

We Go Gardening

Newsletter of the West Chicago Garden Club

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Meeting Date: September 27

Meeting Location:

**Faith Community Church
910 Main Street, West Chicago**

Meeting Time:

**6:45PM Refreshments
7:00PM Business Meeting
7:15PM Program**

Bulb Bingo!

Bring your lucky four leaf clover or rabbit's foot and get ready to play "Bulb Bingo". Pauline has done a wonderful job in ordering the most beautiful variety of bulbs straight from Holland and each player will go home a winner. A couple of varieties of bulbs are not quite ready to be harvested and anyone winning those will go home with an I.O.U. and those bulbs will be delivered within a couple weeks.

Make sure you come out for this meeting to have fun connecting with everyone you haven't seen for some time, have fun playing



Barb Melville

BINGO and go home with a beautiful prize that will give you joy in your garden for years to come.



Mark your calendar for October 25th! Keith Letsche, vice president of our club and previous president, will give a presentation entitled "Glimpses of English Gardens". Last year Keith went on an Architecture Tour of England and on his tour he took over 70 photos of England's lovely buildings and gardens.

OCTOBER 25TH MEETING

Glimpses of English Gardens

Plant Sale 2019

Dan Beebe

As we head into the Fall, it's a great time to start thinking about next year's Plant Sale. Take a look around your yard and decide which plants need to be divided, split them and then heel in the extras for next year's sale. Remember to place markers around plants that break dormancy late in the Spring so that you know where to dig when it is time for those early potting parties. As always, we need pots. Bring your clean pots (preferably in large plastic bags) from this year's plantings to our monthly meetings. We REALLY need #1 (Gallon) pots for potting up our perennials for the sale; we need hundreds for each year and are running critically low. If you have hanging baskets, to donate, please let me know.

Notes from Barbara Bizzarri

REMINDER ...CHANGE OF VENUE FOR OUR OCTOBER MEETING;
Our October meeting will be held at St Andrews Lutheran Church which is located on the northeast corner of Prince Crossing and Geneva Road. The entrance is on the north side of the church.

ANNOUNCING! With the move of our Sunshine Lady, Angie Sadauskas, Jan has graciously volunteered to be Angie's replacement. Jan will be welcoming all of you at our next WCGC Members' September Meeting. So please introduce yourself to Jan and thank her for graciously 'stepping up to the plate'.
Welcome aboard ,Jan!

Getting to Know ...Jan Grismore

Resident of Wheaton: 40 years

West Chicago Garden Club Member: 10 years

Besides Gardening My Hobbies are: Quilting and enjoying my 9 grandchildren.

My Favorite Flowers: Begonias and geraniums

Advice to New Gardeners: Be creative, do what you like—if it doesn't work its not the end of the world.

Biggest Gardening Mistake: Planting too many different varieties of flowers instead of focusing fewer

Last or Present Career: RN

Favorite Restaurants: Pappadeaux in Westmont & Bob Chinn's Crab House in Wheeling

Favorite Vacation: Family Vacations ! Our last family vacation was in the Roanoke Region of Virginia, Smith Mountain Lake

Why Should Someone Join WCGC? "Great people, great speakers and I ALWAYS learn something new!"

Out and About

This photo was taken at Reed Kepler Park by Barb Bizzarri. She says "it's such a beautiful garden!"



Do you have a garden or interesting place in West Chicago to share? Send a photo & description to WestChicagoGardenClub@gmail.com

MEET YOUR BOARD/COMMITTEE MEMBER: Billie Childress

Favorite Flower/Plant: Anything native and as far as trees, American Hornbeam

Resident of West Chicago since 1982

West Chicago Garden Club Member. Since 2001. Billie is also a Past President

Last or Present Career: Retired RN

Biggest Gardening Mistake: 'we've moved every tree we have ever planted at least once!'

Hobbies: Quilting...I just started and of course gardening

Favorite Local Restaurant: Ell Coco Loco

My Top Favorite vacation destination: New Zealand, North Island

August Meeting:



Recent Field Trips

Barb Melville

September 6th: An Evening Stroll at Cantigny Gardens

The evening could not have been more beautiful as members from the West Chicago Garden Club strolled through Cantigny Gardens and were in awe of all the new planted areas especially the new rose garden. What a perfect way to see new areas, plantings, and iron work and be accompanied by a Master Gardener.



August 13th: BAPS Temple

What a special 2 hour tour we experienced when we were able to go to the BAPS Temple in Bartlett and have a member of the Temple take us on a tour and give us some background history and current information about the temple. Each piece of this Temple, that is made out of teak wood or Italian marble, was carved elsewhere and sent to this location and to be put together like a giant puzzle. For the members that missed the tour, the temple is open to the public and you can go

and view the buildings and the grounds during open hours.



News from Kruse

Kerry Perry

The Kruse Garden just won't be the same without Angie Sadauskas. Angie and her husband, Ziggy, are moving to Washington Twp. Michigan and will be minutes away from their daughter, son, daughter-in-law and three grandchildren.

Angie's membership in our Garden Club predates the majority of current members. About 22 years ago, Angie initiated the weekly-gardening project at the Kruse Garden. She committed countless hours developing and maintaining a beautiful garden and growing dear friendships. "Angie's Bed" in the center of the garden under the giant pine shows her design expertise and use of color and texture.

Thousands of plants were transplanted over the years from Angie's own yard to Kruse and for the club's plant sales. She volunteered at potting parties, digging parties, programs and all aspects of the plant sales.

Angie served on the WCGC's Board of Directors in many capacities including Hospitality, Membership, Treasurer, Historian and Kruse Garden Representative. She is fondly called the "Sunshine Lady" and has brought an insightful perspective to the club.

We wish her well in her new home and want her to know she will be greatly missed.

Thank you Angie for being such a huge part of the Garden Club.



Gardening Tips & Questions—A tip from Barb Melville

This is a caterpillar covered in parasitic wasp eggs hanging out in my garden, this is actually number four and five this summer. Normally this guy would be destroying my tomato plants but before that happened it was discovered by a wasp, the wasp stings the caterpillar which pretty much immobilizes it. Then she lays eggs on the back of this poor creature. The caterpillar just sits there for days as the eggs mature. The Wasps will hatch and feast on the caterpillar.



Elmhurst Garden Club Special Event: Sept. 26th Documentary Film



“Five Seasons: The Gardens of Piet Oudolf” will be shown at the [Classic Cinemas York Theatre](#) at 1:00pm and 7:00pm on Wednesday, September 26th.



The documentary immerses viewers in Oudolf's work and takes us inside his creative process, from his beautifully abstract sketches, to theories on beauty, to the ecological implications of his ideas. Intimate discussions take place through all four seasons in Piet's own gardens at Hummelo, and on visits to his signature public works in New York, Chicago, and the Netherlands, as well as to the far-flung locations that inspire his genius, including desert wildflowers in West Texas and post-industrial forests in Pennsylvania.



Cantigny Park Events

September 29-30: Dahlia Exhibition Visitors Center, 12-4pm—Members of Chicago-area Central States Dahlia Society and Southtown Dahlia Club will display their beautiful blooms at this two-day show. Experienced growers will be on hand to provide cultural information and provide advice for growing dahlias in our region. Free with parking (\$10).

October 10: Floral Design Techniques Cantigny Greenhouse, 6:30 pm New for 2018! This class, instructed by Janet Gallagher from Kishwaukee College, will focus on basic techniques. Learn about taping and wiring; working with fresh, dried and silk plant material; using foam and chicken wire; and designing vase arrangements. Students will put their new skills to work by creating a Halloween-themed arrangement. Bring a wire cutter and hand pruner if possible, plus a tray to transport your creation home. All other materials provided. Cost: \$50; parking free. Register at [Cantigny.org](#) or 630.260.8162.

October 14: Garden Photo Tips Visitor Center 2:00pm -Receive advice, share your own knowledge, and enjoy the camaraderie of fellow shutterbugs in beautiful surroundings. Group size limited to 10—register at [Cantigny.org](#) or 630.260.8162. Free w/parking (\$5).

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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
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