



# Mississippi Valley Garden Club

Oct/Nov/Dec 2020

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**Save these dates:**

**October meeting cancelled**

**No November meeting**

**Thursday, Dec 3**

Christmas dinner & gift  
exchange  
Castelli's Restaurant

**Welcome to new members:** Brenda , Jennifer , Barb and Gail. . Hope to see a lot of you.

**Christmas dinner:** The dinner is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, Dec 3, at Castelli's restaurant. We will have to go by the covid guidelines at the time. Please keep an eye on your email for updates as it gets closer.

**End of season:** This will be the last newsletter for the season. We will be finished for the season except for the Christmas dinner. Happy Holidays to everyone. Be careful and be safe. Keep each other in your prayers.

**October meeting:** has been cancelled. We are not able to use the Bethalto Senior Service Center at this time.

**25th Anniversary Celebration:** We had a wonderful evening at Carole and John home and garden for our celebration. The weather was great. We had 28 members and 2 guests.

Carole and John's garden is awesome. They have such a great variety of plants, shrubs and trees. Members were welcomed to take any extra plants they wanted.

Food was great. John cooked brauts and hot dogs. John had made Moonlight salad. Eunice made a cottage cheese jello salad. Susan made baked beans and Christy provided individual bags of chips. Vernice obtained cupcakes provided by the club. Our servers were, Susan H. Carmen and Carole, they wore masks and gloves.

Good to see Sharlotte up and about after having surgery.

Carole provided a tour of their primitive home. For those who had not seen it before.

Everyone was greeted by Blackjack. We have heard a lot of stories about him.

Thank you Carole and John for having the club to your home and garden.

**Community Hope Center:** Canned goods were collected at the celebration. Jerry said there were more canned goods than last year. Jerry Linker delivered the goods to the Hope Center, they were very appreciative. Thank you, to everyone who donated the goods. It was decided at board meeting, to hold the cash donation for the center till after the 1st of the year.

**Memorials:** We have had several members pass away. The board has decided on memorials for them. Ron will have a memorial tree at Glazebrook park. Earlene, \$100 to Operation Blessing in Wood River. Lee, \$100, to Our Lady of Queen of Peace Church. Sharon, \$100 to the Riverbend Humane Society in Jerseyville. Jan, a memorial tree at Glazebrook Park, hopefully near Herb's. Don, we are waiting for information from the Bethalto Arboretum.

**Thank you note:** To the best garden club! Thank you so much for all your cards, prayers and especially for the generous donation to my church. Lee enjoyed talking to everyone, especially John. Love, *Mary*



Black Jack

Jerry's praying mantis, 5 in. long

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