



Save these dates:

Thursday, May 10

**Pricing at Jan Maxeiner's
714 Ramona Pl, Godfrey
4 pm (rain date, Friday,
May 11)**

Saturday, May 12

**8 am—12 pm
Plant Sale
Sportsmen's Club
3109 Godfrey Rd,
Godfrey 62035**

Thursday, May 17, 6:30 pm

**Garden visit
Susan Ruckman's
2716 Ridgedale Dr,
Godfrey 62035**

Thursday, May 24

**Clean up at
Community Hope Center
9 am**

Monday, May 28

**No board meeting,
Memorial Day**

Thursday, June 21, 6:30 pm

**Garden visit
George Kahl 's
20792 W. County Ln
Jerseyville 62052**

Welcome spring: Spring has finally made it, hope it sticks around for awhile. Its been nice to be able to get out in the yard.

Pricing day: Jan has offered the use of her yard for pricing day, again. Plants may be taken Wednesday but no earlier. We don't want Jan to have to take care of them for very long. Have plants there by 4 pm on Thursday, we will be starting to price the plants. Please make sure the plants are labeled, the more information we can give the customers, the better it will be. It was decided by the board, **that there will not be any sales on pricing day nor prior to the plant sale.** This decision was made due to the limited number of plants.

Plant sale: Saturday, May 12: The plant sale is coming up pretty quick. The plants should be potted and looking healthy. You may need to trim them up a bit. Please make sure the plants are labeled, the more information you can share the better. Pictures would also be helpful. The **flyers** should be posted, you may need to check back on them. If anyone is a member of the Liberty banks, please take a flyer and ask them to put it on their marquee, we have lost the member that took care of it. Please be available for setup and clean up on the day of the sale. There will be lots of plants to get moved, we will be starting early. Some members will be starting as early as 5 am. **Need** boxes for the customers on sale day and tables for plants. **Please wear** your name tags and club apparel. **Wagons**, if you have wagons or small carts, please bring them for transporting customers purchases.

Any questions please contact *Edith Reed*, (618) 836-5823

Home garden visit : The first garden visit of the season will be at my house. Address is 2716 Ridgedale Dr. in Godfrey. It will be at the lights where West Delmar and Homer Adams Prkwy meet. Continue onto Ridgedale Dr , dentist office is on the corner. It's the 9th house on the right side. White house with blue shutters. You will see a planted circle, stay to the right of the circle.

I have lived here for 5 years, it was my parents home. My mom was the gardener, dad was the muscle. There are 3 dogwood trees, hopefully they will still be blooming. I'm lucky enough to have 3 sweet gumball trees, pretty trees. Hope you can come to see the yard, see you then. Will start at 6:30 pm. *Susan Ruckman*, 466-5892

Community Hope Center: Thursday, May 24 , 9:00, will be cleanup and planting day. We will be cleaning up the daffodils. Will also be planting some annuals. Bring shovels, trowels any tools you might use for cleaning up your own yard. Please try to attend and help out for an hour or two.

Spring bus trip: Saturday, at 8:00 am, 26 members and 3 guests departed from the Godfrey Walmart parking lot for our annual spring bus trip. WNW winds at 15 mph and no sunshine, made for a light jacket a must have requirement, but did not deter the group from looking all the plants over.

Destinations included: 1st stop, Creekside Gardens (a club favorite), 2nd stop, Sandy's Back Porch Gardens. Lunch was at Eckert's Country Store and Farms, (ordered off menu and they had plants out back as well as bakery goods, yard ornaments, fruits, veggies and other items that gardeners want or need). 3rd and last stop, Terry's Home and Gardens, a new place for us and who gave us a 20 % discount. It started raining when leaving Eckert's, but that didn't slow us gardeners down from getting 20% discount. Thanks, Christy for a memorable trip. *Jerry Linker, Historian*

April Meeting: Plant Exchange: As usual the plant exchange was a fun filled evening. There was a variety of potted plants, bulbs and gardening items. Hopefully everyone went home with at least one new plant to try. Its always interesting to see what plants there are to pick from. Thank you to the members that brought all the food. It was a pleasant treat.

Hospitality: Would like to thank Debbie Winship, Sharlotte Bryant, Edith Reed and everyone else that work setting up and cleaning up the food tables at the meetings. They set the tables and make sure the dishes are done. Next time you see them, be sure and tell them thank you. Enjoy your summer off.

Dig Day at Carole Baker's: We had a not so successful dig day at Carole's. There was approximately 125 plants dug and potted. Normally we get around 300. Only 8 members showed up. It was a warm day. We tried potting the plants on the dig spot, to keep the plants from wilting. A second dig day was held, Debbie Winship, Edith Reed, Carole Baker, Bill Hiller and George Kahl obtained another 126 plants. Thank you for giving your time. Carole is now working her magic, keeping them all alive and well for the plant sale.



The banner on the front is a picture of some of the hosta that were dug and divided at Shirley Emmons yard. It appears only a few didn't make it through the winter.

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