



## THE BUZZ

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### BUZZY LINKS

*Some surfing to satisfy the avid gardener.*

You will love this first site. The photography is stunning and the content is bountiful. Bonus: visiting this site fills a Bingo square!

#### Floret Flower Farm

[www.floretflowers.com/new-to-floret-start-here/](http://www.floretflowers.com/new-to-floret-start-here/)

Another Bingo online adventure  
**HGTB Outdoors**

[HGTB.com/outdoors/topics/gardening](http://HGTB.com/outdoors/topics/gardening)

This is a photo/video encyclopedia of garden tips, designs and how to's. Not every video is web gold but an answer to just about every garden/landscape question is to be found here. Lots and lots of ideas.

Last not least, [www.deavita.net](http://www.deavita.net). Many ads but eMagazine **DEAVITA** has some of the most unique, most stylish design features ever seen on any garden site on the web. It has a weird men's page, too. I mean weird.

### UPCOMING

- August 6 Zoom Board Meeting
- Aug 7 The Buzz articles due
- Photo Contest Deadline
- Aug 20 Last Summer Event.
- Aug 31 GCI Bingo Deadline
- September 3 Board Meeting
- Sept. 17 General Meeting  
*North Park Gym 10:30*

## GCI Planning, A Walk In the Park *by Nancy Kaye*

Dear Members,

It has been, um, exhilarating planning for 2020-21 and not a little daunting. Please believe that anything presented to you has been thoroughly researched and, yet, we beg you to be flexible. Things could change at any moment.

We had a happy turnout for our first get together on June 18. We will meet again on July 16 at Citizen's Park

in Barrington for some walking and talking. See the attached invitation. No RSVP.

I can't say enough about our glorious website. It is beautiful. It is easy to use. It is a cookie jar full of delicious information. One of the many activities for GCI Bingo is to visit the photo gallery at [gardenclubofinverness.com](http://gardenclubofinverness.com). Why don't you go there now? It's worth the trip, we promise.



Programs Co-VP Mary Kay Bowman turns over a nice haul.

## Change of Venue and Meeting Time

On August 6, the Inverness Park District Board will vote on our application to use the North Park Gym for meetings and events in 2020-21. We have preliminary approval and believe that this vote is a formality, but if you know someone on the board, please put in a good word for us.

If approved, we will be able to use the gym from 10:30 to 12:30 for our general meetings. This time may not work well for some, but this is what is available to us. We require a bigger room than the church can provide. As it is, we will be limited to 50 attendees under Phase 4 of Restore Illinois, and we are hoping that Inverness also agrees to 50, which meets the 25% of the total room capacity rule. We will hold off on offering refreshments for the time being but will keep some social time in the schedule. North Park was the only venue that satisfied our criteria of size, safety, and location.

### Food Drive

On June 18, we gathered in the backyards of five gracious hosts to catch up on Garden Cub news and each other. It was also our first opportunity to collect items for the Palatine Food Pantry as part of our year-long drive. As you can see, we did very well. Thanks! GCI will have another collection at our Walk in the Park July 16. You may deposit donations with Mary Kay (that masked lady) in Citizens parking lot. Look for the balloon.

## Cheers to 80 Years!



Way Thompson was pivotal in the early development of Inverness.

Thompson preserved "the natural beauty of the area by laying out the road system to take advantage of the rolling land and subdivid-

ing lots to conform to natural contours," according to the Village. Way's wife, Barbara Totman Thompson, decorated the first ten homes built by Arthur MacIntosh on what was the original Temple Farm. She was a founder and the first President of the Garden Club

of Inverness, serving from 1940 through 1941. Way Thompson lived in Inverness until he passed away at 90 in 2001, preceded in death by Barbara. In addition to their son Way, Jr., grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, this couple left a lasting legacy of beauty and appreciation for the natural landscape of our Village.



**Ruby -throated  
Hummingbird**



### Haiku

bee pollinates blooms  
hummingbird nips at nectar  
flurry of wee wings

C. Devonshire

## Reflections/Beth Woldman

Almost everything I know about gardening, I learned in Garden Club! Shortly after moving to our Muirfield home, I joined Garden Club of Inverness. I needed help and ideas to transform empty garden spaces into garden beds that bloomed!

Garden Club members had "green thumbs" and big hearts. They knew every plant. Someone always knew the answer to any botanical question. They were just what I needed.

Monthly meetings and guest speakers, Garden Walks, and Special Events provided members with amazing opportunities to learn. Planting and caring for community gardens and projects forged friendships.

I was hooked. I joined the Board.

At spring plant exchanges, a favorite activity, members would share their prized beauties and garden ex-

tras. My garden became a tapestry of generosity! Clumps of Sweet Woodruff and Hosta, Lady's Mantle, Celandine Poppy, and Fern filled the shade. The sun lovers - Monarda, Phlox, Mountain Bluet, Coneflower, Rudbeckia and Lilies. Turtlehead and Monkshood were an uncommon surprise. Every plant told a story!

Three years ago, we downsized to a Ranch home in Bolingbrook, with a much smaller yard. It's smaller but needy! We called on lessons learned. We planted trees and shrubs and replaced beds of thistle with a swath of perennial favorites. This garden space feels less new and different, with each season. We are not done; we have another project in mind for Fall. Our summer blooms are joyfully familiar.

*I look forward to another year of sharing and discovery with Garden Club friends!*



### Do You Write Poetry?

Do you like poetry? Please send in your original or favorite botanically-themed poems. Or try your hand at Haiku like the one above!

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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**

## Dip Your Toe Into THE BUZZ

By now, you have sensed a running theme in this publication. Requests. We don't want to seem needy, but we are! We need participation and contribution. The list is as follows:

- ◆ Your memories for *Reflections*
- ◆ Your recipes for the cookbook
- ◆ Your information for 80 Years History feature
- ◆ Your donations for the Pantry
- ◆ Your photos for the Cover Contest
- ◆ Your poetry for the novelty of it

We are having fun striving to make our Garden Club's 80th Year a good one. Any way you can pitch in will be appreciated. Come on in, the water is fine!

## Mom's Blueberry Cake

**from Beth Woldman**

½ cup unsalted butter, softened  
1 cup sugar  
2 egg yolks  
1 tsp vanilla  
1 ½ cups sifted all-purpose flour  
1 tsp baking powder  
¼ tsp salt  
1/3 cup milk  
2 egg whites—whipped stiff  
1 ½ cups fresh blueberries

Cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add egg yolks and vanilla. Beat well. Sift together flour, baking powder, and salt. Add sifted ingredients and alternate with milk in thirds, beating until smooth.

Fold in egg whites.

Carefully fold blueberries into batter. Spread into a greased 9 x 9 inch glass pan. Bake at 350° for 35 minutes.

Note: Recipe can be doubled and baked in a 9 x 13 glass pan.

