



Hoffman Estates
Garden Club



Next H.E.G.C. Meeting
March 2, 2018

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

HOFFMAN ESTATES GARDEN CLUB

HIGHLIGHTS of March's Events

HEGC Member Forum—members will discuss their garden experience and tell us what did and did not work form them and also offer some tips. Meeting will be 6:45-9pm on Thursday, March 1, 2018. On Thursday, March 8, 2018, at 7pm there will be a 2nd March Garden Club meeting with Jennifer Brennen as the speaker. Jennifer is a horticulture specialist at the Chalet Nursery and Garden Center. She will discuss gardening procedures, fertilizing, pest control, weed control and some new plants. She will speak at the Schaumburg Township Library , Roselle & Schaumburg Rds..

Sentiments from Susan

Greetings! Here we are marching into March and soon to enjoy the Spring Equinox. Explore your yard once again to check for heaving, especially Heucheras. Try not to stomp around in your beds as it will compact the soil and inhibit air flow, not a good thing. I saw daffodils peeking out of the earth and maybe a tulip or two which is okay as they can tolerate some snow should it return. If your lilies are emerging, cover them with mulch to protect them and circle them with chicken wire so rabbits don't dine on them. The Blue Princess Verbena and Creeping Phlox are greening up and looking good! As I am watching the birds fluttering around my feeders I realize I am so anxious for spring and excited about our next meeting...The Members' Forum.... Thank you all for being such great members of this very special club of GARDENERS.

Susan

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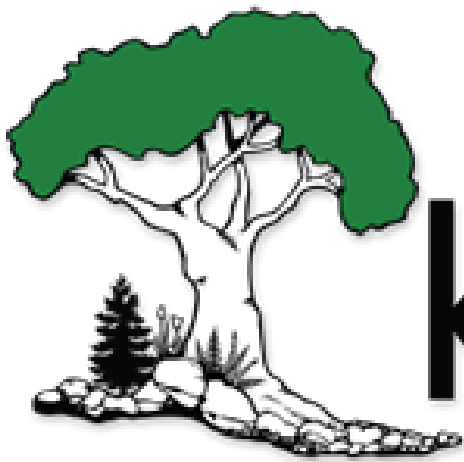
Frances Nagel
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2018 Garden Club Events

March 1st.	Member Forum—Come listen to fellow HEGC members talk	
March 8th	Jennifer Brennen—"Spring Gardening improvements for a Successful 2018 Season."	
March 24th	Spring flower show at Knoppers	

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, Nilas, Roselle, Schaumburg, South Barrington, Streamwood and Westmont. Visitors are always welcome !



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March

Welcome the birds to your garden.

- Plan your vegetable garden on graph paper. Remember to rotate crops just like the farmers do. Tomatoes and Peppers use many nutrients from the soil and should be moved from year to year to prevent mineral deficiencies.
- Place birdhouses outside this month. Clean out any existing houses for new bird families to move in.
- After pussy willows have bloomed, prune the shrubs drastically to encourage long branches and large fuzzy catkins for next year.
- Remove mulch or covers from roses, clematis, perennials, and other tender plants after night temperatures remain in the 30's. Be prepared to recover if a cold snap returns.
- Touch up garden and landscape areas with a fresh layer of bark mulch.

Give your houseplants a good once over. Dust leaves with a moistened cloth, repot in fresh soil, and give them a boost with some water-soluble fertilizer.

WOW!!! Alice and Dan Mrozinski recently celebrated an event few of us have the opportunity to toast, 60 years of marriage. Congrats!