WAYNE COUNTRYSIDE GARDEN CLUB NEWSLETTER

June 2025

Deep in their roots,
all flowers keep the light.
- Theodore Roethke

Fantastic Mad Hatter Tablescape
by Bobbi Higham & Anne Gardner

President's Message

Dear Garden Club Members,

As we move into the warmth (or heat, rather!) and beauty of summer, I just wanted to again thank everyone who contributed to the success of our Spring Luncheon. Your hard work, creativity, and generosity made it a truly delightful event filled with friendship, laughter, and whimsy, and I think we all left the club that day feeling pretty great about our neat group and community. Many thanks, too, to everyone who cast aside worries about the rain and showed up to walk behind the garden club banner at Flag Day. It's such a charming tradition that brings so many different groups from the town all together, and it's neat to realize that there's quite a bit of goodwill and warm support for this little club within the village.

In June, those of us who attended the Redbud Creek Farm tour had such a treat in the form of THE loveliest, beautifully-packaged lunch, thoughtfully prepared by Emily Miller and Pam Shearer. It was just perfect for such a charming setting. Many thanks, Emily and Pam, for making the day feel extra special.

Looking ahead, I know we're all excited for the many opportunities summer brings — fantastic gardens, fun field trips, and creativity with blooms. These gatherings provide a great chance to learn, share ideas, have fun, and continue building the wonderful sense of community that defines our club.

Wishing you all fun out in the garden, and I look forward to seeing you all!

Warmest regards,
Gayle McCain
President

WCGC 2025 Programs

(You will find more details on each program in your yearbook)

July 18 @ 10:30 a. m. Birdflower Cut Flower Farm Tour, 46w819 Ic Trail Maple Park, IL. 60151. $20 per person + Preorder fresh cut bouquet $18. ***(Note: Friday program)***

Aug. 20th @ 10 a.m. Ball Garden Tour and Horticultural Center, 622 Town Road West Chicago, IL. See the newest plants from the industry's leading breeders and marketers. ***(Note: Wednesday program)***

Sep 18th @ 10:30 a.m. Eco Printing Demo, Home of Anne Gardner, Army Trail Rd., Wayne, IL. Limited parking, carpooling recommended.

Oct 4th @ 9 a.m. Fall Clean-Up, behind Wayne School, Wayne, IL. Clean-up usually lasts 2 hours, and it's a fun morning working with your fellow garden club members. (Note: Saturday event)

Oct 16th @ 6:30 p.m. Spooktacular Heebie-Jeebies and Creepy Crawly Creatures! Little Home Church, Wayne, IL. Families/guests are welcome!

Oct (Date/time TBD) Pumpkin Patch, Wayne Elementary School, Wayne, IL.

Nov 13th @ 6:30 p.m. Election of Officers, Little Home Church, Wayne, IL.

Dec 4th @ 10 a.m. Traditional "Holly Hanging" Festivities and Potluck Lunch, Little Home Church, Wayne, IL.

<u>Additional Community Events and Programs Supported by WCGC</u>

Oct (Date TBA): Trunk of Treat in the Village
Dec (Date TBA): Christmas Tree Lighting at the Depot - Community Association of Wayne

"June tiptoes in with petals in her hair, painting the garden in sunlight and song.."

Birdflower Cut Flower Farm Tour

NOTE this is a FRIDAY program!

July 18th @10:30 a.m.

Birdflower Farm

46w819 Ic Trail Maple Park, IL. 60151

Birdflower Farm is a family-owned cut flower farm located in Virgil, Illinois. It includes a renovated 1890's farmhouse, an orchard, a 1/2 acre of prairie, and more flowers every season!

$20 per person + Preorder a fresh-cut bouquet $18.

RSVP by July 11 to Laura Long by call, text, or email.

(cell: 630-698-3906 or email: llong@bannerpersonnel.com)

We look forward to seeing you!

Ball Horticultural Garden Tour

NOTE: This is a Wednesday Event!

Aug 20th @ 10 a.m.

622 Town Road, West Chicago, IL

Open to the public just one month of the year, this is your chance to see the industry's newest blooms and plants in such a beautiful garden setting. Bring a sunhat and bottle of water, and join us for this special tour!

Please RSVP to Laura Long by Aug 13th

(cell: 630-698-3906 or email: llong@bannerpersonnel.com)

Welcome to our New Member!

Theresa Stolt

Please join us in giving a warm welcome to our newest member, Theresa, to the Wayne County Garden Club! 🌿

Theresa is new to Wayne and excited to connect with fellow gardeners who share her passion. She and her husband are both enthusiastic about gardening and eager to meet others who enjoy it too. They're looking forward to exchanging ideas, learning new techniques, and expanding their knowledge—especially when it comes to caring for Midwest perennials.

We’re thrilled to have them as part of our community and can’t wait to grow together—both in our gardens and in friendship!

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Member Feature from Sandy Eisen

"I recently started using a new shovel that's perfect for precise weeding—it slips in easily without disturbing nearby plants, and the soil clump settles back smoothly. It's a game changer for me, especially with arthritis in my hands—I can now use my legs for leverage instead of relying on hand strength."

SPEAR HEAD SPADE: $60 from Amazon.com

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Wayne Countryside Garden Club

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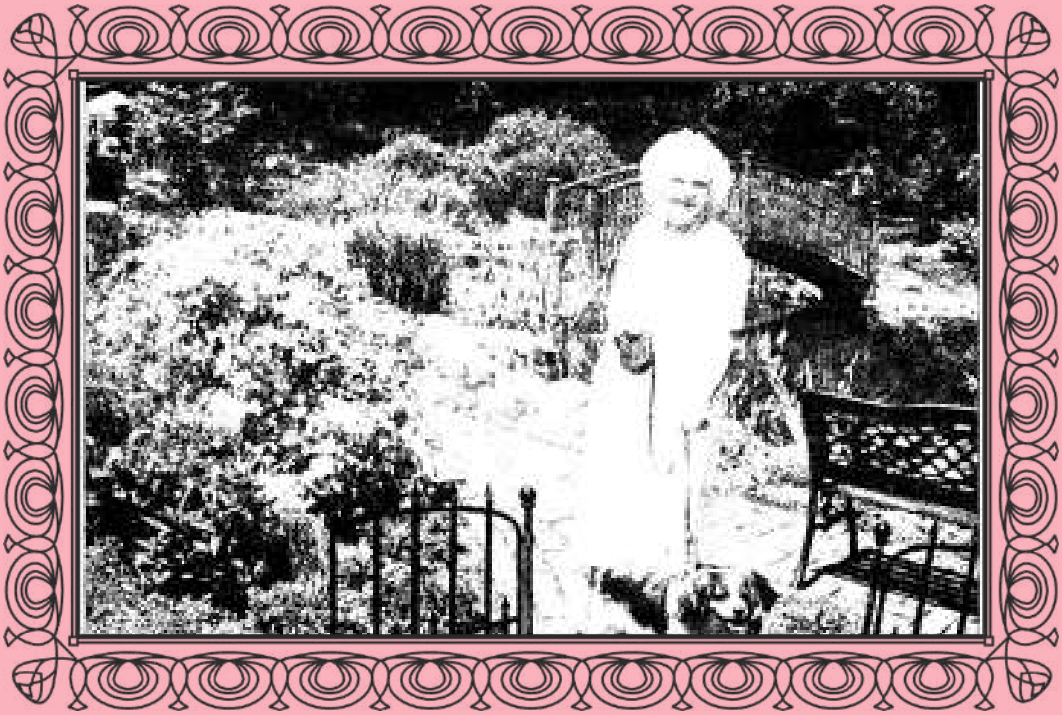
WCGC History Feature

Did you know that the Wayne Countryside Garden Club hosted it's first garden walk on June 30, 2007?



Interest was very good in the Wayne Countryside Garden Club's inaugural Garden Walk.

Six gardens were on display.

People came from Oak Brook, Elmhurst, Wheaton, and surrounding communities.

Summer Garden Pasta

It's so good, you'll make it on repeat! 25 minute prep/cook Serves 4-6

By TheKitchn.com

Ingredients:

- 1 1/2 pounds cherry tomatoes (about 4 cups)
- 6 oz. Parmesan cheese (about 2 cups freshly grated or 1 3/4 cups store-bought grated)
- 4 cloves garlic
- 1 large bunch fresh basil
- 1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
- 1 1/2 teaspoons kosher salt
- 1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon red pepper flakes (optional)
- 1 pound dried angel hair pasta

Instructions:

- Boil a large pot of heavily salted water. Meanwhile, halve 1 1/2 pounds cherry tomatoes. Finely grate 6 oz Parmesan cheese (about 2 cups), or measure 1 3/4 cups store-bought grated. Finely grate 4 garlic cloves. Pick the leaves from bunch fresh basil until you have 1 packed cup, then coarsely chop.
- Place the tomatoes, garlic, olive oil, red wine vinegar, kosher salt, black pepper, and 1 red pepper flakes (if desired) in a large heatproof bowl and stir to combine.
- Add 1 pound dried angel hair pasta to the boiling water and cook according to package instructions until just al dente.
- Transfer 1/4 cup of the pasta water to the bowl of tomatoes. Drain the pasta.
- Add the pasta and Parmesan to the bowl of tomatoes. Toss with tongs until the pasta is evenly coated. Add the basil and toss again until combined.

Spring Kick-Off Potluck

Potluck Kick-Off

Amphibian, Birds, Reptiles, Mammals

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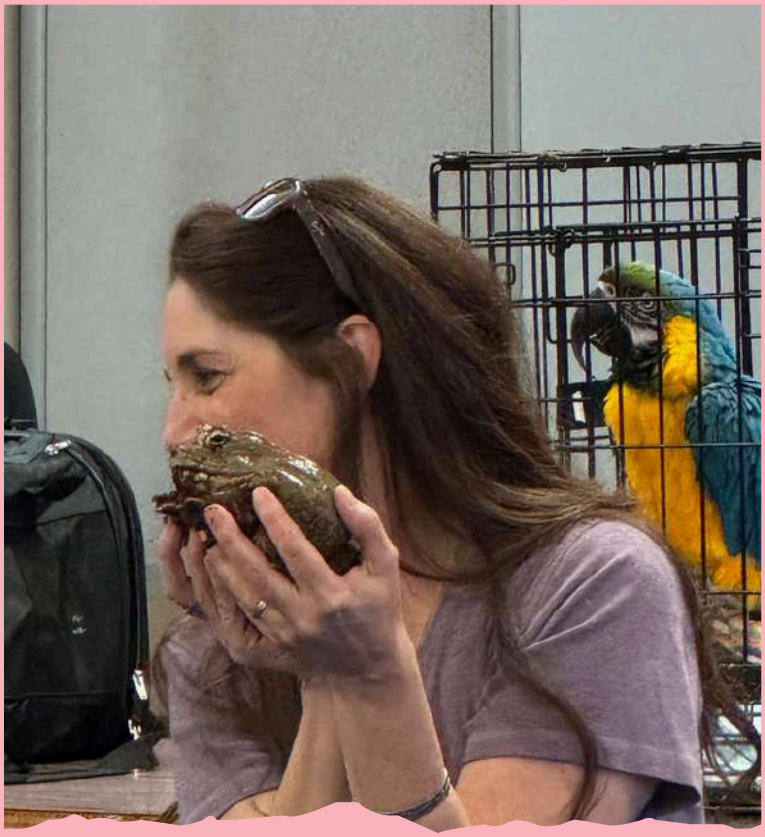

Kokedama Workshop

Spring Butterfly Garden Cleanup

Mad Hatter Spring Luncheon

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Flag Day Parade

Redbud Creek Farm Program

2025 Club Leadership

CLUB OFFICERS

President: Gayle McCain
Vice Presidents: Denise Figurski, Anne Gardner
Recording Secretary: Chris Spradlin
Corresponding Secretary: Laura Long
Treasurers: Melinda Keck, Angela Heathman

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Newsletter: Kristen Gehrig
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Programs: Denise Figurski, Anne Gardner
Hospitality: Debra Galloway
Yearbook: Laura Long
Ways and Means: Angela Heathman, Bobbi Higham, Melinda Keck
Membership: Melissa Bowers
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Photography: Gayle McCain, JoAnne McElroy
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Budget: Melinda Keck
Courtesy: Christina Beasley
Garden Therapy: Bobbi Higham
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Nominating: Kathie Connolly

"In every gardener, there is a child who believes in the seed's promise."