

The Trowel



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BLOOMINGDALE GARDEN CLUB NEWSLETTER

Greetings from our **President**



*This is our 2020
Annual Flower
& Plant Sale
Issue — See inside
for everything you
need to know!*



Hello Dear Members and Friends,

While it is bitterly cold outside, the sunshine is streaming into my office in my new little house, and the scene outside is really quite pretty, even though there is still patches of white in the shaded areas. I cannot wait for spring to come to see the shoots on the trees and the grass turn green.

While it has not been a terribly cold winter, it has been a really dreary one. With so many cloudy, gloomy days—a bright sunny one, like today, is really welcome.

Thank you to everyone who attended our Annual Business Meeting in January. I thought it was an energetic and informative meeting and I appreciated the input from our members.

Thank you again to our hardworking Board members especially those who have retired after years of serving. We are saying a sad farewell to Cathy Kreis who is moving closer to family in Indiana. Jamie Schneck has volunteered to take on *The Trowel* and Joan Skotleski is Recording Secretary. After years and years in this position, Chris Magnatowski and Akhila Meda have handed over Hospitality to Laurie Jenkins with Susan Glick-

Shore and Carole Lockerbie. Chris will remain liaison with the Nursing home on our behalf. Welcome to our new Board members!

And our meeting last Tuesday was again interesting and we all learned a lot about Bees. At the same time we enjoyed having visitors again and welcomed two new members!! This is a really great start to the year.

I think the one thing that got me in the mood for spring was when Linda announced that we have the new Proven Winner books!! These are so beautiful and so inspiring—I do hope that you all took a few to hand to friends and neighbors. The Plant Sale is not too far away. Special order forms should be out soon and we can all get busy dreaming about how spectacular our gardens will look this year!

The weatherman announced that the weekend will be mild and sunny—perhaps some of us will find an early crocus peeking through!! Aaah yes, spring is around the corner.

Looking forward to seeing all of you again soon!

Joyce Basel

Symbolic Meaning of Flowers

from Southern Living

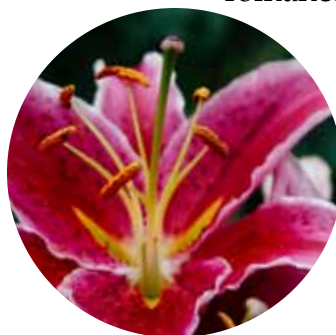


English Daisy

A bright symbol of new beginnings

Pink Roses

Express love and gratitude. (Red is for romance.)



Lily

This timeless blossom is tied to motherhood.

Hydrangea

Shades of pink represent sincere love and devotion.



Peony

Bold, pillowy blooms convey honor and beauty.

Tulips

The pink petals symbolize enduring love for family.



Gerbera Daisy

Cheery stems send messages of happiness.

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The Bloomingtondale 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.



Attending: Sandy Kappeler, Hernia Sullivan, Jennifer Moore, Mary Sue Fornari, Joseph Boccuzzi, Kelly Vitacco, Kathryn Kacalo, Laurie Johns, Joyce Basel, Joseph Boryla, Maureen Gibson, Joan Anne Skotlesk, Carole Lockerbie, Linda Kunesh, Esther Ahlrich, Barbara Weisenburger, Jamie Schneck, Chris Magnatowski, Kathy Mikutis, (not in photo) Janiel Price, Akhila Meda, Roberta Pulido, and Jeffery Dengler.

A Fond Farewell to Cathy Kreis



A farewell party for Cathy Kreis was held at Carole Lockerbie's home on Sunday, February 23rd and was attended by a very respectable group of our members. This party was co-hosted by Carole and Linda Kunesh and was a most enjoyable event with lots of food, libation and camaraderie.

Joyce made Cathy a beautiful floral arrangement and gave a short "farewell" speech in which she thanked Cathy for her long and energetic membership. Cathy has served on several committees over the years including Programs and the Plant Sale committees. Most recently she has been the

club's Recording Secretary and, of course, she introduced and published *The Trowel*—which is considered one of the very best newsletters of any garden club in the area!

Joyce especially thanked Cathy for her concern and kindness to our senior members over the years. We will definitely miss her!

A gift card in the amount of \$300+ which was collected by Linda as a farewell present, was given to Cathy to purchase something (botanical) for their new home in Indiana. We hope it will grow wonderfully and always remind them of their friends in Bloomingdale.

Bloomington Garden Club 2020 Donations

*We are so thankful
for Cheryl's time and
talent contributions
as Club Treasurer.
Thank you Cheryl!*

December 31, 2019

Kimberly A Blair,
Registered Tax Prac-
titioner from Ahlrich
Accounting, Inc. in
Bloomington wrote:

To Whom it Concerns:

I was asked by
Cheryl Svec to do
an audit of the books
and records from
January 1, 2017 to
September 30, 2019
for the Bloomington
Garden Club.

I have reviewed
all deposits, checks
written, money trans-
fers, and invoices.
I have compared
every entry on the
check register to the
bank statements and
invoices.

I am pleased to
inform you that there
are no discrepancies.
Every penny spent
and received has
been accounted for.

Cheryl Svec has
been very thorough
in her bookkeeping,
and in keeping all
records together.

Bloomington VFW Post 7539—A service organization which provides inactive and active veteran assistance, senior assistance, flag disposal and honor guard. <http://www.vfw7539.org/> **\$ 750.00**

Cornerstone Faith Community Church—A non-denominational Christian Church in Bloomington. (Provides meeting space and other assistance to the BGC.) <https://cornerstonefaith.church/> **\$ 1,000.00**

DuPage Care Center (DPCC) (Plants)—DPCC provides quality long term care as well as short term rehabilitative services to DuPage County residents in a professional and cost effective manner. https://www.dupageco.org/Convalescent_Center/6086/ **\$ 800.00**

DuPage Pads—Mission is to end homelessness in DuPage County. Provides interim and permanent housing, coupled with support services to help individuals work to become self-sufficient. <https://dupagepads.org/> **\$ 1,000.00**

Fellowship Church—A non-denominational Christian Church in Carol Stream. (Donation for Food Ministry). <http://fellowshipchurch.info/church/> **\$ 200.00**

Garden Works Project—Promote organic suburban agriculture to improve the well-being of our community, the environment, and those facing food insecurity. <http://www.gardenworksproject.org/> **\$ 750.00**

Humanitarian Service Project—Assists impoverished families living in DuPage County by providing nutritious food to seniors, birthday presents and school supplies for children and Christmas meals and gifts to needy families. <http://hsp.agency/> **\$ 500.00**

Midwest Shelter for Homeless Vets—Provides housing, supportive services and community outreach to help homeless and at-risk veterans and their families achieve self-sufficiency. <http://www.helpaveteran.org/> **\$ 1,500.00**

Stepping Stones—Provides emotional support, financial assistance, a safe environment and career opportunities to a woman and her children who are victims of domestic violence. <http://www.steppingstonesroselle.org/> **\$ 1,000.00**

We Grow Dreams—A not-for-profit greenhouse and garden center providing job training and employment opportunities to people with disabilities. <https://www.wegrowdreams.org/> **\$ 450.00**

WINGS—Provides housing, integrated services, education and advocacy to end domestic violence. <https://wingsprogram.com/> **\$ 450.00**

Total \$ 8,400.00

Bloomingtondale Garden Club 2020 Budget

Membership Dues to GCI	\$360
Plant Sale	\$13,570
Monthly Programs	\$1,600
Donations	\$8,400
Community Garden.....	\$150
Liability Insurance	\$75
Miscellaneous (GCI event raffle, Senior fair flowers, Memorial Day flowers, etc.)	\$150
Misc. Supplies.....	\$100
Postage (Good Cheer & Membership).....	\$150
Good Cheer (Flowers for members).....	\$200
Helping Hands	\$1,000
Total	\$25,755

MEMBERSHIP ROSTER UPDATES

You'll notice some changes to the current 2020 membership roster. We've added a photo for each member. It'll serve as a great reminder for those of us who are terrible at remembering names (yes, I'm sometimes guilty of that!!). We've also added a column showing the year that each of us joined the club.

- Please review your personal information and let me know any changes/updates that need to be made
- Email a photo, that can be added to the roster, along with the year you became a member, to Cathy Gall at jocagallfam@att.net

MEMBERSHIP DUES

If you did not update your membership dues at the February 18th meeting, please mail a check to Cheryl Svec at 704 S. Rosedale, Roselle, IL 60172. \$20 for single membership or \$25 for couples.

Bloomingtondale Garden Club 2020 PROGRAM ROSTER

February 18—Bill Whitney, City Bee Savers / www.citybeesavers.com

March 17—Emily Paster, 5 Ways to Preserve a Harvest / www.westoftheloop.com

April 21—Flower and Plant Sale Prep Meeting

May 19—Nina Koziol, Victory Gardens / www.thisgardencooks.com

June 16—Bell Horticultural Vegetable Gardening in Containers / www.ballhort.com

July 21—Laura Christensen, Lyme Disease / www.laurachristensendwn.com

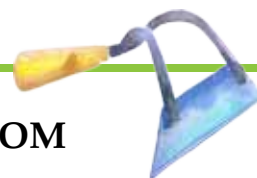
August 18—Carol Cichorski, Creativity in the Garden / www.ohwhata.com

September 15—Heather Prince, Native Plants for Small Gardens / princeht@sbcglobal.net
/ www.fearlessgardening.blogspot.com

October 20—Leslie Goddard, Modern Ecology / L-Goddard@att.net / www.lesliegoddard.info

November 17—November Craft for Nursing Home

December 8—Bloomingtondale Garden Club Christmas Party



WILDFLOWER WISDOM

While often confused with one another, Queen Anne's lace and cow parsnip are not one and the same. Queen Anne's lace grows about three feet tall and has a more delicate, rounded shape. Legend says Queen Anne pricked her finger while making lace, thus inspiring the name based on the crimson dots in the blooms' centers. Cow parsnip is a native plant that can grow up to six feet tall and sports defined clusters of white blooms.

2020 Flower & Plant Sale • May 15 & 16

Spring will be blooming with the arrival of beautiful flowers from our vendor, Woldhuis Farms Sunrise Greenhouse, our professional grower in Grant Park, IL. We'll also have perennials from members' gardens. Club member help is needed for MANY things!

NOTE: ALL activities take place at the Bloomingdale Park District Maintenance Building, 259 Springfield Drive (North End of Springfield Park), Bloomingdale.

2020 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Tuesday, March 31st (no exceptions)

Pre-Sale Order Form is Due (with payment)

(See page 7 for details.)

Gift Certificates in any denomination are available for purchase. Recipients of the gift certificates may redeem them at our sale. These make great Mother's Day (May 10th), Easter (April 12th), and birthday gifts and are suitable to mark any occasion/event. Day-of-Sale prices apply. To order gift certificates, send a note with legible name/address and a check made payable to:

Bloomingdale Garden Club

c/o Henrietta Sullivan
1015 Tiverton Court
Schaumburg, IL 60193

Tuesday, April 21st • 6:15 PM

Plant Sale Prep Meeting at Cornerstone Church

Saturday, May 2nd • 10 AM to 4 PM

Potting Party—Rain or Shine! Bring your perennials with information attached and we'll help get them potted. Also bring a snack to share and your favorite beverage. See Spring Potting Party Information, "2020 Guidelines for Perennials" on page 8. **IMPORTANT:** If you have had jumping worms in your gardens in the past, we cannot accept any plants from you. Thank you for your cooperation.

Wednesday, May 13th • 9 AM

Drop-off Wagons, Carts & Equipment

Wednesday, May 13th • 10 AM to 3 PM

Maintenance Building Prep and Set-up

Tables, table cloths, and signage will be set up.

Thursday, May 14th

7:30 AM • Request Club Members Arrive

8:00 AM • Flower Delivery

10:30 AM • Inventory and Pull Pre-Sale Orders

We need a LOT of help unloading the flowers; completing the inventory; staging the flats, cases, and baskets of flowers & plants; and pulling and setting aside pre-sale orders. Bring your family members, friends, and neighbors to help.

5:00 to 7:00 PM • Pre-Sale Order Pick-up & SNEAK PEEK for additional early shopping!

NOTE: Those who help this day may pick their own pre-sale orders AFTER all pre-sale orders are pulled and inventoried!

Members & friends may purchase early.

Payment: Cash, check, or credit cards accepted. (Note there is a \$2 service fee for credit card use.)

Friday, May 15th • 9 AM to 6 PM

FLOWER & PLANT SALE

Help is needed for set-up, sales, and clean up. Contact Linda at 630-221-8684 (home), 630-306-7854 (cell) or kunesh310@comcast.net to let her know WHEN you will commit to help. We ask that each member volunteer for two 3-hour blocks of time.

Saturday, May 16th • 9 AM to 6 PM

FLOWER & PLANT SALE and CLEAN-UP

Raffles—Two large pots (one for sun; the other for shade) will be available for the raffles.

For Sale—Used gardening-related books, magazines, tools, etc.

Master Gardener Help Desk will be available throughout the Sale.

It takes our ENTIRE garden club to make this sale a success! Thanks for Your Efforts!!!

2020 Pre-Sale Ordering Starts NOW!

We are so excited for Spring and our Annual Flower & Plant Sale. **PRE-SALE ORDER FORMS** have been **emailed to members** and **can be found on our website** at bloomingdalegardenclub.org by clicking on the link for the PRE-ORDER FORM under Meetings and Events.

Order is due by MARCH 31, 2020 (No Exceptions Please)

Payment must accompany order and checks made payable to:

Bloomington Garden Club

Mail order and check to:

Henrietta Sullivan

1015 Tiverton Court, Schaumburg, IL 60193.

Pre-Sale Ordering will save you money!

1. Day-of-Sale prices are higher.
2. Some flowers available on the pre-sale order form may not be available on the days of the sale.
3. When you pick up your pre-sale order on Thursday, May 14th (between 5 and 7:00 PM), you may SHOP EARLY for additional plants!

Our prices continue to be lower than most independent nurseries and big box stores. Proceeds from your purchases fund our monthly programs and are donated to various organizations serving those in need. Your purchase goes a long way to help us give back to our community!!!



NOTE: Websites are provided by our growers on our Pre-Sale Order Form for "flower descriptions." Many flower names indicate "blue" but the plants most likely are various shade(s) of purple.

We Have Gift Certificates Available in any denomination. These are perfect for birthdays, Easter (April 12th), Mother's Day (May 10th), or any occasion. Recipients of the Gift Certificates may **redeem them at the Flower & Plant Sale** on May 15 & 16 at "Day-of-Sale" prices.

Features of Our 2020 Annual Sale:



- Woldhuis Farms Sunrise Greenhouse professionally grown flowers, herbs, veggies, & plants!
- Flats of 48 flowers, including the recently released Imara and Beacon series of Impatiens that are Downy Mildew resistant! (Note: Flats must be ordered as a whole or half flat of the same variety & color. NO mixing of cell packs may be used in pre-sale ordering. Mixing of cell packs is allowed on Days of Sale).
- More than 40 colors/varieties of premium 11" hanging baskets and NEW this year, "Begonia NonStop" and "Begonia Sparks Will Fly" in 12" premium hanging baskets
- Geraniums & accessory plants
- More than 90 different colors, varieties, and/or cultivars of 4" specialty annuals and 4.5" Proven Winners for sun and shade. PLUS we are offering 7 colors/varieties of Wave Petunias in 6-packs!
- More than 10 herbs (including lemon grass); 21 vegetables including cucumbers, Swiss chard, zucchini, peppers, squash, pumpkins, & 12 varieties of tomatoes including 4 heirlooms!
- Cannas, grasses, tropicals (including 9 varieties of Rex Begonias), & Tuts
- Perennials from members' gardens
- Master Gardener Help Desk (Friday, May 15th and Saturday, May 16th)
- Raffles

If you have questions, please contact:
Linda Kunesh, 630-306-7854 or
Henrietta (Henia) Sullivan, 847-902-3461

2020 Guidelines For Perennials



We LOVE getting plants from our Garden Club Members and their friends for our Plant Sales. Below are a few “guidelines” we’d appreciate you following to ease your preparation and help our Garden Club get the most profit we can while giving our customers high quality, member-grown plants.

Saturday, April 25th

Preparation for Plant Labels and Signs

(1 week before potting party)

Email Cathy Gall at jocagallfam@att.net to let her know what plants you will provide, how many, their height and spread, bloom time, and their growing conditions. Please include in your email the common name, along with the botanical name if you know it. Cathy is preparing labels for the plant markers. (If you know that she already has a label on file, you can just let her know the name and how many plants you’ll bring—no need for all the extra info!) She’ll then contact Henia to let her know so she can make printed signs that will be posted in the group of “like plants.” An example is shown below:

Quantity: 3 – ‘Autumn Joy’ Sedum (Herbstfreude).
Pink (changing to rust) flowers in flat heads; fleshy green leaves. 24” H x 18” W. Full sun or partial shade.
Flowers August-September.

IMPORTANT: We are aware that there are “jumping worms” in our area. These pests are extremely invasive and detrimental to our gardens. If you know you had jumping worms in your yard, we **CANNOT** accept any plants from you. Thank you for your cooperation.

Saturday, May 2nd • 10 AM to 4 PM

Perennial Plant Potting Party

It will be held at the Bloomingdale Park District Maintenance Building, Bring plants in bags or boxes and members will help get them potted. We cannot accept any plants that are not identified. This is a great time to accept or trade perennials with other club members. Just remember though, once the plants are “potted,” they belong to the club and can only be purchased.

Be sure to check a perennial book or the internet to see if your plant can be divided in the Spring!

Questions or Concerns: Contact Cathy at 630-247-8493 or Linda at 630-306-7854.

If you decide to dig up and pot your plants yourself, please follow these GUIDELINES:

1. Plan ahead. Perennials should be dug up and potted NO LATER than May 2nd. This will allow the plants to “settle” into their pots. Be sure they are watered regularly and receive sufficient sun/shade so they can acclimate to their potted home.
2. Use a pot size that accentuates the plant’s full, lush growth for early spring. Use regular plastic pots, e.g., 6”, 8”, 10”, 12”, etc., for potting (no plastic bags please).
3. Please use potting soil, NOT garden soil or dirt. The more attractive our plants are, the better they will sell. Re-use “old” potting soil from last year, if necessary, or purchase all-purpose potting soil at Home Depot, Lowe’s, etc., to cut down on your cost. (You do not need to purchase ‘Miracle-Gro Soil-less Potting Mix.’) The plants will be transplanted by the customer within a few weeks from the time you pot them up. To minimize the mess, put a piece of newspaper or a new coffee filter in the bottom of the pot to cover the hole so the soil does not fall out.
4. Potted/labeled perennials need to be dropped off at the Bloomingdale Park District Maintenance Building, 259 Springfield Dr., Bloomingdale, on Wednesday, May 13th 12 - 3 p.m. or Thursday, May 14th 5 - 6 p.m. Plants dropped off later may not be available for sale. Plants not identified will not be accepted.

Important Notes:

We do not have the resources available to help dig up plants unless there is an unusual circumstance.

Please do not be offended if we “price” your plant for less than you think is appropriate. As the Sale progresses, or if we have an abundance of similar plants (e.g., day lilies/hostas), prices may be reduced to “Buy 1 [at highest price]; Get 1 [or 2] FREE.”

The type of plant and its condition, along with the size of the pot will determine our pricing.

Gardening Events

Bloomington Garden Club to Plant at DuPage Care Center Sat., May 23, 2020

Please join us to plant flowers at the DuPage Care Center Resident Garden (400 N. County Farm Rd., Wheaton) on Saturday, May 23, 2020, 8:45 a.m. to Noon. Park in any spot designated for Visitor or Volunteer. We'll meet at the Entrance behind the Center. Bring garden gloves, a trowel, and kneeler. Garden benches will be available for those who cannot kneel. Please contact Linda by Wednesday, May 20 to let her know if you will join us or for any questions at 630-221-8684 (h); 630-306-7854 (c); kunesh310@comcast.net

National Garden Club's Plant America Grant Awarded to Bloomington!

We are delighted to inform you that our Bloomington Garden Club has been awarded a \$1,000 from National Garden Club's Plant America Grant Program! There were more than 275 applications that showed a diverse range of projects and community support across the United States.

The Project will be located at DuPage Care Center (DPCC) to replace the "Rainbow Garden" in DPCC's Resident Secret Garden with a more sustainable demonstration "Pollinator Garden." DPCC's Resident Secret Garden is a Therapy Garden. Bloomington Garden Club will partner with University of Illinois Extension DuPage Master Gardeners and additional garden volunteers that comprise the DPCC Garden Team. Funds will be used to purchase perennials, natives, and annuals that are pollinator-friendly, signage, and other amenities for the new Pollinator Garden at DPCC.

The DPCC Garden Program is a vital asset that improves the quality of life of the residents. This

revamped garden area will enhance the horticulture therapy benefits for the Resident Gardeners and help to pollinate the plants in their garden plots.

Award of this grant continues to highlight Bloomington Garden Club's commitment and collaborative efforts on behalf of the DPCC Garden Program. It joins other awards received, e.g., Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation Quality of Life Grant, International Master Gardener Search for Excellence Award, & Garden Clubs of Illinois Garden Therapy Award. As a result of our efforts, other garden clubs, Master Gardeners, and dignitaries from University of Illinois College of Agriculture, Consumer, & Environmental Sciences have visited the DPCC Resident Secret Garden to see first-hand how we support horticulture therapy in a residential nursing home facility.

"You are not built to shrink down to less but to blossom into more." Oprah Winfrey



From the Daily Herald,
Monday, February 10

Bloomington Rain Barrel Sale

The Village of Bloomington is partnering with The Conservation Foundation this Spring to sell rain barrels to homeowners to help with water conservation. Rain barrels are large containers that capture storm water from roofs that otherwise would be lost as runoff. The 55-gallon rain barrels are sealed and insect resistant. They are repurposed, recycled and recyclable and come equipped with spigots, screens to prevent mosquito breeding, and overflow valves. The rain barrels can be purchased online for \$60 (plus tax) at www.upcycle-products.com/bloomingtonil.html.

Bloomington Garden Club Garage Sale

At the January meeting we talked briefly about a monthly “garage sale” idea for club members. The plan is for members to email Cathy at jocagallfam@att.net by the 15th of the month with a description (and photo) of the items for sale (or free). An email will be sent out to club members. If someone is interested in your item, they would contact you directly to arrange purchase and pickup. We’re going to try this out for a few months to see if members are interested. We understand that there are many ways to sell online (Facebook Marketplace, Ebay, and others), but we want to keep this between club members only at this time. Questions?? Email Cathy.



St. Isadore's Childrens' Clothing & Equipment Sale

Friday, March 20th, 6:30 to 9 PM and
Saturday, March 21st, 9 AM to Noon
FREE ADMISSION
433 W. Army Trail Road, Bloomington
For questions call Mary Sue 630-894-5208

Textile/Clothing Donation & Recycling

DuPage County has partnered with eWorks and RewearAble to collect clothing and textiles for reuse and recycling. Items not able to be reused will be turned into cleaning/painting rags or reused in insulation, packing material and carpeting. RewearAble is a non-profit that provides sustainable employment for adults with disabilities.

Acceptable items: clothing, sheets, bedding, towels and other household textiles in any condition. No heavily soiled items.

The Travel Corner

What does TSA do for a traveler? Is it better to have TSA or KTN/Global Entry Membership? Hopefully, I'll try to answer those questions for you in the next paragraph or two. For sure, AARP, in the issue dated January 2020, has also printed the advantages to belonging to either TSA or KTN Global Entry.

TSA is a faster way to speed through security as you leave our country. You usually, and I say usually, don't have to remove your shoes, or remove your belt—or take your lap-top out of your suitcase. Small bottles of liquids are not checked . . . (usually). The cost for membership for TSA is \$85 and it is valid for 5 years.

KTN (Known Traveler Number), which is also known as Global Entry, is a faster way to re-enter the country. This membership of Global Entry automatically includes TSA membership. The cost is \$100 and it is also valid for 5 years. Global Entry Membership will require a visit to O'Hare Airport for the fingerprinting process.

Again, let me refer you to the January issue of AARP if you have more questions about the value of membership in either program.

Submitted by Marilyn Dattilo
Travel Techniques • IATA 14-535894
Phone 630-671-0750 • traveltech@att.net

- Addison Township Highway Dept.: 411 W. Potter St., Wood Dale, 8 am–12 pm; May 30, Aug. 29 & Oct. 31
- Bloomington Township Highway Dept.: Only the following Saturdays in 2020: April 4; June 6; Aug. 1; Oct. 3; 8 am –12 pm
- City of Wheaton: 2nd Saturday of each month; Public Works Storage Lot; 820 W. Liberty St.; 9 am–12 pm

For more information on other recycling initiatives in Bloomington Township:

<https://www.dupageco.org/recycling/>



Visit to Cantigny

Club members (*top row left to right*): Henia Sullivan, Carole Lockerbie, Barbara Weisenburger, Linda Kunesch, Gail Sanders, Cathy Gall, Jennifer Moore and (*bottom row*): Joan Anne Skotleski, Joyce Basel, Cheryl Svec, Roberta Pulido, Akhila Meda, enjoyed an excursion to Cantigny to tour the Mansion and learn about its history and the extraordinary family who owned the property. It was very timely because the mansion closed shortly thereafter to tours in preparation for a total renovation. It was at the end of the Christmas season and those who visited the gift shop were surprised to receive free poinsettia plants! Treats and wine at Linda's house afterwards was a "grand finale" to a splendid afternoon together.

20/20 FOCUS ON FLOWERS Chicago Flower & Garden Show Coming March 18–22, 2020 • Navy Pier

A Vision of Spring appears on Wednesday, March 18th! Designed to motivate gardeners of all ages and expertise levels, the Show will feature stunning gardens, educational workshops and seminars through Get Growing Series, culinary demonstrations, daily free kids activities, a variety of unique evening events and more!

Keep an eye on www.ChicagoFlower.com for continued updates on the latest gardens, classes, workshops, shopping, FREE kids activities and more.



Photo by Skitterphoto from Pexels



2020 Club Officers and Committees

*President	Joyce Basel
*1st Vice President.....	Henia Sullivan/ (Membership) Cathy Gall
*2nd Vice President.....	Laurie Dring (Programs)
Program Committee	Joan Skotleski
*3rd Vice President.....	Linda Kunesh (Ways and Means)
*Treasurer	Cheryl Svec
*Publicity	Jamie Schneck (Promotions, <i>The Trowel</i> , and Website)
Publicity Committee	
Facebook.....	Cathy Gall
Website Support	Dan Vitacco
*Recording Secretary	Joan Skotleski
*Corresponding Secretary	Joyce Basel
Community Garden.....	Gail Sanders (Plot-To-Plate)
Good Cheer	Jennifer Moore
Hospitality.....	Laurie Jenkins
Hospitality Committee.....	Susan Glick-Shore Carol Lockerbie
Memorial Garden.....	Joyce Basel
Nursing Home Liaison.....	Chris Magnatowski
*Denotes Executive Board	

Let Us Hear From You:
jschneck1233@sbcglobal.net
Phone: 630-372-6003

Posting Months:
March, June, September and December

OUR VISION

To educate members and the community about gardening through informative and educational meetings, workshops and activities

- To develop and promote projects for civic beautification and environmental stewardship
- To support philanthropic endeavors which aid the residents of the Bloomington community and surrounding areas
- To provide opportunities for fellowship for those interested in gardening and environmental and civic responsibility
- To aid in the protection of native trees, flowers and birds
- To further the extermination of invasive and/or noxious plants

MEMBERSHIP

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 through June 30.

Half year dues for a single new member are \$10, and \$12.50 per couple when paid July 1st through December 31st.

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.

Meeting Location:

The 3rd Tuesday of each month. Social time and announcements at 6:15. Program begins at 7 PM. Cornerstone Faith Community Church
118 S. First Street, Bloomington, IL 60108

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We're On The Web:

bloomingtongardenclub.org