

Mississippi Valley Garden Club

July 2015

Save these dates:

Thursday, July 16

6:30 pm

Dottie Rogers

6515 Deer Run, Alton

Garden visit

Thursday, Aug 20

Bus Trip

Lantern Festival

Depart 5 pm

Alton Square Mall

Return 11 pm



Earlene Harrison's home was recently awarded the Appearance Award by the City of Wood River.

We had some unusually rainy weather in June. It seems to be continuing into July. The plants/vegetables seem to enjoy it for the most part, but so do the weeds. It has made some pretty soggy yards. It forced us to cancel the June garden visit, to Carol Lammi's. Its ok Carol we'll get you signed up again.

We did manage to get in a couple of activities.

Alton Farmer's Market: June 6, Saturday, 8-12pm. As a means to gain more public exposure, it was suggested that we set up a booth at the Farmer's Market in Alton.

Set up took little to no time for the canopy, table, large banner, signage, chairs, donated plants to sell and some small demonstrations. The 10' x 10' spot they put us in cost \$12 and was right in the "thick of things".

Our brochures were handed out to anyone showing an interest in the club. We believe that we will see some of the people again.

More statistics will be forth coming at a later date. The booth was deemed a huge success. We got our rent money back plus a few extra dollars from the plants sold and got our name out there.

Those that lent their time, talents and energy were: Sue Hiller, Bill Hiller, Carolyn James, Jerry Linker, George Kahl and Phil Embree. Will we do it again?? This year?? Next year?? — *Jerry Linker, Historian*

June Garden Visit: We were schedule to visit Carol Lammi's garden. Due to all the rain our visit had to be cancelled. The grounds were so muddy it was not safe for people to walk the sloping areas. After a little time with no rain, Carol invited everyone to come by on Saturday morning, July 4th. For those that were unable to attend you missed an interesting garden. Numerous hostas and Japanese maple trees were scattered throughout. There were many other plants along the paths. At every twist and turn there was a surprise or two. We were treated to fresh fruit, donuts and coffee. *Vernice Allen*

Memorials: Sue Hiller and Earlene Harrison are working with Wood River Park and Recreation to find the perfect spot for a memorial tree for Julia Thien. Will let you know more as information is available.

A memorial for Herb Maxiener has been made for planting a tree through Godfrey Park and Recreation. The tree will be included in the Arbor Day celebration in 2016. Will share the information when we are notified.

The memorial tree for Diana Pruitt is still in progress. The Bethalto park was having a problem with trees dying. They are being cautious with planting new trees. Will update you as information is available.

July garden visit: We will be going to Dottie Rogers' home for our July garden visit. Dottie's is a mature garden. The trees are huge and has a lakeside view. The hostas and hydrangeas look wonderful. She has some unique features including: potting shed, swing and a bird water feature. Dottie will be serving lemonade and cookies. Please bring a chair , don't forget the mosquito spray.

Driving directions: go north on Humbert Rd, turn right onto Seiler Road. Turn right onto Wenzel Rd, turn right again onto Deer Run. Dottie's home will be on the left.

August bus trip: Plans are completed for the bus trip to the Lantern Festival at the Missouri Botanical Gardens. Tickets have been purchased for Thursday, Aug 20. We will leave from Alton Square Mall at 5 pm and return around 11 pm. There will be a food court available. Don't forget the mosquito spray. The light show will be 8-10 pm. The bus will be open at 9 pm for anyone who gets done early. There are still seats available on the bus, if you would like to come. You would need to purchase your own ticket, but late comers are welcomed.

Members Updates:

Mary Scates' mother (Mary Ehlers) passed away in June. What a remarkable woman. She and her husband (Charles) had ten children. In addition, they raised two other children whose family were unable to care for them.. No doubt she was loved by and will be missed by many people.

Barb Batchelor was hospitalized at Barnes. She had pancreatitis which resulted in gallbladder surgery. Fortunately she is now home and well on her way to recovery.

Frank Graser completed rehabilitation for his broken shoulder. The best news is that he is now permitted to drive.

Joyce Buzzanga is home and happy to be there. Her daughter has been tending to her garden while Joyce was at rehab.

Mary and George Kahl, continue to keep both in your thoughts and prayers. Mary is at the Jerseyville Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Please give me a call or an e-mail if you have information that can be shared.

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