



The Spade & The Hoe

Issue 1 Volume 7

July 2003

July Meeting

The Garden Walk will take place instead of a meeting in July. The Walk will be on Sunday, July 13th, from 1 o'clock to 4 o'clock in the afternoon. We will all gather at Laura Brand's garden first. She lives at 519 Lotus Lane, which is near Central and Greenwood (see map attached). Esther will be the hostess. At 2 o'clock we will go to see the garden of Holly Jansen. She lives at 2238 Central, east of Laura. Marina Wynn will be the hostess there. The last garden will be at Dee Kalchin's house. She lives at 7213 W. Wilson Terrace in Morton Grove. It is just south of Golf Road, near Shermer Road. Jane Prentis will be the hostess there.



The Street Sale

Many thanks to Karen Malatesta of *A Little Something* gift shop for her gracious loan of the awning. We knew from last year that the awning did a marvelous job in keeping the hot sun off us, but this year we discovered that the awning is not waterproof! Didn't make any difference to plants, but we had to scramble to cover the books. Oh, well. Such is life! Thanks also go to the following workers at the booth: Jane, Joan, Holly, Laura, Marina, Charles, Judy, Diane, Dee, John, Anne, and Dan! That old adage, 'Many hands make for light work', really is true. Many, many thanks, everyone. And, of course, many thanks to everyone who potted up their special plants to sell. We couldn't have done it without you.

'I know a bank whereon the wild
thyme blows,
Where oxlips and the nodding violet
grows
Quite over-canopied with luscious
woodbine,
With sweet musk-roses, and with
eglantine.'

-William Shakespeare

Through the Garden Gate

Well, the jury is in: my neighbor beat me in the First Tomato race. However, I won in the First Zucchini race, so I don't feel so badly. Snow peas are coming in so fast that I am picking them every day. Beans are coming along great as are the potato plants. They are so bushy! My tomato plants are doing very nicely and I can't complain about them. In fact, the garden is doing so great this year! I must have 50 poppies blooming all over the beds. Pink ones. They look so pretty next to the Bonica and Sonia roses and the feverfew. Companion plants they're called. All pink and white. I still mourn the loss of the mock orange shrub, and especially the Proud Land rose, and my sweet corydalis lutea... I can't find that anywhere in the garden centers. I can't wait to see Laura's, Holly's and Dee's gardens! We all need a new outlook, a different view, that these gardens afford us.

Make your own rose pot pourri. Mix 8 cups dried, fragrant rose petals with 1 tbsp. ground cloves, 2 tbsp. each allspice, orris, and cinnamon and a few drops of rose oil. Store in a sealed container for 6 weeks before arranging in open bowls.



The most beautiful salad you can imagine, and the most delicious, is this. Marigolds, nasturtiums and borage flowers mixed with a few salad leaves and a little fresh mint and dill taste superb for a summer lunch table.

WARNING: never use plants for culinary purposes unless you know exactly what they are and that they are safely edible.

For fragrant flowers in your garden, choose roses, dianthus, honeysuckle, wallflowers, buddleia, freesias, gardenia, sweet peas, lilac, and viburnum. Make sure you choose a variety that has a good scent.

In July, remember to:
mow your lawn at 2 1/2 - 3 inches in hot weather & leave the clippings on the ground as they are a readily available source of nitrogen fertilizer;
keep after those weeds (they grow 'like weeds' in hot weather);
fertilize roses for the last time at the end of July;
monitor roses for black spot, remove infected leaves and apply a fungicide to the plant;
pick off or knock off Japanese beetles into a coffee can of ammonia, bleach or kerosene (they cease feeding by mid-August & drop down into the soil to begin again next year);
side-dress vegetables with fertilizer - tomatoes especially are heavy feeders;
water pots daily & feed weekly with a diluted fertilizer;
in hot weather, first water newly planted shrubs & trees, then perennials, lastly water annuals and grass, as these are 'programmed' for drought conditions.

- CBG excerpts



Last Month's Street Sale

The street sale was a wonderful success. We had so many workers at our booth, and so much merchandise (plants naturally, garden books, garden-related doodads and small items) that customers had a hard time scanning it all!

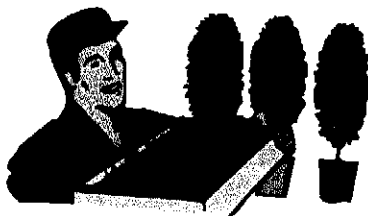
The raffle winners were announced over the loudspeakers: First place quilt to Maureen O'Connor of Rolling Pass St., Glenview; Second place stained glass window to Amina Ladhain of Leamington St, Glenview; and Third Place book to Karin Old of Fox Ln., Gurnee. Karin is a friend of Anne Bowker who will deliver the book. The other prizes were delivered on Sunday morning after church. Congratulations to all our winners!

And a special thank you to our members who came through with some pretty fantastic plants! Ferns, trumpet vine, Chinese lanterns, herbs! You are one bunch of really great gardeners!

Our treasurer will provide us with a written report at the next meeting! Thanks again!!!

On the Road with Nancy Spears...

We have had yet another springtime this year. Canada is about two weeks behind Glenview with their blooming flowers. Iris and lilac and potentilla are big right now. At Banff, there are many gardens and plantings featuring Icelandic poppies and delphiniums as well as many annuals and hanging baskets. It makes for a riot of color which is lovely to see. Along the roadsides, orange-red Indian paintbrush, pussytoes (both white and pink), common blue harebell, mountain fleabane, white yarrow, and purple vetch make for a colorful journey. Saw a bear eating cow parsnip and learned new plants such as hedsarum (pea family), false huckleberry and blue stickseed. Saw a bracted honeysuckle, yellow groundsel, and pink prairie smoke. When we visited the Columbia glacier, we found moss campion in lovely hot pink mounds blooming away.



The provincial flower of Alberta is the prickly rose which grows wild everywhere. On July 1st we celebrate Canada Day (a national holiday) and then on to the Calgary Stampede.

Garden Helpers

Bees, butterflies and birds are some of nature's helpers - the more you have around the garden, the fewer the 'bad' insects. By gardening organically, without chemicals, and planting herbs and flowers that attract them, you will benefit not only your own garden but the community around you. Bees are the only insect that provide us with food. They don't care what kind of neighborhood they are in as long as nectar and pollen are available. Once a worker bee finds a patch of flowers, it does a dance to tell its fellow bees where the feast is. Bees will travel several miles looking for nectar. They are attracted by color more than by scent. They respond to more vibrant colors such as yellow, blue, blue-green, mauve, purple and red (containing ultraviolet). Planting flowers in drifts attracts them because they can 'load up' as much as they can carry back to their hives. They really love fruit tree blossoms, thyme, marjoram, sages, lavender, catnip, savory, alyssum, basil, bee balm, mints, chamomile, foxglove, garlic chives, lemon balm, rosemary, veronica, monarda & poppies.

Butterflies fly during the day and moths fly at night. Both are attracted to flowers by scent, such as, jasmine, lilacs, narcissus, wallflowers, and honeysuckle. Be sure to place a garden bench where you can sit and watch them as you rest, read and meditate. Do not put wormwood in the garden as they do not like its strong aroma. Certain butterflies prefer particular flowers. Red Admirals need nettles to breed in, Monarchs need milkweed plants (Asclepias), Swallowtails like parsley, fennel, dill and anise, Fritillaries love violets, Painted Ladies like the thistle-type plants, and Coppers feed on dock and sorrel. Have a shallow dish in the garden for them so they can drink. As they are sensitive to chemicals, they will not visit a garden where chemicals have been sprayed on plants.

Toads are bug-eating machines and one of the few predators that will eat slugs.

Questions, comments, payment of dues?

Esther Behnke, president & editor 498-4178

eabehnke@earthlink.net

Joan Ruehrmund, treasurer
729-1383 dieterrueh@aol.com

Jane Prentis, circulation

729-3230 jrprentis@msn.com

www.Glenview.NorthStarNet.

org, then click on Community,

then on Glenview Gardeners,

ggardeners@earthlink.net

