

Mississippi Valley Garden Club

September 2015



Save these dates:

Thursday
September 17

Time change: 6:00 pm

Carol Lammi
garden visit
89 West Lake Dr
Troy, IL

Monday
September 28
7 pm
Board Meeting
Sue Hiller's home

Thursday
October 15
7pm
Bethalto Senior Center
Lisa Dean
Illinois master gardener
10 Fall Garden Tasks
(A to Z for a better
Spring garden)

New member: Welcome back to Gail Clarkson. Hope to see you a lot.

August Bus Trip: 34 members and 17 guests traveled by bus to the Missouri Botanical Gardens. It was a great evening to be outside. We got to see the displays in daylight. We saw a peacock made out of glass bottles, elephant made with porcelain dishes, dragons, stallions, butterflies, flowers made from silk, plus many other creatures and flowers. We had time for a meal, either American or Chinese. After dusk the displays were lighted. It was more walking but it was worth it. To see the peacock lighted. The stallions, lighted, with mist swirling and sound effects. Butterflies with wings moving. And the dragon on the front lawn glowing. It was a treat for your imagination. Hope everyone enjoyed the evening as much as I did. We are so lucky to have the gardens so close to us. Thanks to Carolyn James for another wonderful trip.



September garden visit:

The club has once again been invited to Carol Lammi's garden. Carol has been a long time member, hope everyone can make it for a visit. We will be starting at 6 pm, trying to make it early because of getting dark earlier, but still allow time for working members to participate. There will be light refreshments provided. Bring a chair.

Carol's is a mostly shaded area with Japanese maples, dogwood, hydrangeas and many volunteer trees. It is on a cove of the lake, making for a peaceful setting. She has added some new trees and hosta this summer.

If you would like a ride, give me a call. Or if you have room in your vehicle, let me know. Susan 466-5892

Directions to Carol Lammi's: Coming from Alton, take Hwy 255 to 270, then take the 55/70 exit for Troy. Then take the first exit— again for Troy— Hwy 162. Go left on Hwy 162, follow thru town to Center St. (dead end). Go left 1 1/2 miles to Twin Lakes (brick pillars). Go left into subdivision, then a quick left onto West Lake. House is on the right #89. Right before you get to the subdivision there is a small log cabin on the left. That's the spot to slow down and put on your signal.

Hospitality: We would like to thank Karen Fitzgerald and Mary Scates for taking care of the hospitality duties. They will be resigning their positions at the end of this year. They have done an awesome job of sitting up and organizing our tables. Thank you for a job well done.

Members update (Keeping Up):

Frank Graser is out and about. Glad he is in full swing with his recovery. Good to see him on the bus trip.

Linda Eisenreich had her very first surgery the last week of August. Not many of us have been that lucky. Linda is now home recovering from knee surgery. Her daughter has been with her every step of the way and will continue to lend a helping hand.

Paula Zugmaier's daughter, Blair, will be married next year. No doubt there will be lots of "business" in the coming months for this family.

Condolences to Susan Ruckman and her family on the loss of their father, Steve Farkas . Steve passed away, Sept 6, at the age of 90. His wife, Marcella, passed away in Dec 2014. Marcella was the gardener, Steve was the muscle. Susan has bought their home and has taken over the flower gardens. Please keep their family in your prayers during this difficult time.

Please let me know if you have any news about our members so we can " Keeping Up".

Thanks, Vernice, vernice24@sbcglobal.net

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