



THE WEEDERS DIGEST

ROLLING MEADOWS GARDEN CLUB NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2020

GARDEN CLUB – APRIL MEETING CANCELLED
SOCIAL TIME
MEETING

ROLLING MEADOWS
GARDEN CLUB WEB SITE

www.rollingmeadowsgardenclub.org.



OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT – Carol Ohrn

VICE-PRESIDENT – Marie Soyka

SECRETARY – Carol Flemming

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.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Ron Willer 4/20

Celia Sanchez 4/22

Happy Birthday



**“IF DANDELIONS WERE HARD TO GROW, THEY WOULD BE MOST WELCOME
ON ANY LAWN” ANDREW MASON**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Garden Club Members & Friends,

We are all feeling the uncertainty of these recent days. When we are on the other side of this, I know we will look at all the things in our lives with greater appreciation. But until then, we must make decisions that keep us all safe to see another day.

With that being said, I am cancelling our Plant & Craft Sale for 2020. This is truly the hardest decision I have had to make as your President. With the mandated directions from the Governor, opinions from key Garden Club Members and City Officials, there was really no other option.

I am also cancelling our April Garden Club Meeting. As May approaches, thoughtful consideration will be taken about that meeting too.

Individually, our interests may be different, but collectively, we are people who love flowers, nature, birds, butterflies and dirt!

So please stay safe, stay healthy, stay at home. I am grateful for your membership in the Rolling Meadows Garden Club and we will survive.

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

Bonnie said her knee surgery that she had in Feb. was successful. She is now walking normally and she is at the end of her therapy.

Marie said that she is OK now and finally able to go out but now the order is to stay home.

Mel fell again on March 17 and hurt her hip but not the one that was replaced. She is now permanently at Church Creek Independent Living where she is getting therapy. She is in a wheelchair and because of the virus, she is confined to her room. She sounded in good spirits.

Jackie was supposed to start her treatments on March 31 but because of the virus the doctors decided to postpone for 6 weeks.

Laurie said “her husband is doing well after having another stroke in March. Back to all of his favorite things to do, puzzles and making sure the dishes are washed. I am alright. With no work to go to it’s like I’m staycationing. Hopefully soon we all can get back to work. “

Needless to say again – all of them could use your prayers and good wishes.

NEW MEMBERS

Since the beginning of the New Year we have had only two meetings but we have 2 new members – sort of. Kati Lockwood is a new member who joined at our March meeting and Sal Willer is a returning member who rejoined in Jan. Welcome to you both

MARCH SPEAKER

Horticulturist Glenn Grosch program was about different kinds of hydrangeas, how to plant them, when to prune them and how to take care of them. I was surprised to learn that they didn't need to be fertilized and the care is really minimal. I personally like hydrangeas but I did not want them in my yard because they need so much water and my yard is very dry. But after seeing a few varieties I hadn't seen before, I may change my mind and I will be looking for them at the garden centers.

MONARCH BUTTERFLY NEWS



Well it is that time of year again and the Monarchs have left Mexico. The word is that the number of Monarchs that overwintered is down about 53% from last year. There are many reasons for that such as a low egg count in some areas, a late fall migration and a fall drought in Texas causing the loss of nectar flowers. Actually the reasons don't matter because there isn't anything we can do about it. All we can do is provide the milkweed and nectar flowers and protect the butterflies and caterpillars that we find. We all aren't able to raise them or may even want to but we can provide the plants and not use any pesticides. Right now that is the least of our concerns because of the virus but there is just so much we can do about it. The virus is very serious but we need to keep busy. The butterflies and bees will be here and the gardens need tending while we wait and hope.

Shirley

HONEY BEES



Not much news, but some sad news as we lost 2 hives, one from the cold snap just a few days ago and the other for unseen reasons (both had spare honey left over). Still, 3/5 isn't bad, and the two that we have here in Meadows still are already out foraging and coming back with pollen from some early spring source. The other hive I still have out in Georgia and it is strong and thriving as far as I know. Excited to get nice weather here and be able to get more bees in people's backyards!

Jackson

APRIL GARDENING

- ✓ When the garden is no longer muddy, it is time to get it ready for planting by pulling or digging out the weeds that grew at the end of the season last year. (My yard)
- ✓ Still time to prune trees and shrubs (not spring blooming) before they really leaf out.
- ✓ Prune spring blooming bushes right after the flowers fade.
- ✓ Start feeding roses but follow the directions on the labels of the fertilizer package.
- ✓ You can dig out dandelions as they appear but remember that they are the only food source for the pollinators in early spring.
- ✓ Also still time at the beginning of the month to plant seeds of cool season vegetables like radishes, peas, lettuce, broccoli, and cauliflower. Pansies like the cool weather too.
- ✓ Plant seedling broccoli, cauliflower and carrots later in the month. Watch the weather.
- ✓ Divide spring blooming perennials after the flowers fade.
- ✓ Peonies don't require regular division unless you want more plants or the flowers have diminished.

Shirley

PLANT IDEAS BY DEBBIE DANEK

Looking for a smaller size tree for your yard? Consider this beautiful tree which is "Temple of Bloom" Seven-Son Flower.

This is a small multi-stemmed tree that has deeply veined foliage with fragrant, creamy white flowers that begin in late August and last until early October. This is a tree that provides a late food source for our bees and other pollinators. When the flowering is over, the calyces persist and ripen to a striking rosy red color that is even more prettier than the blossoms. When fall transitions into winter, the strips of tan and silver exfoliating bark become the focal point for some nice winter interest.

This is a nice alternative tree to a crabapple, flowering cherry or dogwood. It grows in full sun to part shade. 6'-12' tall and wide.



PHOTO CONTEST RULES

Each newsletter will have a photo of somewhere or something in Rolling Meadows.

Once you have identified exactly where this photo was taken, email or call Carol Ohrn with your answer before our meeting that month.

Your correct answer will enter you into the drawing. If you answer every month you will have 12 chances to win!

The winners will be drawn at our 2020 Christmas party.

1st place \$100.00

2nd place \$75.00

3rd place \$50.00

And some additional runner up prizes!

You can't win if you don't play!



RM offers many places of worship. Name the church with this steeple.