

# Mississippi Valley Garden Club

February 2022

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Save these dates:

**Thursday, February 17  
6:30 pm**

Kris Larson  
Theodora Farms in Godfrey  
Bethalto Senior Citizen  
Center

**Dues for 2022, \$10 for  
renewal, \$17 for new  
members**

**Deadline for 2022 dues,  
extended to March 31**

**White elephant exchange**

**Monday, February 28,  
6:30 pm**

Board meeting  
Dottie's home

**Thursday, March 17  
6:30 pm**

Betsy Alexander  
St Louis Master Gardener  
"A Dark Side to Your  
Garden"

January meeting was cancelled due to Covid surge and frigid temperatures. Better safe than sorry. Actually, our speaker cancelled. His kids and some of his employees had Covid. Hopefully both will improve by the February meeting.

**Inclement weather:** with the possibility of bad weather please watch your email prior to meetings. Please help pass updates onto members that don't have email.

**February meeting:** Our speaker will be Kris Larson, General Manager and Marketing Coordinator from Theodora Farms in Godfrey. They have only been open for a few years (2019). They grow and sell vegetables to the public. They are growing, flowers, vegetables, herbs and annual fruits on land that is being transitioned to organic. They have a 10 acre farm on North Alby. They do have an online store. Please come to hear what he has to share. Maybe find a new place to obtain fresh food.

**Dues 2022:** Susan Hiller will be collecting dues at the February and March meetings. Deadline will be March 31, 2022. Renewal will be \$10 per member. New members will be \$17, which includes the name pin. Late fee will be \$15 after March 31.

**White elephant exchange:** If you have gently used gardening related items be sure and bring them for the exchange. Its always surprising what is brought in for trade.

**Spring Garden Nursery Trip:** For members that are fairly new to the club, the spring bus trip was something members looked forward to every year. We visit garden nurseries, alternating between Illinois and Missouri. This year is Illinois. This gave us a chance to see new plants/ new varieties that aren't available in our local nurseries. You are traveling with members you may have experience with the different plants. Also, some master gardeners that have advanced training. Plus the experienced nursery staff. We stop for lunch at local eateries. Some of the nurseries used to give us a discount. We usually meet the bus at the Godfrey Walmart.

One thing that we consider when looking at the buses is storage for plants. Everyone usually has a box/ container that they put their purchases in. We have even brought small trees back.

The plan will be to visit the nurseries that were originally scheduled in 2020. We would be going to Hilltop Nursery and Garden in Sherman, ILL, Greenview Garden Center in Springfield, lunch, Pleasant Nursery Inc, and Buckley's Prairie Landscaping. Last will be Kahl's Greenhouse and Landscaping, George and Edith brother's nursery in Carlinville ( one of our favorites).

Usually members pay \$10 and guests \$17, to help off set the cost. This is also a factor that could be considered.

Christy has been gathering information about buses for the nursery trip. The price of the busses have gone up. There is a yellow school bus that is cheapest.

The trip will be discussed at the Feb club meeting. We will need to know how many members are interested in going. We will need the information to make the decision if it is feasible to rent a bus. The other reason for the quick decision is to hopefully get the date that works for us.

There is the option of carpooling. Any ideas to make carpooling more workable would be appreciated.

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So check your schedules for April and May. If you can not make the February meeting but are interested in going on the bus trip please let me know so you can be in the count.

**Pricing for buses:**

Limo/party bus: 24/ 28 passenger, no outside storage	\$ 1750 — 1890
Vandalia bus: 56 passenger, outside storage	\$ 1240
Yellow school bus, 47 passenger, no outside storage	\$ 715

Please be prepared to discuss the spring bus trip at the club meeting.

**Refreshments/drinks for February meeting:**

Drinks:

1– 2 liter cola - Paula

1– 2 liter white soda– Debby

1– 2 liter diet cola—Christy

1– gallon unsweetened tea— Vernice

1– large bag of ice — Susan

4- desserts/ appetizer : Edith , Eunice , Dottie , Susan

Debbie will be out of town. Will need help setting up and cleaning up.

We will be signing up for refreshments for March and April at the February meeting. The board did agree to cut back on the number of refreshments since we have had a decreased number of members. Hopefully members won't need to sign up as frequently. Please be mindful of the decreased servings when going through the line.

**Things to do:**

**Feb 15, Four Seasons Gardening Webinars, University of ILL.** <https://extension.illinois.edu/global/four-seasons-gardening-webinar-series>

**Feb 26, St Charles Master Gardener Virtual Dig In event,** <https://www.stcharlescountymastergardeners.com/>  
**Orchid** show cancelled for 2022.

**Feb 28, Registration for Weekend Gardener, Virtual, March 5** <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=24983>

**Art in Bloom—** Virtual, March 1– March 31, <https://www.slam.org/event/virtual-art-in-bloom-2022>

**Missouri Botanical Gardens-** classes, workshops, tours- <https://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/learn-discover/adults/classes-tours-workshops.aspx>

**March 3-6, St Louis Home and Garden Show -** <https://www.stlhomeshow.com/HomeGarden/>

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