



LGC Programs for 2022-2023

Friday, May 20, 2022

Heather Prince

Container Arrangements

Container Gardening Demonstration: Discover the possibilities for building creative, dynamic containers for sun and shade. We'll demonstrate scale, texture and color combinations while also including edible plants, fragrance, and how to add touches of whimsy.

Program Chair: Barb Madigan

Friday, June 24, 2022

Field Trip - Conservation Foundation – 11:00 am

McDonald Farm

10S404 Knoch Knolls Road, Naperville, IL 60565

This tour will be primarily outdoors. Some of the features will be: historic farm dating back to the 1870s, new “green” features, rain harvesting (two types), solar panels, rain barrels, wind turbine, green roof, organic vegetable production on 50 acres, food forest with permaculture exhibit area,

native plants, rain gardens, wetland restoration and much more.

Program Chair: Janet Kenny

Friday, July 22, 2022

Garden Walk

Spend the morning viewing several local delightful gardens. This is a members-only event but you are encouraged to bring family and friends and introduce them to our Club. More details will be available as we get closer to the date.

Program Chair: Sharon Rakowski

Friday, August 26, 2022

David Brooks - Spring Valley Nature Center

David Brooks, Manager of Conservation Services at Spring Valley Nature Center, will explain how to attract a variety of birds to your yard with well-maintained feeding stations and food plantings. The program will include descriptions of many of our year-round resident birds along with common migrants to be seen in our area during spring and summer.

Program Chair: Sharon Rakowski

Friday, September 23, 2022

Pete Soltesz and Kim Kulton – Bee All About It!

Beekeeping and the Importance of Bees

Bees are elegant, industrious little creatures which at times seem to defy laws of nature. Their social structure is based on the colony which is a living "Super-Organism" consisting of workers, drones and a Queen. They depend on one bee, yet rely on the independent achievements of all for their survival. But, how does the Queen govern the hive? Where are the decisions really made? How well have they been able to adapt to change in their environment? Please join Pete Soltesz and Kim Kulton, professional local beekeepers. They'll share their story, discuss what they are seeing and talk about what we can all do to help.

Program Chair: Jeannine Warkow

Friday, October 28, 2022

Bill Karges – Pioneer Garden and Feed

A to Z Vegetables

Asparagus to Zucchini and Everything In-Between!

This program will show you how to get the most out of your vegetable garden. Bill will cover methods, planting times, insect and disease controls, harvesting methods and container options. You'll learn lots of tips and tricks to ensure your success and boost your yields.

Program Chair: Rick Hennessy

Friday, November 11, 2022

Arts and Crafts Project

We will be revisiting an old club tradition by creating ornaments during the meeting. One ornament will be for each member to take home and a second ornament will be shared with residents of a local memory care facility or nursing home.

Program Chair: Barb Madigan

Friday, December 9, 2022

Winter Wonderland Luncheon

Walter Fedyshyn, AIFD, PFCI

Walter is an International Design School Instructor, Floral Designer of the Year and a Published Designer and Lecturer.

Program Chair: Jeannine Warkow

Friday, January 27, 2023

Mark Spreyer- Stillman Nature Center

Mark Spreyer, executive director of the Stillman Nature Center, has been bringing owls to garden clubs, schools and wildlife conference for nearly 25 years. Our program will feature five raptors and Mark's knowledgeable talk about facts and myths associated with them.

Program Chair: Sharon Rakowski

Friday, February 24, 2023

Joel Sheesley

“Celebrating the Local Landscape”

Joel Sheesley will give an illustrated talk about his work as an artist who collaborates with conservation, park and forest preserve groups. Love of nature and concern for the natural environment mix with love of art and painting in Mr. Sheesley's work. The artist will share from what he has learned about the local landscape and from his experience painting local rivers and prairies.

Program Chair: Rick Hennessy

Friday, March 24, 2023

Heather Prince

By the Light of the Moon: An Evening Garden

Many of us only can enjoy our garden spaces in the evening after a busy day. Why not create a special garden to enjoy when the sun goes down and the moon rises? We'll discuss garden design and delve into the many types of plants that add color and texture to dusk and beyond.

Program Chair: Barb Madigan

Friday, April 28, 2023

Spring Luncheon

Julie Dolezal, Floral Designer

Jewel, Countryside, IL

Julie comes "highly recommended" from the annual District 2 "top programs" list.

Program Chair: Jeannine Warkow