



The Hidden Gem

Fall, 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.



THIS SEASON:

- Fall Cleanup
- Enjoying autumn containers
- Upcoming Events



September meeting flower arrangements by Jennifer Rielly

CNVFILLM FP1 Photo by Laura LeVert



ISA Certified Arborists Lesley and Gil Smith, of Arborsmith, gave an eye-opening presentation about tree life and care. Our community is blessed with many beautiful, mature trees - and we lose many of those trees each year to disease, urban activities, and climate change. Lesley and Gil gave the members invaluable tips to improve the health and longevity of our trees. Read the Smiths' blog HERE.

Do you know a high school senior or a college student studying in the fields of Horticulture, Floriculture, Landscape Design, Botany, Plant Pathology, Forestry, Agronomy, or Environmental Concerns? Do they reside in Libertyville or neighboring communities? Inform them of our Stephanie Greene Scholarship. Information and application can be found HERE

You may note the newsletter heading is “Fall” and not “October”. We will publish a single volume for the each of next two seasons. As our gardens rest, so will the newsletter - preparing for an amazing 2023.

Ann Baker, President

Autumn Tips

Fall Garden Clean-up – Be a “Lazy Gardener”

Sue Hazelwood, Master Gardener, Illinois Extension Lake County

Fall gardening tips have traditionally encouraged cleanup of all remains of summer including dried leaves and dead plant foliage.

But, when we do this, we are removing winter cover that helps beneficial pollinators and wildlife overwinter.

Try being a “lazy gardener” and help our environment.... Instead of removing fallen leaves in all your garden beds, leave some beds “messy” to provide a protected location for insects and animals. Instead of cutting down dead plant materials, leave them standing until spring. They look beautiful in the winter landscape and are a source of food and habitat.

For more information click [HERE](#)

Great plants to use in fall containers:

Pansies (flashback to Spring)

Ornamental Peppers

Ornamental cabbages & kale

Asters

Impatiens

AND, OF COURSE

Chrysanthemums





Wonder what's
blooming in our
late September
gardens?
Click [HERE](#) to see!

Welcome home - come on in!

Did you give your houseplants a vacation outside during the summer months? While they certainly enjoyed the warmth and humidity, it's time to tuck them back in as the weather cools - wait too long, and they may drop their leaves. However, bringing the plants in does require a bit of preparation and effort! Risé Barkhoff, Master Gardener, shared [5 Easy Steps on When and How to Bring Your Houseplants Inside](#) by Marianne Willburn. Plants can carry insects or diseases, need re-potting or other special care. Looks like it will be cold this weekend, so if you haven't started this chore, now is the time.

Did you know...

Peppers and tomatoes are tropical plants and if they receive enough sunlight may continue to fruit indoors through the winter? You may have more success with patio varieties like cherry tomatoes and chili peppers. Remember, even though peppers and tomatoes are self-pollinating, there is a lack of pollinators and wind to facilitate the movement of pollen around the blooms. You may need to hand pollinate the plants when they bloom.



Upcoming Events

ETHEL UNTERMYER FORUM:
HELPING POLLINATORS



Free online class

Lake County Forest Preserves

Sunday, October 16, 1 - 2 p.m.

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

SAVE
THE
DATE!



Fall Festival & Bulb Sale Chicago Botanic Gardens

Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, October 7 – 9, 2022

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Members-only bulb shopping

Friday, October 7, 2022

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Admission is free with membership or general admission ticket.

Parking is free for members, \$8 for nonmembers.



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