

Mississippi Valley Garden Club

October 2016

Save these dates:

Saturday, Oct 15

Bus trip
Lunch with Amish family/
pumpkin patch
Depart Alton Square Mall
8 am

Thursday, Oct 20

7pm
Bethalto Senior Citizens Center
100 E. Center St.
Bethalto
The Good, the Bad and the Ugly –
Bugs in the Garden
Patti Brown
“The Nature Institute”
CANNED GOODS

Saturday, Oct 29

Bonfire at Gail Clarkson’s
19419 US Highway 67
Jerseyville, IL 62052

Please RSVP by Tuesday, Oct 25

No November Meeting

Thursday, Dec 8

Christmas banquet
Moonlight Restaurant
3400 Fosterburg Rd, Alton
arrive 5:30, dinner 6:00
gift exchange

Saturday, Oct 15 : The bus is almost full for the trip to Amish country. Good job , Carolyn James. The bus will arrive at 7:30 am at Alton Square Mall. It will depart at 8 am. Lunch will be at the Amish farm. Some members have said the food is great, ready to go again. Then it will be on to the pumpkin patch. Enjoy you day.

Thursday, Oct 20: Our summer garden visits are over, they were awesome. Big and small, rural and city. Thank you all of our hostess and hosts. Its that time to head back inside. Our meeting will be back at the senior citizen center, beginning at 7pm. **Please bring your canned goods for the Community Hope Center.**

“Good, Bad and the Ugly, Bugs in the Garden” will be our topic. As our garden draws to a close it is never to late or early to prepare for next year’s glorious garden. Come learn and share your stories about those garden “pests” that we encountered all summer and learn how to prevent them from devouring our garden next year. We will discuss some simple principles for encouraging insect balance in your garden.

Patti Brown, the Nature Institute, will be our speaker. Patti is a Biological Sciences graduate from SIUE, specializing in environmental education. After working for several years with the IL Department of Natural Resources and for the IL Natural History Survey as a technical scientist. Patti began working as Volunteer Coordinator for TNI

Saturday, Oct 29, Halloween/Bonfire at Gail Clarkson’s: The garden club members have been invited to a bonfire and light meal at Gail Clarkson’s. Gail has invited her family, friends and the Petal Pushers (Jerseyville garden club). Get together will be at 5:00 pm, still light enough to check out her garden. Light menu of brats, hotdogs, chips and dessert. Drinks will be provided. Gail would like to have a **head count by Tuesday, Oct 25th**. As usual bring your chairs. Unless you get called to bring food, please don’t worry about bringing anything. Just come and enjoy.

Directions: 19419 US Highway 67, Jerseyville, 62052. From Alton Square Mall, head west on W. Homer Adams Pkwy, IL– 111/IL– 3. Turn right onto Godfrey Rd, IL –111. Continue to follow US 67. House will be on the left, sets back from the road. Approximately 11.9 miles

Christmas Banquet: This year our Christmas banquet will be at Moonlight Restaurant. Guests should start arriving at 5:30 and hopefully all seated for dinner, to be served at 6:00. Just let them know you are with the garden club and you will be directed to the room. There will be a table for gifts. Please keep gifts to a gardening item and \$15 limit. If the gift is specifically for a man or woman, please mark it as such. Thank you , Vernice for making the arrangements.

September garden visits: We had a double treat for our September visits. First we stopped by Joanne and Ron Bottens' garden. Lovely large hostas and coral bells. Very large mature trees have been a challenge with shading the yard. Around back was a open sitting area. Perennials lined the sides of the garage. They also had blueberry bushes and grape vines. All of this surrounds a 2 story gray house, a Sears house., which has a story of its own.

After a short walk down the street we were at Christy's home. Christy has only been in the house for a couple of years. She has a lot of perennials. Some of the perennials she has grown by winter sowing. Christy has an artistic side. She has painted a ladder for a cypress vine. She has painted ladybugs and a ladybug beetle Volkswagen. Christy shared manure tea with members who brought a jug. We wish Christy a quick recovery from her surgery.



Keeping Up : After all the health problems, **John Gowin** experienced, he is now on the fast track to a speedy recovery. He and Gloria plan to attend the October meeting.

A second knee surgery is on the October 10th calendar for **George Kahl**. He came through the first one with flying colors and is now ready to get the second one behind him. Keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

Christy Butler had a gastric by pass surgery, October 5, at Barnes. She was hospitalized for two or three days. She told me she could certainly use some words of encouragement during this difficult time. Keep her in your thoughts and prayers and let her hear from you! Cards are always welcome at a time like this.

Fred Bryant has been hospitalized for many days but is now home. After having stents put in, he was placed on blood thinners. Then he had a fall at work. The blood thinners prohibited his blood from clotting thereby causing numerous complications. Hopefully after a few more doctor appointments and some therapy, Fred will be on the road to recovery. He still needs prayers so place him on your list along with the others. If you have any news to report please give me a call. Thanks, Vernice — 259-6726

Hospitality: The following members have volunteered to bring goodies for the October meeting.

Desserts: Dottie Rogers, Gail Clarkson, Bill Hiller, Joanne Bottens, Carol Morris, Mary Bernt

One **large** bag of ice: Frank Graser

One liter regular cola: Don Scott

One liter white soda: Ron Bottens

One liter diet soda: Don Scott

One gallon unsweetened tea: Sharon Knepper

President: Susan Hiller — 466-4942

VP/Secretary: Susan Ruckman
466-5892

Treasurer: Judy Dare — 979-0273

Business updates: I will be having knee surgery this week. Any questions, comments or concerns regarding the bus trip please contact/ email Judy Dare or Carolyn James. After the club meeting , Oct 20 I will be acting treasurer, Judy Dare will be going south for the rest of the year. Any receipts please send to me. *Susan*

Board members

Vernice Allen
Carole Baker
George Kahl
Jerry Linker
Dottie Rogers
Paula Zugmaier

Committee chairs

Carolyn James - Trips
Earlene Harrison - Community Projects
Joanne Bottens - Hospitality
Debbie Winship - Hospitality
Jerry Linker - Historian & Photos