



# WE GO GARDENING

Newsletter of the West Chicago Garden Club

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## November 19th Meeting :

### President's Dinner and Garden Dollar Auction

Are you ready for the much-anticipated Garden Dollar Auction? We have many items for the silent auction that will take place before, during, and after our dinner.

**For dinner**, chicken, beverages, and tableware will be provided. Please bring a salad, side dish, or dessert to share, arriving no later than 6:30 p.m.

**For the auction**, bring your Garden Dollars with you—they are the only currency that will be accepted to redeem auction items. 25 Garden Dollars will be given to each attendee as they enter the meeting.



**Do you still have uncollected Garden Dollars from this year's activities?** (see sheet on page 5 for how to earn) Figure up how much you're owed, and collect them from the welcome table as you enter. Renew your membership at the November meeting, and earn 50 Garden Dollars!

**Faith Community Church at 910 Main Street in West Chicago  
Arrive no later than 6:30, dinner starts at 6:45**

**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.

## No meeting in December—HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

**Next Meeting: Thursday, January 21st, 2010**

Look for speaker information in the January newsletter.

## Gardening for the Birds - October Meeting

Bob Fischer delighted us with his presentation on how to encourage birds to come and stay in our gardens, especially using native plants. We enjoyed the many photos from his own garden showing preferred flowers, shrubs, trees, and vines. The handout on how to attract hummingbirds will be very useful next year! You can find more information at the Bird Conservation Network: <http://bcnbirds.org/>



**Upcoming events (outside the club)**

**Cantigny: Tuesday, Dec 1, 10 a.m.** Poinsettia Display of 3000 plants in the greenhouses. No charge, but advanced reservations requested. 630-260-8162

**Shady Hill Gardens: Nov 22, Nov 24, Nov 28, Dec 1 at 10 a.m. (except noon on Nov 22)** Learn to arrange evergreens to fill at planter. \$40 charge includes pot and ingredients. For reservation call 630-365-5665, or email [jheidgen@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jheidgen@sbcglobal.net).

**Forest Preserve District of DuPage County : Fullersburg Woods, Nov 22, 1—2 p.m.** Learn about bird's winter survival needs as you make feeders out of recyclable materials you bring from home. \$5/ person. Registration call 630-850-8110.

**Platt Hill Nursery: Nov 21 at 10 a.m.** Bowmaking & Wreath Decorating, \$45 fee. 630-529-9394.

**Morton Arboretum: Jan 3, 1:00 p.m.** 32nd Annual Hunt for the Yule Log.

**The Growing Place: Nov 20 and 21,** Open House with designer demos and assistance on Thanksgiving and Christmas decorations, with a bowmaking lesson at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Aurora and Naperville.



**Our Thanks and Gratitude**

Several board members will retire from leadership positions after this month, having worked tirelessly on our behalf for many years. These volunteers are: Mark Luther (president), Aimee Townsend (secretary), Billie Childress (historian), Angie Sadauskas and Bonnie Reif (refreshments).

Many thanks to them for all their hard work and long hours! Your efforts have helped make the WCGC the great organization it is.

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### Club information [www.westchicagogardenclub.org](http://www.westchicagogardenclub.org)

West Chicago Garden Club  
P. O. Box 313, West Chicago, IL 60186  
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#### Membership information

Dues for 2009:  
Individual: \$15      Family: \$25

#### 2009 board

**President:**  
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Dick Darrah (630) 584-1900, [info@bwdarrah.com](mailto:info@bwdarrah.com)

#### Regular meeting location

Faith Community Church, 910 Main Street, West Chicago

### WCGC Board Meetings

Board meetings are held monthly on the 2nd Thursday at 7 p.m. at Faith Community Church, West Chicago, and are open to anyone at any time. Please contact Mark Luther, board president for more information on any board activities.

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## Membership Renewal

It's time to renew your WCGC membership for 2010. Renewing at the November club meeting will earn you 50 Garden Dollars for this month's auction, and enable us to keep our membership roles current.

Please use the membership form enclosed at the end of this newsletter, and follow the instructions included therein. As always, if you choose to receive the newsletter via email, it will come in color, plus you will reduce our printing and postage costs. Otherwise, black and white paper copies will be sent to you.

Some advantages of membership are:

- Membership in our parent organization Garden Clubs of Illinois, which includes the quarterly publication *Garden Glories*
- Notification and reminder of monthly meetings
- Reduced fees for club field trips
- Access to the pre-sale session of the annual garden club plant sale in May

Why not renew this month?

## VIDEO CORNER

An occasional series on films related to gardening. If you've seen a TV series or movie you'd recommend to a fellow gardener, send the editor a short review.

### Rosemary and Thyme (recommended by Aimee Townsend)

This popular British television series starring Felicity Kendal and Pam Ferris features sleuths who combine gardening and detective work. An ex-police officer and a plant expert create a gardening business, but tend to transform gardening projects into epic crime-solving opportunities. The series ran for 3 years, and episodes are available from Netflix, Amazon, and at our public libraries. Great for long winter evenings coming up!



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**November 'To-Do Items' from the University of Illinois Extension Good Gardening**

- If the ground is not frozen, keep watering evergreens.
- Store seeds in paper bags or envelopes in the refrigerator. Be sure they are dry before storing.
- Cut small branches from your evergreens to use as holiday decorations. Put them in water to keep them fresh; replace as they dry out.

**How to Earn Garden Dollars**

This is the last month to collect your Garden Dollars for the November auction. Garden Dollars will be the **only currency accepted at the November auction**, where you will be able to use them at the auction to bid on fabulous prizes, like an Adirondack chair, mosaic gazing balls and other hand-crafted items, gift certificates to local retailers, and plants.

**Find your Garden Dollars now, and bring them to the November meeting.**

Garden Dollars will be available at the welcome table for pickup. This is done on the honor system, so take the dollars you've earned for any activities this year. Contact Jeff Handel with any questions, 231-6765.

Volunteer for workdays, plant sale or garden contest (1 to 4 hrs , >4hrs)	75 -150	Donate plants for the sale <50 plants, 50-149 plants, ≥150 plants	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
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# West Chicago Garden Club Membership Application - 2010

Our club year runs from January 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>. Membership dues for 2010 are due by the February meeting and will be considered over-due 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 2010 will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday evening of each month from January through October and the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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  
c/o Mike Saad  
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### Application

**type:**  New or  Renewal  
**class:**  Individual or  Family

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
(Print)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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### Phone Numbers: (include area code)

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### E-Mail Address(es):

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Please **do not** add my phone number to the Calling Post. (Note: if you check this box, you will not get phone reminders of any garden club events.)