

Mississippi Valley Garden Club

November/ December 2015

Save these dates

November, no meeting

Christmas Banquet

Thursday, December 10

6:30 pm

Julia's Banquet Center

Gift exchange

Canned goods

January Meeting

Thursday

January 21, 7 pm

TBA

Dues for 2016

January Board Meeting

January 25, 2016

7 pm

TBA

New member: Welcome back to Alicia Hill. Alicia was a former garden club member. Glad to see you back.

Christmas Banquet: The year has flown by, the gardening season is coming to an end. That means it is time for the Christmas Banquet. It will be at Julia's Banquet Center, we always enjoy the atmosphere and the food. It will start at 6:30 pm. Members are free, guests are \$18.00. There will be a gift exchange, \$10-15, preferably a gardening item. If a man purchases the gift, mark it for a man. If a woman purchases the gift, mark it for a woman. We plan to have separate areas for the gifts. We will also have the canned good collection for the Community Hope Center.

If you did not get signed up at the October meeting, please give Judy Dare a call (618) 979-0237 or email jdroc180@gmail.com. If you need to pay for a guest you can mail her a check: 108 Cedar Ln, East Alton 62024. If you need to check if you signed the list, contact Judy.

Dues for 2016: It will soon be that time of year, again. Dues will need to be paid starting in January. If you are going to be out of town for awhile you can mail Judy Dare your dues, to avoid paying late fee. Dues will be \$10.

Community Hope Center: Earlene, Jerry, Sue and Bill took some time to do the clean up at the community center. They trimmed, raked and cleaned up the flower beds. They have it ready for the winter. Thank you for giving of your time.

Keeping Up:

After a fun trip to New Mexico, Jane Flaherty is working at getting settled into her new home. As a reminder she has relocated to the United Methodist Village. Joyce Buzzanga attended our October meeting. She is up and at 'em! Way to go Joyce! Many of our members have lost a loved one this past year. Grief can make the upcoming holidays a painful time. We need to remember these members and keep them in our thoughts and prayers. Please contact me if you have any news (good or bad) about our members that we can continue "Keeping Up". Vernice

October meeting: We received a great presentation by Lisa Dean, Illinois Master Gardener. Her topic was 10 Fall Garden Tasks for a Better Spring. Hopefully you were able to pick up some new info, or just a reminder of what to get done before it gets to cold.

#1 Enrich garden beds with compost or manure. She encouraged soil testing.

#2 Collect dried seeds

#3 Clean bird feeders

#4 Gather herbs and flowers for drying

#5 Clean out cold frames, before it gets to cold.

#6 Winterize water garden

#7 Keep watering trees and shrubs. They may look dormant but they are still alive. Water until ground is frozen.

#8 Cut back most perennials, cut back roses.

#9 Clean and oil gardening tools. Service power tools. Bring in gardening hoses. Clean pots with diluted bleach water.

10# Plants: take cuttings of plants to keep during the winter, plants spring bulbs, dig up tender bulbs to overwinter

Memorial tree: A royal red maple tree has been planted at Wood River Park and Recreation has been planted in memory of Julia Thein. It is west of the swing set. Julia had passed away in March. Thank you Sue, Bill and Earlene for taking care of this.

Holiday Activities:

Missouri Botanical Gardens:

Garden Glow, Nov 21– Jan 2, 2016

Gardenland Express Holiday Flower and Train Show, Nov 21—Jan 3, 2016

Millstadt Greenhouse:

Poinsettia Wonderland Open House, Nov 22, open 9am-4pm, with greenhouse tours from 10am-3pm, 6667 Route 158, Millstadt, IL. Santa Claus, holiday entertainment, cookies, crafters and acres and acres of poinsettias. Percentage of sales goes to Millstadt Optimist Youth Club.

Hospitality: Thank you to those that brought drinks and desserts for the October meeting. They were delicious as always. The following members signed up to bring goodies for the January meeting.

Desserts: Helen Fulks, Edith Reed, Alicia Hill, Jan Maxeiner, Gail Clarkson, and Carol Morris.

2 bags of ice- Nancy Shipman

2 liters regular cola- Don Scott

2 liters white soda—Paula Zugmaier

2 liters diet soda — Bill Hiller

2 gallons tea— Carole Baker

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Board members

Vernice Allen

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