



The Hidden Gem

June, 2022

Town & Country Garden Club of Libertyville

celebrates our 70th anniversary of serving the greater Libertyville area with civic plantings, scholarship awards, local charitable donations

and our Hidden Gems Garden Walk.

June is a wonderful month for our gardens and for the Town and Country Garden Club! Our members have finished our civic plantings & tidying up of the Blue Star Memorial in Cook Park; our focus now is the Hidden Gems Garden Walk. The homeowners on the walk are hard at work, planting, trimming, weeding, trying to make everything just right - which, as gardeners, we know seems to always be "yesterday" or "next week"! One of the joys and banes of gardening is the unexpected - frustrating when a plant doesn't thrive, thrilling when the peonies bloom or the perfect pie results from the rhubarb patch. I'm currently contemplating lifting all the plants in one of my beds and rearranging them per a magazine inspiration. Hmmm...I can't find that photo; fairly sure my husband hid it! Our Walk gardeners are eager to share their triumphs and challenges with our patrons.

Ann Baker
President



WHAT'S IN THISMONTH'S ISSUE:

- Scholarship Winner
- Tips for post-bulb blooms
- Upcoming events - Garden Walk info!

Caring for Your Bulbs

If you want your bulbs to rebloom, it's important to cut the spent blooms and leave the foliage until it dies back. In a mixed bed, the leaves are a pretty backdrop to summer blooming plants.

A sprinkle of 10-10-10 fertilizer in the bulb garden will help support the bulbs and promote blooms.

If you have older tulips or hyacinths that didn't bloom or had small blooms, dig those up and replant with new bulbs in fall.

WEED WATCH

Try to stay ahead of the weeds in your flower beds and vegetable garden. It's easier to spend 30 minutes twice per week than hours when the weeds are rampant. Efforts made early in the season will pay BIG dividends later on. Organic mulches like grass clippings or straw work well to inhibit weeds, but don't use grass recently treated with weed-killer - it can harm your veggies.

News and Notes

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

The greater Libertyville community's enthusiastic response to our Hidden Gems Garden Walk in 2021 enabled the club to award two scholarships.

The 2022 winners of the Stephanie Greene Memorial Scholarship:

Allison Mae Klemstein
Jack Nicholson

Congratulations to these deserving students with hope that their studies will benefit our gardens and communities.



Joyce Geib Honored

Longtime Town & Country Garden Club member, past President, and past Hidden Gems Garden Walk chairperson, Joyce Geib, was honored by the Libertyville Senior Council. Joyce was named to the Hall of Fame which recognizes outstanding local senior volunteers. Beyond her work with our garden club, Joyce was extensively active at St. Joseph's Church of Libertyville, Boy Scouts, area schools and in many more projects that benefit our village. We are very proud of and grateful for her contributions to our club.

Congratulations!

THE BLOOMING OF THE PEONIES

While not a formal event, a major June joy is the blooming of peonies. You can pick peonies at the "marshmallow" bloom stage, wrap and refrigerate for use in bouquets in the months to come. This DOES work. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

After the season, trim off spent blooms, give them some 10-10-10 fertilizer sprinkled around the plants, and don't cut back the foliage until fall.



Upcoming Events



Town and Country Garden Club of Libertyville
presents the

Hidden Gems Garden Walk

A treasured community event
June 25, 2022 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Ticket prices are \$15; \$20 day of the walk.
Tickets are available for in-person purchase at the
Village Hall ; at **How Impressive** on Milwaukee
Avenue; on **June 2, 9 and 23** at the **Farmer's Market** ;
online on **Eventbrite** (credit card use with fee).

It isn't very often that we have the chance to peek into gardens created and nurtured by our community neighbors. The Hidden Gems Garden Walk on Saturday, June 25, gives an insider's look into outdoor spaces just beyond the sidewalk. The Garden Walk features five spectacular gardens in the Libertyville area. This year's homes include a full-sun, blooming beauty with large vegetable bed; a full-shade grove with walking path and tropical tones; a small suburban artsy respite with unique specimens in tree, shrub, and bloom; a certified butterfly garden; one of the ten oldest red maples in Illinois; and a gentle cascading waterfall feature.

Gather some friends and enjoy a special summer Saturday on this self-guided tour, exploring amazing garden gems hidden from street view. Meet the gardeners who design and create these suburban oases. Be inspired and collect ideas for your own yards. Exciting new adds this season are an onsite Lake Country Forest Preserve expert providing information on eradicating and replacing invasive buckthorn; a raffle for container gardens artfully designed by Master Gardeners; and a sale of delightful teacup gardens.

Add a stroll down Mainstreet Libertyville to shop or dine.

Proceeds from Hidden Gems fund community plantings, Libertyville Food Pantry, and a Scholarship for area students enrolled in a Horticulture-related field.

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