



Mississippi Valley Garden Club

August 2019

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Save these dates:

Thursday, August 15 , 6:30

Judy Jones & Tom Harris
319 Lynn Dr
Alton, IL

Thursday, Sept 19, 5:30

Dottie Roger's garden
& potluck

R.S.V.P. by Monday, Sept 16

Monday, Sept 30, 6:30

Board Meeting
TBD

Thursday, Oct 17

Bethalto Senior Citizens
Center
7:00 pm

No November meeting

Thursday, Dec 5

Christmas dinner & gift
exchange
Castelli's Restaurant

Please welcome new member, Karen Smith. Karen joined the club after attending a couple of garden visits with Carole Baker. Karen and Carole worked together at Alton Memorial Hospital as nurses. Karen worked as a nurse for 42 years. Karen and Carole also attend the same church. Karen's husband is Chuck. Chuck also likes gardening and doing the watering. They live in Godfrey.

Karen's garden has been described as a city garden. She enjoys shrubs and flowers. Her mother and grandmother liked roses. Karen has 30 roses, as she has lost one she has been replacing them with different flowers, such as daylilies.

Karen has two daughters, not in the area. One also enjoys gardening. She has five grandchildren and one great grandchild. All of whom she enjoys spending time with.



Some of Karen's other hobbies besides gardening are basket making. She has had to cut back on the weaving due to cramping in her hands. She is an avid reader and enjoys a little golf.

New treasurer or community project chairperson: The club will need a new treasurer in January. Gloria has resigned the position. There is also the option of community project chairperson and Susan Hiller would take treasury. Community projects would be for the Hope Center and other special projects that might arise. Please call George Kahl if interested or have questions. (618)741- 0394

August Garden Visit: The club has been invited to the garden of Judy Jones and Tom Harris. They live at 319 Lynn Dr, Alton. It is close to the Brighton area. With talking with Judy, the property is a small piece of her family's original farm. Her garden has been on the Alton - Godfrey garden tour.

Judy has a kitchen garden, shade garden, there are 6 acres. There are all kinds of perennials and a lake. It has been described as picturesque.

From Alton Square Mall turn right onto N. Alby. Turn left onto Humbert Rd. Turn right onto Seiler Rd (2.5 mi) then turn left on N. Seminary (1.5 mi). Then turn right onto Lynn Dr. (Lakeside Subdivision). Continue on Lynn Dr. You will see a small circle, continue off to the left. You will pass through some brick pillars. There will be 3 houses, Judy's is the farthest to the right. Plenty of parking. Be sure to bring a drink and chair.

September meeting: The club has been invited to Dottie Rogers garden for a potluck. The club will provide the meat. We would like to have a more accurate count for attendance, to order the meat. Significant others are invited to join us. Please R.S.V.P. by Sept 16, contact Susan Ruckman, (618)917-5853) or just reply to this email. What you bring for a dish is your choice: side dish or dessert.

July garden visit: We were invited to Alicia and Clay Davis home and garden. The house sits high on a hill, it has a fantastic view of the river. It was a warm evening but there was a great breeze up on the hill. Clay did a great job getting us in and out of the parking.

We got a tour of the house also. It has some great architectural features. They have tried to keep within the architectural time of the house when remodeling. The garden has different levels due to being on a hillside. They managed to give the gardens some flair. They have many conifers. Alicia shared information regarding conifers. In particular don't always believe the conifer is a dwarf. Alicia is trying her green thumb with herbs this year. She had some extras that she shared with members. She also treated us to lemonade flavored with basil, it was delicious. There was a sitting area behind the house. There was also paths leading to trails into the woods surrounding the house.



Plants need new home: Gloria Gowin has some mauve irises that she would like to find a new home. She also has some ditch lilies to share. Just give her a call, 550-99223

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