



mvgclub.weebly.com

Save these dates:

Thursday, Oct 17

Bethalto Senior Citizens
Center
7:00 pm
Carol Gravens,
St. Louis Master Gardener
"Autumn Spectacular"

**Bring canned goods for
Hope Center**

**Items for white elephant
drawing**

No November meeting

Thursday, Dec 5

Christmas dinner & gift
exchange
Castelli's Restaurant

Need Volunteers: Susan Hiller has accepted the position of treasurer, but has resigned the projects chairperson. We need a volunteer for the projects position, which acts as the liaison for the Hope Center. At times there may be other projects also. You would need to attend the board meetings, the last Monday of the month.

We also have an opening for a board member. They would attend the board meeting. They also communicate information to and from the club members. Please contact George Kahl, (618) 741-0384, if interested or have questions.

October meeting: We will be back inside at the Bethalto Senior Center. Our October meeting will be "Autumn Spectacular". Many people believe autumn to be the most beautiful season of the year. This program documents the dramatic spectacle that plants undergo in their transition from summer green to brilliant yellows, oranges, purples and reds of fall. During the program, you will look at trees, shrubs, vines, grasses, flowers and fruits of the fall season. How and why these changes occur will be discussed. The photo journey will travel to natural areas, as well as local neighborhoods, parks and gardens.

Carol Gravens will be our speaker, Carol has visited us in the past. Just a reminder of Carol's achievements. Carol is retired from a professional career as a microbiologist and is an Advanced Level St. Louis Master Gardener. She became a Master Naturalist in 2007 and has an AAS in Horticulture from STLCC, Meramec. Carol gives talks and teaches classes to various groups in the community and at Missouri Botanical Gardens as part of the speakers bureau. She volunteers one day a week at the orchid greenhouses at the Gardens and grows orchids in her home in Glendale, Missouri. She is also a Kemper Garden plant doctor volunteer.

Community Hope Center: Please bring canned goods to the October meeting. We have been collecting the canned goods in October to donate to the Hope Center. This allows the center to share the goods with their clients prior to the holidays. The center is closed during the holidays.

White elephant drawing: Its time to clean up gardening items to store for winter. This may be a good time to share items that are no longer used or wanted. Bring any kind of gardening item: tools, Knick knacks, nice pots, etc., that is gently used.

Christmas dinner and gift exchange: In December we will be celebrating the holidays together at Castelli's restaurant. It will be Thursday, Dec 5. It is time to start signing up for the dinner. Sign up sheet will be available at the club meeting. Members are free, guests will be \$20.

September meeting: It was a relaxing evening at Dottie Rogers' garden. We had 38 members and guests attend. Its always a treat to visit Dottie's garden. There is such a variety of flowers, shrubs and trees. Dottie gave a history of her landscaping. There were also stories of a few weddings, graduation and anniversary parties. She has had her challenges with critters, the deer has trimmed her hydrangea into a mushroom shape.

Dottie gets some help from her sons. From building a one of a kind shed, to a dock on the lake. Sometimes they help with trimming the plants and mulching.

We had pulled pork from Carver's for dinner. It was delicious as always. There were many wonderful dishes brought by club members. Everything from salads to desserts. Thank you everyone who attended for the food.

Thank you to Dottie for inviting us to her garden/home.



Hospitality: The following members have volunteered to bring goodies for the October meeting. Thank you in advance.

Snacks/Desserts— Earlene Harrison, Christy Butler, Edith Reed, Gloria Gowin, Barbara Reiske and Karen Cairns

- 1- large bag of ice — Carole Baker
- 1-2 liter regular cola — Mary Bernt
- 1-2 liter white soda — Carol Morris
- 1-2 liter diet soda — Fred Bryant
- 1 gallon unsweetened tea — Judy Hodapp

President: George Kahl, 498-5789

Vice President: Dottie Rogers,
917-4730

Secretary: Susan Ruckman,
618-917-5853 or
gardenfriends@hotmail.com

Treasurer: Gloria Gowin,
550-9923

Board members

Vernice Allen
Carole Baker
Christy Butler
Gail Clarkson
Jerry Linker
Dottie Rogers

Committee chairs

Christy Butler — Trips
Susan Hiller — Community Projects
Jerry Linker—Photos & Historian
Debbie Winship — Hospitality
Edith Reed — Plant sale