



Next H.E.G.C. Meeting
December 5, 2019

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

HOFFMAN ESTATES GARDEN CLUB

HIGHLIGHTS of December's Events

There is not going to be a speaker tonight. But, this is the annual Holiday / Christmas / Hanukah / Kwanza Party. Member's whose last name begin with A-M will bring a dessert to pass, those whose last names start with N-Z will bring an appetizer to share. If you want to take part in the gift exchange bring a garden themed \$10 gift for the exchange. The meeting is from 6:45-9pm on Thursday, December 5, 2019, Heather will begin speaking at 7:30pm at the Schaumburg Township Library , Roselle & Schaumburg Rds.

Sentiments from Susan

Greetings to the grandest gardeners!! I cannot believe this is my last sentimental message to you for 2019!! Recently, I attended a seminar on "Putting your garden to bed with plants, pollinators and birds in mind." Briefly, the idea of the new concept in cleaning up the beds is "Don't." Because I was so behind in my cleanup due to the excess rain and snow we experienced so early in fall, I was very happy to listen to her expert advice. We are advised to remove any debris that seems to be sickly or moldy, otherwise, compost it (such as daylily and hosta leaves.) Have healthy leaves mowed and mulched and put back in your beds, rather than removing them. This should enhance the soil as well as provide places for fireflies, butterflies (except Monarchs) bees etc. places to hunker down for the winter. Leave seed heads of Cone Flowers, Black Eyed Susans, and Asters standing to provide food for the birds. I am trying these techniques this year. I hope it helps the environment and the critters that call my gardens "Home." I look forward to seeing you at the

Holiday Party on December 5th for treats, camaraderie, games and lots of fun!!!
Susan

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2019 Garden Club Events

Dec. 6th	HEGC Holiday Party—Games, Gift Exchange, food and good friends!	
Dec.—Jan 5th	Lightscape—Chicago Botanic Garden—Daily 4:30-10pm Last entry at 8:00pm	
Nov. 23rd	Illumination: Tree Lights at the Morton Arboretum— See the website for Details	

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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 !