



# WE GO GARDENING

Newsletter of the West Chicago Garden Club

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## September 23rd Meeting : "Paths and Walkways"

Mary Saba, our September meeting speaker, has been in the design business (both interior and landscape) for 30 years and has worked for the Growing Place in that capacity for the last seven years. She will incorporate a design for one of our members into her presentation on walkways and garden paths.



**Faith Community Church at 910 Main Street in West Chicago.  
7:15 - brief business meeting, 7:30 - speaker**

**BE SURE TO GREET OUR NEWEST MEMBER, MELISSA BIRCH,  
AT THE SEPTEMBER MEETING!**

**Next Meeting: Thursday, October 28th:  
"BULBS FROM A TO Z"**

**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, but if you plan to use it, please **call Linda Harlson** at 377-5750, so we can plan for the right number of children.

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



## ***FUN TIME AT THE FIELD TRIP***

Did you make it to the **Ball Seed display garden tour** at last month's club meeting? (see photo below) What a treat to get to see these beautiful gardens literally in our backyard. Many thanks to Lou Horton who set this up and the tour guides at Ball Horticulture for their hospitality.





**Upcoming events (outside the club)**

**Dupage County Forest Preserve:** National Public Lands Day Workday. Help the District's Habitat Improvement by lending a hand at the Native Plant Nursery at Blackwell Forest Preserve. Ages 12 & up. Saturday, Sep 25, 8:00 to 11:00. To register, call 630-933-7681.

**Heinz Brothers Greenhouse:** Pumpkin Centerpiece. Oct 10, 11 a.m.-noon. \$16 program fee, please call 630-377-6288 to register.

**Growing Place:** Healthy Roots Make Happy Trees Talk. Free! Sep 25, 10 a.m. Aurora location.

**Lemont Garden Club:** Holiday Beginnings, creative floral design show. Saturday, Oct 16, Lemont High School. Doors open at 1:30, program at 2:00. Tickets \$20, contact Sue at 630-257-6595.

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**Bowling Ball to Garden Art Workshop**

Back by popular demand, Billie Childress and Angie Sadauskas will be reprising the Gazing Ball workshop of last February in two sessions again next month. If you couldn't attend last winter, you'll want to be sure to make it this time.



Dates: Saturday mornings, October 16 and 23

Cost: \$25, all materials supplied, including stand

Location: To be announced

Size of the class: 8 people minimum, 12 maximum

How to sign up: See Billie at the September meeting, and bring \$25 payment at that time (to pay by check, please see Billie)

FUTURE WORKSHOPS PLANNED: HYPERTUFFA



# Calendar of events - 2010

| Date         | Speaker/Organizer | Topic/Event                       | Date        | Speaker/Organizer | Topic/Event                             |
|--------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|-------------------|---|
| September 23 | The Growing Place | Club Meeting - Paths and Walkways | October 28  | Joannie Rocchi    | Bulbs from A to Z                       |
| October 16   | Billie & Angie    | Gazing Ball Workshop - part 1     | November 18 | All Club Members  | Potluck Dinner<br>Garden Dollar Auction |
| October 23   | Billie & Angie    | Gazing Ball Workshop - part 2     |             |                   |   |



Rainy days were made so gardeners could get the housework done!!



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**What a man needs in gardening is a cast iron back with a hinge in it.**  
quote / saying by Charles Dudley Warner,  
*My Summer in the Garden*, 1871



### Club information

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West Chicago Garden Club  
P. O. Box 313, West Chicago, IL 60186  
(630) 585-4005

### Membership information

Dues for 2009:  
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

### 2010 WCGC BOARD:

President: VACANT

Vice President:

Jeff Handel (630) 231-6765, jjhandeldds@yahoo.com

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Dick Darrah (630) 584-1900, info@bwdarrah.com  
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**News from Kruse**

The Kruse House Garden Coordinators, Angie and Billie, are taking the month off. But before they did, they sent this beautiful photo to remind us that the garden delights in all seasons. Stop by anytime.

**The Caryopteris (aka blue mist shrub) has been lovely this year!  
The garden continues to shine !**



**See you next month..... A&B**



## **LAST CALL FOR \$5.00 WCGC T-SHIRTS**

We will be placing our order for the new black, WCGC club T-shirts after the September meeting. These were first displayed at the July President's backyard barbeque.

Because both July and August were not regular meetings, we decided to give you another chance to ensure that a shirt in your size is available to you.



We can order small, medium, large and extra large. The size in the picture is large.

If you won't be at the meeting and want to place an order, you can send an email to [info@bwdarrah.com](mailto:info@bwdarrah.com) or call our office (B. W. Darrah, Inc.) at 630-584-1900 and leave your order with whomever answers or with the answering machine.

The club is subsidizing the T-shirts so your cost is only \$5.00 each.

**We think the T-shirts will be good advertising – so be sure to wear them!**

Remember the fun we had at last November's auction? The more prizes on which to bid, the more fun. The club is looking for new or gently used, garden-related prizes. If you have anything that could be donated, please either contact Jeff Handel at 231-6765, or bring it to the September or October club meeting and let Jeff know you did.



## 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**.

|   |          |  |              |
|---|----------|--|--------------|
| 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       | <b>Pay dues before February 2nd</b>          | 50           |
| Donate to Kruse House   | 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. Contact Jeff Handel for more information, 231-6765.



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## WCGC Board - Open Positions for 2011

The board for 2011 will be needing some new leadership. Please read the information below about the upcoming open positions and see **where you can help out**.

**Vice-President:** No pre-determined tasks go with this job. The president will make special assignments as things come up. This is a great way to get involved without knowing a lot of people or taking a whole lot of time.

**Programs:** Lou Horton has been our program chair for many years and is stepping down after 2010. This position could be filled by one energetic individual or a small committee. Tasks include finding and scheduling speakers for the months for club meetings for February, March, April, May, June, August, September, and October. Lou will take care of January this year. Speaker resources are available. Another task is to welcome the speaker to the meeting and introduce him/her. Can you do part of this?

**Publicity:** This position is open right now. The job entails finding ways to make WCGC known in the community. This might include posting meeting dates to the TribLocal, making use of an existing contact list for other media outlets, and helping with special event publicity. This also includes recording the Calling Post message that reminds us to come to meetings!

We hope you will consider one of these - please contact any board member (see page 3 for the list) for more information. Elections will be at the November meeting.

### Our Beautiful World by Rachel Shea

Can you see the reflection on the street after it rains?  
Can you hear the beat from the drops on the window panes?  
Can you see the stars glistening high up in the sky?  
Can you watch the trees flow in the wind as the storms pass by?

Can you comprehend the ultimate feeling of freedom?  
Watch the butterfly's wings, can you see them?  
The beautiful patterns on the wings of the insect?  
They allow her to disguise herself, built to protect.

Can you catch the snow on your tongue as it falls?  
Can you hear the bird's sweet song as it calls?  
Can you watch the turn of the leaves in the autumn?  
Look at the ocean. Can you swim to the bottom?

Do you pay attention to the ground you walk on?  
Do you notice which tree stumps you sit upon?  
Do you wonder why sunset is more beautiful than the sunrise?  
Do you really see the world with true and deep eyes?  
Do you realize that this world is our world?  
Do you think of it as your own little pearl?  
The jewel in your wooden box of heirlooms.  
Our Beautiful World, a beauty everyone presumes.

Rachel is an 8th grader, who received 1st place in the 8th grade division of the National Garden Club's Youth Poetry Contest. Her entry was sponsored by the Eldorado Garden Club. This poem appeared in the Summer 2010 issue of *Garden Glories*.