

The Trowel



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President's Prose

Dear Members and Friends,

What a dreary spring we have had so far! The sun tries so hard to shine for a day or two, but Oh My Goodness what a lot of rain we have had! I hope you have all had a chance to plant your plants and that the rewards of all the rain will be beautiful flowers soon!!

I attended the Memorial Day Observance Celebration yesterday at Saint Paul Cemetery on Lake Street and was delighted to see several of our members there too. The atmosphere, the lovely morning (sun was shining), the music and the pomp and ceremony of speeches, presenting of the colors and at the end the solemn and inspiring playing of "Taps" was really moving. And it certainly set the tone for all of us to remember those who have fallen to make our land safe. The Bloomingdale Garden Club once again provided carnations for the guests to take and place on the graves of fallen heroes. Amazingly, there are graves there that date back to the War of 1812!

Our Plant Sale was a huge success and you will read more about it later in the article from Linda Kunesh - again a huge thanks to Linda and her Committee for all the hours, the effort and the attention to detail. And thanks again to all of you who participated to make it the success it was.

And the Community Garden is once again in the process of being planted! Gail Sanders and her Committee have been hard at work preparing for this year's growing season and being able to contribute fresh produce to the Food Pantry. Please remember that this is "your" garden and sign up to help water and weed during the summer.

I want to mention again for those who were not at the last meeting Linda Kunesh and I attended the Bloomingdale Parks Board Meeting last Monday to say "Thank you" for the magnificent co-operation we enjoy with Joe Potts and his staff. We gave a brief history of our Club and our achievements (and longevity)! and announced the results of the Plant Sale. The Board expressed their delight at this partnership and encouraged the club to continue to move forward with our endeavors.

We have a wonderful membership - caring, kind and considerate! Thank you all - it is such a pleasure - indeed such a privilege - to be part of this group!

Joyce Basel

"A garden enfolds us into the seasons, reminding us always that we are in the cycle ourselves." —Frances Mayes

Spring Meetings

March — Michelle Nichols — The Science of Climate Change Michelle defined “Climate” as the pattern of what you expect to get year after year. Global Warming is an overall warming of the planet, based on average temperature over the entire surface. Michelle shared that changes in climate do have an impact on plant life, animals, etc. There has also been changes to the gardening zones over the years.

April — Linda Kunesh — Plant Sale Preparation

Linda and her plant sale committee gave those attending a wonderful overview of the upcoming plant sale. Volunteer opportunities to work at the sale and provide food were available.

May— Cindy Crosby—Dragonflies and Damselflies

Cindy, with her husband Jeff on the power point, gave an informative and highly entertaining program introducing us to these beautiful creatures.



Plant Sale Raffle Winners

Here are the winners of the 5 Raffles and the Silent Auction, both held at the Plant Sale.

Shade Pot—Ken Johnson
Sun Pot—Eileen Spaman
Cardinal Picture—Paulette W.
Lily Picture—Jeff Dengler
Quilt—Sandy V.
Daylily Oil Painting—Joyce Basel

Congratulations to All!!!



Gardening Advice

Real Simple magazine, June 2018, shared some fun gardening tips:

1. Keep a bar of soap in your garden tool bag and run your nails over it before gardening. It prevents dirt from getting under your nails.
2. Weed your garden first thing in the morning. A pleasant way to start your day and the ground is still moist from the dew, making the weeds easier to pull.
3. Put a \$5 plant in a \$10 hole. Enrich the soil and your will be rewarded with healthy plants.
4. Mulch everything. It saves water and creates an energy source around the plant. Newspaper, shredded cardboard and straw work well.
5. To keep rabbits from eating tulips, lilies and other yummy flowers, spray them about once a week with homemade garlic oil. Marinate crushed garlic cloves in vegetable oil, put the mixture in a spray bottle with water in equal parts. Spray it around the plants. Works well and lasts through a rainfall.



2019 Flower & Plant Sale Exceeded Our Expectations!

Thanks to Bloomingdale Garden Club members, their families, and friends, Bloomingdale Park District, and two amazing pre-sale orders, this year's Flower & Plant Sale surpassed every sale in the Club's history! We had a **profit of \$9,400** – \$13,386 came from 62 pre-sale orders, \$12,781 were collected from 320 purchases during the days of sale!

This year's result was \$3,000 MORE than any other year's sale. INCREDIBLE! Read on to see some of the highlights of our 2019 Sale:

Woldhuis Farms Sunrise Greenhouse once again provided beautiful plants!

Bloomingdale Park District purchased more than they have in the past.

George Holtz's son, George, purchased more than \$1,000 for two plant stands he runs in Milwaukee.

Another amazing pre-sale order was from Leslie Mabbott who owns her own gardening business, assisting clients to plan and plant beautiful gardens! Leslie's order was more than \$2,400! You may remember Leslie as a former president of the Roselle Garden Club, a Master Gardener, and a member of the Park District's Community Garden Steering Committee.

At the end of our Sale, George purchased the remaining plants, giving us a profit, to boot!

Thirty three (33) [58%] of our 57 current and new Club members personally contributed their time over the course of many days! We also had the help of family members & friends.

We set up for the Sale on Wednesday afternoon.

Twenty nine (29) people helped unload and inventory the plants prior to pulling the pre-sale orders.

We also moved the delivery time to Thursday morning at 9 a.m. This was a good thing as there was terrible traffic on the expressways the driver had to take to reach us. Even though he arrived late, this earlier delivery time helped us get all the pre-sale orders pulled, checked, and the remaining plants re-inventoried.

Those who submitted a pre-sale order picked up their order Thursday evening and were allowed to "shop early" for additional plants. This is another great reason to submit a pre-sale order – you can shop early!

We opened our Sale on Friday on time at 9 AM! Hours were Friday, 9 AM to 6 PM and Saturday, 9 AM to 5 PM.

Despite the lousy spring weather we've had, we made \$1,500 from perennials. Again, Rob, a community member, donated many plants for our sale (and even helped unload the truck)! At the very end of the Sale, a gentleman came and bought ALL the remaining perennials.

Soil for the perennials was donated by Leslie Mabbott & Joe Pots.

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Plant Sale Continued.....

A special thanks to Carole Lockerbie, Kathy Mikutis, and Bobbi Pulido for helping customers in the perennial area.

Bloomington Park District once again allowed us to have our Perennial Potting Party at the Maintenance Building the week before the Sale. This was a huge contribution.

Tables rented to us by Rental Max again were at a reduced cost.

George Holtz's 2-tiered racks once again beautifully displayed our hanging baskets which were organized by club members Cathy Kreis, Chris Magnatowski, and we welcomed back Roberta DiBasilio, former club member, who has helped with the hanging baskets in the past. Their work was outstanding!

Master Gardeners were on-site throughout Friday and Saturday to assist customers and to answer gardening questions. They also supported our efforts by being "customers."

Cathy Kreis provided "Mary Fortino's Italian Beef in a Crock Pot" Thursday evening. Jennifer Moore and Kathryn Kacalo provided sandwiches for us on Thursday. Cathy Gall and Linda Kunesh provided sloppy Joes on Friday. Esther Ahlrich provided the delicious pulled pork for lunch on Saturday. MANY club members provided additional goodies & treats. Cathy Kreis kept all of this organized! PLUS, we were able to share our delicious food with Park District staff that worked so hard to clean out the building for our Sale!!!

Pastor Jeremy, his wife Sara, Jen Koenig and Thom Elliot of Cornerstone Faith Community Church (formerly St. Paul Church) cooked us breakfast on Saturday! The smell of those pancakes and sausage reached all the way to the parking lot!

Publicity efforts by Jamie Schneck (with initial support from Akhila Meda) resulted in notices about our Flower & Plant Sale being published in the *Daily Herald* and other news papers multiple times each month, beginning in early 2019! Jamie also is credited for getting notice about our Sale in many other publications. Publicity efforts were further supported by Cathy Gall's postings on Facebook, Henia Sullivan's and Jamie's fliers advertising our sale, Dan Vitacco's postings on our website, & the Park District and Village posting information about our sale, as well.

Proven Winners provided us with 400 copies of the *Gardener's Idea Book*. Cathy Gall made beautiful labels for these that noted they were compliments of Bloomington Garden Club and advertised our Sale. The books were distributed to area libraries and other locations around the village prior to the Sale.

Our partnership with Joe Potts and the Bloomington Park District continues to be amazing and frankly, is the envy of many other garden clubs in District 2. Any time we asked Joe for something, his response was "Of course!"

We again provided the opportunity for customers to use credit cards rather than cash or check. These purchases resulted in 64 sales totaling \$3,665! Next year, we'll be sure to "advertise" that there will be a \$2 service charge for use of a credit card.

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Plant Sale Continued...

Our wonderful raffles netted \$314! We were especially grateful to Esther Ahlrich, Pauline Thomas-Brown, and Linda Martin for the great job they did selling raffle tickets!,

Items for sale included beautiful nature crafts made by Carole Lockerbie & Cheryl Svee, along with used gardening books & magazines, soil, Cheryl's wonderful hand sanitizer, gourd bird house, a silent auction, and some pottery and vases. Total sales was \$430!

Our Flower and Plant Sale supported our Plot-to-Plate Community Garden, WINGS, two area churches, and of course will support our charitable donations that we determine in January of each year.

Special thanks go to Cheryl for all her finance tasks; to our wonderful cashiers, Cheryl, Henia, and Cathy G.; Henia, Cathy K. & Cathy G. for all their time selecting the plants; and to Cathy G. for developing the inventory!

SUPER thanks goes to Henia for the hours and hours she spent tabulating the pre-sale orders!

The Plant Sale Committee will de-brief in early June. If you have ideas or suggestions for next year's Sale or wish we had a certain plant available, please contact one of the Committee members listed below.

Thanks to so many of you, Bloomingdale Park District, Sunrise Greenhouse, families and friends our 2019 Sale was AWESOME! As Cathy Kreis said: "I've never had so much fun working so hard!" Many of us felt the same way!

And finally, we just want to say, it's not about the money we made, although it will allow us to do good things in the community. It's actually about building and strengthening friendships, having a good time, and laughing a LOT!

Your 2019 Plant Sale Committee: Joyce Basel, Cathy Gall, Kathryn Kacalo, Cathy Kreis, Linda Kunesh, Akhila Meda, Jennifer Moore, Jamie Schneck, Joan Skotleski, Henia Sullivan, Cheryl Svee, & Kelly Vitacco.

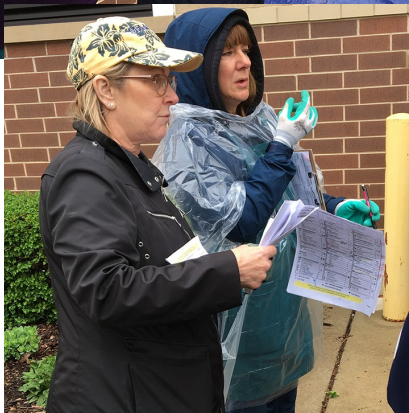
******On behalf of the committee, I would like to thank Linda for her untiring and insane amount of work in this endeavor. ****** Cathy Kreis

"But friendship is precious, not only in the shade, but in the sunshine of life, and thanks to a benevolent arrangement the greater part of life is sunshine."

—Thomas Jefferson

Bloomingdale Garden Club - 2019 Plant Sale						
Financial Report						
Income:						
Pre-orders	13,385.70	62	sales			
Collected Days of Sale	12,780.09	320	Sales			
Gift Certificates	70.00					
	26,235.79					
Expenses:						
Woldhuis Farms Invoice	15,419.36					
Tables - Rental Max	300.00					
Supplies (Raffle planters, tablecloths, basket sleeves, pizza, posters, misc supplies)	411.63					
Refunds	113.50					
Gift Certifs Redeemed	205.00					
U of I Ext. Master Gardener Help Desk	100.00					
Printing, Paper, Labels, Ink	64.03					
Tip for Delivery Men	40.00					
Credit Card Fees	100.79					
	16,754.31					
Net/Profit	9,481.48					
Other Notes/Fun Facts:						
Credit Card Sales	3665.00	64	Sales			
Fees Incurred	(100.79)	124.00	Fees Collected			
	3,564.21	23.21	Profit on fees			
Total Raffle Collected	354.00					
Raffle Costs (Planters, plants)	(40.11)					
Net	313.89					
Perennials	1,500.00					
Plant Donations:						
Gift Items/Other:						
Aprons	45.00			DPCC*		400.00
Birdhouse Gourds	21.00			Plot to Plate		39.42
Books	21.50			St Paul Church		37.50
Hand Sanitizer	63.00			Wings		50.52
Silent Auction	30.00			Medinah School		26.60
Soil	85.00			Park District		25.00
Wreaths	24.00			Fellowship Church		39.90
Garden Art, Vases, misc	141.00			St Luke Church		28.40
	430.50			BGC members		21.29
					TOTAL	668.63
				*Approved at January meeting		

Plant Sale Photos....



More Plant Sale Photos



Upcoming 2019 Programs

June 18

Sharon Yiesla

Hydrangeas are Hot



Sharon will teach us about the many hydrangea varieties produced in cultivation by selective breeding that are prominent in landscaping. Learn more about the species available and their care.

July 16

Mike Nowak

That Ain't No Way to Treat a Tree

Mike will answer the following questions and more. 1. Do tree roots break into sewer or water lines? 2. If your tree sustains a "wound", should you cover it over with tree wound paint? 3. When you plant a lawn under a tree, does the tree always win? 4. Do most trees have a deep tap root that keeps them well anchored to the soil?

August 20

Marcy Lautanen-Raleigh
Become an Herbal Gourmet

Marcy will give us a simple overview to help us utilize the herbs we grow in our own gardens. Using sampling and demonstration we will leave not only with recipes, but skills to try them on our own.



Meeting Reminders:

We start with a social time at 6:15 PM,
followed by a business meeting.
Programs will begin at approximately
7:00-7:15 PM.

Woldhuis Farms Funny

Our plant provider, Woldhuis Farms Sunrise Greenhouse, Inc. had the following quotes on their email news recently:

"For an additional \$4.99, we will provide you with a receipt that matches what you told your spouse you spent on plants."

"Growing your own tomatoes is the best way to devote 3 months of your life to saving \$2.17."



Visit their website:

www.woldhuisfarms.com

A Thank You from WINGS



This note was received following a donation of flowers after our plant sale....

Dear Bloomingdale Garden Club,

Thank you so much for making a difference in our clients' lives and giving them hope for the future.

Tabitha

Tabitha included a note from a client in shared housing...

Because of the flowers, vegetables and soil that you donated I was able to plant a garden for the first time which gives me hope that one day I might have my own garden.

BLOOMINGDALE GARDEN CLUB MEMBERS & DUPAGE MASTER GARDENERS PLANT AT DUPAGE CARE CENTER

Saturday, May 18th was a beautiful day for planting the annuals at DuPage Care Center. A big thanks goes to Akhila Meda, Linda Kunesh, Jennifer Moore, Joan Skotleski, and Cheryl Svee! They joined five Master Gardeners to plant the Rainbow Garden, other in-ground gardens, and containers at the Center. The end result was BEAUTIFUL!!!



The Center's residents, their families, and the staff are truly appreciative of our Club's ongoing flower donations and commitment of time to make the Secret Garden a beautiful outdoor oasis that is enjoyed by so many.

BLOOMINGDALE GARDEN CLUB INVITED TO ATTEND FAMILY & FRIENDS DAY AT DUPAGE CARE CENTER

Mark your calendar for Sunday, July 21. We're all invited to attend DPCC's Family & Friends Day in the Garden between 1 & 3:00. The Center is located at 400 N. County Farm Rd., Wheaton. Park in any space behind the building designated for visitor or volunteer.

You'll have the opportunity to see the results of our help in planting, along with meeting the Resident Gardeners and see how successful and beautiful their gardens are.

Organic Gardening Tip of the Month

Beetle Battle



Japanese Beetles have arrived...time for action.

Early in the day, before they get active, brush them off plants into a pail of soapy water. Sometimes you can also do this in the evening when they have gone to rest.

For those brave enough, you can squish them too!

The Community Garden is Planted!

Despite the cool and wet weather, we have managed to plant most of our Plot-to-Plate garden. On April 26, Kathy Mikutis, Cheryl Svee and Gail Sanders planted cold hearty vegetables – cabbage, carrots, kale, lettuce, onions, peas, potatoes, radishes, Swiss chard and some herbs. We put down straw between the sections of the garden to provide an area for walkways and to reduce the amount of mud we got on our shoes. On May 24, we were able to plant the warm loving vegetables – acorn squash, basil, butternut squash, cucumbers, eggplant, 5 kinds of peppers, 7 kinds of tomatoes, and zucchini. Thank you to Cathy Kreis for helping with this planting.

We asked for help with weeding and watering the club's garden and got the following response:

May 26 - June 1 Gail Sanders

June 9-15 Carole Lockerbie

June 23 - 29 Jamie Schenk

July 7 - 13 Susan Glick-Shore

July 21 - 27 Jeff Dengler

August 4 - 10

August 18 - 24

September 1 - 7 Joyce Basel

September 15 – 21

September 29 - October 5

October 13 - Gail Sanders & Cheryl Svee

June 2 - 8 Jennifer Moore

June 16-22 Linda Kunesh & Henia Sullivan

June 30 - July 6 Cathy Kreis

July 14 - 20 Barbara Weisenburger

July 28 - August 3 Joyce Basel

August 11 - 17 Laurie Dring

August 25 – 31

Sept. 8 - 14 Linda Kunesh & Henia Sullivan

September 22 - 28

October 6 - 12 Cheryl Svee

It would be good to have two people each week so if you can help, please let me know. I will bring the sign-up sheet to the next meeting for people to volunteer or you can email me. We had two donations to our garden. Cathy Kreis donated a new hose to replace the ones that we had which had sprung leaks and Jeff Dengler will donate a new watering wand to attach to the new hose. Thank you to both of them. We look forward to a wonderful garden with lots of produce to donate to the food pantry.



Good Bugs For Your Garden – Birds & Blooms May 2019

Good gardeners know the benefits of good bugs. Most insects, spiders and the other invertebrates that get lumped together into the generic “bug” category can really be beneficial in the garden. Take a look at why you want these in your yard.



Predatory Beetles and Bugs Among the hundreds of thousands of species in the Coleoptera (beetles) and Hemiptera (true bugs) insect orders are many predatory creatures, which dine on their plant-eating kin. Tiger, soldier, ground and ladybird beetles, along with assassin and pirate bugs, are just a few you should welcome to your garden as residents.

Bees, Wasps and Ants All bee species are important pollinators, which are largely responsible for the seeds, nuts, berries, fruits and other plant foods that form the bottom of the food chain, feeding both people and wildlife. So don't be so quick to shoo them away. You'll want to welcome wasps and ants as well. Avid predators, they're constantly patrolling, picking your garden clean of pests. Caterpillars Butterflies and moths are attractive; they're also important pollinators. Even better, their caterpillars attract birds. More than 95 percent of backyard birds rely on caterpillars as a primary food for their young. Attracting these insects to your garden essentially means attracting more birds.

Spiders These arachnids are some of the most helpful garden invertebrates, but they're also among the most maligned. All spiders are predatory and feed on insects, whether they hunt using skillfully woven webs (argiope and orb-weaver spiders), by ambush (tarantulas and trap-door spiders) or by stalking (wolf and jumping spiders).

Dragonflies and Damselflies These aerial acrobats are a double threat. In their adult phase, they feed on all manner of flying insects, from mosquitoes to biting flies and gnats, but their aquatic larvae are no slouches, either, devouring the larvae of the same pests.

So now that you know some of the good bugs for your garden, what can you do to attract them? **First** of all, plant native species, which can support 60 percent more native insects than some of the more exotic ornamentals. **Second**, don't be too tidy. A natural garden design will provide hiding and hibernation spots, as well as food and places to nest. **Finally**, stop using pesticides. This can be tough to do if you rely on them regularly, but they kill beneficial insects along with the ones you don't want. And in the long run, they disrupt the natural order, making it more likely you'll have overall pest problems.

3 BUGS YOU DON'T WANT

Mosquitoes Not only do mosquitoes cause an itchy welt when they bite, they spread diseases. Eliminate stagnant water in your yard, where mosquitoes breed (clogged gutters are a common culprit), and wear insect repellent.

Fire Ants These exotic ants were introduced to Alabama almost a century ago and have been proliferating ever since. They have an extremely painful sting and are displacing many native ant species. Avoid their large mounds, or call a professional exterminator to eliminate them in your yard.

Ticks These parasitic arachnids spread diseases and are especially problematic in areas with large deer populations. Avoid areas of tall grass where ticks lie in wait. Mow pathways in your garden, wear long pants tucked into socks, and check yourself and pets after outdoor time.

2019 Perennial Plant Association's National Symposium in Chicago

The Perennial Plant Association's National Symposium is July 28 - August 2, 2019.

Held in conjunction with All-America Selections and National Garden Bureau, the National Symposium will be in Rosemont, IL, in the Chicago, IL area.

The National Symposium includes a three-day core symposium (Tuesday - Thursday) that features world-renowned speakers including Piet Oudolf and Roy Diblik, tours of Chicago, and 2 great dinners! Extend your trip to Chicago and join for an additional day of education on Monday or see all that Chicago and the surrounding area has to offer with optional tours on Sunday, Monday, and Friday.

Take a look at our schedule brochure and use the top navigation links to see complete details for each day. The website is www.perennialplant.org

You won't want to miss this opportunity to see Chicago! Chicago truly lives up to its motto "Urbs in horto" (city in a garden). More than 570 parks and public gardens span 7,600 acres. Landscape luminaries—from Frederick Law Olmsted Sr., and Jens Jensen to Dutch plantsman Piet Oudolf—have created some of the most spectacular settings for Chicago. Oudolf transformed the 2.5-acre site along the city's lakefront into Lurie Garden—a wild and contemporary urban landscape and the world's largest green roof. There's the new "606"—2.7 miles of abandoned rail line designed as a multi-use recreational trail and spectacular green space. There's the Shedd Aquarium, Northerly Island and so much more to experience.



"This patient shows signs of infection. Let's start a fungicide drip."



"Target acquired. Drop on my mark. Three, two, one..."

Both comics from the Grumpy Gardener, Southern Living Magazine

Good Cheer-Member Concerns

Remember our Shut-Ins with a phone call, note or a visit: George Holtz, Jane Czyzewski, Vivian Krotz and Delores Franson.

****I count on you, the members, to be the eyes and ears. Do not assume that I or others know of problems. We are not gossips but caring friends. Keep each other aware and help where you are able.**

Thank you!

Jennifer Moore, Good Cheer

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Travel News

How does a Travel Agency Open...and work...What is Required?

There's a lot to learn before you can open a travel agency! You have to have accreditation with IATA and ARC -- this validation assures the public that they are dealing with a person who knows how to sell travel! To open a travel agency back in 1986 you were required to post a surety bond in the value of \$10,000 - or you could post a cash bond, in that same amount. About 20 years ago, that surety or cash bond, for new agencies, was increased to \$20,000 to open a travel agency. Along with the financial aspect there is the issue of education, business ethics, and a strong ability to work with complicated airline ticketing procedures. Included in that requirement is the desire to 'serve' the needs of the traveling public, and represent all carriers to the public., domestic or international carriers.

IATA stands for the International Air Transportation Association, and ARC stands for Airline Reporting Corporation. IATA is almost self explanatory. You have to be able to represent the World, therefore, international competency is required. ARC is the way to sell all tickets, and while 'forwarding' or 'clearing' the cost of an airline ticket, the agency/agent is permitted to earn a 'commission' for selling all airline tickets. ARC is a 'clearing house' for all air carriers, whether domestic or international. Every week a travel agency must submit an Air Report, advising the ARC of each and every airline ticket that was sold from the agency for the week before. If you had no sales for the previous week, you can omit sending in a report, however, most agencies, like Travel Techniques, will produce a report and file it with the ARC anyway, thereby maintaining a consistent communication for their records with ARC.

Here's an example of how ARC works - if you purchase an airline ticket with United and on the day of your travel there is a mechanical problem with United's flight departure and all the passengers are put on other carriers who have space available for your particular destination, then the price you paid for your ticket, will not be given to United, but rather, via the ARC process, the funds taken in will be dispersed to the actual carrier that you were transferred to, in this case Delta! In other words, you flew on Delta, rather than United, so ARC will process the funds to the airline that you ultimately traveled on! It's really a very simple process for ARC to make sure the funds get to the airline who performed the 'lift' for you, not the ticketing airline!

For sure not all agencies are IATA/ARC compliant - they don't have to be - to sell travel. Most travel agents want to work with IATA/ARC compliant agencies. You have to have everything in place, beginning with a desire to sell travel, and the educational requirements. Some of my clients have asked how to get started in a Travel Field occupation. I would direct them to any travel agency with IATA/ARC membership! You might have to take a cut in pay from your present career, but over years, a well trained travel agent will increase his/her value to the travel company they represent!

Marilyn Dattilo - Travel Techniques—IATA 14-535894

Bloomington Garden Club

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We're on the Web!

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(Membership) Henia Sullivan
*2nd Vice President.....Laurie Dring
(Programs)
Program Committee....Joan Skotleski, Deb Dolphin
*Publicity.....Jamie Schneck
Publicity Committee
Newsletter.....Cathy Kreis
Website.....Dan Vitacco
*Treasurer.....Cheryl Svec
Good Cheer.....Jennifer Moore
Hospitality.....Chris Magnatowski
Hospitality Committee.. Kelly Vitacco, Akhila Meda
*Recording Secretary.....Cathy Kreis
*Ways & Means.....Linda Kunesh
*Corresponding
Secretary.....Joyce Basel
Plot-To-Plate.....Gail Sanders
Photo Contest.....Carole Lockerbie
Memorial Garden.....Joyce Basel
Farmer's Market.....Carole Lockerbie
Market Cancelled for Summer 2019

*Denotes Executive Board

The Bloomington Garden club was formed to encourage the advancement of gardening, development of home grounds and civic beautification. To stimulate interest, knowledge and love of gardening among amateurs. To aid in the protection of native trees, flowers and birds. To further the extermination of noxious weeds and to cooperate with other organizations in the beautification of the community.

Membership is open to all persons at his or her request of application regardless of residence. Annual dues for a single new member are \$20 and \$25 for a couple, when paid January 1-June 30. Half year dues for a single new member are \$10, and \$12.50 per couple when paid July 1 thru December 31.

Visitors are always welcome, but we encourage them to join the club after 3 visits in order to help out with the costs of our monthly programming.



*"The hum of bees is the
voice of the garden."
—Elizabeth Lawrence*

