



THE WEEDERS DIGEST

ROLLING MEADOWS GARDEN CLUB NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2019

GARDEN CLUB MEETING - FEBRUARY 13

SOCIAL TIME 6:00 – MEETING 6:30

ROLLING MEADOWS GARDEN CLUB WEB SITE

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.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Bob Wentz 2/17



“ADOPT THE PACE OF NATURE: HER SECRET IS PATIENCE.”

RALPH WALDO EMERSON

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

For those of you who attended January's meeting, how did you like the speaker presenting BEFORE our meeting, rather than after? I kind of liked it. Maybe we should consider this for future meetings. I liked that the speaker doesn't sit through our meeting and hear all of our business. Perhaps we can discuss this at our next meeting.

If you would like to attend the GCI District IX meeting & luncheon at the Cotillion on March 12, and didn't sign up in January, please let me know ASAP. The cost is \$29.00. I need to send the reservation in soon. It's always a fun time and it's close to home!

Well, I guess the blast of snow and cold weather in mid-January was just a reminder that we are in the midst of winter! Our mild December helped us forget that a little. We have had our first Plant Sale meeting – so that's a sure sign that spring is just around the corner.

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

JANUARY SPEAKER

From Ron Willer

Lori Ciezak, the community events planner for Rolling Meadows, was prepared with her PowerPoint slide show, and narrated the different events throughout the year the Foundation sponsors (and even mentioned the police-sponsored "Night-Out"), just to show the "variety" of activities in Rolling Meadows. She was mentioning their one-night-per-month meetings at City Hall, and is hoping someone (besides Chuck) could join. No dues, and you get a free t-shirt! Short presentation, and answered any questions from the floor. We gave her a donation before she left; I received a thank-you note from the Community Events Foundation yesterday (already!).

In other words, a good speaker, who had good knowledge of her subject, and was concise.

WANTED: PLANT SALE VOLUNTEERS

During these cold, snowy days, it's time to think about our big fundraiser of the year. Without this event we could not have the speakers we have or donate and participate in the good things that we do.

The committee is starting to recruit members to go to Woldhuis Greenhouse on Thursday, May 9th. If you have gone before, you know this is a lot of work, but fun and well worth it. If you have never gone, it's really a place to see. Here is what to expect:

The drive there is about an hour and a half. We car pool, so you don't have to drive unless you choose to. We work in pairs to pick the best plants according to your assigned list. This place is so big they have a food truck there for lunch. So the day is long, maybe 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. If you help on this day, you can pick out plants for yourself and pay our cost and no tax! This is the perk for helping.

Our physically capable members are getting fewer & fewer. Anyone that feels they can participate would be greatly appreciated. We really need 8 – 10 people to go to Woldhuis.

Of course, we will need volunteers both Friday for set-up and Saturday for the event, but we will sign up for that later. If you feel you may be interested in the trip to Woldhuis, please let me know. Even if it's a "maybe".

Carol O.

MEMBERS NEWS

Debbie Danek had a complete knee replacement on 1/18/19. It was different from other knee replacements because it was done as an outpatients. I think her experience may be of interest to some people so I included her email.

My doctor is Dan Kuesis, Core Orthopedics in Hoffman Estates. His specialty is sports medicine with emphasis on hip and knee replacements.

Visionaries Cutting by Smith & Nephew is my Personalized orthotic that he made for me. The procedure was performed at Geneva Surgical Suites in Genoa City, WI which is about 1 hour from here. My surgery started at 7:15 and I left the facility around noon. I was up and walking with my walker and came home. I had all of my meds at home, ice packs and I call them leg squeezers for the blood clots.

This may not be for everyone. It depends on your health condition. But this has worked perfectly so far for me. If people are interested, you can look him up online. He has an office in Elk Grove Village. If you do not qualify for outpatient, he would do it at Alexian Bros. or Alexius in Hoffman Estates. He will try all other methods BEFORE we get to this mode if it is possible. He is not much of a talker but I like him very much. Hope this helps.

Debbie

TRIPS & EVENTS

Feb. 21 Lunch at Honey Jam Cafe 11:45 am
2944 W. Euclid Ave., Arlington Heights
American, Vegetarian & Gluten Free options
See Heidi for sign-up information.

FEBRUARY GARDENING

By now the seed displays should start showing up in the stores and you can pick out the ones that you have chosen to grow. If you would just like to try growing something easy indoors, try the short small marigolds. They easily germinate and bloom early.

Zinnias are also a good choice for a flower that is easy and fast growing. It does depend on the one you buy though. Buy the seed for the shortest zinnia but not the Profusion zinnia. Profusion zinnias are the best but very slow growing and the seeds are very expensive. The medium size and giant zinnias are hard to care of in a pot. That is why you may see the medium ones in the garden centers but not the giant ones.

I usually recommend these two flowers to people that have never had any success at growing from seed or do not have any patience. They are also great for a kids project. Just remember that most seeds need warmth, at least 70 degrees, and light.

Just an added unrelated note to those who receive roses on Valentine's Day. When you re-cut the stems, cut them on an angle. It is not so the stem can take in more water. It is so that the stem does not sit flat on the bottom of the vase and block the water intake. Just in case you didn't know.

FEBRUARY SPEAKER

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!

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.

Plant Ideas by Debbie Danek

Happy Valentine's Day!

Valentine's Day is one of the largest holidays for the floral industry. I automatically think of red roses. Although we do not have the luxury of clipping some roses from the backyard in this climate, here are a few to consider that are easy to care for and give you an abundance of flowers throughout the growing season. Please consider using Bayer Rose & flower plant food for all of your roses. Not only is it great plant food, it also helps with the Japanese beetles from eating away at your plant in the summer. Remember that all roses need at least 8 hours of sunlight in order for them to thrive.



Rosa (Rose) x. 'Radrazz 2000' (Knockout® Shrub Rose)

Fluorescent cherry red flowers highlighted by mossy green foliage and a sweet tea rose fragrance. Big, bright orange hips prolong the performance of this shrub into late fall and winter. Purple to maroon fall color. Resistant to black spot and other diseases. Height: 2'-3' Spread: 2'-3'



Rosa (Rose) x. 'BAImir' (Kashmir Easy Elegance® Rose)

Resembling a hybrid tea rose, the velvety red blossoms are as soft as cashmere and beg to be cut for the vase. With an evenly rounded habit Kashmir fits perfectly into today's urban landscapes. Try this bold accent plant in the border, foundation or as a low hedge, hugging paths and walkways. Repeat bloomer. Height: 3.5'-4' Spread: 3'-4'



Rosa (Rose) x. 'Meijocos' (Pink Drift® Rose)

A new tough, winter hardy, disease resistant, repeat blooming groundcover rose from the same creators of 'Knockout' roses. Abundant deep pink flowers with a soft faded center bloom throughout the season. Height: 1'-2' Spread: 3'-5'

REMINDER

2019 MEMBERSHIP DUES

Your 2019 Garden Club membership dues are due no later than our next meeting on February 13th. If you will not be at our February meeting please complete the attached form and mail it along with your check to me Carol Flemming, 3306 Brookmeade Drive, Rolling Meadows, IL 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

TOTAL RECEIVED: \$	DATE: / /
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MEMBER (1) SIGNATURE:

MEMBER (2) SIGNATURE:

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON SIGNATURE:

TREASURER SIGNATURE: