

# Mississippi Valley Garden Club



March 2021

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**Save these dates:**

**March 16, 6:30pm**  
Christway Church  
1200 Airport Rd  
Godfrey, IL

Speaker: Eunice Weber  
Daylilies

**Bring a mask**

**New location and date**

**2021 Dues**  
\$10, no late fee  
Deadline March 31

**April 17—Dig day at Sue and Bill Hiller**

**April 20, 6:30 pm**  
Christway Church

Plant exchange,  
2 plant limit

**Bring a mask**

**New Location and date**

**April 24—Tentative dig day, TBD**

**April 26, Board meeting,**  
6:30 pm  
Dottie Rogers home

**May 1, 2021, 1:30**  
Arbor Day Festival  
Glazebrook Park  
Memorial Tree Ceremony

**May 8, 2021**  
**Plant Sale**  
**Sportsmen's Club**

**March presentation:** Eunice Weber has volunteered to talk about daylilies. Eunice is experienced with growing and transplanting the daylilies. This presentation is worth your time if you are interested in daylilies. There are so many different blooms.

**March meeting:** We will be bringing the white elephant drawing back. If you have gently used gardening items that no longer are being use, bring them to the meeting for a drawing. It is always fun to see what is brought and what you may go home with.

The attendance prize will be changed from \$25 to \$15. There will be no 50/50 raffle due to church guidelines.

It was decided that there will not be a bus trip. If there is an interest may do a day trip with car pooling. Can be discussed at meeting.

Plant sale is on the schedule. Please check on dates for dig days. Going to need some help.

**Need gardens to visit:** We are in need of gardens to visit this summer. Yours, a relative, a neighbor's or an interesting place to visit for an evening. Please volunteer to have a garden visit. If interested let Dottie Rogers know.

**April plant exchange:** The plant exchange is fast approaching. This is a time to share a favorite or unusual plant with a fellow member. Every member can bring up to 2 plants. Please have them potted or in some kind of container. Save any extra plants for the sale. Please put the pots in plastic bags, this will help keep the mess under control. Also, please label the plants with name and care.

**February presentation:** Gail Humiston, a recently joined new member was our speaker for this month indoor meeting with a topic of "medicinal herbs".

Thirteen members met at Christway church in Godfrey, on a very nice day and evening with the snow from the past few days finally melting.

These are the 11 herbs that Gail shared with us, including those that we like to "wipe out" of our yards and gardens.

Aloe Vera: Immune system, laxative, cuts and burns, body lotion.

Burdock: (cockle burr): liver, acne, tea for weight loss

Marigold: (coli flora): irritations, rashes, insect bites, chapped skin

Chamomile: sleep, soothing and relaxing, analgesic, general skin irritation, diaper rash

Elderberry: coughs, inside body health

Mullein: cough syrup, asthma, copd, respiratory health

Marshmello: digestive complaints, intestinal tract

Red clover: estrogen, psoriasis, eczema, cardio immune system

Mints, Lemon Balm (example): antioxidant, soothes and cools inner body, sleep.

Goldenseal: infections (cuts), UTI, kidney health, eye wash  
Dandelion: antioxidant, cholesterol, inflammation, blood pressure

Very entertaining and informative topic. A sample of "Olbas oil was passed out, which is a mixture of peppermint, eucalyptus, cajeput, juniper, wintergreen and clove oils, that is inhaled, applied topically, or ingested.

*Jerry Linker, historian*

**Memorial thank-you's:**

**Dear MVGC,**

I want to thank you for the donation in memory of my mom (Earlene Harrison). She would love the donation but would think there was too much being made of her memory. She preferred to do for others.

I found a charm bracelet with a charm that showed she was president for 2 years when I was a little girl. There again, she wanted to help.

I also remember going with her to someone's home that had day lily's of all colors in their yard. I think it was a garden club member's yard. It was so pretty!

It makes me so happy that mom had so many friends and organizations that made her happy. Yours truly, Deanna Wilkey

**Dear Club Members,**

Thank you so much for donating to 5A's in memory of our dad. This was an organization dear to his heart. Thanks you also for bringing so much joy to his life, he enjoyed your company. Sincerely, The Frank Graser Family

**Received** thank you notes from Operation Blessing for memorial for Earlene Harrison.

**Also, received** a thank you note from Godfrey Parks and Recreation for memorial trees that will be planted in the spring for Ron Bottens and Jan Maxiener.



**Hospitality:** The following members have volunteered to bring food and drinks for the March meeting. Thank you in advance.

**Food items:** Jennifer Gottlob and Debby Linker

**Beverages:** Ann Bishop, Paula Zugmaier, and Andrianna Marcuzzi



**President:** George Kahl, (618) 741-0394

**Vice President:** Dottie Rogers, 917- 4730

**Secretary:** Susan Ruckman, (618)917-5853 or [gardenfriends@hotmail.com](mailto:gardenfriends@hotmail.com)

**Treasurer:** Susan Hiller, 466-4942

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Christy Butler  
Jerry Linker  
Eunice Weber

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Christy Butler  
trips  
???? — community projects  
Jerry Linker — photos & historian  
Edith Reed — plant sale  
Debbie Winship — hospitality