



# THE WEEDERS DIGEST

ROLLING MEADOWS GARDEN CLUB NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2020

**GARDEN CLUB MARCH 11**

**SOCIAL TIME 6:00 pm**

**MEETING 6:30 pm**

**ROLLING MEADOWS**

**GARDEN CLUB WEB SITE**

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

## **MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

Bonnie Meyer 3/10

Mel Tatar 3/29

*Happy Birthday*



**“WILD FLOWERS GROW WHERE THEY WILL”**

**RACHEL LAMBERT MELLON**

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Well, look at that!! It's almost Spring! The tips of some unknown plants are emerging from the ground. That's a sure sign of – It's almost PLANT SALE time!!! Get ready for our best year yet, of course with your participation. We can't be a club without YOU and we can't run a plant sale without YOU!

As Shirley will explain later in the newsletter, it seems we have had numerous members experiencing, illness, injuries, surgeries, etc. Our membership is a strong circle of friendship. With all of us sending good thoughts, prayers, and well wishes to our "under the weather" members, I'm sure it will help with recovery.

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**

**Bonnie Meyer** had her knee replacement on Feb. 14 and is doing well but it is not pain free. She opted for home care and the therapists and nurses are keeping her busy.

**Marie Soyka** was in the hospital for 4 days last month. She became dehydrated after being sick the previous week. She said that she is getting better each day and should be at the next meeting.

**Mel Tatara** fell and was also in the hospital for 4 days last month. After the hospital, she was temporarily sent to Church Creek Independent Living because of her injuries and will be home on March 3<sup>rd</sup> if all goes well. On April 3<sup>rd</sup> Church Creek Independent Living will become her permanent home. She says she will still be in the Garden Club.

**Jackie Liszewski** had surgery on Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> and came home the following day. She is doing very well but will have to have special treatments for three months for another problem that came back. Needless to say – all of them could use your prayers and good wishes.

**LEAP YEAR SOCIAL OUTING**

Carol O. said that Friday night at Rep's was wonderful! It's nice having an opportunity to talk to fellow members outside of a club meeting where time is short. Besides myself & Chuck, we had Rob & Laura Banger, Bev & Mark Havel, Joanne & Bob Wentz, Sherry & David Kyle, Carol Flemming, Sharon Florey, and of course Heidi!

### **MARCH SPEAKER**

"Hydrangeas". These plants are truly stunning and can be a focal point in our gardens and homes even in a dried flower arrangement. Horticulturist Glenn Grosch shows how to grow hydrangeas successfully. Hardiness, light requirements, pruning techniques and the blue/pink mystery will be discussed.



**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.**



### **MONARCH BUTTERFLY NEWS**

Sad news – Two Monarch Activists, Homero Gomez and Raul Hernandez, were killed within days of each other in Mexico. Both were conservationists worked for the Monarch Butterfly Biosphere Reserve and were trying to stop illegal logging of the trees that the Monarchs use. There hasn't been any more news since then. It is considered a tragic loss by the people in Mexico and here in the United States.

### **BEEES, BUTTERFLIES & PESTICIDES**

Jackson Banger said that he doesn't have any news about the bees yet except the "Bees are alive and continuing their hunker down". I may as well make my annual appeal about using pesticides. Pesticides, herbicides, insecticides and fungicides, kill the undesirable and well as the beneficial insects even if it is organic or homemade. Organic or homemade pesticides sound good but they are also meant to kill and they cannot tell the difference between good and bad insects either. Mosquito sprays also kill other insects. Some mosquito sprays leave a residue on the flowers and the leaves of the plants. It is toxic to bees and butterflies and any insects that eat the leaves. I read an article or saw a video, "Dr. Patrick's of Monarchs and Mosquitos" and he said that the Northwest Mosquito Abatement out of Wheeling that does the spraying in the parks, and I'm sure the residential areas too, is aware of the danger and are very concerned. They use a spray that does not leave a residue. They spray at dusk or after dark and by morning the spray has dissipated. What I need to find out now is if they tested it on Monarch caterpillars and how long did they wait to see the results. That is my summer project for this year. Whatever is harmful for the Monarchs is also harmful for the bees.

### **MARCH GARDENING**

- ✓ Prune trees and shrubs (not spring blooming) while they are still dormant.
- ✓ Prune roses when they start to grow so you can see the dead stems.
- ✓ If you didn't sharpen and clean your tools at the end of the season, there is still time.
- ✓ Near the end of the month plant cool season vegetables like radishes, peas, lettuce, broccoli, and cauliflower. Pansies like the cool weather too.
- ✓ Grasses can be trimmed almost to the ground. Hedge trimmer are great for trimming thick grasses.

Shirley

### Pests by Debbie Danek

Just when you think we are done with a terrible insect like the Emerald Ash Borer, we have another one that is equally as bad. It is the Spotted Lanternfly *lycorma delicatula*. Many of our Mid-Atlantic states have reported seeing this invasive insect. It is hard to kill and birds do not eat them.

It will lay its eggs in masses on host trees in late fall, outdoor furniture, vehicles, and smooth surfaces like stones and wood products, like firewood. Keep a look out if you are outdoors camping. They like the following trees.

Tree of heaven *Ailanthus altissima*

Apple (*Malus* spp.)

Plum, cherry, peach, apricot, (*Prunus* spp.)

Grape (*Vitis* spp.)

Pine (*Pinus* spp.) and others

The egg masses look like a mud-wax covering on tree bark. The young nymphs are black with white spots and appear May until October. The nymphs move off the tree and search out new hosts and that is how they spread. As these bugs mature, they turn black and red with white spots and can be seen from June through October. Adult bugs are 1" long, gray with black spots and bright red underwings. They injure plants by sucking the sap from the tree and excreting sap "honeydew". This honeydew causes a sooty mold that causes more damage.

If you see a gray putty-like mass, scrape the egg masses from the surface. Be sure to remove the seed like black/brown eggs from under the waxy coating they produce. Dispose of egg masses by submerging them in alcohol, or hand sanitizer to completely destroy them.

We can all help stop this bad bug from spreading if we see it. If you do see this invader please email [lanternfly@illinois.edu](mailto:lanternfly@illinois.edu) or call Illinois Department of Agriculture 815-787-5476.

At the next meeting I will have some handouts for you.



Hello everyone,

Just a reminder that the **Garden Clubs of Illinois, District 9** Luncheon is March 10, once again at the Cotillion.

Cost is \$39.00, minus \$10.00 paid by our club = \$29.00

Please let me know if you are interested in attending or would like more information.

Carol O



### HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR AREA

March 3 Tuesday 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.

March 14 Saturday ST. PAT'S DAY DINNER 6:00 – 9:00 pm – community Center, 3705 Pheasant Drive

**Did you know the Library has a program where they will deliver books to your home?**



### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL DUE



MembershipForm20  
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Membership renewal fees are due in January 2020. Please fill out the attached membership form and return it to Shirley along with your check made payable to Rolling Meadows Garden Club, \$15/individual or \$27/couple. You can either bring both to our January meeting or mail to Shirley Weismann at 3215 Dove Street, Rolling Meadows, IL 60008.

## PHOTO CONTEST RULES

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!



Looking forward to spring, going for a walk and playing outside? Where can you find this sign to play what game?