



**Save these dates:**

**Thursday, October 15  
7 pm**

**Bethalto Senior Citizen  
Center  
100 E. Central St, Bethalto  
Lisa Dean  
Illinois Master Gardener**

**No November meeting**

**Thursday, December 10  
Christmas Banquet  
Julia's Banquet Center  
101 Eastgate Shopping  
Center  
East Alton  
canned goods  
gift exchange**



**New member:** Welcome to Nancy Shipman, friend of Edith Reed. Nancy joined at our last garden visit. Hope to see you at many activities.

**October meeting:** This is the time of year when the gardens are winding down. The leaves are falling and there is raking to do. Some of us will be using the leaves as mulch. Attend this month club meeting to find out more about the fall chores. Lisa Dean will be our speaker for the October meeting. The topic will be ***10 Fall Garden Tasks (A to Z for a better Spring Garden)***. Join us for an interactive discussion, covering how to close down your garden for the season, covering everything from azaleas to zinnias. It isn't quite as simple as deadheading. Will cover traditional topics of fertilizing and pruning, protecting plants, tools and garden whimsies. Creating winter interest in your home garden and preparing for spring.

Lisa completed the Illinois Master Gardener (MG) program in 2006. She attributes her love for gardening to genetics, her father was a farmer-at-heart, after he retired from the Air Force in 1971. As part of the MG speakers group, she has presented at the Weekend Gardener Conference; the Gateway Home and Garden Show; and a variety of smaller clubs. Her favorite garden style is "cottage", concentrating on small bushes, trailing vines and variety of perennials. She and her husband live out from town—surrounded by woods, farm fields and all the assorted wildlife that goes with such a setting.

**Christmas Banquet:** Believe it or not Christmas is just around the corner. We will be having our banquet at Julia's, in East Alton. It will be December 10 at 6:30 pm. We will once again be collecting can goods for Community Hope Center, so please be as generous as in the past years. We will also be having the gift exchange. We request that it be a gardening item, \$10-15. If it is specifically for a man or woman, please mark it as such. If it is unisex, please mark it as "either".

**September garden visit:** We were finally able to make it to Carol Lammi's garden. Little tricky to find but we made it. Lovely view, right on the cove of the lake. There were some unusual trees like a Chinese dogwood. It was covered with red berries. Would have liked to have seen it blooming. Carol has 35 different Japanese maple trees, all different sizes. From full grown to small ones in containers. There were hydrangeas and many hostas. Carol had tomato plants beside her ornamental grass, they looked like they belong together. It was interesting to see the cosmos flowers blooming from a crack in her front porch. Around the side and down to the back of the house were all mature trees. More hostas and maple trees in the back. Several sitting areas. It was enjoyable just sitting there by the lake. Thank you Carol for inviting us.

**Three River Rose Society:** A big thank you to Carole Baker. The Three River Rose Society had called requesting a speaker. Carole agreed to be the speaker. The topic was companion plants for roses. Carole invited them to her garden so they could see the plants first hand. Of course they all went home with starts of plants. Thanks you Carole for representing our club.

**Hospitality:** We would like to thank Karen Fitzgerald and Mary Scates for their years of hospitality service. Karen and Mary are ready to pass the job on to someone else. When you see them at the Oct meeting let them know we appreciated their efforts.

Also, thank you to Joanne Bottens and Debbie Winship for volunteering to take over hospitality. Please remember that when you sign up to bring food or drinks it is appreciated if you help with set up and clean up.

**Members Update:** Our condolences to Judy Hodapp and her family on the loss of her husband, Donald. Please keep them in your prayers.

**Hospitality:** The following members have volunteered to bring goodies for the October meeting. Please help with set up and clean up.

**Desserts:** Bill Hiller, Debby Linker, Carol Lammi, Dottie Rogers, Joanne Bottens and Susan Ruckman.

**2 bags of ice:** Ron Bottens

**2 liters regular cola:** Debbie Winship

**2 liters white soda:** Sharlotte Bryant

**2 liters diet soda:** Judy Dare

**2 gallons tea:** ??

**President:** Susan Hiller 466-4942

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**Board members**

Vernice Allen

Carole Baker

George Kahl

Jerry Linker

Dottie Rogers

Paula Zugmaier

**Committee members**

Carolyn James– Trips

Karen Fitzgerald– Hospitality

Mary Scates- Hospitality

Phil Embree- Plant Sale

Jerry Linker- Historian

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