



Mississippi Valley Garden Club

November/December
2023

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Save these dates:

There will be no November meeting

**Thursday, December 7
Christmas Celebration at
Castelli's Restaurant**

Gather at 5:30pm

**Dinner served at 6:00 pm
RSVP by Nov 30 to Susan
Ruckman**

**Saturday, December 16,
12:30 pm**

**Cookie Exchange at
Dottie's home.**

RSVP by Saturday, Dec 9

Thursday, January 19, 7 pm

**Bethalto Senior Service
Center
100 E. Central St,
Bethalto, IL**

**Cheryl Vondrasek
Mushrooms of Southern
Illinois**

**Monday, January 29, 6:30
pm**

Board Meeting

Christmas Celebration will be at Castelli Restaurant. It will be Thursday, December 7. Gathering will start at 5:30 pm. Dinner will be served at 6:00 pm. Members are free. The price for guests will be \$25.50. Please mail check to Susan Hiller.

Tea and water will be provided. Alcoholic drinks may be obtained at the bar. Vernice will be obtaining cheesecake, which is always delicious. RSVP by Thursday, Nov 30 to Susan Ruckman, call, text or email.

There will be no refunds for cancellation of guests. There will be no add on's after Nov 30. We will do a wait list in case of cancellations. Once the count is turned into Castelli's we are committed to paying for that number of dinners. Please help make sure the count is accurate.

Cookie Exchange: The cookie exchange is back by popular demand, it will be at Dottie's. It will help get you in the festive mood for the holidays, give you the chance to try some delicious cookies and lunch with a special group of friends. Won't know how many cookies are needed. It will depend on the number of members attending. It will be 1/2 dozen cookies per person, plus a couple extra for dessert for the luncheon. Please package in individual containers. We ask for no store bought cookies. Light lunch will be served. Please RSVP to Dottie by Saturday, December 9.

Officers and board members for 2024: The following members have volunteered to be officers, board members and chairmen.

Paula Zugmaier-President, Christy Butler- Vice President, Susan Hiller- Treasurer and Susan Ruckman- Secretary
Board members- Rosemary Bauer, Sharon Groh, Tena Jones, George Kahl, Jerry Linker, Edith Reed, Dottie Rogers (past president), Eunice Weber.

Chairmen: Adriann Marcuzzi-plant sale, Facebook,
Jerry Linker-historian, projects, photos
Kay Brands, Edith Reed-hospitality
Rosemary Bauer-bus trip

Thank you for your service. Thank you also to Vernice Allen for her many years of service as an officer and as a board member.

Community Hope Center: Several members came out to help with clean up at Community Hope Center. There was even a student who came to help, he received service hours that he needed for school. It took about an 1 1/2 hour to get the work done. Flowers were cleaned up. It was decided to give the holly bush more time. It was trimmed. The clean up should take care of the landscaping for the rest of the year. After the work was done some of the workers went to Foxes Boxes for refreshments. Thank you, Gloria, Velda, Debbie, Paula, Sue, Bill, Bob, Jerry and the student, Aaron, for giving your time.



October Garden Gathering: Club members were invited to Linda and Henry Ahrling's garden and home. They had a swimming pool that they removed and built a pond in its place. The pond is gorgeous. A Lot of time and work went into it.

It was a windy and chilly day. They have a heated garage that provided warmth while eating lunch. There was delicious food from Barnes Bistro. There were cookies from Nicky G's. Linda also made some delicious dips and snacks.

Several of Linda's plants were still blooming. And as always Linda's home is beautifully decorated both inside and outside for fall.

Thank you, Linda and Henry for inviting us to your garden and home.



From the Board: A copy of the by-laws will be attached. The by-laws have been reviewed, updated and re-viewed again at the board meeting. Any questions, comments or concerns please let us know.

Also, please note that the hostess of the garden gatherings will now receive \$75.00, for volunteering their gardens.

President: Dottie Rogers, 917-4730

Vice President: Paula Zugmaier,
567-1703

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

Treasurer: Susan Hiller, 466-4942

Board members

Vernice Allen
George Kahl (past president)
Eunice Weber
Rosemary Bauer

Committee chairs

Christy Butler— trips, Facebook
Jerry Linker— photos, historian,
community projects
Adriana Marcuzzi — plant sale,
Facebook
Debbie Winship — hospitality
Edith Reed — hospitality