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Save these dates:

Thursday, Sept 19,
arrive 5ish, eat around 5:30
 Dottie Roger's garden
 & potluck
 6515 Deer Run, Alton
R.S.V.P. by Monday, Sept 16

Monday, Sept 30, 6:30

Board Meeting
 Dottie Rogers home

Thursday, Oct 17

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

**Bring canned goods for
 Hope Center**

No November meeting

Thursday, Dec 5

Christmas dinner & gift
 exchange
 Castelli's Restaurant

Please welcome new member, Katelyn Eichorst. Katelynn and fiancé, Steve live in Dow. They have a log cabin on 12 acres. A lot of it is wooded, it also has some prairie. Katelyn has been gardening for 2 years. They presently have a small vegetable garden, flower garden and herbs. Katelyn would like to try her hand at canning in the future. They would like to have fruit trees in the future and to keep the prairie healthy. They have cats and trying their hand at raising chickens. One thing that they have been doing to make the work easier is using raised beds. Katelyn wants to learn as much as she can about gardening. I know you are all eager to share your knowledge and experiences.



Katelyn is a social worker, doing fundraising. She works for an organization that helps kids and families.

Need new treasurer or community project chairperson: The club will be needing a new treasurer in January. Gloria has resigned the position. There is also the option of community project chairperson and Susan Hiller would take treasury. Community projects would be the Hope Center and other special projects that might arise. Attend board meetings. Please call George Kahl if interested or have questions. (618)741- 0394

September garden visit: We have been invited to Dottie Roger's garden. We have visited her garden in the past but it is always a treat to visit. Dottie has a large yard with many perennials, shrubs and trees.

There will be a potluck. The club will provide the meat. We would like an idea of how many will be attending, for ordering the meat. Spouses/ significant others are welcomed to attend. We are asking that you RSVP by Monday, Sept 16. Please contact, Susan Ruckman, (618) 917-5853 or gardenfriends@hotmail.com.

We are also asking that you bring a dish, your choice: side dish, or dessert. Bring a chair. Tea and water will be provided. We hope everyone can attend. It will be our last garden visit of the year.

You are welcomed to arrive around 5pm to see more of the gardens before dark. Will plan to start eating around 5:30, for those who are getting off work.

Directions: Due to construction you will have to take Seminary Rd to Seiler to Wenzel or else Humbert Rd to Roach Rd to Wenzel then to Deer Run. Dottie's house will be on the left around the big curve.

September board meeting: There will be a board meeting, Monday, Sept 30. All board members please try to attend. This will be the last meeting for the year. All members are invited. The meeting will be at Dottie's house. If you have questions or concerns please contact a board member if you can't attend.

October club meeting: We will be back inside at the Bethalto Senior Citizen Center. We will be collecting goods for the Community Hope Center. We will donate in October because they are closed during the holidays. This will give their clients goods for their celebrations.

Community Hope Center: Thank you to the members that spent their time working at the Hope Center, In August. Gloria Gowin, Carole Baker, Judy Hodapp, George Kahl, Susan Hiller, Vernice Allen, Debbie Winship and Jerry Linker. Jerry had sprayed the weeds 3 days before work day. It was so dry the weed killer wasn't working very fast. Someone had run a weed eater, which helped with the spraying. They were done by 10:30. Director of the center did come out, gave out bottled water and thanked everyone. The gardens do look much better. Thank you for your time.

August garden visit: We were invited to visit the garden of Judy Jones and Tom Harris. We also met Leona, Judy's mom and Lillie, their Great Dane. There were many nooks and seating areas. The vegetable garden had raised beds and fenced in to help keep the critters out. There are potting areas. Flowers everywhere. Many unique fixtures and knick knacks. Alton bricks were used for the back patio. The back hillside is planted with hosta and evergreens. There is a bird feeding station known as Judy's bistro.

The property was part of the family farm. The house was actually built by Linda Eisenreich and her husband. The house was uniquely designed, it has 24 corners so there is a view all the way around the house. In the back there is a lake, it is shared with the neighbors. The house is actually sitting on a peninsula.

Judy and Tom have accumulated some rather unusual plants: a yellow flowering dogwood tree, a yellow magnolia, Mexican petunia, kiss me over the garden gate, etc. A lot of the plants were introduced to them by Asta from "The Greenery". It was a awesome garden to visit, sorry you missed it.



Things to do:

September 18, Wednesday, 6:30– 8 p.m.— Importance of Pollinators. There is a lot of talk in the news about how important pollinators are to the stability of our environment. Bill Klopfenstein, Illinois Master Gardener and retired chemistry professor, will present a class on pollinator insects and how they help our gardens and their valuable role in nature. Hayner Library at Alton Square. Please register at 1-800-613-3163

September 28, Saturday, 9 am-1pm— Native Plant Expo, Schlafly Bottle works. Native plants and trees for sale. Native plant seeds for giveaway and swap. Coordinated by St. Louis Audubon's Bring Conservation Home.

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