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ROLLING MEADOWS GARDEN CLUB NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2020

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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.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday

Kathy Cullen 11/14



**“GARDENING IS THE PUREST OF HUMAN PLEASURES”
FRANCIS BACON**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

November 2020



Dear Garden Club Members & Friends,

Here we are in November already! This is the thankful month. I know this year hasn't given us much to be thankful for, but I bet if you think about it, you'll find a few things. What about your garden? It probably did fairly well this year. What about your friends, family, and neighbors – were you able to see them occasionally? And what about your health? Maybe a setback for you this year, but all of you who were on last years' roster are still on the roster for 2020, and that's definitely something to be thankful for. So perhaps you didn't take that trip you were planning, or maybe we didn't have all of our meetings this year. The thing to be most thankful for is the fact that we are all still here!

I don't know if we will be able to get together this month. If the weather permits, it might be a last minute call to the park! Watch for an email.

I wish all of you a Happy Thanksgiving. I am thankful for YOU, not only for being a member of the Rolling Meadows Garden Club, but also a friend!

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

Janice Babiarz had surgery on her meniscus on 9/29. Her last therapy was the last week of Oct. but she said she is not fully recovered and expects it will take quite a while.

Chuck Ohrn had his knee replacement surgery on 10/26. Carol said that Chuck is doing fairly well, using a walker and has physical therapy 3 times a week. PT will last 6 weeks, first 2 weeks at home, then 4 weeks in Palatine.

Debbie Danek is scheduled for a hip replacement surgery on Nov. 6

Prayers and good wishes are still needed for these members. For those members that are having problems we don't know about, let us know. We care.

MONARCH BUTTERFLY NEWS

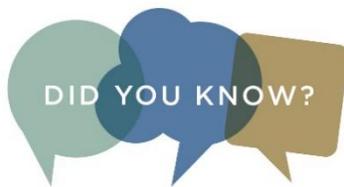


The Monarchs have arrived in Mexico and are still coming in from Texas where the nectar plants are still blooming. We were seeing some here late in Oct. because all are not able to leave. They either hatched too late and are unable to fly in the cold weather or they are left over from the 4th generation and are too old. Thankfully

there are very few that are unable to leave.

Last year I heard that they were unable to make an accurate count because all of the butterflies are not overwintering in the same place. Because of the illegal logging, the original forest covers fewer acres but the Monarchs have been discovered in a new area. Wildlife is very adaptable but it takes time. Time is what we here hope to give them by helping as many as we can to survive.

This year, because of the tagging of the Monarchs, some of the butterflies found in Mexico have come from Calif. I'm sure they have made a detour because of the fires but how would they know to make that decision or where to?



Shirley Weismann

*Joined the Garden Club in 2010 or 2011

*Has lived in Rolling Meadows for 48 years

*Shirley has experienced quite a few adventures in her life! Here are the highlights: Flipped houses; cleaned vacant houses getting ready to sell; had her own woman's painting business; crafting wood projects – mainly lamps to sell at craft fairs; worked for a florist; just to name a few!

Laurie Houldsworth

*Joined the Garden Club in 2005

*Has lived in Rolling Meadows for 25 years – now living in Palatine

*Some years ago, Laurie enjoyed making pottery and she would like to get back into that craft. She also sews, mostly aprons and small projects. Laurie has been married for 31 years and has one daughter.

Carol Flemming

*Joined the Garden Club in 2012 or 2013?

*Has lived in Rolling Meadows for 36 years

*Some years ago, Carol used to enjoy golfing and bowling. Now she's busy keeping track of her: 3 children, 6 stepchildren, 5 grandchildren, 10 step-grandchildren, and 1 great grandchild!

HONEYBEES



We haven't transported the bees just yet. (Last month Jackson mentioned that the plan was to move the hives to Kentucky at the end of Oct.) We balanced all the hives to make sure they have what they need to get through the winter, now we are letting them sit for a week or two and then staging them to load them on a trailer. We take them to a farmers land that my boss knows, I think his rent is a bottle of whiskey. They will go to Florida from Kentucky in early January to avoid the winter in Kentucky.

Jackson Banger



Every other year, in November, according to our by-laws, we should have a slate of Officers to vote on for the upcoming 2 year term. Since we have not been having meetings, speakers, or much of anything, I'm putting this out to the membership: Will the current Officers stay in their positions? Is there any member that would like to be considered for one of the four officer positions? The current Officers and positions are listed on the front page of this newsletter.

So here is what I would like to know:

- 1) If you are an Officer, are you interested in staying in that position for the next 2 years?
- 2) If you are a member seeking 1 of these positions, which one?
- 3) If neither of the above, do you VOTE to keep the current Officers for the next term?

To keep your vote, suggestions and opinions private, please email or call me only, not the entire membership. I will then compile the responses and email all by mid-November. Thank you for your participation in the club and in this voting process.

Carol O.

MIDWEST GARDNING IN NOVEMBER

- If you don't mulch your leaves with your lawnmower, use your raked leaves for mulch around your perennial plants for the winter but make sure your soil and plants are not dry first
- Make sure that your soil and plants are thoroughly watered before winter. Dry soil and freezing weather kills plants and young trees and older trees with shallow roots. Don't forget to remove and drain your hose after the last watering.
- Perennials do not have to be cut down in the fall. They can provide seeds and shelter for wildlife.
- Open new plants beds now and add compost instead of waiting until spring when we usually are trying to get everything planted.

Shirley

Plant Ideas by Debbie Danek

Our landscape is getting dull this time of year as winter is approaching. As we think about colors in the landscape besides green and all of their variations of color, consider the color chartreuse or lime. This color can be a highlight, warm up or add a sizzle to your existing garden. Masses of plants that have this coloring can brighten up a dark corner, illuminate the edge of a shady path or stand out in contrast with a taller, dark green shrubs. Here are a few chartreuse colored plants.

Ginkgo biloba -50'-60' depending on cultivar. Loves full sun. Not only a tree but also comes in a shrub form like Jade Butterflies or Mariken. Foliage is golden/chartreuse in fall.



Sambucus racemosa 'Lemony Lace'-3-5' tall and wide. Full sun to part shade. It has small white flowers in spring but the shrubs lacy foliage is bright yellow before deepening to lime green.



Cercis canadensis 'The Rising Sun' Redbud- Stunning ornamental tree that is 10'-12' tall and wide. Bright pink flowers in the springtime with chartreuse leaves with new growth and intensifies as the season progresses.



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!

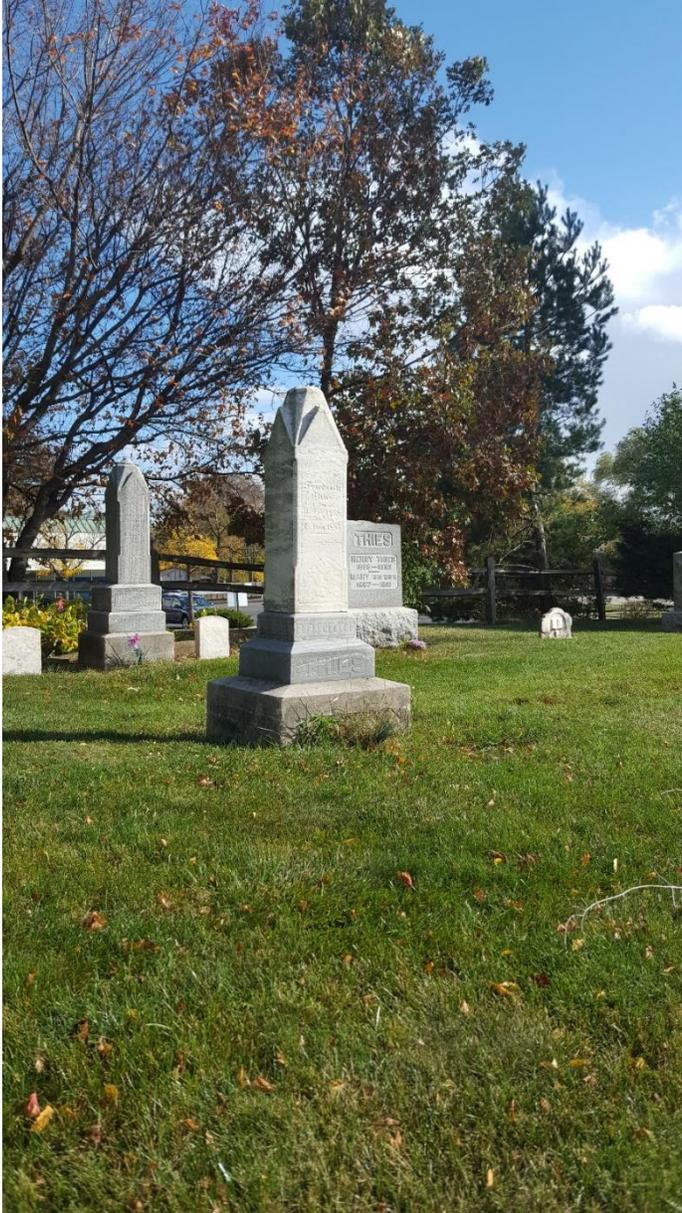
The winners will be drawn at our 2020 Christmas party.

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!



A peaceful place near a busy intersection. Where is this cemetery?