

Mississippi Valley Garden Club

October 2023

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Save these dates:

**Work day at Community
Hope Center,
Thursday, Oct 5, 8:30 am**

Saturday, October 14, 2pm

Linda Ahrling's
9810 Pleasant Grove Rd
Plainview, IL 62685

**RSVP to Paula by Oct 6,
dinner to be provided**

**There will not be a regular
scheduled October meeting.**

**Monday, October 23,
6:30 pm**

Board meeting at Dottie's
1712 Aster Ln, Godfrey

**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**



Welcome back to Kay Brands: Kay had been a long time member and took a few years off from the club. Kay didn't get into gardening until she got married. It was actually her mother in law that shared her knowledge with Kay. They did vegetables and flowers. Kay was a Master Gardener, not active at this time. When she went back to school to get her nursing degree, she scaled back on the gardening. Recently she has been getting back to garden-

ing. Paula and Kay have been friends for a long time. Paula has given her plants. Kay has a lot of hosta, she has hydrangeas from Jan and Herb Maxie-ner. She still has a hellebore that Susan H. gave her 20 yrs ago. Kay and her husband share yard work. Her favorite job to do is weed whacking, she takes it very seriously.

Kay still works 2 days a week as a psychiatric nurse, travels a lot with friends and to visit family. She enjoys rock painting. Used to do scrap booking, but still enjoys taking pictures. Enjoys all crafts and time with 4 granddaughters. Welcome back Kay. Hope you have fun with gardening and the club.

Community Hope Center: There will be a general clean up at the Hope Center. Cutting back day lilies, columbine, etc. May want to dig up some of the columbine, they are spreading rapidly. May decide to remove holly bush. Bring tools, water, etc. Jerry will bring his tractor to help move debris. May be cutting down the holly tree. If you have a wagon and are able to bring it, please do.

October garden visit: We have been invited to Linda Ahrling's garden. It will be on Saturday, Oct 14 at 2 pm. She has completed her pond/waterfall and would like to share it with us. The club will be providing dinner, from Barnes Bistro. Please contact Paula Zugmaier by **Oct 6**. to let her know that you are coming. Please call or text her, (618) 567-1703 to let her.

Christmas Celebration will be at Castelli Restaurant. It will be Thursday, Dec 7. Gathering will start at 5:30 pm. Dinner will be served at 6:00 pm. Members are free. The price for guests has to be determined.

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 Paula Zugmaier, 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.

September garden gathering was at Sharon and Mark Groh's home in Alton. 19 members braved the on and off drizzly rain. Otherwise the weather was great. Sharon and Mark have lived in this home for 3 1/2 years. They have always had gardens.

They went to work on the back yard. Removed a 3 level deck, used the panels to make raised beds. Vegetables and flowers are mixed together.

They shared some of their stories about the journey. Mark has gotten quit handy with wood projects. He built the bus that is a library that's in the front yard.

They have enjoyed working in the front yard. They've had the chance to get acquainted with the neighbors and passersby. There was a Facebook member that recognized the school bus from the pictures as being in her neighborhood.

Sharon and Mark have 3 adult chickens in a pen outside. There were 4 baby chicks in the garage. The chickens help with the composting.

Sharon and Mark, it was a delightful evening, despite the drizzle. The refreshments were delicious. Thank you for inviting us to your home.



Chihuly Nights: The artwork of Dale Chihuly was last here in 2006. It was special to see his works again at the Missouri Botanical Gardens. For me it was a special treat to be able to see them at night.

We had 22 members and 7 guests for the bus ride. We ate at Zia's on the Hill. Food was delicious and plentiful. Then on to the gardens. The bus dropped us off behind the visitor center so we could go straight to the tram ride. It was nice to be able to see the exhibits by tram and then we could walk to revisit the ones we wanted to see again.

The weather was a little on the warm side. It was a bit cooler with the sun down. It was a great evening. Thank you to the members that helped facilitate the trip. Timmy's Travel bus was a good choice for this event. Shame the storage area isn't big enough for the plant trip. Will have to do another trip, soon



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