



THE WEEDERS DIGEST

ROLLING MEADOWS GARDEN CLUB NEWSLETTER

JULY 2019

GARDEN CLUB MEETING – JULY 10
MEETING (PICNIC) Heidi's House
See **EVENTS** for details
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.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Katie Schroeder 7/14
Joanne Wentz 7/21
Chuck Ohrn 7/27
Laurie Houldsworth 7/31

Happy Birthday



“FLOWERS GROW IN INCHES, BUT ARE DESTROYED BY FEET”
GARDENING SAYING

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Congratulations to Carol Flemming for accepting the SECRETARY position being vacated by Katie. We'll still see Katie, but distance and her job have made it difficult to continue the Secretary responsibilities. Thank you Katie for what you have done! Please give Carol F. your support as our new Secretary. So watch for the minutes to be coming from Carol now.

Another change is Carol F. moving the MEMBERSHIP responsibility to Cecilia Sanchez. Thank you Carol for keeping that organized and good luck to Cecilia in her new committee chairmanship.

As June came to an end, several members worked hard on making large red, white and blue flowers to decorate the 4th of July car for the parade. Please don't miss it! It's sure to be noticed!!!

The bees are buzzing, the butterflies flitting, the mosquitoes biting – yes it's finally summer!
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

JUNE SPEAKER REVIEW

Kim Elison of Pesche's who is originally from south Africa, married a Pesche and has a degree in horticulture, gave an interesting talk on pollinator plants, why they are needed and how we can help the bees, butterflies, insects and birds. She likes dandelions in her yard and clover in her grass and for a good reason. Dandelions, she noted, are only here for a short time and feed the pollinators when there is nothing else in bloom. Rabbits also love dandelions and clover and just may leave your flowers alone if you have them in your yard. Clover seed used to be added to grass seed years ago and is also very beneficial to pollinators when they are flowering. She also is against pesticides and lawn treatments because the chemicals kill the insects that feed the birds or sicken the birds that eat the sick insects. Also she suggested not doing a fall cleanup because the insects, including butterflies and caterpillars, hibernate in stems and plant debris. Plant debris is also a natural compost that we throw away. Kim added that it is not necessary to turn your whole yard into a wildlife area. Just designating a small portion of your yard or garden to wildlife or the pollinators will help.



From Rob & Jackson Banger

All four hives are going strong. We have some strong laying queens and there is a lot of brood (babies). Honey production should explode in the coming days/weeks because of all the linden trees blooming. One linden tree has the pollen and nectar equivalent of an acre of flowers, so they are great sources for the bees. I have also started a job with City Bee Savers, a beekeeping company that saves, catches, and maintains honeybees in the Chicagoland area. I am learning a lot and getting way more experience and expertise with how to handle bees and help them survive successfully.



MONARCH BUTTERFLY NEWS

Janice, Ron and I, Shirley, released 76 Monarch butterflies in June. Last year at this time we released 35 Monarchs.

Our weather this spring seems to be about the same as last year but our milkweed was taller and more plentiful at this time. It doesn't seem to have hurt our count though. I heard many people complaining that the milkweed just wasn't coming up fast enough but the butterflies are laying eggs just the same. Now that we had our usual lull in finding Monarch eggs, maybe the milkweed has had a chance to catch up. No problem with the other members of the weed family.

MEMBERS STORIES

From Shirley Weismann

DAVID & GOLIATH

I love watching the birds in my yard. Knowing that robins will build a nest on a shelf, I made one and attached it to my garage under the overhang. What I got was a sparrow and it quickly started building its nest. After a couple of days and a lot of hard work, a starling took over the nest and the sparrow had a fit. It flew at the starling every time it came around but the starling kept adjusting the nest to fit its size. Then I noticed that the sparrow changed its tactics and only came when the starling wasn't there. It started pushing nesting material under the nest and within a few days the nest was so tall that it was too close to the soffit for the starling to use it. I thought that was so clever but after all that work, the sparrow didn't want it either. I got rid of the shelf and put up a bird house.

Anyone have a wildlife or gardening experience they would like to share? Email me - Shirley

MEMBERS NEWS

Gloria Huberty will be having the Watchman Procedure at NCH on July 1. It will be as an outpatient but she will be staying overnight.

EVENTS & SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

July 10 2019 PICNIC at our place – Heidi Wesner, 3000 Oaksbury Court, RM,
6:00 pm - Please bring a dish to share (appetizer or dessert) and a chair, just in case. We can provide approx. 15 chairs but we hope that we run out of our supply! Let me know.....See you in July, Heidi

July 28 - The Clayson House Museum in Palatine hosts a Garden Party on July 28, 2019 from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm on the grounds of the museum. Admission is \$12 per person.
A master gardener will present a program on Victorian-era gardening and the event is limited to 40 ticket holders. Let Heidi know no later than June 3 if you are interested, so she can order tickets.

August 14 GARDEN CLUB PICNIC - at Chuck & Carol's house.

From Carol Flemming



THE PLANT SALE COMMITTEE IS ALWAYS LOOKING FOR NEW VENDORS FOR OUR PLANT/CRAFT SALE. SO AS YOU VENTURE OUT THIS SUMMER AND FALL, REMEMBER TO KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR NEW GARDEN RELATED VENDORS OR ANY VENDOR YOU MIGHT THINK IS UNIQUE AND GET THEIR BUSINESS CARD FOR US.



For Hydrangea lovers, this is one to get. It's new this year and called Endless Summer, Summer Crush. Bloom time is from spring to fall. It's smaller than most Hydrangeas at 18" to 36" high and wide. It will grow in sun and part shade. I've found it does need shade protection from hot afternoon sun or it wilts. It needs a lot of water so to control that I'm experimenting with growing it in a large pot on my front porch. I will have to put the pot in the garage for the winter months. The color is so beautiful.

Plant Ideas by Debbie Danek

The following shrubs may just be the trick to filling in a border for an existing garden or to fill a large area where a mass planting would be appropriate.



Hessei Cotoneaster-This is a hybrid originally from the Hesse Nursery located in Weener Germany. You will find this shrub all over the area. It is compact in height growing to 18" tall and spreads laterally. It has delicate foliage and bright red fruit burgundy fall color and is pretty disease and pest resistant. Sun to part shade.



Gro Low Sumac-This shrub is low and has a wide spreading habit. It has a fragrant small yellow flower in spring followed by red hairy fruit. Does best in full sun to get the bright fall color but does well in shade. Height 2'-3' and 5' wide.



Diervilla (Northern bush Honeysuckle) Graceful – This is a low mounded shrub which is perfect for shade. Bronze and green foliage with fragrant yellow flowers in summer. It is very tolerant of extreme soil and weather. 2' tall and wide.



Euonymus Emerald –n- Gold Wintercreeper- This is a dense spreading aggressive vine or mounded shrub with variegated evergreen leaves that turn shades of pink in fall. This shrub can be trimmed anytime to contain the look.

Works in sun to part shade.



Forsythia Bronxensis- Low growing, compact with bright green textured leaves. Great for a mass planting bright yellow flowers in springtime as

seen in the picture. Grows 1' tall by 3' wide. Does best in full sun.

JULY GARDENING

Weeding

Pinch mums thru middle of July for compact plants & more flowers.

Fall blooming tall perennials can be cut back but make sure they are not in bud.

Hand pick Japanese beetles and drop them in a jar of soapy water. Using Japanese beetle traps will only attract more beetles into your yard.

For natural insect control include a birdbath & bird houses in your yard.

Weeding



HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR AREA

July 2 - 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.

4th of July Parade

4th of July Fireworks – 9:15 pm – Community Center

July 13 – Saturday – Parking Lot Party 3:00 – 10:00 pm - Community Center, 2705 Pheasant Drive

July 19 – Fridays Rock! & Roll in Meadows – 7:00 – 10:00 pm – Kimball Hill Park

July 20 – Saturday – City Market – 10:00 am – 2:00 pm – Community Church, 2720 Kirchoff Road