

Mississippi Valley Garden Club

May 2023

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Save these dates:

Friday, May 12, 4:00 pm
Pricing / setting up

Alton-Wood River Sportsmen's
Club
3109 Godfrey Rd
Godfrey

Saturday, May 13, 2023
Plant Sale

Alton-Wood River Sportsmen's
Club
8 am– noon
members start 7:00 am
Bring your own coffee/ drink

Thursday, May 18, 6:30 pm
Home garden visit

Brenda C
Godfrey
bring drink and chair

Saturday, May 20
Spring Nursery Bus Tour
St Charles/St Peters/O'Fallon
Lunch on Main St, St Charles

Meet at Godfrey Walmart
6660 Godfrey Rd, Godfrey
depart 8 am
\$15 members and non members

No board meeting in May

Saturday, June 3, 9:00 am
Workday at Community Hope
Center

Save cardboard

Thursday, June 15, 6:30 pm
Home garden visit

Christy B
Brighton
Bring drink and chair

May will be a busy month. A lot going on, please try to attend and help out with activities. Please keep an eye on your email for updates. Please pass the information on to members that don't have email.

Most of all enjoy yourself. We will be starting home garden visits this month.

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 and John Baker's.

Plants should be potted. They should be labeled. Please use newspaper/coffee filters instead of leaves. Keep your worms in your yard. If you have pictures of them, especially blooming it helps sell the plants. Please keep them watered. 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 at the Sportsmen's Club Pavilion on Friday afternoon. Have plants there by 4 pm. 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.

Tables: will be needed Friday for setting up.

Advertising: Flyers should already be posted. Just putting in your car window is helpful. Share the event on Facebook. Garage sale ads have been placed in newspapers. Events have been placed on websites. If you have a favorite way to obtain news, let me know if its not here. E-mails will be going out. We will be advertising recycling nursery pots.

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 your 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.

No pre sales, We ask members not to pick up plants prior to 8 am to set aside. Please pay after making selection. Prices will be charged at time of pick up, not held for discounts. Please take plants to car after plants are purchased. It is confusing when customers see plants sitting aside.

Members may retrieve unsold plants that they brought at the end of sale. Plants that remain will be taken by designated members, to sell on Facebook or Farmers Market. Hopefully none will be left to over winter.

Please enjoy yourself. Visit with the customers, suggest membership in the club. Brochures will be available.

May home garden visit: We will be starting our home garden visits. The first one will be at Brenda and Lou Casey. Brenda has been a member for about a year. She is our rock painting expert.

The home visits will start a earlier at 6:30. Bring a chair, drink, bug spray whatever you might need to spend the evening outside. Time to relax and enjoy the gardens.

Spring Bus Tour: The spring bus trip will be Saturday, May 20. Christy Butler and her cohorts Edith Reed and Rosemary Bauer have put together an itinerary of nurseries to visit in Missouri. We will be going to St Charles/O'Fallon area. Lunch will be in the St Charles' Main Street. On the list of nurseries: Parkview Gardens, Florist and Greenhouse, their perennials will be on sale the weekend of our trip. The Bee Garden, is a smaller pop up garden, they have a coupon in the Gateway Gardener. They have annuals, tropicals, perennials, natives and vegetables. After lunch we will go to Daniels Farm and Greenhouses, they have 15 greenhouses. Mansfield Nursery will be next, they offer plants, shrubs, trees and gift shop. Last will be Plant Haven, probably the largest of them all. 16 greenhouse. So put on your walking shoes and pray for good weather. The nurseries are fairly close to one another, so we won't spend much time on the road. Please make sure you know what time the bus will be leaving from each nursery.

Lunch on Main Street: Main street has many, many restaurants so try to have a couple of restaurants in mind for lunch. Service may be faster in smaller groups, or eating inside instead of outside. Spread out to different restaurants. Make sure what time they open, some don't open till 12pm or later. I will attach a map of Main Street, block by block. The bus is able to drive down Main St and drop people off at different stops. Not sure how pick up will work. There are 2 bus parking spots behind the visitor center at 230 S. Main. If the bus can't park there, the driver will have to go further out by the Riverfront.

Maggie's is a favorite restaurant, right across the street is Schlafly Bankside. There is a 3rd place but they don't open till 12pm.

There is a small gift shop/ houseplants called the Potted Plant if you want to check that out, depending on the time. It is at 524 S Main.

The sidewalks are brick, you may want to bring a cane. They are in pretty good shape, but just in case.

Attendees will meet at Godfrey Walmart, towards Airport Rd, leave at 8:00 am. Contact Christy Butler for any questions, cell 573-680-9341.

To sign up contact Susan Ruckman or Susan Hiller. Susan Hiller is collecting the money, \$15 for member or non member. It is non refundable. You will be able to sign up at pricing and day of plants sale. The bus is presently half filled. If paying the day of the trip, please have exact change or check. Susan will not be carrying change with her.

Suggest you bring a Rubbermaid container or box for your goodies, please put your name on it.

Hope Center clean up: We will have a clean up day, putting down cardboard and mulch. It was August of 2021 when we put down the last cardboard, so it lasted almost 2 years. It does seem to make a difference. Please save cardboard for the June workday.

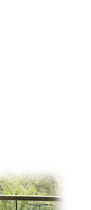
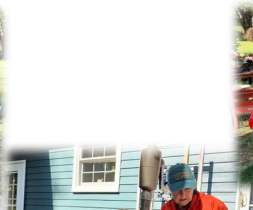
Work day at Hope Center: A general clean up was done at the Hope Center. Several members came and helped out. Then some of us went for brunch at Foxes Boxes in Bethalto, (food was delicious). Thank you Tammy, Bob, Rosemary, Vernice, Paula, Edith, Brenda, Sharon, and Susan R. Couple of the restaurant employees seemed interested in the club.



Dig day at Susan and Bill H Thank you to Paula , Jerry , Adrianna, Tammy, Bob , Dottie, Rosemary, Edith, Debbie, Sharon and of coarse Susan and Bill . It was sunny but a little chilly. The sun warm things up. There was enough help to get done quickly. They got around 130 plants.

Also, dig day at Carole and John B was successful. Thank you to Tammy, Bob, Adriana, Debbie, Jerry, Paula, Dottie, Edith, and Christy. It was a nice weather day. There were around 100 plant and trays, dug.

Thank you to everybody that attended the digs. There probably would not be a plant sale without you. I apologize if I missed naming anyone.



April meeting: was the plant exchange. Everyone brought 1-3 plants which were exchanged for same number of plants but different. It is always interesting to see the variety and what your options are when your number 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 during meeting portion. Reviewed information for dig days, pricing, plant sale and bus trip.



Parkview Garden, Florist and Greenhouse: <https://parkviewgardens.com/> or <https://www.facebook.com/parkviewgardens>

The Bee Garden Center: <https://www.facebook.com/thebeegardencenter/>

The Potted Plant : <https://www.pottedplant.net/>

Daniels Farm and Greenhouse: <https://www.danielsfarmandgreenhouse.com/> or <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100057607443553>

Mansfield Nursery: <http://www.mansfield-nursery.com/> or <https://www.facebook.com/MansfieldNurseryStPeters>

Planthaven Farms : <https://planthavenfarms.com/> or <https://www.facebook.com/PlanthavenFarmsOFallon>

Main Street in St Charles: Click on “detailed map” <https://www.discoverstcharles.com/things-to-do/main-street/>

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