

# Mississippi Valley Garden Club

May 2017

## Save these dates:

### Thursday, May 11, 4 pm

Pricing at Jan's  
(rain date is Friday, May 12, 4pm)

### Saturday, May 13

8am-12pm

Plant Sale

Alton— Wood River Sportsmen's Club  
3109 Godfrey Rd, Godfrey

### Thursday, May 18, 6:30 pm

The Greenhouse at the Nature Institute,  
S. Levis Lane, Godfrey  
hostess-- Ann Osburn, (member)

### Saturday, May 20, 7:30 am

Spring bus trip  
Alton Square Mall  
depart 8:00am

### Thursday, May 25, 9:00 am

Community Hope Center  
workday

### Monday, May 29

No board meeting, Memorial Day

### Saturday, June 3, 8am- noon

Alton Farmer's Market

### Thursday, June 15, 6:30 pm

Debra's garden

### Thursday, July 13, 6:30 pm

(date change)  
Susan & Bill's garden

### Thursday, August 17, 6:30 pm

Debbie's garden

### Thursday, September 21, 6:30 pm

Carolyn & Paul's garden

Happy May, its been a rainy month so far. Hard to get the mowing done, but makes it easier for digging plants and pulling weeds. Of course it makes it all grow faster. Its going to be a busy month so keep an eye on your email or stay in touch with someone who does. Any changes will be communicated thru the emails. Have a good month.

**Pricing:** Will be at Jan's on Thursday the 11th. Rain date will be Friday, the 12th. Plants may be delivered starting Wednesday, please not before. Jan will be taking care of watering them. The plants are somewhat divided by shade and sun. Thursday at 4 pm, pricing will begin. We will use the colored plastic ware, each color is a different price. The experienced pricers will make the decisions on the price, then other members will help place the plastic ware. It usually goes very quickly. **Directions:** Jan's is about the 7th house on the right.

**Plant sale:** Everything is in full swing for the plant sale. **Flyers** should be going up around town. Plants should be dug and potted. You may need to trim them up prior to the sale. Don't forget to ask businesses to put the info on their marquee. Be sure and save **small boxes and flats** for the customers.

The day of the sale, we will need everyone's help for setting up and cleaning up afterwards. There will be lots of plants to be moved. Transporters will need to start around 5:00- 5:30 am. Others will be at Sportsmen's club ready to unload. Plants are sorted by sun, shade, hostas, daylilies, herbs, etc. We ask that you wear your name tags and club apparel the day of the sale.

Couple of reminders for the day of sale. Members will not pick up plants for themselves prior to 8am, and set aside. Plants will be charged for the price at the time that they are picked, not set aside till discounted prices. Please do not congregate in the walking areas, it usually is very busy the first couple of hours. Please assist the customers, if you can't answer their questions find someone who can. Please assist customers with their plants, to check out and to their cars. There will be some wagons available.

**The Greenhouse:** Thursday, May 18, 6:30 pm. We will be visiting the greenhouse at the Nature Institute in Godfrey. It is a small operation, primarily for spring and early summer. Ann Osburn will be our hostess. Ann will go through the seed collecting process, keeping the seed and what they do in the beginning of seed production, planting and raising. Ann has been gardening since she was about 4. Grew up taking care of her mom's flowers and plants. Got into raising veggies. Did some landscaping, worked at White's nursery and at Lowe's. Ann has been with the Nature Institute about a year and a half. She has learned quite a bit about prairies and why the plants are needed. Ann joined the garden club in February 2017. **Directions:** Follow Homer Adams Pkwy/IL-3, turn right onto W. Delmar. Approximately 1/2 mile, turn left on to Levis Lane. Turn left onto S. Levis Lane. After about 1/4 mile you will see the sign for the Nature Institute and the Lodge, **do not turn**, continue straight. In a little bit you will see 2 dark brown garages on the left. You can park at either one. If its dry we can park on the grass. The greenhouse is behind them. We will set the chairs up in the small garage. Dress for the weather / mosquitoes. Hopefully it will be nice weather.

**Spring bus trip:** Time to get signed up for the spring bus trip. Saturday, May 20. The bus will be at Alton Square Mall, upper parking lot at Macy's. The bus will be loading at 7:30 am and depart at 8:00. Please don't be late, we will be leaving promptly at 8am. First stop will be Timberwinds Nursery in Ellisville, MO, [www.TimberwindsNursery.com](http://www.TimberwindsNursery.com), then onto Papillon Perennials in Wildwood, MO, [www.papillonperennials.com](http://www.papillonperennials.com). Lunch will be in a fast food area. Last stop will be Hillermann Nursery and Florist in Washington, MO, [www.hillermann.com](http://www.hillermann.com). Cost is \$10 for members and \$18 for guests. Please contact Susan Ruckman for a seat on the bus and payment. Call (618) 466-5892 or email [gardenfriends@hotmail.com](mailto:gardenfriends@hotmail.com). Mailing address is 2716 Ridgedale Dr, Godfrey. If paying at club event or day of bus trip, please have correct change or check. I will not be carrying extra change.

**Community Hope Center:** Thursday, May 25 will be a work day at the center. There will be a scoop of mulch to spread and some annuals to plant. Any and all help will be appreciated. Thursday is the day the center is closed to clients, it makes our work easier without the extra activity. Please come out for an hour or two.

**New Treasurer:** Effective June 1st, the club will have a new treasurer. Gloria has volunteered to take over the position. Thank you, Gloria (and John).

**Summer gardens :** We have our gardens signed up for the summer visits. Since they are posted in the newsletter, its official so they can't change their minds. Thank you, Debra, Susan & Bill, Debbie, and Carolyn & Paul for letting us come visit. Please note the change of date for the July visit to Susan & Bill's. It will be the 2nd Thursday of the month. This is to accommodate the blooming of the daylilies.

**Alton Farmer's Market:** Saturday, June 3, 8am—noon, we will have a booth at the farmer's market in Alton. This is to promote the club to the public. Brochures will be given out and members available to talk to the public. We do have to sell something to have a booth, so we will have a few plants to sell. Demonstrations are encouraged. If you would like to volunteer or want more information, please contact Susan

**Hospitality:** Thank you to Debbie and Joann for taking care to the food tables and kitchen. Thank you, everyone that brought food and drinks, it was all great. Thank you, everyone that helped setup and clean up, your help was appreciated.

**The Plant Exchange:** There were a lot of good looking plants. Some new and some of the old reliable ones. Everyone went home with different plants than what they brought. It is a good way to get new varieties. It was good to visit with friends, have some delicious food and go home with new plants.



**Other plant sales:**

**The Nature Institute:** Saturday, May 20 and Saturday, June 24, 9am—noon. Will have some veggies, Red Russian Kale, dill, brussel sprouts, Prairie plants, some bi-ennials (4 o'clocks). Prairie plants will be 1st and 2nd year plants.

Petal Pusher Garden Club plant sale: May 20, 8am-11 am. Jersey County Historical Society, north lawn. 601 North State St, Jerseyville

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