



The Hidden Gem

July, 2022

Town & Country Garden Club of Libertyville celebrates our 70th anniversary serving the greater Libertyville area with civic plantings, scholarship awards, local charitable donations and our Hidden Gems Garden Walk.

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Our thirsty gardens were happy!

The Town and Country Garden Club of Libertyville experienced light rain throughout our 10th annual Hidden Gems Garden Walk. Clad in wellies and raincoats, strolling with umbrellas, our patrons enjoyed the gardens of our host homeowners - and we thank them for creating, preparing, and opening their Gems for our fundraiser. In addition, we offered tea cup gardens created by our members and a raffle, both successful elements of the day. Between the beautiful gardens, our members' hard work, and our supportive patrons, Hidden Gems was again a success. We appreciate the support from our community and look forward to 2023.

Ann Baker,
President, Town & Country Garden Club

A special thanks to Mariani Landscape for generously underwriting the printing costs for our tickets and publicity materials. Let them know you heard great things about them from Town & Country Garden Club of Libertyville! Check out their amazing designs and work at [Mariani Landscape](https://www.marianilandscape.com).



Photos courtesy of Paula Lubenow

Summer Garden Tips

Enjoy Your Blooms

The first, best gardening rule is enjoy your blooms and harvest. When friends show you photos of their restaurant meal, share one of that fabulous zucchini or zinnia! In all seriousness, we work hard in our gardens, and it's important to simply be with your blooms and veggies. Cut some flowers for a vase, and admire them during dinner. Smell the roses is a both a cliché and truth. Pause and give it a try.

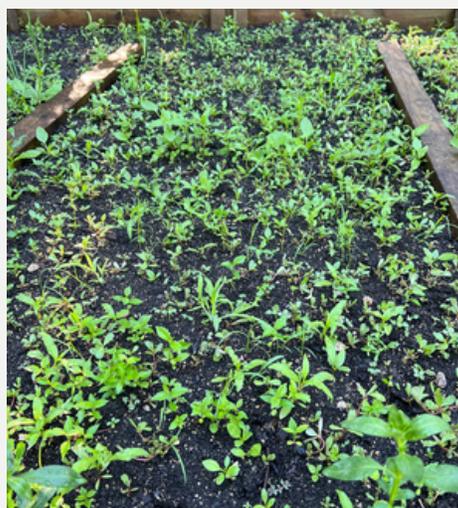


Weeding

While that initial, overwhelming spring weed epidemic is slowing down, it's important to keep up with the beds. See on the right before and after photos of a cutting garden bed.

The seeds were planted and just emerging before a June vacation - weeding then was too risky, couldn't tell weed from bloom. On return, YIKES! However, now it was easy to tell weed from zinnia and cosmos.

Master Gardener Risé Barkhoff cautions to only weed with patience and calm, so as to not lose any of the desired plants. Weeding *can* be a zen experience; a couple hours later, voila! Rewarded, relaxed, and awaiting the summer flowers.



WATER

Soil dries out when we haven't had a soaking rain in a week or so. It's better to water once a week, giving lawns and gardens an inch of water in a sprinkling rather than multiple light sessions. Set a small can (like from tuna) with the lid removed in the sprinkler area to measure water output. Keep your containers well-watered - they dry out quickly. Don't want to lose those lovely annuals! For more tips on watering, search on [Illinois Extension Services](#). It's the go-to resource for local gardening guidelines.

Upcoming Events

Did you know that the Chicago Botanic Garden has a plant giveaway?

May 11 – September 30, 2022

Wednesday – Friday:

11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday:

11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Staff or volunteers in the Regenstein Fruit & Vegetable Garden share information about the featured plant and encourage visitors to take some seeds or a seedling home to plant on their balcony, patio, or in their backyard garden. A care sheet with growing information and use tips is available for visitors to photograph. Note: seeds and seedlings are distributed each program day while supplies last.



LOVE THE GARDEN WALK?

Our northern neighbors at the Kenosha Garden Club sponsor the 2022 Secret Garden Walk

Saturday, July 9th

9 am - 3 pm Rain or shine!

[Click Here for Details](#)

The Elmhurst Garden Club presents "An Afternoon in the Park", Garden Walk and Faire on July 10th.

For information and tickets,

[Click Here](#)

And if you have some harvest to spare...

The Libertyville Township Food Pantry and the St. Joseph's Food Pantry in Libertyville both enthusiastically accept fresh, garden grown produce for their patrons. Please consider setting aside a portion of your green beans, cucumbers, zucchini and other harvest for those in need. Thank you!

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