

Mississippi Valley Garden Club

June 2016



Save these dates:

Saturday, June 11

Alton Farmer's Market

8 am –12pm

Volunteers needed,

Plants to sell

Demonstrations encouraged

Thursday, June 16

6:30 pm

Don Scott's garden

442 Sheridan St, Bethalto

Bring a chair and drink

Monday, June 27

7 pm

Board meeting

Frank's Restaurant

Thursday, July 21

6:30 pm

Sue Campbell's garden

Wilsonville, IL

Thursday, Aug 18

6:30 pm

Jan Van Meter's garden

Dow, IL

Thursday, Sept 15

6:30 pm

Christy Butler's garden

Alton

Alton Farmer's Market: The market is a chance for us to promote the garden club. We do have to have something to sell, so of course will sell some plants. Last year we did make \$90, from our plants. The members that volunteered, last year, had a good time. Jerry did some demonstrations. Carolyn was busy passing out brochures. We need a few volunteers to help out. **If your available to help contact Susan Hiller, 466-4942 or just show up.** It opens to the public at 8 am, arrive early to help set up. It is located in Alton, at the parking lot at the corner of Landmarks Blvd (US Hwy 67) and Henry Street. If you have never been to the market, come check it out. Fresh fruits and vegetables, bake goods and snacks. There will be artists and craft booths also.

June garden visit: May has been a busy month. Dividing plants, getting our yards cleaned and spruced up, plant sale and the bus trip. Time to wind down and enjoy our gardens. 1st of the season for us will be Don Scott's garden in Bethalto. Don has been a more organized gardener for 16 yrs. Prior to this he just stuck a plant here and there. Don's favorite plant is probably the hosta, he has 243 hostas. There is street parking, you may also park in the driveway. The home garden visits will begin at 6:30. Please bring a chair and drink.

Directions to Don's: 442 Sheridan St, Bethalto. Take IL-140 east to Bethalto. You turn left onto Sheridan St, it's the 3rd street after S. Prairie. House will be on the left.

Board meeting in June: All officers and board members please try to attend. Its that time again to see who will be staying with the board for the next 2 years or resigning. If you are not able to attend, please let an officer know what your decision will be.

Favorite pictures: As your flowers are blooming and growing take some pictures. Send your favorite to Jerry Linker for the album. Don't forget to take pictures of your plants blooming, in case you divide them for the plant sale. Customers always like to see the blooms.

Plant Sale 2016: We had another successful plant sale. Weather was great. Customers were lined up before 8 am. Many brought their own boxes. We had wonderful raffle prizes that were donated, once again: Linda Eisenreich— fairy house, Edith Reed - water feature and Delmar Dooley—carved mushroom. The raffle brought in around \$200. Also, thank you to Joyce Sands who donated Mother’s Day gifts, teacups and teapots with annuals planted in them, they were a big hit. Would also like to thank everyone who donated plants and time, your efforts are greatly appreciated. Our profit was \$2838.88. Congratulations, Edith Reed, job well done for a rookie.

Spring Bus Trip: We had 32 members and guests on our annual bus trip. We traveled to Springfield, IL. The weather was great, no rain at all. All four of the nurseries had their specialty. Hilltop Nursery had a large waterfall and pond. The last stop had a large gift shop, with many unique gifts, including life white stuffed tigers. Thank you, Carolyn James and cohorts for setting up another enjoyable trip.

Community Hope Center: The May work day was cancelled due to rain. The June work day was very productive. Thank you : Juanita Cox, Earlene Harrison, Judy Hodapp, Susan Hiller, Vernice Allen, Susan Ruckman, Ron Hellmuth and Jerry Linker. These members gave of their time to clean up at the Hope Center. Weeds were pulled, boxwood and daffodils were trimmed, dead plants and bushes were removed, annuals planted, weeds were sprayed and mulch was fluffed. The landscape looks much better. It was decided that more mulch was not needed, 2nd work day is cancelled. Thank you, again. You make our club shine.

Keeping Up:

New member, Glenda Bradshaw was hospitalized at our last meeting. It was good to see her on our recent bus trip as well as other new members. Looks as though they are going to be active in our garden club.

Speaking of newer members—let’s give a big shout out to Juanita Cox and Ron Hellmuth. They came to the “work day” at Hope Center. And believe me— they both pitched right in.

A note of interest for our members who don’t have e-mail—Susie Kreitner and her husband Ed, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary, May 14th. Congratulations to the two of them!

Linda Ahrling will be having knee surgery July 7th. Remember to keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

Please keep me posted if you have any news about our members. Thanks so much! Vernice, 259-6726

Things to do:

Sunday, June 12, Noon –5pm, Pride Alton Home and Garden Tour. www.pride incorporated.org

Saturday, June 18, 9 am– 3pm, 2016 Garden Tour—Maryville-Glen Carbon area web.extension.illinois.edu/mms

June 25-26, Pond-O-Rama, St. Louis Water Gardening Society www.slwgs.org

Check out www.GatewayGardener.com for more activities

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