



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

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

Hoffman Estates Garden Club Newsletter

HIGHLIGHTS of October's EVENT
This month HEGC will feature speaker Cindy Tyley is the owner of Carriage House Garden Design. She had a certificate of Landscape Design and is a member of the Western Springs Club. Cindy will discuss "putting design principles to work in your landscape" at the Hoffman Estates Garden Club monthly meeting on Thursday, November 2, 2017 @ 7:30 pm, at the Schaumburg Township Library, Roselle & Schaumburg Roads.

News from Nancy:
Thanksgiving
*The year has turned its circle,
The seasons come and go.
The harvest all is gathered in
And chilly north winds blow.
Orchards have shared their treasures,
The fields, their yellow grain,
So open wide the doorway
Thanksgiving comes agai!
Nature Loving, Nancy ☀*

- ☪ 2017 Officers ☪
- 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:**

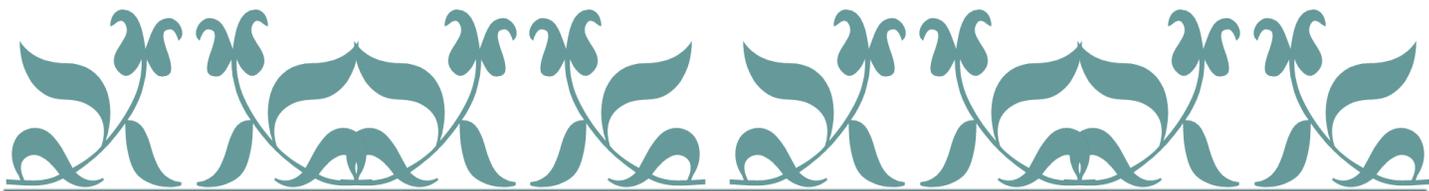
Darlene Nicholson
Karen Tepe
Fran Schauer
Pat LaMantia





2017 Garden Club Events		
November 2nd	Cindy Tyley — Landscape Design Principals	✓
November 17th	Illumination: Tree Lights at the Morton Arboretum	✓
Nov. 30 & Dec. 1	Wine Tasting—More than 50 sparkling & still wines	✓

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 November *Subtle Suggestions*

General Garden Care

Add 2 to 4 inches of shredded leaves, composted manure, or garden compost to perennial borders and garden beds once the ground has frozen completely.
Continue to feed the compost pile with grass clippings and dried plant material removed from garden beds. Avoid adding diseased plants to the pile. Turn the pile regularly to speed decomposition.

Lawn Care

Fertilize lawns for a final time early this month with a slow-release organic product high in nitrogen. Chicago area soils are naturally high in potassium and phosphorus, and most lawns don't require more. This nitrogen application will help lawns retain green color longer in winter and color up faster in early spring.
Try to avoid walking on frozen turf; this breaks grass blades.

Annual & Perennial Care

Continue to plant hardy spring-flowering bulbs early this month if weather and soil conditions permit. After planting, broadcast a 5-10-5 fertilizer over the soil surface and water well. If rabbits, rodents, or deer have been a problem in past, consider planting varieties of the following pest-resistant bulbs: ornamental onion, grape hyacinth, fritillary, narcissus, windflower, or winter aconite.

Fruit, Vegetable & Herb Care

Harvest pumpkins before a killing frost.
Continue to harvest vegetables. If hard frost threatens, pick all tomatoes, including the unripe ones, and store in cardboard boxes or paper bags in basement. Cut back any remaining herbs and bring them indoors to use fresh or dry.
Cover tender plants from light freezes at night by covering them with sheets, plastic, or upturned bushel baskets.

Tree & Shrub Care

Continue to plant deciduous trees and shrubs as weather permits. The alternate time for planting is next March, before plants leaf out. Apply 2 to 4 inches of wood chips, shredded bark, leaves, or compost to root zones of newly planted trees and shrubs. Be sure to pull mulch 4 inches away from tree trunks.
Continue to water trees and shrubs, especially evergreens, until the ground has frozen completely.



Classes and Presentations on Gardens

What is going on at The Botanical Garden?

Fine Art of Fiber, Friday, Saturday, Sunday **November 2-5th @ 10:am**

Member-Only Discount Day. Sunday **November 5th @ 10:00am—20 % Discount at Garden Shop**

Sensational Squash Family Weekend Class: Saturday **November 11th @ 9:30am-1pm**

Members Monthly Gardening Tips

Remove frozen plants from containers and hanging baskets and replace them with evergreen boughs, branches with colorful berries and interesting seed heads from perennials and ornamental grasses.

The Morton Arboretum in November

Veteran's Day-Veterans Free

November 11, 2017—All Veterans Free Today

Vanishing Act: Trees Under Threat Exhibit

Come learn about the gifts that the world's endangered trees give us—and how you can join the Arboretum in saving them. Daily, 7:00 a.m. - sunset

Fermented Food Series

Find out what fermentation is, watch demos, sample fermented goods, and get hands-on at the Fermented Foods Series at The Morton Arboretum this fall. Saturdays, October 21 through November 18, 2017, 10:00 a.m. to noon



Event Schedule

November's Garden Tips

Tree-shaping, tool-sharpening

- Protect your evergreens, including holly, boxwood, azaleas, and rhododendrons, from the drying winds of winter by watering them deeply and regularly in the fall. Unless there's plenty of rain, let a slow trickle of water soak into the soil around the roots for half an hour once a week.
- You can also spray your evergreens with **Wilt-Stop** at the end of November or before it gets very cold. This adds a protective layer on the foliage that will help prevent moisture loss.
- Keep your valuable landscape plants from becoming a "bunny buffet" by applying a repellent such as **Bonide Repels-All** or **Liquid Fence**. To keep the animals from damaging the trunks of your young trees, wrap them with tree wrap or vinyl tree guards.
- This is the best time of year for pruning trees. Now that the leaves are gone, you can see the framework of the tree. Use the DDD rule. Cut any damaged, diseased or dead branches. Before you put away all of your garden tools, make sure they are cleaned, and your pruners and shears sharpened. Rusty, non-functioning tools are no fun to play with in the spring. If you start your amaryllis bulbs now, you'll have big, showy blooms in time for the holidays.

HEGC Meeting Speakers for 2017

- * **November 2nd—Soil & Composting**
- * **December 7th—Holiday Party**
- * **January—NO MEETING**

Is anyone interested in taking over creation Of the monthly newsletter?

Speaker Suggestions for 2018.

Please give your suggestions to Susan Moynihan or Usha Muraka



"Who is Bringing December's Snacks"

December is the Holiday Party

Members bring a dish to pass

Desert, Appetizer or Salad

