

The Flower Press-December 2022



Message from The President



I am starting to prepare for the Holidays, which is a wonderful distraction from the cold weather outside. I hope that everyone will have time to spend with family and friends during the holidays.

Thank you, Jana Wagner and Linnea Lahlum, VP Ways and Means, for all your efforts in the Fundraisers. The Spearhead Spade is an ongoing fundraiser. This is a great spade for splitting plants and cutting through clay and in an assortment of colors. Currently we are discussing a Plant Sale in Spring 2023 with flats of annuals, perennials, and natives. We will have a New Garden Walk Fundraiser in July, if you, a friend, nearby family, or neighbor have a beautiful garden contact Jana Wagner. She is looking for participants in this new fundraiser. We are planning different Fundraisers to engage our members in participating and trying new formats to make it more fun and include more members. I especially like the trip to Rome, Italy, and the Amalfi Coast next September. What an exciting destination and our club benefits from travel. Tell your friends about our Fundraisers so they can help support our future LGC projects and the Allocation Grants. Thank you for all your participation.

Share our website with family and friends, let them know that there is a lot of great information on our website.

Look at the NEWSLETTER, MEMBERSHIP, FUNDRAISING and EVENTS, tabs for more information. Let's stay connected.
www.LincolnshireGardenClub.com

Helen Wilson, VP Programs, everyone that participated enjoyed the November Workshop "Forcing Bulbs." I can't wait to bring the bulbs into the house and watch them grow and enjoy the wonderful fragrance and think of spring. I'm looking forward to the December Luncheon at the Exmoor Country Club.

Barb Gilman, Historian; Thank you for researching and reconnecting members to our past. It's interesting to see the projects that we have supported in the past and present.

Thank you, Jan Edelson, Social Media, for keeping us connected on Facebook. You do a great job capturing our meetings and field trips. I love the video on the Dragonfly from the October Meeting. Members, please like LGC on Facebook so your friends can find us and follow us.

Regards,
Kathleen Abdo

Holiday Luncheon

Thursday, December 15, 2022
12:00 noon



On Thursday, December 15, 2022 we will gather to celebrate the holidays at Exmoor Country Club. For additional details please turn to page 3.

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Kim Hartmann's Bulb Forcing Instructions

At our LGC meeting on Thursday, November 17, Kim walked us through the process of getting our bulbs ready for forcing. The following is a recap of the instructions she shared that day.

Forcing Bulbs

Select the largest bulbs you can find and examine each for quality prior to buying. Choose bulbs that are firm; those with soft areas are likely to rot. Consider forcing multiple types in the same pot at different depths for extended bloom times.

Chill bulbs in a cool, dry, dark space at about 40-45 degrees. They can be refrigerated before planting if there is not fruit (which releases ethylene) in the same refrigerator. They can be planted first, then chilled. Plant bulbs twice as deep as the diameter of the bulb root side down and pointed side up. Plant bulbs 1-2" apart (not touching). Water lightly so the soil is moist, but not soggy. Use soilless potting mix for best drainage. If potted water lightly every two weeks. Bulbs will rot if soil is kept too wet or watered too often.

If growing bulbs in a vase, add water to $\frac{1}{4}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ " below the bulb. The bottom of the bulb should not touch the water. The roots will reach into the water. Add water as needed to the same level.

For Amaryllis and Paper Whites that require no chilling time, plant bulbs so the top half of the bulb is above the soil line. Water thoroughly once a week and place in a sunny window. Let the soil dry out between waterings to avoid rot. Once Amaryllis is done blooming, leaves will appear. Let those leaves grow and continue to feed the bulb. Remove the flower stalk. Move potted Amaryllis bulbs outdoors in May and bring them in by October 1 to encourage rebloom the next season.

Once blooms are done, allow foliage to continue to feed the bulb. Do not cut back foliage until it has yellowed. Remove bulbs from container, remove any soil or remaining dry leaves, and store till fall. Wrap bulbs in newspaper, place in a paper bag and store in a cool, dry, dark space. Plant bulbs in the garden in October or November.

Bulb Type and Required Chilling Time/Weeks Until First Bloom

Bulb Type	Chilling Time(weeks)	Time Until First Bloom (weeks)
Amaryllis (<i>Hippeastrum</i> spp.)	None	5-8
Bulbous iris (<i>Iris reticulata</i>)	15	2-3
Checkered lily (<i>Fritillaria meleagris</i>)	13-15	3-4
Daffodil (<i>Narcissus</i> spp.)	12-15	2-3
Dutch crocus	8-14	2-3
Dutch hyacinth (<i>Hy acanthus orientalis</i>)	10-13	2-3
Grape hyacinth (<i>Muscari ameniicum</i>)	8-15	2-3
Paper white narcissus (<i>Narcissus tazetta</i>)	None	5-6
Siberian squill (<i>Scilla siberica</i>)	15	2-3
Snowdrop (<i>Galanthus nivalis</i>)	15	2-3
Tulip	10-16	2-3

Holiday Luncheon

Thursday, December 15, 2022
12:00 noon



~Menu~

Festive Fall Salad

Baby Red Oak, Pomegranate, Shaved Manchego, Dried Cranberries, Caramelized Honey Vinaigrette

Ancho-Honey Glazed Canadian Salmon

Grilled Asparagus, Roast Heirloom Baby Carrots, Arroz Verde

Provence Roasted Chicken Breast

with Fresh Herbs, Grilled Vegetables, Kabocha Squash, Pomme Puree, Jus

Chocolate Bombe

with Fresh Strawberries and Raspberries

We hope you can take a break from the bustle of the holiday season to enjoy a lunch with your Lincolnshire Garden Club friends.

Members may reserve with Nancy Slatin by indicating their entrée choice to nancy@slatinassociates.com before December 8, 2022.

Luncheon Cost: \$45 all inclusive

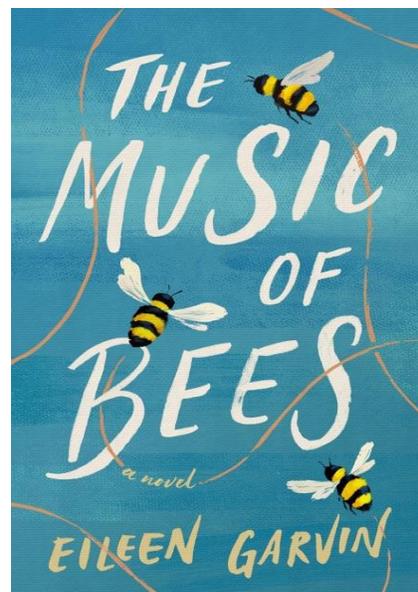
Save the Date

General Meeting: Thursday, January 19, 2023
9:30 am

“Illinois Native Pollinators”
with Susan Williamson

Lincolnshire-Riverwoods Fire Station

Book Review



This book was highly recommended by LGC Member, Laura Chilis.

A moving tale of friendship with a fascinating primer on the life of bees...

If you are looking for a great read that includes a wonderful tribute to pollinators try reading Eileen Garvin's book, *The Music of the Bees*.

This book is a delightful tale to lighten the heart. The author has woven a human story of perseverance, friendship, second chances, and healing with a “love letter” to one of our best pollinators! It combines a quirky cast of characters with an informative excursion into the life of bees.

As New York Times best-selling author, Laurie Frankel, describes this book ...” Garvin’s beautiful descriptions throughout this lovely novel immerse the reader in the seasons, the weather, the trees and the flowers, the river and the land, and the rhythms of small-town life, but it’s the bees, with all their wonder, intricacy, and intrigue, that make this story sing.”

Available at Barnes and Noble, Amazon, or your public library!

If you have a garden themed book you'd like to recommend, please send your writeup to nancy@slatinassociates.com by the 20th of the month.

Our Past Growing Seasons – the 60's

The **VERNON TOWN CRIER**

Thursday, May 10, 1962



LINCOLNSHIRE GARDEN CLUB president, Mrs. Robert Andrus, and Mrs. Thomas Schuetz, Flower Show Chairman, recently met among the spring blossoms to complete plans for their show, "Love In Bloom," to be held at the Jewett Park

Field House in Deerfield on June 1 and 2. On Friday, the first of June, the hours will be from 2 to 8:30 p.m., and on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 in the afternoon.

(Photo by William Palmer)

LINCOLNSHIRE NEWS

GARDEN CLUB MAKES PLANS

The Lincolnshire Garden Club is getting ready for its Annual Plant Sale, May 18, 19 and 20 at Ella Miller's driveway. The plants are always in excellent condition, the variety great, and the prices reasonable. Plan to be there early, as it's always a sell-out!

An ambitious project, a standard flower show, is planned by the Club for Friday and Saturday, June 1 and 2, at the Jewett Park Field in Deerfield.

To be called "Love in Bloom," the show will feature artistic entries, horticultural entries, conservation exhibits. Invitations have been sent to neighboring

Garden Clubs, and individuals considering entering in a special class, or perhaps a perfect blossom, may contact Mrs. Thomas Schuetz, WI 5-3134, chairman of the show.

Our Past Growing Seasons – the 60's



In 1963, as part of the Lincolnshire Blue Star Memorial at Spring Lake Park improvement project, the Club designed, planned, and donated a Spring Lake Garden.

It took almost two years to complete. Garden Club members were delighted with the news coverage which the part project generated. The local newspapers lauded the "Cinderella-like change in the park due to the commendable efforts of the LGC."

In 1967, Club members decorated small fresh trees which were taken to the Great Lakes Naval Hospital. These two photos were taken during the decorating.

This project began in 1961 and was done for ten years.

Photos submitted by Barb Gilman
Club Historian



Letter from The Editor

Dear Fellow LGC Member,

I hope your schedule will allow you to join us as we wrap up 2022 at our Holiday Luncheon at Exmoor Country Club, 700 Vine Avenue, in Highland Park on Thursday, December 15, 2022 at 12 noon.

We will enjoy a beverage on arrival and will be seated for lunch at 12:30 pm. If you wish to attend but have not let me know, please email me at nancy@slatinassociates.com with your entrée choice prior to December 8th. I will be sending out a reminder on the 7th as our final count is due the next day.

Holiday Housewalk

We are partnering with The Riverside Foundation Women's Board, helping them spread the word about their Holiday House Walk on December 8 @ 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm. Bring a group of friends to kick off the Holiday Season! All proceeds to benefit the programs and residents of the Riverside Foundation. For more information or to purchase tickets go to:

<https://riverside1208.ticket.qtego.net/tickets/list>

Tracking Trees & Food Pantry Donations

LGC Members planted seven trees, locally, since April 2022. Garden Clubs of Illinois is asking that we keep track of the trees we plant in our yards, local or elsewhere. LGC could win an award for the most trees planted in Illinois. GCI will enter the number of all the trees planted in Illinois to the National Garden Clubs for a State award. Send the number of trees planted to Kathleen Abdo.

Additionally, keep track of the weight of the food and canned goods that you donate to Food Pantries. GCI is offering an award for the Garden Club that donates the most food so thank you for your generosity. Send the weight to Kathleen Abdo.

LGC received an email from Master Manchester, UK, a group promoting Manchester. They suggest that we put these gardens on our list of places to visit in the UK. I am not sure if they realized that we are not Lincolnshire, UK, which is about 2hours, 40minutes from Manchester, UK, but it is a great list. Here is a link with the gardens to dream about. <https://www.mastermanchester.co.uk/best-virtual-gardens-uk/>

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2022-23

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OUR MISSION

The mission of the Lincolnshire Garden Club is to provide financial support to promote community beautification, nature restoration, environmental responsibility and to further the education of members and the public in the fields of ecology and conservation, home gardening, horticulture, landscape, and floral design.

