



August 2015

Mississippi Valley Garden Club

Save these dates:

Thursday, Aug. 20

Lantern Festival

**Leave Alton Square Mall,
5 pm**

Return around 11 pm

Thursday, Sept. 17

**Carol Lammi's
Garden visit**

Troy, IL

6:30 pm

Thursday, Oct. 15

7 pm

Bethalto Senior Center

TBA

November - no meeting

Thursday, Dec 10

Christmas Banquet

Julia's Banquet Center

Well we finally got some nice weather. The rain has let up. Some really hot days, too. I feel like I'm caught up on my weeding, they aren't taking over anymore.

July garden visit: We had a wonderful evening at Dottie Rogers' garden. It is a mature garden with large trees and shrubs. The hydrangeas had huge blooms. Many hosta, lilies and astilbe. There were areas with roses and a sun garden. You wandered the paths finding small sitting areas, colorful pots, a hammock and an unique water fountain. Dottie has a nice potting shed, built by her kids. There was also a double glider that has been a fixture in the garden for years. We were treated to lemonade, tea and cookies.



August bus trip: We will be headed for the Chinese Lantern Festival at the Missouri Botanical Gardens. There are still some seats available on the bus, you will have to purchase your own ticket for the festival. The festival consists of 22 installations, made of silk, steel and porcelain. You will see glowing dragons and fish that are larger than life throughout the garden. This will be a fun way to learn more about the Chinese culture. www.mobotanicalgarden.org

We will depart from Alton Square Mall at 5 pm. Lights will come on at 8pm. Bus door will be open at 9 pm. Depart at 10 pm (or before if everyone is back on the bus).

September garden visit:

Third time is a charm. Once again we have been invited to Carol Lammi's. Hopefully, the weather will cooperate. Carol said she has been adding more hosta and trees since the 4th of July. Light refreshments will be provided.

Memorial: We received a thank you card with a note from Jan Maxeiner. Wanted to share her note with you. *I want to thank the garden club members for their prayers, cards, notes, calls and support during this difficult time. Enclosed is a copy for the memorial tree planting sent by Gpdfrey Park and Recreation. The tree is a wonderful memorial. I am so pleased and know Herb would be too. Jan Maxeiner*

The dedication will be April 2016, we will let you know when the date is set.

Members update: No new information to share. Hope everyone is doing well.

Some suggestions by members:

To help promote our garden club it was suggested that we wear our club apparel when out shopping. Another one is to watch for end of seasons sales for gifts for the Christmas exchange.

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