

Garden Talk

Newsletter of the Schaumburg Community Garden Club

June 2009

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Letter from the President...

By now, everything you bought at the Native Plant Sale should be in and grabbing on to Mother Earth. If you are like some, there wasn't as much room as you thought or you just wanted to get rid of some of those extras. If so, hopefully they made it over to the Bargain Bulb Sale at the CRC.

As Dean has noted, the Pantry Gardens are taking shape with new fencing donated by the Home Depot on Barrington Rd and Schaumburg Rd. Don't forget to fill out their Garden Club entry card, either online or the one handed out last month. It's great that we got the support from them and Manager Jeff Hellmer that we have.

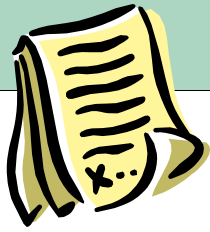
Remember as we head towards the summer to water your plants thoroughly when you do. It is not nice to give them a little water every day as the roots tend to stay shallow rather than going deep for water and nutrients. Deep roots help make for a healthier and more drought resistant plant.

I have a favor to ask. If you are going to want to get a spot on next month's agenda, send a note to Jan Doud instead of to me. I am doing two weeks with Habitat for Humanity in South Dakota next month so I will be gone the week of the 5th and the week of the 26th. Jan will be running the meeting and would like to know, as I like to know, who might want some time from the floor. It helps plan the meeting time to make sure that our guest speaker has plenty of time for their program.

Thanks,

David





Minutes from May 13, 2009 Meeting

President David Krein opened the meeting at 7:10pm.

Treasurer Elizabeth Schmidt reported that the profit for the Native Plant Sale was about \$600.00, which seemed pretty good since the recession has touched so many people.

Dean Bruckner, Pantry Garden Chair, reported that we received “free” fencing from the Hoffman Estates Home Depot on Barrington Road, and became members of their garden club in the deal! We can sign up online or with the mail-in card Dean handed out. His committee was finally able to get the garden tilled last weekend, and then get manure laid down. He hoped that soon it would be warm enough to plant. He has many more varieties of seeds this year. With the new fence to keep out the critters, we will have an abundance of fresh produce for the Schaumburg Pantry!

Donna Johnson, Native Plant Sale Chair, discussed what is left over from the sale. (See the back table for details, photos, and numbers of each item available.) We will sell the remaining balance at the Bargain Bulb Sale on June 6, 2009, come rain or shine!! The sale location is at the Schaumburg CRC.

Kathy Austin, Spring Garden Walk Chair, talked about the upcoming popular event on May 23, 2009. We will have six locations, including Friendship Village and ending at the Peony Farm. Time 9am–1pm. Lunch at Spring Valley Nature Ctr. Members no charge, and only \$7.00 for guests. She also learned that Friendship Village will be giving away trillium and various native forest plants in exchange for hosta. They are cleaning out some new areas of their forested lands and laying paths. See Kathy for details after the meeting if you are interested.

David reminded us all that if there is a problem with receiving email newsletters from the club, or opening attachments, we are to contact Tina Burger. She has the mailing list and will make corrections.

Jan Doud, Vice President, announced that if you are interested in the container workshop at Random Acres next Wednesday evening, you must pay the deposit tonight to hold your place.

Denise Suender, Chair for Heritage Garden and Parade Comm, said Sue has done a lot of work on her own on the Township gardens, weeding and such. This Saturday, the committee is going to clean out the gardens, and thin the plants. They are looking for pots, containers, etc, to put the plants in for the Bargain Bulb Sale. They would love volunteers!!! Denise also mentioned that the club has received our new sign, and we can use it for all our events this summer, like the Bulb sale, parade, Septemberfest ,etc. Talking about the parade in September, can anyone help get seed packets? tulip bulbs? give-away items? If you have ideas, please talk to Denise.

Kathy Krebs, Refreshments Chair, thanked members Eugene and Helga Niewiadomski, Elizabeth and Mike Schmidt, Pat Davis, and Carole and Ed Kelby, for the goodies tonight. Kathy also again thanked us from the heart for the pop tops that we save and give to her for the neighbor whose child is seriously ill.

Denise Suender brought an issue on the minds of some members. She noted the increased number of volunteer hours required to receive a free dinner at the holiday party, verses the sweatshirt. Many of the longtime members have all the sweatshirts they need for the time being, and were hoping that the dinner could be made more reasonable. David thought the committee in charge could review the situation and report back.

David pointed out that Tony’s Sharpening Business was back in town at the fresh food market for the summer! Cards are available on the back table. *He’s great for cleaning up the edge of all your garden and household tools.*

Jan Doud introduced our guest speaker for the evening, **Nina Koziol**. She is a writer, and gardener, who loves to know the history of an area, as seen through the eyes of the gardens! She talked to us about trends in plants and layouts over the last several hundred years. Perhaps a member will get real interested in the history of our own peonies right at the farm, and help us research the names of all the different ones, eh?

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Weaver Gouwens
Secretary

Refreshments



As a helpful reminder to the members that have volunteered to bring refreshments to the meetings. Here is who signed up for the next 2 meetings:

-The Refreshment Committee

June: Dottie Presti
Joyce Kuster
Marilyn Schave
Lisa Manzardo

COMMITTEES

Membership

Happy June SCGC Members and families! We've had a few days of beautiful weather. Hope everyone had the chance to get their Native Plants in the ground. We had a great time at the Spring Garden Walk and a great turn out! We sure are a fun group when we're together. Hope we see you at the SCGC Meeting on Wednesday, June 10. Invite the folks who walk by your house! :)

See you then!

Susan Morrison & Susanne Powell
Membership Committee

June Program

“Trellis and Found Object Construction” will be the topic of Aggie Nehmzow’s (a.k.a. the “Tomato Lady”) presentation at the June 10th meeting. In Aggie’s presentation, we will learn how to fashion attractive trellises from split rail fencing, found objects and inexpensive materials with simple tools.

Aggie Nehmzow is from Oak Lawn and has been gardening since the age of 10. She considers herself a “junkie” as she has been a thrift store shopper for 50 years. Aggie looks at objects for their potential in the mind’s eye.

Jan Doud,
Program Committee

Early Notification—August Program— Must SIGN UP!

Our August 12th meeting will consist of a visit from the chefs of Pina's Culinary Experience and a tasting of some great food from our summer gardens. Because we need to know how many are coming, you must register by calling the Schaumburg Community Garden Club voicemail (847-706-6767) to leave your name by August 7th.

There will be no cost for garden club members but guests will be charged a non-member fee of \$5 per person. Get ready for some great food!

Carole Kelby

Hi Fellow Gardeners!

Kim Lindeman, who was the first house on Salem that we visited on the Spring Garden Walk., was kind enough to e-mail the info on the concrete that was painted off her lower entrance. I remember that the Schmidt's asked for the information, and some others.....so I thought I'd put it in our Newsletter.

Elegant Accents
Donna Koda
Mt Prospect Il
847-255-2577

-Sue Morirson

SEPTEMBERFEST/COMMUNITY DAY 9/7/09 SCHAUMBURG COMMUNITY GARDEN CLUB FLOAT AND BOOTH

The Committee has put together some exciting and fun plans for our float and booth! The theme the Village of Schaumburg has chosen for the event is "Schaumburg Celebrates Abraham Lincoln". We have chosen for our theme "**Young Abe Lincoln the Farmer**". We felt this would be the best association with our garden club. We will also be acknowledging our **20Th year** as a club with a new sign you may have already noticed at the Native Plant sale in May.

Some ideas for the float will include a young boy dressed in period costume representing Lincoln as a youth, corn stalks, pumpkins, hay, plants, period farm tools and some "surprise" sunflowers! We will be using the covered wagon and tractor from Spring Valley and most of the decorations will come from Spring Valley and Random Acres. The Abraham Lincoln Museum in Springfield has been very supportive and has sent us flyer's and posters about their new exhibit "Lincoln's Agricultural Vision". Also, as we walk along the parade route (1 mile) we will be handing out over 1,000 seed packages with our club information on them but a new **2009** Lincoln penny attached!

Our hope is that the families that line Summit that day will connect with our "Young Abe Lincoln" and our floats messages and see how his early years growing up on a farm was the basis of all he contributed and became in his life from being a lawyer to the President and the 1st President from Illinois!

We will need the support of all the club members and their families to make this event successful!

We welcome any ideas you might have that will make this event the best it can be. At the August club meeting we will have a very special "visitor" so make sure to be there!

Septemberfest Committee

Denise Suender	Jan Doud
Marion Colliander	Ronnie Bruno
Mary Strickland	Kathy Austin

Did you know?

- Abraham Lincoln in 1862 founded the Dept. of Agriculture, the Land Grant System and encouraged Colleges to teach Agriculture. In 1862 90% of the United States population was in or connected to farming. Lincoln moved the United States to World leadership in Agriculture as well as Industry.



Heritage Garden

The "Garden Angels" met on 5/26 with the Township Staff and together we put the finishing touches on the garden for now. This year so far a lot has been accomplished. The four towers were cleaned out and restrained two times and look great. The roses and clematis are anxious to climb up them! The rest of the garden has been tilled, soil and peat, fertilized and "Black Forest" dark mulch has been added. The trees will be trimmed to raise the canopy. Of course there will be on going things to do like any garden as the seasons pass but for now it is under control and a real rest spot to sit in and enjoy. The Committee is very please with all that has been accomplished and invite everyone to come and see the garden! Also, there were over 43 one gallon plants removed from the Native Plant Garden and donated for our plant sale on 6/6.

Heritage Garden Committee
Denise Suender

Spring Garden Walk – What a Great Success!!

The SPRING Garden Walk held on Saturday, May 23, 2009 was a huge success. We could not have ordered a more perfect day! 37 members and 5 guests attend the function. WOW!! We gathered at Spring Valley Nature Center and proceeded to Friendship Village.

We spent slightly over an hour at Friendship Village. Herb Demm, our guide, did a wonderful job. We met at the native plant area/Five Oaks, then proceeded into Village Square where we saw the Heritage Garden (prairie smoke, phlox, leadplant, shooting star, liatris), through the atrium to the Roger Smith Memorial Garden (memorial flag of plants and 11 clematis), onto the Secret Garden which was next to the dining area (flower boxes, hostas, hydrangeas, crap apple trees), to the resident's garden plots (either 24 or 27 plots), walked around the pool to the Summer Garden where you look across the lake into the woods and our last walk was into the woods.

Our next stop was at Jane Addams Junior High School – Prairie Partners. Tom Pfeifer spoke to us about the Native Plant project for the after school club. SCGC donates plants to this project. Tom's enthusiasm and that of his fellow science teacher warmed my heart. What a wonderful experience for these students!

The next stop was at Kim Lindeman's (non-member). Kim & Bob had just had their garden professionally landscaped. It was better than straight from a magazine ... can't believe something that beautiful exists in our area. Beautiful plants, waterfall, putting green, tiny little details which really made the garden area stand out!!

Next was Jan Doud's garden. Jan joined SCGC in July, 2004. At that time she had a very small area in her front yard in which she planted a few geraniums. That summer she purchased nine perennials, but not from the Native Plant Sale because the event had already passed. In May, 2005, Jan made her first purchase at the Native Plant Sale (44 plants) and since then has purchased an additional 188 plants from 2006 thru 2009. So you can see her garden has grown substantially as a result of joining the club. Jan is inspired by all of YOU!! One did not have to wonder what kind of plant they were looking at because almost all plants were labeled. Thank you to my fellow members who have given me part of their garden!!

Our next stop was at Carol Steinke's beautiful garden. There was so much to see and Carol's garden is more beautiful each year if that is possible. Carol's garden is blessed with both sunny and shade areas. Very natural and beautiful!!

Our very last stop was at Spring Valley where we first gathered for the walk. We were disappointed that the peonies had not as yet bloomed, BUT we had a great lunch and social time at the picnic area. Thank you Carol Steinke!!

Thank you to everyone who opened their gardens for the Spring walk, to all who participated in the event and a very special "Thank You" to Kathy Austin who organized the function.

... submitted by Jan Doud, Vice President



Spring Container Garden Workshop recap

Our May 20th Container Garden Workshop at Random Acres was an evening to be remembered by the 19 members and 5 guests who attended. We had fun making our plant selections and getting our hands in the dirt. As the evening closed, we all walked away marveling at each other's creation. Such beautiful and colorful arrangements!! Thank you Random Acres!

Jan Doud, Vice President

Community Gardening Events

Seminars at Platt Hill Nursery in Bloomingdale (222 W. Lake St.) –

Saturday, June 13 at 10:00 AM	Container Gardening Workshop – Season 2 (Warm) – Fee: \$45.00
Sunday, June 14 at 1:00 PM	Roses
Saturday, June 20 at 10:00 AM	Fruit Trees & Berries
Saturday, June 27 at 10:00 AM	Shade Gardening

Some classes have limited seating; please call 630-529-9394 to sign up!

Seminars at “The Growing Place” in Aurora & Naperville --

Saturday, June 13 at 10:00 AM (Aurora location)	Rose Recommendations
Saturday, June 13 at 2:00 PM (Naperville location)	Rose Recommendations
Saturday, June 27 at 10:00 AM (Aurora location)	Miniature Gardens
Saturday, July 11 at 10:00 AM (Aurora location)	Make a fountain – Learn how to use natural materials and containers to create a delightful fountain that can add the sound of water to your garden or patio. You are welcome to watch and then create one for yourself with help. Free to watch, cost of materials to create.
Saturday, July 11 at 2:00 PM (Naperville location)	

Aurora location: 2000 Montgomery Rd, Aurora, IL 60504 Call: 630-820-8088
Naperville location: 25w471 Plant Rd, Naperville, IL 60563 Call: 630-355-4000

Info provided by Jan Doud

Gardening Checklist – June, 2009

Ornamental

- The more rain, the more potential for slug and earwig hatchings. Watch for signs (holes in leaves) and search out potential hiding places – typically where mulch has been placed.
- Mark spring bulbs and plants so you don't accidentally dig up later in the season.
- Cut back mums and asters to encourage bushier plants and delaying the flowering cycle until the proper time in autumn.
- Prune back tall perennials if you want to delay bloom period and keep plant shorter.
- Prune evergreen shrubs and trees after their spring growth spurt. This will allow wounds time to heal before heading into winter. If pruning an evergreen hedge, prune to an "A" shape to allow light to reach lower branches.
- Water flowers early in the day. Diseases are more apt to appear if foliage is wet during nighttime hours.
- To control powdery mildew on perennial Phlox and Monarda thin out spindly seedlings to allow light and air to circulate. As strong stems develop strip off all of the lower leaves. Discard them; do not use them for compost. Remember, fungicides must be applied early before a problem arises.
- Here's how to give your Monarda (Bee Balm) a timed effect in early June: Cut some of the front stalks to 1/3, then cut some more of the front stalks by 1/2. Leave the back and side stalks to full size.

Edible

- As we move to hotter and drier days, water the garden deeply once a week instead of frequent, shallow watering.
- Spring planted lettuce and greens will begin to set seeds this month, or "bolt". The leaves become bitter and the plants should be composted. Replant with a heat-tolerant green such as swiss chard.
- Sequencing is the key to continuous crops of such vegetables as beans, squash and cucumbers. Replant as older crops die off.
- Herbs are best harvested just before the plants flower, when they contain the most essential oils.

Indoor

- As you move your plants outdoors, knock them out of their pots and examine the root ball. If roots are to the outside edge of the soil mass and swirling around, it indicates the plant needs a bigger pot.
- When repotting, use a soilless mix which is lighter and a better fit for your plants than potting soil. Mix in a slow release fertilizer to feed the plant evenly over the course of the summer growing season.

Introduce plants to the out of doors slowly. Do not place them in bright sun for the first one to two weeks. Consider the light requirements also – many houseplants are tropical understory plants and cannot tolerate direct sun.

Gardener's Help Lines

University of Illinois Extension hotline: 773-233-0476
9am – 4pm, Mon-Fri or e-mail rwolfordr@uiuc.edu (put "Master Gardeners" in the subject line)
website: www.urbanext.uiuc.edu/hort/index.html

American Rose Society: 800-637-6534
website: www.ars.org

Morton Arboretum Plant Clinic: 630-719-2424 1pm – 3pm, Mon-Fri, November through March (for trees & shrubs) website: www.mortonarb.org

Chicago Botanic Garden Plant Information Service: 847-835-0972 10am – 2pm, Mon – Sat, March through October
website: www.chicagobotanic.org



Calendar of Events

Wed - May 13	Schaumburg Community Garden Club meeting - 7:00 pm at Spring Valley Topic: "The Changing American Garden: Design Trends from 1838 to Now", by Nina Koziol
Wed—May 20	Spring Container Workshop and Private Shopping Night at Random Acres - 7:00 pm
Sat - June 6	Bargain Bulb and Plant Sale
Wed - June 10	Schaumburg Community Garden Club meeting - 7:00 pm at Spring Valley Topic: "Trellis and Found Object Construction", by Aggie Nehmzow from Oak Lawn
Wed - July 8	Schaumburg Community Garden Club meeting - 7:00 pm at Spring Valley Topic: "Why Every Gardener Should Be Using Yogurt, Vinegar, Molasses and Ammonia" by Bill Scheffler of Pure Prairie Organics, Wheaton
Wed - August 12	Schaumburg Community Garden Club meeting - 7:00 pm at Spring Valley Topic: "Making Use of Summers Bounty - A Chef for Hire" from Pina's Culinary Experience in Roselle
Mon -September 7	SeptemberFest Community Day - Booth and Float
Wed - September 9	Schaumburg Community Garden Club meeting - 7:00 pm at Spring Valley Topic: "Hardy Bulbs - There is Life Beyond Tulips and Daffodils", by Laury Lewis speaker at Chicago Botanical Gardens
Sun - October 4	Harvestfest at Spring Valley Nature Center
Wed - October 14	Schaumburg Community Garden Club meeting - 7:00 pm at Spring Valley Topic: "Proper Care and Sharpening of Gardening Tools", by Sam Darin from Skokie
Wed - November 11	Schaumburg Community Garden Club meeting - 7:00 pm at Spring Valley Topic: "Multi-Seasonal Interest for Gardens" by Kim Kaulas, Urban Landscape Designer
Sat & Sun - November 28 & 29	Christkindlesmart
Tues - December 1	Corporate Center Holiday Bazaar
Wed - December 9	Schaumburg Community Garden Club - Holiday Party

Newsletter Articles are due on the last Friday of the month.

In an attempt to get the newsletter delivered earlier each month in 2008, this deadline will be enforced.

Please send articles to Tina Burger at: tab6238@aol.com

Schaumburg Community Garden Club

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