



# Mississippi Valley Garden Club

April 2023

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**Save these dates:**

**Thursday, April 13, 9 am**

Community Hope Center

**save cardboard**

**Thursday, April 20, 7 pm**

Bethalto Senior Citizen Center  
Plant Exchange

**Monday, April 24, 9 am**

Dig Day at Susan and Bill Hiller's  
6511 Alpha Dr., Alton 62002  
Please bring pots, newspaper for  
potting

**Monday, April 24, 6:30 pm**

Board meeting at Dottie's home

**Saturday, April 29, 9:00 am**

Dig Day at Carole & John Baker's  
8000 Whistling Wind Ln  
Brighton, 62012  
Please bring pots, newspaper for  
potting.

**Friday, May 12, TBD**

Alton Wood River Sportsmen's  
Club  
Pricing plants, set up  
Saturday May 13,  
Plant Sale  
Alton Wood River Sportsmen's  
Club

**April meeting, plant exchange:** This is a chance to share some of your favorite or unusual plants with your fellow club members. You can bring up to 3 nice plants/ gardening item. Please have the plants potted and labeled. When potting your plants please do not use leaves, keep your worms at home. Suggestions to use newspaper or coffee filters. Labels should include name of plant, requirements and care. Also, please set the pot in a grocery sack and do not water the day of the exchange, this will help keep clean up to a minimum. We use the door prize tickets for the drawing. When your number is called you pick a plant. We do one plant at a time. We do three rotations. If you only want to do one or two plants, that's fine too. If you have extra plants please save them for the plant sale.

**Community Hope Center:** There will be a clean up morning at the Community Hope Center, Thursday, April 13, at 9 am. This will be a general clean up. Will probably do cardboard at following workday. Please save cardboard, size doesn't matter. Please try to come and help. Bring your tools, water snacks, etc that you might need. We usually go for brunch afterwards.

**Dig days at Sue and Bill Hiller's and Carole and John Baker's:** Start time will be 9:00. Compost will be available. If you need compost for plants you are digging at your own place, just bring a bucket. Be sure to bring tools that you may need for digging: shovel, hand tools, gloves, drink and snack if needed. Please try to help out with the dig days. These will be the plants sold at the sale. We try to get a variety.

**Plant Sale:** It is time to start thinking about the sale. This is our fundraiser for the club activities for the year. Do you have plants to divide and share for the sale. Go thru your pots. Do you have enough pots or extra pots. Plan on bringing extra pots/flats with solid bottom to the meeting. We have the pavilion reserved for the sale on Saturday, May 13. It is also reserved for Friday, May 12 for the pricing and set up.

Please bring clean, gently used gardening items, tools, trellises, books, etc. All will need to be priced prior to the sale. All the setup and pricing should be done on Friday.

There will be sign up sheets at the April meeting for different duties. Setting up, bringing tables, wagons, carts. I know everyone helps but this will help Adriana to know who is doing what.

Please also save small sturdy boxes, flats for customers to use.

**Saturday, May 13**

Plant Sale  
Alton Wood River Sports-  
men's Club  
Sale 8 am- noon

**Thursday, May 18, 6:30 pm**

Home Garden Visit  
Brenda Casey  
4809 Blu Fountain Dr.  
Godfrey, IL

**Saturday, May 20**

Bus Trip to St Charles/  
O'Fallon, MO  
Meet Godfrey Walmart,  
Depart 8 am  
Return around 4:30 pm

**Spring Bus Trip:** The trip is scheduled for Saturday, May 20. We will depart from the Godfrey Walmart at 8 am. We will be shopping at the St Charles/ O’Fallon nurseries. The route hasn’t been confirmed yet, have to wait for the nurseries to open. The plan is to have lunch in the historic district of St. Charles, should have plenty of restaurant choices. Cost is \$15 for member and nonmembers. Sue Hiller will be collecting the money. The plan is to return to Godfrey around 4:30

**March speaker:** Carol Gravens, St Louis Master Gardener, spent the evening with us. Carol shared her 10 favorite orchids. These were her own plants. She has 300 orchids in her home. Carol reviewed how to care for the orchids. They require good drainage, tepid water, bark and horticultural charcoal. She recommend east window for lighting, fertilize and humidity. Proper day and night temperatures. Her top 10 orchids are: Phalaenopsis, Cattleya Corsage Orchid, Paphiopedilum, Dendrobium, Vanda, Ludisia, Oncidium, Phaius, Phragmipedium and Bulbophyllum. The Vanda orchid appeared to be the favorite for the members. It is a large orchid, it hangs, does not require soil. It was an enjoyable evening with good friends.



**Things to do:**

**April 20-22,** SWIC Horticulture annual plant sale, <https://www.bnd.com/news/local/article209280719.html>.

**April, Events at Missouri Botanical gardens,** African violets, daylily, herbs, etc. <https://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/events-classes/calendar>

**April 22,23 & 29,30 Three Rivers Community Plant Sale.** Plant sale <https://threeriverscommunityfarm.com/about>

**May 2—Oct 15,** Chihuly at Missouri Botanical Gardens. <https://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/events-classes/special-exhibitions/chihuly-in-the-garden-2023>

**May 24,** 6pm, Hayner Library, What’s the Buzz about Natives. <https://www.haynerlibrary.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Spring-2023-Newsletter.pdf>

**April Hospitality:** The following members volunteered to bring refreshments for the meeting. Thank you in advance. Thank you to everyone that brought refreshments for the March meeting. If you sign up to bring something please mark it on your home calendar. If you aren’t able to attend, please let me know.

Dessert/Appetizer: Susan Hiller, Sharon Groh, Jaci Sweetman ( app ) , Rosemary Bauer

- One large bag of ice: Adriana Marcuzzi
- 2 liter regular cola: Barbara Reiske
- 2 liter white soda: Debby Linker
- 2 liter diet soda: Fred Bryant
- Gallon unsweetened tea: Char McAllister

**Executive Committee**

- President:** Dottie Rogers,  
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- Vice President:** Paula Zugmaier,  
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- Treasurer:** Susan Hiller, 466-4942
- Past President:** George Kahl

**Board members**

- Vernice Allen
- Rosemary Bauer
- Christy Butler
- Jerry Linker
- Adriana Marcuzzi
- Edith Reed
- Eunice Weber

**Committee chairs**

- Christy Butler— trips, Facebook
- Jerry Linker— photos, historian, community projects
- Adriana Marcuzzi — plant sale
- Debbie Winship — hospitality
- Edith Reed — hospitality