

Mississippi Valley Garden Club

June 2017



Save these dates:

Thursday, June 15

6:30 pm

Debra's garden
Bethalto, 62010

Monday, June 26

7:00 pm

Board meeting
Carole's home
Brighton, 62012

Thursday, July 13

6:30 pm

(different week)

Susan & Bill's garden

Thursday, August 17

6:30 pm

Debbie's garden

Thursday, September 21

6:30 pm

Carolyn & Paul's garden

Welcome: to new member, Bev . Bev is a friend of Carloyn . Bev joined us for the bus trip and the club. Hope to see you often.

Bon voyage: to Judy and Rocky . Judy and Rocky will be starting a new chapter in the lives. They are now permanently in Florida. Judy is one of the original members of the club. The club was started by Judy's son, James Gregory. We wish you well, Judy and Rocky.

June home garden visit: May activities are over, it was a very busy month. We have already been to Farmer's market the beginning of June. From here on we will be taking it easy. We will enjoy members gardens and visiting with friends.

Our first garden visit will be Debra's in Bethalto. A little bit about Debra and her garden, in her words. Don't forget we will start at 6:30 pm. Bring a chair and a drink.

I started gardening when I was a kid on the farm with my parents. We grew mostly veggies. After I was married, I moved around a lot and didn't have an opportunity to garden. When we purchased this home 23 years ago there were no gardens here. One poor Mr. Lincoln rose that was cut down with a lawn mower. I moved that and started gardening. I think I have 23 different gardens. I became a Master Gardener in 2007. My gardens are a work in progress. People are free to pick the weeds they see. Also, I have dogs and moles so watch you step. *Debra*

Parking is limited at Debra's. Convenient parking will be to park at Civic Memorial High School and walk to Debra's. Its about a 2 block walk. The school is located at 200 School St, Bethalto. Go east on School St toward North Old Bethalto Rd. Turn right on North Old Bethalto Rd.

June board meeting: There will be a board meeting in June. Just want to follow up after all the activities while they are fresh in everyone's mind. Any comments or concerns please attend the meeting or let a board member know. All members are welcomed to attend the board meetings. This will probably be the last meeting till fall. The board meeting will be at Carole home, 7 pm, Monday, June 26.

June 24, Saturday—Carmen and Bob , club members will be participating in the University of IL Extension Garden Tour. The tour is between 10 am and 3 pm. Tickets may be purchased at the Illinois Extension Office in the Carlinville Plaza prior to June 24th and at the Macoupin County Courthouse on the 24th. The cost for the tour is \$10. There are six gardens on the tour, all in the Carlinville area. " As members, we are proud to represent the Mississippi Valley Garden Club on this tour" -Bob

May activities:

Pricing day at Jan, went well. We had been having quite a bit of rain on previous days. We got lucky and the rain held off. We had several members dropping off plants, sorting and pricing. Thank you, Jan for taking care of the plants.

Plant sale 2017, was successful. It wasn't our highest, it appears to have been about 3rd highest. We had a good turn out first thing in the morning, remained steady. Everyone seemed to have a good time, customers and members. The weather turned great. No rain and not too hot. 65 flyers were printed and posted. We received \$3027.30 including sales and donations. Expenses were \$272.76. We cleared \$2754.54. Congratulations, Edith, job well done. Thank you to every one that helped. Whether it was donating plants, working at dig days, pricing, set up, clean up and working the sale. Also, thank you to Juanita Cox, Monte Ketchum, Susan & Bill Hiller and Carole Baker for donating and delivering compost. Thank you, Joyce Sands for making the mother day gifts and John Baker for the bird houses.

May meeting was held at "The Greenhouse" at the Nature Institute, in Godfrey. It was a warm evening as we assembled in the drive of the small garage to listen and learn about the greenhouse.

The greenhouse is part of a 450 acre complex that includes Olin Nature Preserve, Mississippi Sanctuary, Kemp and Cora Hutchinson Bird Sanctuary and Heartland Prairie Project at Garden Moore Park.

Ann, a volunteer worker, also garden club member, introduced us to Ramona Puskar, Educational Director, who shared information about the duties of the greenhouse. Seed gathering, planting, raising, and why we need prairie plants.

Some of us wandered down to the lake, but quickly retreated due to the "skeeters" which were quite thick.

We were also shown the greenhouse, and the outside beds of the prairie plants, which could be purchased for a nominal fee. Most were interested in common milkweed.

For more information or events, go to their website, www.thenatureinstitute.org. Jerry, Historian

Spring bus trip went very well also. We got lucky with the weather, again. We had 23 members and 2 guests that made the trip. Also had a member and her friend follow the bus in their vehicle, in case her daughter went into labor. Went to 3 nurseries in the Washington, MO area: Timberwinds Nursery, Papillon Perennials and Hillermann Nursery. We received discounts at Timberwinds and Hillermann's and free plants at Papillon. The plants all looked healthy, assistance was available and the places were clean. Lunch was in Washington, MO. Small town atmosphere. I ate at the local deli, food was great and portions were generous. The desserts were really good. There was a art/craft festival going on in town, that most members walked thru. Weather and bus driver were great. The luggage area was loaded, as usual. Great job, Carolyn! Thanks for all the trips you facilitated. Enjoy retirement.

Community Hope Center has been cleaned, trimmed, mulched and a few annuals planted. Again we got lucky with the weather. Thanks to Jerry, Anne, Earlene, George, Carole, Susan and Bill for their work. Thanks, Bill for getting the mulch. Thanks, Jerry for the use of the tractor and spraying for weeds later.



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