



Next H.E.G.C. Meeting  
February 6, 2019

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

## HOFFMAN ESTATES GARDEN CLUB

### HIGHLIGHTS of February's Events

Brad Buker, an Arborist Representative started his career in agriculture as an entry level Plant Health Care Technician in 1989. He currently specializes in delivering custom-tailored programs that are pro-active in maintaining the health and safety of customers landscapes. He is a certified Arborist and a Certified Tree Care Safety Professional. He will be sharing his presentation on Replacement Trees for Landscaping. The meeting is from 6:45-9pm on Thursday, March 7, 2019, Heather will begin speaking at 7:30pm. She will speak at the Schaumburg Township Library, Roselle & Schaumburg Rds..

### Sentiments from Susan

It is January – a new year, a new decade, our time to reflect on our glorious gardens!! What is a miracle? = something extraordinary: that land produces food for us to eat, that it gives us fauna to tend and enjoy, a bud on a tree, a bird building a nest, a wren finding a home in the yard, a life-nourishing rainfall. We assume these miracles will happen come spring, and miraculously they do!! I look out at my beds and allow myself a bit of time to think about it, to reflect. I hope you do too. In early January, the HEGC board had a meeting and made many exciting plans for the year. If you or someone you know needs a ride to the meetings, please let me know so we can provide one; we do not want anyone to miss a meeting due to lack of transportation. Some questions came up at the meeting: Do you read the Newsletter regularly? Do you look at the website for HEGC? Please let me know

via e-mail or text (708-558-8050)?  
I anticipate seeing you at the meeting,  
*Susan*

### 2020 Officers

- President.....Susan Moynihan
- Vice President.....Nancy Replogle
- Treasurer.....Joe Celosky
- Secretary.....TBD.....
- Hospitality.....Nancy Campbell
- Annual Sale.....Susan Moynihan
- Program Director.....Usha Murarka
- Container Care.....Nancy Schaefer
- Giving Garden.....Joe Celosky
- Publicity.....Mary Garvey
- Newsletter.....Lisa Moynihan

**Snacks & Desserts brought to us this Month by:**





## 2020 Garden Club Events

<b>February 6th.</b>	<b>Brad Buker—Replacement Trees for Landscape.</b>	
<b>March 5th</b>	<b>David Brooks—Creating Backyard Bird Habitats</b>	
<b>April 2nd</b>	<b>Jennifer Brennan—Planting Sees of Contentment</b>	

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 !

# FEBRUARY NEWS

EVENTS, SEMINARS & SALES @ POPULAR LOCATIONS



## PROMOTIONS:

House plant of the week:

Philodendron

### Espoma Organic Potting Soil

Only \$7.88 down from \$9.95



## February is Member Appreciation Month

### Chocolate Weekend

**February 9th & 10th 9am-4pm**—Celebrate chocolate's deeply rooted tree history. Morton Arboretum champions all trees,

### Valentine's Day Dinner

**February 13th & 14th 6:30pm**—Celebrate Valentine's Day with someone special at the Ginkgo Restaurant. Dine on an elegant 5 course meal while looking out over the serene landscape of Meadow Lake in winter.



Current Hours: Monday-Friday 8am-7pm  
Saturday 8am-6pm and Sunday 9am-5pm

Beautiful selection of Blooming House Plants; A tropical paradise is easy to create for your home!

Turn your backyard into a Wild Bird Sanctuary—Complete selection of feeders, houses and seed



## CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN

### Upcoming Events & Classes

#### February 4th

6:30pm—8:30pm "Introduction to Design Principles"

#### February 7th 6pm-8pm—Orchid Show Members

Preview

**February 8th 10am-4pm** – The Orchid Show Starts—goes until March 22nd

**CHECK COST OF EVENTS [www.chicagobotanic.org](http://www.chicagobotanic.org)**

## February Gardening Tasks

- **Trees & Shrubs:** Unusually mild weather might cause some buds on flowering shrubs to bloom prematurely. These flower buds will not re-bloom 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.