



WE GO GARDENING

Newsletter of the West Chicago Garden Club

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January 22nd Meeting :

“Sowing Ornamental Seeds in Winter”

Our January speaker, Kelly Bryant, will explain how to choose and properly plant seeds that can be sown directly into the garden instead of being started inside. You’ll want to come for new information as you plan your upcoming garden activities. Kelly is a veteran Master Gardener in the DuPage Unit.



- **Garden Tip:** One thing to do in your winter garden is tour last year’s new plantings of perennials in February to see if they have been pushed up (heaved). If they have, just push them back down.

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 26th
“HARDY FERNS IN THE SHADE GARDEN”

Our speakers for February both come from the Planters Palette. Diana Stoll is head of retail sales and Shirley Conetter is manager of the Shade Area.



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



Upcoming events (outside the club)

Morton Arboretum: "Conserving the Endangered Trees of the World" on Thursday, February 12, 11:30 – 1:00 in the Ginkgo Restaurant. Register: 630-719-2468.

Fullersburg Woods Forest Preserve: "Native Landscaping for Beginners" on Sunday, January 25, 2-5 p.m. Reservations: 630-850-8110.

The Growing Place: Plant a container garden with bulbs that have already been forced. Saturday, February 14, at 10 a.m. in Naperville. Call 630-355-4000.

Cantigny: Meet at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, February 14 at the Visitor's Center for a bird walk in the winter garden. Call 630-260-8162 for more information (the park is closed in January and on Mondays– Thursdays in February)

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LOOKING FOR A GETAWAY? The Milwaukee Art Museum will host "Art in Bloom," April 2-5. Discover more than thirty exquisite arrangements by Milwaukee's top floral designers inspired by works of art in the Museum's Collection galleries. Inform your own green thumb in lectures, workshops, and demonstrations on gardening, floral arranging, and environmentally friendly practices with celebrity floral designers and master gardeners.

Your editor saw a similar show at the St. Louis Art Museum and it was amazing! Consider this opportunity to not only see this spectacular show, but to see the architectural wonder that is the museum itself. More at www.mam.org.



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 Family: \$25

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Regular meeting location

Faith Community Church
 910 Main Street

Calendar of events - 2009

Date	Speaker	Topic
January 22	Kelly Bryant	Sowing Ornamental Seeds in Winder
February 26	Diana Stoll & Shirley Conetter	Hardy Ferns in the Shade Garden

Reminders

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 .

Guests and Visitors are always welcome. Members are encouraged to bring a friend or neighbor.

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

2009 Membership

Were you too busy with holiday preparations to get your club membership renewal in? If so, please fill out and submit your 2009 membership form with your dues—it will be one less thing to worry about. And, it will make it easier for your board. A membership form is attached for your convenience. Bring it to the next meeting!



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News and Announcements

New Members: Let's make a New Year's resolution to bring a friend or neighbor to a meeting this year. New members keep our club fresh and enable us to take on new projects!

Door Prizes: Do you receive a garden-related holiday gift that isn't quite right for you? Pass it along as a door prize at one of our club meetings. Just bring it along and leave it with the folks at the door. It will be much appreciated.

Website News: Club President and Webmaster, Mark Luther, says that our new website is being reviewed by the board, and may be ready to "go public" very soon. We'll let you know as soon as it's ready.

BOOK CORNER

With this issue we introduce a new newsletter feature on gardening books. If you've read a book you'd recommend to a fellow gardener, send the editor a short review, along with the book title and author. Here's one your editor has recently read:

Chicago Gardens: The Early History, by Cathy Jean Maloney (reviewed by Elaine McCluskey)

This beautifully produced book from the University of Chicago Press describes chronologically the development of gardening in Chicago, both for pleasure and business. It starts before the founding of the city in 1833 and ends with the Century of Progress Exposition in 1933. The beautiful, archival drawings and photos add much to telling the story of how Chicago was once the nation's produce hub, how new settlers adapted to the challenging gardening conditions on the prairie, and the contributions of early designers like Frederick Law Olmstead and Jens Jensen. I heartily recommend this book if you're interested in Chicago history and gardening.

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Our club year runs from January 1st through December 31st. Membership dues for 2009 are due by the February meeting and will be considered overdue 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 2009 will be held on the 4th Thursday evening of each month from January through October and the 3rd 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

Application

type: New or Renewal

class: Individual or Family

Name(s): _____

(Print)

Address: _____

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E-Mail Address(es):

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