

Schaumburg Community Garden Club eNewsletter

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Garden Talk

February 2022 Newsletter



Letter from the President

Our February monthly meeting will be held at the Township of Schaumburg:

Township of Schaumburg

1 Illinois Blvd, Hoffman Estates 60169

Meeting will take place in the gym which is on the main floor.

Wednesday, February 9, 2021 - 7:00 pm (building will open at 6:30 pm)

Masks and social distancing are required

I would like to let you know the Schaumburg Community Garden Club donated \$2,500 to our community for year 2021.

Spring Valley Nature Center	\$1,200
Lord of Life Lutheran Church	\$500

Total

\$2,500

Many thanks to Ways and Means Committee members -- Renata McLean, Helga Niewiadomski and Mary Wroblewski. The committee selects organizations that reflect the interest and priorities of our members and they submit recommendations to the Board for review and approval.

The \$1,200 donation to Spring Valley will include \$600 to support the ongoing planting and maintenance of the new Pollinator Garden. The additional \$600 will be used to purchase an LCD projector for the educational programs sponsored by Spring Valley. In the past, our club donated to upgrade the sound system at Spring Valley.

Lord of Life Lutheran Church does not charge the club for use of the land and water for our Pantry Garden. The \$500 donation expresses our appreciation.

The Township of Schaumburg Food Pantry received a donation of \$625 for the Greater Chicago Food Depository to purchase food for community members who are food insecure. The \$175 donation was for general use of the township facility over the past year.

As a reminder, please see the Membership blurb of this newsletter. If you have not renewed, please do so prior to the end of February. Thank you.

Stay safe!

Jan Doud, President 2022

Creativity in the Garden



Carol Cichorski will be our February speaker. Her topic will be Creativity in the Garden. Carol speaks often at the Chicago Flower and Garden Show. She has been published in

Welcome Bob Laatsch!

We welcome Bob to the Schaumburg Community Garden Club. Bob is very well aware of our garden club, his wife Dee, has been a member since 2007.

Bob started gardening by planting bright, vibrant, colorful flowers in his backyard. His most surprising discovery was how much joy gardening brings to him. Evergreens are Bob's favorite plant.



Prior to retirement Bob was a critical care paramedic/firefighter and paramedic instructor. Before his paramedic career, Bob was a union plumber.



February marks the start of our annual garden planning work. Each year we discuss the crops we want (and do not want) to plant and how best to lay out the two garden spaces. We will plan for the first spring plantings as well as those for the main season. We have a good-sized budget for the year that will cover both our regular costs as well as a new project or two. We also have been charged with making good use of the memorial fund for Russ Hart's daughter Jennifer. The general wish is to add to the tree stock on the Lord of Life church property so, in our planning time, we will consider the range of options and formulate a proposal to share with the property leaders. Bonnie will set up a series of weekly meetings the will most likely start the last week of February. We love to have more volunteers join us and we'll need them if we're going to beat our record-breaking harvest of last year! So please, if you'd like to be a part of our fun this year, let Bonnie know. Having you a part of our planning effort will be a perfect way to start.

~Bonnie Gill
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A LITTLE BIT OF THIS AND THAT *Pruning Time for Roses-----*

Watch for forsythia bushes to start blooming. Great time to prune rose bushes. Roses love banana peels. Chop up peels and scratch them into soil below rose plants. Sprinkle tea leaves under rose bushes, give bushes some water and watch them grow and bloom. Use mint flavored dental floss to attach rose branches to trellis. Floss is strong, and

Herbs

Parsley plants can take on a bitter taste if you do not remove the plant's flower blossoms.

Grow basil in a window box or pots near the door to keep fruit flies from entering your home.

**February birthdays:**

- Joen Karmanian
- Steve Larson
- Carol Pletz

University of Illinois Master Gardeners

The program is going thru some changes. All call centers have been closed due to Covid. If you have gardening questions you can email them to NorthCookMG@gmail.com

Also checkout the website Go.Illinois.Edu/LearnMoreMG

More information should be available by next month.

Denise Suender

Garden Clubs of Illinois – GCI

By now you should have received the Winter publication of Garden Glories! If you have not received it please call the GCI office 639-617-9269 –Pat Grudizen, to make sure you are on their mailing list!

You can also access the newsletter on the GCI website: gardenclubsofillinois.org
member only password: Home

Please take time to look it over to see what is happening with GCI members including our District II. JoAnne Monge/District II Director has a great full page

As a member of our club you are also a member of GCI and:

National Garden Clubs

-gardenclub.org

NO password!

Central Region Garden Clubs

-ngccentralregion.org

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All these organizations and their newsletters provide an exciting wealth of information and opportunities for our club and our members!

1/21 I attended a Zoom meeting held yearly by GCI to discuss club's speakers and field trips. Barb Bratt was not able to attend but helped in sending info from our club. Information from over 30 clubs that were part of the meeting will be provided to help her in 2022 in finding speakers for our club meetings.

Denise Suender

GCI Chair

February Events

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All Month

* Morton Arboretum [Adult Learning Gardening and Horticulture Programs](#),
[Adult Learning Conservation and Restoration Programs](#)

* Chicago Botanic Garden [Adult Education Offerings](#)

Resources

National Audubon Society: [Plants for Birds](#)

[Current Issue: Natural Enquirer](#), [Spring Valley Nature Center](#)

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