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2011-2012**

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**SEPTEMBER 2011**



**General Meeting & Program: Thurs. September 1st**

**"PGC 80TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION"**

**Place:** Lakeview Museum Auditorium  
**Time:** 12:00 p.m. – Tea  
12:30 p.m. – Business Meeting  
1:00 p.m. – Program

**Guest:** Kevin, at Floral Expressions  
**Program:** "Memories To Have And Hold"

Come and celebrate our 80th Anniversary of the Peoria Garden Club!! There will members who will be modeling their wedding dresses and hose who have grown "too tall" for their gowns, the gowns will modeled by another PGC member. Some "brides" will be carrying the flowers that they carried when they were married and Kevin, at Floral Expressions, will recreate these arrangements. Dorothy Wilson will speak on the history of the Peoria Garden Club and we will also have wedding cake. Do come!!!! Any questions contact Julie Foley or Doris Rock.



**Hostesses:** Linda Carr, Julie Foley, Pinky Riffle and Doris Rock  
**Centerpiece:** Pat Knobloch

**Ways & Means:** At this meeting we will have samples of t-shirts and sweatshirts from EmbroidMe for all to see and order. The colors will be red, Irish green and Carolina blue. The PGC logo will be on the left chest. The price will be \$15/t-shirt \$22/sweatshirt

**September Workshop/Mini Garden Tour: Tues. Sept. 20**

**Topic:** "Art In the Garden"  
**Time:** 9:30 am  
**Location:** Visit the gardens, in this order:

**1st - Rosene Snekhaus** - 2314 Skyway Road, Bartonville  
**2nd - Phyllis Baylor** - 9028 W.Farmington Road, Hanna City

**Description:** Rosene's garden is predominantly a shade garden with some sun. Phyllis' garden is more sunny. Both gardens feature unusual garden art collections which we will enjoy and be inspired by. Bring a sack lunch for yourself and we will have a picnic together in Phyllis' garden. A beverage will be provided.

**October Workshop/Road Trip: Tues. Oct. 18 - RSVP by Oct. 8th**

**Topic:** Road Trip to The Farm and Morningstar Tearoom near Petersburg, Il.  
**Time:** Meet in Lakeview parking lot at 8:30 to carpool  
**Description:** We are going to enjoy lunch together at the Morningstar Tearoom. It a set menu soup, salad, sandwich, beverage and a choice of many wonderful calorie free desserts. The cost is \$16.75 which includes tax and tip. The next stop will be The Farm where we will decorate a longlasting pumpkin. It will be decorated with ribbons and dried materials. The cost is \$12. The Farm is a rustic shop in the barn. It features dried flowers, herbs and gifts which will include many seasonal items. The reservation and money is needed by Oct. 8th to Carolyn Schelkopf 401 W. Maple Row Elmwood, Il. 61529 phone 309-742-8947. The Farm website: visit-thefarm.com

## Nancy's Notions for **SEPTEMBER**

- Late August and early September is the best time to aerate, power rake (if thatch is a problem), and fertilize your lawn.
- Plant toes of garlic in late September (setting them straight with points up). As soon as vegetable beds stop producing and begin to die down, pull out the plants. If you are planning to turn over the beds before winter, first apply a complete fertilizer such as 10-10-10 (1 pound per 100 square feet of garden). Spade it in.
- Peonies should be divided now. You can still divide perennials this month. I find this easier than in the spring as I can still remember their shape and size and where they might do well. Usually the ground is drier now; we have had very wet springs the past few years delaying our ability to get into the garden.
- Plant daffodils in September so they can form roots before frost. Tulips are best planted in late October or early November. Planting daffodils near daylilies or hosta is a worthwhile idea. As the daffodil foliage dies down, the foliage of daylilies and hosta arises.
- Your notes of what to do next spring should include: Annuals that worked well (I keep a list); Perennials that grew too large for the space allotted or were the wrong color, etc; what plants the Japanese beetles especially attacked (I plan to treat these with an in-ground systemic next year), what plants needed to be especially protected from a deer and rabbit problem, what plants needed support so they would not flop; great successes in terms of color and placement. If you can make a diagram of your planting bed and named cultivars, this is a great help next spring when you can't remember what you planted where or if it is a weed.
- Begonias, coleus, geraniums, and gerberas can be brought in for the winter. If you have a place with enough light, they will flower all winter. You can also take cuttings of coleus and the angel wing begonias if you are limited on space. I find rosemary can be tricky with indoor heat. I store mine in a garage that doesn't freeze.
- Keep weeding, and don't let weeds go to seed. Keep annuals cut back when they become leggy. If your bulb beds have become invaded with grass and no bulb foliage is present, treat with Round-Up while bulbs are below ground.

— Nancy Crawford

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

I hope everyone has had a good summer. I certainly look forward to the September PGC meeting to catch up with all my gardening friends that I didn't see over the summer; I'm sure you're looking forward to getting together also. The board has been working hard to provide another great year for you. Julie Foley and Doris Rock have a fantastic line-up of programs and Carolyn Schelkoph has scheduled a dynamite year of workshops for us all to enjoy. Hopefully, you've received your new directory and I want to thank Melanie Martin for all her hard work in compiling all this information. A HUGE THANK YOU to the people who said YES to being a committee chairman! Thank you, thank you, thank you! Don't forget to sign up for the District III Fall Meeting in Kewanee on Sept. 14th. What a fun day Kewanee has planned with our gathering at Claudia Buchanan's country home, lunch, and a hands on workshop to make and take home a fall door swag! See details elsewhere in the newsletter. See you in September,  
— Lynn Heath, PGC President

### **Late Summer Perennial Gardening Tips**

*Sharon Yiesla, Unit Educator, Horticulture, Lake Unit*

It is essential to keep plants watered consistently during the heat of summer. On average, plants need about one inch of water per week and it is best to give it that whole inch at one time. A deep watering once a week helps the plant develop a deep root system and gives the plant a good reservoir of water from which to draw. Avoid frequent sprinkling as it never wets the soil thoroughly. During really hot weather make that inch of water available every five days instead of every week. The weather and the plant's environment will dictate water needs.

Mulch plays an important role in the garden at this time; it helps conserve water, keeps root systems cooler and reduces weed problems. Inspect your mulch to see if it is still intact or if it has decayed down to a thin layer. A 2-3 inch layer of mulch is a good amount. Less than that may be insufficient to get the job done. If your mulch layer is depleted, go ahead and add some.

Late summer is not always a good time for fertilizer. Plants are often under heat or drought stress and fertilizer will not help them. In some cases it may even be harmful. Plants that are in dry soil may have their roots burned by fertilizer, even when the correct amount is used. If a plant is dry give it what it needs—water and save the fertilizer for another time.

Some plants may need to be rejuvenated in late summer. If some of your perennials have turned brown or become tattered, cut them back and then give them some water to encourage new growth. Many perennials respond favorably to this kind of treatment and if one or two don't, those plants will do so next spring from the root system.

Deadheading can also improve the look of the late summer garden. You may not want to deadhead everything, especially if you are trying to get plants to naturalize or if you are trying to attract birds. Know what your purpose is and then deadhead select plants.

Sometimes our late season gardens look bad because the weeds have gained a foothold. Remove the weeds and the garden will begin to look better immediately and will grow better without the competition of the weeds.

Don't let late summer take its toll on your garden. With a few simple steps, the garden beautiful and productive throughout the entire season.

### **VOCABULARY WORD:**

**Faux Bois** - Cement furniture cast in molds to look like rustic wooden constructions, perfect for the garden!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A Special Invitation to District III Garden Club Members

### FALL DISTRICT III MEETING

Wednesday, Sept. 14th • 10am • Kewanee

All District III clubs including Peoria Garden Club, are invited and encouraged to attend the Fall District III Meeting in Kewanee on September 14, 2011. Our gathering will be held outside in the gardens of Claudia Buchanan's country home.

In case of rain the alternate location is Kewanee Zion Lutheran Church, 250 East St. South. The church phone is 309-852-2722.

**Agenda:** The day will start with a board meeting at 10:00 am, (everyone is welcome to attend) followed by an alfresco luncheon at noon. The afternoon will feature a hands on workshop of a make and take home permanent autumn door swag.

**Fees/registration:** The fee for your day's participation is just \$20.00. Make your check payable to Garden Club of Kewanee and send to registrar: Martha Carroll, 38 Edgewood Dr., Kewanee, IL 61443. Phone 309-853-5359. Registration deadline is Sept 9.

*NOTE: There will be an opportunity to sign up for this District Meeting at the September 1st meeting of Peoria Garden Club.*

**Ways and Means:** A new concept for Ways and Means is the "Garden Club Boutique". It will feature new or gently used wearable accessories (jewelry, scarfs, purses, belts, etc.). Please bring items to generate funds for District III of the Garden Clubs of Illinois.

**Directions to Claudia's home:** From Interstate 74 West take exit 71 (route 78) into Kewanee. Left (west) on Route 81 (Sixth Street). Watch for our "directional scarecrows". Proceed 1.8 miles, turn left (south) at marker 2480 E. Proceed .7 miles to stop sign (marker 650 N). Turn right (west.) Proceed 1.8 miles. Turn left at 2300 E. You are there!

— Claudia Buchanan, p: 309-853-5185 • cel: 309-883-0258.

### ICC LANDSCAPE & GARDEN DAY

Saturday, Sept. 10th • 9 am to 3 pm

The 31st annual ICC Landscape and Garden Day will be held on Saturday, September 10th. Seminars will be held in the horticulture building plus there will be several gardening related vendors out on the lawn. Peoria Garden Club will be giving away free plants and will have a table displaying information and photos about PGC's Civic Projects and events. It's a fun day and we hope many PGC members will attend! Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Susan Naschert, 693-8304. — Susan Naschert, Civic Projects

### ROCKIN' THE GREENWAY

Sunday, Sept 11th • 3 to 5 pm

A celebration with soft rock music will be held Sunday, Sept 11th on the Western Avenue Greenway. The event will be from 3 to 5 PM. Bring lawn chairs. Parking will be available on the streets near Main, Western and Laura and on the greenway itself. Thanks will be expressed to PGC for its support of this unique urban green space. For further information call Dan Callahan-Gregg Florist-688-0725.

— Dan Callahan

## THANK YOU AND WRAP-UPS...

### GREEN ACRES PLANT SALE THANK YOU:

*Thank You!!! Thank You!!! Thank You!!!*

To all of you who worked so hard to make the Green Acres Plant Sale a success. Our volunteers this year were: Letitia Algrain, Marilyn Barker, Joan Barrett, Mary Christiansen, Susan Davis, Colleen Dixon, Julie Foley, Lori Gangloff, Susie Gauwitz, Genny Gibbs, Lynn Heath, Rose Heiden, Carol Kemmerer, Dee King, Kathy Kohlhasse, Cecelia Kruse, Claire Mackoway, Susan Naschert, Norah O'Brien, Sue O'Neill, Anne Phillis, JoAnne Richardson, Pinky Riffle, & Judy Ziembra.

— Rita Lynn, Green Acres Chair

### YEARBOOK/DIRECTORY...a million thank yous!

You should be getting your PGC yearbook/directory in the mail real soon, if you don't have it already. It didn't happen over night nor did I do it alone! I want to thank all those committee heads that sent in their contributing parts and those with some vital information to make the booklet complete...Rita Lynn, Carolyn Schekopf, Pat Thomason, Doris Rock, Linda Carr, and Judy Ziembra. (My appologies if I left anyone out.) Most of all, many many thanks to Lynn Heath and Lori Gangloff for their ccontributions and most of all for continuing to get back to me through either phone or email, even though they knew I had just one more question! Thanks a million everyone! The yearbook looks good.

— Melanie Martin, Yearbook (Directory) Editor

### CIVIC CENTER PLANTING THANK YOU!!!

Thank you to Cheryl Beckman, Sally Yocum, Rita Lynn, and Lynn Heath for helping with the Civic Center Planting. While we were fortunate with dry weather, it did get unseasonably hot. It would have been Much More Challenging to complete this task without them!!! —

— Sincerely, Letitia Algrain

### RECAP OF THE FLOWER SHOW IN MAY

Thank you to all the Peoria Garden Club members who entered the "Members Only Flower Show". It was a learning experience and we heard it was fun for those participating. As with any new creative outlet, it takes practice. Top awards in the show were earned by Pat Thompson, Dorothy Wilson and Phyllis Baylor. Congratulations! As our new garden club year unfolds, flower show tips will be given at upcoming meetings. — Claudia Buchanan

*Editor's Comment: Just announcing things at the meetings doesn't always get to every member... especially those who aren't there, aren't able to hear your announcement, come too late or leave too early! Plus a written reminder is always nice. If you are involved in a PGC club event and want to put an announcement about the event in the newsletter, please don't hesitate to send it to me via email or postal. See front cover of this newsletter for my contact info.*

— Melanie Martin, Green Thumb Editor



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## PEORIA GARDEN CLUB 2011-2012

**Calendar At-A-Glance**

### PEORIA GARDEN CLUB ACTIVITIES:

Sept. 1	Thurs.	PGC's 80th Anniversary Celebration...(see details on page 1)
Sept. 4	Sun.	Green Thumb Deadline
Sept. 10	Sat.	ICC Landscape & Garden Day...(see details on page 3)
Sept. 20	Tues.	Workshop/Mini Garden Tour...(see details on page 1)
Oct. 6	Thurs.	PGC Meeting - "England's Greatest Garden Hits"
Oct. 8	Sat.	Oct. Workshop/Road Trip deadline...(see details on page 1)
Oct. 16*	Sun.	Green Thumb Deadline - (* NOTE: Date a little later than normal)
Oct. 18	Tues.	Workshop/Bus Trip - "The Farm" in Petersburg, IL... (see details on page 1)
Nov. 3	Thurs.	PGC Meeting - "Artist's and Their Gardens"
Nov. 6	Sun.	Green Thumb Deadline
Nov. 18	Tues.	Workshop - Make a "Seasonal Wreath/Swag"
Dec. 1	Thurs.	PGC Luncheon - Mt. Hawley Country Club
Jan. 8	Sun.	Green Thumb Deadline

### EXTRA IMPORTANT GARDEN CLUB RELATED ACTIVITIES:

Sept. 11	Sun.	Rockin' The Greenway...(see details on page 3)
Sept. 14	Wed.	Dist. III Fall Meeting, Kewanee...(see details on page 3)