



# Rolling Meadows Garden Club

SEPTEMBER 2022

## THE WEEDERS DIGEST

**GARDEN CLUB MEETING – SEPTEMBER 14, 2022**

Community Center  
Social time 6:00 pm  
Meeting 6:30 pm

[www.rollingmeadowsgardenclub.org](http://www.rollingmeadowsgardenclub.org)

<https://www.facebook.com/rollingmeadowsgardenclub.org>



### OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT – Carol Ohrn  
VICE-PRESIDENT – Marie Soyka  
SECRETARY – Carol Flemming  
TREASURER – Ron Willer



### ROLLING MEADOWS GARDEN CLUB

The purpose of this Club is to share our knowledge and love of gardening through educational meetings, contributing to the community, civic beautification, and annual events.

### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Janet Lapinski 9/2  
Sharon Florey 9/4  
Marie Soyks 9/5  
Sal Willer 9/5  
Debbie Danek 9/10  
Becky Booth 9/11  
Carol Flemming 9/12  
Shirley Weismann 9/21



**“WE CAN COMPLAIN BECAUSE ROSE BUSHES HAVE THORNS OR REJOICE  
BECAUSE THORN BUSHES HAVE ROSES.” ABRAHAM LINCOLN**

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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

**SEPTEMBER 2022**

Dear Garden Club Members & Friends,

You know, some things are out of our control, they just happen! – like how much rain we get, or the first day of fall coming this month or purchasing an appliance when all the good ones are out of stock! The same holds true with our speakers. Sometimes plans change or someone gets sick, so we scramble to make things as right as we can. This happened with our original September speaker. Out of our control, Heidi had to make some quick decisions and our member Becky was able to accommodate the switch. What is also out of our control is the advertising for these events. Most publications want info months in advance – case in point, you probably noticed the article in Garden Glories. That article had a July 1st submission deadline, so it is wrong. We are a volunteer organization with all of us doing our part to make our club fun, informative, and just making it work! I surely hope that whether it be a member or a guest at any one of our meetings, the presentation is an enjoyable experience and makes you want to come back for more!

Enjoy the end of Summer,  
**Carol O.**

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**PROGRAMS for 2022**

**September 14, 2022**

Becky Booth as well and she'll be our speaker in September. "Fallen Leaves, Gardeners' Treasures - Rethinking Fall Garden Clean - up" is a perfect topic for this time of the year. Every piece of advice might help to make that chore a bit easier!

We'll skip the hands-on project, saving it for a later time.

**October 14, 2022**

"Adding Fall Color to Your Garden". Welcome back Kim Hartmann! Naturally, our gardens change with the seasons and by September most plants that peaked during the hot summer months are slowly fading away. Time for glorious fall colors! Learn how shrubs, perennials and annuals can spice up your garden during this time of the year.

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**Members News**

**Sunday, September 18** at noon – Jackie Liszewski's Tree Dedication at the Historical Museum. Jackie was a long-time member of the Rolling Meadows Garden Club and the Historical Museum.

### COMMUNITY EVENTS

**September 9** – Fridays Rock & Roll in Meadows 7:00 – 10:00 pm  
Kimball Hill Park Band: Anthem

**September 13** – Tuesday – Senior Luncheon 12:30 – 2:30  
Community Center, 3705 Pheasant Drive



### MONARCH BUTTERFLY NEWS

It is the migration time for the Monarch butterfly. September and October are the months that the Monarchs gather in our area to migrate to the forests in Mexico to hibernate for the winter. Depending on their starting point, they will travel up to 3000 miles.

The fifth generation of Monarchs are different from the other generations that we have been watching and caring for during the summer. The summer butterflies mate, lay eggs and only live 2 to 3 weeks. The Monarchs that make the migration do not mate and live about 8 months. So, if you see the butterflies mating or laying eggs, you know they will not be leaving us, but those eggs can become Monarchs that will migrate. Depending on the weather, it takes a month for it to complete its life cycle. October is not the main month for the butterfly to migrate but if the weather stays warm enough, they can fly in temperatures of 55 degrees and survive overnight temperatures in the low 40's.

This year was very unusual weatherwise. The spring was cold, the milkweed was late coming up and the Monarchs migrating from the South seemed to avoid coming here to our area. Many people said that the Monarch population was down and seemed to remain that way throughout the summer. Other areas were seeing their usual number of butterflies. We will not know the effect this year has had on the Monarch population until the count is given for the overwintering areas in Mexico.

For some reason, though, the Black Swallowtail numbers were way up for this year. I only mention it because so many people that raise Monarchs also raise Black Swallowtails. The Black Swallowtails do not migrate. They hibernate in their chrysalis over the winter and emerge or eclose in the spring or when the weather is warm.

Now is also the time to keep your flowers blooming as long as possible. The Monarchs need the nectar for fuel for their long trip.

**Shirley Weismann**

### Garden Club Picnic

The weather was perfect, the food was good and there was a good turnout of members. Carol and Chuck as usual made sure that their backyard was set up with tables, chairs and canopies and their garden was beautiful. Thank you, Carol and Chuck.

## "Fallen Leaves: Gardeners' Treasure - Rethinking Fall Garden Clean up"

### Becky Booth

> Just so you know, the scope of the presentation will be the importance of leaves and how invaluable they are to us gardeners, as well as insects, birds, and the very planet. We'll see that working with nature can save us both effort and money throughout the gardening season.

> Of course, this will include how to manage the oncoming leaf deluge that will be falling....focusing on more ecologically-sensitive ways to deal. This will include ways of collecting, storing, and even composting these treasures for FREE mulch and soil improvement...plus increasing the number of pollinators visiting our gardens. The speaker handout will include a number of books and podcasts on the subject as well.

> Hope you can join us!

> **Becky Booth**

## Powdery Mildew on Plants by Debbie Danek

Hot, humid weather make for perfect conditions for powdery mildew fungal disease. You will see this on your annuals, perennials and shrubs. It resembles white or dusty gray patches on the top of leaves, shoots, buds, flowers and stems. From a distance it looks like snow. Powdery mildew can overwinter on plants. Then in springtime the spores are released with the spring rains and infect through rain or wind. Sometimes the leaves look dwarfed or distorted.

Treatment is the prune or thin plants for better air movement. You can also treat with a fungicide. Try to prune as soon as you see this fungus for the best results.



A natural remedy is to use the following.

Mix 1 tablespoon baking soda with 1 tablespoon vegetable oil and 1 teaspoon dish soap in 1 gallon of water.

Mix 4 tablespoons baking soda with 2 tablespoons of Murphy's oil soap in 1 gallon of water.

Mix 2 to 3 tablespoons vinegar with 1 gallon of water. Be sure to test this first because vinegar can burn plants.

## **ROLLING MEADOWS GARDEN CLUB COMMITTEES**

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#### **COMMUNITY SERVICE – Carol Ohrn (ohrncc@aol.com)**

Work with the City of RM to participate in events hosted by RM, such as: 4th of July Parade  
Maintain public grounds, where available  
Interested in the Community Garden???

#### **MEETINGS & EVENTS- Heidi Wesner (heidiwes@aol.com)**

Arrange for speakers or workshops at most meetings.  
Plan outings such as dinners or breakfast get-togethers outside of regular meetings.  
Picnic, Christmas party, or any day trips.

#### **MEMBERSHIP & HOSPITALITY- Sal Willer & Mel Tatara (willerdan65@gmail.com)**

Collect applications & dues from new members and yearly renewals.  
Forward new member info to GCI.  
Prepare and distribute to new members a “welcome” packet and engage with new members at first several meetings.  
Keep membership roster up to date.  
Arrange for volunteers sign-up of snacks & beverages at “in person” meetings.  
Send greeting cards as appropriate: Birthday, get well, sympathy.

#### **NEWSLETTER- Shirley Weismann (swshirley4@yahoo.com)**

Create monthly newsletter based on info submitted by members.

#### **PLANT & CRAFT SALE- Sharon Florey (s\_florey@yahoo.com)**

Chair & Co-Chair - to oversee all aspects of the sale.

Core Committee members – obtain vendors, flyers, plant selection, pricing, vendor layout, sign placement, and all aspects of the event.

All other Members – organize plants, water plants, collect boxes, cashier, holding, general helpers where needed, be available day of sale.

#### **PUBLICITY & MARKETING – Kelly Hill (km.hill@comcast.net)**

Contact at appropriate time - City electronic sign, City newsletter editor, Park District Brochure, Senior Newsletter, and any free advertising in newspapers.  
Any paid “AD” when approved by president.

#### **SCHOLARSHIP & YOUTH INVOLVEMENT- NEW Beth Boudreau (bboudreau76@gmail.com)**

Research candidate for scholarship from Senior in HS entering college majoring in Horticulture or related field. Research HS volunteer students to help at plant sale or needed gardening projects.

#### **SOCIAL MEDIA- Jennifer Karls (jkarlsfam@hotmail.com)**

FaceBook, and any web-based media, keeping up-to-date info available to readers.

#### **Website - Sharon Florey (s\_florey@yahoo.com)**

## Katie Lockwood

My pet project has been to do the planters outside my son's school (Kimball Hill). It started back in 2020 when I saw one lonely planter at the school entrance with a dead plant in it. I just decided to take the whole thing home and re-do it and then just put it back. I think I emailed the principal after I had returned it and told her I did it, and I'll take care of watering it. :) She really appreciated it and inspired her to buy two new large planters for the entrance.



So, I've continued to fill the planters because I enjoy doing it and I believe it can provide joy to people walking into the school. I'm not always on top of things and sometimes they've been bare but I'm proud of this summer's planter. After a full month of total neglect during some of the hottest days (I was out of town and didn't get someone to keep up with watering and fertilizing), the plants are still hanging on and doing pretty well. Only had to replace one!

The "Inspiration"



October 2020



May 2021



August 2022

## HONEYBEES



The bees are doing great still. I harvested 110 pounds of honey out of three hives, and will get another harvest or two by the end of the season. The goldenrod is starting to bloom so they'll be all over that and it will change the smell and look of the honey to goldenrod honey. Soon we will have to start testing the hives for mites and then treating them if they are at a high level. Other than that, the bee season is going swimmingly!

**Jackson Banger**

## MEMBERS PHOTOS

Laura Hathcoat



Do you see me...?



How about now? Talk about camouflage!  
Catching a little sun on my smoke tree.



1. looked out back and couldn't imagine why it looked like my cement goose was wearing eye makeup!

2. Perfectly placed to look like an eye.

3. Mr. Cicada!