

May 27, 2016

Annuals and Perennials with Herbs for Containers
Marcy Lautanen - Raleigh
Owner of The Backyard Patch

This informative program covering how to identify hardy and tender perennial herbs, their growing habits and harvesting times along with the different needs of annual herbs which require good, nutrient-rich soil to do well, will get even a novice gardener excited to grow herbs. This presentation begins with soil preparation and discusses the various growing habits, uses, and methods for obtaining the best possible harvest. A special focus on which herbs grow well in containers is also included. A graphic handout will be provided with propagation methods, harvest tips, and uses.

June 24, 2016

Garden Walk

Spend the morning viewing several delightful gardens. Bring friends and introduce them to our club! More details and locations will be provided at our May meeting.

July 22, 2016

Elmhurst College Arboretum Tour
Paul Hack
190 S. Prospect Avenue
10:00 a.m.

The walking tour will showcase the diverse tree population on the beautiful campus. History and interesting facts will be discussed at each tree stop. The tour will be lead by Paul Hack, an ISA certified arborist, who will be able to answer questions you may have.

A parking lot map and directions will be emailed before the tour date. Carpooling is suggested.

Plan to be at the Grounds Building at 190 S. Prospect Avenue, Elmhurst a few minutes before 10:00 a.m.

August 26, 2016

Pressing Hobby - Pressing Flowers
Joann Loebel

This program includes how to press (in a phone book), what to grow, when to pick, how to store, etc. Then...what to do with all these treasures. There will be "show and tell" samples of finished products: candles, wall hangings, note cards, bookmarks, trays, boxes, and vases. Mod Podge® glue is what is used to cover the pressed flowers. Flat finished crafts can be laminated. You can make your own cards with your own printer. There will be exciting ways to use pressed materials. Queen Anne's Lace will be available for everyone.

September 23, 2016

Hostas: America's Favorite Perennial

Lou Horton

Hostas are one of the best plants to try when you can't get anything else to grow. They're durable, versatile, and virtually maintenance-free, and not just green leaves.! With so many hosta varieties, it's hard to choose. Lou reviews the wide range of hostas available and offers uses in a number of garden scenarios.

October 28, 2016

Bill Karges

Pioneer Garden and Feed

We aren't quite sure what the subject of Bill's program will be, but as we know from past presentations, whatever Bill Kargas shares with us, we have certainly enjoyed his programs and we all can learn something! If he decides to "talk dirty" to us, the program will cover soil...of course!

November 11, 2016

Birds of Two Worlds: Saving Songbirds with your Coffee Cup

Ron Skleney

For many of us, a cup of coffee is a daily part of our lives. This program explores how we can combine our love of coffee and help conserve bird habitats by buying Bird Friendly coffee. Learn how shade grown, organic, free-trade, Bird Friendly certified coffee helps our migratory songbirds.

December, 2016: Luncheon

Artistry of Flowers

Larry Bollmann

Owner of Addison Floral

Back by popular demand, Larry will once again charm us with his creations!

January 27, 2017

Artists and Gardeners

Artistic Effects in Glorious Gardens

Laura Mueller - Art Institute

What can gardeners learn from artists and paintings of gardens? Laura will discuss the works of such artists as Claude Monet and Peter Paul Rubens, who created gardens that in turn inspired them to further creation.

February 24, 2017

Incredible Bats

Dan & Sharon Peterson

The Petersons have performed interactive presentations with live fruit bats for over 20 years with their Incredible Bats Program. They serve as ambassadors for the flying mammals by dispelling myths, detailing their importance in ecosystems and warning of threats to their survival. As an added feature, they will also be bringing a skunk.

March 24, 2017

Native Illinois Butterflies

Lori Stratlow Harris, Salt Creek Butterfly Farm

April 28, 2017 (Luncheon)

Edible Containers

Nancy Hollmeier of Gardenworks

She will create arrangements using a majority of edible products. Some edibles will be containers; some will be used as flowers; others are purely decorative items. She wants to spark your creativity and make you smile!