



MISSISSIPPI VALLEY GARDEN CLUB

January 2015

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Save these dates:

Thursday

January 15, 2015

7 pm

Bethalto Senior Center

John Hensley

Plants of the Bible



Monday
January 26, 2015

7pm

Board Meeting

Sue's home

Thursday
February 19, 2015

7 pm

Bethalto Senior Center

Ned Seigel

Rain Garden

Monday
February 23, 2015

7pm

Board Meeting

Sue's home

January Presentation: Have you ever wandered if there is a real burning bush, or manna. What is gall? This talk will give you some answers and interesting insights. John Hensley will be our speaker for the evening. John became a Master Gardener in 2008. He volunteers weekly at Missouri Botanical Gardens. He was commissioned as a lay Stephen Minister in 1988 and became certified as a Stephen Leader in 1998.

Note from the President: I have been a member of MVGC for at least 15 years. I still remember my first meeting. It was March and the speaker was from a nursery in Staunton (that I had never heard of before). He brought some spring blooming perennials to share. I fell in love with and bought my first hellebores, the first of many wonderful new plants. The club is a great resource of shared knowledge: from the speakers, our own master gardeners and every member that is so willing to share their ideas, plants, gardens and time. Its time to get ready for the new gardening season. Make room for new plants by dividing your plants to share with the plant sale. The spring bus trip has been scheduled, lets see how many new plants we will discover. Encourage friends, relatives and neighbors to join us for the new year. We are always willing to share our knowledge. Sue

Dues for 2015: Fees for the 2015 year are due by Thursday, Feb 19. This is the Feb club meeting. You can also mail them to Judy Dare, treasurer. Her address is: 108 Cedar Ln, East Alton, IL 62024. Dues are \$10 for returning members, \$17 for new members(1st year only). After Thursday, Feb 19, the late dues fee is \$15.

New officers and board members: The elections for officers was held at the Christmas Banquet. New officers: Sue Hiller- president, Susan Ruckman- vice-president & secretary, Judy Dare- treasurer. Committee chairs will remain the same. Board members will be: Vernice Allen, Carole Baker, George Kahl, Jerry Linker, Dottie Rogers and Paula Zugmaier. Thank you for volunteering.

Christmas Banquet 2014: We had our banquet on Dec 4 at Julia's Banquet Center. It was festively decorated. They had us in a larger room which was nice. We had 62 members and 7 guests. The food was very good. Nobody went away hungry. We tried something different for dessert. We had a sheet cake from Duke's Bakery. New officers and board members were announced and elected. The gavel was passed on to the new president, Sue Hiller. Paula and George announced the numbers for the gift exchange. There were some interesting and creative gifts. We collected a large amount of canned goods. Jerry Linker delivered the canned goods and a check to the Hope Center. It was a enjoyable evening by all. The weather was wet and foggy, but not an issue. Hopefully more members will be able to attend the 2015 banquet.



Board Meetings: Just a reminder, all club members are welcomed to attend the board meetings. Only the committee members can vote. If you have a suggestion or concern that you feel needs to be addressed, you may present it to the committee. If you aren't able to attend please pass it on to a committee member. We would like to hear your concerns and ideas.

Hidden Talents: If you, a friend or relative has a talent or a particular topic that they would be willing share, please let me know. For example: flower arranging, wreath decorating, making a fairy garden, daylilies or a new garden space, etc. There have been times that we could use a presentation on a shorter topic. I would like to hear from you. *Thanks, Susan*

Things to do: Jan 31– Mar 22, Orchid Show, Missouri Botanical Gardens- www.mobot.org

Jan 27 & 28, Gateway Green Industry, Collinsville- <https://web.extension.illinois.edu>

Jan 29, Invasive Pest Workshop- <https://web.extension.illinois.edu>

Feb 21, Weekend Gardener, Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows - <https://web.extension.illinois.edu>

Feb 26– Mar 1, St Louis Home and Garden show - www.stlhomeshow.com

Note from Hospitality: The following members have signed up to bring goodies for the January meeting.

Dessert: Carol M, Paula Z, Debby L, Joyce B

2 liters regular soda: Anna P

2 liters white soda: Bill H

2 liters diet soda: Minnie D

2 bags of ice: Edith R

President - Sue Hiller 466-4942

Vice President - Susan Ruckman 466-5892

Secretary - Susan Ruckman 466-5892

Treasurer - Judy Dare 258-7098

Board

Vernice Allen

Carole Baker

George Kahl

Jerry Linker

Dottie Rogers

Paula Zugmaier

Committee Chairs

Carolyn James, Trips

Karen Fitzgerald, Hospitality

Mary Scates, Hospitality

Phil Embree, Plant Sale

Jerry Linker, Historian & Photos

Earlene Harrison,

Community Projects