



Mississippi Valley Garden Club

July 2019

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Save these dates:

Thursday, July 18

6:30 pm

Alicia Davis' garden
26501 Lockhaven Hill
Godfrey, IL 62035

Thursday, August 15

6:30 pm

Karen & Chuck Smith's
garden
623 St. Paul Dr., Godfrey, IL

Thursday, Sept 19

Dottie Roger's garden
& potluck

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

Thursday, Oct 17

TBD

July garden visit: This month we will be visiting Alicia and Clay Davis' garden. They have lived in this home for over a decade. Alicia has belonged to the garden club off and on for several years. She considers herself an amateur gardener, even though she has had plants since she was a child. Some of her favorite plants are conifers. This year she is trying her hand at herbs.

Alicia will be serving light snacks and beverages. She has some chairs, may want to bring your own. Parking will be tight, suggest you car pool if possible. If you don't know of anyone close to you, give me a call and we can check the roster. The road is a steep hill, there will be room for about twelve cars in their area. **If you have to park on the hill or at the bottom please call Alicia 444-7230, someone will come pick you up, do not try to walk the hill.**

Directions: In downtown Alton, at the intersection by the flour mill, RT 100 and RT 67 head **North** on RT 100 (River Road). Toward Grafton. Drive approximately 7 miles. Turn right onto Lockhaven Hill. Their house is at the very end of the road. It is a steep hill.

Do not take Lockhaven Road, it will be before Lockhaven Hill. You will be lost.

The visit will take place rain or shine. They have plenty of room inside.

Need a new treasurer: Gloria Gowin has served as our treasurer for 2 years. Gloria has made the decision to resign from the position. The club is in need of a new treasurer. Thank you Gloria for your time and dedication.

The treasurer tracks the expenses and income for the club. Balance the checking account. Writes checks for activities. Collects dues and payments for trips and such. Arrange cash for activities such as plant sale. Attend board meetings. Present budget to membership. If you are willing to volunteer for the position please contact George Kahl,
618-741-0394.

September garden visit : The club will be having a potluck at Dottie's garden visit. Meat will be provided by the club so we would like a count of how many will be attending. Members may bring their significant other. Please **RSVP** to Susan Ruckman, 618-917-5853 or gardenfriends@hotmail.com. **Please respond by Monday, Sept 16.**

June garden visit: Our June outdoor garden meeting was held at Carmen and Bob Vercoglio's home and garden. This is our second visit to their garden but at a different time of the year. The Vercoglio's have a thing for daylilies, iris and peonies. Also a wide variety of perennials that include: hosta, mum, roses, sedums, phlox, loose strife, thyme, perennial geranium, coreopsis, foxglove, and clematis. There are also potted plants, yard ornaments, signs, pathway and many other plants and items to view.

We were also treated to a talk by a couple of their bee keeping friends which turned out to be quite interesting. The hive is the queen. There is only one queen per colony and is marked by the keeper with special paint to keep tabs on her. Bee keeping is not a laid back pastime but requires weekly duties even in the winter time.

Larry Roth has 80 hives to care for. Randy Christy has many hives as well. They talked on swarms, how a new queen is made, benefits of bee stings and scars (really!), local honey compared to others, and so much more. There was a slide demonstration about bees and honey, the whole presentation was very informative.
Jerry Linker, Historian



Gardening items/plants need a new home:

Gloria Gowin has mauve colored irises that have been dug, trimmed and bagged, giving away for free. Just have to come and get them. She has more to dig if interested. Gloria also has some dwarf irises that aren't dug up. Give Gloria a call.

Gloria Gowin, 618-550-9923, 242 S. 9th St., Wood River , IL 62095

Earlene Harrison has a water barrel that she would like to sell. Asking \$50.00. Originally bought at Home Depot. It is stone color, in excellent condition. Please call Earlene if you are interested. 618-259-8986.



Things to do: Sunflower Festival— Belleville Eckert Farm. Opening of 5 acre sunflower maze, July 13

www.eckerts.com/events-at-eckerts/sunflower-festival-1

Missouri Botanical gardens— corpse flower to bloom in July . www.missouribotanical.org

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