

# Mississippi Valley Garden Club

June 2022

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**Save these dates:**

**Thursday, June 16, 6:30 pm**  
**Home garden visit**

Sue Edwards  
240 Mather St  
Alton

Bring drink and chair

**Please try to carpool, parking is limited.**

**If you have plastic pots you don't want please bring to meeting.**

**Monday, June 27, 6:30 pm**  
Board Meeting at Dottie's home

**Thursday, July 21**  
**Need a volunteer**

**Thursday, August 18, 6:30 pm**  
**Theodora Farms**  
4835 N. Alby St.  
Godfrey  
Bring drink and chair

**Thursday, September 15,**  
Brooke Peipert  
1205 McKinley St  
Alton

**Summer Garden Visits:** Due to scheduling changes we are now in need of garden to visit in July. Date would normally be Thursday, July 21. If interested or have suggestions please contact Paula Zugmaier.

**Plant Sale:** Plants began arriving Friday afternoon. The weather was wet and chilly. They were sorted by category. Then they were priced. Plants and gardening items were donated by several members and also, Gloria Gowin. Thank you, Gloria. Several members had dinner at Sportsmen's Club after pricing. Everything was settled for the night.

Saturday, morning 8 am, the tape was taken down. It was very busy and steady for about an hour and half. The atmosphere was lively and pleasant. We did \$3725 in sales, cleared \$3491 after expenses. Left over plants were donated to the Bethalto Spirit plant sale. It was a very successful day. Congratulations Adriana, not bad for a first time. Thank you to all the members that helped with the plants and sale, could not have done it without you. Be sure and thank our advertisers, if you get the chance.



**May Garden Visit:** Our first garden visit for the season was at Rosemary Bauer's garden. It was a stormy evening but the weather cleared in time to walk the garden.

Rosemary credits what she learned joining the garden club with what she has accomplished on her yard. The first year she removed old stuff, worked on erosion and areas grass would not grow. 2nd she replaced plants, bee balm, daisy, etc. Hardscape was already there. This year she is filling in the blank spots with perennials.

Rosemary shared her experience with Laurel blight on the sassafras trees and losing trees. She listed plants that she got from different members and plant exchanges.

Rosemary's green thumb extends to inside the house. She has several orchids, African violets and anthuriums thriving in her kitchen window.

Thank you, Rosemary for sharing your garden with us. Hopefully we can come back for another visit on a not so stormy evening.



**Spring bus trip:** Another raining day but it did improve to allow the shopping to continue. Heard positive comments from newbie to experienced shoppers. Most nurseries gave discounts. Garden Heights, gave a 25% discount. Kahl's had the best prices. Also, provided soda and cookies for an afternoon snack. Thank you, Christy for setting up the trip.



**Board Meeting:** will be held at Dottie's the end of June. Any questions, comments, concerns or suggestions for next year plant sale, bus trip or other activities please let a board member know.

**June Garden Visit:** we are invited to Sue Edwards, garden. She has lived in the house for about 12 years. She has experience with building ponds, which is what originally got her interested in gardening. She enjoys the fish, the sound of the water and the frogs that it attracts. She enjoys all types of plants including bulbs.

**Parking** is very limited. Please consider car pooling. Sue's driveway can hold 3-4 cars. We can park in her neighbor's driveway ( white house with black shutters, green truck under carport, she does have permission for us to park there) which can hold 2 more cars. You can park behind Norb's Tavern and walk to her house. She is one block from State St and one block from Elm St.

**President:** Dottie Rogers, 917-4730

**Vice President:** Paula Zugmaier,  
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**Secretary:** Susan Ruckman, (618)917-5853 or [gardenfriends@hotmail.com](mailto:gardenfriends@hotmail.com)

**Treasurer:** Susan Hiller, 466-4942

#### **Board members**

Vernice Allen  
George Kahl (past president)  
Eunice Weber  
Rosemary Bauer

#### **Committee chairs**

Christy Butler– trips, Facebook  
Jerry Linker– photos, historian, community projects  
Adriana Marcuzzi — plant sale  
Debbie Winship — hospitality  
Edith Reed — hospitality