

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY GARDEN CLUB

August 2014

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Save these dates

Saturday

Sept 13, 2014

Fall bus trip
St. Genevieve, MO
Depart 8 am from
Alton Square Mall
Return 5 pm

Monday

Sept. 29, 2014

Board Meeting
TBA

Thursday

Oct 16, 2014

Bethalto
Senior Center
7 pm
Potluck, white elephant
exchange, trivia game

Monday

Oct 27, 2014

Board meeting
TBA

Thursday

Dec 4, 2014

Christmas Banquet



Fall Bus Trip: Saturday, Sept 13 we will be taking a trip to St. Genevieve, Mo. Carolyn, Sue and Jan, made a trip to check the area out. Heard Sue had to clear the path, that's determination. The bus will pick us up at Alton Square Mall. Be ready for departure at 8 am. Will travel to the visitor center at St Genevieve. There a tour guide will join us on the bus.

They will give a tour via bus of some of the area homes and gardens. The cost for the tour guide will be \$2.00 per person. We will collect the money while on the bus. Please try to bring the correct change. Some of the places we may see are: Bolduc House, Felix Valle State Historic Site, Beauvais-Amoureux House, Guibourd House, and St. Genevieve Museum. We will be provided a walking tour that will include gardens and homes. There may be a fee for going thru some of the homes. You may go thru the gardens, homes or shops on your own. Lunch will be on your own. Will need to be back on the bus at 2 pm to go to Chaumette Winery. I hear their grounds are very nice. We will head back around 3 pm, arrive at Alton Square Mall around 5 pm.

October monthly meeting: We will be back inside at the Bethalto Senior Service Center, 7 pm. We will be having a potluck. The club will provide the meat (pulled pork from Carver's), drinks and ice. So its time to try the new recipes or get out the old reliable ones for the evening. Would like to have appetizers, vegetables, fruits, salads, and desserts, no sign up required. Bring whatever you would like to share.

White elephant exchange: Bring your unused or gently used garden items for a drawing. Nice pots, decorative items, books, etc.

Trivia Game: Team effort answering questions regarding plants, gardening in general.

Elections for officers, committee chairperson and board members: Elections will be coming up this fall. We will be needing candidates for president, vice president, projects committee chairperson and board members. These positions are for a 2 year term. Many members have done their time in the past, would like to see some new faces on the board.

President: Presides over all regular and special meetings. Appoint members to serve on committees. Represents club with other clubs and organizations. Attend Executive Committee meetings the following 2 years after their term.

Vice President: Perform duties of president, when they are unavailable. Arrange guest speakers/ education for the monthly meetings and gardens for the summer meetings.

Projects Committee Chairperson: Solicit ideas for community projects (Hope Center and SIUE). Develop a plan of action, including a budget, materials , manpower and maintenance if needed.

Board Members: Participate in the Executive Committee Meetings. Provide input from self or other members. Vote on decisions of the committee.

August Garden Visit: We spent the evening at Jane Flaherty’s home and garden. Jane has spent many years and many hours getting the yard up to speed. Old concrete had to be removed. Sod was removed. She has very little grass to mow. Several beds filled with plants, even a couple of mystery plants. Jane planted a lovely tree, purple autumn ash. She had pictures displayed of the tree for the different seasons, it looks good year round. The front yard has the roses, that are looking really good. Jane did the brick work herself. Thank you Jane, for allowing us to come visit.



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Board

Committee Chairs

Shirley Means
Anna Potter

Carolyn James, Trip
Earlene Harrison, Community

Richard Hancock

Projects

George Kahl

Karen Fitzgerald, Hospitality

Jerry Linker
Linda Votaw

Mary Scates, Hospitality
Jerry Linker, Historian & Photos
Phil Embree, Plant Sale