



Next H.E.G.C. Meeting
May 2, 2019

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

HOFFMAN ESTATES GARDEN CLUB

HIGHLIGHTS of May's Events

Kelsey Porter is a product manager at Ball Ingenuity, a branch of Ball Horticulture in West Chicago. Ball Ingenuity brings exciting NEW genetics to the industry. Kelsey has been in the horticulture industry for 13 years, holding 2 associates degrees in Ornamental Horticulture and is the owner of a floral business. Kelsey is a member of the Container Solutions Committee at Ball. The meeting is from 6:45-9pm on Thursday, May 2, 2018, Heather will begin speaking at 7:30pm at the Schaumburg Township Library , Roselle & Schaumburg Rds.

Sentiments from Susan

Greetings to the Greatest Gardeners!!

The spring is finally sprung...for a day or two at least. I was looking through my journal from 2018 and it made me feel good. Plants that bloomed the last week of April, first week of May in 2018 were about the same as what is blossoming now!! It also says it "Has been hot and VERY rainy" from 4/10 to 5/4. I brought my Geraniums and other plants out of the garage on May 7 after their winter's rest. I have been doing this already but "In and out" day and night. We are on track to enjoy many lovely days. Trim back any of your early flowering shrubs right after they bloom so they can set buds for the next season. Apply an organic fertilizer to all your beds now and check for any insect infestation. If you are inclined, now is the time to Preen wherever you want to prohibit weeds from sprouting. Remember it will prevent weeds from germinating but not kill those that are already there. Pick the blossoms from dandelions so they do not seed, then you can dig out or treat the individual plants as you find time. There is lots to do, but as you labor, be mindful of how fortunate we are to have all the beauty spring is and will bring. ENJOY!!

- 2019 Officers**
- President.....Susan Moynihan
 - Vice President.....Mary Garvey
 - Treasurer.....Darlene Nicholson
 - Secretary.....Camille Pollowy
 - Refreshments.....Joan Ludick
 -Phyllis Banaszak
 - Program Director.....Usha Murarka
 -Carol Johnson
 - Giving Garden.....Joe Celosky
 - Publicity.....!
 - Newsletter.....Lisa Moynihan

Snacks & Desserts brought to us this Month by:



Pam and Joan have called
To remind those bringing




2019 Garden Club Events

May 2nd	Annuals & Perennials to Plant in the Garden	
May 4th&5th	Central States Dahlia Society Sale—10am-4:30pm at	
May 25&26	Northshore Iris & Daylily Society Iris Show & Sale	

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 !

MAY NEWS

EVENTS, SEMINARS & SALES @ POPULAR LOCATIONS



May 4th—10am Veggie Planting Seminar

May 12th—10am-12pm Pot a Mom's Day Pot

May 25th—27th— Wave Petunia Weekend

Register online: www.platthillnursery.com



LEGO BRICK PLAY

Daily—11am-4pm

Available from May through September Exhibit is located in the Children's Garden Come and see what nature will inspire you to build. Play and create LEGO masterpieces in this self-guided hands-on discovery activity.

May 12th— Mother's Day Brunch—9am, 12pm & 3pm

Come celebrate mom with a fabulous brunch against the blooming backdrop of Meadow Lake. After brunch walk the scenic 1/2 mile path around Meadow Lake.



May's Tips

Everything that slows us down and forces patience, everything that sets us back into the slow circles of nature, is a help. Gardening is an instrument of grace. -Mary Sarton

Spring Bulbs

Dinner plate Dahlias, Begonias, Cannas, Freesias, Gladiolas Lilies & Elephant Ears.

Don't forget to purchase and spread grass seed where needed



CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN

Upcoming Events & Classes

May 25th-Sept. 2 Everyday with last ticket sold at

4:30pm — **Butterflies & Blooms**—butterfly exhibition

May 4th & 5th 10-4:30pm—**Central States Dahlia Sale**

May 25th & 26th—Northshore Iris & Daylily Society

Iris Show & Sale 10am-4:30pm Come see artistic arrangements & over 75 iris' in bloom.

June 1st & 2nd 10am-4:30pm— **Northern Illinois Hosta**

Society Show & Sale

CHECK COST OF EVENTS www.chicagobotanic.org

It's May—What to do in my garden:

1. Stake tall perennials before they reach 6 inches.
2. Pinch back fall blooming perennials until mid-July
3. Trees & shrubs can still be planted
4. Mow lawn at 2 to 2 1/2 inches, removing 1/3 or less of grass blade.

Upcoming HEGC Reminders

- Flower Sale Order pick-up @ Susan's on May 18th
- Farmers Market Sale—Friday, June 7th.
- Garden Walk—Saturday, June 22nd
- Giving Garden: Volunteer—planting starts in May. See Joe Celosky - This is the 16th year of the garden, and we have harvested over 2,894 pounds of vegetables donated to local pantries.