



Mississippi Valley Garden Club

February 2019

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Save these dates:

February 21, Thursday

7 pm

Bethalto Senior Center
Betsy Alexander, St. Louis
Master Gardener
"Victorian Gardens"

**Dues for 2019,
after Feb 21 late dues will
be \$15.**

February 25, Monday

6:30 pm

Board meeting
Dottie Rogers' home

March 21, Thursday

7 pm

Bethalto Senior Center
Carol Gravens, St. Louis
Master Gardener

Plant Sale— May 11, Sat

Bus trip — May 18, Sat

Dues for 2019: Gloria Gowin will be collecting dues for 2019 , at the February meeting. Dues for returning members is \$10, new members is \$17, this will include their name pin. If you are going to be out of town, in Feb, please mail your dues to: Gloria Gowin, 242 S. 9th St, Wood River, IL 62095. **Dues will be \$15 after Thursday, Feb 21.**

February meeting: Betsy Alexander will be our speaker. Betsy was a public health professional for 29 years in clinical services and health education. She has been a Master Gardener since 2000 and has served on the St. Louis Master Garden Advisory committee, including 2016 chair and the training coordinator team. She is currently on the education committee., the Outreach subcommittee of the Advisory committee and is the Speaker's Bureau coordinator . Betsy visited us in January 2016, topic was "Winter Damage".

The presentation will be **Victorian Gardens:** The Victorians loved geometric and symmetrical features in their gardens. They used extensive lawns, bedding gardens, vines and shrubs to fill their home landscapes. They were fascinated with tropical plants and lavish lawn flower beds.

Bus trip: Christy has been working on details for the bus trip. She has had a challenge this year because of the bus company normally used has gone out of business. Another bus service has been found. We will be visiting nurseries in Missouri this year: Hartke Nursery, Garden Heights Nursery, Sugar Creek Gardens, Greenscapes Garden and Sherwood's Forest Nursery. Be sure and save the date, Saturday, May 18.

January meeting: Betty Struckoff was our speaker for the January meeting. She was very knowledgeable regarding her topic, Bringing Natives Home. Betty uses a lot of natives in her own yard. She referenced Shaw Nature Reserve, Heartland Prairie at Gordan Moor Park, and the Nature Institute. She talked about native plants for the forest/woods, savannah, prairie, glades and wetlands. Betty covered a lot of plants, to many to name. Maiden hair fern, hydrangeas, green dragon - fun plant. Cardinal flowers and goats beard that are favored by humming birds. Boneset attract insects, including praying mantis. Betty shared some resources that are available. Noah's Garden by Sarah Stein, Bringing Nature Home by Douglas Tallamy and The Living Landscape by Rich Darke and Douglas Tallamy. She highly recommended the visual guide at the Missouri Botanical Garden website.

<http://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/gardens-gardening/your-garden/help-for-the-home-gardener/advice-tips-resources/visual-guides.aspx>



Things to do:

Feb 2 - Mar 24- Orchid Show 2019, www.mobot.org

Feb 23, Saturday: Start your herb seeds, Hayner Library, Alton Square Mall, call 1-800-613-3163

Gateway Gardener: [www.gatewaygardener.com/upcoming events](http://www.gatewaygardener.com/upcoming_events)

Missouri Botanical Garden, special events, variety of classes - www.missouribotanicalgarden.org

Mar 1—Mar 3, Art in Bloom, St Louis Art Museum, www.slam.org/event/art-in-bloom-2019/

Mar 2—Weekend Gardener, Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows, [//web.extension.illinois.edu/mms](http://web.extension.illinois.edu/mms)

Mar 16, Saturday, How to Grow Herbs in Gardens and Containers, presented by St. Louis Herb Society, Hayner Library, Alton Square Mall. Please call 1-800-613-3163

Mar 22, Native Design, Layered Landscape, Lewis and Clark Community College, Edwardsville—www.moprairie.org/GrowNative/GrowNativeevents

Hospitality — The following members have volunteered to bring desserts and drinks for the February meeting. Thank you in advance.

Desserts: Jo Ann Bishop, Dori Hoth, Anne Carrera, Ann Osborne and George Kahl

- 1 large bag of ice — Susan Ruckman
- (1) 2 liter regular cola — Don Scott
- (1) 2 liter white soda — Don Scott
- (1) 2 liter diet soda— Jaci Sweetman
- 1 gal unsweetened tea—Debbie Linker

President: George Kahl, 498-5789

Vice President: Dottie Rogers, 917-4730

Secretary: Susan Ruckman, 917-5853 or gardenfriends@hotmail.com

Treasurer: Gloria Gowin, 550-9923

Board members

- Vernice Allen
- Carole Baker
- Christy Butler
- Gail Clarkson
- Jerry Linker

Committee chairs

- Christy Butler—trips
- Susan Hiller— community projects
- Jerry Linker— photos & historian
- Edith Reed - pant sale
- Debbie Winship - hospitality