

Mississippi Valley Garden Club

May 2016

Save these dates:

Thursday, May 5

Pricing at Jan Maxeiner's

714 Ramona Pl, Godfrey

4 pm (rain date, Friday, May 6)

Saturday, May 7

8 am—12 pm

Plant Sale

Sportsmen's Club

Thursday, May 19

No meeting/no garden visit

Saturday, May 21

Bus trip

Springfield, IL

Depart 8 am from

Alton Square Mall

Thursday, May 26

Clean up at

Community Hope Center

9 am

Monday, May 30

No board meeting, Memorial Day

Thursday, June 2

Mulch day at

Community Hope Center

9 am

Thursday, June 19

Don Scott's garden

Welcome to new members: Glenda Bradshaw and Rose Schollmeyer. Glenda is Susan Hiller's sister. She was not able to attend the April meeting, hope to meet her soon. Rose is a friend of Jan Maxeiner. Looking forward to getting to know you both.

Plant sale: Saturday, May 7 The plant sale is coming up pretty quick. The plants should be potted up and looking healthy. You may need to trim them up a bit. Please make sure the plants are labeled, the more information you can share the better. The flyers should be posted, you may need to check back on them, the ones at Shop'n Save, have been replaced. Have your plants transported to Jan Maxeiner's by 4 pm on Thursday. Pricing will need to start by 4 pm. Do not deliver the plants before Wednesday. Please be available for setup and clean up on the day of the sale. There will be lots of plants to get moved. **Need** boxes for the customers on sale day and tables for plants. **Please wear** your name tags and club apparel. Any questions please contact *Edith Reed*.

Bus Trip : Saturday, May 21 We will be headed to Springfield, IL. We will be leaving from Alton Square Mall. The bus will be there at 7:30, we will depart at 8:00 am. We have 4 nurseries to visit. Hilltop Gardens, in Sherman, IL. Next we go to Greenview Garden Center. Lunch will be at some of the local establishments: Red Robin, Arby's, etc. After lunch we will go to Buckley's Prairie Landscaping. And last but not least will be Pleasant Nursery. It will probably be 5:30 pm when we get back to Alton Square Mall. Please contact Judy Dare (979-0237) to save a seat. Members \$10 and guest \$18.

Community Hope Center: Thursday, May 26 will be clean up day. Bring shovels, trowels any tools you might use for cleaning up your own yard. Please try to attend and help out for an hour or two.

SIUE Gardens: Earlene shared with the board that the Gardens at SIUE will be closing due to the budget cuts. There are a couple of weddings left and then they will be done. It will be sad to see them close, it was always an enjoyable place to visit.

Prints of photographs: It was suggested that some members would like prints of the photos of the founding members and the group. It would probably be a 5X7 of the founding members and an 8 X10 of the group. If you are interested please let me know and I will do some pricing. Looks like \$1-2 for 5 x7 and \$3-4 for 8 x10. Thanks, Susan

Memorial Tree Dedication: On April 29th, 2016 the “Memorial Tree Dedication Ceremony” was held at Glazebrook Park in Godfrey. It was their 18th annual “Arbor Day Celebration”.

Lots of other activities were going on at the park : petting zoo, concessions, rides, plant sale, free red bud trees, and lots of other activities for kids as well as adults. It was a cloudy, cool, light jacket day. About 10 members attended the tree dedication ceremony.

Red bud trees were planted in honor of, Joyce Buzzanga and Herb Maxeiner, in the central and prominent part of the park near the children's playground area.

Pat Schwarte, President of Pride, Inc. announced the names of the honorees of the trees and a bell sounds after each name. The MVGC donated the two trees dedicated to our deceased club members in their honor. *Jerry Linker*



April Meeting: Plant Exchange - As usual the plant exchange was a fun filled evening. There was a variety of potted plants. Hopefully everyone went home with at least one new plant to try. Its always interesting to see what plants there are to pick from. Thank you to the members that brought all the food. It was a pleasant treat.

Hospitality: Would like to thank Jo Anne Bottens and Debbie Winship for all their work setting up and cleaning at the meetings. They set the tables and make sure the dishes are done. Next time you see them, JoAnne and Debbie be sure and tell them thank you. Enjoy your summer off.

Dig Day at Carole Baker's: We had another successful dig day at Carole's. It looked like approximately 275 plants were dug and potted. It was getting kinda warm, we had trouble with plants wilting. We discussed some changes for next year of getting a canopy for shade and more accessible water. Carole is working her magic, keeping them all alive and well for the plant sale. Thanks, Carol for sharing your garden.

“Keeping Up” Glazebrook Park was the setting for a tree dedication ceremony. Our club donated trees in memory of Joyce Buzzanga and Herb Maxeiner. Several members attended this pleasant, very cool but lovely evening. **Glenda Bradshaw** from Godfrey was unable to attend the April meeting. Glenda was hospitalized at that time however she sent money to pay her dues and asked Sue Hiller to sign her up for the bus trip. We wish her a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing her soon.

A dear friend of Jan Maxeiner's was in attendance for our plant exchange and she is also a new garden club member. **Rose Schollmeyer** tells me she thoroughly enjoys gardening and hopefully she will share some tips with the rest of us. She gave me her e-mail address which is jbrjwas30@yahoo.com. A family member calls her Jabber Jaws and that's how she came up with her e-mail address.

Let me hear from you if you have any news about our members. Thanks, Vernice

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