



The Spade & The Hoe

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July Garden Walk

The annual garden walk will be held on July 11th, with the first stop at John Martin's from 1:00 - 2:00 P.M. From the corner of East Lake and Greenwood, go south 2 blocks to Crestwood Lane, then east to 3057. Then, from 2:00 - 3:00 P.M., we'll meet at Brigitte Steinforth's garden. From the corner of Harlem and Central, go north one block to Robincrest, then west to 2138 in a cul-de-sac on the north side of the street. Finally, at 3:00 - 4:00 P.M. we meet at Marina and Charles Wynn's garden. From the corner of East Lake and Patriot, go north to Chestnut, then west to Bluestem (a block west of Lehigh), south to Fielding, west to Primrose, south to 1749. This afternoon, assuming the weather will be warm and dry, promises to be a wonderful time to visit others' gardens, to view how others arrange their plants, to ask questions of them about their experiences with certain plants, and to enjoy the company of our garden club members, guests, and potential members. Enjoy!

The June meeting was well attended at Gloria Tralmer's house. There plans were finalized for the street sale and participants exchanged fresh plants from each other's gardens.

A Street Sale Report

The weather, for a change, was very nice on the day of the street sale, or as it is now called, the community festival. Plenty of people were out and sales at our booth were brisk. Last year, people asked for herbs and house plants, of which we didn't have any. This year we did, but few were sold. Only one bird house sold, but Holly graciously will offer them for sale at her craft shows and turn the receipts over to us. Many of the windchimes sold. Most of the baskets sold this year, especially with pots of plants in them. Few of the other accessories sold and we will not be offering them again. A meeting is scheduled between the treasurer, president, and street sale manager to discuss receipts and expenses.

Through the Garden Gate

Do you remember a program last year by the Wisconsin and Illinois Daylily Society? The speaker gave us un-named and un-identified seeds from his hybridizing program. Well, mine are now blooming! One plant is a lovely peach color and the other is just opening but appears to be a darker rose or red. Both are so beautiful. And another surprise: for years I've had the same Dusty Miller plants come up every spring, but this year one is blooming! The tall thin stalk is knee-high and at the very top is a rosette of small yellow flowers. Now maybe I just haven't been around much, but I've never seen a Dusty Miller bloom before. Maybe it's all due to all the rain we've been having?

I have been ruthlessly pulling up plants that have exceeded their beds, discarding those that just won't behave (like a rose that ALWAYS get blackspot no matter what I do) and just trimming other plants. So rewarding!

Did you know...?

If you have a rusty bolt or screw on your lawn furniture, apply a cloth soaked in any carbonated beverage, or a few drops of ammonia, or a little warm baby oil to it. Let it stand for a few minutes, then remove the bolt. Before screwing it back on, wrap thread around it and coat it with Vaseline. Soak a rusted tool, bolt or spigot in undiluted white vinegar overnight. Use cold tea to clean any type of wood.

Put dried tansy flowers in an old nylon stocking & place in a cedar chest or hang in a closet.

Put whole cloves in the pockets of woolen coats or in bags of sweaters when storing for the off season.

- from the Busy Bee Bulletin, Glenview

Senior Center, July/August 2004

Thanks to Gloria Tralmer, we now have a speaker for the September meeting. Wally Schmitke, master gardener at Pesche's Garden Center, writes a weekly column for the Daily Herald called "Ask a Master Gardener".



From **The Top Ten Ways to Give Your Yard a Professional Look**, by Diane Smith of The Perennial Professionals, Inc.

1. Design bed lines - curved, square, rectangle.
2. Consider the 4 levels of any garden: canopy trees, understory trees, shrubs, plants. This is what makes a garden interesting.
3. Full sun = 6+ hours
part shade = 4-6 hours of sun
shade = 2-4 hours of sun
dense shade = 1-2 hours of sun. So plan your garden carefully.
4. Plant in groups of at least 3-5; better yet, 7-9. Shrub groups are 5-7.
5. Plan for mature growth; that little blue spruce will be a giant in a few years.
6. Think of grass as 'area rug', not the whole enchilada.
7. Hardscape of paths, patios, decks give your yard structure.
8. Incorporate focal points and destinations, such as a statue, a fountain, an arbor, to give your garden or yard a focus. A statue at the end of a winding path, for example, or a bench between two tall evergreens will give your eye something on which to focus.

In July, remember to:

- ✓ if it ever stops raining, keep an eye on your potted plants and water frequently;
- ✓ set your lawn mower at 2 1/2-3";
- ✓ leave the grass clippings on the lawn as it's nitrogen fertilizer;
- ✓ spray, spray, spray lilies and other rabbit-desirable plants;
- ✓ fertilize pots with a weak solution every time you water them;
- ✓ fertilize beds including vegetable beds once a month; tomatoes are heavy feeders so fertilize them weekly;
- ✓ keep after those weeds;
- ✓ fertilize roses for the last time at the end of the month;
- ✓ pick off Japanese beetles from roses, mountain ash, hollyhocks, mallows, and a host of other plants and drop them in a coffee can of ammonia, vinegar, or gasoline;
- ✓ water tomatoes, zucchini, and other vegetables as they cannot produce regularly if stressed by drought.

- with help from the Garden Talk magazine,

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What continues to astonish me about a garden is that you can walk past it in a hurry, see something wrong, stop to set it right, and emerge an hour or two later breathless, contented, and wondering what on earth happened.

- Dorothy Gilman

Scare cats out of your yard with coffee grounds and orange peels.

Butterflies:

To attract:	plant:
Monarchs	asclepias & other milkweed family
Buckeye	snapdragon
Fritillaries	pansies, violas
Painted Lady	mallows, daisies and hollyhocks
Pearl Crescent	asters
Black & Tiger	
swallowtails	phlox, butterfly bush
Spicebush	
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Butterflies like:

Joe-pye-week, coneflowers, asters, butterfly weed, mints, zinnias, forget-me-nots, lavender, cosmos, hollyhocks, alyssum, cleomes, phlox, salvias, marigolds, daisies, petunias, liatrus, and, basil.



Rose Facts

The oldest rose fossil was found in Florissant, CO and was 40 million years old.

A Minoan fresco, painted about 1500 B.C., is the earliest known painting of a rose. Strawberries, cherries, raspberries, blackberries, plums, apples, pears, peaches, and apricots all belong to the great rose family.

Florists remove thorns from cut roses, shortening their vase life by 1-3 days.

The rose is the national floral emblem of England, Ireland, and the United States.

There are more than 20,000 varieties of roses.

The rose has appeared on 150 different postage stamps in 42 different countries.

About 40 million rose plants are grown for garden use in the U.S. annually, and another 20 million are grown for the cut-flower industry, in TX, CA, AR, and PA mainly.

- The Gardener's Companion

What's Blooming Table

Were any of you as impressed as I with Bridgette Steinforth's rose 'Peace and Love'? And Gloria had 2 deep red roses in the same vase. Lovely!

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Of all human activities, apart from procreation of children, gardening is the most optimistic and hopeful. The gardener is by definition one who plans for and believes and trusts in the future, whether in the short or the longer term.

- Susan Hill