The Flower Press-June 2022





# Message from The President

As the weather warms, I am treated to the numerous migrating birds in my backyard. Orioles, hummingbirds, various warblers, indigo buntings, and rose-breasted grosbeaks to name a few.

This year, to my delight, a pair of pileated woodpeckers landed on some decaying wood logs seeking food. My husband feels we should not have logs laying around, but I keep telling him, it's for the birds and there they were! Planting native plants to attract birds, butterflies and bees has certainly paid off in my garden. I encourage you to do the same.

June marks my last month as President of the Lincolnshire Garden Club. For the past three years it has been my pleasure coordinating committees, activities, and getting to know all the club members. Many thanks for your support!

Mary

## Community Outreach

#### Doing our part for Pollinators

The LGC participated in the Vernon Area Library's first ever Spring Fest on May 1. Mary Ainger and Marj Lundy, Chair of the Pollinator Committee represented the Club and the Pollinator Committee in this event designed to reach out to the community to promote gardening and outdoor activities.



They gave out lots of information about bees, butterflies, and gardening with native plants. It was especially fun to watch the little kids dancing to the music of a great guitarist and stuffing themselves with free cupcakes. Now it is on to local Farmers Markets where we will continue to talk about the Club and gardening for Pollinators.

## **Mosquito Deterrent Planter**

Using a large container (28" recommended diameter), fill it with potting soil and the following plants: Citronella geranium, Marigold 'Lemon Gem', Lemon grass, Catnip, Ageratum 'Artist Purple' and Lemon thyme. Their strong lemony smell will deter mosquitos and flies from your patio or deck. If you are working with a smaller planter, feel free to use any combination of these plants to help deter mosquitos.



# Plant Sale 2022

It is that time of year again! The LGC Plant Sale Committee, led by Ways & Means Chairs Jan Stefans and Linnea Lahlum are planning a tremendous event on Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 1 pm.

The sale is at the Ascension of Our Lord Greek Orthodox Church located at 1207 Riverwoods Road in Lincolnshire. The church is north of Half Day Road and South of Everett Road on the east side of the street.

The event features plants from members' gardens, native seedlings, tomato seedlings, garden art and a bake sale.

Plant sales provide an excellent opportunity to affordably build a garden of perennials.

Please encourage friends and family to attend as this is our major fundraiser. The proceeds of the LGC Plant Sale fund the grants the Allocations Committee provides to organizations that meet 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, and landscape and floral design.

## Community Outreach

#### Riverside Foundation Gala Floral Arranging



On Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, members joined forces with the Woman's Board of the Riverside Foundation to decorate for their Annual Fundraising Gala at the Marriott Lincolnshire.

It was fun to create floral arrangements and meet volunteers from the Women's Board of the Riverside Foundation.

#### Garden Therapy

Garden Therapy Chairs Kathleen Abdo and Meg Zimmermann want to offer a huge thank you to the members that planted annuals and vegetables at the Riverside Foundation on Monday, 16 May 2022.

They appreciated the time you invested to make this planting a success. As the clients were at work, we were not able to plant with them this year, but we hope to be able to include them in the future.



#### **Riverside Foundation Weeding**



On Monday morning, May 23rd, Mary Ainger, Dawn Fleischman, Trish Hughes, Diane Kennedy, Nancy Romanchek, Kay Siess, and Jana Wagner volunteered to weed the planting beds at the Riverside Foundation with Kathleen Abdo and Meg Zimmermann.

Mark Ingram the Director of the Riverside Foundation joined the group attacking and weeding garlic mustard and more. Afterwards the members enjoyed a light lunch and conversation at Kathleen's house, hosted by Meg and Kathleen.

The Riverside Foundation will be installing mulch in the gardens so everything will look fabulous for the garden walk. Thank you, ladies, for all your hard work the gardens are looking beautiful. We appreciate all your help.

Kathleen Abdo and Meg Zimmermann

#### Lincolnshire Fourth of July Parade

We will be participating in the 4th of July Parade! Judy Jenner as volunteered to coordinate our parade participation and Nancy Slatin has volunteered her family's hand built antique truck. We will have our Lincolnshire Garden Club aprons available for you to wear while passing out seed packets of a variety of flowers. Alternatively, you may purchase a butterfly cape at Amazon by clicking the link below.



https://www.amazon.com/Shireake-Baby-Christmas-Butterfly-

<u>Accessory/dp/B07BJWGHMM/ref=asc\_df\_B07BJWGHMM/?tag=hyprod-</u> 20&linkCode=df0&hvadid=312065506057&hvpos=&hvnetw=g&hvrand=13633321413105169374&hvpone=&hvptwo=&hv qmt=&hvdev=c&hvdvcmdl=&hvlocint=&hvlocphy=9021483&hvtargid=pla-573888358212&th=1&psc=1

More information including time and where to line up for the parade will following in an email from Judy Jenner. Please contact Judy at <u>ABBL1000@aol.com</u> to let her know you would like to join the garden club in the parade.



# Garden Walk & Luncheon 2022

Mark your calendars for our Garden Walk & Luncheon on Thursday, June 16, 2022.

This year's event features five gardens. We are touring two member gardens, two non-member gardens and a community garden.

You may view the gardens from 10am until 12pm. To designate the home gardens, look for balloons tied to their mailboxes.

**Linnea Lahlum -** 1262 Sandhurst Drive, Buffalo Grove

**Diane Denning** -21 Fox Trail, Lincolnshire

Jana Wagner -28 Fox Trail, Lincolnshire

Anne Reichel – 42 Fox Trail, Lincolnshire

**Riverside Foundation** - 14588 IL-22, Lincolnshire

A luncheon will follow the tours at the home of **Jeanne Top** - 14532 River Oaks Drive, Lincolnshire, and you may tour her garden.

Friends, family, or neighbors may accompany you on the garden tour, but the luncheon is for members' only.

So that the Hostess Committee may plan for lunch quantities, RSVP by Wednesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>.

Please Carpool



#### Ecology- Kathleen Abdo

For Lincolnshire residents, in the transition to LRS, there are additional benefits with their Organic Waste service.

When one starts the summer Organic Waste service, LRS will deliver a 32-gallon cart, one can also use their own carts or Yard Waste Bags.

In the cart with the plant matter one can dispose

of kitchen waste items and other compostable items such as cheese pizza boxes, chicken bones and more. This additional service keeps these items out of the landfill, at least during the Organic Waste service season.

#### Hydrangea Selection, Planting & Care

If you have visited a big box store or nursery recently you have seen the beautiful large panicle hydrangeas on display.

The following is an excerpt from an article by gardening expert and author, Melinda Myers.

'Melinda's Gardening How to Hydrangeas: Selection, Planting & Care'

Whether it is color, easy-care or year-round interest that your garden needs – hydrangeas are the answer. Mix them with perennials to extend the color, increase texture and add year-round interest to the garden. Here are a few tips to consider.

#### Panicle Hydrangea

Hydrangea paniculate

- Screen, hedge, specimen, mixed border
- Dwarf varieties 3 to 6' tall & wide; Large varieties up to 10' tall
- Performs best in full sun but will tolerate partial shade
- Moist, well-drained soil preferred
- Soil pH(acidity) does not influence flower color.
- Blooms on new growth prune during dormant season

<u>Pruning Tips:</u> Minimal pruning is needed. Thin plants to primary shoots to encourage large flowers.

Pruning to ground level will result in weak floppy growth.

Prune in late winter after the worst of winter has passed or early spring before growth begins.



# Message from the Editor

The Lincolnshire Garden Club is a community service club that improves the quality of life for the citizens of Lake County. My hope for The Flower Press is to foster greater communication to keep you informed and engaged in our activities. In these pages I will be sharing the news and happenings from our monthly Board of Directors meetings, member news, educational opportunities, social activities, and community outreach initiatives.

**Mail Order Gardening** - One of the most interesting programs in the past year was 'Mail Order Gardening' with Richard Hawke, Plant Evaluation Manager at the Chicago Botanic Garden. In his March 11, 2021, presentation, which is available online, he shared fortyseven of his favorite new perennials and provided a list of mail order nurseries. He inspired me to get unique plants for my gardens: crocosmia, green twist coneflower and mixed coral bells. I am looking forward to seeing them bloom later this summer. Here is a peek at what is to come...



**4**<sup>th</sup> of July Parade – If you are in town on July 4<sup>th</sup>, why not join the LGC in the Lincolnshire Parade? We had an excellent time in 2019, not because we won best float, but because it raised awareness of our club in the community. I will be driving my late

father-in-law's antique truck for the LGC float. Here is a photo of William Slatinsky, the builder of the truck. Please contact Judy Jenner if you will be marching with us.



#### Upcoming Plant Sales and Garden Walks –

In the Spring/Summer issue of Garden*Glories* there are several garden walks and plant sales in June and July. Why not arrange a group of LGC friends to visit a walk or sale in another town? A sampling of events is included on the final page of The Flower Press.

Enjoy your summer!

Nancy



## Garden Clubs of Illinois

On May 13<sup>th</sup>, we became members of The Garden Clubs of Illinois (GCI). The GCI has over two thousand members throughout ten districts in Illinois. We are in region #9 which has forty-nine clubs in Northern Illinois. As a local organization, GCI is a member of The National Garden Club.

Our membership in GCI provides LGC members with three issues of Garden*Glories* magazine. This magazine details the many projects the garden clubs throughout the state are doing. There are invitations to attend events and to register for virtual events. Peruse the 'Art in Bloom Garden Tours' and itineraries.

As a member of GCI, we have access to The National Gardener, their monthly magazine. You may also subscribe to the NGC blog. We will be applying for GCI annual grants for our Garden Therapy program and Blue Star Memorial Marker (pictured below), to enhance our garden in Spring Lake Park.



I encourage you to sign into their members' only website to learn more. The website is gardenclubsofillinois.org.

To sign into the members' only section use the password GardenFlag. Once in the site, you have access to The National Gardener magazine.

As the liaison to the Garden Clubs of Illinois for LGC, I will be sharing news and information with you in the coming months.

## LGC Board of Directors

### **Executive Officers**

President: VP Ways & Means:

VP Programs: VP Allocations: Recording Secretary:

Corresponding Secretary Treasurer Mary Ainger Linnea Lahlum Jan Stefans Nancy Slatin Trish Hughes Kathleen Abdo-Board Laura Chilis -General Joan Keyes Helen Wilson

### Standing Committees

Depke: Ann Maine (head), Jan Stefans, Kathy Boss Environmental Awareness: Ann Maine Field Trips: Kay Siess Garden Therapy: Kathleen Abdo, Meg Zimmermann Historian: Barb Gilman Hospitality: Jan Stefans Membership: Lori Hartnett, Jan Shapiro Parliamentarian: Kay Siess Plant Education: Kathleen Abdo Pollinator: Marj Lundy Social Media: Jan Edelson Web Site: Mary Ainger Weed and Wine: Mary Ainger Women's Residential Services: Judy Jenner Yearbook: Meg Zimmermann

## Social Media

Website: lincolnshiregardenclub.com Facebook: Lincolnshire Garden Club

#### Plant Quiz?

Can you identify this ornamental tree by its flower?





Profits for Scholarships for Girls