

# We Go Gardening

Newsletter of the West Chicago Garden Club

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**Meeting Date: June 28**

**Meeting Location:**

**Diane Ancede Garden  
4224 Evergreen Drive, Lisle**

**PLEASE CARPOOL—meet at Faith  
Community Church, 910 Main Street**

**Meeting Time:  
See Below**

## Field Trip Meeting: Stunning Garden in Lisle



If you can, check out the 5-page article in the Jan/Feb Chicagoland Gardening Magazine and you will see how beautiful our June 28th garden walk/meeting will

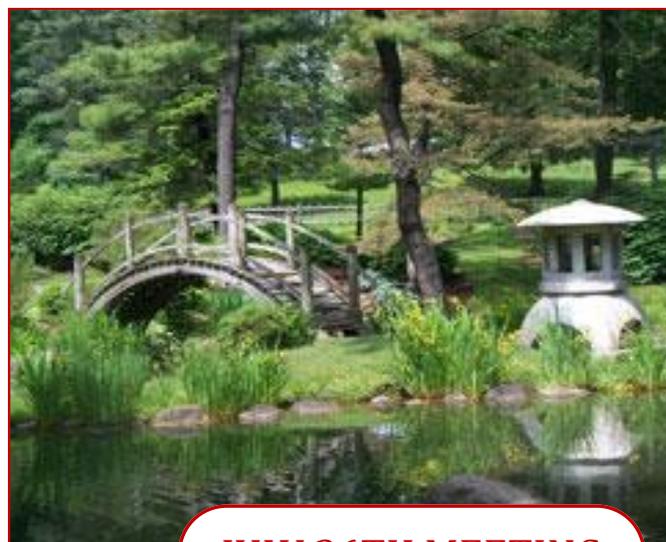
be at the home of Diane Ancede and her husband. They purchased this 3 acre property 20 years ago partly because her husband wanted trees....They got so many that after removing approximately 50 they hardly noticed that any were missing. While most of the garden is wooded, there are some sunnier spaces at the far end where they have planted groupings of tall perennials. Diane will be on hand to tell us about her garden and show us around. She has a lovely little converted stable where we will first enjoy refreshments (about 6:45) and then go on our tour.



Please meet in the parking lot of the church to carpool to

the location. **Arrive by 6:20 at the latest and plan to leave the parking lot by 6:25;** it is approximately 10 miles (20 minutes) driving east on Warrenville Road (just past Yackley) to [4224 Evergreen Drive, Lisle](#) (look for the white street sign on the north side of the street and turn north at that point). Diane's driveway will only accommodate approximately 12 cars so please call a garden club friend and make arrangements to drive together.

If viewing the electronic version of the newsletter, click on the blue address above for directions.



**JULY 26TH MEETING**

Annual President's Picnic at the Fabyan  
Japanese Garden in Geneva.

## Plant Sale Thank You Dan Beebe

Despite the slow start to Spring this year, we had another successful plant sale last month. As I have mentioned before, this is your sale... we could not have done what we did without the support of our members, your families and your friends. I want to thank everyone who helped by providing plants, starting seeds, obtaining plant donations, participating in potting parties, watering and caring for plants, putting up yard/road signs, helping manage the member sale, moving plants to the tent on Friday, providing security, helping in so many ways during the sale itself, and finally cleaning up after the sale. **Thank you... thank you... thank you.**

I also want to thank the businesses that contributed money to help offset the cost of our sale tent this year. A huge thank you to: Ball Horticulture, Jel-Sert, Republic Bank, NorthStar Credit Union, Bond-Dickson, and The UPS Store

I look forward to next year's sale and welcome your thoughts on ways we can continue to improve future sales.

Dan Beebe



### Did you know?

Our watering can logo was created in 2003 by a local artist. The club purchased the rights to the image and have used both the full version and a cropped smaller version for our newsletters, letterhead, t-shirts, etc.



### Start saving up for next year!

1" Wide Vinyl or Aluminum Mini Blinds  
Gallon pots



## News from Kruse

It's June and the Kruse House Garden is at its peak of splendor. Credit goes to good old Mother Nature, but more importantly to the many Club members who have generously devoted many volunteer hours tending the garden and to those who have donated spectacular plants.

Recently Jan Grismore contributed a Beauty Berry Shrub which has settled in nicely. She and Angie Sadauskas brought Monarda and Shasta Daisies from their yards. Angie also transported giant, lime green hosta to fill in the island bed along the driveway.



Jean Ann Saarnio brought several large flats of White Bleeding Heart. To encourage energy to go to the roots, we cut the leaves back to about six inches. What a unique and elegant addition.

Jeff Handle contributed Zinnias that he nurtured from seeds. Zinnia is a genus of plants of the sunflower tribe within the daisy family. Did you know Zinnias are edible?

Billie Childress dug out a huge Ninebark from her garden. She planted it on the back hill to replace a dogwood that was struggling under the black walnut trees. Billie's research found that Ninebarks do well in proximity to black walnut trees. Before placing the shrub in the ground, she added Mycorrhizae, a beneficial fungi that increases root surface area.

Lorraine Biang, a former club member, donated tall Bearded Iris many years ago. They are thriving and their rich purple color is impressive.

The stunning stand of Fleece Flower (Persicaria), donated by Sandy Saad, is next to the pond and in front of the stone garden wall that Pam Lurz and her husband rebuilt several years ago.



Chuck and Shirley Schramer gave us the Ginkgo tree that graces the garden. Behind it you can see the sensational William Baffin rose and Rosa Glauca rose. Absolutely stunning!

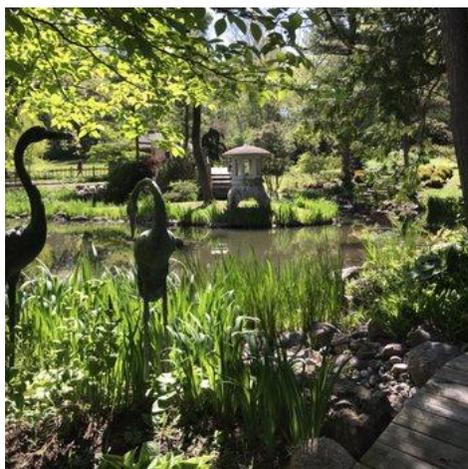
Come and enjoy the beauty of the Kruse Garden.



## **Notes from Barbara Bizzarri**

### **2018 WEST CHICAGO GARDEN CLUB BLOOMING FEST PLANT SALE..**

Another successful plant sale goes down in the books for WCGC. Although I highlighted this sale in our last month's May Newsletter, the sale had not taken place as yet. So as most of you know... the weather DID cooperate, the tent did go up, members enjoyed and benefited from attending the sneak peek members plant sale, and we had more than enough plants, customers, and happy and willing volunteers! Thanks again to Plant Sale Committeeman, Dan Beebe and his entire family. Dan's hard work, enthusiasm, organization, communication and drive made this sale a success.



### **You're Invited: WCGC President's Picnic,**

Join us for the annual President's Picnic, Thursday, July 26th. This year the picnic will be held at Fabyan Forest Preserve in Geneva on the Fox River. Entrance on east side of Route 31, just North of Fabyan Parkway, 1925 S Batavia Avenue, Geneva.

I have made special arrangements with Preservation Partners of the Fox Valley to have the Fabyan Japanese Garden (which is on the estate grounds of Fabyan Villa) open for us. This garden has delighted visitors for over 100 years. The one-acre garden was designed circa 1910 for George and Nelle Fabyan.

Please RSVP for this event by July 19th.

## **Getting to Know... June Luther**

Resident of West Chicago: 15 years

West Chicago Garden Club Member for 10 years

Besides Gardening My Hobbies Include:

Reading, running and light weight lifting

My Favorite Flower: Foxglove

Advice to New Gardener: Do what you like. You don't have to have this color or that color

Biggest Gardening Mistake: I killed my raspberry bushes!

Last or Present Career: Currently employed as an Ophthalmic Technician, Wheaton Eye Clinic for past 30 years!

Favorite Restaurant: Meson Sabika, Naperville

Favorite Vacation: Estes Park, CO

Why Should Someone Join WCGC?: Nice people, sharing of plants, lots of information/programs on gardening. June recounted this story....."Before I joined the WCGC, I visited the Blooming Fest Garden Club sale. I was a new gardener and I wanted to purchase some bleeding hearts. By the time I got there, they were all gone. As I was checking out, I mentioned to one of the plant sale volunteers that I wasn't able to purchase bleeding hearts. She told me "no problem, stop by my house and I'll give you some." June joined the garden club shortly after this interaction.

### **Meet Your Board/Committee Member:**

Dan Beebe, Blooming Fest Plant Chairperson

Resident of West Chicago since 1990

West Chicago Garden Club Member since 1998

Favorite Flower/Plant: miniature hostas

Last or Present Career: IT (information technology)  
Project Manager

Biggest Gardening Mistake: Not finishing all my home's hardscape when I first moved into the house.

Hobbies: Christmas lights, Travel, collecting  
Depression Glass

Favorite Local Restaurant: El Coco Loco

My Top Three Favorite Vacation Destinations: Disney  
World, Hawaii and Ireland

## May Meeting

It was a beautiful night at the Kruse House Garden. The gardens looked stunning as we were serenaded by the West Chicago Community High School quartet. Lori Chasse, the deputy mayor of West Chicago, attended our meeting and recognized our club for the plant sale, monetary support of Kruse Garden, and our members who keep up the Kruse Garden. It was a great recognition for our group.

Marcie Kozlowski, a member of our club, demonstrated how to put your succulent garden together and how to keep it successful and growing.

## Barb Melville



## Cantigny Park Events

**July 5 & 19: Evening Stroll Garden Tour** Visitors Center, 6 pm Cantigny Horticulture offers complimentary evening garden tours on the first and third Thursday during the summer. Tours are conducted by Master Gardener docents and start from the park's Visitors Center. Free with paid parking (\$5).

**July 10: Tour: Idea Garden!** Visitors Center, 11 am—Join Liz Omura from Cantigny Horticulture for an up-close look at Cantigny's "garden for gardeners." Take home some great ideas for your own garden! Free with parking (\$5).

**July 18: The Spirited Botanist** Idea Garden, 6:30pm. - Host Liz Omura will demonstrate a cocktail (alcoholic & non-alcoholic) featuring a fruit, vegetable, herb and/or edible flower as the main ingredient. The cocktail this evening will feature borage, basil and gin. Advance registration required. Cost: \$25. Parking free. Meet at the Visitors Center.

**Garden Bike Tour** Visitor Center, 6:30pm –Guides from Cantigny Horticulture will escort visitors on a leisurely ride with plenty of stops at different areas of the gardens and other park attractions. Adults and children ages 8 and up welcome. Limit 15 people. Advance registration required at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162. Free with parking (\$5).

**Garden Photo Tips** Visitor Center 6:30pm -Receive advice from a skilled Cantigny Horticulture volunteer, share your own knowledge, and enjoy the camaraderie of fellow shutterbugs in beautiful surroundings. Group size is limited—register at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162. Free with parking (\$5).

## America in Bloom

You'll notice bright, new floral banners in Downtown West Chicago. AIB, America in Bloom, will be visiting in late July. America in Bloom is a national, non-profit organization dedicated to promoting nationwide beautification programs and personal and community involvement through the use of flowers, plants, trees and other environmental and lifestyle enhancements.



If you wish to get involved or learn more, contact Rosemary Mackey at 630-293-2200 X 139

### Local Gardening Events

#### DuPage Friends of Extension: Brunch at Ball Gardens

Saturday, July 21st Ball Gardens in West Chicago, IL  
Tickets on Sale Now  
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Ticket Price: \$49.00 per person After July 13th \$54.00 Limited tickets at the door \$54.00

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<http://dupagefriendsofextension.webs.com/brunch-at-ball-gardens>

#### Pottawatomie Garden Club: Garden Walk

Saturday, July 14, 2018 9 am to 4 pm

The Pleasures of the Garden: Six glorious St. Charles gardens and a garden boutique are part of our largest fundraising effort.

For more information, see their website at:

<http://www.pottagardenclub.org/Garden-Walk.html>

#### Morton Arboretum: Daylily Society Show

Sunday, July 15, 2018  
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Sycamore Room

Marvel at the different colors of more than 150 varieties of daylilies. Get advice from Chicago Daylily Society members. Then participate in choosing the "people's choice" by voting for your favorite daylily.

Daylily varieties available for purchase.

Included in Arboretum admission

<http://www.mortonarb.org/events/daylily-society-show>

**Garden Quotes**  
You don't have a garden for yourself.  
You have to share it.  
Augusta Carter

### Can you Spot Poison Ivy?



See below to find out about these three plants.

Question & Photos from Dick Darrah

**Answer:** 1: Woodbine/Virginia Creeper 2: Jack in the Pulpit 3: Poison Ivy

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### Membership Information

Dues for 2018: Individual: \$15 Family: \$25

### Board Meetings

2nd Thursday each month at 7 p.m.

### Regular Meeting Location

Faith Community Church  
910 Main Street, West Chicago

### 2017 WCGC BOARD:

President: Barb Bizzarri  
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Secretary: Billie Childress  
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