



# The Spade & The Hoe

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## September Meeting

The September meeting will be a program at the Park Center building at 7:15 p.m. in room 203 on the second floor. Wally Schmitke, is a master gardener at Pesche's Nursery and a weekly columnist for the Daily Herald. His column is called "Ask a Master Gardener". Be sure to bring your questions to this meeting.

**Poisonous Plants Causing Skin Irritation When Touched**  
Cow Parsnip, Dog Fennel, Nettle, Poison Ivy, Poison Sumac, Primrose.

What a man (or woman) needs in gardening is a cast-iron back with a hinge in it.

- C. D. Warner



The August Prairie Walk was a wonderful success, with several visitors to our program. It was very interesting to see all the many different prairie plants that had, at one time, covered so much of our fair state of Illinois.

### Poisonous Plants When Eaten

Aconite (monkshood) leaves and root; Belladonna berries; Bittersweet berries; Castor-oil plant beans; Death Camass root; Delphinium leaves and root; Digitalis leaves; White hellebore rhizome; Hemlock seeds, leaves and root; Henbane leaves; Holly leaves and berries; English ivy berries; Jimson weed all parts; Lily of the Valley berries; Locoweed leaves; Mandrake all parts; Mountain laurel leaves and shoots; Death cup mushroom all parts; Fly agaric mushroom all parts; Oleander leaves; Pokeweed seeds and roots; Rhubarb leaves; Sheep laurel leaves and Water hemlock root. So if you have small children or pets, take precautions as some of these berries are so tempting to eat.

- Webster's New World Dictionary

## Through the Garden Gate

Angel's Trumpets are blooming so gloriously! The ones that seeded themselves in my beds are so much larger than those in the pots. Also the lobelia are in full flower and so stunning. Some of us went to Trudy Temple's garden walk and were simply floored at the beauty of her garden. But after I did a lot of renovating of my flower beds, I like my garden very much. Still one cannot go somewhere like Trudy's garden and not come home with loads of ideas for beds, pots, water gardens and vegetable gardens. Speaking of which, I am having a very good crop of green beans, Italian broad beans, tomatoes, basil, chives, and cucumbers. Even though I have not planted cucumbers, there are many growing through my fence from my neighbor's bed. We had long ago agreed that what grows on the other side of the fence belongs to the other neighbor. My flowers creep over, and his cucumbers creep over to me. Fair exchange.

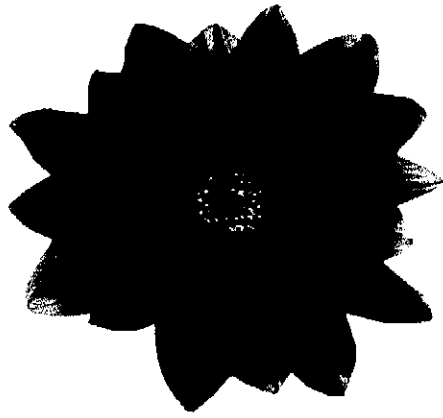
## Suggestions from Your Officers:

The following suggestions will be open for discussion and voting at the September meeting.

Please study them carefully and feel free to bring other suggestions to the September meeting.

1. no street sale next year
2. charge a fee (\$5) for visitors to view our garden walk. Tickets would be stamped at the first garden and used for admission to the other two.
3. each garden would be open all afternoon so people could go to them in any order. The garden owners will remain with their gardens throughout the afternoon. This is done by every other garden club.
4. have a few potted plants for sale at each garden. This is also done by other garden clubs.

These suggestions will minimize the amount of work that falls on a few members (read: street sale) while maximizing the club's exposure. The ball is now in your court. How will you run with it?



If you would be happy all your life, plant a garden. More grows in the garden than was sown there.

- English proverb

## Survey, Survey

We are conducting an informal survey of members regarding our meeting place. Some members want to go back to holding the monthly meetings in members' homes (free), while some want to keep the meetings at the Park District building in the Glen (\$\$).

Which way do you lean?

Please call (498-4178) or email me (eabehnke@earthlink.net) your preference.

*Adam was a gardener, and God,  
who made him,  
sees that half of all  
good gardening  
is done upon  
the knees.*

- Rudyard Kipling

## In September, remember to:

- ✓ begin to take cuttings of those annuals that you'd like to over-winter indoors;
- ✓ remove all peony foliage that has black spots and discard, but not in your compost;
- ✓ bring flowers indoors to brighten up your kitchen;
- ✓ divide peonies and daylilies now through October;
- ✓ pick new blooms early in the morning for drying;
- ✓ water shrubs, trees, and new plantings during dry spells;
- ✓ start bringing in the most tender of your houseplants after soaking the pots thoroughly in a bucket of water;
- ✓ water tomatoes, zucchini, and other vegetables as they cannot produce regularly if stressed by drought;
- ✓ pick vegetables regularly in order to have continuing production;
- ✓ begin potting up daffodils, crocuses, narcissi and other bulbs for winter forcing;
- ✓ harvest herbs to be used in cooking and to make fresh wreaths and centerpieces;
- ✓ mulch the garden to rebuild the soil;
- ✓ begin a compost pile or add to one already going.

- with help from Growing and Using Herbs in the Midwest, by Rosemary Divock



### **BY-Laws Reviewed and Updated:**

In this issue, those articles that must be revised will be printed for a vote at the September meeting.

Article 1 - The name of this organization is the Glenview Gardeners.

Article 4, Section 2 - Annually, in September, a nominating committee shall be appointed by the President. This committee shall report its nominations to the membership at the October meeting and shall be published in the November The Spade and The Hoe. Nominations may also be made from the floor. Elections shall be held by a voice vote at the November meeting.

Section 3 - The officers of the Board are the President, the Editor, the Treasurer, the Program Chair, the Publicity Chair, the Circulation Chair, the Sale/Garden Walk Chair, and the Hospitality Chair.

Section 4 - The officers will serve a term of 2 years beginning on January 1st.

Section 6 - The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club, shall prepare an agenda for each meeting, shall keep a record of attendance at the meetings, shall keep current the membership list, and shall actively solicit new members. The Editor shall produce The Spade and The Hoe monthly.

The Circulation Chair shall mail these

newsletters for receipt prior to the monthly meetings.

The Program Chair shall contract with speakers for monthly programs, shall provide the President and Editor with the Calendar of Events and shall give to the Treasurer a copy of said contracts with speaker fees for payment.

The Sale/Garden Walk Chair shall solicit open gardens from members, hostesses to provide refreshments at each garden, and coordinate the publicity of the Garden Walk with the Publicity Chair, the President and the Editor.

The Hospitality Chair shall solicit a hostess for each monthly meeting indoors.

Article 7, Section 1 - Regular meetings of the Club shall be held on the second Thursday of each month, except July, December, and any month in which there is a field trip instead, at such places and times as the program dictates. Club business shall be transacted at these meetings.

The rest of the current By-Laws are not in need of updating. Upon the vote in September, the new By-Laws will be printed and distributed to membership.



### **What's Blooming Table**

Beginning with the September meeting, we will once again have a What's Blooming table set up. Remember to bring in your blooms, plants, or flowering branches.



### **Questions, comments, payment of dues?**

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www.NorthStarNet.org, then click on Community, then on Glenview Gardeners.

I went to the woods because I wished to live deliberately, to front only the essential facts of life, to see if I could not learn what it had to teach.

- Henry David Thoreau