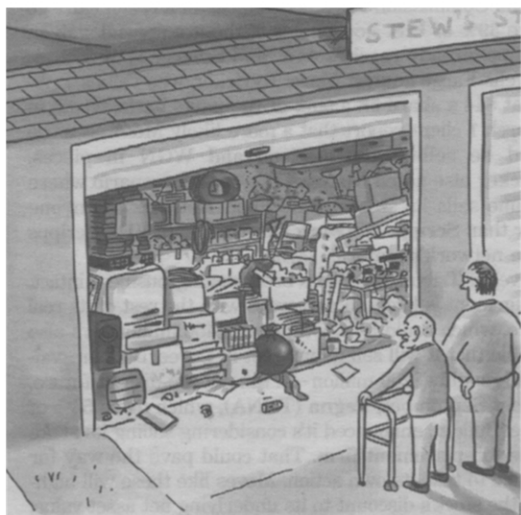
May 13 - Annual & Perennial Plant Sale - 9:00 - 3:00 sponsored by the Mount Prospect Park District - Friendship Park Conservatory greenhouse - 395 W Algonquin Rd., Des Plaines, Ill.

Invitation to Hoffman Estates Garden Club

One of our guests at the February meeting is part of the Hoffman Estates Garden Club and said that we (AHGC) are welcome to come to their meetings. They meet at the Schaumburg library the first Thursday of the month at 7 pm.

HEGC Programs 2017

- April 6 You can grow lilies too. Speaker: Dr. Jim Ault
May 4 Member Forum
June 1 Backyard Life. Speaker: Jack Macray
July 6 NO Meeting
August 3 Do-not forget Late season blooming perennials! Speaker: Jennifer Brennen
September 7 Hydrangeas Speaker: Laurie McGee
October 5 Beneficial and non-beneficial Insects in the landscape Speaker: Greg Stack
November 2 Soil and Composting.



Someday
son, this will
all be yours!

Spring has come. It is time for cleaning, sorting & RECYCLING! Recover those valuable materials from old ELECTRONICS that can be used to make new products. Save energy, reduce pollution & green house gas emissions, save resources by extracting fewer raw materials from the earth by recycling.

Ryan is a HS student willing to recycle your old wired electronics, TV's, Printers, DVD's, Computers, engines, lead batteries.

Call for pick up OR just drop off!

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Stamps

Be sure to check your incoming mail to see if any of the letters have commemorative stamps. Cut them off of the envelopes, leave only 1/8th inch of the envelope showing. Be careful not to damage the stamps. Bring them to the meetings and put them in the stamp basket.

Remember that the proceeds from the sale of those stamps are used to purchase wildlife habitat.

AHGC Dues Due in May

Garden Club dues are due for the 2017/2018 Club year in May. Please use the form at the end of this newsletter to join or renew your membership for next year. Individual dues are \$25.00, and couples are \$40.00

**Arlington Heights Garden Club
2017-18 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 _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email address _____

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

_____ Artistic _____ Civics _____ Conservation _____ Garden Walk
_____ Horticulture _____ Membership _____ Newsletter _____ Program
_____ Publicity _____ Scholarship _____ Social _____ Ways & Means
_____ Website

Would you be willing to serve as a chair of a committee? Y N

If yes, which committee? _____

Comments/suggestions: _____

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 made out to Arl. Hts. Garden Club to a general meeting, or mail to:

Donna Soens, Membership Chair
114 South School Lane
Prospect Heights, IL 60070