



**Next H.E.G.C Meeting  
February 2nd, 2017**

**Social/Refreshments: 6:45pm**  
Business Meeting: 7:15pm  
Speaker: 7:30 pm

# Hoffman Estates Garden Club Newsletter

**HIGHLIGHTS of FEBRUARY's EVENT**

Bill Horn has been in landscape business for 30 years. He studied Ornamental Horticulture at SIU. He specializes in Brick, Stone, Concrete, Timbers, Mulch (gravel and organic) Plants: Annuals, Perennials, Dwarf Conifers, Fruit trees/ bushes, Water Features and Lighting. Bill is the speaker at the Hoffman Estates Garden Club meeting on Thursday, February 2, 2017, 7:30 pm, at the Schaumburg Township Library, Roselle & Schaumburg Roads.

**News from Nancy:**

"Roses are red, Violets are blue, I'm ready for some GARDENING, how 'bout you !" I know, it's only February, but I bet you have all picked up a garden magazine, seed or plant catalog and felt that urge to redesign some area of your yard. Well, that time will be here before you know it!

Our Club committee met in January and we have some fascinating, educational speakers to present in 2017. We will have our volunteer events and assorted field trips, so check your monthly newsletter for all the updates, and this is the year we launch our garden club Website, I am so excited for you all to see it! I look forward to seeing everyone at our February meeting, getting to know you better and hear about all your gardening passions and ideas!

*Nature Loving,  
Nancy* 🌸

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- President.....Nancy Schaefer
  - Vice-President.....Susan Moynihan
  - Treasurer.....Darlene Nicholson
  - Publicity.....TBD
  - Refreshments.....Joan Ludick
  - .....Phyllis Banaszak
  - Program Directors.....Usha Murarka
  - .....Susan Moynihan
  - Secretary.....Camille Pollowy
  - Giving Garden.....Joe Celosky
  - Newsletter Committee....Lisa Moynihan
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**Snacks & Desserts brought to us this Month by:**

Lisa Moynihan

Camille Pollowy

Nancy Schaefer

Phyllis Banasak





2016 Garden Club Events		
<b>February 2nd</b>	<b>Bill Horn—Add Texture and Color to Landscape</b>	
February 16th	Pruning 101 @ Knappers	
February 25th	Fairy Fun Day @ Knappers	

The Hoffman Estates Garden Club meets the first Thursday of the month (excluding January and July) at the Schaumburg District Library, 130 S. Roselle Road, Rasmussen South Room, 2nd Floor, 7 P.M. All levels of gardeners are welcome, beginners to advanced. Dues are: Couple-\$20; Single-\$16; Senior (65+) -\$9. We currently have members from Elgin, Elk Grove Village, Hoffman Estates, Huntley, Inverness, Medinah, Niles, Roselle, Schaumburg, South Barrington, Streamwood and Westmont. Visitors are always welcome !



**HEGC Website & Email Address NEWS :** To make communication with HEGC easier for visitors and potential members the following email address has been established: [Hoffman\\_Estates\\_Garden\\_Club\\_IL@yahoo.com](mailto:Hoffman_Estates_Garden_Club_IL@yahoo.com). This email should not be used for normal membership communication, just continue to use personal emails from the membership roster. The email account is monitored regularly so senders will receive a prompt response."

## Your Garden in the Month of February *Subtle Suggestions*

### General Garden Care

Continue to order seed, bulb, and nursery catalogs to assist in planning your garden for the upcoming year. To help you choose the best plants for your garden, take advantage of the resources of the Chicago Botanic Garden's Best Plants Web site, the Plant Information Service, Lenhardt Library, or the Joseph Regenstein, Jr. School of the Chicago Botanic Garden

### Tree & Shrub Care

Unusually mild weather might cause some buds on flowering shrubs to bloom prematurely. These flower buds will not rebloom in spring, but there will be enough of the unopened buds to flower at their appropriate time. Forsythia, viburnum, flowering quince, weigela, and magnolia will often bloom sporadically during warm periods in late fall or early winter.

### Cut Flower Care

To keep cut flowers fresh, place them in room-temperature water as soon as possible. With a sharp knife or pruners, make an angled cut and remove 1 inch from each stem. Make this cut while the stem is under water. Cutting on an angle increases the surface area for water intake. Add floral preservative to the vase water. Most preservatives contains an acid (to neutralize alkaline tap water) and an ingredient to discourage bacteria.

### Indoor Plant Care

Continue to care for amaryllis following their flower display. Allow all stems to wither before cutting them off the bulb. Keep the pot in a bright, warm location, out of direct sun. Water the plant as needed. The green, strappy leaves will continue to grow. When all danger of frost has past, take the pot outside to the garden and keep it in a location protected from afternoon sun.



# Classes and Presentations on Gardens

## What is going on at The Botanical Garden?

Reserve your tickets today for the [Orchid Show](#), opening February 11, members only night. It's a study in contrasts, with 10,000 orchids, from elegant to exotic, filling the galleries and greenhouses. (Feb. 11—March 26, 2017)

[Winter Woods Walk](#), featuring a guided walk through McDonald Woods on February 12 @ 2pm.

## Berthold's Monthly Gardening Tip

Water plants deeply (especially evergreens) before the ground freezes. Leave ornamental grasses in interesting seed heads for winter interest in your garden.

## The Morton Arboretum in February 2017

Valentine's Day Dinner - Celebrate Valentine's Day weekend with a delectable dinner with a sweetheart or special someone overlooking beautiful Meadow Lake. Enjoy a five-course dinner with wine pairings, live music from local classical guitarist [Jim Perona](#), and the opportunity to take home pictures from the photo booth.

Two seatings available: Ginkgo Restaurant  
 Sunday, February 12, 2017  
 Tuesday, February 14, 2017  
 6:00 p.m.

Go and enjoy a romantic night with someone at a beautiful venue.



## Event Schedule

**February 4th @ 10am—House Plants 101**

Are you wondering how to take better care of your houseplants, or want to learn what options work great in the home? Then this seminar is for you. Join us for a free seminar that covers all of your houseplant questions. Learn about selection, care, repotting, fertilizing, troubleshooting and more.

**February 11th @ 10am—Enchanting Orchids**

Learn all about Phalaenopsis orchids during this free seminar. From learning how to properly water to getting your orchid to re-bloom we will cover it all in this can't miss seminar on one of the world's most unique flowers.

**February 16 @ 1pm & 18th @ 10am—Pruning 101**

This free seminar will teach you which plants are best to prune now and which shouldn't be touched until summer.... Whether your plants just need a quick haircut or a major thinning, you will learn the proper techniques to get them just the way you like them.

**February 25 @ 10am—Fairy Fun Day**

Join us for a morning of miniature fairy fun! \$35 + Tax Join our Fairy helpers for our annual Fairy Fun Day! Come dressed as your favorite fairy and learn all about fairies while building your own fairy garden, searching the greenhouse for fairy items and painting a wishing stone. Enjoy activities including face painting and a scavenger hunt along with creating your very own take home fairy garden. And a fairy sized snack.

## Chicagoland GARDENING



**A Bit about Bees**—Story by Jean Starr

For Denise Johnston, it started at the county fair. As a child, she'd make a "beeline" to the hive observation frame in the agriculture building, where she would become mesmerized by the bees' activity. Then, about ten years ago, she met Bob Engle, the man behind the hives, at an antique tractor show. He asked if she was interested in a class he was teaching. Johnston signed on to a series of five 3-hour classes detailing how to start your own hives. After attending all 15 hours, she ordered her first batch of bees. Now Johnston is secretary/treasurer/newsletter editor of the Northwest Indiana Beekeepers Association, sells her own honey and teaches classes. (nwibeekeepers.com)



## "Who is Bringing March's Snacks"

We need 4 more for March

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