



May 2022

Greetings from Our President

It's that time of year for the Oscars, the Grammys, and the Garden Clubs of Illinois (GCI) Awards. And while we had several nominations for garden club awards, we did much better than expected. After winning first place at the District IX level for our WINGS landscaping project, we won 1st Place at the state level. Related to that is our 2nd place award for a continuing project which was also our WINGS landscaping project. Thanks to Pete Landwehr, who was our lead on this project. Both awards had cash prizes totally \$100. These two awards were also submitted to the Garden Clubs of America for competition at the national level. These prizes will be awarded later this summer. Submission to the National level also won us two more awards. Finally, due to the efforts of Membership co-chairs, Renie Norkiewicz and Shelley Plischke we won the award for most new members in a single year, and the award for largest percentage of increased membership in a single year. (See these awards on page 6.)

Special thanks to June Miller and her Conservation Committee crew for another successful Earth Day activity at Olive School and her efforts in getting our annual school tree planted at Greenbrier Elementary School in Arlington Heights. Over 400 students and staff took part in this fun planting with our Kathy Hendricksen, of Davey Trees cleverly telling about all the things we get from trees! Lastly, in recognition and appreciation for all the efforts of the staff at Northwest Community Hospital during the COVID pandemic, June coordinated the planting and dedication of a sugar maple tree to express our gratitude and support. Hospital leadership was very gracious in expressing their thanks to our Club for honoring their staff in this way. Eight club members and approximately 30 hospital staff were in attendance.

Jim Spannagel

May 23rd Meeting

Our May program, *Foraging for Wild Edibles*, will be presented by David Brooks.

We will be meeting at St. Simon's Church at 7 PM.

Please see page 2 for more information.

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May Program

May 23rd @ 7 PM, St. Simon's Church

Val Solaski | Programs

Foraging for Wild Edibles

Presented by David Brooks



David is a professional naturalist who has given presentations on Illinois natural history and green landscaping to groups of all ages throughout the Chicago area since 1990. He is a popular speaker at Garden Clubs. In addition to his presentations, he welcomes garden clubs to visit Spring Valley Nature Center's 115 acres throughout the year to learn about prairie wildflowers and ecology, spring migrant birds, heirloom kitchen gardening and the history of the Schaumburg German farming community.

Foraging for wild edible plants requires knowledge and skill possessed by our ancestors but lost to most of us. This introduction will show you how, when and where to gather a variety of highly nutritious and delicious wild plants, as well as provide recipes and other preparation tips. Suggestions and resources for improving your wild plant identification skills will also be available.

Happy Birthday and Best Wishes!

Dorothy Bruzan
Juli Cicarelli
Deborah Dingboom
Andrea Eichler
Aileen Koeppen
Janet Kurjanski
Holly Jansen
Rachel Olson
Valerie Solaski

Avian Flue Update

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Effective today, IDNR is recommending a halt to the use of bird feeders and bird baths through May 31, or until avian flu infections in the Midwest subside, especially those that waterfowl may visit. During spring, wild birds will have ample food sources while bird feeders are removed. HPAI has not been detected in songbird species (passerines) at this time.

Further recommendations from the agency:

- Clean and rinse bird feeders and baths with a diluted bleach solution (nine parts water to one part bleach) and put away or clean weekly if they can't be moved away from birds.
- Remove any bird seed at the base of bird feeders to discourage large gatherings of birds or other wildlife.
- Avoid feeding wild birds in close proximity to domestic flocks.

If five or more deceased wild birds are observed in one location, an IDNR district wildlife biologist should be contacted. Contact information for district wildlife biologists can be found [here](#).

USDA Wildlife Services also may be contacted at 1-866-487-3297. In addition, the IDNR requests all occurrences of deceased or sick bald eagles be reported to the agency.

Courtesy of Platt Hill and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources



***"The world's favorite season is the spring.
All things seem possible in May."
— Edwin Way Teale***

Protecting Our Monarch Butterflies

By Carol Elliott, Master Gardener

Monarch butterflies do not fly over the Rocky Mountains. Therefore, there are two distinct butterfly populations in North America. Those east of the Rockies that overwinter in Mexico, and those west of the Rockies that overwinter in southern California.

Last year (winter 2020-2021) the count of western monarchs was only about 2,000 with many people worrying that the western population would be extinct soon. However, this year (winter 2021-2022) the count was more than 247,000. Although this is a remarkable and wonderful rebound, the population is still far from the millions that were seen in the 1980s. If you have heard or read that the monarch population has made a remarkable recovery, the report is referring to the western monarch population.

Rather than trying to count eastern butterflies as groups do in the west, the eastern monarch population is measured by flying over the butterfly reserves in Mexico and estimating the hectares of trees that the butterflies cover (turning the trees from green to brown). A hectare is a little less than 2.5 acres. This population report is usually released in early March. Last year (winter 2020-2021) eastern monarchs covered about 2.1 hectares. (The recorded high point in the mid '90s was 18.19 hectares.) Unfortunately, the eastern population numbers for this year (winter 2021-2022) have somehow gotten tangled up in the problems of Covid and Mexican politics and have not been released (as of the writing of this article). However, the eastern population forecasts made by experts were similar or down from last year's 2.1 hectares. The decline in the Monarch population is caused by many variables including climate change, the loss of habitat in nectar producing flowers for the butterflies, and the loss of milkweed plants for the caterpillars. Herbicides to prevent weeds and mowing of open areas also contribute to the loss of milkweed.

Planting Milkweed

Gardeners can help monarchs by planting milkweed. Monarch caterpillars will only eat milkweed. Luckily, there are many different kinds of milkweed. Common milkweed is invasive and has given milkweed the weed part of its name. However, swamp milkweed or red milkweed is not invasive. It is a perennial that will stay right where you plant it. It can even be grown in pots, although it most likely will not survive the winter in a pot. It is native to this area and has lovely pink flower clusters. These plants like it wet, so if you have a wet spot in your garden it would fit in well there. If you grow it in a pot, water it frequently. Other milkweed plants native to our area that are not invasive include Sullivant's milkweed and butterfly weed which has orange flowers. Any native plant sale this spring should have some of these plants.

Monarch experts discourage northern gardeners from planting tropical milkweed. Tropical milkweed is an annual in our region because it cannot survive the winter. However, it stays green later in the fall than our native milkweed plants and may encourage butterflies into breeding when they should be on their way to Mexico. If butterflies leave too late for Mexico, there will not be enough food for them during their migration, and they will die on the way.

Planting Flowers

Another important way to help Monarch butterflies is by planting nectar producing flowers that bloom throughout the summer and fall. Even if you are a vegetable gardener, plant some flowers that will attract pollinators to your vegetable garden. The flowers will help the pollinators, and the pollinators will help your vegetables.

Summer flowers that attract Monarchs: bee balm, phlox, coneflowers, cosmos, zinnias, milkweed blooms, butterfly bush, modern lilac hybrids that bloom later or have a repeat blooming cycle.

Fall flowers that provide a food source for the migration: goldenrod, asters, zinnias, coneflowers, sedum.

So let's help protect our monarchs and all pollinators by planting some milkweed and flowers!



Collaborating with St. Simon's Green Team

Bev Krams | Horticulture

On Saturday, April 23rd a group of St. Simon's '**GREEN TEAM**' and a team of AHGC members (Jim Spannagel, Dee Schurman, Claudette Nowell-Philipp and Bev Krams) met at St. Simon's to clean up winter garden debris, lay mulch and weed. It was great to meet and greet the Green Team that cares for the numerous gardens located around the church. These gardens include a Butterfly Garden with a swale (this was tricky to manage!), a Giving Garden that provides vegetables to the community, front entrance Urns, front Oval Garden and the back gardens. There's a lot to care for and our help was greatly appreciated so much that we left with a lovely St. Simon's Coffee Mug that contained a live pansy and lunch was provided! Come out and join the 'TEAM' next time we are invited out to help with their garden maintenance. You are always WELCOME to join us! For more information please contact [Bev Krams](#).



Nominating Committee Update

Bob Bruett | Nominating Committee Chair

The AHGC Board consists of seventeen members. Every year the AHGC seeks out candidates to be nominated for the club's open board positions (officers and committee chairs.) Half of the board positions seek new candidates on even years, and the other half on odd years.

At our May 23rd meeting we will announce these nominations, vote on them and install the newly elected Board Members.

We still need a nomination volunteer for the **Vice President** position. Please consider this position, if you possibly can.

Secretary—Halina Zbilski

Garden Walk — Karyn Reeb (we are still looking for a co-chair volunteer to help with this committee)

Scholarship — Emma Visee

Program Chair — Nancy Asquini-Dean

The following have RENEWED their Committee Chair:

Conservation —June Miller

Newsletter — Mona Frisbie

Plant Sale — Bob Bruett

Publicity — Connie Landwehr/Lesley Jackson

Website — Denise Nowak

You Are Invited to Brenda's Stapling Party

Brenda Catardi is organizing a 'stapling party' on Monday, May 23 at 6:30-7pm, half an hour before our general meeting. She will need help stapling seed packets to flyers that will be distributed at the Arlington Heights Memorial Day Parade.

Please plan to join Brenda and other club members at 6:30pm at St. Simons Church. We will finish just in time for our 7pm general meeting.

Remember to bring your own stapler and staples. If you have any questions, contact [Brenda](#).

Northwest Community Hospital Tree Planting

June Miller | Conservation



On May 11th, a sugar maple tree was dedicated to all the NCH essential workers during the coronavirus pandemic. This tree was donated by the AH Garden Club along with the Davey Tree Company. It was planted on the landscape island across from the Busse Center entrance on the NCH hospital campus. The tree ceremony agenda began with a welcome to all the nurses, NCH team members, and the AH Garden Club members. The Garden Club members present for the dedication included Jim Spannagel, Kathy Hendricksen, June Miller, Joe and Marilyn Weber, Nancy Asquini-Dean, Mike Relaz, and Aggie Prochaska.

Steve Scogna (NCH CEO and president) expressed appreciation and gratitude for this tree donation as "NCH is rooted in the community." Jim Spannagel spoke of the Garden Club planting this tree as a way to express gratitude for all the essential workers. Since the mission of the club is to raise living things and deal with green and growing plants, planting a strong, living, and beautiful sugar maple tree was apropos. This tree would now be part of the NCH essential workers' legacy. It will also be a reminder of the community's appreciation for what the hospital staff did during the pandemic and what they are continuing to do every day. June Miller spoke of this tree being personal to her as she worked for the hospital during the first year of the pandemic. She shared her thoughts on how nursing and essential teams had to learn to adapt to the unknown and the unpredictable yet continue to stay connected with each other. She also spoke of being an outpatient for many services during this time and was grateful for the courtesy, patience, and compassion shown to her and the excellent care received during this pandemic time. It was pointed out that the maple tree symbolizes "strength and endurance", traits truly seen at NCH. Kathy Hendricksen spoke on the type of tree that was planted and also on the care of it. She was also able to promote our Plant Sale and Garden Walk events coming up! Kim Maguire (Chief Nursing Officer) spoke on what this tree means to NCH and what it stands for to the frontline workers. She was appreciative that the essential workers were not forgotten by our community.

Many thanks were received from NCH's Leadership and the Marketing and Landscape departments for our donation. It was so fitting to have Lance, Joe and Marilyn Weber's grandson, do the first ceremonial topping of the dirt around the tree as he symbolized the future of the community! NCH provided a beautiful plaque for under the tree. It was a meaningful and fun event for all.

Garden Club of Illinois (GCI) Awards the AHGC Received in April



Derby Line Greenhouse

Shelley Plischke | Membership

On Wednesday, April 23th, 15 members of the AHGC bundled up and headed west to Genoa to visit the DerbyLine Nursery. The weather was cold and rainy but as soon as we entered the greenhouses we could smell Spring in the air! Because of our cold and cloudy weather we are still waiting patiently to plant our treasures, but good things in life are worth waiting for.



Field Trip to Volo Bog on July 9th

June Miller | Conservation

Save the date: **Saturday, July 9 from 10-11:30 am** for a field trip to the Volo Bog State Natural Area. Enjoy this no cost guided tour of the state natural area featuring the only quaking bog in Illinois with an open water center. A beautiful area to visit! More information will be available in the June Newsletter.

[Volo Bog State Natural Area](#)

dnr.volobog@illinois.gov
28478 West Brandenburg Road
Ingleside, IL 60041
815-344-1294



"It is not an arboretum, not a collection of plants, but a pure symphony of living beauty and eternal youth" – Jens Jensen

Earth Day School Events

June Miller | Conservation

Last month was busy for the Garden Club! Two educational and fun events occurred involving two elementary schools. On April 19th, **Earth Day** was celebrated at Olive Mary Stitt School. Students were encouraged to grow a plant. They added soil to a cup and planted either green bean, marigold, or zinnia seeds. Also, they learned what is needed to grow a plant such as sun light, water, good soil, warm temperatures, and TLC. Great raffle prizes were given away to the students. School parents received seed packets with an invitation to the Plant Sale and Garden Walk. The Earth Day Organizers thanked our Garden Club for contributing to this special event.

A special thanks to Kathy Hendricksen for her ideas and help during the event, to Connie Landwehr for creating a great AHGC label for the raffled books and to Mike Relaz Mike Relaz for his help with planting seed cups with the future gardener students and for donating two well-crafted bird houses for the raffle!



On April 21st, **Arbor Day Eve**, a tree planting event occurred at Greenbrier Elementary School. The Garden Club Conservation Chairman along with John Tobias from the Davey Tree Company met earlier with the School Principal, Donna Bingaman, and a representative from the District 25 Facilities Management to choose a location and a choice of tree. Once the location was determined it was a unanimous decision to plant an autumn blaze maple tree. The students will love all the whirlybirds in the spring and bright red autumn leaves in the fall! On the day of the planting, the students enjoyed watching the whole process of planting their new tree, learning about the type of tree chosen, and were taught how to care for their new tree. During the planting process they were educated on the history of Arbor Day, the purposes of trees, what trees provide for us, fun tree facts and trivia, and a few tree riddles too. The ceremonial placing of the mulch around the tree was completed with a few students helping out. Principal Bingaman and all her students thanked the AH Garden Club and Davey Tree Company for this tree donation to further beautify their school landscaping.

Special thanks goes to Jim Spannagel on teaching about the legacy of this tree for the students. Kathy Hendricksen contributed her knowledge of trees and shared examples of what comes from trees. The Davey Tree Company (John Tobias, Paulette Lopez, and tree planting assistants) shared their tree knowledge, teaching on safety during the planting, and providing "Celebrate Trees" green wrist bands for all the students. June Miller contributed to the tree education and brought 'show and tell' tree related items for the students to see and touch. It was a fun and memorable time!



Plant Sale on Saturday, June 4th

Bob Bruett | Plant Sale Chair

We will be holding our annual plant sale at the Arlington Heights Historical Museum on June 4, 2022 from 8:00 AM to 12:30 PM in the Museum court yard.

- We are asking for members to donate any of their plants for the sale. If you have already dug up plants for the sale, be sure to get a list of plants and quantities to Bob Bruett so that he can print labels for each pot.
- If you need help in digging plants or need pots, please contact Pete, Jim or Bob Bruett but please dig in the next few weeks.
- Please water the plants well on the Thursday before the sale to ensure they are in good shape but the pots are dry so we can affix labels on Friday or Saturday.
- We will also take other garden items like books, nice pots, trellises etc.
- You can bring your plants and other items either Friday from 3 – 6 PM (preferred) or Saturday morning from 6- 8 AM.
- We also need wagons, boxes etc. for customers to transport their purchases to their cars.
- Renee will coordinate the sign-up for volunteers to work for the plant sale Friday and Saturday.
- Farmers Market rules will need to be followed.

If you have any questions, please contact:

[Bob Bruett](#) (847) 702-3124

[Pete Landwehr](#) (847) 638-9061

[Jim Spannagel](#) (847) 670-8207

Garden Walk & Unique Boutique Countdown

The planning committee continues the countdown to our 2022 Annual Garden Walk and Unique Boutique on Sunday, June 26th from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

- ◆ *We need more volunteers to signup for upcoming events.* From the [members only page](#) (you will need to enter the password), please review the volunteer openings for both the **Plant Sale** and **Garden Walk**.
 - ◆ We need a few volunteers to process credit cards at the Plant Sale on 6/4. It just requires having a cell phone with unlimited data. We will provide information on how to download the app that will go with the credit card reader.
 - ◆ We also still need volunteers to be a greeters at the Farmers Market on 5/21, 6/11 and 6/18 to hand out fliers and to sell tickets including by credit card at the Farmers Market on all Saturdays in June.
 - ◆ For the **Garden Walk** on June 26th we need volunteers to **sell tickets, floaters to walk around to assist vendors as needed and hosts at the Garden Walk sites** particularly for the second shift. Remember that members who volunteer for activities related to the Garden Walk will receive a free pass to enjoy the Garden Walk.
- ◆ Pat Dennehey is still collecting baskets or items that can be used as fillers for our raffle baskets which you can bring to the May meeting.
- ◆ We have 12 [sponsors](#) that have donated \$2950 so please be sure to thank them in person when patronizing their business. Be sure to review the [vendors](#) that will be selling their wares at our Unique Boutique.
- ◆ The best **publicity** for our club events is when you encourage family, friends and neighbors to attend the Plant Sale and Garden Walk. Please post any information the Garden Club has on social media onto your page and pass along the flyer for the Plant Sale and Garden Walk (included in this newsletter on page 10.)

Thank you for *all your support* in helping to make our events successful!

Garden Walk & Unique Boutique Co-Chairs

[Kathy Hendricksen](#)
(847) 514-0414

[Aileen Koeppen](#)
(847) 302-9051



5+ Inspiring
Gardens!

Garden Walk 2022

& Unique Boutique

Sunday, June 26

10am-4pm

Garden Walk

\$15 at ahgardenclub.com

\$20 on June 26 at AH Historical Museum

Unique Boutique

Free on the museum grounds

Booths with arts, crafts, products & plants, Master Gardeners,
Ask the Arborist, Arlington Heights Memorial Library,
Raffle with GREAT Prizes & Live Music

Plant Sale

Sat. June 4, 8:00 am – 12:30 pm

Perennials, Annuals & Native Plants from Members' Gardens

*Arlington Heights Historical Museum
110 W. Fremont, Arlington Heights*

All proceeds benefit scholarship, conservation & programs.

Gardening Knowledge

Bev Krams | Horticulture



UPCOMING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

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ASK THE EXPERTS ABOUT PEPPERS | National Garden Bureau

May 17 @ 10am

Webinar Register [here](#)

CLIMATE CHANGE: LOCAL GOVERNMENTS COMMITMENT TO FUTURE GENERATIONS | Forest Preserves of Cook County

May 18 @ 12-1:30pm

ZOOM Register [here](#)

GROWING TERRIFIC TOMATOES | Arlington Heights Memorial Library

May 19 @ 7-8pm

Location: Hendrickson Room Register [here](#)

COMMUNITY SCIENCE: FROG MONITORING | Forest Preserves of Cook County

May 20 @ 7:15pm

Location: Crabtree Nature Center Register [here](#)

GARDEN OF DOOM | District 214 Community Education

May 24 @ 7-9 pm

Fee \$19 (Registration Code 06216-01) Location: Prospect HS

Register [here](#)

MAKE YOUR OWN MEDICINALS IN THE KITCHEN | District 214 Community Education

May 25 @ 7-9pm

Fee \$29 (Registration Code 06217-01) Location: Forest View

Register [here](#)

BE A BETTER BIRDER: IDENTIFYING BIRD SONGS | Forest Preserve of Cook County

May 26 @ 6pm

ZOOM Register [here](#)

BLURRING THE LINES BETWEEN INSIDE + OUT | The Chalet

May 27 @ 12-1pm

Zoom Register [here](#)

GROWING AND USING HERBS | District 214 Community Education

May 31 @ 7-9 pm

Fee \$19 (Registration Code 06219-01) Location: Prospect HS

Register [here](#)

Gardening Knowledge

Bev Krams | Horticulture



UPCOMING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

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EXPLORE THE FOREST | Forest Preserves of Cook County

Learn about and celebrate the different facets of the Forest Preserves through animal encounters, arts and crafts, and much more!

June 5 @ 12pm-3pm

[Information](#). Location: Crabtree Nature Center

THE BALANCE PROJECT'S GARDEN WALK 2022 | Chalet

June 11 @ 10-2pm

Fee \$30

Register [here](#)

ROOTS DOWN UNDER: THE POWERHOUSE OF PLANTS | McHenry County Conservation District

June 18 @ 10-11:20am

Fee NR \$5

Location: Lost Valley Visitor Center, Ringwood, IL

Register [here](#)

NATURE SPEAKS: WHAT'S NEW AND WHAT'S NEXT by Dr. Robert Zarr | PHPLD

June 23 @ 7-8:30pm

ZOOM Register [here](#)

NATIVE AND NATURAL LANDSCAPING | McHenry County Conservation District

July 7 @ 7-8:30pm

ZOOM

Fee NR \$5.00 Register [here](#)

THE MORTON ARBORETUM

CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN Adult Education Summer Classes

GARDEN DESIGN has a great article on [10 Great Plants/Tips to start off your Pollinator garden](#). Bring on the 'bugs'!

Member Profile

Lesley Jackson | Contributing Editor

Karen Reeb

Karen had a big surprise one windy day in 1990. As she looked out of her kitchen window, alarmed by a strange noise, she saw her 90' silver maple falling straight towards her house! The tree hit the roof, broke three rafters and water was everywhere. Fortunately, no one was injured, just shocked!

They continued living in the house while the repair work was completed, and Karen realized without the tree her shade garden turned into a sunny garden overnight so they rebuilt their patio and added a pergola, a red maple and a dwarf blue spruce.

Karen decided to join the Garden Club in 2019. Her garden was one of the featured gardens on the Garden Walk. She so enjoyed the whole experience and wanted to become more involved. She had found everyone to be helpful, friendly and respectful.

Karen is originally from Wisconsin and moved to Illinois 50 years ago. They moved into their current home 35 years ago, where there was nothing in the garden at that time. With no previous knowledge about gardening, she set about amending the soil and removing many, many bags of the existing dirt.

She didn't set out with a theme for her garden – she calls it an “everyman” garden. It isn't fancy, but it gives people the idea that they could do it too. Her philosophy is that if something doesn't work – then dig it up and try something else. She particularly likes white flowers, and one of her favorites is the violet. She is now learning about natives, and trying to transition to growing natives.

Her husband Harry is a great support with all the heavy work, and although not a gardener himself, he really appreciates when the garden work is done!

Karen worked for 30 years at an Industrial Wire & Cable distributor and retired 12 years ago. Her great passion, apart from her garden, is her pure-bred Morgan horse, Apollo. You will find Karen at the stable four days a week working and playing with Apollo. She enters dressage competitions with her horse and apparently her first word as a child was “pony.”

Karen has signed-up to be co-chair of the Garden Walk committee next year. She wants to encourage gardeners to consider including their gardens in the annual Garden Walk. She says it is not that much work, and everyone was so complimentary and grateful. It was a lot of fun!

Karen also volunteers at the club's plant sale, and as a guide on the Garden Walk.



Karen with her husband, Harry



Karen's Garden



Karen with her horse, Apollo

Member Profile

Lesley Jackson | Contributing Editor

Shelley Plischke

Shelley joined the garden club eight years ago. She wanted to join the club earlier, but while working full time, there just wasn't enough hours in the week! When she retired in 2017, she seized the opportunity and signed up. She has thoroughly enjoyed every minute of being a member, has learned a lot, and made many good friends.

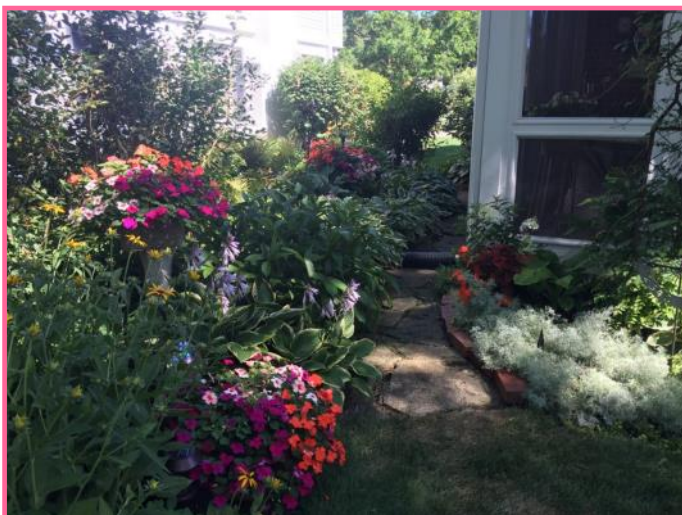
She says her garden is a "patchwork" garden, with no particular theme. One of her favorite garden looks is the old English look. She is excited to see if this year her hollyhocks, which she started from seed, will grow. She didn't have the garden designed, and loves the fact that many of her plants have come from friends' gardens.

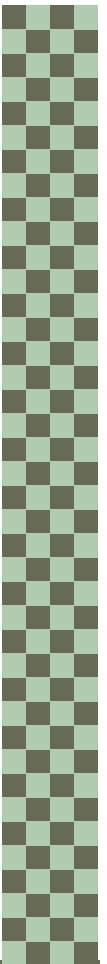
She lost large Maple trees from the front of her house in a bad storm and this created the opportunity to re-design that area. The Village replaced the tree with a disease-resistant Elm, and she then contacted a landscape architect to help her replace all the old plantings. It has just been such a thrill to watch it grow and thrive over the past five years. Her goal now is to learn how to prune shrubs and trees correctly. She knows the Garden Club will help with that!

Shelley co-chairs the membership committee along with Renie. The club membership has doubled since they took over. She is also a member of the Garden Walk committee, and the scholarship committee.

Shelley is originally from Wisconsin, and spent 12 years in New Jersey, which she loved, before moving to Illinois. She has been in her present home for 43 years. She has three children and four grandchildren, who all live close by. All holidays are spent at Grammys, and she knows how blessed she is.

Shelley, along with a team of library staff and volunteers, helped create the Butterfly Garden at the Arlington Heights Memorial Library. **The Butterfly Garden is one of the featured gardens in our Garden Walk next month.**





Board of Directors

President	Jim Spannagel
Secretary	Nancy Asquini-Dean
Treasurer	Pete Landwehr

Committee Chairs

Artistic	Barb Franks
Civics	Mike Relaz
	Dee Schurman
Conservation	June Miller
Garden Walk	Kathy Hendricksen
	Aileen Koeppen
Horticulture	Bev Krams
Hospitality	Marilyn Weber
	Joe Weber
Membership	Renie Norkiewicz
	Shelley Plischke
Newsletter	Mona Frisbie
Plant Sale	Bob Bruett
Programs	Val Solaski
Publicity	Lesley Jackson
	Connie Landwehr
Scholarship	Mike Dennehey
Website	Denise Nowak



Celebrate National Garden Week!

June 5-11, 2022



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 5-11 as National Garden Week.

Mary Warshauer,
2021-2023 President, NGC, Inc.

Farmers Market Corner



Saturday
May 14 thru October 15
8am-12:30pm
[\(Details\)](#)



VILLAGE OF SCHAUMBURG FARMERS MARKET

Friday @ Town Square
7am - 1pm
June 3 thru October 28
[\(Details\)](#)



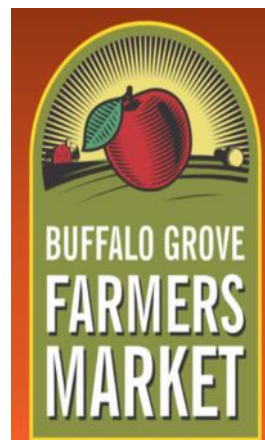
Saturday
8am -1pm
June 5 thru October 16
[\(Details\)](#)



Saturday
May 7 thru October 15
7am-1pm
[\(Details\)](#)



Sunday @ Metra Commuter Lot
June 5 thru October 30
8am-1pm
[\(Details\)](#)



Sunday
8-am-12:30 pm
June 12 thru October 16
[\(Details\)](#)

Treasurer's Report

Pete Landwehr | Treasurer

Arlington Heights Garden Club Treasurer's Report April 2022

Checking Account Balance 3/31/22		Stmt Date	\$	8,480.79
Receipts:				
2 family + 1 individual membership		4/1/22	105.00	membership dues - cc
1 family + 1 individual membership		4/5/22	65.00	membership dues - cc
Cristol Montero/Passero		4/5/22	100.00	GW silver sponsor cc
Richard Hornbaker		4/5/22	250.00	GW gold sponsor cc
Household memberships		4/11/22	40.00	membership dues - cc
Household memberships		4/13/22	40.00	membership dues - cc
Tammy Joy Matheson		4/14/22	50.00	UB vendor fee - cc
Jennifer Burnidge		4/14/22	50.00	GW - 1/4 page ad cc
Hawthorne Gardens		4/12/22	200.00	GW sponsor
5 single memberships		4/12/22	125.00	membership dues
Sue Taflinger		4/19/22	50.00	UB vendor fee - cc
5 single memberships		4/21/22	125.00	membership dues - cc
Luther Village/ Helen Dawley Platinum sponsor		4/19/22	500.00	GW sponsor
Lola's Pizza Silver sponsor		4/19/22	100.00	GW sponsor
1 family + 1 single membership		4/21/22	65.00	membership dues - cc
Mathias Brown/Sherwin Ace		4/22/22	500.00	GW sponsor cc
Barb Franks		4/22/22	25.00	membership dues - cc
Patricia Oconnor		4/26/22	25.00	membership dues - cc
Sue Dix/Suramics		4/27/22	50.00	UB vendor fee - cc
Catherine Doane		4/24/22	25.00	membership dues - cc
Clara Stone		4/28/22	40.00	membership dues - cc
GCI awards (2)		4/27/22	100.00	
Membership dues		4/27/22	370.00	
less: Credit Card Fees			\$ (72.31)	
Total				2,927.69
Disbursements (cleared):				
	Check #	Ck Date		
Village of Arlington Heights	1487	1/21/22	1,000.00	discretionary donation
Alyse Burman - Wildbird Shack	1489	1/26/22	140.00	Jan presentation
Heather Prince	1498	3/28/22	175.00	Mar presentation
Marlena Kot	1499	4/19/22	63.24	replaces ck#1454
Pat Dennehey	1500	4/19/22	232.00	stamps for sponsor mailing
Total				1,610.24
Checking Account Balance 4/30/22			\$	9,798.24
Receipts to be deposited				
Total undeposited receipts			\$	-
Open invoices and checks written but not cashed				
	Check #	Ck Date		
Kathy Hendricksen	1501	4/22/22	97.42	paper of GW/PS flyers
June Miller	1502	4/27/22	104.84	Earth Day expenses
Total outstanding checks and invoices			\$	202.26
ADJUSTED CASH POSITION 4/30/22			\$	9,595.98

AHGC Board Meeting Summary

Nancy Asquini Dean | Recording Secretary

AHGC Board Meeting | May 9th

President - Jim Spannagel Welcome and opening of meeting.

- Greg Padovani, Memorial Day Parade organizer, would like us to work with him on getting a **Blue Star Memorial** for Arlington Hts. Note: GCI does have a grant for a marker. Meeting to discuss will be scheduled after the parade is over.
- The summer meetings held in members' backyards will be:
 - * **June**- Cindy Kriemelmeyer a possibility
 - * **July** - Barb Franks will host.

Secretary -The April secretary's board minutes were approved.

Treasurer - April treasurer's report was approved.

- Pete is working with Christopher Pawlek, Eagle Scout-South Middle School, on plants and has agreed to let him pick from plants prior to the start of our plant sale and then after the sale is over.
- Meeting May 12th with park district employee to discuss possibilities for Recreation Park Green Ideas.

Artistic – No report.

Civics

- Dee reports that plants are in and ready to be planted as soon as the ground is dry, and will be used mainly at Post Office.
- Claudette wants advance notification on projects so she can contact the high school and request student volunteers.

Conservation

- The **NCH tree planting ceremony** is on Wednesday, May 11th at 2:00 PM at Busse Entrance. June contacted Herald. Plaque to be added at later date.
- **Earth Day at Olive School** on April 19th was lots of fun and the annual tree planting took place at **Greenbrier Elementary**. See article and photos in newsletter.

Garden Walk

- Meeting to be held next week by Kathy and Aileen with Karen Reeb to update her on details of the Walk. Karen will be one of the new committee chairs.
- **Memorial Day Parade second stapling party** will be held Monday, May 23rd at 6:30 PM at St. Simon's prior to general meeting. Bring your stapler and staples.

Horticulture –

- Ask A Gardener table at general meetings was NOT approved. Can be for members only. Idea for "outstanding yard". Recommendations are welcome.

Hospitality – Setup and cleanup at general meetings is going well. Good cooperation.

Membership – April general meeting had 49 attendees. Current Club GCI members is 87.

Plant Sale – Saturday, June 4th. Bob will print up plant labels for plants.

- Donors need to notify Bob of quantity and name of plant so he can print correct amount of labels.
- Girl Scouts who sell lemonade and donate the proceeds to Arlington Cares want to set up a stand at our plant sale. Board has to make decision on this request.

Programs -

- May 23rd "Foraging for Wild Edibles" by David Brooks. In person.
- Barbara Gilblair, District IX director, will be attending our May meeting.
- Suggestion made that we start the business meeting a little earlier, perhaps at 7:15 PM.

Publicity – No report

Scholarship - Ten applications have been received. Committee to meet on Friday, May 27th from 1-4 PM at Mike Dennehey's home to select winners.

Old/New Business – Lew Coffin reports blood drive scheduled for July 23rd.

Nominating Committee

- Terms are ending for following positions: Garden Walk & Unique Boutique, Program, Secretary, and newly created Vice President.
- Bob will announce nominees in newsletter and voting on approval will be at May general meeting.

Miscellaneous

- Suggestion made that a yearly Club calendar be put on the website and a monthly calendar added to the newsletter featuring upcoming meetings and activities. Board agrees and this will start with the new club year beginning in September.
- Discussion on newsletter articles featuring nurseries. Agreed that only articles featuring specific programs offered by nurseries will be allowed.