

## PROGRAM SCHEDULE for APRIL 2017 – APRIL 2018

Non-members are welcome at our open meetings. Use the Contact page on the website to let us know you will be coming.

### **April 28, 2017**

Spring Luncheon – Edible Containers  
Nancy Hollimeier of Gardenworks  
The Carslile in Lombard  
Tickets are \$33

### **May 25, 2017**

(Please note, this meeting is on a Thursday)

Kim White

The Natural Naturalist

Bio-mimicry: The Role of Nature in the age of Technology.

How are scientists using what we are learning about from Nature and applying it to technology?

### **June 23, 2017**

Garden Walk

Details to be announced

### **July 28, 2017**

Field Trip to Shawna Coronado's Garden

Tour the garden of Shawna Coronado, successful garden author and media host who was diagnosed with severe osteoarthritis. She rebuilt her Warrenville, IL garden to make it easier to grow for people with health impairments. Her garden features a rainwater cistern, living walls, elevated garden beds, raised garden bed, and creative and artistic designs applied to an ordinary suburban community.

30W143 Arlington Court, Warrenville, IL 60555

Park on the street on the south side of Arlington Court. Do not park in the circle.

### **August 25, 2017**

Carol Cichorski

Dahlias – Living Fireworks

Carol and her husband, Mike, “found” dahlias 14 years ago and their lives has not been the same since. They plant tubers in the basement in February and grow about 500 plants each year, with 100 of them going to their own garden. She loves to share their dahlia passion and will let us know how we can grow dahlias too.

### **September 22, 2017**

Ed Max

Fall Color

Ed is a Certified Arborist, Certified Naturalist, and head designer at Max's Greener Place. Ed designs many traditional and woodland landscapes and observes that we are sadly lacking much fall color in suburbia. Through the right choices in trees and shrubs (and even late perennials), Ed will show how we can extend the colors of your landscapes well into fall.

**October 27, 2017**

Mark Spreyer

Stillman Nature Center

Who's Who of Owls

Mark brings several live owls and provides information about their habitat, traits and differences from other owls.

**November 10, 2017**

Ann Duncan Hlavach

Ann Duncan Designs

Ann Duncan Designs specializes in polymer bridal bouquets and individual flowers with gemstone centers. Ann will enlighten us on what polymer is and some of the amazing things you can do with it.

**December 8, 2017**

Sharon Leisering

Owner of Blossoms of Lombard

Holiday Florals

Presentation of various flowers, seasonal greenery and accents frequently utilized for the holidays, with background on particular flowers, and care of arrangements in the home for longevity.

**January 26, 2018**

Kim Hartman

Countryside Gardens

Best Plants for 2018

What's new in trees, shrubs, annuals, perennials, roses, vegetables and herbs? We'll hear of new introductions that are proven for our Northern Illinois area to add color, texture and diversity to our landscape.

**February 23, 2018**

Michael Annes

Ball Horticulture Company

Vegetable Gardening in Containers

We will learn about vegetables specifically bred to be grown in containers.

**March 23, 2018**

Andres Ortega

Willowbrook Wildlife Center

Beneficial Insects in the Home Garden

Presentation describing beneficial insects of Northern Illinois, particularly those that can be commonly found in home gardens.

**April 27, 2018**

Janet Gallegher

Floriculture teacher at Kishwaukee College

Lavish fresh flower designs as she educates us on flower names, how to care for arrangements and enlightenment on balance proportion lines.

