

Fox Valley Garden Club

Meetings and Programs

Meetings are held on the second Monday of the month, January through November at 7 pm, unless otherwise indicated, at

West Aurora Plaza
1921 West Galena Blvd.

The storefront is at the east end between the Dollar Tree and the Barber Shop.

January 8 *Micro Climates: Pushing the Zone Envelope*

Cindy Tyley, owner of Carriage House Garden Design, will discuss factors influencing micro climates in your landscape, choosing better growing sites for your plants, and how to experiment with plants normally not considered hardy in Zone 5.

February 12 *Bingo and Potluck*

Meeting begins at 6 p.m.

March 12 *Micro Edible Wild Plants*

Patricia Armstrong, Morton Arboretum and College of DuPage, will enlighten us about the 600 plus wild edible plants, trees, shrubs, wildflowers and weeds that we can turn into tasty foods for our table.

March 16 *Field Trip to Lizzie's Garden Center (arrive by 6 p.m.)*

Create your own spring arrangement selecting from best available plants. \$20 per person. Meet at 6 pm at Lizzie's Garden Center, 24254 W. 111th Street, Naperville. 630-904-1066.

April 9 *Beyond NPK... it's Sex in the Soil (meeting begins at 6:30 p.m.)*

Lynn Bement, the Compost Queen, will speak about the fascinating world beneath our feet. Learn about the secret life of microorganisms and that by feeding these microorganisms we can create an environment that is more disease and insect resistant, as well as drought tolerant.

May 14 *New Gardening Trends*

Barb Collins, author on landscaping and plantscaping, will discuss how trends in color, style and fashion affect what you grow in your garden. Learn about shiplap and the color Greenery, as well as desirable plant traits.

May 19 *Annual Plant Sale*

June 11 *Members' Annual Potluck Dinner, 6 p.m.*

July 9 *Sensory and Enabling Gardening*

Janie Grillo, Midwest Groundcovers, will introduce plants and features we can add to the garden to enhance the gardening experience to stimulate the senses beyond the beauty and fragrance of flowers. She will also share tips to consider as we garden into our golden years.

July 17 *A Tuesday Field Trip to John Richter's Garden (arrive by 6 p.m.)*

John's garden features a wonderful collection of grafted trees, over 550 different hostas, and his numerous daylily collection will be in bloom. Plant divisions will be available for purchase. Meet at 6 p.m. at 29W430 Forestview Drive North, Warrenville.

August 13 *Lyme Disease Epidemic and What Gardeners Need to Know*

Laura Christensen, landscape designer and educational speaker, is a recovered patient and parent of three adult children with a history of Lyme disease. Her wealth of knowledge and information on Lyme disease includes how we contract it, how best to protect ourselves, the symptoms, type of doctor to see and treatment.

September 10 *Our Climate Crisis*

Kent Taylor, Climate Reality Project, will address the science behind and the challenges inherent in our climate crisis. Observed evidence on how climate change is affecting our oceans, reefs, polar areas and economy will be discussed and what we can do to minimize the affects of global warming.

September *Member Plant Exchange*

October 8

November 12

Check back often for the latest information.

2017 Meetings & Programs

January	Tips for the Lazy Gardener
February	Indoor Gardening
March	Field Trip to Lizzie's Garden Center
April	Grow a Cook's Garden
May	Great Gardens of Chicago Land
June	Annual Member Potluck Dinner
July	Your Home Landscape: From Glum to Gorgeous with Ground Cover Improving Your Soil the Natural Way
August	What now? Refreshing the Tired Garden and Gardener
September	Member Plant Exchange Amazing Birds
October	Crazy for Containers – For Winter
November	

2016 Meetings & Programs

January	Shade Gardening Beyond Hosta
February	Bingo & Potluck Dinner
April	Wildflower Gardens—Nature's Jewel Box
May	Saving Seeds
June	Members' Annual Potluck Dinner
July	Curb Appeal
August	Illinois State Insect: Monarch
September	Member Plant Exchange
October	Entertaining Spaces/Garden Rooms

2015 Meetings & Programs

January	Language of Flowers
February	Tussy Mussy Bouquet Workshop
March	What's New and Upcoming in Plants and Flowers from Ball Seed
April	Monarch Magic
May	Belfry Bees and Honey

June	Members' Annual Potluck Dinner
July	Vegetative Propagation
August	Landscape Design
September	Bulbs through the Seasons
September	Member Plant Exchange
October	Scale and Pruning: what-to-do and how-to
November	Holiday table arrangement

2014 Meetings & Programs

January	Mike Nowak, Master Gardener and WCPT Radio Host
February	Lazy Gardeners Guide to Green Landscaping
March	Fairy Gardens
April	Beaded Suncatcher craft
May	Incredible Bats
June	Members' Annual Potluck Dinner
July	To Eat or Not to Eat? Edibles in the Landscape
August	Growing Vertical-Annual & Perennial Vines
September	Pruning, Sizing & Timing – tools of the trade
October	Rooftop Gardening
November	Holiday Craft

2013 Meetings & Programs

January	All about Orchids
February	All about Hydranges
March	Attracting Butterflies and Hummingbirds to the Garden
April	Backyard Birds & Feeders
May	Where on Earth did you Find That? Interesting Garden Elements
June	Members' Annual Potluck Dinner
July	Field Trip: Garfield Farm & Museum
August	Field Trip: Blumen Gardens
September	Mum is Not Always the Word-Creative Fall Planting Ideas
	Members' Annual Plant Exchange
October	All Things Native
November	Hands-On Creation of Outdoor Holiday Planter

2012 Meetings & Programs

January	What's Hot and What's Not-annuals & perennials
February	The Herb Garden
March	Doorstep Gardening-creating the entrance garden
April	What's the Buzz on Honeybees?
May	Vegetable Gardening
June	Members' Annual Potluck Dinner
July	Field Trip: Gardens of John Richter
August	Falcon Demonstration
September	Field Trip: Heritage Prairie Farm
	Members' Annual Plant Exchange
October	Garden Snatchers
November	Companion Plants, Prairie Style