

THE BUZZ

GARDEN CLUB OF INVERNESS NEWSLETTER

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BUZZY LINKS

Curated Surfing for the Sensitive Soul. Let's face it, we gardeners are a creative bunch. As artists, we appreciate color, texture, and nuance. We feel deeply. So instead of recipes to comfort food your way through COVID, here you will find some sites to feed your soul.

Oh gosh. Do you like art? Museums? Go to www.mentalfloss.com. Search "12 World Class Museums You Can Visit Online." Visit all. Why not? This will keep you busy until the vaccines are ready. Try No. 3, the National Gallery, to get started. In the drop-down menu click online features. This month is Monet and Manet. No. 12 is the Google Art Project. Wow! View this on your biggest screen. Breathtaking art and pictures from around the world.

Now it's time for some music. Four words: The Elgin Symphony Orchestra. Mingle in Place and Listeners Club has gotten us through months of stuck-at-home brain atrophy. Fun and Educational! And you'll feel like a smarty pants for visiting. And now the cherry on your soul-feeding sundae: Live at Carnegie Hall. No words, just go. Awesome!

UPCOMING

- Aug 15 Yearbook Cover Photo Contest Deadline
- Aug 20 Last Summer Event Headshots Due to Nancy Kaye Palatine Pantry Food Drive
- Aug 25 Hypertufa Payments Due
- Aug 31 GCI Bingo Deadline
- September 3 Zoom Board Meeting
- Sept 7 The Buzz Articles Due
- Sept. 17 General Meeting North Park Outside 10:30

GCI-19 Event an All-around Success by Nancy Kaye

Dear Friends,
Nineteen masked gardeners and gardener wannabes gathered at Citizens Park in Barrington on a gorgeous summery Thursday. We had a chance to catch up and float around some ideas for the coming year. Mary Kay and Pam picked out the loveliest spot for us, all plantings and butterflies.

It was fun to hear everyone's GCI beginnings as we went around the circle and re-introduced ourselves. We got in a good gander at new-ish member Judy Tammi and we were all astonished to learn that Rose Schneider has

been a member since 1974! There is a story there, right?

Notice our new feature on Page 2. Kathy Zweidinger will be taking us back to our roots with her monthly column, a potpourri of gardening tips from friends and pros she has collected over time.

We are 18 headshots to the good for our 2020 picture yearbook. Only 50 to go! Please read the instructions below for sending your yearbook snap to me by August 20. It is the very last time we can accept pictures. Otherwise, we will miss your face!



Pam Goodwin



Mary Rubino



Rhea Schneider

Picture This

What would our picture directory look like without you? We're excited to offer a real "yearbook" this year. What will be lacking in Program and Special Event details, we'll make up for with labeled headshots of all of our garden club ladies. As of July, 18 out of 68 members were snapped. There will be one more opportunity for you to pose, August 20. If you cannot make the date, kindly text me your name with your own photo. We took our photos outside and



up close. Have your loved one snap you on a phone and send it to (612)382-0898. Please do not send something cropped from another picture and no selfies. Here are Rhea and Nancy from our outdoor shoot with an iPhone 8. Happy snapping!



Garden Therapy Mary Rubino

Unfortunately our two events at St. Joe's had to be cancelled this year because of the coronavirus.

Four months of isolation without even family members allowed to visit has been tough on the residents. We thought it might be fun to surprise them with silk flower arrangements for their rooms. So, at our last get together at Citizens Park (a great time and a beautiful park!) volunteers were able to choose from a variety of silk flowers and containers to take home, arrange, and deliver to St. Joe's.

We received a note from the Sisters telling us just how much they were appreciated!

Hopefully things will open up by next spring and we can once again do both of these workshops in person! Fingers crossed, I will be asking for volunteers in 2021 for some fun and fulfilling time.

In the meantime, we are excited to have come up with an easy project for St. Joe's in which every member could participate, even while sheltering in place.. Please see page 2 for details.

AUGUST 15 YEARBOOK PHOTO CONTEST DEADLINE

Cheers to 80 Years!

Founded in 1940, GCI would soon become affiliated with Garden Clubs of Illinois. In 1942, GCI hosted its first flower show in members' homes, with husbands and children participating. We received a blue ribbon at the flower show held at Marshall Fields. And we participated in the 16th Annual Chicago Flower Show, as reported in *The Daily Herald* on May 1, 1942. (The picnic table later won Honorable Mention.) It was said by Mrs. Charles M. Smith that "members cooperated very well on this project." Indeed.

Inverness Garden club has two entries in show

The Garden club of Illinois presents the 10th annual Chicago flower show on May 14, 15, 16 and 17. This event will be held at Thornhill Farm, 23 miles west of Chicago, adjacent to the Morton Arboretum, just off Route 63. The Inverness Garden club will have two entries at this time. One entry will be a picnic table. The table was built by Mr. Hubert Nelson, and Mr. Austin Zimmerman, and the lumber was contributed by Mr. C. M. Smith. The decorations will be by the Garden club members. The other entry will be a wall hanging, for fresh flowers for the porch, and is most original.



How Does Your Garden Grow?

By Kathy Zweidinger

August Gardening Tips

A few end of the summer suggestions:

1. Avoid pruning shrubs after mid August. You will only be inviting new growth that will fail to harden off in time for cold weather and may become damaged.
2. Coneflowers, black - eyed Susans, hostas, and other perennials that flower in spring will start to flag a bit in your garden by the end of August. To keep them healthy and ready to explode next spring, divide the roots as the plants die back and relocate them if you can. A fellow gardener might appreciate them as well.
3. Parsley, cilantro, basil, dill and other cool-season herbs probably have bolted by August and are too bitter to consume. You can let them flower, which is a good idea because pollinators love herb flowers and the plants will self-seed later in fall. Or, cut them back a couple of inches above ground and most should grow back for a fresh fall crop.
4. An organic solution, you can make to help rid your roses, cannas, and hibiscus of Japanese beetles is: 1 gallon of water, 1 c. of vinegar, 1 T vegetable oil, 1 tsp baking soda, and 1 tsp dishwashing soap. Spray plants.

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PLEASE SEND IDEAS,
PHOTOS, POETRY, AND
MATERIAL TO
NCKAYEDA@YAHOO.COM

YOU CAN ALSO SEND
PHOTOS BY TEXT TO:
612-382-0898

PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR
NAME WITH ANY TEXTS

Reflections/Terry Pagliuzza

The Garden Club of Inverness is dedicated to the education, promotion, practice and pure enjoyment of gardening. I am very glad to have joined this Club in 2009.

Betty Anne Dailey was the President at that time. Floral Designer Joyce Grattonni, was the speaker at my first meeting - to my ***SURPRISE***, since she had been my instructor at Harper College a couple of years prior. There were two members that I also knew from my classes. ***SURPRISE*** again! So I joined this welcoming group of ladies. December was my first Holiday Luncheon and I did not know what to expect. This beautiful event at Medinah Country Club was truly a lovely ***SURPRISE***!

In January 2010, President Betty Ann called to ask if I would join her in planning the upcoming Holiday Luncheon. Was I ***SURPRISED!*** I said yes, and the rest is Garden Club history for me. Working on committees, making the tablescape, and chairing this beautiful fundraiser have been such a joy. It will surely be missed this year.

The Garden Club of Inverness will never fail to ***SURPRISE***.

We have the most generous, gracious and talented group of women of which I am very happy to be a part.

Nature's Christmas 2011



Community Service—Planting Seeds of Friendship at the St. Joseph's Home

Our floral pieces were so gratefully received that we came up with another project to benefit St. Joe's. There are 60 residents in the Assisted Living wing. We propose to send a personalized greeting to each one of them. The residents' names will be paired up with our members. We will each send a greeting card with a note to our designated person. Shirley has suggested taking a picture of our gardens and pasting it to a blank card or cardstock. If you are a garden slacker, like me, you could print one off the internet, or purchase a card if you wish. I'm sure we all have a moment to come up with a card and write a brief greeting. Ideally, we would continue this communication every month until the restrictions are lifted and our friends at St. Joe's can resume social contact. But a one-time cheery note would still be appreciated. We will email details soon.

Hypertufa

from Terry Pagliuzza

Hypertufa is an anthropic rock made from various aggregates bonded together using Portland cement. Hypertufa is intended as a manufactured substitute for natural tufa, which is a slowly precipitated, instead of crystalline, limestone rock. Hypertufa planters bring the look of stone into your garden without all the weight. It is relatively light compared with terracotta or traditional concrete and can withstand harsh winters, at least down to -22 °F. Being very porous, it is favorable for plant growth. Succulents love this kind of container.

These planters are expensive to purchase but fun and easy to make, though a bit messy. Laura Hoover and I will hold two outdoor workshops for 6 ladies each. Please bring rubber or latex gloves and a mask. I said it is messy! All other materials will be provided.

DATE: September 10 @ 10:00a.m. or 1:00p.m. (rain date September 11)

LOCATION: Laura Hoover's back yard

LIMIT: 6 per session COST: \$12

SIGN UP: **PLEASE NOTE SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS**

MYRA BUETTNER MUST HAVE YOUR CHECK **IN HAND** BY TUESDAY, AUG.25TH. (Myra: 10 Torrin Rocks Cove, Inverness 60010)

Please indicate on your check if you prefer 10am or 1pm. If we are oversubscribed, there will be a lottery for pot spots.

