

# Mississippi Valley Garden Club

January 2024



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**Save these dates:**

**Thursday, January 18, 7 pm**  
**Bethalto Senior Service Center**  
**100 E. Central St,**  
**Bethalto, IL**

**Wendy Reinacher-Hilling**  
**The Village Gardener of**  
**Glen Carbon**

**2024 Dues**  
**Please come early to pay**  
**your dues. Dues collecting**  
**will shut down at 6:55 for**  
**the presentation**

**Saturday, January 13, 11:00**  
**Out and About**  
**Lunch at Laux Brickhouse**  
**Grille**  
**212 N Prairie St, Bethalto**  
**RSVP to Paula by Monday**  
**January 8**

**Thursday, January 25**  
**9am – 12pm**  
**Service Day at**  
**Community Hope Center,**  
**RSVP to Paula by Thursday**  
**January 18.**

**2024 Dues:** Dues will be collected at the January and February meetings. Renewal dues is \$10. After the February meeting there will be \$5.00 late fee for a total of \$15.00. If you are not able to be at the meetings please mail your dues to Susan Hiller, 6511 Alpha Dr, Alton.

Please come early to pay your dues, dues collecting will be shut down at 6:55, so that all members can enjoy the presentation.

**January presentation:** Wendy Reinacher-Hellig will be our guest speaker for the evening. Wendy is the village gardener for the village of Glen Carbon. She joined the staff in 2016. It was the kind of job that a single mom of a one year old needed and to do the work she loved.

She has a associate degree in applied science and horticulture. She also has an associate degree in art.

She not only serves the Glen Carbon Community but also the town of Grantfork where she resides. She has gardens at home and a few landscaping areas around Grantfork that she also cares for.

Wendy is going to share some of her adventures and designs with us.

**Out and About:** Come join us for lunch at Laux Brickhouse Grille in Bethalto, Saturday, January 13, 11:00. We have been there before. The food was good. Please RSVP to Paula by Monday, Jan. 8, so she can make a reservation. Call or text: 618-567-1703.

**Service Day at Community Hope Center:** This is set up to give us a better understanding of what goes on at the center. Paula has done this in the past with her church group. They had wiped down shelves, stocked shelves, etc. Let Paula know, by Jan 18, if you want to participate. It will be Thursday, January 25, 9 am –12 pm.

**Board Meeting:** new location. It will be at the Heartland Baptist Church, next door to Alton High School. We will enter in the door facing Alton High School. Paula will meet us there and guide us in. Start time is 6:30.

**Monday, January 29,**  
**6:30 pm**

**Board Meeting**

**Heartland Baptist Church**  
**4500 Humbert Rd, Alton**  
**Enter on side of building**  
**facing Alton High School.**

**Thursday, February 15, 7 pm**

**Bethalto Senior Service**  
**Center**  
**100 E Central St**  
**Bethalto, IL**  
**Betsy Alexander**  
**St. Louis Master Gardener**  
**Winter Damage**

**2024 Dues deadline Feb 15**

**The Christmas Celebration** took place on Thursday, Dec 7. The dinner was enjoyed by 41 members and guest. . The food was delicious as always. There were little individual cheese cakes, different flavors, from the Cheese Factory. . There was a trivia game that Christy set up. There were 20 plants raffled off. Sounds like a good time was had by all.



**The Cookie Exchange** took place at Dottie Roger's home, eight members participated. Members had lunch and exchanged cookies. 2 members couldn't make it but still brought cookies to trade. Dottie's home was decorated for the holidays.



#### **Board members**

**President:** Paula Zugmaier,  
567-1703

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573-680-9341

**Secretary:** Susan Ruckman,  
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Jerry Linker

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Edith Reed

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#### **Committee chairs**

Rosemary Bauer- Bus trip

Christy Butler-Facebook

Jerry Linker- photos, historian,  
community projects

Adriana Marcuzzi — plant sale,  
Facebook

Kay Brands — hospitality

Edith Reed — hospitality