

Mississippi Valley Garden Club



September 2023

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Save these dates:

**Thursday, September 21,
6:30 pm**

**Home garden visit
Sharon and Mark Groh
1428 Milton Rd
Alton, IL 62002**

**Monday, September 25,
6:30 pm**

Board meeting at Dottie's
home
1712 Aster Ln, Godfrey

**Thursday, September 28
Chihuly Nights
Depart Godfrey Walmart
3:15**

Park near Walmart gas
station

**Work day at Community
Hope Center,**

Thursday, Oct 5 8:30

Saturday, October 14, 2pm

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

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



Welcome to Cindy Larson, new member. Cindy grew up with gardening. Her mom was always in the yard with her plants. Cindy has mostly hosta. She has annuals in pots on her deck. Cindy enjoys getting out with her plants. She works from home as a biller, so she enjoys a break in her garden. Cindy has 2 sons, 1 granddaughter, 1 great granddaughter and her dog Maggie. She enjoys playing bunco with friends in her spare time. Welcome to the club, hope you enjoy it.

September visit: We have been invited to Sharon and Mark Groh's garden. They live on Milton Rd in Alton. Parking is very limited. **Please park at Brown Street Baptist Church** and walk to their house. We have permission to park at the church.

The plan is to set up chairs in the driveway for the meeting. **May be to dangerous to try and drop off at house. Please be careful.**

Bring your chair, drink and bug spray. Anything you may need for an evening out side.

Chihuly Nights at Missouri Botanical Gardens. It will be Thursday, Sept 28. We will meet at the Godfrey Walmart behind the gas station. The bus will depart around 3:15. First stop will be at Zias's Restaurant for dinner around 4:30. Then on to the gardens. There will be private tram rides at 6:15 and 6:45. After the tram ride you can wonder around on your own. When everyone is ready to head home, just gather at the designated spot and the bus will head home. Park closes at 10 pm, if everyone is ready it can leave earlier. The bus is full with 29 people, thanks to Paula. The other 3 riders are acquaintances of Paula's. The company is Timmy's Travels from Carrollton, IL. Tim Reif is the owner and he will be your driver.

Work day at Community Hope Center will be Thursday, Oct 5 at 8:30 am. It will be a bigger clean up. Lot of debris. Cleaning up lilies, cleaning or digging up columbine (they are trying to take over). Will need to decide if holly tree will be removed. Jerry will bring his tractor. Please bring your usual tools, wagon if you have one. Jerry has planted 2 new boxwoods. Thanks Jerry, for keeping an eye on the Hope Center.

October garden visit: We have been invited to Linda Ahrings. It will be on a 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. There will be a sign up sheet at the Sept club meeting at Groh's, so check your schedules. If you are not attending the Sept meeting, please contact Paula Zugmaier by Oct 6. to let her know that you are coming. Please call or text her, (618) 567-1703 to get signed up.

July visit: The club was invited to the gardens of Char McAlister and Lenore Saurez. There were 26 members and 2 guests. They had been former members, moved to Florida and returned to the area in 2018.

The 3 tiered water feature was already on the property and it is awesome. It used to have koi but the cooper hawk used the pond for fishing. The lily pads were blooming. The neighbors enjoy the pond also. They like to hear the frogs croaking. Lee has an app on her phone that attracts and encourage the frogs croaking. The dry river rock bed was also there. They added plants along all the fence line. There is a gathering area in the back corner with a fire circle.

There is an area with bromeliads and croutons that they brought from Florida, but they have to over winter them in the house. Reminded members that the center of the bromeliads has to be kept wet. There are a couple of palm fronds that Lee painted. Lee also built the stand for the coleus theatre under the tree.

They have some friends who came for a visit and helped place the edging around the beds. They like to work on projects together when they visit each other home.

They received the GLEN award for their yard beautification in 2022. It is a project sponsored by the city Glen Carbon.

There are many different flowers that are shown in the pictures. 64 varieties of daylily's.

Thank you for allowing us to visit your garden. We really enjoyed our visit.

August garden visit: Our August 20th meeting found 13 members and 1 guest at LCCC where head gardener, Katie Piper was kind enough to give us a guided tour of the Monticello Sculpture Gardens on campus. Many of you may remember Katie as having been our guest speaker at our January meeting.

Our tour began at the fabulous wall pocket garden which is installed on the north wall of Hathway Hall. This feature was probably my personal favorite! It was full of various begonias, hosta, ferns, caladium and coleus, jut to name a few, and was quite an exciting beginning to our tour!. We then headed over to the Bosques area, where Katie thoughtfully provided some cardboard fans and pictorial pamphlets of the Sculpture Garden for our group. She gave us numerous details on each sculpture, as well as about the various plantings, she and her helpers had installed this season. Luckily they are able to overwinter a lot plantings in the greenhouse on campus. We saw a great variety of annuals, perennials, succulents, topicals, shrubs, native plants, water plants, herbs and trees. We also enjoyed the various water features and ponds on campus. We basically walked a big circle up and behind Hathway Hall and back down to the area in front of the McPike Math & Science Building.

After giving Katie our grateful "thanks", we adjourned over to Pearson's Ice Cream for a delicious cold treat provided by the club. *Paula Zugmaier*

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Things to do:

Sept 14, Thursday 5:30pm. Garden Festival: Discover Monticello Sculpture Gardens. Free event.

Charlene's garden:



Lewis & Clark Community College: Monticello Sculpture Gardens

