



January 2023

Happy New Year to Everyone

The new year is a time of transition for many things, and Jim and I are slowly beginning our transition over this year with the newsletter greeting. Going forward, we will begin alternating months sharing messages with you all. I look forward to the opportunity to get to know more of you and work side by side to support our mission of horticultural education, conservation and community beautification.

The new year is also a time for fresh starts, and we have several committees that will need new chairs this year. Our bylaws state that a Nominating Committee is needed to identify candidates for the open chair positions. This committee consists of 2 current board members and 3 non-board members. If you are interested in being a part of the Nominating Committee, please reach out to [Jim](#) or [me](#). This small team is vitally important to filling key roles on the board. The chair positions that we will be looking to fill are: Hospitality, Membership, Programs Co-Chair, Website Co-Chair. If you have potential interest in any of those roles, please let Jim and I know, and we can provide you with more information. Please consider joining the nominating committee or exploring taking on a board role. You are what keeps our club thriving!

I'm looking forward to another year of growing my knowledge of gardening and growing new connections in my garden of friends!

Beth Ligenza

2023 Winter/ Spring Meetings

- January 23
- February 27
- March 27
- April 24

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January Program

January 23rd @ 7 PM, (Virtual Meeting)

Easiest Houseplants Ever, With Style

Presented by Tovah Martin

This program is in partnership with the Arlington Heights Memorial Library. This is a Virtual meeting and you must register in advance.

In her constant, undying pursuit of all things garden-related, Tovah gets her hands dirty both outside and indoors. She is a perennial, heirloom, vegetable and cottage gardener of fanatical proportions, and is accredited with NOFA as an Organic Land Care Professional.



Beyond the garden outdoors, Tovah's areas of specialty also include decades of experience with houseplants (she grows over 200 in her home). Her passion for gardening indoors led to her books of more than a dozen titles. You can also catch the gardening contagion and read about Tovah's adventures and travels through her articles in numerous magazines and be sure to check out her [website](#). When she's not writing for print media, she blogs at [PlantsWise](#) as well as creating web, blog, and catalog content for plant-related clients. Tovah also appears frequently on television and radio.

Looking for the perfect green match for your home? This lecture is full of easily hosted ideas. No matter what your home environment offers, we've got you covered with recommendations for plants that will become copacetic roommates. If your home features sunny windows or shady sills; if your home is Sahara dry or comfortably spa-like—this lecture will leave you filled with hope, and an adoption list. Plus, the suggested plants do so much more than just sit around being green. The goal is to find botanical companions that will make your life ultra-beautiful. Dense with design ideas for wannabee indoor gardeners of all tastes. Crammed with firsthand wisdom for care and cultivation of all the suggested companions, this lecture covers all the bases. Want to adopt a houseplant? We offer options that will fit your lifestyle with flair.



IMPORTANT NOTE: The January 23 garden club meeting will be held jointly with the library. The program will be presented remotely by national author and blogger Tovah Martin. It will be a combination of in-person and Zoom and you will need to pre-register on the library website. You can sign up for either [Zoom \(Virtual\)](#) or the [in-person \(Watch Party\)](#).

We will also be hosting a houseplant exchange at the event. If you have any houseplants that need dividing, please pot them up, label them and bring them to the program. If you will be doing the meeting via zoom, I can bring them for you – just contact me ahead of time. We will arrange all of the plants on tables before the meeting where you can view them. We will give out a ticket for each plant brought. After the meeting, we will draw tickets out of a hat to determine the order for selecting plants to take home.

I will need help from three garden club members to organize plants, answer questions and issue tickets. If you have any experience with houseplants, that would be a bonus. I could also use houseplant reference books and plastic bags or boxes for transportation. This should be a very educational and fun event. Contact [Pete Landwehr](#) if you would like to help at this event.

Program Planning Meeting

Nancy Asquini Dean | Program Chair

It's that time of year again when we begin selecting the monthly programs for our club's 2023/24 general meetings.

We welcome your participation and ideas so we can select the topics of primary interest to you the members. Please share any topics you would like to see presented and if you know of any good speakers, please send me an email with their contact information.

A planning meeting will be scheduled for February 7, 8 or 9th at the Library from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. The date will be set when most interested members can attend.

If you would like to serve on this committee, please [email me with your availability](#) no later than **January 30th** so a room can be booked at the library,

We still need a co-chair for the Programs Committee. If you are interested in serving in this position, please let me know. I look forward to your participation in this important project.

2022 AHGC SHIRT
Order Now

Arlington Heights garden club

5.2 oz. navy polo, 50/50 cotton/poly.
Made with 5% recycled polyester.
Beautifully embroidered with the
Arlington Heights Garden Club logo.
Unisex Sizing

	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL
Chest Width	19	21	23	25	27	29
Sleeve Length	18.5	19.5	20.5	21.5	22.5	23.5
Body Length at Back	28	29	30	31	32	33

inches

To find your fit: Lay a shirt flat and measure across the body about 1" below the arm hole and from the highest point of the collar to the bottom hem.

S-XL: \$24.00
2X-3X: \$29.00
Prices include sales tax

Order Deadline Jan 30

If fashion is your thing, now is your chance to get your very own AHGC Logo polo shirt! Our webmaster Denise has made it easy for you to place your [order online](#). Shirts are available in S/M/L/XL for \$24 or 2XL/3XL for \$29. We'd love to have all orders placed by 1/30. You can also send a check to Beth Ligenza, 818 E Jules St, Arlington Hts, IL 60004. Please include the size shirt with your check, payable to Arlington Heights Garden Club.



Photo by June Miller

Can You Name
This Native Plant



Answer can be found on
[page 16](#)



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Your Guide to Winter Gardening

Bev Krams | Horticulture

- How do you protect your trees and evergreens from winter's wrath? [Answer](#)
- Are houseplants good to have indoors for the winter? [Answer](#)
- Can houseplants improve your indoor air quality? [Answer](#)

Dear AHGC Members,

The AHGC sure lived up to the village motto, *City of Good Neighbors*.

Thank you all for the good wishes and the gorgeous poinsettia plant.

Having Jim personally deliver the card and plant was a very nice touch and as an added bonus, Jim and I were able to chit-chat for a little while.

I miss you all. Thank you, again.

Sincerely,

Josephine Perez

Decorating Around the Town of Arlington Heights



Sharpen Your Tools

Dave sharpens a wide range of knives and garden tools, including shears, loppers, shovels and mower blades.

Dave is an experienced knife sharpener who travels throughout the Chicagoland offering on-site and off-site sharpening, as well as specialty sharpening and expert tips and tricks.

On **February 12th** Dave will be at the Arlington Heights Historical Museum from **2:00-4:00pm**

No reservations needed. Cash, check, and credit accepted.

To view a complete list of services and for contact information, visit Sharpening by Dave



Conservation Corner

June Miller | Conservation

SWANCC is hoping that everyone commits 2023 to doing more to reduce their individual carbon footprint by preventing single-use packaging, wasting less food, recycling correctly, and composting food scraps. Per SWANCC, recycling initiatives “are impactful for reducing green house gas emissions that contribute to global warming and destructive weather patterns.” Try doing one or two new eco-friendly changes in your household this year which will make a huge impact in the long run. Thank you for what you do today to ensure a healthier and greener tomorrow!



January Recycling Tip → Don't bag recycling! Please leave all materials loose inside the recycling cart.



LED Lighting

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is raising energy efficiency standards for light bulbs and will be phasing out the purchase of **incandescent** light bulbs by July 2023. Incandescent bulbs use a higher wattage than LEDs for the same level of brightness. LED bulbs last at least 30,000 to 50,000 hours versus the average 1,000 hours of light cast by incandescent bulbs, according to the DOE. Swapping out one incandescent bulb for an LED will save \$40 to \$90 over 10 years. This will reduce not only energy cost and use, but also reduces carbon emissions.

Ecology of Spring Ephemeral Wildflowers by Chris Benda, a highly regarded botanist
Registration is free for this virtual event that takes place on Sunday, February 19th @ 2:30 -4pm.
Click [here](#) for more information.



Saturday, February 25, 2023 | 9am-6pm | Wild Things Conference

Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, Rosemont, IL

The [Wild Things 2023 Conference](#) invites nature enthusiasts from across Illinois and beyond to learn about the flora, fauna, and natural history of the Prairie State! Join a community of 3,000 volunteers, conservationists, and natural resource professionals at the 2023 Conference to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the Illinois Nature Preserves. With dozens presentations and discussion panels to choose from, the in-person program engages a diverse range of topics, research, and skills, and plenty of opportunities to meet with friends, old and new! For those who are unable to attend in person, there will be a virtual program featuring a selection of our most popular presentations.

National Seed Swap Day is January 28th

National Seed Swap Day is celebrated on the last Saturday in January to honor the tradition of swapping seeds with neighbors.

Saturday, February 4th **Seed Expo** in Round Lake Beach. Click [here](#) for more information.



Saturday, January 21st @ 11-3pm Robert's Yukon Adventure Day The Grove in Glenview

Bring your family to experience Robert Kennicott's journey north and discover what his life was like in this frigid territory.

- Watch dog sledding teams
- Learn about winter ecology and animal adaptations
- Try snow shoeing and snow experiments

Click [here](#) for more information.

Amaranth

Winter Workshop



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Tree
Decorating
At the
Senior
Center



Holiday Party 2022

Many thanks to Joe & Marilyn for organizing this party!



Amaranth

Member Profile

Lesley Jackson | Contributing Editor

Meet Beth Ligenza, the new Vice President of our Club!

Beth credits her mom with instilling a lifetime love of plants and gardening in her. Her mom was very involved in the Northbrook Garden Club, South Barrington Garden Club, and the Garden Clubs of Illinois. Her six children always helped in and around the garden with various tasks. Her Mom loved roses, but Beth was always given the job of picking off the leaves with black spot and fertilizing the bushes. To this day Beth will not have roses in her garden!

She believes gardening is a shared passion that keeps her and her siblings closer. They all live in different states now and constantly compare notes and send tips and photos of their gardens.

Beth works for US Foods in Vendor Management, and has spent 30 years working in retail. She has raised two boys, one now in Kentucky at college. Sadly, the boys would only help with the lifting and don't show much interest in the garden.

When they moved into their new home four years ago, the garden was empty. She brought her favorite perennials from her old garden. She loves Day Lilies, and knows two state judges, so was able to buy unusual varieties through them. She is now transitioning to more natives, and filling in with color. She has a herb garden, where she can often be found, happily weeding, and likes to cook with them and makes tisanes from unusual edible flowers. She has a dehydrator that she purchased during lockdown, and makes a delicious lemon grass tisane - just cut the lemon grass leaves and add to hot water to enjoy. They can also be frozen for year round enjoyment.

She credits one of her sons with her being unable to name all her Day Lilies. She had them all named with popsicle sticks. One day her son came with them all in his hand and was pleased to tell her he had pulled up all the sticks for her!

She is in the process of planning for her retirement and wants to do something worthwhile. She wants the opportunity to give back to her community, and honor the memory of her mother at the same time. Beth says it is important to "put your money where your mouth is" which is why she volunteered for the VP role. She is pleased that the group is outwardly focused and engages people with the earth, and wants to develop friendships with kindred spirits.

The beauty of gardening is that every one is different and a reflection of our uniqueness. She advises us not to be intimidated – try something new and if it doesn't work, try something else! She feels it is a way to create something, and compares it to nurturing a child.



Beth with her husband and two sons



Arlington Heights Library Window Box

A special thanks to the team that helped create the January east window display at the Arlington Heights Memorial Library, highlighting our January 23rd program: *Easiest Houseplants Ever, with Style by Tovah Martin*.

There were lots of creative ideas and excellent collaboration from members including Debbie Borales, Sharon Rudy, Shelley Plischke and Bev Krams. Mary Weber provided the great plants which she 'secretly' houses in the basement of the library. We appreciate Mary watering the plants for us throughout the month of January.

If you haven't already done so, be sure to stop by the Library to enjoy the **greenery** displayed in the window box.



State of Birds in the USA 2022

Bev Krams | Horticulture

For those of you who attended our November Program on Starlings and heard the discussion of the State of the Birds Report USA 2022, here is the [published report](#).

One of Master Gardeners has taken the time to summarize this lengthy report. Here are some interesting facts!

Our feathered friends are in trouble. Cornell's State of the Birds Report for 2022

According to the Cornell Lab of Ornithology's latest [report](#), birds across the U.S. show downward trends in every habitat of the 8 habitats studied. The one exception is those species most dependent on wetlands. Populations of waterfowl show measurable rebounds, as reported in the Cornell Lab report. And as distressing as this sounds, this one exception gives hope for addressing the continuing declines in the species dependent on the other habitats. What we know from decades of wetland conservation efforts can help us improve the outlook of the species reliant on these other habitats.

First, some background information. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is mandated to keep a list of migratory non-game bird species that are likely candidates for listing under the Endangered Species Act. This federal list, [Birds of Conservation Concern](#) (BCC), currently identifies 269 species nationwide for 2021. In addition, [each state](#) identifies Species of Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN) which may or may not add to the BCC list. As an example, all birds shown on Illinois' 2015 SGCN are already included in the federal BCC.

According to a study cited in the Cornell Lab Report, there are 70 species in the combined BCC/SGCN lists that have a high vulnerability to extinction. These species are referred to as Tipping Point species that could lose half or more of their populations in the next 50 years. Most significantly, these species already lost 50% or more of their populations during the prior period 1970-2019. All 70 species are listed in the Cornell Lab report and include such birds as the Bobolink and the Chimney Swift. In addition to this troublesome news, a recent initiative from [Road to Recovery](#) revealed an alert for 90 declining bird species that have lost half or more of their breeding population since 1970. These birds are not yet federally listed as threatened or endangered.

If this sounds dire for our feathered friends, it's probably because it is dire. The loss of birds is tragic in itself, but as the Cornell Lab study points out, it is also a reflection on declining biodiversity, climate change and environmental degradation, among other things. So, where is the hope I alluded to at the beginning? Conservation and restoration of habitats for wetland species demonstrate birds can make a comeback with long term investment and good conservation policy. The same can apply to the other habitats. However, even wetland habitat successes are tempered by ongoing wetland loss and the increasing effects of climate change. No doubt, our birds require constant vigilance on everyone's part.

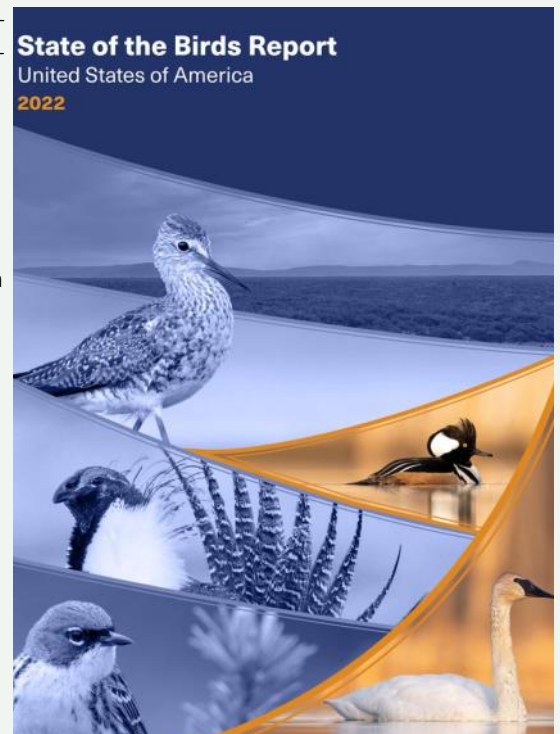
And lastly, the Cornell Lab report offers specific strategies to help reverse these declines in bird numbers. It's an 'all hand's on deck' effort from many governmental agencies, local groups, professional associations and individuals. Our Conservation@Home program is part of one strategy: making functional habitat that supports insects, wildlife and of course birds. After all, just like the canary in the coal mine, what is bad for the bird is probably bad for us as well. By taking care of our birds, we are simultaneously taking care of ourselves.

Dwayne Anderson, Master Gardener
University of Illinois

Want to TAKE ACTION?

Contact [Pete Landwehr](#) or [Bev Krams](#) for additional details.

Be part of the strategy by getting your yard certified.



Keep Your Houseplants Healthy This Winter

Bev Krams | Horticulture

Wow, you have gotten your houseplants through three months of winter by bringing them indoors once the overnight temperatures starting dropping below 55 degrees. Now, how are you going to keep them looking good until spring? Here are some tips to get your houseplants through the remaining winter months!

CUT BACK ON WATERING. You may be tempted to water more during winter months. Don't do it! It may be dry in your home but plants will actually do better if the time between watering is longer. Plants are growing much more slowly during this period. Let them 'rest'! Get out your 'soil testing finger' or get yourself a soil moisture meter. Stick either one in the soil to determine the dryness. Signs of brown leaf tips and droopy foliage will also tell you they are dry.

Not only cut back on HOW FREQUENTLY you water but on HOW MUCH you water. Use less water than you would normally use. If you only water one side, the roots and leaves will grow towards the water that's available on that side. It is also important to check the temperature of the water you are using. Too warm or too cold can shock the plant and damage the roots. Be careful!

INCREASE THE HUMIDITY. Yes, these ARE tropical plants! They require higher levels of humidity and that is hard to achieve in a heated home. Many people try misting their plants but it has been found this does not significantly raise the humidity for any length of time to benefit the plant. The solution is to put a humidifier where the plants are growing. Another alternative is to set the pots in a tray or saucer that is filled with pebbles and water. This will naturally raise the humidity for you and your plants! Be aware not to submerge the bottoms of the pots in water as it will rot the roots. Don't forget steam from cooking and LONG showers also benefit your plants.

AVOID EXTREME TEMPERATURES. Ideally, temps of 70-75 degrees during the day and 60-65 degrees at night are great for indoor plants. It is SUDDEN drops in temps that cause leaf drop, foliage damage and death from exposure! Do not place your plants near lit fireplaces, heating vents and doors/windows that are being opened and closed. With some of these extreme temps we have been having, make sure the foliage is not touching windows and the drafts are not affecting their 'comfort'!

FERTILIZING and REPOTTING. No! Remember these plants are semi dormant during the winter and fertilizer will only stimulate the growth. Let them 'rest' and fertilize or repot them in March or April when they start to show signs of new growth as they start getting more light. If you absolutely have to repot, remember moving up to a container 2 inches in diameter larger than the current pot.

LIGHT . Speaking of light, your cacti and succulents need to be in those south windows in your home. The indirect and medium light requirement plants do well in your west and east windows. If you are noticing signs of leaves turning pale green/yellow, leaves dropping, variegated plants reverting to a solid green or 'leggy' stems, it is time to bump up your light source by considering a grow light. When those plants start LEANING towards the window for more sunlight, rotating the pots promotes new growth and an even amount of light.

DUST THE LEAVES. Because of the low light, dust the leaves so the plants can take up as much sunlight as possible. Feather dusters, micro cloths or a damp cloth work well.

KEEP CHECKING FOR "PESTS" If your plants still show no sign of pests after bringing them in from the garden, CONGRATULATIONS! Overwatering and low humidity will breed insects. **INSPECT** your plants each time you water and treat houseplant pests immediately.

Don't forget to [SIGN UP](#) to hear TOVAH MARTIN on ZOOM or at the AHML on January 23rd. Wait until you SEE her collection of HOUSEPLANTS!!

* *HouseDesign Winter Care 12-22-22*

Gardening Knowledge

Bev Krams | Horticulture

UPCOMING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

CITIZENS FOR CONSERVATION

Saturday, January 21 @ 10-11am | Birding in Barrington
Saturday, February 18 @ 10-11:30am | Local Oaks: Helping Them Thrive
Click [here](#) for more information



MCHENRY COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Saturday, January 21 @ 8-10am | In Search of Eagles
McHenry Dam, Algonquin Dam, Carpentersville Dam, Lake Geneva
Click [here](#) for more information



PROSPECT HEIGHTS PUBLIC LIBRARY | NATURE SPEAKS

Understanding Floods & Water Management: How Much is it
Going to Rain & When Will the Water Come Roaring Through Here?

Thursday, January 26 @ 7-8:30pm
ZOOM or Live
Click [here](#) to register



NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS

Monday, January 23 @ 1pm | Bees-An Ancient Story with Dr. Gene Kritsky
Wednesday, February 15 @ 1pm | Flower Trials with Krystal Snyder
Check the National Garden Club [website](#) for details



CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN

Horticulture Courses
Click [here](#) for more information



MORTON ARBORETUM

Perennial Plant Association Symposium (on ZOOM or in person)
Saturday, February 4th @ 8:30-2:30
Click [here](#) to register



Gardening Knowledge

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UPCOMING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

FERNWOOD Events & Programs

Click [here](#) for more information



PLATT HILL NURSERY Workshops & Seminars

Click [here](#) for more information



HARPER COLLEGE Courses

Thursday, February 9th @ 7-8pm Rewilding: Backyard Birdscaping

Thursday, March 9th @ 7-8pm Rewilding: Prairie Garden

Thursday, April 13th 7-8pm Rewilding Creating Backyard Wildlife Habitats

Click [here](#) to view course schedule



SCHWEIKHER HOUSE TOUR

Looking for something to enjoy and learn from this winter season? Take a tour of the Schweikher House, on the National Historic Register in Schaumburg. It will provide you with history, architectural design and a tranquil landscape all hidden off a wooded stretch on Meacham Road in Schaumburg. It is a gem! Click [here](#) for more information.



GARDEN DESIGN MAGAZINE Webinar

Succession Planting for a Long Season presented by Fergus Garrett

Saturday, February 18, @ 11am CT

\$20 Register (registered users can access webinar for 30 days post event)

Click [here](#) to register



MCHENRY COUNTY COLLEGE

Wildflower Preservation & Propagation Committee

February 18th 8-3:45pm NATURAL LANDSCAPE SEMINAR

Click [here](#) for more information



ILLINOIS + WISCONSIN LANDSCAPE SHOW

February 1-3 | Schaumburg Convention Center

Click [here](#) for more information



AHGC Lifetime Honorary Member

Mike Dennehey has been awarded a **Lifetime Honorary Membership** in the Arlington Heights Garden Club. Where would the club be without Mike? He has contributed so much of his time to develop and support our club's growth.

Mike has served on the Program Committee, Garden Walk Committee (Chairman for 2 years), Treasurer, Website Committee, Bylaws Committee (5 times), Ways and Means and Scholarship Committees and has volunteered endlessly for our projects.

In 2003 the first website was initiated for the Club by Mike and Nancy Ruth. When she left the Club, Mike stepped up to design, update, revise and generally shape it to what it is today. He handed it over in 2021 but without his perseverance and working through all the kinds of quirks of technology we would not have what we have today.

Mike is very proud of the Scholarship Committee, which he and Nancy Asquini-Dean started in 2003. He chaired and coordinated it until 2022. He coordinated the review, decision making, follow up letters and advertising of the program. He has successfully facilitated the distribution of \$65,000 in scholarships!

In 2006 Mike helped Thom Krak coordinate the volunteers to install a sprinkler system at the Historical Museum.

Mike has ensured that we have years of pictures of our speakers who have come to entertain and educate us. He has documented the Garden Walks on a yearly basis and worked with the Arlington Heights Camera Club to facilitate their documentation.

Mike, and his wife, Pat, have graciously opened their garden for a number of our summer meetings in addition to having their home not only on one Garden Walk but two.

Congratulations. Thank you, Mike, you have helped make the AHGC club what it is today!



Mike Dennehey and his wife, Pat, receiving the Lifetime Honorary Member Award at our December 2022 Holiday Party.

Thanks to all,

Boy, was I surprised when Jim announced at the Holiday party that I was selected to receive an Honorary Lifetime Membership. I had no idea that I was even being considered for this award.

When Jim read off several tasks from his list I wondered, when did I have time to do all of those things? When one is having fun doing tasks for the club there is no reason to count hours since hobbies are not work. It is a pleasure when one can work with so many friendly folks who also enjoy gardening as a hobby.

I thank you all for being friends as I continue to assist the garden club, but this time with less ambitious tasks.

Mike Dennehey

Spiderwort

(Commelinaceae Family)

Spiderwort (Comelinaceae Family) is a grass-like native perennial plant that commonly grows in wooded areas, roadsides, and in lawns. It is usually one of the first flowers seen in the spring and last through late summer. The three-petal flowers are typically violet, blue, or pink in color with contrasting yellow stamens. The unopened flower buds are in clusters at the end of the stalk and open one or two at a time. Uniquely, each flower opens in the morning then closes by early afternoon lasting only one day. Why the spiderwort name? When the stem is broken a sticky, stringy sap can be seen resembling a spider web. The flowers attract pollinators including butterflies and native bees.



Varieties: 2 common types seen here (Tradescantia Virginia and Ohio Spiderwort)

Growth: 1 ft. – 3 ft.

Sun Exposure: full, partial, shade

Hardiness: 4b-12a

Soil: moist but well -draining

Invasive? This plant does self-seed. Control by removing spent blossoms before they set seed and pruning back by one third mid-season.

Board of Directors

President	Jim Spannagel
Vice President	Beth Ligenza
Secretary	Halina Zbilski
Treasurer	Pete Landwehr

Committee Chairs

Artistic	Barb Franks
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	Dee Schurman
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	Karen Reeb
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Hospitality	Marilyn Weber
	Joe Weber
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	Shelley Plischke
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Plant Sale	Bob Bruett
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Publicity	Lesley Jackson
	Connie Landwehr
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	Emma Visee
Website	Denise Nowak

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Emma Visee, Garden Club Awards
Claudette Norwell-Philipp, Student Partnership



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YOUR WINTER GARDENING GUIDE

From your University of Illinois Extension.

Click [here](#) to view guide

2023 SEED STARTING SERIES

February 15 - 6-7pm Virtual –Seed Starting for your Garden

University of Illinois Extension Master Gardeners will deliver timely tips on how to start seeds to grow your own seedlings for your garden. Basic requirements, including time, light, growing medium, water and attention, will be shared as well as suggested plants to start from seed. Seed starting is not limited to vegetables. Annuals and perennials can also be started to get a jump on the growing season.

Click [here](#) to register

Treasurer's Report

Pete Landwehr | Treasurer

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS GARDEN CLUB TREASURER'S REPORT December, 2022

Checking Account Balance 11/30/22

Stmt Date \$ 15,184.41

Receipts:

3 guests at Holiday Party	12/14/22	36.00	Reeb, Graziano, McGrath
Holiday party donation	12/14/22	20.00	Dawley
1 guest at Holiday Party	12/20/22	12.00	Rudy
Marty Landwehr	12/28/22	2,000.00	Wendy scholarship
AHGC polo shirts - 1	12/30/23	24.00	Nowak
less: Credit Card Fees		\$ (1.00)	
Total		2,091.00	

Disbursements (cleared):

	<u>Check #</u>	<u>Ck Date</u>	
Amy Greenamyer	1541	10/24/22	250.00 October program
The Grove	1543	11/1/22	300.00 Discretionary Donation
Northwest Compass	1547	11/1/22	200.00 Discretionary Donation
Arlington Cares	1557	11/7/22	500.00 Discretionary Donation
Lincoln Memorial Gardens	1561	11/7/22	100.00 Discretionary Donation
Tour de Trees - Tree Fund	1565	11/7/22	200.00 Discretionary Donation
Arlington Heights Park District	1569	11/13/22	1,000.00 Discretionary Donation
Jennifer Suszek	1571	11/21/22	2,000.00 W. Landwehr scholarship
Jim Spannagel	1572	11/25/22	36.00 postage
Carolina Szoepo	1573	11/28/22	2,000.00 Scholarship
Stillman Nature Center	1574	11/28/22	200.00 Nov presentation
Garvin Gardens	1575	11/29/22	1,260.00 Container Workshop
Prospect High School	1576	12/12/22	300.00 Madrigal singers
Jim Spannagel	1577	12/13/22	94.02 prizes & awards
Kathy Hendricksen	1578	12/19/22	5.74 GCI award mailing
Joe Weber	1580	12/19/22	918.31 Holiday Party
Jim Spannagel	1581	12/20/22	55.95 financial review gift
Charge for new checks	12/2/23	89.18	
Total		9,509.20	

Checking Account Balance 12/31/22

\$ 7,766.21

Receipts to be deposited

Receivable from Marty Landwehr - workshop 30.00

Total undeposited receipts \$ 30.00

cleared

	<u>Check #</u>	<u>Ck Date</u>	
BSA Troop 37	1540	10/16/22	150.00 Zac Nesvacil Eagle Project
Volo Bog	1542	11/1/22	200.00 Discretionary Donation
Forest Preserve - Busse Woods	1566	11/7/22	100.00 Discretionary Donation
International Crane Foundation	1567	11/7/22	100.00 Discretionary Donation
New Salem Lincoln League	1568	11/7/22	100.00 Discretionary Donation
Village of Arlington Heights	1570	11/13/22	1,000.00 Discretionary Donation
Cate Doane	1579	12/19/22	17.88 Holiday Party centerpieces

Total outstanding checks and invoices \$ 1,667.88

ADJUSTED CASH POSITION 12/31/22

\$ 6,128.33

AHGC Board Meeting Summary - January 9, 2023

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President - Jim Spannagel

- Sheila Coffin volunteered to be Co-chair of the Scholarship Committee.

Vice-President – Beth Ligenza

- Beth will post a list of board committee opportunities in the newsletter, such as Membership, Hospitality, and Program Co-chair.

Treasurer – Pete Landwehr

- A payment of \$2000 remains to be paid to the Historical Museum as one of our Discretionary Donations.
- Congratulations to Pete who will be appointed as GCI Finance Committee Chair, voting to take place at the GCI State Convention April meeting.

Artistic – Barb Franks

- Thank you to all who helped with Christmas tree decorating at the Senior Center, Village Hall, and Library.
- A few members will help organize the boxes into themes, making it easier to decorate efficiently.
- 37 people purchased tickets for the winter container workshop.

Civics – Mike Relaz and Dee Schurman

- Received a thank-you note to the Post office from July, 2022. The note was from a passerby in his car waiting for the train who appreciated the beauty of the flowers in front of the Post Office, so our hard work does not go unnoticed.

Conservation – June Miller

- June will be contacting Ivy Hill School as she noted an area on the west side of the school to be feasible for planting.

Garden Walk – Karen Reeb and Linda Heller

- Bev picked up the garden stones for the garden club members who had past garden walks on Jan 20th. They will be presented to those members at the February meeting. Stands for the stones are available for \$15 to those who want them, and they are asked to make their payment to Pete.
- Garden stone requirements will be submitted to the stone designer by the end of March or early April for 5, or maybe 6 garden stones for this year's garden walk households.
- The first Garden Walk committee meeting will be held Monday January 16th at 7 pm.

Horticulture – Bev Krams

- Bev mentioned a problem that when creating a comprehensive list of newsletter programs available each month, a lot of places advertise their program only 1 week in advance.

Hospitality – Marilyn and Joe Weber

- Joe and Marilyn would like to thank all the members who helped with the setup before the Holiday Party, and Cate Doane who created the centerpieces. A suggestion was made to donate the leftover food to the AH fire department which they gladly accepted.
- 200 food item donations from Nov and Dec were presented to the Wheeling Township Food Pantry
- Thanks to the Prospect High School Madrigal singers for an excellent performance at the Holiday Party. Thanks to St Simon's who had decorated the hall for a cookie exchange prior to our party, and these Christmas decorations were really welcome. Rev. Jenny and her husband were invited, and enjoyed the party.

Membership – Renie Norkiewicz and Shelley Plischke

- Current membership is 122 members.

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Plant Sale – Bob Bruett

- Plant sale is scheduled for June 3rd (Bob will confirm with the Museum and Farmers Market teams to lock in those dates)
- Bob suggested we keep daylilies and hostas to a minimum at our Plant Sale. Any sizes of pots are welcome. Quality of the plants is more important than size of plant.

Programs – Nancy Asquini Dean

- Nancy is looking for a co-chair for the Programs committee and also welcomes new program ideas. ([Page 2](#) of newsletter)

Scholarship – Emma Visee and Sheila Coffin

- Emma and Sheila are notifying high schools within a radius of 20 miles about our available scholarship, and also notifying colleges as well.
- 8 to 10 members are needed to vote on a scholarship decision. Guidelines and student details will be sent to committee members before the meeting, so a decision can be made more quickly. Application deadline is March 15th.

Website – Denise Nowak

- Suggestion was made to add committee chair responsibilities in a more descriptive and detailed format in the Members Only section of the Garden Club website.

Business/Old Business/Announcement

- “Honorary Lifetime Member” award was presented to Mike Dennehey, who was recognized for his many efforts and many years of service. ([Page 15](#) of newsletter)
- Nancy issued a new report regarding the status of the Blue Star Memorial marker proposal.
- Beth offered to organize the dedication ceremony after the Memorial is set up.
- Pete will be representing our garden club at the AH Park District meetings on Jan 11th and Jan 17th as they update their Comprehensive Master Plan.

Next Board Meeting: February 13, 2023