



# Nasturtium Notes

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## CLUB NEWS

- Our program at **Cheney Mansion** Wednesday, April 13, is “**GMO’s-You Need to Decide for Yourself**” by University of Illinois Extension Educator, **Richard Hentschel**. Doors open at noon for socializing. We’ll have our **annual business meeting** at 12:30, with the program starting at 1:00. Masks are optional in accordance with Oak Park Health Department orders. Parking restrictions have been waived for the meeting. We will elect new board members and approve the annual budget. Please review the annual reports and budget sent along with this newsletter. The proposed slate is as follows:
  - Gayle Hedlund and Gina Sennello as co-presidents
  - Sue Milojevic as 2nd vice-president for a second term
  - Joan Figatner as 3rd vice-president for a second term
  - Nancy Van Der Griend as Secretary to finish out Gina’s term
- The new Board will also include chairs of **standing committees** who are appointed by the President(s). If you are interested in becoming more involved with Garden Club either now or in the near future, please talk to any board member today.
- The Garden Club [website](#) now has a **Members Only** page, with password: Violet2022. Please do not share this password. We hope to soon have an online member directory with names and email addresses, and member discounts, etc. It will also include the attachments to this newsletter.
- The [GCI](#) website also has a new members only password: GardenFlag
- **Get your hats ready!** The beloved annual **May Luncheon** will return to the Oak Park Country Club on **May 11**, in time to celebrate the Garden Club’s 105<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Your invitation should have arrived in the mail. Cost is \$50, and we will have raffle baskets and a hat parade. A copy of the invitation to email to your friends is attached to this email. If you have any questions, or if you have raffle items to donate, please contact [Kathy English](#)
- Don’t forget to renew your **Garden Club Membership**, which was due April 1. You were sent a form by email, and renewal is always available on the Garden Club website. If you have any questions, please contact Membership Chair [Joan Figatner](#). Online renewals are preferred, but you may also mail a check.

- **Garden Clubs of Illinois Annual State Convention** is April 24-25 at The Doubletree in Lisle. Registration information with more information is available [here](#) under “calendar,” and in this month’s *Garden Glories*. The morning speaker’s topic is **Climate Change**, followed by a luncheon and Floral Design Program.
- **The CGI District II Annual Luncheon** is also back this year, Friday, May 13 at Abbington Banquets in Glen Ellyn. Registration form is included in this email.

## ***IN THE COMMUNITY & BEYOND***

- **Central States Dahlia Society** will be having their **annual sale** at Chicago Botanic Garden the weekend of May 7-8 in Burnstein Hall from 10-4. No additional admission charge to attend the sale.
- Don’t forget to check out the **National Garden Club [website](#)** where you can sign up to receive the online *National Gardener* magazine and a weekly blog with lots of good articles and gardening information. April is Plant America Month and April 22 is the 52nd anniversary of Earth Day.
- On February 8 the National Garden Club held a virtual program presented by historian Kirk Brown to commemorate the upcoming 200<sup>th</sup> birthday of landscape architect **Frederick Law Olmsted**. NGC has sent us a link to the video, which will be available on YouTube until May 10. [Olmsted 200th Anniversary - YouTube](#)
- On March 22 the National Garden Club held another virtual program by noted naturalist and author, **Doug Tallamy**, speaking on “**Homegrown National Park—Networking Naturally.**” His video is available [here](#). Thank you, GCI rep Irene Williams, for finding this for us!
- Do plants talk to each other? Maybe not in so many words, but the amount of chemical/electrical/scent/family interaction is amazing. See the **PBS Nature** video, “[What Plants Talk About](#)”
- Check out the many programs at **Trailside Museum** in River Forest: [Trailside Museum of Natural History - Forest Preserves of Cook County \(fpdcc.com\)](#)

