

Mississippi Valley Garden Club

August 2020

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Save these dates:

**Thursday, August 20
6:30 pm**

JoAnn garden
514 California Ave
East Alton, IL 62026

Thursday, Sept 17

25th Anniversary Celebration

Carole garden

Light meal to be served

Please RSVP by Sept 12

5:00 pm or as soon as you can

Monday, Sept 28

Board meeting

Dottie home

Thursday, Oct 15

Cancelled

Thursday, Dec 3

**Christmas Dinner and gift
exchange**

Castelli's restaurant

arrive at 5:30, serve at 6:00

August meeting: The club has been invited to JoAnn garden . It will be Thursday, Aug 20 at 6:30 pm. Her address is in East Alton. Remember to bring a chair, drink and your mask. Any symptoms, please stay home.

September meeting: This get together will be a celebration of the club's 25th anniversary. We had originally planned it for October but the Bethalto Senior Citizen building will still be closed. A light meal will be provided by John and Carole , and a few members. Safety precautions will be taken for serving the food.

We would like to have a count of who are planning on attending. Please sign up at the August meeting or rsvp to Susan Ruckman (618) 917-5853 or gardenfriends@hotmail.com by Saturday, Sept 12.

Carole and John have invited the club members several times in the past. There is plenty of room for social distancing.

Carole has awesome gardens. Plants of all kinds. If you have never seen her gardens this your chance . Also, if you need plants bring a bucket, there will be some extra plants that you can dig. May want to come a little early.

July meeting: It has been several years since the garden club has been to the R. farm/garden/ home, and like the previous visit, it did not disappoint.

It was quite a warm day at 85 degrees and humidity at 69%, but that did not slow 19 members and one guest from enjoying the gardens, rich in greens and colors.

A light snack was served out of the garage along with drinks and dessert.

Can not mention all the varieties of perennials, annuals, trees and shrubs that the R. had in their yard. Will mention a few: coneflower, lilies, Rose of Sharon, magnolia (reblooming), zinnia, Mandeville, geraniums, lamium, hosta, barberry, roses, Russian sage, hydrangea, sedums, clematis, black eyed Susan, nepeta, salvia, begonia, coleus, apple trees, buddleia, Japanese maple and grasses as well as a vegetable garden, potted plants, window boxes and yard ornaments/ arrangements. i

Lots of comments voiced about the “chocolate shell mulch” that was used in the paths in the front yard area. The mulch had a pleasant aroma, but you had to pick up a little to smell the chocolate, most thought it was pecan shells.

The R’s have been at this location for 51 years, starting out in a trailer on the property while her mother-in-law lived in the main house. They farmed the property and when the mother-in-law moved to town, they moved in.

The garden has been built up over time, and you can see the difference from our previous visits.

Jerry , Historian & Photos



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