

Mississippi Valley Garden Club



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Save these dates:

January 16, 7pm
Thursday
Bethalto Senior Center
100 E Central St
Bethalto, IL 62010

John Hensley,
St. Louis Master Gardener

“Botanical Gardens”
Dues for 2020

January 27, Monday,
6:30pm
Board meeting
Dottie home
Godfrey **(new address)**

February 20, Thursday
7 pm
Bethalto Senior Center
TBA

We are starting a new year/gardening season, consider inviting friends to the meetings. We need to spread the word about the informative programs and good gardening friends. Also, consider adding your own garden to our summer visit schedule.

Dues for 2020: Susan will be collecting dues for 2020, at the January and February meetings. Dues for returning members is \$10. New members is \$17, this includes their name pin. If you are going to be out of town, Jan and Feb, please mail your dues to: Susan, Alton, 62002. Late dues will be \$15 after Thursday, Feb 20.

Inclement weather: With the chance of inclement weather the next couple of months, if you normally receive your newsletter by email, you will be notified by email if there is a cancellation. Please check your email. Otherwise you will receive a phone call. If any concerns the day of the meeting contact George Kahl or Susan Ruckman.

White elephant exchange: Just a reminder, if you have gently used gardening items you can bring them for the exchange. Someone else may be able to get some use from it.

Volunteers needed: The club is still in need of a couple of volunteers. We need a community project chairperson. This person will coordinate activities with the Community Hope Center and other projects that are designated. We also need a couple of board members. Board members communicate between club members and the board. They would communicate information and concerns with both parties.

Please keep in your prayers: Don had brain surgery in November. He is doing well. His brother, Rick is doing a good job caring for him. Hopefully we will see him soon.

January meeting: John Hensley from the St Louis Master Gardeners will be doing a presentation on a couple of botanical gardens. There will be one nearby, one out of state and one out of the country. You will be getting an armchair tour. These are all gardens John has visited. John has been a master gardener since 2008. He volunteers weekly at the Missouri Botanical garden.

Favorite pictures 2020: For several years Jerry Linker has been keeping an album of member's favorite gardening pictures. It may include insects, bird or grandchild as long as it is flower or garden related. If you want to share the picture with the members please forward to Jerry , by mail, email or in person.

Christmas banquet: We had another great Christmas celebration at Castelli's. There were 46 members and guests that attended the dinner and participated in the gift exchange. The food was great, and plenty of it. Vernice arranged for a variety of cheesecakes, which were delicious. The gifts were unique and fun. The company was great. Hope everyone enjoyed. Sorry if you missed it, maybe you can make it next year.



Hospitality — The following members have volunteered to bring desserts and drinks for the January meeting. Thank you in advance.
Desserts— Dottie , JoAnn , Jaci , Sharon , Carolyn and Susan r

1 large bag of ice — Adriana
 (1) 2 liter regular cola — Susan
 (1) 2 liter white soda — Susan
 (1) 2 liter diet soda— Helen
 1 gal unsweetened tea—Karen

President: George , 498-5789

Vice President: Dottie , 917-4730

Secretary: Susan, (618)917-5853 or gardenfriends@hotmail.com

Treasurer: Susan , 466-4942

Board members

Vernice
 Carole
 Chris
 Jerry

Committee chairs

Christy — trips
 ???-community projects
 Jerry – photos & historian
 Edith - pant sale
 Debbie - hospitality