



Arlington Heights garden club

May 2018

Growing Together

Carol Elliott, Editor

Summer Fun and Secrets from the Garden

Tuesday, May 29, 2018
7:15 pm at Village Hall

Nancy Carroll will present a magical program on gardening. Fresh veggies, fragrant lilies, blueberries, herbs, colorful flower arrangements and outstanding containers are all on the agenda. Food samples and handouts will be provided with delicious recipes and great ideas to help you have the best summer in your garden.

Please note this meeting will be on **Tuesday after Memorial Day.**



Greetings from Our President

Many thanks to those who came before our last meeting to staple fliers and box up seeds for the Memorial Day Parade. Speaking of the parade, remember we line up at 9 AM and march promptly at 9:30. We could still use a few more walkers. So if you can walk the 1.25 mile route, ask your children or grandchildren to join you in a fun family event. We want our neighbors to know there is a Garden Club in Arlington Heights, and that we are having a plant sale and a garden walk in June.

Please note Tuesday, May 29th, is our next meeting date due to the Memorial Day Holiday. We will start the meeting at 7:15 PM to allow time for the installation of our new committee chairs and to thank the outgoing heads of committees. A very heart-filled "thank you" to all those who have served and who have volunteered to serve.

After months of preparation, we are rapidly approaching the busy month of June with our annual Plant Sale on June 2nd. Please get those plants potted ASAP. We ask about 10-12 plants from each member to make a successful event. Remind friends and neighbors of the sale, or better still, bring them with you when you come to shop. A gardener never has too many flowers!! June 24th is our Garden Walk and Unique Boutique, the main fund raiser for our club. Do plan on attending and again, bring two friends and spread the word. We have wonderful gardens for your enjoyment. It is a terrific way to get new ideas for your own garden.

Jim Spannagel, President

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May Hostesses

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

Nancy Asquini-Dean

Paula Poncer DeMichael

Terri Passolt

Plants for Plant Sale

This year, we plan to label all plants for the plant sale consistently. To that end, please send a list of plants you will bring to Pete Landwehr at PCTL9061@gmail.com and he will prepare the labels in advance. The list should include species, cultivar if known, quantity, height, bloom time, bloom color and cultural preference (sun or shade, wet or dry etc). Please send your list to Pete as soon as possible to allow time for label preparation. Thanks.



Civics News

We will be planting annuals at the Historical Society gardens on May 26th from 8:00 to noon. If you can join us for any part of that time please email or call Kathy Wolan. It is a chance for new members to get to know long time members and have fun gardening. I hope to see you on a bright sunny Saturday at the end of May.

Kathy Wolan
kjwolan@att.net
847-392-5418

Soil Temperatures

Someone mentioned I should measure my soil temperature before planting my vegetable garden. WHY would I do that!?!???

Tried putting your toes in Lake Michigan in the early part of May.....ohhhh Baby it's COLD!! Well, don't do the same to your tender spring transplants and seeds. Why put those tender roots and seeds into cold, wet, chilling soil? Plant your seeds and transplants in the RIGHT soil temperature. Planting in too cool soil can cause seeds/plants to rot or not grow at all. Soil temperatures are extremely important in germinating seeds and getting roots to grow on transplants. You want your seeds and plants to be COMFORTABLE so they will take off running, or rather germinating. This is another step in having a successful garden this season.

Do you have one of the most important garden tools in your tool bucket....a soil thermometer? Measuring the temperature of the soil is a much more accurate measure of when to plant than the temperature of the air or the 'average frost free date' calculation.

Now don't just run out there with the thermometer you just used for the Easter Roast! You do however need a metal thermometer you can purchase at a garden supply store, hardware or auto shop. Go dial or digital, just go get one! This will instantly mark you as a person of great gardening wisdom (or just a garden geek). Now get out there with your new garden 'toy'!

Check the time. The best time of day to measure soil is between 10am and 11am. The lowest soil temps register right after dawn and the warmest temp is mid afternoon (3pm). Therefore, late morning is the best time. Insert your thermometer 4 inches into the soil. Record a couple of days' readings for a consistent number.

Oh, you said you had a job and are not home at 10am, simple take the soil temp before you leave for work and again when you get home. Add the am and pm temp together and divide by 2 and do this for at least four days to get a consistent reading.

The earliest plants, Spinach, Onions, Potatoes and Lettuce can be planted at 35 degrees. 40 degree soil will work the best for Turnips, Peas, Radishes, Swiss Chard, Carrots, Cauliflower, Cabbage, and Beets. 50 degrees is the time to plant Tomatoes and Corn. AND if you wait until 60 degrees you can get your Beans, Pumpkin, Squash, Eggplant, Peppers, and Cucumbers safely nestled into the ground.

Don't be intimidated by your neighbor bragging "I put my garden in on May 1st".... RESIST and do the right thing....get that soil thermometer out, measure temps and do the best thing for your seeds and transplants. Plant when the temps are right!

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 and University of Illinois Extension, North Cook Branch Office, Arlington Heights. For more details on any of the information presented here, visit our website or email us anytime at <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/mg> & northcookmg@gmail.com or call the Master Gardener Answer Desk at (847) 298-3502 on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday or (847) 201-4176 ext. 14 on Fridays.

http://web.extension.illinois.edu/cook/eb388/entry_10100/
<https://farmfitliving.com/soil-temperature-data/>

Garden Knowledge May/June 2018

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

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

May 24 thru July 15 - "Bolz Conservatory Exhibit" at Olbrich Botanical Gardens in Madison, WI.

May 26 thru _____ - "Butterflies & Blooms" - a garden habitat filled with hundreds of butterflies - at Chicago Botanic Garden in Glencoe, Ill.

May 30 thru Oct. 1 - "2018 Quilt Gardens Tours" - various locations in Northern Indiana. See www.quiltgardentour.com for details.

June 9 thru Sept. 9 - "To Bee or Not to Bee" - a summer flower show at "The Domes" in Mitchell Park in Milwaukee, WI.

May 20- 10-2pm Native Plant Sale @ Schaumburg Nature Center

May 26 - "Herb Fest" - at The Growing Place in Aurora, Ill.

May 26-27 - "Barrington Art Festival" - in Barrington, 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

June 2 - "Lurie Garden Plant Sale" - from 9:30am to 1:30pm - at Lurie Garden in Chicago, Ill.

June 2 - AHGC Plant Sale 9:30am to 1:30pm - AH Historical Museum

June 2-3 - "Northern Illinois Hosta Society Show & Sale" - at Chicago Botanic Garden in Glencoe, Ill.

June 2-3 - "Garden Fair Weekend" - at Klehm Arboretum and Botanic Garden in Rockford, Ill.

June 3 - "Annual Iris Show" - sponsored by the Madison Area Iris Society at Olbrich Botanical Gardens in Madison, Wisc.

June 5 - "Garden Tour: Perennials" - at Cantigny Park in Wheaton, Ill.

June 9-10am Platt Hill's "Favorite Perennials"

June 9-10 - "Promenade of Art" - in Arlington Heights.

June 24 Sunday 10-4pm AHGarden Walk and Unique Boutique, AH Hist. Museum

June 9-10 - "Gebhard Woods Dulcimer & Traditional Music Festival" - in Morris, Illinois



Earth Day at Olive School

Members of the Garden Club spent the evening of April 18th, at Olive-Mary Stitt School, planting sunflowers with students and celebrating Earth Day 2018. Seven Club members interacted with the excited children who were eager to plant the seeds and take them home to grow in their gardens. Members provided instruction to approximately 115 would-be gardeners on the care of young seedlings and how to transplant them outdoors once weather conditions improved. Our bird feeder raffle was won by Joseph Sati, a student at Olive-Mary Stitt School.



Living Memorial to Wendy Landwehr

Club members, led by Pete Landwehr, recently planted a Butterfly Magnolia tree in memory of the late Wendy Landwehr, whose garden was featured on the 2017 Garden Walk. This beautiful yellow magnolia will grow for years to come in the midst of Wendy's diverse garden as a reminder of the hard work and careful planning that was always a part of her and her husband, Marty's outstanding garden. Wendy's enthusiasm and love of gardening was evident in the careful selection of her plants. The Garden Club would also like to thank Bill Koch and Hawthorne Gardens for their assistance in locating this unique tree and delivering it for planting.

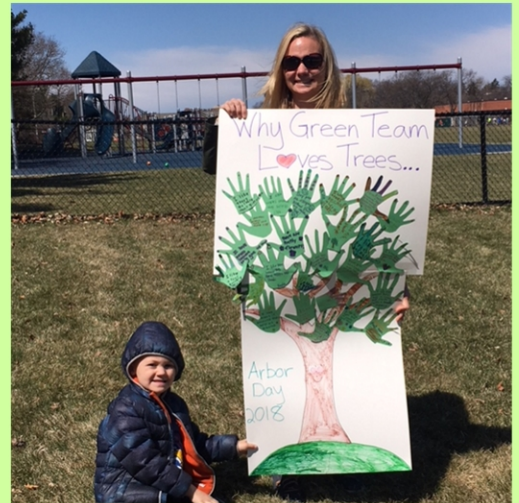


Windsor School Arbor Day Planting

by Kathy Hendricksen

Friday, April 27th was a nice day for the planting of a linden tree in honor of Arbor Day at Windsor School near their playground. The entire school was outside while I gave some remarks about the history of Arbor Day, and Ryan Sherman the arborist from Davey Tree talked about his job with trees and how the children could watch the tree grow to provide nice shade in the future. About 20 children from Windsor's Green Team read a Tree Poem (below), and the 1st grade class sang a tree song with their music teacher. After the ceremony the Green Team children took turns shoveling mulch on the newly planted tree. Thank you Pete Landwehr and Marty Landwehr for attending. The Garden Club contributed \$500 towards the cost of the tree and labor for planting which was completed by Davey Tree. This is the fifth tree that the Arlington Heights Garden Club has planted at a District 25 school as a collaboration with The Care of Trees/The Davey Tree Expert Co.

A story about the event was in the Chicago Tribune and can be read at: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/suburbs/arlington-heights/news/ct-ahp-windsor-arbor-day-tl-0503-story.html>



Think Like a Tree

by Karen I. Shragg

Soak up the sun
Affirm life's magic
Be graceful in the wind
Stand tall after the storm
Feel refreshed after it rains
Grow strong without notice
Be prepared for each season
Provide shelter to strangers
Hang tough through a cold spell
Emerge renewed at the first signs of spring
Stay deeply rooted while reaching for the sky
Be still long enough to hear your own leaves rustling.





April Meeting

Pete Landwehr and Dwayne Anderson gave a presentation on conservation at home,

Thanks to them and to Val Solaski, our program chair, for an inspiring evening.

Planners and Organizers Needed for Luncheon!!

The AHGC Board of Directors has agreed to work with the Des Plaines Garden Club in planning the annual District IX Garden Clubs of Illinois, Luncheon in Spring of 2020. This involves a number of people who like to plan and carry out events.

If you enjoy planning special social events, similar to weddings and business luncheons, please let me know. It can be fun and you can use your creative ideas and talents. We have some volunteers lined up, but need several more.

Your WHAT TO DO IN MAY, In the Garden, can be found on the Arlington Heights Garden Club Website this month.....it is an extensive listing of getting your garden up to par for the summer season.....
CHECK IT OUT!!!



THE TRI-COUNCIL OF GARDEN CLUBS OF ILLINOIS
INVITE YOU TO OUR SUMMER TOUR
HOSTED BY "LANDSCAPE DESIGN COUNCIL"

JULY 12, 2018 AT 10:30AM

BAHA'I WELCOME CENTER -- BAHA'I TEMPLE
100 Linden Ave., Wilmette, IL 60091
(Sheridan & Linden)

The LDC is excited to announce the upcoming summer tour of --
The Baha'i House of Worship - the beautifully landscaped gardens and the temple.
This will be a guided, walking tour. We will gather in the
Welcome Center to view a short film. Our guide will then take us on a tour through the
elegant, unified gardens designed in 1943 by Hilbert Dahl, LA. Climbing the many
steps to the temple will reward us with the grandeur of the dome. Dedicated in 1953,
50 years to build!

LUNCH (at your expense) J.P.'s PIZZA & GRILL- just down the street - 509-511 4th
Street, Wilmette, IL 60091 Yes_____ No_____

OPTIONAL TOUR- SHAKESPEARE GARDEN - Northwestern University
(Garrett & Sheridan, East side, behind little house)

Reservations and a fee of \$3 for Tri-Council members - \$5 guests
Checks payable to "LANDSCAPE DESIGN COUNCIL" Mail to -
Bob Nicholson, 8926 N. Greenwood Ave., Niles, IL 60714
(Note! Registration deadline is July 3, 2018)

Name_____

Address_____

City, State & Zip_____

Phone_____ Email_____

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(Note - this is a walking tour)



National Garden Clubs, Inc.

NATIONAL GARDEN WEEK PROCLAMATION



Whereas, Gardeners have a passion for nurturing the beauty and resources of the earth through the planting of seeds, the care of all plants and the riches of their efforts; and

Whereas, Gardeners seek to add beauty, splendor, fragrance and nutrition to our lives through the growing of herbs, vegetables, foliage and flowers; and

Whereas, Gardeners work to preserve our country's traditional spirit of independence and initiative through innovation and hard work; and

Whereas, Gardeners advocate the importance of all creatures, large and small, that share our world and their roles in a balanced and productive ecology; and

Whereas, Gardening furnishes a challenging and productive activity for our citizens, for those just learning as well as those having years of experience; and

Whereas, Gardening promotes a healthy lifestyle that lasts a lifetime, helps reduce stress from other areas of our life, teaches that rewards can come from diligent efforts; and

Whereas, Gardening enables members of Garden Clubs across the nation and the world to make a world of difference in the communities where they reside and work;

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved that in an effort to acknowledge the importance of Gardening and the numerous contributions of Gardeners, National Garden Clubs, Inc. designates the week of June 3-9, 2018 as National Garden Week.

Nancy L. Hargroves

Nancy L. Hargroves, 2017-2019 President, NGC, Inc.

