



# WE GO GARDENING

**Newsletter of the West Chicago Garden Club**

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## Last Month – “Where on the earth did you find that?”

by Edie Streams

In February, Beau Kimball from Kimball & Bean captivated members with his tales of garden and house elements salvaged from places near and far. Every slide had its own story: an iron gate from a German wall that ended up in a Kansas City home, corner treatment's from an Irish public building that now grace a garden, marble from San Simeon. Closer to home there was the tale of the mantle bought, sight unseen at the Kane County Flea Market that turned out to have much sought-after and valuable ceramic tile hidden under years of grime.

One of Beau Kimball's strategies for finding treasures (in the U.S.) is to drive the back roads with his latest finds on a flat bed truck. Curious locals often ask him questions... and their conversation leads him to yet another treasure, just waiting to be discovered in a barn or shed down the road a piece. For those who are interested in seeing more of Beau's finds go to his company's website: [www.kimballandbean.com](http://www.kimballandbean.com) or visit his store on Country Club Road in Woodstock..

## PLANT SALE 2005—Mini Potting Party Schedule

Parties will be held at Bernice McFarland's home—555 National St.—630-231-0635. If Bernice cannot host the party, they will be held at Carole Bates' home 2591 Sandpiper Trail—630-293-4953.

**Saturday, April 16 —MAIN  
POTTING party at 9:00 am at  
Bernice's**

**Saturday, April 23—9:00 am**

**Friday, April 29 —9:30 am**

**Saturday, May 7—9:00 am (if  
plants are available)**

If you help at the mini parties and need help potting up some of your plants, bring them to the mini party. We will have supplies available to help you pot your perennials. The plants should be dug as soon as possible so they can recover and look their best for the plant sale. We cannot baby sit the perennials you pot from your gardens. The perennials must go home with you until the date to deliver them to Dan and Pamela's just before the plant sale. Please do not drop plants or pots on Bernice's driveway.

If you would like to be called for the mini-potting parties, please call Carole Bates (293-4953) to volunteer.

## Upcoming events (outside the club)

**Spring Festival 2005 at Aurora location of The Growing Place. Saturday, April 9 and Sunday April 10.**— There is a wide range of classes (19 classes in all) ranging from “How to plant early season containers” and “How to grow healthy trees” on 4/9 to “Get to know Herbs” and How to garden without bending” on 4/10. Check [www.thegrowingplace.com](http://www.thegrowingplace.com) for a complete list of the classes and the times.

**April classes at Heinz Brothers Greenhouse, St. Charles.** Saturday, **April 2**, 10-11 a.m. “Start Your Garden from Seeds”,” Cost: \$10. Saturday, **April 2**, 1-1:30 “Garden Solutions Class: Keep Pests Out!”, FREE. Thursday, **April 7**, 6-7 pm or Saturday, **April 9**, 10-11 am. “Spring Spectabular Containers” Cost varies based on container size. Saturday, April 9, 1-1:30 Garden Solutions Class: Basics of Organic Gardening” FREE. There are classes every Saturday in April. For more information , call Heinz Brothers at (630) 377-6288 or visit their website at [www.heinzbrothers.com](http://www.heinzbrothers.com)

**Platt Hill Seminars: Spring Preview. Saturday and Sunday April 2 & 3.** Come see what is new for your garden! Contact Platt Hill for more information. Saturday, **April 16** 10am “Pond Seminar/ Waking up your Pond”. Saturday, **April 23** 10am “Basic Landscape Design”

**Garfield Park Conservatory, Spring Flower Shows February 12 to May 15.** Recommended donation \$3. See [www.garfieldconservatory.org](http://www.garfieldconservatory.org) for more information and for

Plants Wanted

Hostas

Yarrow

Daisies Grasses

Daylillies

Herbs

Mints

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## Kruse House—Spring Clean-up Days

Saturday, April 9 from 8-12 and Sunday, April 17 from 1-4

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### Membership information

Dues for 2005:

Individual: \$15

Family: \$25

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Dick Darrah (630) 584-1900  
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## Calendar of events 2005

Date	Speaker	Topic
March 31 (note date)	Kitty Finn from Growing Place	Vertical Gardening with Vines and Clematis
April 28	Jan Calhoun	Annuals
May 14	Plant Sale!	
May 26		Plant Exchange, Sharing and Work Night at Kruse House
June 23	Diane Hunter	Japanese Gardens
June 25	FIELD TRIP	Anderson Japanese Gardens Klem Arboretum—Rockford
July 28		President's Potluck and making Japanese Lanterns (at Billie's)
August 25	Connie and Carole	Making Decorative Concrete Leaves (at Carole's)
September 22	Nancy Carroll	Fall Interest in the Garden
October 27	Sandy Klausman	Spring Bulbs
November 17		Potluck and Elections

## PLANTS - PLANTS - PLANTS - PLANTS - PLANTS - PLANTS

Our annual Plant Sale is less than two months away. Our most valuable source of plants is our members. Members' plants are the most vigorous and best quality plants we sell. Please get in your gardens and divide and dig plants for the Plant Sale. If you need BIG pots, let us know and we can get some to you. If you can't pot the plants yourself, put them in a bag and deliver them to a Board Member (see above) who will make sure they are potted. The earlier we get plants into pots, the better they will acclimate and the better they will look for the plant sale. We are counting on plant material from every WCGC member.  
Dick Darrah.



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# ASK Our Gardeners

**ASK** features answers from Garden Club Members to questions from fellow members. Questions can be e-mailed to Edie Streams or submitted on sheets available at the "Sharing Table".

**Q** What websites do you like to go to as a gardener?

**A** (from Billie Childress and Dick Darrah)

- Several of our advertisers have websites:  
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[www.thegrowingplace.com](http://www.thegrowingplace.com),  
[www.platthillnursery.com](http://www.platthillnursery.com)

- [www.gardenlist.com](http://www.gardenlist.com) This site includes everything. You really wouldn't need another site. I particularly likes the 'regional advice link'
- [www.gardenweb.com](http://www.gardenweb.com) This has numerous forums including a Midwest gardening one.
- [www.musserforests.com](http://www.musserforests.com) Musser specializes in trees.
- [www.waysidegardens.com](http://www.waysidegardens.com) Offers a wide range of perennials, shrubs, trees, and bulbs. Often has "web" specials.
- [www.bigdipperfarm.com](http://www.bigdipperfarm.com) Is based in the northwest. Offers a free newsletter that provides seasonal gardening tips and new plant discussions

## Spring Flowers FOR SALE!

At the March meeting we will have pansies and possibly other spring flowers for sale.

I PERHAPS OWE HAVING BECOME A PAINTER TO FLOWERS. — CLAUDE MONET



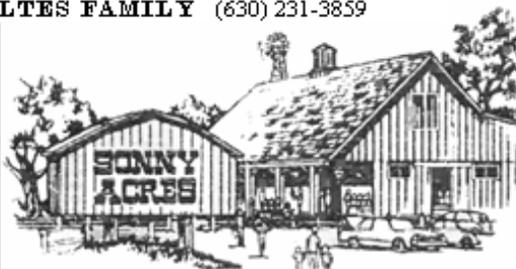
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## Arbor Day: April 29—Billie Childress

It's time to think about what tree(s) to plant to celebrate Arbor Day on Friday April 29. You could honor a special event (anniversary, birthday, or milestone) or remember a special person by planting a tree. Get your family or a group you belong to involved in the event. Make it an opportunity to learn about trees and how to care for them.

Arbor Day began over 130 years ago in Nebraska through the efforts of journalist Sterling Morton. Morton and his wife were nature lovers from Michigan. They missed trees on the flat planes of Nebraska. They and other pioneers saw the value in wind breaks and prevention of soil erosion that trees could bring along with the pleasure of their majestic beauty. Thus the first official Arbor celebration came about on April 10, 1872, with prizes offered for the most trees planted on that day. It was estimated that over a million trees were planted in Nebraska that day. Today all states designate Arbor Day celebrations; most of them on the last Friday in April.

As you select a tree to plant, keep in mind that matching your tree to your site is critical to the trees' survival. Get advice from a local nurseryman, master gardener, or from the University of IL Extension Service (DuPage County 630-653-4114).

In an article, "New Home, New Tree" for Chicagoland Gardening, Sept/Oct 2004, Guy Sternberg includes a short list of some of the nicest trees you can plant in the Chicagoland area and in the March/April 2005 issue of Chicagoland Gardening there is an article titled "Taking Care of Tree Business" by Adele Kleine that talks about tree growth and care. This information may assist in being successful with your tree planting. The Chicagoland Gardening magazine is available at the library thanks to a donation from West Chicago Garden Club.

Happy Tree Planting on Arbor Day

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