



NOVEMBER 2022

THE WEEDERS DIGEST

GARDEN CLUB MEETING – NOVEMBER 9, 2022

Community Center
Social time 6:00 pm
Meeting 6:30 pm

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OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT – Carol Ohrn
VICE-PRESIDENT – Marie Soyka
SECRETARY – Carol Flemming
TREASURER – Ron Willer



ROLLING MEADOWS GARDEN CLUB

The purpose of this Club is to share our knowledge and love of gardening through educational meetings, contributing to the community, civic beautification, and annual events.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Chicki Dulkan 11/8
Kathy Cullen 11/14



“THE FAIREST THING IN NATURE, A FLOWER, STILL HAS ITS ROOTS IN EARTH AND MANURE.” D. H. LAWRENCE

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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

**NOVEMBER 2022**

Dear Garden Club Members & Friends,

Well, here we are in the month of Thanksgiving again! Where does the time go? It feels like I just planted my annuals and now they're gone. Time sure didn't fly this fast when I was in school!

I guess this year the thing I'm going to tell you I am most thankful for is you! The members of our club are the BEST! We have grown to really care about each other, we enjoy the company of each other, share our stories, and look forward to seeing each other at the next meeting - and sometimes between meetings! I know if we all made a list of things to be thankful for, it would be very long, although, on a daily basis, we don't often think about how lucky we are.

So, let's be more grateful for what we have, even if it's very small. Perhaps 1 good day after having 3 bad days in a row, or a phone call from an old friend, or the young boy that held the door open for you. There are so many reasons to be thankful – yes, the list is very long!

I wish you all a very wonderful Thanksgiving!  
Carol O.



**Thank you to all of our Veterans!**

**PROGRAMS for 2022**

**November 9, 2022**

There will be no speaker at the November meeting. We will be electing officers, discussing and signing up for committees and planning for a successful 2023.

## OCTOBER SPEAKER REVIEW

### Ron Willer

Plants for Fall Color

Kim Hartmann, Landscape Designer and Horticultural Educator

Kim's presentation included 2 tables full of examples of live plants

She spoke of the care and descriptions of over twenty trees, bushes and grasses, which are popular in this area that also display their unique colors and textures during our typical fall season.

Their descriptions were depicted in the multipage color handout she distributed prior to her talk, allowing us to follow along on her journey of autumn colors...

Sizes at maturity, watering, feeding issues and pruning information were given for each type of plant, educating us to the efforts needed to start and maintain these in our own gardens/yards.

She concluded her presentation with a raffle of several of her plants to our members.

## Update on the Blue Heron

### Carol Ohrn

He's been returned to where he was found!

The Flint Wildlife Sanctuary had asked Mark & Bev where he was found.

Once healed, they safely returned him to his home.

## MONARCH BUTTERFLY NEWS



On 10/25/22, Journey North reported that the Monarchs have not arrived in their overwintering area in the Oyamel Fir Forest in the Sierra Madre in Central Mexico.

They were spotted, though, in Texas on 10/18/22. Mexico News Daily reported that the Monarchs started arriving on 10/27/22 just in time for the Corn Harvest and Day of the Dead celebrations in Mexico which occur on Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>.

The butterflies start their migration in the late summer or fall depending on where their starting point is. Some come from Canada flying over 3000 miles and some fly directly from Rolling Meadows and many other places all over the country East of the Rockies. Monarch Watch has been gathering this information for many years by a tagging program with its members.

This not so delicate Monarch can fly, according to the scientists, from 10 to 100 miles a day but the conditions must be right. A head or tail wind can make all the difference. They can not fly in the rain, high wind or when it is below 55 degrees. They do not fly at night and find roosting areas along the way. They also must stop for nectar during the day to fuel their trip. It can take 2 months or more for some of them to reach their destination. These same Monarchs that survive the winter in the Mexican forest will return to Texas and close Southern states in the spring, mate, lay eggs and start a new generation for the Northern migration. This is the end of their life cycle.

**Shirley Weismann**

## Fall is Coming

by **Debbie Danek**

Saving our gardens from winter damage.

Winter is coming around the corner and hopefully it won't be a rough one. We had a lot of snow last year and perhaps some of your shrubs and trees got damaged. There are a few things that can be done prior to us getting bad weather. One thing that you can do is install a wall using burlap and stakes in the ground in front of a grouping that may be compromised. This is especially good if there is a chance of it getting salt damage from the street. Tie up Emerald Arborvitas using twine, or bungee cords to prevent the branches from splitting from the weight of the snow.

Ice and snow can damage shrubs by bending and breaking branches, this is especially true for evergreens. After a snowfall, use a broom to brush snow off gently. Be careful not to move branches because they may snap off. With ice, it is best to just leave it and let Mother nature let the ice melt naturally. Come springtime, snip off any damaged or partial damaged limbs.



## Fallen Leaves are Now HERE!

By **Becky Booth**

How's your leaf clean-up going? Are you possibly rethinking how to use more of them to benefit both your garden and the living creatures who will benefit if that leaf blower doesn't destroy their future?

Here's my report...plus some great podcasts on the subject of fall garden activity! I've had lots of time to enjoy this beautiful season & wait for just the right dryness and comfortable working temperature to actually enjoy the job!

That was yesterday for the front, a week earlier for the back...

Becky's report:

Leaves gathered and waiting to shred:

Gazebo/garage roofs, deck, and patio (mostly locust, gathered a week ago)

Front (maple, serviceberry) Gathered 10/28 by raking piles from driveway, sidewalk and sidewalk garden...Easy Peasy!

And (by the way) I didn't use a blower At All in front, except for finally clearing of debris on those paved surfaces!

'Final clean-up' will involve another go at the garage and gazebo roof and deck/patio when ALL leaves are down, and some continuous monitoring of front paved surfaces.

And then the Shredding Party! (Plus I may 'help myself' to my neighbor's yard waste bags of leaves from his maple next Friday when I'm sure they will appear at the curb two houses away!)

Those shredded leaves are most welcome, as I've JUST depleted the supply from last year. My advice: Save plenty of leaves! You'll be glad you did!

And now, here are some great discussions of how we can use fall activity in our gardens to make them even better! Just click on the link and listen either on your computer, or other device. More info about garden podcast listening in my first 'article' (January '22 newsletter).

Eco Cleanup with Uli Lorimer

<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/margaret-roach-a-way-to-garden/id370801678?i=1000583979939>

Using Fall Leaves in the Garden

Episode 266 (October 11)

<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/the-beginners-garden-with-jill-mcsheehy/id1191490065?i=1000582268594>

Also episode 264 (September 27)

Preparing Soil in the Fall for Next Season



## **ROLLING MEADOWS GARDEN CLUB COMMITTEES**

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#### **COMMUNITY SERVICE – Carol Ohrn (ohrncc@aol.com)**

Work with the City of RM to participate in events hosted by RM, such as: 4th of July Parade  
Maintain public grounds, where available  
Interested in the Community Garden???

#### **MEETINGS & EVENTS- Heidi Wesner (heidiwes@aol.com)**

Arrange for speakers or workshops at most meetings.  
Plan outings such as dinners or breakfast get-togethers outside of regular meetings.  
Picnic, Christmas party, or any day trips.

#### **MEMBERSHIP & HOSPITALITY- Sal Willer & Mel Tatara (willerdan65@gmail.com)**

Collect applications & dues from new members and yearly renewals.  
Forward new member info to GCI.  
Prepare and distribute to new members a “welcome” packet and engage with new members at first several meetings.  
Keep membership roster up to date.  
Arrange for volunteers sign-up of snacks & beverages at “in person” meetings.  
Send greeting cards as appropriate: Birthday, get well, sympathy.

#### **NEWSLETTER- Shirley Weismann (swshirley4@yahoo.com)**

Create monthly newsletter based on info submitted by members.

#### **PLANT & CRAFT SALE- Sharon Florey (s\_florey@yahoo.com)**

Chair & Co-Chair - to oversee all aspects of the sale.  
Core Committee members – obtain vendors, flyers, plant selection, pricing, vendor layout, sign placement, and all aspects of the event.  
All other Members – organize plants, water plants, collect boxes, cashier, holding, general helpers where needed, be available day of sale.

#### **PUBLICITY & MARKETING – Kelly Hill (km.hill@comcast.net)**

Contact at appropriate time - City electronic sign, City newsletter editor, Park District Brochure, Senior Newsletter, and any free advertising in newspapers.  
Any paid “AD” when approved by president.

#### **SCHOLARSHIP & YOUTH INVOLVEMENT- NEW Beth Boudreau (bboudreau76@gmail.com)**

Research candidate for scholarship from Senior in HS entering college majoring in Horticulture or related field. Research HS volunteer students to help at plant sale or needed gardening projects.

#### **SOCIAL MEDIA- Jennifer Karls (jkarlsfam@hotmail.com)**

FaceBook, and any web-based media, keeping up-to-date info available to readers.

#### **Website - Sharon Florey (s\_florey@yahoo.com)**

# Rolling Meadows Garden Club HOLIDAY PARTY



Wednesday, December 14, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Park Central  
3000 Central Rd, Rolling Meadows  
(where our Plant Sale is held)  
Park and enter at the back of the building

Bring an appetizer, dessert, or something really good to share!

Beverages are provided or bring your favorite drink!



As usual, we will play our gift exchange game: Bring a non-gender wrapped gift valued at \$25.00. Keep in mind – it's the outside wrapping that will want someone (or many) to want to choose your gift! If you bring a gift, you will play the game. If you choose not to partake, then no gift required. Spouse/partners are welcome and can bring a gift too!

