



THE WEEDERS DIGEST

ROLLING MEADOWS GARDEN CLUB NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2019

GARDEN CLUB MEETING – JUNE 12
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.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Gerry Glore 6/4
Gloria Huberty 6/16
Carol Ohrn 6/21

Happy Birthday



**“GARDENS ARE NOT MADE BY SINGING ‘OH, HOW BEAUTIFUL,’ AND SITTING
IN THE SHADE.” - RUDYARD KIPLING**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, the busy month of May is behind us! Plant Sale – successful & done!! Thank you to all who helped. Whatever you did to support this fundraiser is very much appreciated. First City Market – done! Thanks to the members who sat there & sold plants! Blue Star Marker in Mt. Prospect – done! Thank you to Ron, Heidi & Marie for being at the dedication. A heartfelt thanks. Memorial Day weekend – busy & done! So now I'm kicking back, putting my feet up and watching my garden grow! What are you going to be doing in June???

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

Kim Ellson of Pesche's identifies plants beneficial for pollinators of all kinds. Climate change, the use of herbicides and pesticides and urban development are all factors that threaten pollinators like bees, butterflies, numerous other insects and birds. How can we help them to survive?

MAY SPEAKER REVIEW

Carol Cichorski's, Creativity in the Garden, presentation was different in that it was less about using plants and more about using and recycling discarded things. And by saying things, I mean anything. Antique stoves, old chairs, fences, pots, tools, frames, mirrors, etc. were used in and around the garden. Many of the items were painted with bright colors to liven up the garden and make an otherwise uninteresting space interesting



From Rob & Jackson Banger

The bees are doing great so far. All four hives are busy and working every day. All this rain we've gotten has not affected them, it has actually given them time to do work on the inside such as cleaning out comb from last year and other general hive maintenance (cleaning up the graveyard of bees from last year's die-off). Once it starts getting nicer out and the rains go away we should get an explosion in production. The queens can be seen on our Banger Bees Facebook page.



MONARCH BUTTERFLY NEWS

We've had a lot of cold, wind and rain and the gardens are slow growing. In most yards the milkweed is just starting to grow but the Monarchs are here anyway. On May 19 someone in Evergreen Park found 10 eggs. The next day our Janice called and said she found 18 eggs. I, myself, saw my first Monarch on May 22.

This is the usual time in the spring that they arrive but our milkweed should be full grown by now.

MEMBERS STORIES

From Bonnie Meyer

Ed and I left on a road trip to FL leaving on April 29th and returning May 14th. We visited our daughter and her family. The two oldest boys play the piano and both boys made it to state finals in Jacksonville, FL. Both did very well. 1600 musicians came to do their very best.

On the way from Jacksonville to our daughter's home near Gainesville, FL, we were bombarded with "love bugs"! It was like driving in the rain except that it was those love bugs; so called because they fly in twos. They really affected visibility. We had to clean our windshield often. They come to FL once in the spring and then again in the fall.

All in all it was a wonderful reunion with our daughter and family. We enjoyed seeing this great and beautiful country of ours. It's good to be back! There's no place like home!

(Comment from Shirley – I heard a lot about all kinds of bugs but I never heard of the "love bug". Hope it doesn't come here.)

EVENTS & SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

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.

Plant Ideas by Debbie Danek

A tough and reliable plant that gives you continuous flowers during our growing season is a Hemerocallis or Daylily. Each flower lasts only a day, but because there are a lot of flower buds on each stalk the flowers can last for weeks. These are pretty durable plants that tolerate some neglect, are salt tolerant and grow best in full sun to part shade. These perennials should be divided every 3-5 years to perform their best. I like repeat bloomers that will flower at least 2-3 times a year. Here are a few to choose from.



“Fairy Tail Pink”-Grows mid July to Late July and has ruffled peachy-pink flowers with a green throat.



“Happy Returns”-Grows early to mid June. Very showy lemon yellow flowers that are fragrant.



“Pardon Me”-Grows July to late July. Has fragrant, cranberry red flowers with a yellow throat.



“Rosy Returns”-Grows early to mid June and has fragrant pink flowers with coral tones and a yellow throat.

GARDEN CLUB PLANT SALE REVIEW

I am giving the review as a Garden Club member and as an exhibitor. For two years I have sold my plants at the plant sale and nothing has changed. It is the most organized event you could ever attend thanks to Sharon Florey and Carol Ohrn. It was also noted in the Community Chatter and by the customers that the members of the Garden Club that were there as helpers did just that. They were friendly and always willing to help. I did not hear any complaints about anything and the weather was not the best. Having the sale indoors is a big plus.

The advertising before the event in the newspapers was great. There was also a lot of free advertising by people that attended the plant sale in previous years. They informed everyone on the Community Chatter to make a note on their calendar that it was almost time for the sale. Other people that never heard of the sale, asked questions and this went on for over a week.

The craft sale exhibitors must have sold OK also. I recognized some of them from the previous year. I think the exhibitor behind me was new and had expensive items and I felt she didn't do well. There didn't seem to be any activity in her booth. I talked to her and she said she did very well. I guess I was too busy to notice but I was glad because her craft was beautiful.



HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR AREA

June 7 - Block Party This year on Central Road by Park Central across from the high school tennis courts.
4:30 to 8:30 pm

June 14 - Friday rock & Roll in Meadows - 7:00 to 10:00 pm - Kimball Hill Park

June 15 – Electronic Recycling Day at Palatine Township Bldg. - 8 a.m. – noon

June 22 - City Market - 10:00 am to 2:00 pm Community Church, 2720 Kirchoff Road

Local Nurseries

Knoppers – now open

Kincshes in Palatine

Countryside in Crystal Lake

Peschés in Des Plaines

Lurvey in Des Plaines

Goebberts in South Barrington

Didier Farms in Prairieview

JUNE GARDENING

It is time to plant tender annuals to replace the cool weather vegetable and flowers.

Let the foliage on the spring bulb plants die and turn brown before removing them. They feed the bulb for next year.

Draw a map where you have bulb plants so you don't plant over them. You will also know where you want to plant more bulbs in the fall.

Deadhead flowers for more blooms unless you want the plants to reseed.

Water deeply instead of often and water the ground not the foliage.

Take cutting from the plants you want to propagate.

Prune spring flowering shrubs right after they bloom