

# MISSISSIPPI VALLEY GARDEN CLUB

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**JULY 2014**

## SAVE THESE DATES

**Thursday, July 17**

**6:30 pm**

**Juanita's Garden  
Jerseyville**

**Monday, July 28**

**7:30 pm**

**Board Meeting  
Debbie's  
Home**

**Saturday, August 2**

**Sue & Bill's  
Celebration**

**Thursday, August 21**

**6:30 pm**

**TBA**

Hope everyone is doing well and enjoying the weather. Not to much is going on in the club. I have sent out emails regarding other activities. Hopefully some of you were able to attend.

If you need something to do with the kids, grandkids, or by yourself, go to SIUE gardens and check out the pots our members planted.

**June Garden Visit:** We had a nice visit to Sassafras Hill, home and garden of Linda and Gerald. It is a shaded lot, several acres. It has been a work in progress for 14 years. Several hardscape areas, including a patio and an upper deck with a pergola. The moongate was unique. It is traditionally a Chinese gate inviting guests into the area. It leads to a path around the side yard and up to the front. It is planted with hostas, ferns and other shade plants. There is a pergola over the front entrance that is covered with a wisteria. They have found a way to feed the birds and not all the squirrels. Gerald has built the wooden structures: a set of cabinets for storage, the moongate, a herb stand and several other items. They have their own campfire area with stools and a hammock. Linda and Gerald have worked to provide areas of relaxation without making much a footprint on nature.



**July 17 : Garden Visit:** We have been to a garden in town and an oasis on a shaded lot, now we are headed for the country. Yep, we are going to the country; where the roads are curvy, corn is growing tall, Queen Anne's Lace, wild cornflowers and tiger lilies are blooming. We have been graciously invited to Juanita and her boyfriend's (Monte) home. All you need to bring is your **appetite** and a **chair**.

Juanita and her co-hosts, Joyce and Edith will be providing a light meal. It will consist of chicken kabobs, variety of salads and desserts. Tea and lemonade will also be provided.

Juanita's garden is mostly sun with minimal shade. There are a variety of day lilies, grasses, sedum, groundcover, etc. This is only their second summer in the home so the garden is still in progress. You will have to come check it out for yourself.

She is located at Jerseyville. It is between Jerseyville and Piasa, down Highway 16. They live on the north side of Hwy 16. About 1-1/2 miles off the hwy on the left. There will be balloons at the end. Plenty of parking in the grass along the driveway.

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