



May 2021

# Mississippi Valley Garden Club

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**Save these dates:**

**May 1, 2021, 1:30**  
Arbor Day Festival  
Glazebrook Park  
Memorial Tree Ceremony  
Jan Maxeiner, Ron Bottens,  
Carolyn James

**Friday, May 7, 4:30 pm**  
**Pricing/setting up**  
Sportsmen's Club

**Saturday, May 8, 2021**  
**Plant Sale**  
Sportsmen's Club  
8 am– noon  
**members start 6:30 am**

**Saturday, May 15**  
**Spring Nursery Tour**  
Car Pool  
Meet at Godfrey Walmart  
8 am, leave 8:30 am

**Thursday, May 20, 6:30 pm**  
**Home garden visit**  
Adrianna Marcuzzi  
1202 Douglas St  
Alton

**No further board meetings,  
will schedule as needed**

**Thursday, May 27, 9:00 am**  
**Clean up at Hope Center**

**Thursday, June 22, 6:30 pm**  
**Home garden visit**  
Linda Ahrling  
9810 Pleasant Grove Rd,  
Plainview, IL 62685

May will be a busy month. Lot going on, please try to attend and help out with activities.

Please keep fellow garden members in your thoughts and prayers: George Kahl, Susan Ruckman and Carmen Vercoglio. Carmen recently had surgery for breast cancer. If I miss anyone, I apologize.

Most of all enjoy yourself and enjoy you garden members. Will be starting home garden visits. Need a couple of more gardens to visit. Contact Dottie Rogers if you are interested in showing your garden.

**Plant Sale:** Is quickly upon us. It will take all members to help make it work. Members have been digging plants; not only their own yards but Susan and Bill Hiller's and Carole Baker's. There have been several inquiries from the website about the sale. We do have returning customers.

**Plants** should be potted and labeled. If you have pictures of them, especially blooming is to our advantage. Please keep them watered. Please trim the plants prior to pricing day.

**Gently used gardening items:** are also acceptable for the sale. Undamaged and clean. Please put a price on them.

**Pricing** will be different this year. Pricing will be at the Sportsmen's Club Pavilion on Friday afternoon. This will save time the morning of the sale. Plants will be grouped by type: hosta, daylilies, grasses, shrubs, fruits, etc. Watch for the signs. Please plan on helping set up, not just dropping off plants. No plants will be sold at pricing .

**Flyers** should already be posted. Just putting in your car window is helpful.

**Small boxes,** flats and bags will be needed the day of the sale.

**Wagons** are helpful the day of the sale, for hauling larger purchases to customers cars. Please bring if you have one available.

**Reminders for the day of the sale:**

Please wear you name tags and club apparel, make it easier for customers.

Assist the customers, even to help find someone that can answer their questions. Assist them with their plants, to check out and to their vehicle.

Members are not to pick up plants prior to 8 am to set aside. Prices will be charged at time of pick up, not held for discounts.

Please enjoy yourself. Visit with the customers, suggest membership in the club.

**Spring Nursery Tour:** Christy Butler has been putting together an itinerary of nurseries to visit in Missouri. On the list: Hartke Nursery– Olivette, Chesterfield Valley Nursery– Chesterfield, Frisella Nursery– Defiance, Femme Osage Valley Nursery– Defiance. If you have the energy there is also, Passiglia’s Nursery and Garden Center—Wildwood. Lunch will be your choice of restaurants along Chesterfield Airport Rd.

Members will meet at at Godfrey Walmart at 8 am, leave at 8:30 am. Some members are not comfortable driving in St. Louis, how many passengers are you able to take, and do you have place for plants. Contact Christy Butler for any questions, cell 573-680-9341.

**May home garden visit:** Our first garden visit will be to Adriana Marcuzzi garden. She is located at 1202 Douglas St., Alton. Please bring a drink, chair and mask.

**Hope Center clean up:** A clean up day has been scheduled for the Hope Center, April 27, before it gets any worse. Starting at 9:00. Bring any tools you might need for digging weeds, trimming, rake, broom, and gloves. Bring a drink and snack if needed. More members that attend the quicker the work will go. Please try to attend, even for an hour or two.

**Dig day** at Susan and Bill Hiller’s: Thank you to the members that helped at dig day. Christy Butler, Paula Zugmaier, Jerry Linker, Edith Reed, Adrianna Marcuzzi and or coarse Susan and Bill Hiller. There was a slight drizzle but they managed to pot up 75 plants, by noon.

**April meeting:** the plant exchange. Everyone brought 2 plants which were exchanged with 2 different ones. It is always interesting to see the variety and what your options are when your name is picked. Hope everyone got at least one new plant. Thank you to the members that brought food and drinks, enjoyable as always. Quick review of upcoming activities. Reminder of memorial tree celebration, May 1, for Jan Maxiener, Carolyn James and Ron Bottens. Reviewed activities for pricing and sale days.

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

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Christy Butler  
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Eunice Weber

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Christy Butler  
trips  
???? — community projects  
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Edith Reed — plant sale  
Debbie Winship — hospitality