



WE GO GARDENING

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President's Potluck and Lilies

A Winning Combination!

by Sandy Saad

Our July meeting was the President's Potluck at the home of Sam and Billie Childress. What a lovely evening it was for a stroll through their garden and a meal outside. There wasn't a bad seat in the place...lots of little tables were set up here and there. Now, the food was a matter unto itself. If Wolfgang Puck, Paula Dean, Emeril and Martha had stopped by, they would have been green with envy for knowledge of the recipes for these scrumptious dishes. One truly needed two plates to sample everything....and, another plate for the desserts. Well, we ate, we drank and we enjoyed each others company.

About 7:30, we went inside and gathered in the living room to meet our speaker, Woodruff (Woody) Imberman. Mr. Imberman is the president of the Wisconsin Illinois Lily Society. He is an accredited lily judge and an amateur hybridizer of lilies. He gave a slide show which showed us the different types of lilies...mostly from his own garden. He suggested that good quality lily bulbs might cost you a bit more but it's worth it. And, spectacular lilies are very easy to grow in just a half day of dappled

sunlight. A bit of trivia: historically, in lean times, lilies were eaten for sustenance as they are high in protein.

Woody has authored many articles for well-known garden publications. His most recent article appears in the July/August issue of Fine Gardening. I've seen this article with photos of simply gorgeous Orienpet hybrid lilies. My favorite is "Catherine the Great", the creamiest buttery soft yellow, 5-6 ft tall so I'd need to stake it, and a bonus of a sweet and fruity scent. We received an excellent handout with "Eleven Steps to Growing Great Lilies" from the Society. Now I know I can do it!!!

Our guest speaker was charming and witty, enthusiastic and passionate about his subject. He encouraged us all to join the Society: one year for \$10 and three years for \$25.

Wisconsin Illinois Lily Society
990 Grove Street, Suite 404
Evanston, IL 60201

Next Meeting: Thursday, August 24

Container gardens for indoor and outdoor use

Speaker: Kathy Thomas of The Growing Place

After receiving her Horticulture Degree from the College of DuPage, Kathy has worked for The Growing Place for 15 years (12 of those in water projects). She enjoys sharing her knowledge on this topic. This meeting is not to be missed!!!

Join us at the First Congregational Church at the corner of Neltnor (Rt. 59) and Grove Sts.

6:45 - sharing time, conversation and refreshments

7:15 - brief business meeting

7:30 - speaker



Upcoming events (outside the club)

Garfield Farm Museum's Heirloom Garden Show — Sunday, 8/27 11 am - 4 pm. Featuring antique flowers and members of the Seed Savers Exchange with tastes of old vegetable and fruit varieties. \$6 donation. 5 miles west of Geneva off Rt. 38 on Garfield Road. (630) 584-8485

Lawn party at the Currier-Reed House to benefit the West Chicago City Museum's restoration of the CB&Q Depot. —Saturday, August 26th from 3:00pm to dusk. Cost: \$25 per person or \$45 per couple must be purchased in advance. Celebrate the 150th birthday of this historic home (Marcie Schulien owner and member of our club graciously allowed her porch to be featured on our Garden Walk). The evening includes a pig roast, Civil War era music, and a visit from President and Mrs. Lincoln. The West Chicago City Museum is at 132 Main Street (630) 231-3376.

Minor Spring Bulbs (snowdrops, anemones, alliums, etc.) Learn about these specialty bulbs on September 12 from 12:45 to 2:30pm for \$10 at the U. of Ill Extension office in Wheaton (630) 653-4114.

Platt Hill Nursery (advertiser) offering free seminars—(630) 529 9394:

Sat. 8/26 10am Fall Annuals and Perennials; Sat. 9/16 10 am Winterize Your Pond

Heinz Bros.Greenhouse (advertiser) (630) 377-6288 offering classes for the Fall:

Thurs. 9/7 10-11am also 6-7pm and Sat. 9/9 10- 11am Fall Planters/cost per pot

Tues. 9/12 6- 7pm \$10 Display and discussion of Fall plant selections

Thurs. 9/14 6-7pm \$10 Fall Pond Care and Maintenance

Sat. 9/16 10-11am \$7 Forcing Bulbs for Winter Delight... and many more classes.

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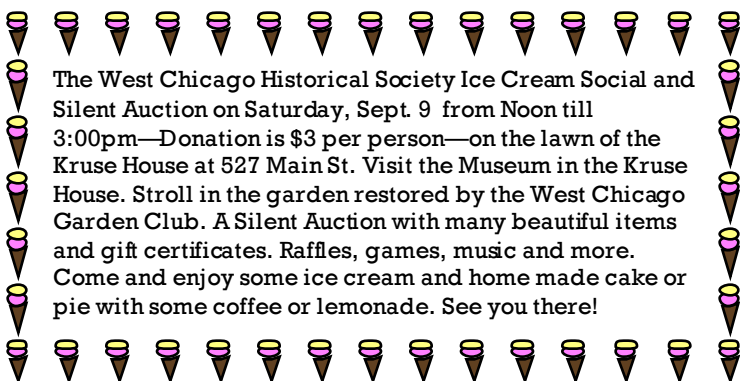
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The West Chicago Historical Society Ice Cream Social and Silent Auction on Saturday, Sept. 9 from Noon till 3:00pm—Donation is \$3 per person—on the lawn of the Kruse House at 527 Main St. Visit the Museum in the Kruse House. Stroll in the garden restored by the West Chicago Garden Club. A Silent Auction with many beautiful items and gift certificates. Raffles, games, music and more. Come and enjoy some ice cream and home made cake or pie with some coffee or lemonade. See you there!

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Regular meeting location

First Congregational Church
 525 N. Neltnor (Rt. 59)
 West Chicago

Calendar of events - 2006

Date	Speaker	Topic
August 24	Kathy Thomas	Container Water Gardens for Indoor or Outdoor Use
September 28	Sandy Lentz	Integrated Pest Management
October 26	Sam the Tool Man	Caring for your Tools
November 16	Elections & Potluck	Member Sharing

Reminders

Babysitting—The Club provides babysitting during its regular monthly meetings when held at First Congregational 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.

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Notes and Announcements

Nominating Committee : Angie Sadauskus (231-5851) and her committee are still looking for club members interested in taking a leadership position in our Garden Club. It's amazing the feeling of "belonging" that comes from working with fellow gardeners on projects and we have some of the nicest folks around to keep company with.

Plant Sale and Bloomingfest 2007 We are still looking for vendors that would complement our plant sale and the general gardening/vegetable growing/water gardening type of theme that Bloomingfest suggests. If you come across someone who does interesting garden crafts or ornaments get their card or a flyer with information. Our garden club board would like to suggest more of this type vendor be invited to be part of Bloomingfest.

WANTED: a Site for Garden Club Meetings Next Year. Requirements—sizeable room which is handicap accessible (the stairs are a real problem for many members), with access to a kitchen, free or at an affordable cost. If you have suggestions for a possible site (bank, church, public facility), please contact Linda Harlson 377-5750.

Electronic newsletters. Sign-up to receive this newsletter electronically rather than by paper. See story on page 3.

Good news: Edie Streams has a great new job in Nashville. No news on whether the house sold yet but we hope she'll be at our August meeting to tell us.

How Cool: Our club was contacted by Barn Owl, one of our advertisers, looking for a part-time employee. They need someone that is somewhat knowledgeable about plants.

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Gypsy Moths

A report by Dick Darrah

Barbara and I attended an information meeting hosted by Wayne Township regarding infestations of Gypsy Moths in our area. Two speakers, one an arborist from Morton Arboretum and the other an arborist from a private company "The Care of Trees" (see www.thecareoftrees.com), provided lots of information.

There have been three significant infestations that are known at this time. One in Lakewood that is the most recent, one near the intersection of Hwy 59 and Mack Road, and one near the intersection of Hwy 59 and Stern Road.

The female moth cannot fly and she crawls up the trunk of trees to lay her eggs. An egg pod will have from 500 to 1000 eggs which hatch out in the Spring as larva or little caterpillars. Each caterpillar is capable of eating up one square foot of leaf material per day so they can denude a tree rather quickly.

The caterpillars prefer Oak Trees above all, but they will eat everything available excluding Ash Trees. We have the Emerald Ash Borer to take care of the Ash Trees.

We will bring a set of the informational hand-outs they gave us to our September Garden Club meeting for everyone to read. This is important as we were left with the impression that it's not a question of "if" our yards will be infested, but rather "when".

There are several ways of controlling the infestations including aerial spraying of either pheromone or insecticides, using natural predators such as Starlings or Wasps, and the removal of egg pods. This last option seems to be the best for most home owners.

The eggs are laid in a pod or cocoon that is tan or buff colored and is about 1.5" long and half as wide. They are laid in the late Summer and early Autumn and the eggs over-winter in these pods. The pods will usually be attached to tree trunks from ground level to 20' to 25' in height. They can also be attached to houses, outdoor furniture, etc. depending on the severity of the infestation.

In late Fall or early Winter, after the leaves have fallen, check your trees for egg pods and if you find them remove and destroy them. Destroy them by immersing them in soapy water or burning. The arborists also suggested flushing them down the toilet but those of us on septic systems don't think this is a good idea.

Also, if you do find egg pods it would be a good idea to contact the authorities and let them know so they can keep track of the spread of the infestations.

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Cracker Jack Cookies

By Rita Kitching (231-3294)

(These cookies were brought by Rita on the 6/3 bus field trip.)

Cream following:

- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 cup shortening

Add:

- 2 beaten eggs
- 1 tsp. vanilla

Mix following together then add to creamed mixture:

- 1-1/2 cups flour
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 1/2 tsp. salt

Fold in:

- 2 cups Rice Krispies
- 1-1/2 cups salted peanuts
- 1 cup oatmeal
- 1 cup coconut

Roll in balls (size of a walnut) and then flatten slightly with the bottom of a glass or pancake turner. Bake in 350 degree oven about 10-12 minutes.

Recipe makes approximately 60 cookies.

KRUSE HOUSE WORK DAYS

Keep these dates on your calendar to join other members in working at Kruse House. This is a great chance to work alongside and learn from other gardeners. Learning, service and FUN... hope to see you there.

Sat. August 26 9 am -12 pm

Sat. September 30 1-4 & Sat. October 28 9 am -12 pm



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