



Mississippi Valley Garden Club

January 2022

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Save these dates:

Thursday, January 20

6:30 pm

Kris Larson
Theodora Farms in Godfrey
Bethalto Senior Citizen
Center

**Dues for 2022, \$10 for re-
newal, \$17 for new mem-
bers**

Monday, January 31

Board Meeting

Dottie Rogers' home

6:30 pm

**Thursday, February 17, 6:30
pm**

TBD

Bethalto Senior Citizen
Center

**Deadline for 2022 dues,
February 28**

Christmas Celebration: On the evening of Thursday, December 9 at Castelli's Restaurant 35 members, 2 guests and 1 musician attended the dinner to celebrate the end of another gardening season. Bringing friends together, to enjoy the food, camaraderie and Christmas music. Thank you to Vernice for facilitating the evening. Communicating with Castelli's and obtaining the cheesecake and sauces. The cheese cakes were made by a friend of Vernice's, Jennifer Patrick.

Instead of doing a gift exchange, we had musical entertainment. Caleb, student at Southwestern High School played his keyboard. We accompanied him with our slightly off key singing.

George gave a few words about the past year. He introduced the new officers and board members for 2022. George presented, Dottie with the president's gavel. Dottie will be president for 2022. Paula will be vice president. Welcome to Rosemary as a board member. Also welcome Adrianna as plant sale chair person. Thank you to: Susan, George, Vernice, Eunice, Christy, Jerry, Debbie, Edith and Susan for continuing in their present positions.

Hope everyone had good holidays. Hopefully 2022 will be an more enjoyable and healthier year for members.

Dues 2022: Susan will be collecting dues at the January and February meetings. Deadline will be February 28, 2022. Renewal will be \$10 per member. New members will be \$17, which includes the name pin. Late fee will be \$15 after February 28.

Inclement weather: with the possibility of bad weather please watch your email prior to meetings. Please help pass updates onto members that don't have email.

January meeting: Our speaker will be Kris Larson, General Manager and Marketing Coordinator from Theodora Farms in Godfrey. They have only been open for a few years (2019). They grow and sell vegetables to the public. They are growing, flowers, vegetables, herbs and annual fruits on land that is being transitioned to organic. They have a 10 acre farm on North Alby. They do have an online store. Please come to hear what they have to share. Maybe find a new place to obtain fresh food.



Refreshments/drinks for January meeting:

Drinks: 1– 2 liter cola - Paula Zugmaier
1– 2 liter white soda– Debby Linker
1– 2 liter diet cola—Christy Butler
1– gallon unsweetened tea— Vernice Allen
1– large bag of ice — Susan Ruckman

4- desserts/ appetizer : Edith , Eunice , Dottie , Susan

Debbie will be out of town. Will need help setting up and cleaning up.

We will be signing up for refreshments for Feb– April at the January meeting. The board did agree to cut back on the number of refreshments since we have had a decreased number of members. Hopefully members won't need to sign up as frequently.

October presentation: It was a nice fall evening. We had 24 members and 1 guest attend. This was the first time being back at the Bethalto Senior Citizen Center since January 2021. It was nice to be home.

We had a potluck which is always enjoyable, we have some wonderful cooks in the club. The club purchased fried chicken from Schnucks. Thank you to everyone that brought food, drinks and ice. Thank you to Debbie, Edith and everyone that helped set up and clean up. Makes it easier when everyone works together.

Our speaker for the evening was Nancy Luechtefeld, from Unique Journeys. Travel agent is Nancy 's second career. She enjoys being able to travel and helping others travel to their destinations. Prior to travel agent , Nancy was a paralegal. She enjoys gardening and would like to become a master gardener.

Nancy presented information regarding Florida Expo taking place in the Netherlands in spring of 2022. It only takes place every 10 years. Nancy wrote an article that was published in the Gate Gardener, Summer issue. It will be looking at what will be happening in the future. Nancy also shared what happens in Pella, Iowa and Holland, Michigan at the tulip time. It sounds like they would be interesting places to visit.

Canned goods were collected. Jerry was kind enough to deliver them to the Community Hope Center. Jerry shared that they were very appreciative for the goods.

Memorial: Member, Barbara passed away August 2021. The club made a donation to the Alton Little Theater in her honor. Barbara was a member of the garden club for about a year. **Condo- lences** to Brenda Darr and her family on the loss of her son. Matthew passed away in November.



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Board members

George Kahl, past president

Vernice Allen

Rosemary Bauer

Eunice Weber

Committee chairs

Christy Butler, trips/ face book page

Jerry Linker — historian/ photos
community projects

Adriana Marcuzzi — plant sale

Debbie Winship — hospitality

Edith Reed– hospitality