



Mississippi Valley Garden Club

July/August 2023

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Save these dates:

Thursday, July 20, 6:30 pm
Home garden visit
Char McAlister
116 Crystal Gate Ln,
Glen Carbon, IL 62034

Monday, July 31, 6:30
Board meeting
Dottie Rogers home
1712 Aster Ln
Godfrey, 62035

Thursday, August 17,
6:30 pm
Lewis and Clark Community
College

To follow

Pearsons' Ice Cream
6304 Humbert Rd,
Godfrey, 62035

Thursday, September 21,
6:30 pm Home garden visit
Sharon and Mark Groh
1428 Milton Rd
Alton, IL 62002

Welcome to new member, Cindy Larson. Cindy has been popping up at activities, glad you decided to join us. Cindy is a long time friend of Paula's.

Also, welcome back to Kay Brands. This seems to be the year for former members to return to the club. Welcome back, Kay.

July garden visit: We have been invited to Char McAlister garden. She was a former member and has returned. Char and Lenore returned to the area in 2018. Char has been sharing pictures of their plants on Facebook. She was afraid the blooms would be gone before we are able to see them. They have a 3 tiered water fountain that I hear is awesome. It was installed by the prior owner.

They were awarded the GLEN award, Gardening, Landscaping, Enhancing, Nature. They received the award last year. It is an annual award in Glen Carbon.

There will be street parking, please don't block the driveways.

There will be light refreshments. Please bring your drink, chair, bug spray, whatever you might need for an evening outside.

August garden visit: The club will be visiting the gardens at Lewis and Clark Community College. Our contact is Katie Piper, we are hoping she will be our guide for the evening. Katie was the speaker we had in January. She is the designer and horticulturist at Lewis and Clark.

This is the college's 11th annual garden show. Their theme for this year is, Discover: Monticello Sculpture Gardens.

<https://www.lc.edu/community-visitors/campus-attractions/monticello-sculpture-gardens/discover-msg.html>

The designers and horticulturists always do a nice job. It would be nice to see Katie, again. Will share details as the date gets closer. It is about a 1/2 mile walk.

After the garden walk members are invited to meet at Pearson's Ice Cream for a cool treat.

Plant sale tip: Now that the plants are blooming please try to get pictures so that the colors are known. A picture is worth a thousand words. The plants sell easier with pictures.

Also, to have the picture on a stick or skewer placed in the pot, not stuck down in the pot. Don't need a picture in each pot, but try to group them together. Each plant should have a name and description tag.

The pictures are collected as they go through check out, be sure to collect your signs to use again.

Paula shared her technique for posting pictures. Using a wooden skewer tapes a baggie to it. Takes a picture, attaché a piece of cardboard to the back of the picture. Then slips the picture into the baggie. With this method you can change the pictures as needed. See picture on back.



June garden visit– We had a lovely evening with a nice group of 26 members, including a guest, who came out to see Christy’s new place in Brighton. She moved here three year ago, bought five lots. Has a great shaded back yard with a beautiful new deck to enjoy it from. She said there wasn’t much there when she moved in, except for a rose and a peony and a lot of rock!. She added a great big shade garden in the front that is filling in nicely with lots of help from garden friend exchanges , purchases from plant sales and our bus trip. She’s also added a nice long bed in the back that gets both sun and shade. There were a lot of “oohs and ahhs “ over her huge two-toned dahlia and other perennials in the back bed. Christy gave a grateful “shout out” to Edith for her help in getting her yard “garden club ready”. We’ll be watching with interest as her garden continues to develop.

There were some delicious snacks that she and Edith provided ,that we enjoyed as well. “Thank you” to Christy for hosting our June meeting.



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