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 Warreenville, 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 Galleghe
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.