



Mississippi Valley Garden Club

May 2019

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Save these dates:

Thursday, May 9, 4 pm

Pricing at Jan Maxeiner's
714 Ramona Pl, Godfrey
(rain date is Friday, May 10, 4pm)

Saturday, May 11
8am-12pm

Plant Sale
Alton- Wood River Sportsmen's
Club
3109 Godfrey Rd, Godfrey

Thursday, May 16, 9:00

Community Hope Center

Daffodil clean up/ planting/fluffing
mulch

Saturday, May 18, 7:30 am

Spring bus trip
Godfrey Walmart
depart 8:00am

Thursday, May 23, 6:30 pm

New date

Gloria and John Gowin's
Home garden visit
242 S. 9th St, Wood River, 62095

Monday, May 27

No board meeting, Memorial Day

May has arrived: The flowering trees are blooming. The crocuses have come and probably gone by now. The grass has greened up, the weeds are springing up. It is time for the gardeners to get busy. We are extra busy this month due to the plants sale which is the main fund raiser for the club and the bus trip. The bus trip is not only a good time to relax and enjoy but to see what is new. There are many educational activities going on at the nurseries, many are free.

Please keep an eye on your email for any updates/ changes. Also, if you don't have email, stay in touch with someone who does or call a board member, their numbers are on the back page.

Flyers: Should be up or going up by this time. There are more organizations having plant sales, we need to get the word out there. This is something every member can do, at least put one in the window of your car. If you need flyers contact George Kahl or I can email you a copy.

Pricing: Will be at Jan Maxeiner's on Thursday the 9th. Rain date will be Friday, the 11th. Plants may be delivered starting Wednesday, please not before. Jan will be taking care of watering them. The plants are somewhat divided by shade and sun. Thursday at 4 pm, pricing will begin. We will use the colored plastic ware, each color is a different price. It usually goes very quickly. No plants will be sold the day of pricing. **Directions:** US Hwy 67, north. Turn left onto Ramona Pl. Jan's is about the 7th house on the right.

Plant sale: Everything is in full swing for the plant sale. Plants should be dug and potted. You may need to trim them up prior to the sale. Don't forget to ask businesses to put the info on their marquee. Be sure and save **small boxes and flats** for the customers.

The day of the sale, we will need everyone's help for setting up and cleaning up afterwards. There will be lots of plants to be moved. Transporters will need to start around 5:00- 5:30 am. Others will be at Sportsmen's club ready to unload. Plants are sorted by sun, shade, hostas, daylilies, herbs, etc. The signs will also be set up.

We ask that you wear your name tags and club apparel the day of the sale.

Couple of reminders for the day of sale. Members will not pick up plants for themselves prior to 8am, and set aside. Plants will be charged for the price at the time that they are picked, not set aside till discounted prices. Please do not congregate in the walking areas, it usually is very busy the first couple of hours. Please assist the customers, if you can't answer their questions find someone who can. Please assist customers with their plants, to check out and to their cars. There will be some wagons available.

Community Hope Center: Please come out and give us a hand at the center. We will be tidying up the daffodils, there are plenty there. It was decided, that there is enough mulch, so we will just fluff it up and turn it. Susan Hiller bought some lanterns to be planted. These have done quite well the past couple of years, they can take the heat from the cars that are parked close to them. Butterflies like them. Come on out, should not take long with enough help.

Spring bus trip: Saturday, May 18 will be the bus trip. Please call or email, Susan Ruckman to reserve a seat. We will meet at the Godfrey Walmart store. Please be on time, the bus will leave promptly at 8 am.

You may want to bring a box, Rubbermaid container, or laundry basket to hold your plants in.

Payment for seat may be made the day of the bus trip, must have exact amount or check. We will not be carrying change.

We will be visiting nurseries in Missouri: Hartke Nursery: www.plantnurseryst.louis.com, Garden Heights Nursery: www.gardenheights.com, Sugar Creek Gardens: sugarcreekgardens.com, Greenscapes Garden: www.greenscapedgardens.com and Sherwood Forest Nursery: sherwoods-forest.com. Lunch will be on our own, after Sugar Creek Gardens. There will be a strip mall with several different eateries. We should be back in Godfrey around 5:30.

Thank you, Christy for setting this up. It was more of a challenge this year due to the bus situation.

May Home Garden Visit: Our 1st garden visit for the season will be to Gloria and John Gowin's home. They joined the club in 2010. Gloria and John have been co-vice presidents in the past. Gloria is our present treasurer. We have visited their garden in the past, June 2013.

They have a variety of plants, as you can tell by the plants they bring for the sale. They have irises, hosta, daylilies, hydrangeas .

Just a reminder, bring a chair and drink. Garden visits will start at 6:30 pm. Gloria said they do have about 12 chairs if someone would like to use them. There is plenty of parking in the driveway and one the street.

Directions: Take Route 143, Madison Avenue in Wood River to S.9th St. turn south. Their house will be about a block and half on the right side of the street.

Summer Gardens: Dottie Rogers is now signing gardens up for the summer visits. We are in need of a garden for August. Please contact Dottie, 917-4730 if you are able to have a garden visit.

Hospitality: Thank you to Debbie Winship and everyone else the helped set up and clean up the food table at the monthly meetings.

The Plant Exchange: There were a lot of good looking plants. Some new and some of the old reliable ones. Everyone went home with different plants then what they brought. It is a good way to get new varieties. It was good to visit with friends, have some delicious food and go home with new plants.

Dig day at Carole's: Thank you to the members that came out to dig at Carole Bakers. With fighting wind and rain we weren't able to get as many plants. If anyone has some spare time, contact Carole. I'm sure she has more plants that can be dug up for the plant sale.

Memorial Tree Ceremony: Several members attended the Memorial Tree Ceremony, where a tree was dedicated for Paul James. They also, visited some of the prior trees that had been planted for members.



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