

Mississippi Valley Garden Club



April 2022

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Save these dates:

Thursday, April 7, 8:30 am

Clean up day

Community Hope Center
1201 Hope Center Lane
Cottage Hills 62018

Thursday, April 14 (rain date)

Tuesday, April 19, 9:00 am

Dig day at Susan and Bill Hiller's
6511 Alpha Dr
Alton, 62002

Thursday, April 21, 7 pm

Plant Exchange
Dues 2022

Saturday, April 23, 9:00

Dig day at Carole Baker's
8000 Whistling Winds Ln
Brighton, 62012

Monday, April 25, 6:30 pm

Board meeting at Dottie's

Friday, May 6, TBD

Pricing/set up
Alton-Wood River Sportsmen's
Club
3109 Godfrey Rd
Godfrey 62035
Pavilion behind building

**Saturday, May 7
8-noon**

Plant Sale
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Welcome new members: Belated welcome to Pearl and Portia Mosconi. Granddaughters of Andriana Marcuzzi. Portia is 16, she is a student at Alton High School. She is also a member of the ROTC. Pearl is 18, also a student at Alton High School. She enjoys soccer and skate boarding. Pearl will be graduating in May from high school. Welcome both of you. Enjoy your time here with your grandmother, Andriana.



Welcome to Bob Carter. Bob visited us last year and decided to join the club. Bob recently retired after 41 yrs at a chemical company. His wife, Tammy, has been retired after 23 years in a medical office. They have 2 children and 2 grandchildren. Bob grew up on a farm, has always had a knack for making plants grow. Started on a degree in agriculture/horticulture, eventually finished it. Presently participating in the Master Gardener program thru the University of Illinois extension program. Bob also has a strong interest in photography. He like to use film and doing his own developing.



Dues 2022: Susan Hiller will be collecting dues at the April meeting. Deadline will be April 30, 2022. Renewal will be \$10 per member. New members will be \$17, which includes the name pin. Late fee has been discontinued

Community Hope Center: is located off Culp Ln in Cottage Hills. There are no clients scheduled for Thursdays so it make it easier to work and fewer cars in the lot. It is just a general clean up. The mulch and cardboard are keeping the weeds down. Please come out and give us a hand. More hands make the work go quicker. Bring your tools. It will be mostly trimming plants, hand trimmers, rake. Planting a few annuals. If you can wear your garden apparel (get our name out there in public) in case we go out for brunch. Bring a drink/ snack if needed. The following Thursday, the 14th, is a rain date if needed.

Dig days at Sue and Bill Hiller's and Carole Baker's: Start time will be 9:00. Compost will be available. If you need compost for plants you are digging at your own place, just bring a bucket. Be sure to bring tools that you may need for digging: shovel, hand tools, gloves, drink and snack if needed. Please try to help out with the dig days. These will be the plants sold at the sale. We try to get a variety of plants.

April meeting, plant exchange: This is a chance to share some of your favorite or unusual plants with your fellow club members. You can bring up to 3 nice plants/ gardening item. Please have the plants potted and labeled. Label should include name of plant, requirements and care. Also, please set the pot in a grocery sack and do not water the day of the exchange, to help keep clean up to a minimum. We use the door prize tickets for the drawing. When your number is called you pick a plant. We do one plant at a time. We do three rotations. If you only want to do one or two plants, that's fine too. If you have extra plants please save them for the plant sale.

Thursday, May 19, 6:30 pm

Garden visit
Rosemary Bauer
34 Orchard Hill Dr,
Wood River
Bring drink and a chair

Saturday, May 21,

8 am
Bus trip
depart Godfrey Walmart 8 am

Plant Sale: It is time to start thinking about the sale. This is our fundraiser for the club activities for the year. Do you have plants to divide and share for the sale. Go thru your pots. Do you have enough pots or extra pots. Plan on bringing extra pots/flats with solid bottom to the meetings. We have the pavilion reserved for the sale on Saturday, May 7. It is also reserved for Friday for the pricing and set up. It definitely made it easier last year not having to transfer plants.

Please bring clean, gently used gardening items, tools, trellises. Books. All will need to be priced prior to the sale. There will be sign up sheets at the April meeting for different duties. Setting up, bringing tables, wagons, carts. I know everyone helps but this will help Adriana to know who is doing what.

Please also save sturdy small boxes , flats for customers to use.

Spring Garden Nursery Trip: The spring bus trip has been scheduled for May 21. We will depart from the Godfrey Walmart at 8:00. We will be visiting the Illinois nurseries. This gives us a chance to see new plants/ new varieties that aren't available in our local nurseries. You are traveling with members who may have experience with the different plants. Plus the experienced nursery staff. We stop for lunch at local eateries. Cost will be \$15 for club member or non member, non refundable.

The plan is to visit the nurseries that were originally scheduled in 2020. We will be going to Hilltop Nursery and Garden in Sherman, ILL , Greenview Garden Center in Springfield, lunch, Pleasant Nursery Inc, and Buckley's Prairie Landscaping. Last will be Kahl's Greenhouse and Landscaping, George and Edith brother's nursery in Carlinville (one of our favorites).

We did go with the Vandalia bus lines.

We will have plenty of space for plants. Be sure and sign up at the April meeting. Susan Hiller will be collecting the money for the trip.

March meeting: Paula Zugmaier and her assistant, Don gave an awesome presentation on raised garden beds. This presentation was from personal experience with the beds. I liked the idea of the chicken wire to help keep the moles out. Paula talked about hügelkultur, that it can help soil fertility, water retention and soil warming. I will include Paula notes with the newsletter.

Since it was St. Patrick's day we celebrated with green desserts. We had oxalis as decorations on the table and they were later raffled off. We had 21 members attend, 2 new members and 2 guests.

Refreshments/drinks for April meeting:

Drinks:

- 1- 2 liter cola - Barbara Reiske
- 1- 2 liter white soda- Vernice Allen
- 1- 2 liter diet cola— Rosemary Bauer
- 1- gallon unsweetened tea— Debby Linker
- 1- large bag of ice — Andriana Marcuzzi

4- desserts/ appetizer : Christy Butler, Eunice Weber, Paula Zugmaier, Barbara Reiske

Thank you for members that brought refreshments for the March meeting. Thank you in advance for members that will bring refreshments for the April meeting.

Things to do:

April 30, Arbor Day Celebration at Glazebrook Park, Godfrey. Starts at 9:00 with family activities. Memorial Tree celebration at 1:00 pm.



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Adriana Marcuzzi, plant sale

Debbie Winship, hospitality

Edith Reed, hospitality