

We Go Gardening

Newsletter of the West Chicago Garden Club



August 27th Meeting

St. Andrew Lutheran Church

6:45PM Arrive & Mingle
7:00PM Business Meeting
7:15PM Program

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Grow Your Vegetable Garden Year-Round

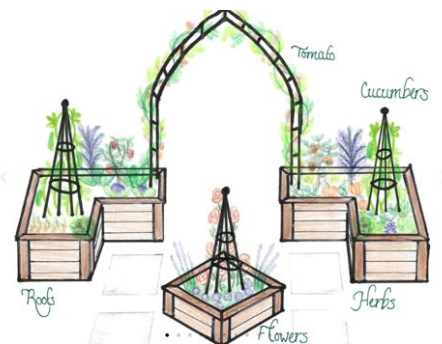
Ruth Kyme

Our speaker this month is Nicole Jagelieski. Nicole is a certified garden coach. Helping people incorporate growing their own herbs and vegetables into their busy, modern lives is her passion. Even if you believe you have a "black thumb," with the proper setup, Nicole believes in your ability to grow more food on your patio, in your backyard, or on your balcony than you know what to do with.

months of the year! This comprehensive course is for all levels, teaching you how to set your garden up to harvest continually - far beyond the typical summer tomatoes and cucumbers. Imagine fresh herbs and salad greens in early spring, vibrant summer tomatoes, and crisp greens and root vegetables throughout the fall. Enjoy the satisfaction of growing your own food nearly year-round, and take control of your health and well-being.



During her presentation, 'Grow Your Vegetable Garden Year-Round, Even in Chicago,' Nicole will unlock the secrets to growing a thriving kitchen garden in your own backyard and providing fresh vegetables and herbs for ten



Native Plant "Rescue"

Pamela Darrah

**New Hope United Methodist Church on Saturday,
August 22 from 1:00-3:00pm**

Sadly, the Methodist Church is unable to continue maintaining their Native Garden and it will be rotatilled under in a few weeks. They have offered the plants to any of us who would like to go over there and dig them up. We did rescue some in the Spring for our plant sale, but there were only a few plants that were up at that time.

Next Saturday, Dan Beebe will be over there between 1:00pm to 3:00pm. If you would like to come dig some plants for your garden, he will be happy to help identify the various natives. The garden hasn't been being maintained for the last couple years, so it is a mix of fantastic natives and weeds.

Bring a shovel and some pots or bags to put them in.



If you would like to help others, feel free to hang out there with Dan and help members who come dig out the plants they would like to take.

The church is located at [643 E Washington St, West Chicago](#)

About our Club

The purpose of the West Chicago Garden Club shall be to increase interest in gardening through sharing our ideas and knowledge, promoting and participating in community beautification, and protecting and promoting a clean, sustainable environment in which to live.

Meetings & Dues

We meet on the 4th Thursday from January to October, the 3rd Thursday of November and do not meet in December.

Most meetings are at St. Andrew Lutheran Church in West Chicago (155 N Prince Crossing Rd) at 7:00pm. Occasional meetings may be held elsewhere and that information can be found in our newsletter or website.

The Board meets on the 2nd Thursday at St. Andrew Lutheran Church at 7:00pm.

Dues for 2026: Individual \$20
Family \$30

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Save these dates

Pamela Darrah

As Autumn is approaching, we have a couple of club events that you may want to put on your calendar.

On Saturday, September 26th we will have our Fall Adopt-A-Highway cleanup. There will be more information in emails and next month's newsletter. You can sign up to help at [SignUp Genius \(click here\)](#).

On Saturday, October 24 from 1 to 3 PM we will have our End of Season Pot Drop Off at the Barn. Please hold on to the items you would like to donate for next

year's plant sale until then. This includes 4 inch and larger pots, 1 inch vinyl mini blinds, Popsicle sticks, flats for holding pots, etc. There will be more information via email and future newsletters.



Fall Field Trip

Pamela Darrah & Laura Barron

Tuesday, October 6:
8:30am - 4:00pm

Travel via deluxe motor-coach to visit the Nicholas Conservatory and Gardens in Rockford Illinois.



The facility is the 3rd largest conservatory in Illinois, offering an 11,000 square foot plant exhibition area complete with water features, seating areas, and sculptures all in a tropical setting. Experience the special exhibit, "Botanical Curiosities: Carnivorous Plants & Other Herbaceous Oddities" featuring Venus flytraps, pitcher plants, trumpet plants, as well as otherworldly flowers and several species of carnivorous plants. Afterwards we will go on a 20 minute mobile tour around Nicholas Conservatory to learn about the plants our favorite spices and sweets come from. Don't forget to visit their gift shop for yummy treats and trinkets!

Following the mobile tour, we depart to Lydia's Cafe to pick up boxed lunch sandwiches (if you have pre-ordered) and then quickly on to Edwards Orchard to purchase mums, apples and apple cider donuts.

Lunch: Bring your own or pre-order a sandwich when you register.

Lydia's Cafe selections: \$15

- Reuben sandwich
- Veggie wrap sandwich
- Chicken BLT wrap sandwich

Cost: To thank our hard working members who did such a great job with our Plant Sale in May, the member price for this field trip will be only \$15. The non-Member price will be \$35. Initially, each member can sign up 1 guest. If there is still space on the bus closer to the event, we will open the trip up to more guests.

[Register at our Square store \(click here\)](#)

If you are registering more than one person and their information isn't exactly the same (i.e. Member & Non-member, or different lunch selections) - first fill out the form and click the "Attend" button to add it to your cart, then fill out the form again for the 2nd person and click the "Attend" button to add that to your cart. When you checkout, there should be 2 items (1 for each person). Please add a note in the optional area to let us know who will be attending.



Ice Cream Social

Pamela Darrah

Although you can stop by and visit the garden any time, the Kruse House Museum is hosting their Ice Cream Social on Saturday, September 12th from 1:00 PM 4:00 PM. (Please note: Their website will be updated soon to the correct time.)

The West Chicago Historical Society invites the community to a spirited, family-friendly event on Saturday, September 12, 2026, to help raise funds for the beloved Kruse House Museum, a historic gem that has stood at the heart of West Chicago for generations.

Ice Cream Social for a Cause event will bring residents and history lovers together for a lively celebration featuring a car show, music, food and sweet treats, and kids' games with prizes. Visitors will

also be treated to a tour of the beautiful historic gardens, lovingly maintained by the West Chicago Garden Club.

Tickets: Admission* is \$20 an adult, \$10 member, \$5 kid, and all ages are welcome. Tickets can be purchased at the entrance of the Kruse House on the day of the event.

* Discount for Garden Club Members! Please note that the Historical Society is offering Garden Club Members the "Member" Price of \$10 per person for admission to this event.



Care to Share

Pamela Darrah

Shared by Julie Blazek

Nature is absolutely beautiful and amazing! This year I had thirteen swallowtail caterpillars on one dill plant one day. Needless to say, there was nothing left! I did get the chance to show my four year old granddaughter them while she was here visiting from Washington state. We talked about their life cycle and looked up the butterfly pictures online. Sure enough I had many in the garden at peak bloom!!

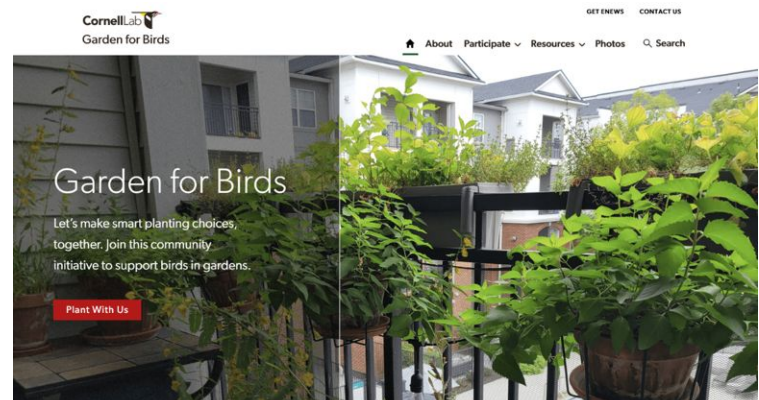


Shared by Dotty Ferrer

I wanted to share this with the club.

[Garden for Birds Project at Cornell Lab of Ornithology](#)

The Garden for Birds has great resources and shares information that might interest the membership. In addition Gardens can be added to the [Homegrown National Park Map](#)



Getting to Know: Ann Mehrman

Janet Frogner

Resident of: Built a house and moved to West Chicago in Sept 1993

WCGC Member: My husband, Barry, and I joined in May 2026



What is your profession: Retired ~ Barry worked for McDonald's Corp for over 40 years. I had varied jobs as his job had us move from Maine to Louisiana to the Chicago area. We also spent 2 years in Tokyo and 4 years in Singapore. My major was in Community, Leadership and Development and I was in YMCA work. I also worked as an educational publisher's rep and in pre-press production and digital assets management.

What are you most proud of in your garden: How my garden has evolved over the time we have lived here; my rain garden and rain chain.

A garden mistake you made: Not keeping up with weeding, thinning, and pruning.

What do you love most about gardening: Enjoying seeing the different plants emerge and mature throughout the season.

What tip or words of wisdom can you share: Try to work with nature and how plants naturally grow in complement to each other...don't work too hard.

What is your favorite houseplant: Silk

Favorite garden tool: My rolling stool that holds my hand cultivator, weed digger, hand trowel, and hand clipper.

Favorite flower and what do you love to grow: Siberian Iris because they are so graceful and delicate...and they just keep growing. I love to grow herbs that I can use.

Favorite garden related place/garden you love to visit: Midwest Groundcovers to see their garden display on their grounds...but they don't allow it anymore. While in Japan studying Ikebana and touring a business that had exhibits of indoor vegetables growing. Living in Singapore was like living in a garden. Their botanical garden is very popular and has a special orchid garden.

What would you like to learn and participate in as a member: I would like to learn more about pruning shrubs and when to thin and divide plants. Not sure what I can contribute as a gardener...I spend a lot of time looking up how to grow things. I did learn a lot living in Japan, observing their gardens and studying at Ichiyo School of Ikebana. Maybe I could share some photos...I take a lot of photos.



Kruse Gardening on a Friday

Christina Covarrubias

Kruse ~~Second Saturday~~ Gardening on a Friday!

September 11, 2026 from 6PM-7:30PM

Our September Work-evening plans:

- Deadhead spent flowers
- Hoe the border
- Weed-wack
- Collect fallen walnuts/pears
- Weeding, there's always weeding!

Signup: [Please use Sign Up Genius using this link to sign up.](#)

The Kruse House Museum's Annual Ice Cream Social is scheduled on our normal second Saturday gardening day (September 12) so we have backed up our gardening day to a gardening evening just one day earlier. We need help! In preparation for that event in the garden we would like to beautify the garden as

much as possible. Any and all volunteers would be appreciated.

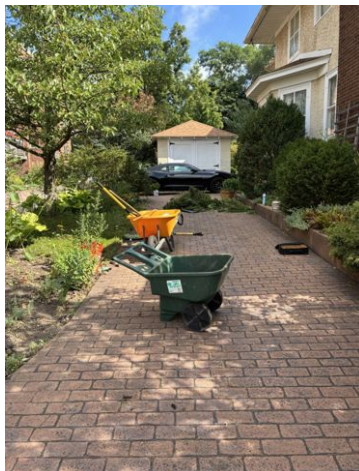
A regular Kruse "crew" gardener will be there to guide you. If you would like, bring your favorite weeding tool, pruners, kneeling pad and water bottle – don't forget to mark them as your own. Looking forward to gardening with many of you at Kruse House 527 Main Street West Chicago, IL 60185. We'll have a break halfway through our evening gardening together. If you can't stay the whole 1.5 hours come for any part of it. All help is valued and greatly appreciated! You'll also earn garden bucks for our potluck and drawing in November. If you can, please sign up to help or if you find yourself available, just show up.



Gratitude to Our Gardeners

Christina Covarrubias

Special thanks to our marvelous volunteers at August's Second Saturday Gardening. The Wednesday gardeners had removed 2 cotoneaster to make room for the Saturday gardeners to plant limelight hydrangeas and calamintha "montrose white". We also trimmed a hairy boxwood and serviceberry. Behind the scenes compost maintenance occurred as well. The changes that can be made in 2 short hours makes gardening so rewarding. While we don't have a group photo of our faces, the strong work of Kerry, Pam, Barb, Kathleen, and Mary is evident in the photos!



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News from Kruse

Christine Gicela

Don't be fooled to think that Fall is here just because stores have ghosts and goblins and Halloween candy everywhere.

Summer is still going strong and the Kruse House gardens have an abundance of blooming annuals and perennials to prove it.

The containers by the front door have a beautiful display of annuals with color in hues of pink to purple and dapples of variegated green.



Our winter sown hollyhocks on the side of the house are growing strong amid the marigolds and cosmos.

The marigolds, alyssum, and zinnias by the front sign couldn't be happier.



The newly planted Tulip tree is doing well, setting it's root system for the upcoming dormant season.

The back garden continues to display an array of color from the phlox, black eyed Susan, and coneflowers. These perennials are also in bloom in



the bed by the comment box along with some moon flowers and zinnia.



A few weeks ago, we removed the two cotoneasters in the front bed by the driveway. It's much more open now and a perfect spot to showcase the newly planted Limelight Hydrangea and perennials.

Stop by and take a peek, the plants will be so excited to see you, to show off their beauty and splendor.

All are welcome to join the Kruse Crew any Wednesday 9-11:30. Come check out the garden anytime.



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It Is YOUR Club!

Lisa Marie Vogt



Did you know there are currently over 150+ members that make up OUR volunteer run organization?

As with any club such as ours we expect members to play an active role. While the idea of being President might seem overwhelming there are a variety of other roles that need to be filled. Below are some of the current volunteer opportunities along with volunteer positions that members have graciously stepped up to handle. If you are interested in volunteering in any of these areas or if you have a special skill/talent that you are willing to share that is not listed please contact any of the Board members or send an email to westchicagogardenclub.com

Computer enthusiasts

- Signup Genius – input information into the SignUp Genius website – *Mary Schramer*

Enjoy doing crafts

- Craft coordinator – identify one or two crafts per year to have members make during a meeting or special event – need 1 or 2 people

Love entertaining

- Picnic coordinator – orchestrate the annual picnic – need 1 person
- Pot Luck coordinator – orchestrate annual pot luck – *Janet Frogner*
- Refreshment coordinator – work with monthly volunteers to set up table and provide treats at monthly meeting – need 1 person
- Bulb Bingo coordinator – *Pauline Briggs*

Photographer

- Photographer – take photos at meeting and events – need 1 or 2 people

Adventuring spirit

- Field Trip coordinator – identify and coordinate bus trips – *Laura Barron*
- Local Field Trip coordinator – identify and coordinate local trips – need 1 or 2 people

Enjoy meeting both old and new members

- New Member Buddy – take new member under your wing to make them feel welcome and help them navigate the club – need 4-5 people
- Greeters at monthly meeting – *JeanAnn Saarnio* and *Mary Anderson*
- Send welcome letter to new members – *Judy Knaak*
- Prepare name tags for new members – *Marjorie Edwards*

Pleasant speaking voice

- Record monthly and special event “Calling Post” announcements – *Ruth Gauss*

Civic minded

- Volunteer coordinator – identify organization or events/projects that are garden related where we can have members volunteer – need 1 or 2 people
- Adopt a Highway coordinator – select date and head the semi-annual event – need 1 person
- Locate non-member assistance – find an organization/group (i.e. Scouts, schools, churches) with teenagers to help with “heavy lifting/hauling” at plant sale or picnic - need 1 or 2 people

Thanks to all those that have volunteered in the past and those currently volunteering!



Nature Notes: Clouds

Kerry Perry

Ever wonder how much a cloud weighs?

A typical cumulus cloud weighs about 1.1 million pounds. That converts to about 131,894 gallons of water. Clouds stay up in the sky because the individual liquid water droplets are small enough to float on even the slightest breeze. When droplets clump together, voilà, down they come as rain.



Care to Share: Meijer Garden

Deb Hanahan

Here's some info about the lovely visit that we had to the Meijer Gardens in Grand Rapids. The Meijer Gardens are located in Grand Rapids Michigan, about a 3.5 hour drive away. Here's an overview from their website:



Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park opened in April 1995 after 13 years of planning and fundraising by the West Michigan Horticultural Society. In 1990, Fred & Lena Meijer were asked by Betsy Borre for their support, and they embraced the concept of a major cultural attraction centering around horticulture & sculpture. The original vision has turned into a top cultural destination in the Midwest, known internationally for the quality of the art and gardens. Meijer Gardens' commitment is to create a legacy of lifelong learning, enjoyment and a rich cultural experience for generations to come. It is a nonprofit organization, privately funded by grants, foundations and individual and corporate gifts. The organization is operated by almost 200 full and part-time staff and more than 850 active volunteers, and supported by gifts from more than



30,000 member households and hundreds of donors

There are 16 gardens with over 200 lovely sculptures

throughout the gardens as well as several ponds, a children's garden, woodland shade garden, wetlands, farm display and a gorgeous Japanese Garden as well as an English perennial garden. Inside there is a very large greenhouse with a separate spaces for tropical, carnivorous, arid as well as a Victorian garden.

Meijer Gardens hosts special displays throughout the year, and we planned our visit around the display of Chihuly Glass. The Chihuly display was incredible with an indoor gallery showing



over 40 years of the artists' work as well as a dozen outdoor displays positioned throughout the gardens. It was absolutely gorgeous. This special display is running through November 1st, so there's plenty of time to plan your visit!



Growing Native—Freedom to Plant Native (part 3 - blue)

Ruth Gauss

Hi, gardening friends! I am continuing my series where I was inspired by a post I saw on social media to think about red, white, and blue plants and thought it'd be a fun theme over the summer. I'm sharing the native plants that have been here since before the US was even a thought that represent our flag colors as we get into the patriotic months of Flag Day, Fourth of July, and Labor Day. In June, I shared quite a few red native plants. Last month I covered white and I hope you enjoy the blue plants I've chosen to share this month! Let me just say that I thought it might be hard to find very many blue plants for this month's article, but it's actually not an uncommon color for native plants!

Starting with shady spots, there are a number of spring blooming blue flowered plants, from Virginia Bluebells to Jacob's Ladder, but one of the best ways to support pollinators in the fall is some late blooming [American Bellflower \(*Campanulastrum americanum*\)](#)

plants in your garden. This annual/biennial plant prefers light shade to part sun, has interesting flowers, supports many different insects including a specialist bee, can grow to 2-6' in height, and appreciates a rich soil. The next two shade-loving plants have blue in their names, but flowers are not the blue part.

First, [Blue Cohosh \(*Caulophyllum*](#)



image from IllinoisWildflowers website



image from Mt Cuba Center

[thalictroides](#)) has amazing blue berries in the fall. This plant does well in part shade, is very attractive to a number of insects for pollen and nectar while blooming in late spring and berries are appreciated by birds (but are toxic to humans), grows to 1-3' tall, and prefers moist fertile soils. Up next is another fall blooming woodland plant, [Blue-Stemmed Goldenrod \(*Solidago caesia*\)](#) yes, you read that right a woodland goldenrod and a keystone plant. Thriving in part shade to shade, it provides food from pollen and nectar to leaves and seeds (some songbirds), it grows to 1-3', and prefers moderate soil moisture.



image from Illinois Wildflowers website

As we move into part sun, let's begin with [Great Blue Lobelia \(*Lobelia siphilitica*\)](#), which is a favorite of many types of bees, can be appreciated by hummingbirds and is also the larval host for a moth while toxic to most herbivores, it can grow from 1-3' tall, and is a great choice for a rain garden, preferring moist moist soil.



image from Illinois Wildflowers website

Enjoying an open woodland spot is [Wild Hyacinth](#)

Growing Native—Page 2

Ruth Gauss

[\(Camassia scilloides\)](#),

which has pale blue blooms in spring and has foliage that will die back by mid-summer. Many types of insect visit for nectar and some collect pollen, it grows to 1-2', and is a plant that prefers a fair amount of soil moisture making it a good choice for a rain garden or anywhere with good moisture in the spring when it is actively growing.



image from Prairie Moon Nursery

Bring on the sun and the true prairie plants!

[Big Bluestem](#)

[\(Andropogon gerardii\)](#) is one of the dominant native prairie grasses in Illinois and is named for the tinge of blue in the foliage. It is the larval host for a number of skipper butterflies, feeds grasshoppers and katydids and the seed is sometimes eaten by birds. It is definitely large and in charge growing to 4-6' tall and 1.5-3' wide, it is adaptable to lots of different soil moisture conditions and types.



image from Prairie Moon Nursery

[Little Bluestem](#)

[\(Schizachyrium scoparium\)](#) is another prairie grass, although with a smaller stature and also has a blue tinge to foliage, especially in a dry gravel soil. Like Big Bluestem, Little Bluestem is a larval host for a number of skippers, grasshoppers and other



image from Prairie Moon Nursery

bugs eat foliage, and seeds provide winter food for a number of birds. It grows to 2-4' tall and 1-1.5' wide, and prefers less fertile soil where it has the advantage over larger plants.

Blue prairie blooms can come from [Smooth Blue Aster](#)

[\(Symphyotrichum laeve/Aster laevis\)](#),

whose pale blue flowers in late summer and fall attract and feed a wide number of

bees, flies, and butterflies and leaves feed other insects as well as wild turkeys and grouse. Protection of young plants from cottontail rabbits is recommended. This aster will grow to 2-4' tall and is adaptable to lots of soil conditions, but will perform its best if more

aggressive plants are not allowed to grow nearby. [White \(Pale\)Blue-Eyed Grass \(Sisyrinchium albidum\)](#) offers white or pale blue flowers

in May to June in a wide number of areas from prairie to open woodlands. It is visited by bees and flies for pollination, is a small 1/2 - 1 1/2' tall and is adaptable to many different levels of soil moisture and nutrients, although it will perform best if given an area without overhead shading.



image from Illinois Wildflowers

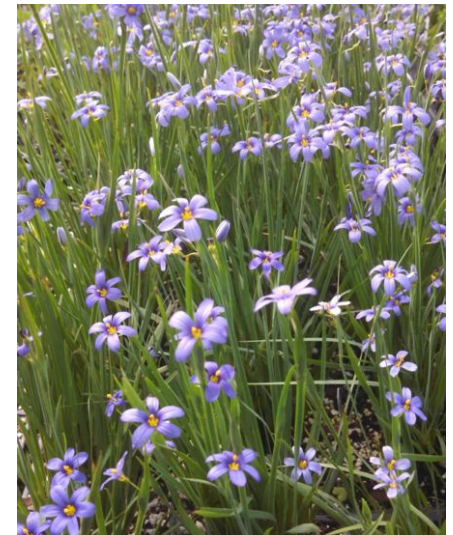


image from Possibility Place Nursery

This wraps up my color-focused articles. I hope you were inspired! Happy native gardening!

Local Events for gardeners

Patti Pirrie

Create a Bird-Friendly Yard. The Growing Place. Aurora, IL.

Sunday, August 23 @ 11:00 am - 12:00 pm. Free admission.

[LEARN MORE: Create a Bird-Friendly Yard](#)

Your yard can do more than hold a feeder. Small landscaping choices, the plants you pick, and basic winter prep all add up to real habitat. Learn what birds actually look for in a yard and take-home ideas you can use. Plus, gain a sharper eye for the species you're already hosting. Presented by environmental educator and wildlife biologist Maggie Kurcz, MPA.



Honeybee Weekend. The Morton Arboretum. Lisle, Saturday-Sunday. August 29-30. 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Cost: Included with Arboretum general admission.

[LEARN MORE: Honeybee Weekend](#)

Explore the fascinating world of honeybees, beekeeping, and mead making while browsing locally made honey, beeswax products, pollinator-friendly plants, artisanal goods, and other bee-inspired items. Through hands-on activities and educational exhibits, learn about native bees and insect pollinators that support healthy landscapes, and the honeybees and beekeepers that support our food systems.



34th Heirloom Garden and Prairie Show. Garfield Farm Museum. Campton Hills, IL.

Sunday August 30. 11am – 4pm. Cost: \$8 (\$3 for under 13).

[LEARN MORE: Heirloom Garden Show](#)

The show features the gardens and prairie of the museum and growers of historic varieties of produce. Over 60 varieties of antique flowers are blooming for the show thanks to the assistance of the Kane County Master Gardeners. Tours of the 1846 restored brick inn will be offered from 12 noon – 4 pm led by interpreters in period clothing.



Extension Connection Community Day. The University of Illinois Extension. St. Charles, IL. Sunday, Aug. 30. 1-3 p.m. Free admission.

[LEARN MORE: Extension Connection Day](#)

Tour the Master Gardener Idea Garden, rain garden, and prairie to enjoy flowers, vegetables, herbs, native plants, and pollinators. Experience Monarchs on the Move to learn about the Monarch Butterfly, the challenges it faces to survive, and its unique lifecycle. Create a flower bouquet from the Master Gardener cutting garden. Explore the Master Gardener Artisan Market, featuring hand-crafted items to purchase, including honey, pottery, textile and fiber arts, nature photography, and more.



Fall Fest. Blumen Gardens. Sycamore, IL.

Saturday – Sunday, September 12-13. 11am – 2pm. Free admission.

[LEARN MORE: Fall Fest](#)

Celebrate the arrival of autumn during the Annual Fall Fest at Blumen Gardens, one of Northern Illinois' favorite fall traditions. Spend the weekend



Local Events for Gardeners (Continued)

Patti Pirrie

exploring our historic gardens, shopping seasonal décor, pumpkins, mums, and unique gifts while enjoying live music, handcrafted cocktails, local food, and the beauty of the season.

Fall Plant & Tool Exchange. Oak Park Conservatory. Oak Park, IL.

Sunday, Sept 13. 1-3pm. Free admission.

Registration required.

[LEARN MORE: Plant & Tool Exchange](#)

Join other gardeners and share your favorite tools and plants! Save your garden plastic pots and drop them off at our Garden Pot Return so they can be reused and kept out of landfills. Please bring at least one plant to participate in the plant exchange.



Upcoming Programs & Events for 2026

These are the currently scheduled programs. If there are any changes we will update this in future newsletters. The last column will show who has signed up to bring treats.

[Click Here](#) to download a poster with our 2026 Schedule.

Date	Speaker	Topic	Volunteers
August 27	Nicole Jagielski	Grow Your Vegetable Garden Year Round-Even in Chicago	Jean M, Patti P, Rose C, Barb B, Deidre L, Mary S, Barb L.
September 24	DuPage County Forest Preserve	Civic Outreach: Blanding's Turtle	Candy T, Susan J, Patti P
October 22		Bulb Bingo	Barb B, Barb M
November 19		Member Appreciation Dinner	

Garden Bucks

West Chicago Garden Club distributes Garden Bucks (real fake money) to our members. You earn Garden Bucks by participating in club activities, volunteering at events, and donating items!

We have a Tally Sheet that you can use to help you keep track of your own Garden Bucks. We work on an honor system and you need to add up your total before the November meeting.

There will be copies available at our meetings or you can download by [Clicking Here](#).

At the November meeting you will be able to use your Bucks to enter raffles for donated items and gift cards.

Come out and volunteer. Your participation keeps our club going strong.

TRACK THE GARDEN BUCKS YOU EARN AND USE THEM TO WIN PRIZES AT OUR NOVEMBER POTLUCK!

YEAR: _____ NAME: _____

Each volunteer hour (potting party, Kruse Garden, plant sale, etc)	\$ 100	X	_____	=	_____
Donate plants to Plant Sale (each time)	\$ 100	X	_____	=	_____
Donate pots or blinds for Plant Sale	\$ 25	X	_____	=	_____
Donate plants for Kruse Garden	\$ 50	X	_____	=	_____
Set up chairs & tables before meeting	\$ 50	X	_____	=	_____
Put away chairs & tables after meeting	\$ 25	X	_____	=	_____
Host Refreshment Table	\$ 100	X	_____	=	_____
Provide refreshments	\$ 75	X	_____	=	_____
Attend a monthly meeting	\$ 25	X	_____	=	_____
Bring a guest to a meeting	\$ 50	X	_____	=	_____
Attend Field Trip	\$ 25	X	_____	=	_____
Write newsletter article	\$ 100	X	_____	=	_____
Host Twilight Tuesday	\$ 150	X	_____	=	_____
Attend Twilight Tuesday	\$ 25	X	_____	=	_____
Pay current year dues by Feb	\$ 50	X	_____	=	_____
Pay next year's dues by Nov	\$ 75	X	_____	=	_____
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WE APPRECIATE YOU!

Thank you for volunteering and for participating!

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