

March



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

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

Hoffman Estates Garden Club Newsletter

HIGHLIGHTS of MARCH's EVENT
Marguerite Zimmerli of MZM Designs is known for her "One of a Kind" landscapes. She was the landscape and garden designer for the Schaumburg Golf Club, when it underwent a complete restoration. Her clubhouse gardens and golf course landscape far exceeded expectations. After the success at Schaumburg Marguerite went on to become the landscape and garden designer for Medina Country Club. She is the speaker at the Hoffman Estates Garden Club meeting on Thursday, March 2, 2017, 7:30 pm, at the Schaumburg Township Library, Roselle & Schaumburg

News from Nancy:
Spring is in the air !! Well, at least it was this last weekend, hope you all had a chance to get outside. I picked up many fallen branches, noticed some bulbs emerging and moved some leaves out from around my Hellebores, they are very ready to bloom! I am also looking forward to our speaker, Marquerite Zimmerli who will share her gardening techniques by adding containers to the landscape for interest and color when there might not be anything in the ground blooming at a given time. Well I'll be at the meeting, ready for more gardening wisdom and fun ideas!
See you all soon.....
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 Followy
 - Giving Garden.....Joe Celosky
 - Newsletter Committee....Lisa Moynihan
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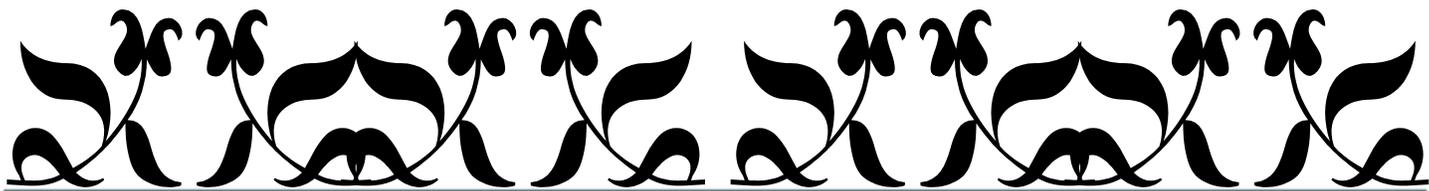
 **Snacks & Desserts brought to us this Month by:**

- Frances Nagel
- Alice Georgian
- Alice Mrozinski
- Eila Marttinen




2016 Garden Club Events		
March 2nd	Come hear Marguerite Zimmerli of MZM Designs talk on	✓
April 6	You can grow lilies too! Featuring Dr. Jim Ault	✓
May 4	Special meeting it's the "Members Forum"	✓

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. 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 March *Subtle Suggestions*

General Garden Care

On dry days remove winter debris from lawn and garden beds. Check for broken branches (prune immediately) or plants damaged by snow loads or rodents. Remove burlap screens erected to protect plants from wind or road salt spray.

Tree & Shrub Care

Watch weather conditions for an appropriate window of time to spray fruit trees or large deciduous trees with dormant oil. Spray if aphids, scale, or mites were a problem in the past. Temperatures must be at least 40 degrees Fahrenheit with no chance of freezing or rain within the following 24 hours. Avoid spraying on a windy day. Certain trees have a photo toxicity to dormant oil and should not be sprayed.

Annual & Perennial Care

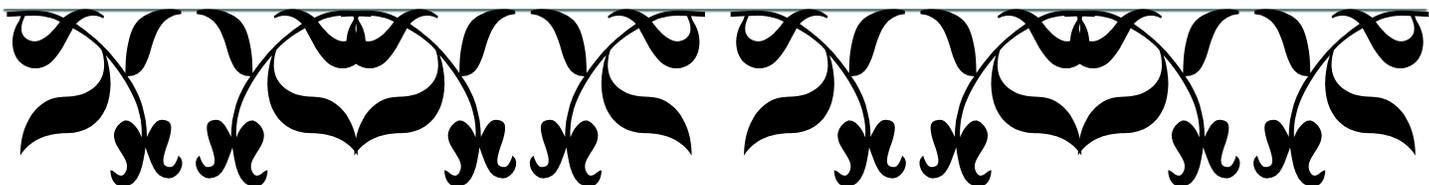
Look for early spring-blooming bulbs (sometimes beneath the snow or ground cover). If necessary, divide clumps of old, nonblooming bulbs or fertilize with a 5-10-5 granular fertilizer now and again in fall. Mark the spots with small stakes for locating next fall. Gently press back any perennials that heaved out of the ground over the winter. Mulch those plants with several inches of shredded material.

Fruit, Vegetable & Herb Care

Prune grapevines according to selected method. For detailed information on pruning grapevines, to order Plant Information Fact Sheet #36, Pruning Grapevines. Prune raspberry bushes and reattach canes to support system, if necessary. Some gardeners mow their raspberry patches to the ground this month to encourage one big crop during summer. Everbearing bushes should not be mowed down.

Indoor Plant Care

Continue to care for indoor flowering gift plants. Azaleas require even moisture and bright light. Deadhead to keep plants blooming for four to six weeks. Azaleas can go outside to a partly shaded location after May 15, but must come back in before fall frost.



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)**

Illinois Orchid Society Spring Show & Sale, Saturday March 11 at 10am.

Berthold's Monthly Gardening Tip

**No occupation is so delightful
to me as the culture of the earth,
and no culture comparable to that of the garden.**

The Morton Arboretum in February 2017

Howl at the Moon at the Morton Arboretum - Back by popular demand. Popular music and dance event featuring Howl 2 Go ensemble from Howl at the Moon piano bar.

Friday, March 10, 2017

Friday, April 14, 2017

Seating and food and beverage service opens at 5:30pm.

Band Plays from 7-9:30pm

Members : \$20 for general admission seating at shared tables.
\$35 for VIP admission at reserved shared tables in prime location

Non-Members : \$25 for general admission seating at shared tables.
\$40 for VIP admission at reserved shared tables in prime location
Become a member and save!



Event Schedule

March 4th @ 10am—Terrarium Bar

Learn all about the terrarium craze while deciding which plants to put into your very own take-home terrarium. Pre-registration is required along with a \$39.99 +tax fee which includes 3 plants, soil, sand, moss, stone, glass terrarium and some light refreshments.

March 10th & 12th —Pansy Party

During our Pansy Party, you can get your garden in gear with pansies and violas for less... These cool-season flowers are at their best price of the season for only **\$11.99 a flat**. Brighten up your spring with these beautiful flowers!

March 18th @ 9am-3pm — Spring Flower Show

Kick off your spring season at our annual Spring Flower Show Celebrate the return of spring with Knupper's at our annual Spring Flower Show on Saturday, March 18th, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Come and browse the many colors, shapes, and textures of flowers and shop from our delightful spring displays. Talk to our experts about your gardening plans and goals. And, of course, the Flower Show offers a day of free gardening seminars on a variety of topics. All seminars are free.

March 26th @ 2pm-4pm — Tool Sharpening

Joe the Sharpener will be accepting tools from 2-4pm only and will get them sharpened on a first-come-first-serve basis. Fees Vary Each tool must be labeled with your name prior to services being rendered. All tools must be picked up by 5pm . Cash or check only please.

Chicagoland GARDENING



Moss: Rescuing Its Reputation—Story by Susan Crawford

I'm pretty sure that in the pre-Google era most everyone who spoke of or asked about moss was trying to get rid of it. Even now googling "moss in the garden" produces five "how to kill" results before the first "how to grow." But I recently attended a lecture at the Chicago Botanic Garden given by Dale Sievert, whose passion for and expertise about mosses made me question how anyone could contemplate mayhem against such a beautiful, ancient and eco-friendly organism. Since mosses have slowly, over the past few years, begun to colonize the damper, shadier parts of my tiny urban forest (i.e. my front yard), I was happy to be urged to encourage the process rather than fight it.



"Who is Bringing April's Snacks"

We need no more for April

Marilyn Ontiveros

Susan Kern

Irene Peterson

Nancy Campbell

