



THE WEEDERS DIGEST

ROLLING MEADOWS GARDEN CLUB NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2019

GARDEN CLUB MEETING – January 9
SOCIAL TIME 6:00 – MEETING 6:30
ROLLING MEADOWS GARDEN CLUB WEB
www.rollingmeadowsgardenclub.org.



OFFICERS:

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



ROLLING MEADOWS GARDEN CLUB

Our mission is to encourage the knowledge and love of gardening through educational meetings and field trips, and to contribute to the community through civic beautification, awards and annual events.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Karen Nottoli 1/2
Janice Babiarz 1/11
Sherry Kyle 1/16
John Glow 1/21
Jennifer Karls 1/25
Maureen Jones 1/27



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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year! And it is going to be a good year! Most of us make big plans for the new year. Maybe changing the garden, perhaps exercising more, plan a trip or just try to stay healthy. Whatever your plans are, I hope they all are fulfilled.

We have a nice lineup of speakers for 2019, so I'm looking forward to some well-attended meetings! In January we form our committees. Don't be shy, sign up for several. None of them require much work or time and many of them just want your opinion included. After all...it's YOUR club so you might as well give your opinion.

If you have any suggestions to better our club, don't hesitate to let me know. Fresh ideas are always welcome and encouraged.

Here's to a healthy & Happy New Year!!!

Carol O.

COMMITTEES:

COMMUNITY SERVICE –

Includes but not limited to:
Farmers Market, Welcome Planters,
Mary's Garden, 4th of July Parade

EVENTS –

Outings, dinners & any other social event
other than regular meetings.

GARDEN WALK

COMMITTEES CONT:

HOSPITALITY

Refreshments & greeting cards

MEMBERSHIP

NOMINATING

PLANT & CRAFT SALE

PROGRAMS –

Monthly speakers or activities

PUBLICITY / MARKETING

MEMBERS NEWS

Jackie Liszewski is through with her therapy but still can't drive. She says she gets around OK but is not herself yet. She thinks she will be able to be at the next meeting.

Mel Tatara had her surgery after Jackie and is still on a walker but not for long. She says that she is doing fine and able to get out.

Debbie Danek will be having a complete knee replacement on 1/18/19. Looks like we are going to start out 2019 like we ended 2018.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The newly redecorated clubhouse was again a nice place to have our party. Marilyn Tonn made the arrangements. The fireplace was lit, the food was good, the presents exchange was fun and we left with a box of Carol Ohrn's cookies. Thank you Carol & Chuck and Marilyn for all you do to make it happen.

TRIPS & EVENTS

Jan. 7 Breakfast at the Red Apple

Feb. 21 Lunch at Honey Jam Café

See Heidi for details.

JANUARY GARDENING



We are heading for spring and it is time to start planning the garden. This is the fun part because the only energy you need to use is just enough to turn the pages of the books or catalogs and think about what you want and where to put it.

Seed catalogs are great because they have varieties that are not available in the stores that carry seeds. One reason is that some seeds are a little harder to grow or need to be started indoors because they take longer to germinate or mature. The seeds are usually a lot more expensive because they are unusual. Ordinary seeds that are in the catalogs usually cost more than the stores because there are more seeds in the package which you probably don't need. There is also a lot of plant and planting information in some of the catalogs. It is time consuming but right now, we have the time or can take the time.

JANUARY & FEBRUARY SPEAKERS

January

Coming to Town in 2019

Lori Ciezak, the community events planner for Rolling Meadows, shares the latest news with us! Events, programs, new developments and ideas, City Market - we are getting "insider tips" and first-hand knowledge!

February

For the Birds

We all want the best for our feathered friends. But what actually IS the best? Feeding year round or only during the colder months? How to attract different species? What kind of bird feeder is really squirrel proof? An expert from Wild Birds Unlimited will answer any questions!

NOTE: Marie takes care of this. I'm not sure the name of the company is correct.

Plant Ideas by Debbie Danek

Happy New Year fellow gardeners!

It's a new year of new starts. Not sure about you, but with this last winter storm, my garden suffered some nasty damage. My 21' Mission Arborvita that anchored the corner of the front of my house, snapped in half. The row of Emerald Arborvitas that made a nice natural fence along my backyard suffered as well.

I am thinking about some alternatives to the Arborvitas.

One of the problems that I see out in the field with clients has now happened to me. If you have a row of one particular variety and 2-3 of the shrubs die or are comprised what do you do? Add the same in their place? Of course it will look out of place because it is going to be much smaller. Choice a different plant altogether? How will that look with the rest of existing plants?

In my case because all of them are Arborvitas, I am opting to remove the entire group with the exception of the ones on each end. The Arborvitas on the end create a balanced look already and aren't damaged. For the center portion, I will plant something that will grow large and tall to create a hedge. Here are some options. Both offer multi seasonal interest. As far as the Mission Arborvita for the front of the house, that will be replaced with the same. (Non- negotiable with the hubby). 

Syringa (Lilac) *patula* 'Miss Kim' (Miss Kim Lilac)

Dwarf variety with pale lilac blooms. Hardy. Reliable bloomer. Blooms later than the species. Leaves turn burgundy red in fall and are resistant to mildew. Deciduous.

Height 5'-7' Spread: 5'-6' Exposure: 

Ligustrum (Privet) *vulgare* (Cheyenne or Common Privet)

A vigorous, tough, fast growing shrub which is ideal for hedges or screens. If left untrimmed, large clusters of fragrant, creamy white flowers cover the plant in spring. Bluish-black berries that birds like. All parts of this plant are poisonous to humans! Tolerates dry soil. Pest and disease free.

Height 8'-10' Spread 4'-6' Exposure:  

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

ROLLING MEADOWS ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

Meeting every first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm on the second floor in City Hall Room 230. You do not have to be a member to attend and all ideas are welcome. You can also visit them on Facebook.

MONARCH BUTTERFLY NEWS



This article was in the Illinois Sierra Club Monarch Team Newsletter. It is an article that was published in the New York Daily News 12/8/18 (The full article is in the Sierra Club Newsletter. It affects a lot more than the butterflies.)

“Bulldozers are expected to tear through a protected butterfly habitat tucked along the Rio Grande to make way for President Trump’s border wall after the United States Supreme Court brushed off legal challenges from several environmental groups.

Earlier this week, the Supreme Court upheld a ruling that allows the Trump administration to bypass 28 federal laws, including the Endangered Species Act, the Safe Drinking Water Act, and the Clean Air Act, to construct his wall along the southern border. The move threatens hundreds of thousands of butterflies housed at the National Butterfly Center, a nonprofit organization aimed at sustaining large populations and hundreds of species of wild butterfly.”

REMINDER

Membership renewal fees are due now. Please fill out the attached membership form and return it to me along with your check made payable to Rolling Meadows Garden Club, \$15/individual or \$27/couple. You can either bring both to our January meeting or mail to Carol Flemming, 3306 Brookmeade Drive, RM, 60008.



ROLLING MEADOWS GARDEN CLUB MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION FORM

PLEASE PRINT & FILL IN ALL FIELDS

PART I - MEMBER(S) INFORMATION

LAST NAME:	FIRST NAME (1):
	FIRST NAME (2):

STREET ADDRESS:

CITY:	ZIP CODE:
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PHONE NUMBERS:	HOME:	
	WORK (1):	EXT:
	WORK (2):	EXT:
	CELL (1):	
	CELL (2):	

GENDER:	(1)	F	<input type="checkbox"/>	M	<input type="checkbox"/>	BIRTHDATE:	Month	Day
	(2)	F	<input type="checkbox"/>	M	<input type="checkbox"/>	BIRTHDATE:	Month	Day

EMAIL ADDRESS (1):

EMAIL ADDRESS (2):

EMERGENCY CONTACT:

EMERGENCY PHONE:

PART II - PAYMENT OPTION

INDIVIDUAL:	\$15.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	CASH
COUPLE:	\$27.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	CHECK * # _____

* PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: Rolling Meadows Garden Club

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MEMBER (1) SIGNATURE:

MEMBER (2) SIGNATURE:

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON SIGNATURE:

TREASURER SIGNATURE: