

Mississippi Valley Garden Club

July/August 2022

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Save these dates:

Thursday, July 14, 8 am
Workday at Community Hope
Center

Thursday, July 21, 6:30 pm
Theodora Farms
4835 N. Alby St.
Godfrey
Bring drink and chair

Ice cream treat at Pearson's
Produce
6304 Humbert Rd,
Godfrey

Thursday, August 18, 6:30 pm
Brooke Peipert
1205 McKinley St
Alton
Bring drink and chair

**Thursday, September 15,
6:30 pm**
Need a volunteer/ garden visit

**Thursday, October 20,
7 pm**
Bethalto Senior Citizen Center
100 E. Central St
Bethalto 62010

November, no meeting

Thursday, December 8
Christmas Celebration
Castelli's Restaurant

This newsletter will contain information for the July and August visits. Please watch emails for updates. We are still in need of a garden for the September visit. Please contact Paula Zugmaier (567-1703) with any ideas.

Welcome new members:

Brenda Casey: Brenda, her husband (Lou) and her mother (94 years old) all help out with the gardening. They have lived in their home for 23 years. They also have 3 cats. They have a vegetable garden and flowers. Some of Brenda's favorites are wisteria and black eyed Susan vine. She has been having difficulty keeping the vine going. She has a large rhododendron, also azaleas, clematis— sweet Autumn and Jackmanaii, daylilies and hosta. They also have 2 kids and 2 grandchildren. Welcome to the club, Brenda.



July Garden Visit: We will be going the Theodora Farms, in Godfrey. Our host will be Kris Larson, General Manager and Marketing Coordinator. The farm has only been open for a few years (2019). They grow and sell vegetable 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 he has to share. Maybe find a new place to obtain fresh food.

After the visit to the farm there will be an ice cream treat at Pearson's at 6304 Humbert in Godfrey. The treat will be on the club. Menu will be attached with the newsletter.

August Garden Visit: Our August visit will be to Brooke Peipert's garden. Brooke and her husband, Adam have been working to get some projects done. They have 2 little girls that we may or may not get to meet. Brooke plans to have light refreshments. She does live on a cul de sac, parking should not be a problem. May want to car pool since space might be tight.

Workday at Community Hope Center : We have some work to do at the Hope Center. The bushes need to be trimmed. If you have battery operated trimmers please bring. The mulch needs to be fluffed. Mulch that is packed does not stop the weeds as well. We will start early (8 am) due to the heat. Please bring hand tools for trimming, gloves, water and snack as needed.

Board meeting: Couple of things discussed at the board meeting;

Memorial for Mary Kaufman, \$100 to her church, Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Bethalto.

Also it was decided to do a memorial for John Gowin. They were members from 2010—2019. Gloria and John were co-vice presidents for 2 years. They donated plants and John used his truck for transporting plants for the sale. Susan Hiller will contact Gloria to see if she has a preference for an organization for a donation.

Another topic that was discussed at the board meeting. It was decided to share with membership and see what you thought and willing to do. One of the problems that seems to arise as a person ages is that they are not comfortable driving at night. Would any of you be willing to give a member, that is in your area, a ride to the meeting or club activity? Just reply to this email or let a board member know what you are willing to do or if you have concerns.

June garden visit: The club was invited to Sue Edwards garden for the visit in June. It was a warm evening, but tolerable in the shade. 21 members and 4 guests attended. Sue gave us some history on her yard. It was the 2nd pond that she has installed. She originally had koi but now has goldfish. Her gazebo replaced a cistern. And covered with a wisteria. Sue told stories of the resident groundhog and how he stashed items like a pack rat. He had 2 reader digests, a blanket, among other things. She has 15 sets of wind chimes hanging around the yard. There is a hammock that definitely looks comfortable enough for a nap. There is a trellis covered with 2 tiny flowered clematis, very charming. The red flowered is called Happy Diana. The purple one is believed to be Betty Corning. A huge weeping willow that is only 5 years old. Another story was about her rocks that looks like "big foot" foot and another of his face. Many plants. One that attracted a lot of attention had small bright blue flowers, it was a forget me not. Sue had light refreshments which were enjoyed by all. Thank you Sue for inviting us and being a gracious hostess.



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