

2023-2024

Lombard Garden Club Program Descriptions

Friday, May 19, 2023

Kim White – DuPage Monarch Project

“The History and Science behind the Monarch Craze”

Naturalist Kim White explores the migratory path and life cycle of the monarch butterfly, and what we can do to attract them to our gardens and help their migration. We have all heard the battle cry, "Plant Milkweed for Monarchs!" Will just planting milkweed fix the problem of the diminished numbers of the migrating population of Monarchs? What else can we do to help this iconic insect?

Program Chair: Barb Madigan

Hospitality:

Friday, June 23rd, 2023 - 10 am

Field Trip – Cantigny Park Gardens – Wheaton

1s151 Winfield Road, Wheaton, IL 60189

Cantigny’s 500-acre park offers educational and recreational experiences through visits to the formal gardens. Nestled among 29 acres are beautiful landscapes that showcase the life cycles of the trees, shrubs, perennials and annuals in stunning displays. But the gardens are more than just a pretty face. They are an inspiration, teaching amateur and professional gardeners alike the practicality and beauty of plant species that perform well in a Midwest climate. This hour-long tour will be led by two

Docents for our group

Parking fee applies

Program Chair: Jeannine Warkow

Friday, August 4, 2023 - 10 am

Field Trip – Ball Seed – West Chicago

622 Town Road, West Chicago, IL 60185

Self-Guided Tour – Average visit 1.5 – 2 hours

The Gardens at Ball have been the evaluation and testing grounds for the world’s wealth of horticultural introductions and improvements for over 80 years. What began as a row trial garden for seed varieties in 1933 has grown to encompass over 9 acres of display beds for annuals, perennials, cut flowers and vegetables, including the newest plants from the industry’s leading breeders and marketers. We hope The Gardens at Ball spark some fantastic ideas! They’ve been designed to inspire visitors as they compare products in an exciting and innovative display – encouraging creative ideas for home garden and commercial settings.

The Gardens at Ball are not open to the public. During the month of August, the Gardens are open to organized groups by appointment only. There is no charge for the gardens and the tour is Self-Guided.

Program Chair: Rick Hennessy

Friday, August 25, 2023

Denise Sandoval

“Gardening with Native Plants Through the Seasons”

Denise will take you through the seasons and discuss native plants that are great for wildlife, grow well in a range of conditions, easier to purchase locally, and are beautiful in small to medium landscapes. Denise will also share design tips for these plants and a plant handout.

Program Chair: Sharon Rakowski

Hospitality:

Friday, September 22, 2023

Bill Karges

Tulips, Bulbs and More!

Bill Karges returns to talk about gardening tips for Tulips and other bulbs. How do you force Bulbs? When do you plant bulbs? How deep do you plant? Which end is up? How can I keep squirrels and other creatures from digging up my bulbs? What is the chilling time for flowering bulbs? What is the best way to store tubers and bulbs? Bill will guide you through the process of planning and planting for successful and spectacular outcomes!

Program Chair: Rick Hennessy

Hospitality:

Friday, October 27, 2023

Dr. Trent Ford

“Ways to Slow Climate Change by Individuals and local Efforts”

Global warming describes an observed increase in the global average temperature over the last 100 to 150 years. Illinois’ climate has changed over that time in response to global warming. The last century of climate change in Illinois has had considerable environmental and economic impacts, and model projections suggest future changes will continue to impact Illinois. We will discuss climate change, its impacts, and mitigation and adaptation for Illinois citizens. We will also discuss the many ways gardeners and naturalists can help fight climate change through activism and the creation of healthy and vibrant natural spaces.

Program Chair: Janet Kenny

Hospitality:

Friday, November 10, 2023

Cindy Crosby

“A Brief History of Trees in America”

From oaks to sugar maples to the American chestnut: trees changed the course of American history. Trees built our railroads, influenced our literature and poetry, and even our music! Discover the roles of a few of our favorite garden trees in building our nation as you remember and celebrate the trees influential in your personal history and your garden.

Program Chair: Jeannine Warkow

Hospitality

Friday, December 8, 2023

**Winter Celebration Luncheon
Noel Luchinski – Floral Designer**

Winter Wonderland of Flowers. Created arrangements will be raffled off.

Program Chair: Jeannine Warkow

Friday, January 26, 2024

**Negin Almassi – Cook County Forest Preserves
“Urban Ecology of Coyotes”**

Chicagoland's coyotes are the most studied population of coyotes in North America. Come make sense of the recent headlines with Forest Preserves of Cook County training specialist Negin Almassi. Join us as we follow the trail of coyotes with wildlife biologists working in the Forest Preserves through the Urban Coyote Research Project. Almassi will discuss urban coyote behavior and ecology, how we can live with coyotes, and what coyotes have to teach us

Program Chair: May Anstee

Hospitality:

February 23, 2024

**Kim Hartman
“Best Plants for 2024”**

Eager to start planning for spring? It's time to see what's new in trees, shrubs, annuals, perennials, roses vegetables and herbs. With the extremes we've had in our weather over the last few years and the challenges we've faced with insects and disease, it is more important than ever to discover new varieties that more resistant to plant health issues, while producing beautiful, vigorous plants.

Program Chair: Sharon Rakowski

Hospitality:

Friday, March 22, 2024

**Paul Stoffels – U of I Extension
“Seed Starting: Giving your Garden a Head Start”**

Jump-start the spring growing season. Learn about the equipment and methods used for starting seeds indoors.

Program Chair: Paul Velat

Hospitality:

Friday, April 26, 2024 Luncheon

**Nina Koziol
“American Home Garden Design: 1830 to the Present”**

Draw inspiration for your own home, no matter what age or style, as we look at garden design evolution in the Midwest. Learn about design trends, the rise of the suburban lawn, foundation plantings, cottage gardens, moon gardens, heirloom plants, containers, hardscape and more!

Program Chair: Sharon Rakowski

Hospitality: