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BLOOMINGDALE GARDEN CLUB NEWSLETTER

Greetings from our **President**



"We might think we are nurturing our garden, but of course, it's our garden that is really nurturing us."

—Jenny Uglow

2021 Flower & Plant Sale Issue



Dear Members and friends,

What a beautiful day it is today as I write this note to you. The sun is shining, not a cloud in the sky, temperature still a little cool, but how welcome is this weather after all the snow, the gloomy days and that bitter cold we were experiencing. Is it too early to think that spring may be in the air?? I do hope so and the fact that the Plant Sale Committee has already met and are busy with the exciting new offerings for this year, it does seem possible!!

We have a few business matters that need attending to at our next meeting and I really would ask you to attend and to help with the following:

At the Business meeting in January we should have elected new officers, but we did not have a Quorum. It is important for our Club to try to get new "blood" with new ideas onto the Board on a regular basis and I am still hoping that we might appeal to some of you to step up and help. We have a fun club and our members are all industrious and knowledgeable—it would be so good to have a little change.

For the sake of continuity, we have all continued working in our positions, and we have managed to reconfigure some tasks that will carry us through

the next two years. However, two important positions do need your attention:

Treasurer—Cheryl Svec has served us diligently and well for several years and would like to take a break. If there is anyone in the Club who could take this position, Cheryl would certainly appreciate it.

President—(me) Joyce Basel—I really have been in the position for way too long and I just know that there is someone out there who could do this job and enjoy it as I have. Please consider taking over the helm—I will help you every step of the way.

So—nominate someone who you consider could step into these positions, or volunteer yourself!! We will welcome you!

For those of you who have not as yet paid your dues for the year, please do so. It appears that we may have lost a member or two and I want to be sure that this is not the case! Do let Cheryl have your dues please.

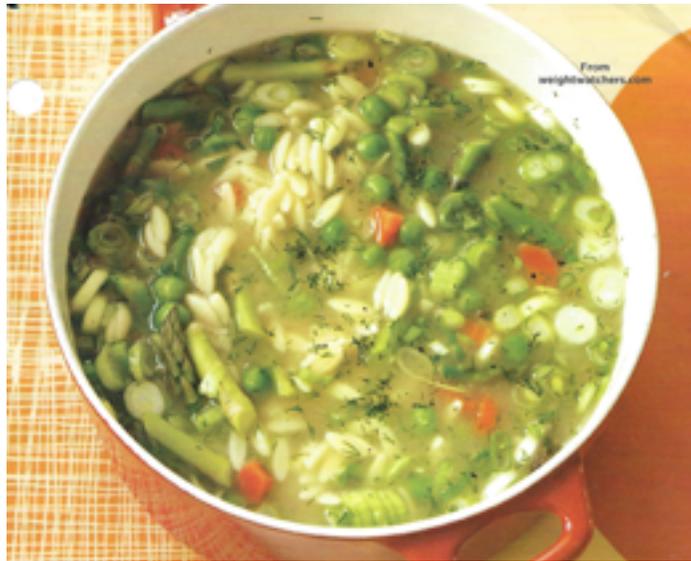
Looking forward to seeing you all at the March meeting!! And looking forward to a warm and wonderful springtime!!

Stay safe and healthy,

Joyce



THINK SPRING!



SPRING VEGETABLE SOUP WITH ORZO

Filled with spring vegetables and fresh herbs, add chicken to make this a main dish! —Debbie Matuszak

*Weight Watchers 2 SmartPoints per serving
Prep 15 min • Cook 15 min • Serves 8*

- 6 cups reduced-sodium chicken broth
- 2/3 cup uncooked orzo
- 1 large carrot, diced
- 1½ cups asparagus sliced diagonally into bite-size pieces
- 1 cup frozen green peas
- 4 scallions, sliced
- 1/3 cup chopped fresh dill
- 2 Tbsp fresh lemon juice
- ¼ tsp table salt
- ¼ tsp freshly ground black pepper, or to taste

Bring broth to a boil in a large saucepan over high heat. • Add orzo and carrot; boil 7 minutes. • Add asparagus and peas; boil until orzo and vegetables are tender, about 3 minutes. • Remove from heat; stir in scallions, dill, lemon juice, salt, and pepper. Yields about 1 cup per serving.



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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.

Tribute to Gail Brewer



During the afternoon of January 13th, long time club member and past President of our Club, Gail Brewer passed away quietly at the Journey Care Hospice facility in Barrington. Gail had been ill for a long time, in and out of hospital, and she was finally at peace. Her husband, and constant companion, Chris was at her side.



Gail Brewer



Every year when the Chicago Plant and Flower Show was announced, Gail would be among the first to suggest that we make a day trip to the city and enjoy the Show. She was often in a wheelchair but that did not deter her—in fact we often drove with her to be able to park in the handicap space! The image shows Gail with other wonderful members. We always enjoyed ourselves, laughed a lot, exchanged ideas and loved each others' company.



Chris Brewer

I would be remiss if I did not tell you all a little about this remarkable woman. She was an enthusiastic gardener (although Chris will tell you that he did most of the "work" while Gail instructed and supervised). She had a very fine knowledge of all living things and often grew the most unusual plants in

the most unusual containers! Even though hindered by health issues most of her life, Gail attended meetings whenever she could. She participated in every program and activity and volunteered to do whatever she was capable of doing. During the 1990's she was the Club's President at a time when it was struggling with low attendance and aging members. She did a truly fine job and there are those of us who were there at the time who will remember her grit and determination.



Left to right: Joyce Basel, Gail Brewer, Bobbie Pulido, Helen Price, Debbie diChinista, and Geri Beyer.

One week before Gail passed, I took a beautiful basket of flowers to the Care Facility and had written a lovely note to Gail from all of us. It said how much we appreciated her, how much we missed both her and Chris at the meetings. I told her that we did not have a plant sale this past year but hoped we would in 2021, and I reminded her how they had helped every year for so many years. It was just a sweet letter and I was able to read it to her. I know she heard me and knew that our members were sending their love and gratitude and wishing her Godspeed on her Journey.

On Saturday, January 30th a Memorial Service was held for Gail at the Watershed Church in Elgin. Bobbi Pulido and I attended on behalf of the Club and once again the club provided a truly beautiful floral arrangement which was placed next to her picture. We expressed to everyone the gratitude of the club for her years of support and service and we thanked Chris for his help and told him we hope to see him again.



Gail Brewer and Geri Beyer at our Flower & Plant Sale.



Rest in Peace Gail

Joyce Basel

Welcome, Pollinators



Photo by James Wheeler from Pexels

These critters are responsible for an estimated one out of every three bites of food we eat—but many are under threat. So return the favor. Below are five plants to include in your garden that bees, butterflies and hummingbirds will flock to. *Johanna Silver, Eating Well Magazine*

■ BASIL

Humans aren't the only basil fans—pollinators also go gaga for it. Gardeners typically pinch flowers off to make the plant focus energy on its flavorful leaves, but there are some types that are bred specifically for their abundant blooms. Magic Mountain and Wild Magic flower all summer, attracting bees and others and grow wonderfully in containers. (Culinary basil, such as Genovese, works too. But while it's tastier for you, it doesn't have the same flowering power.)



■ PENSTEMON

There is a penstemon (aka beard-tongue) for every garden, whether you want something bright orange or pale purple, petite or towering. It's a draw for various pollinators, but red flowers will attract



the most hummingbirds. Try the large-flowered penstemon in the Midwest regions.

ASTER

Asters' daisy-shaped faces pop out right when many flowers close up shop in late summer and fall, making them an important source of nectar for butterflies, moths and bees when food is in shorter supply. Petals come in various hues of purple, pink and white. Try planting smooth blue aster in the East and Midwest. Short on garden space? This is another plant that grows just fine in pots.



LUPINE

In shades of blue, purple, white and yellow, these tall flower spires—which bloom atop gorgeous, textured foliage—are a major draw for all types of bees and many butterflies. Perennial (wild) lupine is most common in the East. Silvery lupine is native to the Great Basin, Rocky Mountains and Southwest, while West Coasters can look for the yellow-flowered annual golden lupine.



"Annuals are the throw pillows of the plant world."

—Jimmy Turner

MILKWEED

Milkweed is the only host plant for the monarch butterfly, meaning it's the one-place females lay their eggs and young caterpillar feed. It offers nectar to bees, butterflies and hummingbirds too. Consider planting the widely available swamp milkweed and butterfly milkweed.



■ **These annuals are on our pre-sale form!** *Milkweed is being grown from seed and will be offered at the plant sale.*

2021 Flower & Plant Sale • May 14 & 15

Spring is 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.

2021 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday, April 15th (no exceptions)

Pre-Sale Order Form With Payment is Due

(See page 6 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 9th), Easter (April 4th), 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 20th • 6:30 PM

(Meeting date and time subject to change.)

Plant Sale Prep Meeting at Cornerstone Church

Saturday, May 1st • 10 AM to 4 PM

Planting Party—Rain or Shine! Bring your perennials with information attached and we'll help get them potted. Due to Covid restrictions there will be no "shareable" snacks or drinks. Feel free to bring your own. See Spring Potting Party Information, "2021 Guidelines for Perennials" on page 7. **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 12th • 8 AM

Drop-off Wagons, Carts & Equipment

Wednesday, May 12th • 9 AM to Noon

Maintenance Building Prep and Set-up

9 AM • Table delivery—Tables, table cloths, and signage will be set up.

1:00 PM • Flower Delivery & Inventory

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

Thursday, May 13th • 8AM to 6 PM

8:00 AM • Request Club Members Arrive

9:00 AM • Pull Pre-Sale Orders

We need a LOT of help pulling, checking and setting aside pre-sale orders.

3 to 6 PM • Set Out Perennials

NOTE: Those who help this day may take home their own pre-sale orders AFTER all other pre-sale orders are pulled and inventoried! There will be NO early shopping for additional plants.

Friday, May 14th • 9 AM to 6 PM

FLOWER & PLANT SALE & Pick Up of Pre-Sale Orders

Saturday, May 15th • 9 AM to 5 PM

(Clean Up 5 to 6:30PM)

FLOWER & PLANT SALE

Pick Up of Pre-Sale Orders, & CLEAN-UP

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 club member volunteer for two 3-hour blocks of time.

PAYMENT: Cash, check, or credit cards accepted. There is a \$2 service fee for credit card use.

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!!!

2021 Pre-Sale Ordering Starts NOW!



We are so excited for our Annual Flower & Plant Sale. **PRE-SALE ORDER FORMS** will be **emailed to members** and **found on our website** at bloomingdalegardenclub.org on or after March 15th. Just click on the link for the PRE-ORDER FORM under Meetings and Events.



Order is due by APRIL 15 (No Exceptions Please)

Payment must accompany order and checks made payable to:

Bloomingdale 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. Those who help pull Pre-Sale Orders on Thursday may take home their own pre-sale orders **AFTER** all other orders are pulled, inventoried, and staged for pick up for Friday and Saturday.

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: To check out flower descriptions and growing conditions, see the links on the Garden Club website under "Resources & Links" and on page 1 of our Pre-Sale Order Form. 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 4th), Mother's Day (May 9th), or any occasion. Recipients of the Gift Certificates may **redeem them at the Flower & Plant Sale** on May 14 & 15 at "Day-of-Sale" prices.

*The Early Bird
Gets the Worm!*



Features of Our 2021 Annual Sale Include:

- Woldhuis Farms Sunrise Greenhouse professionally grown flowers, herbs, veggies, & plants!
- Many "tried and true" plants, along with some we've never offered before.
- 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 and 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" and 12" 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 5 colors/varieties of Wave Petunias in 6-packs!
- More than 7 herbs (including lemon grass); 15 vegetables including cucumbers, zucchini, yellow squash, Asian Delite Eggplant, peppers, pumpkins, and 7 varieties of tomatoes!
- Cannas, grasses, tropicals (such as Rex Begonias and Kong Coleus, Citronella, Caladiums, Elephant Ears, Cordyline), and Tuts. We also hope to provide dwarf Banana trees!
- Perennials from members' gardens
- Master Gardener Help Desk (Friday, May 14th and Saturday, May 15th)
- Raffles
- Sale of used gardening books, gardening magazines, and garden tools

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

2021 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 24th

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 1st • 10 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 1st. 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 Thursday, May 13th 3 - 6 PM. 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.

Bloomington Garden Club 2020 Donations

Cheryl Svee, Treasurer

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, a safe environment and career opportunities to a woman and her children who are victims of domestic violence. <http://www.stepsstonesroselle.org/>

\$ 1,000.00

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

\$200.00

Total \$8,400.00

2021 Budget

Membership Dues to GCI\$360
 Plant Sale\$16,000
 Monthly Programs\$1,500
 Donations (\$800 carryover from 2020).....\$1,050
 Nat. Garden Club Grant (carryover from 2020) \$670
 Community Garden.....\$150
 Liability Insurance\$75

Miscellaneous (Website renew, 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 \$21,405

Membership Dues

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

Bobbi's Grapevine Wreaths



In autumn last year a small group of garden club members volunteered to help Bobbie Pulido harvest the grapevine that was taking over her garden. It was really quite an undertaking as this is a very invasive vine that had overgrown several sections of her rather large yard. The intention was to make grapevine wreaths that could possibly be used for the November craft project.

We ended up with about 25 wreaths, from very small rounds, to rather large and quite impressive wreaths. Some were clean and others still had leaves etc., entwined in a rather informal (untidy) design. However, all of them would come to good use. Several of us made wreaths for personal use—Linda's was quite magnificent—and we thought that club-members may enjoy decorating others for their Thanksgiving or Christmas hangings.

Because of Covid and all the restrictions that



had been imposed for social gatherings etc., we were unable to meet for our usual fun November craft meeting and instead the Board made up all of the snowflake door hangers for the nursing home, and a few of the wreaths found member homes.

It was decided to donate those left to the Park District where a very talented—and very generous—staff person offered to decorate them as gifts for the Maintenance guys who are always such a huge help to us during the year. She did a truly marvelous job! I could not persuade her to allow me to recognize her properly and in her modesty she would not even allow us to print all of the images! But just look at the pictures—her own craft material, her time and most of all her huge talent and big heart produced these gorgeous wreaths for Park District colleagues.



When to Start Planting Tip

Linda Coulter, HGTV

Avoid digging or even walking around in your garden while the ground is wet. Walking compacts the soil, making it harder for roots to penetrate. If you really have to get into the garden, put some boards over the soil to walk on, or make a path of stepping stones to the areas you need to access.



To test if your garden is dry enough to work, dig up a small amount of soil and squeeze it in your hand. If it breaks apart, the soil is ready. Drop a ball of soil on the ground from waist-high. If it shatters, or crumbles easily, it's safe to work. If the soil stays in a clump, or drips water when you squeeze it, wait a few days and check again.



2021 Program Schedule

February 16—Bob Erlich, Attracting & Raising Monarch Butterflies (*Cancelled*)

March 16—Nina Koziol, Victory Gardens

April 20—Flower and Plant Sale Prep Meeting

May 1—Potting Party

May 12—Plant Sale Set-up

May 13—Presale Order Shipment Sorting

May 14—Presale Pick-up & PLANT SALE

May 15—PLANT SALE

May 18—Emily Paster, 5 Ways to Preserve a Harvest

June 15—Cindy Crosby, Tall Grass Prairie

July 13—2020 July Christmas Party!

July 20—Laura Christensen, Lyme Disease

August 17—Bob Erlich, Attracting & Raising Monarch Butterflies (*Possible Reschedule*)

September 21—Carol Cichorski, Dahlias—Living Fireworks

October 19—Dave Brooks, Backyard Birds

November 16—November Craft for West Suburban Nursing & Rehab Center

December 14—2021 Christmas Party!

Electronics Recycling

Saturday, May 8, 9 AM - 12 PM—Wayne Township (27W031 North Avenue, West Chicago) will host this event rain or shine. They will be collecting computers, monitors, printers, cables/wires/power supplies, mice, all electronics, TVs, stereos, power tools, appliances, cameras, exercise equipment, microwaves, metals, and so much more. All items are recycled free of charge with the exceptions of:

- TVs \$20 ea
- Tube monitors \$10 ea
- Microwaves \$5/ea
- Exercise equipment \$5 ea

Cash or Check ONLY payable to Midwest Computer Recycling



The Travel Corner – That Bucket List!

If you're not able to visit South Africa, Travel Techniques has suggestions for safari-like adventures right here in the United States. These destinations are closer and much more affordable.

Cumberland, Ohio, *The Wild*—a vast reserve with antelope, oryx, zebra, giraffe, rhino. This is an established facility that is open to the public and has a specialized program for children from 8 to 18 for horseback riding and canoeing.

Bangor, Maine, *Moose Safari*—located in the Moosehead Lake Area. Other forest animals will be seen, however, the safari is focused on the moose population.

Orlando, (WDW) FL, *Kilimanjaro Safari*—stay at a very affordable Disney property (actually 3) All Star Sports, All Star Music, and All Star Movies, located just outside of Disney's Animal Kingdom. The Kilimanjaro Safari is expensive but worth the cost of the adventure.

Point Reyes, CA, *Point Reyes National Seashore*—just outside of San Francisco, sightings of seals, sea lions, orcas, whales, birds, even some bobcats and coyotes have been noted in this most picturesque area.

Check the airlines to plan a special trip with family and friends! Airfares remain very affordable through April 30th. You can secure a First Class ticket (one way) from O'Hare to most west coast cities for as little at \$327!

The same ticket in coach will cost \$48, however, you pay a minimum of \$18 for an assigned secured seat with the added expense for baggage. Be aware many airlines are now an 'a la cart' entity for additional amenities.

Submitted by Marilyn Dattilo

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Donations to West Suburban

We requested that members consider donating \$10 worth of items at Christmas for West Suburban Care and Rehabilitation. MANY donated far more than that. Items donated were from a “Wish List” given to us by West Suburban.

Vina, Chris Magnatowski’s contact at West Suburban, was so thrilled to get all the donations! They were very grateful. Chris, Cathy, and Linda delivered the items to West Suburban on December 18th. More than half our members participated and donations were abundant!



“Tweets” from Cathy

Just after moving to Indiana, Cathy fell and broke her knee cap. She had surgery to repair it, but required a second surgery to get it to bend. She is already noticing a difference but will require an intense amount of physical therapy, icing, and exercise to get it functioning normally again.



Her house in Bloomingdale closed on February 2nd. It was all done virtually so they did not have to come back to sign papers. She wrote out a long list for the new home owner about what was in her garden. She also included garden club information!

On January 22, after a very steady decline, Cathy’s 93-year-old stepfather passed away. Just



Valentines Day Treats

♥ Jo, Vivian, Esther, Joseph, Bobbie, George, Maureen, and Georgette were recipients of items Jennifer ordered at Christmas that were substituted with red “Magic Car Ice Scrapers.” They looked just like giant martini glasses! Jennifer told her story about this and passed these out at our January meeting.

Club members, Jamie, Debbie, and Linda (Steck), transformed these into a Valentine’s Day treats, filling them with goodies, wrapping them with cellophane and ribbons. Jennifer hand delivered every one of these to members we thought could use a little extra love this year. She said they were well received and even got back thank you notes.

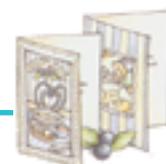
two days earlier, her Mom had been admitted to the ICU. Her tests came back negative but she was not home when her husband passed. Services were held over FaceTime with family members from all over the country—it was all very surreal.

Cathy was given our plant sale dates for this year. We’re hoping she’s more fully recovered and can take a trip to come and see us all by then.

Bloomingdale Garden Club Members,
Sending this note of thanks and appreciation . . .

Also thanks to those who sent individual cards and to those who baked the cookies. They were so good!

Vivian Krotz





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

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 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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