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Save these dates:

**September 15, Thursday
5:00 pm (change of time)**

Edith Reed

3415 Bachman Rd
Shipman, IL 62688

**Bring drink, chair, bug
spray, etc**

**Thursday October 20,
7:00 pm**

Bethalto Senior Citizen
Center

100 E. Central St.
Bethalto, IL 62010

Speaker: Betsy Alexander,
St. Louis Master Gardener
A Dark Side to Your Garden

Monday, October 24, 6:30

Board meeting
At Dottie's home
(different day due to
Halloween)

No meeting in November

**Thursday, December 8,
Christmas Dinner at**

September garden meeting: The club is invited to Edith and Pat Reed's garden. We have been there in the past, June 2012 and July 2020. It is always a special event when we go. Edith has such a variety of plants, shrubs and trees. The plan is to visit the lake. There will be transportation from the house to the lake. You may drive to the lake if you want, depending on any rain. Not really recommended. It would be about a mile walk. Please bring a chair, drink and bug spray. We will be starting at 5 pm due to getting dark earlier.

If you happen to arrive later and no one is at the house you can call Edith or Paula and someone will come get you.

There will be a light meal of hot dogs and brauts, finger foods. Couple members volunteered bring food. Mary Godi- cookies, Christy Butler- chips and dip and Linda Ahr-ling to bring salsa and chips. It was also requested that we have smores. If you have roasting sticks you may want to bring them.

Directions: From Godfrey to Brighton take 267/111, north through Brighton . Approximately 3 mile to Bachman Road, turn right or east on Bachman Rd and go until you cross the railroad tracks. 1 st house on the south side of road.

From Bethalto/East Alton area take route 140 to Fosterburg Rd. Keep on Fosterburg Rd, to Brighton/Bunker Hill Rd. Go straight or north to Bachman Rd, approximately 3 miles. Turn left onto Bachman Rd, go 1 mile and you have arrived at your destination.

From Board meeting: We had a discussion regarding memorials for members and former members. The price for the memorial trees, thru Park and Recreation, has increased to \$175. We also took into consideration decreased membership. By consensus the new guidelines is \$75 for members, to designated charity . A sympathy card will be sent to former members. If you notice a former member has passed away please let Vernice know, she will send the family a sympathy card.

July garden meeting: Our July 21st meeting found us on a warm evening at Theodora Farm on Alby Street. They graciously had some cold flavored water (Basil & Cucumber?) and cookies set out for us, which was greatly appreciated. Along with several of our members, I have been purchasing organic vegetable from the farm the last several years. Kris Larson has been the farm manger since they opened about 3 years go. Kris came to the Alton area to manage the community garden at La Vista Park a number of years ago. He and his wife then began selling organically grown vegetable from their own place until he was approached about running Theodora Farm. He has an extensive background in organic faming as well as a Mater's Degree in Business. He told us about rotating the crops, weed control (mostly manual), managing year round employees, figuring out what will and won't sell in the various markets that they frequent, how they handle their garden waste (plowed under), row cover as well as sun cover and talked about future plans for the farm. Like any seasoned gardener, he said he's always reminding his employees that they aren't just harvesting produce, but that they are constantly building the soil. He said there are a couple of products that they are allowed to use on the crops for pest control that still allow it to be considered an organic farm.

This year, customers were given the opportunity to purchase shares in a community supported garden plan. They are hoping to have some youth gardening projects there in the future. He said the farm house is used for various meetings and also used as a bake shop for some of the products sold in the farm store. He graciously kept the farm store open for us before the meeting started. I took advantage and purchased a loaf of their polenta sourdough bread, some oyster mushrooms and a bag of fresh mixed lettuce! Fabulous! They also sell a variety of jams, honey, organic meats, a wide array of vegetables, t-shirts, baked goods, herbs and chocolates, to name a few items.

Kris was very kind and answered many questions. It was quite refreshing to hear someone speak so passionately about their life's work. Do yourself a favor and drop by this local organic farm and help support neighboring businesses!.

We then adjourned our meeting down the road to Pearson's Ice Cream stand where the club treated everyone to a nice cold dessert. Lovely finish to a hot day!. *Paula Zugmaier*



August garden visit: We were invited to the garden of Brooke (Adam) Peipert. It was a nice evening that cooled down a bit when the sun was going down. There were 21 members, including 3 former members that rejoined and 4 guests.

Brooke and husband, Adam have done several projects on their own, including landscaping in the front. They have a large backyard for their children to play, Jennifer (3) and Hazel (7). To enter the backyard you follow the brick path along the side of the garage. The path is lined with large ferns.

There is a fenced area that contain herbs and Marshmallow's hutch. Marshmallow is the family rabbit, who's job is adding to the compost. As you continue around the yard there are pots of flowers, concrete décor. Lots of herbs that Brooke has self taught herself to use. There a 3 colored mum, cannas, pots of marigolds, lamb ear, to name a few. There are play areas for the kids. In the front yard is a orange azalea and a chenille plant that Brooke got on her 1st bus trip with the club.

The breezeway to the house was opened to visitors. It had numerous house plants. Rocking chair for relaxing. Brooke had light refreshments, cookies and brownies with tea. Brooke did share some pictures of her flowers blooming earlier in the season on Facebook. Thank you, Brooke for allowing us to come for a visit.



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