

# Mississippi Valley Garden Club

January 2023

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**Save these dates:**

**Thursday, January 19, 2023**

7:00 pm

Bethalto Senior Citizen  
Center

Katie Piper, Garden  
designer and horticulturist  
at Lewis and Clark  
Community College

**2023 Renewal Dues \$10**

**New member price change  
\$18**

**White elephant drawing**

**Monday, January 30, 2023**

6:30 pm

Board meeting at Dottie's  
home.

**Thursday, February, 16**

7:00 pm

Emily Ehley  
with Trees Forever  
Woodland Wildflower  
Identification.

**Inclement weather:** Please keep an eye on your email/ Facebook in case of bad weather for cancellations. Officers please make sure you have your rosters handy in case we have to make calls on short notice. Please be safe.

**Belated welcome to Sharon G:** Sharon is a busy lady. Has many interests and not afraid to try new things. She grew up on a farm with gardening, both vegetables and flowers. Likes natives and perennials. She has had experience with rain barrels and rain gardens. She has raised garden beds, prefers the ones on the ground. She does have some garden beds on legs, but they dry out quicker.



Sharon and her husband Mark, moved to Alton from Nebraska, to be closer to one of their sons. Help out with his family and business.

They have 3 sons. Her husband, Mark enjoyed himself at the Christmas dinner.

Sharon is a social worker by profession, has been doing private duty care with home clients. She believes in sustainability. Has experience with canning, freezing and dehydrating produce. They have 3 backyard chickens.

Her latest project was a little free library, with a bench for neighbors to take a break and borrow a book. Planted the area with daffodils.

Their son rents property in Wood River that Sharon and Mark help with. Clearing around a couple hundred trees, putting up bluebird houses. Using prairie and native plants.

In addition to gardening, family, and grandkids Sharon enjoys volunteering at their church, also camping and kayaking.

Hope to see a lot of you and Mark.

**January speaker:** Paula has been diligently working to get speakers lined up. The original speaker for January became sick. We now have Katie Piper, garden designer from Lewis and Clark Community College. Katie moved from Sycamore, IL to Edwardsville where she found her love for gardening, with working with passionate horticulturists. Katie is the garden designer at LC and design the annual summer garden show. She personally takes care of the gardens and is the advisor of the student garden club. She will be sharing her journey, her design process and photos of past designs and gardens at LC.

**2023 Dues:** the renewal dues is \$10. The new member price is increased to \$18 due to the increase in the price of purchasing the name pins. Please come a little early to pay your dues. Dues collection will be stopped 5 minutes prior to meeting starting. Please review your information on file to make sure it is up to date. If you can't make the meeting please mail your dues to Susan H.

**Hospitality:** Debbie W has gone south for the winter. Help will be needed with setting and cleaning up the refreshments. Be sure and check the refreshment sign up on the back page. Members signed up in October, its been awhile. If you can't do it for some reason please let us know. Thank you in advance.

**White elephant drawing;** Please bring a gently used gardening item that you no longer have a use for the white elephant drawing. Tools, glove, gardening club apparel, etc.

**November, Out and About:** The Laux Brickhouse Grille in Bethalto. A group of 14 members attended the get together. The weather was good. Spirits were good, conversation was flowing. No body left hungry. It was a good afternoon.



**Cookie Exchange:** was at Dottie's home. Dottie is quite the hostess. She had a lovely lunch for us: chicken salad on a bed of salad, crescent rolls, herb flavored butter, tea and water. There were cookies galore for dessert. There were 9 members, everyone went home with 8 different kinds of cookies. Thank you Dottie and everyone who brought cookies.



**Christmas Celebration :** Our celebration took place at Castelli's restaurant. We had 35 members and 3 guests and 1 musician. Everyone looked nice and festive in their Christmas apparel. It was nice to visit and catch up with everyone. Caleb was available for Christmas music and sing along. 6 Christmas cactus were given away to lucky winners. Food was great as always. The cheesecake, Vernice obtained, was awesome. Thank you Vernice for facilitating the dinner



**January Hospitality:** The following members volunteered to bring refreshments. Thank you in advance.

**Appetizers/Desserts:** Brooke , Adriana , John B (moonlight salad) and Gloria

**1- large bag of ice:** Jen

**1- 2 liter regular cola:** Mary G.

**1- 2 liter white soda:** Debby L

**1- 2 liter diet soda:** Sharlotte B

**1- gallon unsweetened tea:** Bill

**Board members**

Vernice Allen  
 Rosemary Bauer  
 George Kahl (past president)  
 Eunice Weber

**Committee chairs**

Christy Butler— trips, Facebook  
 Jerry Linker— photos, historian, community projects  
 Adriana Marcuzzi — plant sale  
 Debbie Winship — hospitality  
 Edith Reed — hospitality

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