



Nasturtium News



Jette Castro leads a birding field trip at Columbus Park. Photo by Kathy English

FIELD TRIPS

On Tuesday, October 6, several members of the garden club took a bird-watching walk through Columbus Park led by Jette Castro and her husband Tony. You may remember them from our last in-person program at Cheney Mansion in March, when they presented "Birds in the Garden and Beyond." Dori Bernstein reports more about the field trip on our [website](#).

This **Wednesday, November 4**, our Field Trips committee is hosting a trip to Fullersburg and the waterfall at Graue Mill. Details in the email sent on Monday morning. Call or email [Kathy English](#) 708-431-8482 or [Elaine Allen](#) 708-310-0536. Hope you can come.

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Field trips committee also received these suggestions for self-guided excursions from GC member and FOPCON President, Sue Boyer: [City of Chicago nature and wildlife plan](#) and the [Chicago Nature Areas Directory](#)

PROGRAMS

November program:

"It's been another balmy December day where I just HAD to get outside. I don't do all of my cleanup before winter sets in. I do typically leave a lot for spring. After all, snow landing on something is so much prettier than snow landing on flat ground."

Carol Cichorski, November Program speaker

Join us **Wednesday, November 11th** on Zoom when our speaker, **Carol Cichorski**, takes us on a virtual trip through various gardens, and will give us tips on how to achieve winter Interest in our own gardens.

Our meeting will begin at 12:30 for conversation with other members, and to give you time to log on for our presentation at 1:00.

Members received an Evite on November 2. Please RSVP Yes (or Maybe) to receive the link. You will get another email the day before the program with that link.

December program:

To reflect the spirit of our previous festive December programs, our designer, Peggy Garvin, will guide us virtually on Zoom, as we follow along and create (if you choose to) a **holiday porch pot!**

You can either purchase a kit online from the club for \$30, or gather your own materials from a list we provide. Or just Zoom along, watch and learn! More information to follow in the next few weeks.

FROM THE COMMUNITY

Follow the Get Growing Foundation's [Plant Truck Chicago](#) Next stop is Nov. 6, 11am-2pm, Plant Sale Pop-up @ [Gene & Georgetti](#)

Green Community Connections brings us another **One Earth film fest** virtually this year. The next showing is "2040: The Regeneration" Thursday, Nov. 5, 7 to 9 p.m. Central Time. See [here](#) for complete information.

PLANT A TREE

Here's a challenge from the president of **National Garden Clubs**, Gay Austin: She encourages EACH garden club MEMBER to plant one tree, preferably a native tree, in their community during her two-year term—"Each One, Plant One." Garden Clubs of Illinois is encouraging us to take up this challenge. If you've planted a tree in Illinois since May, 2019, please email our GCI representative, [Irene Williams](#). Please tell her 1. What type of tree, 2. Where it was planted, and 3. When it was planted. Complete information available in the fall 2020 Garden Glories.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Our Social Media chair, Dori Bernstein, needs a volunteer to help administer the club's [Facebook](#) page. Ideally, the volunteer should be someone who has attended garden club meetings for a year or so and who can attend some of the zoom board meetings on 4th Wednesdays. Please get in touch by responding to this email.

If you'd like to submit original content for the website, such as a garden book or movie review, please send to [Dori](#).

Our **Instagram** account is at [gcoprf](#). Check it out! You can also post pictures from your own gardens or public gardens using our hashtag [#gcoprf](#). If you'd like us to post one of your photos on our Instagram, please send to [us](#), and let us know if we can use your name.



Stay safe and keep gardening!

Lisa Cederoth & Mary Ellen Warner

Co-Presidents

OAK PARK ART LEAGUE BOOK AVAILABLE NOW

Elaine Allen and Linda Reisburg, co-chairs of the Civic Beautification Committee, along with Tracey Schroeder, reworked and renovated the gardens of the Oak Park Art League from 2017 to 2020. As a result of this work, the club won two awards from the Garden Clubs of Illinois. Elaine, a photographer, has written a picture book documenting the project. The book also contains a summary of plants used and their care requirements.

The Soft Cover Limited Edition Book is now available on the Garden Club website. They are \$12 if picked up or dropped off or \$17.19 if mailed. See the [website](#) for more details on how to get your copy.



The Garden Club of Oak Park & River Forest Civic Beautification Project 2017 - 2020
Oak Park Art League Garden Revitalization