



January 2014

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY GARDEN CLUB

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UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY 16, 2014

Senior Citizens Center

Bethalto

7:00pm

Guest Speaker: TBA

Membership Dues for 2014

January 27, 2014

Board Meeting

7:00pm

Debbie's home

February 20, 2014

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Bethalto

7:00pm

Guest Speaker: TBA

2014 Dues Deadline

Note from the President

As you begin a New Year, think about the people who you could invite to join us in the Club. Many people just need someone to take the time to invite them. We all like plants and gardening. Surely you know someone who would also enjoy the fellowship that comes when people of like minds come together. Invite them to a meeting, introduce them around and let them enjoy a good time with good people. Also, I encourage everyone to schedule a visit to your garden for the club this summer. We have months to get ready. This could be the push you need to complete a garden project. Happy New Year!

Debbie

Dues for 2014: Its time again for yearly dues. \$10 for returning members. \$17 for new members , for the first year. Dues can be paid at the meeting or mailed to Susan Ruckman. Address is 2716 Ridgedale Dr, Godfrey, IL 62035. Please make checks payable to MVGC. Deadline, February 20.

New email address: I have a new email address for secretary/ treasurer correspondence. gardenfriends@hotmail.com . This is to better track correspondence. Please update your contact list.

Thanks, Susan

Request from plant sale patron:

Mary contacted us through the website. She is looking for two large Cast Iron plants, aspidistra. If you have the plants and willing to share or sell. Or if you have information where she can obtain established plants. Please contact : Mary C. , Alton or let me know and I can contact her.

Susan

If you have extra slightly used garden items, consider bringing them to the meeting for the attendance prize drawings.



Christmas Banquet:

December 5 was the club’s Christmas dinner. 61 members and 5 guests attended. A good time was had by all. The food was plentiful and delicious, no body went away hungry. The gifts were interesting from hummingbird feeders to scary owls. Everyone received a nice gift. Sue got first pick and Jerry was last. There were many canned goods donated for the Hope Center. Jerry was kind enough to deliver them, along with a check for \$500. The snow held off till the very end, allowing for safe driving. It would be nice to have full membership attendance for Christmas banquet 2014.



Sympathy to: Lee and Mary on the loss of their son-in-law. Please keep the family in your prayers.

NOTE FROM HOSPITALITY: The following members will provide the goodies for our January meeting. **Desserts:** Karen , Diane and George **Drinks:** 2-liter Cola– Jan , 2-liter white soda– Susie , 2 liter diet soda– Debbie . **Tea:** Carol . **Ice:** Karen .

Please be sure to sign up for bringing goodies, if you haven’t done so already.

Area Events:

Jan 18, 8-4:30, University of IL Herb Day, Holiday Inn Hotel & Conference Center, Urbana, IL

Feb 1– March 23, Missouri Botanical Garden, Orchid Show, 9-5, Ridgeway Visitor Center.

- President** - Debbie Fleetwood 531-9655
- Vice Presidents-** Gloria Gowin 550-9923
John Gowin 304-3437
- Secretary** - Susan Ruckman 466-5892
Linda Votaw 377-0506
- Treasurer** - Susan Ruckman 466-5892

Board

- Shirley Means
- Anna Potter
- Richard Hancock
- George Kahl
- Jerry Linker
- Linda Votaw

Committee Chairs

- Carolyn James, Trips
- Earlene Harrison,
Community Projects
- Karen Fitzgerald, Hospitality
- Mary Scates, Hospitality
- Jerry Linker, Historian & Photos
- Phil Embree, Plant Sale