



THE WEEDERS DIGEST

ROLLING MEADOWS GARDEN CLUB NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2022

GARDEN CLUB – SEE PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

SOCIAL TIME

MEETING January 12, 2022

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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.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Karen Nottoli 1/2

Beth Boudreau 1/10

Janice Babiarz 1/11

Laura Hathcoat 1/13

Sherry Kyle 1/16

John Glow 1/21

Jennifer Karls 1/25



“PLANT CARROTS IN JANUARY AND YOU WILL NEVER HAVE TO EAT CARROTS.” AUTHOR UNKOWN

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

JANUARY 2022

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Dear Garden Club Members & Friends,

New Year, New Beginnings – that is what we will focus on! Surely we thought by now this Covid thing would be over, but yet another year and we are still struggling! I heard from several members that someone in their immediate family had Covid and would not be joining them for the Holiday. This is just another reminder to all of us how precious life is and we should make the best of every day we have. My wish to all of you in 2022 is to stay healthy, be kind to one another, enjoy your family & friends, and keep gardening!

Speaking of gardening, don't forget to send in your garden photos and stories for this newsletter. It is always nice to see what's happening in your yard or on your patio. And now that our contest is over, you can talk (or boast) about your successes!

Our first three meetings of the year will be via Zoom. I think this is the best way to go given the health situation. Hopefully by April, we can meet in person again. We have a nice lineup of speakers based on your suggestions. Further in this newsletter is the list of Committees for our club. Please look it over carefully. Some of the job descriptions have been re-defined to make it easier to understand what is needed. We all work together to make our club fun and successful, and that can't be accomplished without YOU! There is no judgement on what you can or cannot do – just a big THANKS for your participation! So get involved and join the fun as we all work to make The Rolling Meadows Garden Club the best garden club around!

Happy New Year to All,

**Carol O.**

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PROGRAMS for 2022

January 12, 2022

“Are you still confused?” Meet Heidi Smith, certified nutrition health coach and learn how the humble hemp plant has evolved into a booming \$22 billion business. She will explain the difference between CBD and marijuana, the benefits of CBD and how and where to find products that work. ZOOM.

February, 09, 2022

“The Language of Flowers” by Marcy Lautanen – Raleigh. Sending messages through flowers is a century old custom, especially popular during the 19th century in Victorian England. Today we still associate certain colors and flowers with feelings, like red roses with love. A bouquet can speak to us and Marcy will show us how to learn and understand the language of flowers. ZOOM.



Not much news, the bees are enjoying slightly warmer weather down in central Missouri. No updates other than that.

Jackson Banger

MEMBERS NEWS

Bonnie Meyer

"On Christmas Eve (69 min. short of midnight) our daughter, Karen, gave birth to a baby girl, whom she and her husband named Veronica. She weighed in at 9lbs.10-1/2oz., 21-1/2" long. She was overdue on her delivery date. The baby's darling with little chipmunk cheeks."

2022 MEMBERSHIP

Membership Dues - As you are all aware membership dues need to be paid for January through December each year. A Registration Form will have to be completed and submitted along with your dues.

Individual Membership \$15.00

Couples Membership \$27.00

The deadline for remitting your dues is January 31, 2022. A blank Registration Form was emailed to you two months ago. Please email me, should you need me to resend one to you.

Thank you, to all Members who have renewed their 2022 Membership. I greatly appreciate it.

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Hopefully, I will receive your renewal before the due date.

In addition, should you have a friend, neighbor or relative interested in joining the Garden Club, please let me know. Also, they are welcome to visit us as a guest, prior to joining the Garden Club.

I look forward to you renewing your 2022 Membership and possibly meeting new Members. Let's keep this Garden Club "growing".

Should you have any questions at any time with regard to Membership, just let me know.

Sal
Membership Chair
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Becky Booth

Could you use some GOOD news as we begin the new year? Well, here it is! Gardeners can enjoy lots of listening to (or watching) garden experts via podcast or on their website.

All it takes is connection to the internet via smart phone (or less conveniently, a computer). The podcast websites alone are also wonderful sources of information.

For more information, see my 3-page PDF attachment with how-to and listening suggestions.



It's that time of year and the garden catalogs are arriving. This is the perfect time to plan your garden. The seeds will be displayed in the stores in January or early February, the plants can be ordered anytime or you can have your list ready when the garden centers open.



MONARCH BUTTERFLY NEWS

The climate change is affecting the behavior of the Monarch Butterfly. Apparently, the Monarchs in Mexico move to different colonies while they are overwintering. The guides this year are concerned because they started moving to a new colony in Dec. They usually didn't move until Feb. This has been slowly happening for several years but it seems to be more noticeable this year. Hopefully the butterflies are adapting to the climate change.

The western Monarch Butterfly overwintering areas are going strong and now they are starting to report on new areas in Arizona. So far Arizona is not being reported as an overwintering area for the Monarchs but the climate change is affecting the Monarchs there. They are seeing some numbers of them in November roosting on Aleppo Pines and Eucalyptus trees.

There has always been climate change, but it happened so slowly that we hardly noticed it. Now it is happening very fast. Nature seems to be adapting better than we are.

Most of the information is from Journey North.

Shirley Weismann

ROLLING MEADOWS GARDEN CLUB COMMITTEES

COMMUNITY SERVICE –

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-

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-

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-

Create monthly newsletter based on info submitted by members.

PLANT & CRAFT SALE-

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 –

Contact at appropriate time - City electric sign, City newsletter editor, Park District Brochure, Senior Newsletter, Chamber of Commerce, and any free advertising in newspapers.

Any paid “AD” when approved by president.

SCHOLARSHIP & YOUTH INVOLVEMENT- NEW

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-

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

HOLIDAY PARTY RECAP

Our 2021 Holiday Party is behind us now, hopefully leaving all who attended with fond memories! Twenty-Eight members, along with two spouses attended, filling the room with laughter and friendship. There was enough food to feed an Army, from pizza to tacos, meatballs to shrimp, and certainly enough sweet treats to fill a bakery! The traditional gift exchange game was played with several “wanted” packages passing hands numerous times. Thank you to all who participated with food and/or gifts. Everyone was offered a Poinsettia to take home.

The Photo contest winners were announced and prizes awarded.

1st Place, with 6 votes, Photo #8 in February – Heidi Wesner - \$50.00

2nd Place, with 5 votes, Photo # 68 in September – Carol Flemming – Lantern with chocolates

2nd Place, with 5 votes, Photo #79 in October – Janet Lapinski – Lantern with chocolates

2nd Place, with 5 votes, Photo #92 in November – Beth Boudreau – Lantern with chocolates

3rd Place, with 4 votes, Photo #13 in March – Sherry Kyle – box of chocolates

3rd Place, with 4 votes, Photo #33 in May – Chuck Ohrn – box of chocolates

3rd Place, with 4 votes, Photo #58 in July – Sal Willer – box of chocolates

Congratulations to all!

Additionally, the member with total overall votes for all of their entries – Carol Flemming.

Members who submitted photos every month: Sherry Kyle, Shirley Weismann, Carol Ohrn.

Even though the contest is over, keep your photos coming – and now with a sentence or two about what your eye captured.

WINNING PHOTOS



#8 Heidi Wesner



#68 Carol Flemming



#79 Janet Lapinski



#92 Beth Boudreau



#13 Sherry Kyle



#33 Chuck Ohrn



#58 Sal Willer

CHRISTMAS PARTY PHOTOS



