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FOR 2009-2010**

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 (See newsletter deadlines on "Calendar-At-A-Glance" on the back side of each newsletter)

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General Meeting & Program: Thurs. May 6

Place: Lakeview Museum Auditorium
Time: 12:00pm Tea • 12:30pm Meeting • 1:00pm Speaker
Program: "April Showers Bring May Flowers"
Speaker: Carolyn Gleeson, Gurnee, Illinois
 Carolyn is a National Garden Flower Show Judge and is involved in many aspects of Flower Arranging both as an exhibitor, judge and educator. She is currently chairman of Flower Show schools for Garden Clubs of Illinois. Her program is guaranteed to inspire.

Hostesses: Bonnie Cox, Mimi Allen, Margie Wagner, Jean Schlesinger, June Edda Smith & Nancy DeLathouwer.

Centerpiece: Barb Ruff & Claudia Northrup

Ways & Means: We will have cookies...\$1.00 for a small plate to take home.

May Workshop:

Field Trip: "A Mini Garden Tour"
Time/Date: Tues. May 18 at 9:30am
Location: Homes of Erma Weiland & Bonnie Cox

The May workshop will be Tuesday May 18. We will meet at 9:30 at Erma Wieland's garden in Lake of the Woods. Erma's house is for sale, so this may be our last chance to see her beautiful yard and fish pond. From there we will go to the garden of Bonnie Cox in Peoria Heights. Directions to both gardens will be given at the May PGC meeting. Erma lives at 11900 N. Windcrest Ct. and Bonnie lives at 5030 N. Prospect Rd, Peoria Hts. We hope to see you at this last workshop of the year. — *Bonnie Cox, Workshop Co-Chair*

GREEN ACRES PLANT SALE - Sat. May 1st

Don't forget the PGC Green Acres Sale is Sat, May 1, from 8 am until Noon at the Metro Center. We have a digging crew if you have plants to donate but aren't able to dig & pot them yourself. Call: Rita, Sue, or Sherry.

Prior to April 30th, you can drop off your plants at Kathy Kolhase's house, 6004 N. Briarwood Ln., Peoria. Call her to arrange a time 691-5719. You may also drop them off at the First Baptist Church parking lot, 411 W. Lake in Peoria, anytime from **8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Friday, April 30**. All plants need to be identified when you drop them off...please specify name, sun or shade and color of flower, if you can. We also need volunteers to price, organize and label the plants at the church April 30th.

We have cashiers and cashier helpers on Saturday, the day of the sale, but we need more help from 6:00 – 8:00 a.m. to set-up. This is a great opportunity to help with the sale if you cannot be there during sale hours. We also need volunteers to assist customers during the sale. Please contact any of the co-chairs if you have any questions or can help them out.

— *Co-Chairs: Rita Lynn (309-925-5466), Sue O'Neill (309-274-2291), Sherry Van Buren (309- 697-4393)*

PRESIDENT'S REPORT :

Boy-o-boy spring has finally arrived—I know each of you has had the wonderful smell of the good earth in your nostrils and the feel on your hands. Such a renewing time of year.

Peoria Garden Club had a terrific down to earth hands one type explanation of pond in the prairie at the April meeting. I know that those who attended learned quite a lot. May 6th will be our last meeting of this program year and the topic will be May flowers—how appropriate! I do hope you will be there as this meeting will also see the instillation of the 2010-11 club officers and board.

In addition to the elected officers, the following people were appointed to the “left over” positions that weren’t filled:

Treasurer - JoAnn Blank
Newsletter - Melanie Martin
Civic Projects - Pat Thomason
Newsletter Mailing - Phyllis Baylor
Flower Show 2011 - Claudia Buchanan
Green Acres - Rita Lynn
Awards - Susan Davis

Audit - Spring 2010: Joan Brune & Dee LRue

Spring 2011: Joan Brune & Mimi Allen

Morrison House:

Holiday Decorating - Jorja Stephens & Margie Wagner

Garden clean-up Fall - Brenda Keller & Phyllis Baylor

Raffel Mgr. - Susan Davis

Civic Federation Delegates:

June Edda Smith & alternate—Dulcie Hinricks

Nominating Committee—Joyce Johnson, Bonnie Cox & Karen Scott

I look forward to serving you again next year as President—I’m so proud of the work this club provides our community and of the women who do it!!!

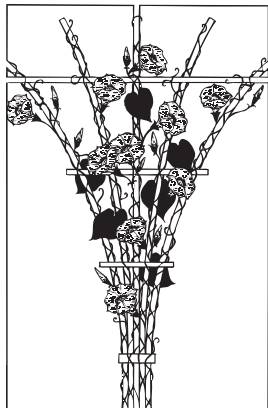
I hope you will participate in our **Green Acres sale May 1** and in our **Garden Walk June 10** as these are our major fundraisers and they support all of our civic activity.

Let’s all get outside and dig those plants for our sale!
— *Friendly regards, Fran Kepler, PGC President*



Nancy's Notions for MAY

- Cut Back butterfly bush, caryopteris, and lavender when new growth begins.
- Prune spring flowering shrubs such as forsythia and lilac immediately after blooming.
- Tubers of canna, caladiums, and dahlias can be planted in the garden. Place stake alongside planting hole for tall dahlias which will need support. Rebar works well as a support.
- Set annuals out this month. Water in soil until well soaked. Then allow plants to almost wilt before watering again.
- Protect newly planted annuals or vegetables from rabbits which seem to do the greatest damage in the spring. Place circle of chicken wire anchored with bamboo stakes around plants such as impatiens and green peppers until they get established.
- Apply the first fertilization to your lawn around Mother's Day.
- As pines are candling, pinch candles to 1/2 length to restrict size and create a fuller bushier plant.



- Watch for green caterpillars (sawfly larvae) eating pine needles. They can ruin a shrub very quickly. Spray off with your hose or treat with insecticide.
- Sow green beans, zinnias and marigolds. Plant tomato and pepper plants. Plant out basil and coleus plants the middle of the month...they are very sensitive to cold.
- Place supports around perennials plants that will later need them as they grow bigger.
- You can still divide hostas and perennials the first few weeks of May. Amend soil with compost.
- Coffee grounds are great to sprinkle around your hydrangeas and roses
- Pruning hydrangeas - If you haven't done it already, cut back Annabelle hydrangeas to the ground. They bloom on new wood. Cut back only the dead stems of Nikko Blue and Endless Summer hydrangeas(Nikko blooms only on old wood; Endless Summer blooms on both old and new wood.) Pee Gee (such as Limelight, Tardiva, etc,) hydrangeas bloom on new wood. They can be pruned heavily or whatever you wish. They can grow about 24 inches in a season, so you might wish to cut them back 24 inches...if your object is to retain a certain size. Oakleaf Hydrangeas are slow growing—prune only the dead branches and to shape up. They bloom on old wood.

— *Nancy Crawford*

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MEMBERSHIP NEWS: DUES ARE DUE

We have two new members in our club.

- **Susan Buda**, 5508 N. Prospect Rd., Peoria Heights, IL 61616-4322
- **Martha Neumayr Gustus**, 3723 N. Grandview Dr., Peoria, IL 61614-8019.

DUES ARE DUE. Make your \$25.00 check payable to Peoria Garden Club and mail it to: Nancy DeLathouwer, 631 N. Adams St. Kewanee IL 61443. Its important to pay your dues on time so that we don't have to spend money on postcards and postage to remind you.

— *Nancy DeLathouwer, 2nd Vice President*

PEORIA GARDEN WALK REPORT:

The Peoria Garden Club Garden Walk is **Thurs. June 10th**, 10am-7pm. **Tickets be on sale at our May PGC meeting, for both the Garden Walk and associated luncheon at Mt. Hawley CC.**

Garden Walk Tickets: If you cannot make it to our May PGC meeting, or purchase them from local garden businesses by the end of the business day on June 9th to receive the \$5 discount, send a self-addressed stamped business size envelope to Lori Gangloff, 1206 Hillcrest Dr, Washington, 61571-2295, along with your payment of \$15 per ticket, no later than May 30th. Make checks payable to Peoria Garden Club.

Luncheon: Along with the Garden Walk we will also have our optional **luncheon on June 10th from 11:30am-1pm...this is a new time change...**open to PGC members and their guests, at **Mt. Hawley Country Club**. The luncheon is not a money maker for the club, but just a nice opportunity to get together with gardening friends. The sit-down style luncheon menu includes: chicken crepe w/rice pilaf, Mediterranean salad, mini-muffins, lemon-raspberry parfait, coffee and tea. The price is \$16. Tickets will be sold at the May luncheon, or contact Phyllis Baylor, 673-1098 or phbaylor@comcast.net. **The last day to purchase a ticket will be May 27.**

—Phyllis Baylor, Luncheon Chair

Hostesses Needed: We need a few more hostesses to sit at each house to mark off and sell tickets the day of the walk, mainly in the 5-7pm slots. Contact Lynn Heath or Pat Thomason to sign up...

- Lynn Heath 697-2195 • lheath1@mindspring.com
- Pat Thomason 697-2327 • patricia.thomason@sbcglobal.net

Refreshment Table Needs Cookies: Cookie bakers are needed for refreshments that will be served during the Garden Walk on June 10, 2010. Volunteers are asked to donate 3-4 dozen cookies. We could also use several people to help serve, prepare cookie trays, etc. For more info or where to drop off your cookies just before the walk, please contact Mary Christiansen: 692-6260, or Susie Gauwitz: 691-7112 to volunteer.

Raffle: Doris Rock did a great job of getting local businesses to donate items for our raffle. Similar to the Walk in 2008, we will have separate tables full of items and each raffle ticket has the chance to win the entire table full of gifts...\$2 each or 3 for \$5.

This is working on being a great Walk. Please, encourage your family and friends to come out and support a fun event for a worthy cause... Civic Projects. — *Thank you, Melanie Martin, Garden Walk Chair*

PGC ACTIVITIES FOR 2010-2011

Program News:

SEPTEMBER GARDEN FAIRE

As program co-chairs, we have been busy planning programs for next year Sept. 2010 to May 2011. Our plan for Sept. is a Garden Faire highlighting the talents, accomplishments and interests of our members. If you have been successful preserving flowers, making a wreath or garden ornament, growing something special, cooking or baking using bounty from the garden or any other garden related subject, would you consider sharing you knowledge with our club. There would be no presentation, just display your idea on a table and answer questions while club members browse the Faire. Please call or email Lori Gangloff 444-4563 or lorigangloff@hotmail.com or Lynn Heath 697-2195 or lheath1@mindspring.com for more information or to sign up. With your help and cooperation, this will be a great program. Thank you. — *Lori Gangloff*

Workshop News:

The September workshop will be a trip to Anderson Japanese Gardens in Rockford IL. We will be leaving Lakeview Museum at 7:00 a.m. We will tour the garden and have lunch at their new restaurant. We will stop in Utica, IL on our way home for a wine tasting and tour of Illinois River Winery. We should arrive back in Peoria around 6:30 p.m. Total cost for the trip, tour and lunch will be \$45.50. It will be a fun girls day out.

The Workshop committee is also looking for homes to have on our Christmas Tour of Homes. This will be a *members only event* and the number of visitors will be limited to 30 people. If you would like to share your home to inspire members, contact Nancy DeLathouwer @ (309) 852-4498 or email tndelathouwer@verizon.net.

— *Nancy DeLathouwer, Workshop Chair*



Editor's Comment: This is the newsletter for all the members of Peoria Garden Club. If you are involved in a club event and will need to put some sort of announcement or details about the event in the newsletter, and you were not on my Aug. reminder email list, please don't hesitate to send me an email to let me know your e-address and I will include you on this reminder list. Just announcing things at the meetings doesn't always get to everyone...especially those who aren't there, come too late or leave too early! Plus a written reminder is always nice. — Thank you. Melanie Martin, Green Thumb Editor

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Calendar At-A-Glance

PEORIA GARDEN CLUB ACTIVITIES:

- May 1** **Green Acres Plant Sale** - Metro Center... *(See details on page 3)*
- May 6** **PGC General Meeting & Program** - "Traditional & Creative Floral Design"
NOTE: This is our last garden club meeting for this year...next meeting is Spetember 2.
- May 9** **Green Thumb Deadline** - Get your articles to Melanie Martin for the last Green Thumb of this year.
- May 18** **Workshop:** *(Field trip to two Peoria Garden Club members gardens - details on page 1)*
- June 10** **Garden Walk** - 10am - 7pm - *(See Page 3 for latest info...or contact a committee member to help out. Many hands make for light work and a successful event!)*
- August 15** **Green Thumb Deadline** - Get your articles to Melanie Martin for the September meeting, or any announcements, thank yous, etc.