



# We Go Gardening

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**Babysitting**—The Club provides babysitting during its regular monthly meetings when held at Faith Community Church. There is no fee to you for the service and no reservations are necessary.

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

## October 25th Meeting : Orchids with Don White

Orchids seems exotic and unusual - not something you can grow next to your hostas and daylilies. Don White of *Anything Orchids* has been raising these beauties for 30 years. He still has his first orchid plant, which continues to flower yearly! After 34 years as a PE teacher, he uses his teaching skills to help people grow orchids.



Faith Community Church at 910 Main Street in West Chicago

6:45 - refreshments and gathering

7:00 - brief business meeting

7:15 - speaker

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 15th :  
*ANNUAL GARDEN DOLLAR AUCTION & DINNER*  
NOTE START TIME 6:30



Many thanks to June Luther and Pauline Briggs for the very fun Bulb Bingo at our last meeting! Everyone went home with at least one bag of not-your-run-of-the-mill bulbs. **Let's have another** program like this again soon!



**RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2013, EARN GARDEN DOLLARS - SEE LAST SHEET IN THIS NEWSLETTER!**



### Upcoming events (outside the club)

Cantigny: Thanksgiving Centerpiece: Supplies provided include twiggy basket and great things to put in it. Monday, Nov 19, 6:30 PM, \$40. Call 630-260-8162 or online at [www.cantigny.org](http://www.cantigny.org).

Growing Place: Preparing and Planting for Winter - Putting the Garden to Bed and Dormant Planting, Naperville and Aurora, 10 AM, Saturday, Oct 27, free, but register at 630-355-4000.

Heinz Brothers Greenhouse: Pruning Trees and Shrubs, Saturday, Nov 3, 10-11 AM, \$10, reserve your spot at 630-584-0473.

Morton Arboretum: Scarecrow Trail - Admire more than 50 nature-themed scarecrows showcased around Meadow Lake. Daily, Sep 30- Nov 4.

Herrick Forest Preserve: Forest Fitness Walk - 8:30 AM to 10 AM, Monday, Nov 12.



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### The Growing Place

Aurora: 630-820-8088 Montgomery Rd  
Naperville: 630-355-4000 Plank Rd

### Club information

[www.westchicagogardenclub.org](http://www.westchicagogardenclub.org)  
West Chicago Garden Club  
P. O. Box 313, West Chicago, IL 60186  
(630) 585-4005

### Membership information

Dues for 2012: 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

### 2012 WCGC BOARD:

President:

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# Planned WCGC Events - 2012

Date	Speaker/Organizer	Topic/Event
15 Nov	All members	Dinner & Garden Dollar Auction



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## Garden Dollars Auction:

As you know if you've attended one of our fun November dinner/auction events in the past, we depend on our members to bring items they have or have found that **could be won by others in a silent auction. It's great if these can be "garden-themed."** In the past we've had hand-made gazing balls, note paper, yard tools, flower arrangements, plants, books, and even mystery boxes. The club supplements the members' items with gift certificates from our generous sponsors. In November, we hope everyone takes home something!

**It's not too early to start thinking about what you might have at your house, or to keep your eyes open at a garage sale or dollar store - that could be the most bid-upon item of the night.** If you have any questions about the auction, please contact one of the WCGC board members (see page 2).

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## News from Kruse

*by Tom Fessler*

October at the Kruse House is both a happy and a kind of sad time. This year has surely had its ups and downs. The storm that damaged the property will be remembered for some time. But everything is cleaned up and things are back to normal. Shutting down the home for the year involves putting away all the items which were placed into the garden to make it look nice. Once these things are removed the gardens look quite different.



We look forward to the spring to see if the plantings which we have done this year have taken root and will become permanent members of the home. Angie and Billie are always planning for the future. They have some great ideas for the coming year, but I will let Angie explain that in a future newsletter.

As had already been written, we have a bit of a mystery at the Kruse House. Someone, or something (it is almost Halloween), has been doing a great job of edging the property. This is a job that we have always done in the past and to say the least, it is hard work. Whoever **this "Phantom Edger" is, I also would like to** say a big Thank You. You (or they) have been

**great. I would like to see a "Phantom Digger" a Phantom Planter" and perhaps a "Phantom Weeder"...**

**So that's about all from the Kruse House for** me this year. It has been a lot of work but it has been a lot of fun too. In the coming year I would like to have members of our club come to the Kruse House and work with us. You just might be surprised how much you can learn. I think back on what I was like when I first started working there. Well. I may not be the greatest example after all. Have a happy and safe Halloween!



Tom



## Garden Dollars - remember to collect them!

WCGC distributes tokens (Garden Dollars) to members who participate in club activities. At the November meeting, you will be able to use them at the auction to bid on fabulous prizes. **Here's now to earn them:**

Volunteer for workdays, plant sale or garden contest (1 to 4 hrs , >4hrs)	75 - 150	Donate plants for the sale <50, 50-149, ≥150	75, 200, 300
Donate pots	50	Write newsletter article	100
Donate snack for meeting	75	Donate door prize	50
Set up or clean up meeting	25	Meeting attendance	25
Trip attendance	25	Pay dues before Garden Dollar Auction in Nov 2012	75
Donate to Kruse House	50	Pay dues before February 2nd	50

To receive your Garden Dollars after earning them, pick them up at special events from the event organizer, or see club officers at the information table at any meeting, and let them know what you've earned.

**Pick up the Garden Dollars you've earned before the auction in November!**

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# West Chicago Garden Club Membership Application - 2013

Our club year runs from January 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>. Membership dues for 2013 are due by the February meeting and will be considered over-due as of February 28th. The board would appreciate receiving dues as soon as possible

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:

**\$15 per year**

### Family Membership:

**\$25 per year**

(For multiple members at a single address)

Our meetings in 2013 will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday evening of each month from January through October and the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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:

West Chicago Garden Club  
c/o Mike Saad  
27W206 Manchester Rd.  
Winfield, IL 60190-1440

**Members paying dues early will receive Garden Dollars!**

**by November 15th 75 GD**

**by February 2nd 50 GD**

### Application

**type:**  New or  Renewal  
**class:**  Individual or  Family

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
(Print)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

### Phone Numbers: (include area code)

Home: \_\_\_\_\_

Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell/other: \_\_\_\_\_

### E-Mail Address(es):

Used to distribute club information –may be shared with WCGC board.

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Send newsletters via:  E-mail or  Mail

Please **do not** add my phone number to the Calling Post. (Note: if you check this box, you will **not** get phone reminders of any garden club events.)