



**Next H.E.G.C Meeting
February 1st, 2018**

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

Hoffman Estates Garden Club Newsletter

HIGHLIGHTS of FEBRUARY's EVENT

Mark Micek has been with Tallgrass Restoration for 15 years and had a knack for erosion control. He studied at Chicago's suburban Dominican University. His interest in Native Plants stems from his love of wildlife. One of his greatest joys is to see an invasive infested natural area restored to a diverse native community able to support a large variety of wildlife. Mike is the speaker at the Hoffman Estates Garden Club meeting on Thursday, February 1, 2018, @ 7:30 pm, at the Schaumburg Township Library, Roselle & Schaumburg Roads.

Sentiments from Susan:

A Happy & Healthy New Year to all! The weather is teeter-tottering once again proving Chicago's winter is never boring. While we like to see warmer days, it is not good for our plants to have such extreme changes. Please don your boots and take a walk around your yard to discover what might have heaved out of the ground and gently push it down. Make sure you mulch is in place and when you discard those holiday evergreens, protect plants with them. After your stroll, sip something warm and spend some time studying seed and gardening books that are arriving to see what you "cannot do without" (there always seems to be something). At times, I feel how fortunate we are to have the reprieve winter affords us so we can prepare for what spring will bring. It is good. See you February 1st. For the monthly HEGC meeting.

Make is a great day!
Susan Moynihan ☺

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Snacks & Desserts brought to us this Month by:

Susan Moynihan

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Carol Johnson

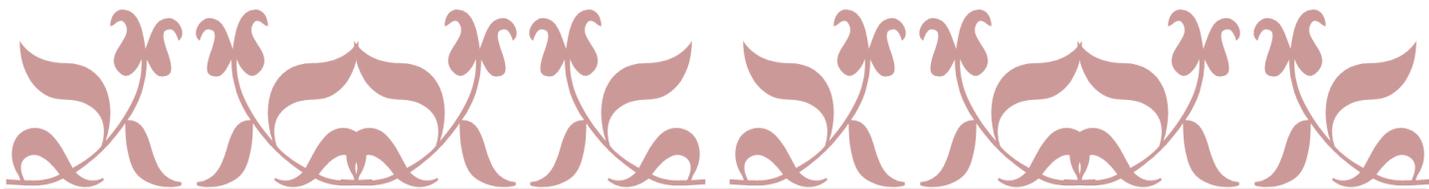




2018 Garden Club Events

February 1st	Mark Micek-Plants for pollination in landscapes	
February 10th	Tillandsia Wreath Workshop @Knappers 10am(Fee \$29)	
February 22nd	Tool Sharpening & Pruning 101 @ 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. 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

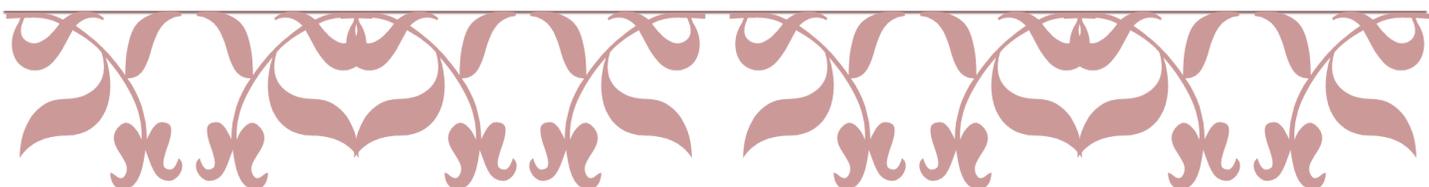
Unusually mild weather might cause some buds on flowering shrubs to bloom prematurely. These flower buds will not rebloom in spring, but there will be enough of the unopened buds to flower at their appropriate time. Forsythia, viburnum, flowering quince, weigela, and magnolia will often bloom sporadically 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. Remove all foliage below water level.

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 9, members only night. It's a study in contrasts, with 10,000 orchids, from elegant to exotic, filling the galleries and greenhouses. (Feb. 9—March 25, 2018) Buy parking tickets in advance for faster entry.

[Midwest Fruit Explorers](#), featuring speaker Dan Bussey's lecture on "Heirloom Apples from the Home Orchard" on February 24 1-4pm.

Schwarz Nursery—Addison, Illinois

Family owned providing locally grown trees and shrubs for over 40 years in the Chicago area.

Seasonal Sales:

All Bird Seed—**Buy one bag get one bag free.** Mix N Match
FREE bag must be of equal value or less.

The Morton Arboretum in February 2018

Chocolate Weekend Member Night: February 9, 2018 from 5-9pm

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.

Two seating's available: Ginkgo Restaurant
Sunday, February 11, 2018
Tuesday, February 14, 2018
6:00 p.m.

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



Event Schedule

February 3rd @ 10am—Enchanting Orchids

Join Amy, Knupper's very own orchid expert, as she guides you through Phalaenopsis orchid care. FREE

During this free seminar learn how to water, repot and troubleshoot properly and best of all get tips on how to get your orchid to re-bloom!

February 10th @ 10am—Tillandsia Wreath Workshop

This fun workshop is hands on and includes wreath, air plants and moss. Fee of \$29 + tax is due at time of pre-registration. Don't miss this exciting new workshop!.

February 22 @ 11:30 & 24th @ 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 22 from 11am—1pm—Tool Sharpening

Joe the Sharpener will be accepting tools from 11am-1pm 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 the same day as service. CASH & CHECKS ONLY PLEASE.



A Clean Tool is a Safe Tool—Story by Jeff Rugg

In the garden, everything has its season. Fall is the season for cleaning and preparing tools for spring. Dirt and rust are harmful to just about everything, but especially to garden tools that are often wet and dirty. We depend on our tools to be safe and effective. Dirt and rust make our tools less safe and make us work harder. Water may be great for the garden, but it is the enemy of our tools.

Oil to the rescue: Water on metal promotes rust, and on wood it promotes mold and mildew. A thin coat of oil on wood or metal will protect them from moisture in the air.

Keep it Sterile: How to prevent soil-borne insect and disease organisms from spreading from one garden to the next? After the tools are cleaned of any dirt, you can sterilize the tool with a solution of 10% bleach and 90% water. I find this solution damages metal on some of my tools, so make sure you rinse it off well.



“Who is Bringing March’s Snacks”

We need 4 more for March

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Have something to share?

Send any recipes, news or articles you would like to share with the HEGC members to me @lisa.moynihan@att.net

"Gardening is medicine that does not need a prescription and has no limit on dosage." Author unknown.

Good Afternoon,

I can't believe these balmy temperatures on, yes, January 21. I didn't mind filling the bird feeders today since, in the last few weeks, my fingers were frozen just trying to fill them.

BUT, can spring be far behind?? Tickets are now on sale for the Chicago Flower Show which opens on Wednesday, March 14 and ends on Sunday, March 18 which means Gardenfest is just around the corner.

Here is the link for Gardenfest 2018. <http://mchenry.edu/gardenfest/>

Now is the time to go on line and read about the keynote speaker and also check out the variety of classes being offered. Be sure and mark your calendar for Feb. 12 when registration opens. You can sign up for the classes that appeal to you. Gardenfest is a harbinger of spring and I can't think of a better way to spend it than with other gardeners like myself who are just "biting at the bit" anxious to get in the garden and get my hands dirty.

Since you have your calendar out, pencil in other University of Illinois Extension McHenry County Master Gardener events. The annual Plant Sale is Sunday, May 20. Garden Walk is Saturday, July 14 and the Farm Stroll will be on Sunday, September 30. As information on these events becomes available, I will send out a reminder email.

In the meantime, stay healthy (this has been such a terrible flu season), curl up with your new gardening catalogs, and enjoy reminiscing about last year's garden and visualizing your 2018 garden.

P.S. Visit us on Facebook at McHenry Co Master Gardeners

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