

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.

2022 Meetings & Programs

- February 14 *Seed Starting* – Leslie LeResche, Kane County Master Gardener, University of Illinois Extension, will present effective ways to germinate seeds.
- March 14 *Seed Saving & Seed Swap* - Learn how to save seeds from Leslie LeResche, Kane County Master Gardener, University of Illinois Extension. Bring seeds to swap with members.
- April 11 *Foraging for Wild Edibles* - Dave Brooks, Spring Valley Nature Center & Heritage Farm in Schaumburg, will present.
- May 9 *Growing Your First Orchid* - Don White, Anything Orchids & Plants in Frankfort, will discuss lighting conditions, watering and repotting - leading to successfully growing orchids.
- June 13 *How are the Bees Doing?* - Rita Gorra, Fox Valley Beekeepers, will speak about how well the bee population is currently doing, how to attract bees to your yard and what is involved in starting your own hive. Sample honey. Honey will be available for purchase.
- June Member Potluck
- July 11 *Vermicomposting* - Composting with worms will be presented by a Kane County Master Gardener, University of Illinois Extension.
- August 8 *Home Remedies-DO they Work?* - Bill Karges, Pioneer Garden shop in Villa Park, returns to share his knowledge on home remedies.
- September 12 *Preparing Your Garden for Winter* - Learn best practices from a Kane Country Master Gardener, University of Illinois Extension.
- Fall Member Plant Exchange
- October 10 *Unusual, Exotic & Medicinal Plants* - Marcy Lautanen-Raleigh, owner of Backyard Patch Herbs, will discuss uncommon herbs that can be grown in Zone 5 along with their uses, habits and medicinal or culinary properties.
- November 14 *Seasonal Arrangements* - Peggy Garvin, owner/designer of Garvin Gardens in South Elgin, will share her knowledge and three arrangements will be raffled

2020 Meetings & Programs

- January Potluck with door prizes
- February Global Garden Refugee Training Farm
- March Roses: Grand and Glorious
- September Member Plant Exchange
- November Forcing Bulbs—Make & Take

2019 Meetings & Programs

January	Winter Sowing
February	Bingo and Potluck
March	Attracting Butterflies and Hummingbirds to Your Garden
April	Organic Kitchen Garden
May	Dahlias
June	Members' Annual Potluck Dinner
July	Stuffed Topiaries
July	Sensory and Enabling Gardening
August	Essential Oils
September	Amazing Alternatives to the Traditional Lawn
October	Member Plant Exchange
November	Animal-resistant Gardening Holiday Make & Take

2018 Meetings & Programs

January	Micro Climates: Pushing the Zone Envelope
February	Bingo and Potluck
March	Micro Edible Wild Plants
March	Field Trip to Lizzie's Garden Center
April	Beyond NPK...It's Sex in the Soil
May	New Gardening Trends
May	Annual Plant Sale
June	Members' Annual Potluck Dinner
July	Sensory and Enabling Garden
July	A Tuesday Field Trip to John Richter's Garden
August	Lyme Disease Epidemic and What Gardeners Need to Know
September	Our Climate Crisis
September	Member Plant Exchange
October	Art & Architecture in the Garden
November	Lizzie's Garden—create a macramé plant holder

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
August	Improving Your Soil the Natural Way
September	What now? Refreshing the Tired Garden and Gardener
September	Member Plant Exchange
October	Amazing Birds
November	Crazy for Containers – For Winter

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