

THE BUZZ

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BUZZY LINKS

At our plant swap, Joette Brown brought up hollyhock dolls. Did any of you ever make them as a child? Type "Make a Hollyhock Doll" into your search bar and you will come up with many sources and photos., including a how-to page from a 1950's Betsy McCall magazine.

The hollyhocks we typically plant are the genus *Alcea* from the Malvaceae or Mallow family and native to Asia and Europe. They are remarkably easy to grow from seed but need sun and good air circulation to flourish.

The three species of native hollyhocks belong to the genus *Iliamna*. They grow on river banks and are



UPCOMING

- Sept 17 General Meeting
10:30 North Park Outside
Rain Date is Sept 18.
- Oct 1 Zoom Board Meeting
- Oct 2 The Buzz articles due
- October Special Event—TBD
Gourd & Pumpkin Project
- Oct 15 General Meeting
10:30 North Park Outside

GCI Change of Seasons by Nancy Kaye

Dear Friends,
We had another lovely day for the last of our summer events. Mary Kay and Judi Ray hosted 22 members in their backyards on beautiful Lake Louise. Pam and Mary Kay created an afternoon to remember, with many thoughtful touches. The most fun? I can't thank Mary Kay and Pam enough for all they have done to bring about these wonderful events, which went far above and beyond their responsibilities. Their generosity of spirit gave us some much needed social time with our GCI friends this summer.



In lieu of the hypertufa class, Special Events VP Denise organized a Plant, Bulb, and Seed Exchange at South Park. There was such a great variety of plants to choose from! Details of our October event will be emailed soon.

As the days get shorter and the weather gets cooler, we are anticipating the beautiful color palette of fall. On September 17, landscape designer Kim Hartmann will present *Enhancing Fall Color*. She will share ideas for adding additional autumn accents to your landscape, containers, and indoor décor with a wide variety of annuals, perennials, and shrubs. Some of Kim's creations will be raffled off, as well.

Kim has worked at Countryside Garden Center in Crystal Lake for 10 years.

This meeting is outdoors at North Park at 10:30. Notification to postpone will be emailed by 8am Thursday for a Friday rain date. Please check your email that morning. Bring a chair, mask, and beverage. Yearbooks will be handed out and we'll continue our drive for the Palatine Food Pantry. Non-perishables, particularly feminine hygiene products, would be much appreciated.

BUZZY LINKS/Hollyhocks (continued)

less flamboyant than their cousins. *Iliamna remota*, commonly known as the Kankakee mallow, is an endangered and protected species. It is endemic to a single tiny location, Langham Island, in Kankakee River State Park. Ironically, modern fire control has limited its habitat.

Some famous mallow cousins are okra, cacao, linden, hibiscus, and Rose of Sharon. Check out my favorite YouTube 2-part hollyhock video:

How to Grow Hollyhock Flowers from Seed and Why You Should Grow Hollyhocks



Kankakee Mallow

If you Google "hollyhock images" and you will see there is a hue and a style of bloom to suit every personality.

Cheers to 80 Years! Times Have Changed

PALATINE ENTERPRISE STAGE COACH MAIL DELIVERY STARTS FRIDAY

(The *Palatine Enterprise* headline, on June 1, 1951.) This, on page 35:

Of Interest to Inverness

Inverness Garden club held a very successful flower show at the Four Silos last Friday afternoon. The show was attended by garden enthusiasts from Inverness, Palatine, Palanais Park and the South Plum Grove section.

Two months later, on August 10, another Club activity was reported.

Mrs. Louis Robertson, chairman of the Inverness Garden club, and Mrs. J. J. McCartney are working with other members of the club in support of the Plant, Fruit and Flower Guild. All garden club members contribute to this project each week. Flowers, bouquets, plants and fruit arrangements are picked up Tuesdays, and through the cooperation of the Chicago North Western railroad, free space is given for these flowers to be transported to Chicago. Space is also given for the flowers to be arranged for transportation in Chicago. There trucks are supplied to take them to shut-ins in the Chicago Commons, Emerson House, Northwestern Settlement House, Children's Memorial hospital, Cook County and Presbyterian hospitals. Among other destinations are Oak Forest Infirmary and the Home for Destitute Crippled Children. Many of those persons who receive the plants or fruits have no opportunity to see any greenery, and it is hard to realize just what these contributions mean to such a person unless one has seen the crowded conditions in which they live or have visited the lonely convalescents in hospitals. Many garden clubs throughout this area are working on this project. If flowers are not available, the members send jellies and jams.



How Does Your Garden Grow?

By Kathy Zweidinger

It is so difficult to believe that our beautiful, warm summer is slowly coming to an end. I hope that we will still have many more beautiful days until the end of September

1. Beth Woldman reminds us to cut down our peonies by Labor Day.

2. This is a great time to plant new trees and shrubs. New roots will have plenty of time to become established before spring.

3. Begin to dig your herbs from your garden and plant them in pots to bring indoors for the winter; such herbs include rosemary, parsley, chives and thyme.

4. Feel free to divide and replant your spring flowering perennials.

5. Lastly, take root cuttings from annuals, such as begonias, geraniums, and impatiens; plant them in a container and keep them in a sunny location indoors. Once spring appears, you will have new plants ready to be planted.

Try to be outside as much as you are able to breathe in the last of our hot sunny days.

Please feel free to email me any tips you may have for October. Always appreciate your knowledge and expertise. Kathy
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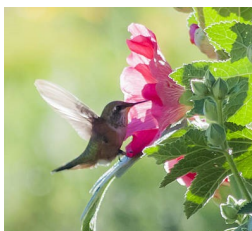
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Reflections/Patty Branham

I joined the Garden Club a year ago after being gently prodded by some well-meaning friends. I had always wanted to join, but it wasn't possible until retirement age. Then I could finally join and I'm so glad I did. I thought I knew a lot about gardening, but surprisingly, I really am learning that I have a lot to learn! The programs have been so enlightening and everyone seems to have good ideas about what grows best. I feel I can ask anyone in the room questions about plants or planting.

My husband, who took the Master Gardener classes years ago from the University of Illinois, has taught me a lot. But I find I pick up most of my gardening education from friends and magazine articles. I clip a lot of articles and keep referring to them when it's time to plant. My husband took the classes, but I was usually the one who planted the annuals. I felt like I knew more than he did. However, he did teach me a thing or two so now we garden together.

I love color and so when it comes to planting my annuals and perennials, I find that I need to have lots of colorful flowers surrounding my house. For two years, my theme has been red, white and blue.



I've used red salvia, blue lobelia and white alyssum for this effect. Next year, it will be something different. We live in an adult community, with little gardening space, but we use what we have to make our home colorful and, I think, happier.

Roses have always been a favorite and I've had them before, but not for several years. I love to spend time at the Botanic Gardens and really, any gardens which feature roses. The fragrance is the best! My grandmother had what she called "American Beauty" roses, a climber, in her backyard and I still remember that scent.

I hope we can continue to share and learn during this pandemic. At least when we're working in the garden, things seem normal.

Community Service - Cards of Kindness & Food Pantry

We are excited to begin this project; a fitting commemoration of our 80th Anniversary and eight decades of service. We no longer send baskets of produce and flowers from our gardens to group homes in the city (see Page 1.) But we are collecting each month for the Palatine Food Pantry and will be mailing bouquets of colorful greetings to our friends at the St. Joseph's Home. We have not yet reached our goal of 51 Garden Club members to participate in sending cards to the Home. 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. Please read the GCI email of September 9 and get back to us, if you haven't already done so.

Zucchini Potato Casserole

from Patty Branham

2 T. butter
2 med sweet onions, chopped. (I use only one)
Cooking spray such as PAM
1 medium Yukon Gold potato, sliced
1 medium zucchini, sliced
4 plum tomatoes, sliced
1 ½ t. Kosher salt
¼ t. ground pepper
2 T. butter, melted (I used olive oil instead)
1/3 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese

Preheat oven to 375. Melt 2 T. butter in skillet over medium heat; add onions, and sauté 10-12 minutes or until tender and onions begin to caramelize.

Spoon onions into a 10-inch quiche dish coated with spray. Toss together potatoes, zucchini, tomatoes, salt and pepper. Arrange potatoes, zucchini and tomato slices in a single layer over onions, alternating and overlapping slightly. Drizzle with melted butter or oil. Cover with aluminum foil.

Bake at 375 for 30 minutes. Remove foil and sprinkle with Parmesan cheese. Bake 35 minutes more or until golden brown. Let stand 10 minutes before serving.

Makes 6-8 servings.

