



Save these dates:

Sept 20, Thursday

6:30 pm

**Amy Alfeld garden visit
732 Ramona Place
Godfrey, 62035**

Sept 24, Monday

6:30 pm

**Board meeting
Dottie Roger's home
6515 Deer Run
Alton, 62002**

Oct 18, Thursday

7:00 pm

**Bethalto Senior Center
Secrets to Growing Roses
John Lewis,
St Louis master Gardener**

Dec 6, Thursday

Christmas Banquet

We have had several special gardens to visit this summer. We thank George, Carmen and Bob, and Karen for letting us visit their gardens and homes. They were a special treat.

September garden visit: Our last garden visit for the season will be Amy Alfeld's in Godfrey. Amy's garden is mature, but still a work in progress. She recently lost a tree, changing the area from shade to sun. They have lived there for greater than 20 years. Her garden has recently been on the Pride garden tour. Couple of years ago, Amy and a neighbor bought the house between them. It had originally belonged to Cliff Davenport. We will be able to view both yards.

Amy lives down the street from Jan Maxiener. She is the last house on the right. Please park on the right side of the road. Do not park on the grass, stay on the road. You are welcomed to park in Amy's driveway, there is room for 5-6 cars. Please do not park in the 2nd driveway.

Be sure and bring your drink and chair. May want to bring mosquito spray.

Memorial Tree: A tree has been purchased for Paul James, who was a member of the garden club. Trees are purchased through Godfrey Park and Recreation. The celebration will be held April 2019.

August garden visit: The club visited Karen Cairns garden in Jerseyville. It was a small yard but it has a lot going on. Rock beds in the front. Several roses and black eye Susan's. Sitting area on front porch. Karen has milkweed growing for the monarch butterfly. There were several chrysalis, but they were hanging in unusual places, under the metal table on the porch and hanging on the siding of the house. The backyard is shaded by mature trees. Karen did a lot of the stonework herself. Karen added on sunroom to the back of the house, it is really nice. Karen has worked quite a bit on the landscaping since moving in. The previous owner removed all the landscaping when they moved out. Karen has trouble with flooding, the area is flat and lets the water sit. Any suggestions for Karen, to help with flooding, let her know. The evening was warm but there was a great breeze. There were 26 members that attended. It was great to see everyone there. Thanks to Karen for the food and drinks, it was delicious as always.

Events to visit:

Saturday, Sept 22 —8am-5pm , Splash! Pond Tour— Water gardens around St. Louis. From DIY-er to professionally built , these hosts are opening these water features for your inspiration.

www.chalily.com/splash

Saturday, Sept 29— 9 am-2 pm, Native Plant Expo and Sale. Schlafly Bottleworks in Maplewood, MO. Displays, crafts and ware for native plant gardens. New and experienced gardeners welcomed.

<http://www.stlouisaudubon.org/calendar/content/NativePlantExpo-2018.pdf>

Lewis & Clark Community College — Bicentennial Blooms 2018

A season long birthday celebration for the U.S.'s 21st state and this years theme for the Lewis and Clark Monticello Sculpture Garden's 5th annual curated summer garden show.

http://www.lc.edu/Bicentennial_Blooms/

Missouri Botanical Garden — Flora Borealis , has been extended to Oct 20. Nighttime multi media experience in the gardens.

<http://events.missouribotanicalgarden.org/flora>



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