



*Lincolnshire Garden  
Club*

Growing Together Since 1958

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Gardeners,

I don't think the old saying "March comes in like a lion and out like a lamb" works anymore! March was a lamb the beginning of this week and is now a lion with roaring winds. But none of us were fooled by that unseasonably warm weather and did more than admire the snowdrops in the yards (don't have any? Jan will be selling some at our March meeting).

The February program on lavender was wonderful—sight, smell and taste! Has anyone made the lavender brownies yet? The recipe is enclosed in case you missed it.

Our club members have been busy attending GCI events, working on subcommittees for LGC (Allocations and Nominations) and spreading the word about our annual plant sale and Garden walk—6 yards this year.

For more information—read on—and see the great work that you all do! ----*Ann*

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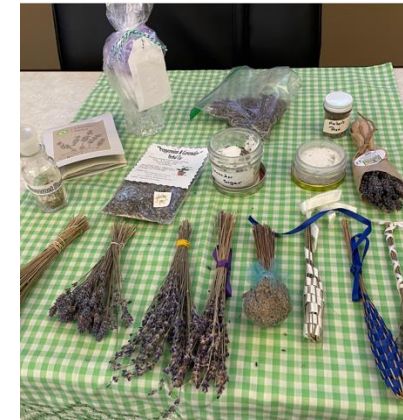
# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- March 19—LGC General Meeting 9:30 Lincolnshire Riverwood FPD site—details in newsletter
  - March 22 last day for the Orchid Show at [Chicago Botanic Garden](#)
  - Now through May 10—Jewels of Spring at the [Lincoln Park Conservatory](#)
  - April 11—Illinois Extension Service [Garden Fest](#) at McHenry County College
  - April 13—LGC Board meeting 9:15 am Lincolnshire Village Hall
  - April 16-- LGC General Meeting 9:30 Lincolnshire Riverwood FPD site
  - April 19-20—[Annual GCI Convention](#) in Glen Ellyn
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# RECAP OF FEBRUARY

- Marcy was a delight as she shared her journey of herbs and lavender with us. I'm sure many of us were inspired to try (again?!) some lovely lavender in our gardens.
- Her brownies were wonderful and a nice bath with lavender salts would be perfect after a hard day gardening.



## Lavender Infused Brownies

- 1 1/3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1/2 tsp sea salt
- 1 cup grass fed unsalted butter
- 3 tsp lavender flowers (dried)
- 1 cup cocoa powder
- 2 cups herbal or regular sugar (lavender sugar is amazing in this!)
- 4 eggs
- 1 1/2 tsp vanilla

### Directions

Pre-heat oven to 350 F. Either line bottom and sides of 8x8 baking pan with parchment paper or use small muffin tins with coconut oil or a little butter. Combine the flour, baking powder, and sea salt in a small bowl and set aside. Melt the butter in a small pot over very low heat. When melted, add the lavender flowers. Stir gently to cover all flowers. On very low heat, allow the flowers to steep, allowing their flavor into the butter. After about 8 minutes, remove the pot from the heat. Strain the mixture into a medium sized bowl, removing the lavender. Stir in the cocoa. Blend in the sugar, eggs, and the dry ingredients (and nuts if you decide to use.) Blend all together and spoon into the 8x8 pan) Bake in the oven for 20 minutes for the small bites (or 30-35 for larger bites) allowing to completely cool before removing from the small muffin tins. I put mine in the freezer until cooled to room temperature to ensure that they came out easily.

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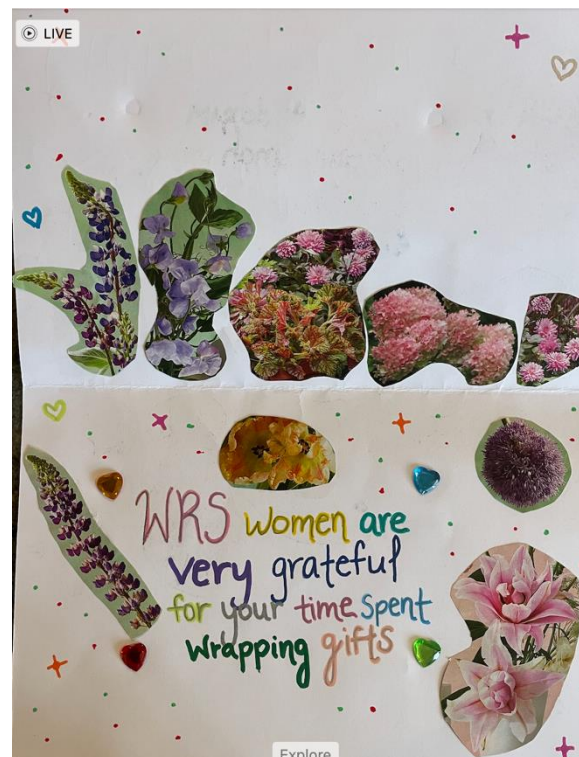
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# LGC HELPING OUR COMMUNITY

Thanks to all who donated food and money for the  
Vernon Township Food Pantry.



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And we got a nice note from WRS about the December gift wrapping

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# POLLINATORS CORNER



[Photo by Bryan E. Reynolds](#)

- A recent article in *The Journal of Animal Ecology* looked at the impact of climate change on monarch and their migration.. They found that milkweeds are blooming longer and the monarchs are staying longer. It is unclear the implications of the delayed start to migration.. You [can access the article here and learn more!](#)



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# LEARN FROM OTHERS

- Member Judy Jenner brought the list of birding podcasts to the meetings. [Here is another list of 25 bird pod casts!](#)
- The Illinois Extension service has expert tips on [Good Gardening podcasts.](#)
- Want to prune? Check out the CBG tips on [March pruning--before it is too late!](#)
- Want to get out and work? Check out the [Lake County Forest Preserve workdays!](#)—Yes they are working all winter!

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# WRAP UP!

- It's a real joy to see what an active, caring and interesting group of people we have in the Lincolnshire Garden Club.
  - A special thanks to those club members who volunteered to be on the Allocations and Nominations Committees. Your input is so important.
  - The club thrives because of all of you! Please reach out to me, or any of our Board members with any ideas or concerns you have.
  - 2026 is off to a great start and there is more to come! ~ ~ *Ann*
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