



Nasturtium Notes

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Welcome back! We are so happy to see everyone again at our first meeting of the new Garden club year, and our first gathering since March 2020. Now that we are able to host regular in-person programs, this monthly newsletter will shrink to its pre-Covid size.

CLUB NEWS

- We are sorry to inform the membership of the May passing of former Board member, Cheryl Stein, and the July passing of Ralph Schuler, husband of long-time Board member, Donna Schuler.
- The July **Garden Walk** was a huge success. Our share of the profits, \$6,466.90, will fund 2 scholarships for high school seniors in May.
- Keep your eye on your email for upcoming **field trips**. Dates are not scheduled yet but the committee is discussing possible trips to Blumen Gardens, Anderson Japanese Gardens, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, and a workshop: History of Tea.
- Get your **Garden Club apron** today! They're available at the meetings and at gcopr.org
- **Garden Therapy** is active again and has been able to visit the Oak Park Arms twice this year. Remaining dates are the 3rd Wednesdays of December, February and April. See Sue Milojevic or Gina Sennello for more details.
- Our **Facebook Page** could use your attention! Please talk to Dori Berstein or any board member.

IN THE COMMUNITY & BEYOND

- **The 2021 Farm Stroll**, a self-guided tour of farms hosted by Mc Henry County Master Gardeners and the McHenry County Farm Bureau, will be held Sunday, September 26. More information at: <https://mchenrycfb.org/news/mchenry-county-farm-stroll-2021>.
- **The Central States Dahlia Society Show** is Saturday and Sunday, September 18 & 19, at the Chicago Botanic Garden. More information at: [Central States Dahlia Society Show | Chicago Botanic Garden](#)
- We all strive to **reduce, reuse, and recycle** whenever possible. Our GCI Rep, Irene Williams, recently attended a meeting of the Garden Clubs of Illinois and reports that many commonly-recycled objects actually are NOT recyclable. See the list on back. Also, **keep planting trees** (especially natives) and let Irene know—this National Garden Club project is continuing until May 1.
- **American Rose Society**, in conjunction with its annual meeting in Milwaukee, will host 2 days of programs for community gardeners September 11 & 12. Lectures by nationally recognized speakers include topics such as rose growing basics, pests, David Austin English Roses and companion planting. There will also be docent led tours of the National Rose Show and garden tours including Will Radler's Rosarium. For more information see creamcityroses.org

- GCI **Landscape Design School** course 4 will be held October 26-27. www.gardenclubsofillinois.org
- Have you ever thought about becoming a **Master Gardener**, or do you just want to have the training? Check out a new resource: [Master Gardener Program Overview– FastGrowingTrees.com \(fast-growing-trees.com\)](http://FastGrowingTrees.com) A sample Master Gardener curriculum: [Master Gardening Curriculum– FastGrowingTrees.com \(fast-growing-trees.com\)](http://FastGrowingTrees.com)
- Check out the many programs at **Trailside Museum** in River Forest: [Trailside Museum of Natural History - Forest Preserves of Cook County \(fpdcc.com\)](http://fpdcc.com)
- See [One Earth Film Festival](#) for information on their **native tree and shrub sale**, tomato growing helps, and more.
- In case you missed it: [Why we should care about Wolf Road Prairie - Oak Park](#)

Recycling Do's and Don'ts:

DO:

Remove lids from glass items
 Remove the liner from cereal boxes
 Open junk mail before discarding
 Check wax cartons before disposing

DO NOT RECYCLE THE FOLLOWING:

Styrene plastic
 Pizza boxes
 Plastic bowls from carryout salads
 Black plastic
 Plastic bags
 Batteries
 Plastic wrap
 Plastic utensils
 Garden pots
 Strawberry baskets
 Plastic tubes
 Carry out coffee cups
 Photos
 Address labels sent from charitable organizations
 Covid masks
 Dirty diapers
 Bubble wrap
 Small bottle caps
 Solo cups
 Chains
 Aerosol containers

Be sure to check with your local township for complete specifics as each area may have different regulations. Remember, recycled items go through a conveyer system so small items and things that can entangle the system should not be included. When in doubt, contact your local disposal company.

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