



# THE WEEDERS DIGEST

ROLLING MEADOWS GARDEN CLUB NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2021

**GARDEN CLUB MEETING – June 9 - 6:15 PM – See G. C. Meeting Note**

**Rolling Meadows City Hall - Upstairs, Council Chamber**

**SOCIAL TIME - 6:15 - 6:30 – Light refreshments will be served.**

**BUSINESS MEETING - 6:30 - 7:00**

**PROGRAM - 7:00 “Growing Green in Changing Climate”**

**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

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

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Gerry Glore 6/4

Gloria Huberty 6/16

Carol Ohrn 6/21



**“WHAT IS A WEED? A PLANTS WHOSE VIRTUES HAVE NEVER BEEN DISCOVERED” RALPH WALDO EMERSON**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

JUNE 2021

Dear Garden Club Members & Friends,

June is the official month we start Summer, but boy those hot days in May almost seemed like August! Hopefully everything is planted, you're keeping up with watering, and starting to see the benefits of your labor.

And speaking of labor, the crew that helped at the Plant Sale did a fabulous job! It was 3 grueling days, picking the order, unloading the plants, and then set-up and selling on Saturday. But all worth it! We had one of our best sales yet! Our new location turned out perfect, in spite of the nasty weather. We worked hard but had fun while doing so. Very few plants leftover, just enough to take to City Market. Thank you to all who participated in some way!

Our new logo for the Garden Club is now being used on all correspondence and on our new member name tags that Sal will have at the June meeting. Don't forget to bring your lanyard!

I hope all of you Fathers have a great Father's Day! Let someone else cut the grass for you or grill your dinner or whatever makes you happy! Enjoy!!

Thank you for being a V.I.M. (very important member)! Carol O.



## MONARCH BUTTERFLY NEWS

The Monarch butterflies have arrived in Rolling Meadows and are laying eggs. The growth of the milkweed seems to vary from yard to yard but people that grow milkweed and raise Monarchs are helping each other. It just amazes me that so many people are now interested and involved, and they have become so knowledgeable.

Years ago, when I started raising Monarchs, there wasn't any information about how to care for them. I just did what I did when I was about 10 years old which was put the caterpillar in a jar, feed it milkweed leaves and release it after it turned into a butterfly. I'm not sure that I even knew it was a Monarch. I just learned through experience and kept a journal on what I had learned through the years. Now there are numerous web sites and groups on Facebook including our own Meadows Monarchs and many of the people in our town are raising Monarch and teaching their children.

In California it is a different situation. In that state the Monarch butterfly is in serious trouble and their numbers overwintering are unbelievably low. The Calif. Fish & Game Commission has put the Monarch on their endangered list and made it illegal to take Monarchs at any stage and raise them. They suggest that people should grow milkweed and nectar flowers. The people that raised butterflies feel that the thought is that they are part of the cause for the decline in numbers. I read the law and it states that taking the Monarchs at any stage from the wild is illegal. It will take a whole season before they know if it was a good decision and another to correct it if it wasn't. We can only hope that it doesn't happen here.

### **GARDEN CLUB MEETING NOTE:**

- We welcome three new members –  
Janet Lapinski  
Sarah Roberts  
Adam Roberts
- Masks and social distancing are still required as far as we know.
- There will be light refreshments provided.

### **JUNE SPEAKER**

**June 9 - 6:15 PM - Rolling Meadows City Hall - Upstairs, Council Chamber**

**6:15 ~ 6:30 - Social Time**

**6:30 ~ 7:00 - Business Meeting**

**7:00 Program**

**"Growing Green in a Changing Climate"**

**Climate change is here and presents big challenges for our planet. We can only create solutions by working together. How can the individual gardener contribute? Beth Botts, a longtime gardener and writer for the Chicago Tribune, Country Gardens and other publications, shares new research and gives down-to-earth advice on how to garden in a sustainable, enjoyable and eco-friendly way.**



### **HONEYBEES**

Finally, some bee news! Yes, I installed 4 packages on 5/16. They are all doing well. They all finished the can of sugar syrup that comes in the package already, and I have them each in one deep box, but will probably need to add another this week because they are working that fast! The queens are all productive and look like good layers, so they should be thriving this summer!

**Jackson Banger**

### **MEMBERS NEWS**

Gloria Huberty was released from the hospital the next day after having a stroke. She will have to go for more tests to determine the cause of her stroke, but she is doing fine.

## ROLLING MEADOWS GARDEN CLUB COMMITTEES

### COMMUNITY SERVICE – Carol Ohrn

Work with the City of RM to participate in any event hosted by RM:

City Market

4th of July parade

Maintain public grounds, when available

### HOSPITALITY - Mel T. & Sal W.

Arrange for volunteers to sign up each month for snacks & beverages

Send birthday, get well, sympathy cards to members, as required

### MEETING EVENTS – Heidi W.

Secure speakers, programs, workshop or garden club member for presentation at meetings

### NON-MEETING EVENTS - ?

Plan outings, such as dinner or breakfast at restaurant, day trips, member garden visits, picnic, Christmas party, etc.

### MEMBERSHIP – Sal W

Keep membership roster up to date. Forward new member info to GCI. Accept application & dues from new member, give dues to Treasurer. Present new member with “welcome” folder. At first several meetings, engage with new member to make them feel welcome.

### NEWSLETTER – Shirley W.

Create monthly newsletter by compiling info received from members. Send on first of the month.

### PLANT & CRAFT SALE – Sharon F.

Chairman – oversee all aspects of Sale, including soliciting vendors, communicate with Park District – Sharon F.

Core Committee members – flyers, publicity, select plants, pick the order, sell pricing, vendor layout, sign placement, be involved in every aspect of the Sale – Carol F, Carol O, Heidi, Jennifer, Katie L.

Other members – organize the delivered plants, water plants, collect boxes, be available day of sale, cashiers, holding, general helpers – all members

### PUBLICITY/MARKETING – Sal W. & Katie L.

Contact with events in a timely manner: City sign and newsletter editor, Park District brochure and Golden Nuggets, local free advertising in papers, paid advertising in GardenGlories

### SOCIAL MEDIA – Kris N. & Jennifer K.

Keep FaceBook and other social media sites up to date

## **WATERING GUIDE BY DEBBIE DANEK**

Many clients ask how often they should water their newly installed plants. Here is a guide that I share with them. Hopefully this will help any questions regarding watering.

### **NEW PLANT MATERIAL AND GRASS WATERING GUIDE**

Most trees and shrubs need 1" of water per week during the growing season. A rain gauge is very helpful. If it doesn't rain, manual watering is necessary for the plant's health. Water slowly and deeply to encourage deep root growth. Allow soil to dry slightly between watering.

Do not water the leaves, water the base of the plant. The roots need the water to take it up to the leaves, flowers and plant. Very dry soil will be slow to take up water so you may need to water one plant, go to the next and come back to the previous plant to make sure the water soaks in.

### **SHADE, EVERGREEN AND ORNAMENTAL TREES**

Water the base of plant using a slow trickle for 10-15 minutes or 1 hour with a soaker hose. Water daily or up to 3 times a week. Check to see if the ground is soggy or too dry.

### **EVERGREEN SHRUBS, DECIDIOUS SHRUBS, AND PERENNIALS**

Water the base of the plant every other day for the first 2 weeks. Water at least once a week for the rest of the season.

### **SOD**

Keep sod moist until the sod has taken root. This will occur when you cannot pull back the pieces of sod from the ground anymore. Rooting of sod takes 7-10 days.

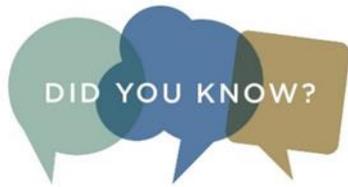
**DO NOT LET THE SOD DRY OUT!!!**

### **GRASS SEED**

Water new grass seed immediately after planted. Keep the area moist in order for the seeds to germinate. Depending upon the temperature, you may have to water twice a day.

**\*\*\*Watering schedule may vary depending upon the weather.** When 1" or more of rain falls, you may count that as one watering period. BEFORE every watering, check the ground for moisture content to see if plants need to be watered. Push back mulch and feel if soil is cool and moist. If it is, the plant should be fine for another day or two until the soil is dry. Be careful, too much watering is just as bad as too little.

**\*\*\*\*Pruning is also important to a plant's health.** Most pruning should be done **AFTER** the tree/shrub has flowered. Spring flowering shrubs should be pruned after they flower. This ensures that any potential blooms for the year are not cut off. If the plant appears to be "getting out of hand", go ahead and cut back to where you think it should be.



### **Laura Banger**

- \*Joined the Garden Club in 2014
- \*Has lived in Rolling Meadows for 22 years
- \*Growing up in Arlington Heights, fellow club member Kris Niemann, was my backyard neighbor! Small world!!

### **Mark Havel**

- \*Joined the Garden Club in 2015
- \*Has lived in Rolling Meadows for 16 years
- \*Mark was a Letter Carrier in Wilmette for 31 years! He has 1 adult son. His hobbies are woodworking, and of course, gardening!

### **Janice Babiartz**

- \*Joined the Garden Club in 2012 maybe??
- \*Has lived in Rolling Meadows for 32 years.
- \*During Covid, Janice started sewing face masks. She has 2 adult children, a daughter living at home and a son in Colorado who is a Rocket Scientist!



## **2021 PHOTO CONTEST**

Snap your favorite garden photo! Be it a landscape view or a close-up.

Here are the rules:

Limited to one (1) photo per member per month, couples as individuals.

Must be from current month (to show seasonal change).

Must be emailed to Shirley no later than the 28th of each month.

Each month members can vote for one (1) picture, not your own, **EACH MONTH**, by emailing your vote to Shirley or Carol O. no later than the 28th.

**NOTE: YOU DON'T HAVE TO SUMIT A PHOTO IN ORDER TO VOTE OR A PHOTO EVERY MONTH.**

At our Holiday party, the five photos with the most votes will be voted on again for a first, second & third place cash prize. **THERE ARE 10 PHOTOS ENTERED FOR JUNE. No. 36 to No. 45**



No. 36



No. 37



No. 38



No. 39



No. 40



No. 41



No. 42



No.43



No. 44



No. 45

MAY PHOTO VOTES

No. 29 - 2 votes



No. 32 - 1 vote



No. 30 - 2 votes



No. 33 - 3 votes



No. 31 - 1 vote



No. 35 - 3 votes

