



WE GO GARDENING

Newsletter of the West Chicago Garden Club

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| Events Outside the Club | 2 | Yes, I want to believe that the simple and pure way is best. Can it be as simple as Bill Scheffler of Pure Prairie Organics states that it is? You can tell that he believes it.— He bases his livelihood on it! | his dreams. Now he has his own business. |
| Calendar of Events | 3 | Who remembers the old Scheffler Greenhouse where the Dominicks is now at the corner area of Geneva and Schmale Roads?? I do and I remember Bert Scheffler, the owner, was a member of our PTA at Washington School in Wheaton. So, here is one of his son's, Bill, a 3rd generation greenhouse kid, wanting his dad to do things differently. That lasted a year!!! Bert thought son, Bill, was "chasing butterflies". Bill took his degree in horticulture from the U. of Illinois and lived in Idaho for 15 years (worked on a dairy farm among other things) grew up, got some more degrees following | I'm anxious to try his theories next summer. Who among us would prefer to buy poisons and chemicals destructive to our earth—no one, let's hope. Let's try his ideas and have faith that the molasses, vinegar, ammonia, bone meal, rabbit food and kefir yogurt will take care of the aphids, black spot on our roses, slugs on the hostas and persistent creeping charlie. |
| News and Announcements | 4 | Bert Scheffler was an entertaining speaker. It seems almost comical how simple and easy he made it sound. His handouts are fun to read. | Editors note: I've been fighting a cold or flu for several weeks and I'm hoping that I've given Bill Scheffler due credit. I'm grateful for his life's work and that he did "chase butterflies". |
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Next Meeting: Thursday, November 15

"POTLUCK AND ELECTIONS AND A SPEAKER"

Speaker: Nora Liu, past president of the Arlington Heights Garden Club will talk to us about Ornamental Vines.

Dinner is at 6:30—BRING A DISH TO PASS—Fried Chicken, beverages, plates and silverware will be provided.

Join us at the Faith Community Church at 910 Main Street in West Chicago



Upcoming events (outside the club)

The Growing Place nursery and flower farm, inc.: Naperville at Plank Road, just west of Naper Blvd. Tel: 355-4000 and a Fox Valley location at Montgomery Road, just North of Ogden. Tel: 820-8088.

- Holiday Shops will be open at both locations. Holiday workshops will be available at the Fox Valley locations only—please call for information.

Platt Hill Nursery: Holiday greens and decorations for your home. Please see ad below for information.

Winfield Flower Shoppe: Stop in to see their vast array of greens, decorations and gifts for the holidays. Please see ad below for information.

Heinz Brothers Greenhouse and Garden Center in St. Charles: Holiday Garden Gala will offer specials, classes on bow making, winter containers, winter hanging baskets and wreath decorating (fees apply) Saturday, November 17 from 9am –5pm and Sunday, November 18 from 10 am to 4pm . Come and be inspired. More info at (630) 377-6288). See ad on page 6 in this newsletter.

Morton Arboretum: Your New Year's resolution could be to become a member and volunteer. Their Plant Clinic is remarkably responsive.

Cantigny: Pumpkin Cornucopia 11/14 1:30pm and 6:30pm Greenhouse, Fee \$50—Parade of Poinsettias 11/17 9:30am Greenhouse, Free (Parking fee applies)—Candle-Lit Fresh Harvest Centerpiece 11/19 6:30pm Greenhouse, Fee \$40—Snow Globes for kids 5-8 w/adult 11/20 1:30pm Greenhouse, Fee \$15—Evergreen Wreath or Reindeer 11/24 9:30am to 3pm (Bring sack lunch, music and hot cider served) Greenhouse, Fee \$45 or \$60—Trio of Christmas Trees 12/19 1:30pm and 6:30pm Greenhouse, Fee \$60—Gift-Wrapped Floral Packages 12/20 6:30 pm Greenhouse, Fee \$40. Info and Reservations at 668-5185.

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Regular meeting location

Faith Community Church
910 Main Street
West Chicago

Calendar of events - 2007

| Date | Speaker | Topic |
|-------------|---------------------------------|------------------|
| November 15 | Elections, Potluck and Nora Liu | Ornamental vines |

Reminders

Babysitting—The Club provides babysitting during its regular monthly meetings when held at Faith Community Church. There is no fee to us for the service, but if you plan to use it, please **call Linda Harlson** at 377-5750, so we can plan for the right number of children.

Guests and Visitors are always welcome. Members are encouraged to bring a friend or neighbor.

Rides— Need a ride to the meeting? Call **Billie Childress** at 231-1791 by the Wednesday before the meeting.

2008 Membership

Yes, it's that time of year again! It's a busy time what with getting gardens ready for winter, preparing turkeys for Thanksgiving and celebrating Christmas. So, please fill out and submit your 2008 membership form with your dues—it will be one less thing to worry about. And, it will make it easier for your board. A membership form is attached for your convenience.

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News and Announcements

Come and Vote: All hands up in support of the new board members for our garden club. Hurray!!!! These bold and hearty individuals will lead us into 2008—a new year with new ideas and lots of fun and interesting field trips, speakers, workshops. WHAT THEY NOW NEED FROM YOU IS YOUR IDEAS AND SUPPORT. Tell them what you'd enjoy doing in 2008. Is there a place you think we should go on a field trip? Is there a special workshop you'd like to experience? Instead of a speaker at a meeting, what???

Still Needed: Yes, we still need another "bold and hearty" individual or two to head up our committee for Community Improvement. Interested? Phone Aimee at 630-876-8588.

Raffle Prizes: We had lots of jade plants given away as raffle prizes, plus, lots of dried money plant stalks. Thanks to Bernice McFarland for October's generous raffle donation.

Edie Streams still misses us and sends her best wishes: Edie Streams was our previous newsletter editor. She and her husband moved to Atlanta a little over a year ago to be closer to her two sons and her now THREE grandsons. You'll find her new address and e-mail in the membership list on the sharing table.

Perle Mesta of Potlucks: Angie Sadauskas once again presents us with another nicely planned meal. She is a five-star planner and chef. Thanks Angie! Does anyone else remember Perle Mesta? I believe she was famous for giving great parties in Washington, D.C. for important dignitaries (late 40's, maybe 50's??).

New Advertiser is also a member: Bob Sramek of Remax Realty office in Wheaton. Thanks.

Poinsettias: Turner School in West Chicago is having a Poinsettia Sale organized by their PTA Chairwoman, and club member, Pamela Darrah. The poinsettias are from We Grow Dreams Greenhouse in West Chicago. We'll hear more about these plants and have a chance to order at the meeting.

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PUMPKIN BARS: baked by Irene Nickelson for our October meeting and obtained from the Atrium Café of Little Traveler in Geneva.

Ingredients: 2 C. flour
2 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. baking soda
1/2 tsp. salt
2 tsp. cinnamon
2 C. sugar
4 eggs
2 C. pumpkin
1 C. salad oil
1/2 C. chopped walnuts

Mix well and pour into a greased 11 x 17 cookie sheet with sides. Bake at 350 degrees for 25 minutes.

Cool and frost.

Frosting ingredients: 3 oz. cream cheese, 3/4 stick butter or margarine, 1 tsp. vanilla, 1 3/4 C. powdered sugar. Beat together till smooth and frost cake. Cut into bars and ENJOY.



Gardeners display a set of characteristics that are rare in the population as a whole. They remain optimistic, even cheerful, in the face of overwhelming odds against their success. They marvel endlessly at simple and fleeting events of a sort that rarely end up in the newspapers — the opening of a peony flower, for example, or the way a dogwood's branches hold the snow in winter. Gardeners are generous with their ideas, even more so with their possessions. Visit a gardener and you will leave with your head full of ideas and your pockets brimming with cuttings and the like.

— Thomas C. Cooper, *Horticulture* magazine



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1. Late Summer Flowers by Marina Christopher for Mackie Sprague (member)
 2. Beautiful Perennials; Simple Techniques to Make Gardens Sensational by Marilyn Rogers for Margo Ham (daughter of Linda Ham, a faithful supporter of the club)
 3. Great Flowering Landscape Shrubs by Vincent A. Simeone for Chris Peterson (member)
- A memorial label will be placed on these books and a notice will be sent to the families.

Our garden club has also donated the following books to the West Chicago Library:

1. Water Gardening for the Midwest by Teri Dunn
2. Best Garden Plants for Iowa by Chuck Porto and Laura Peters

Carole Bates is our liaison with the library. The club has also funded gardening magazine subscriptions —a report in January '08 on this.

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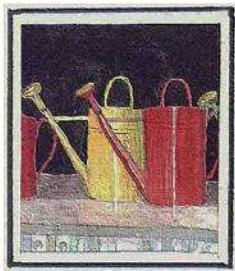
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With your paid membership you receive a copy of the monthly newsletter and membership in the Garden Clubs of Illinois, which includes the quarterly publication Garden Glories.

Individual Membership:

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Our meetings in 2008 will be held on the 4th Thursday evening of each month from January through October and the 3rd Thursday of November (no meeting in December).

Please make checks payable to the West Chicago Garden Club. You can bring this form and your check to a club meeting or mail both to:

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