



Mississippi Valley Garden Club

June/July 2018

Save these dates:

Thursday, June 21, 6:30 pm

George Kahl's garden
20792 W. County Ln
Jerseyville 62052

Monday, June 25, 6:30 pm

Board meeting
Susan Ruckman's home

Thursday, July 19, 6:30 pm

Carmen & Robert
Vercoglio's garden
12168 Deer Rd
Palmyra, IL 62674

July board meeting

TBD

Thursday, August 16,

6:30 pm

Karen Cairns
107 Essex
Jerseyville, 62052

This newsletter will cover information for June and July due to being involved in buying and selling houses. Sorry, for any confusion. *Susan*

Lost a member: This month we have lost a former member, Paul James. Paul, was Carolyn James spouse. Teena Funk, former member was his daughter. Please keep Carolyn and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

June garden visit: This month we will be going to George Kahl's garden in Jerseyville. Everybody knows that George's favorite flowers are daylilies. They haven't peaked yet, so hopefully we will get to see his many varieties in their glory. He also has a lot of hosta. And weeds, your welcomed to take a bag of weeds home with you. George has 3 acres, but has been downsizing his gardens the last couple of years. Recently George has been growing vegetables in pots: green beans, okra, tomatoes and potatoes. Easier for your back and knees, but you do have to water more frequently. So hopefully everyone will be able to come out to see Georges place. Taking US 67 to Jerseyville. Turn left onto W. Carpenter/ IL 16, after 4.45 miles turn left onto Costello Rd(Otterville Rd). Turn right onto W. County Ln, then .24 miles, George's home will be on the right.

July garden visit: The month of July, we will be traveling a little farther than usual but it will be well worth it. We have been invited to Carmen & Bob Vercoglio's garden. Carmen has lived on the 80 acre farm for 50 years. Bob became part of the history when they were married in 1996. They no longer raise cattle, that is rented out. Carmen's favorite flowers are: peonies, tree peonies, irises and daylilies. She also has a few hydrangeas. Bob has an orchard and vegetable garden. They have had the recent challenge of gardening with 2 puppies. They have several chairs and seating, if needed. May want to car pool, for the longer distance and company. From Carlinville turn left onto Richie Rd, turn right onto Quarton Rd/ County Hwy 94 after 1 mile, turn left onto Deer Rd, the 0.74 miles 1st right to stay on Deer Rd. then 0.37 miles it will be a gray house with a gray steel barn. Bob will put out signs to help you navigate.

Elections: This fall will be elections for officer positions for 2019-2020. Positions needed will be president and vice president. The president facilitates the club meetings and board meetings. Occasionally they have to make the deciding decision. The vice president, schedules the monthly meetings and acts as president if the president is unavailable. Please consider volunteering for a position. Without volunteers, the club will not be able to continue.

Plant sale: This year's plant sale was very successful. We made over \$3000. Congratulations, Edith, job well done. Thank you to everyone that helped. It doesn't matter if it was helping at dig days or on the day of the sale, we could not have done it without you.

The hosta that were over wintered did well. All the plants were sold. Thank you also to everyone that brought the used gardening items, it was quite a variety of stuff.

We would like to find a way to get more help on dig day. There is some discussion of a fall dig day, let us know if there is any interest.

May garden visit: The garden visit was at my house. It was fun to have everyone come and see my place. I know I have been talking about it for quite awhile. It was nice to see the results of several years work come together. The woodland garden on the far side of the house; hosta, ferns, trilliums, sweet woodruff, bleeding hearts and Solomon's seal. The side of the garage; poppy, mini lamb's ear, dwarf yarrow and the totem pole. The front of the house has azaleas, rhododendron, maiden hair fern, Japanese fern and a large sand dollar. Thank you for coming, soon I will be moving on to a new yard challenge.



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Christy Butler
Gail Clarkson
George Kahl
Jerry Linker
Dottie Rogers

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Christy Butler— Trips
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Edith Reed — Plant Sale
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