



Nasturtium Notes

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*From Lisa Cederoth &
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co-Presidents*

CLUB NEWS

- **Is your hat ready?** After a 2-year hiatus, our **May Luncheon** is Wednesday, May 11 at the Oak Park Country Club. 11:00 Social Hour and raffle basket viewing, shopping, 11:45 Lunch. You'll have an opportunity to purchase the 2 numbered Garden Walk tickets you received in the mail, and can purchase additional Garden Walk tickets. You can also bid on a hands-on workshop given by our presenter, Sabine Oberberger.
<https://sabinesblumen.com/workshops.html>
Credit cards will be accepted.
If you have any questions about the Luncheon, please contact [Kathy English](#)
- Lisa and Mary Ellen are stepping down as co-Presidents this month. We wish to thank all of our Board members and our general membership for making these a memorable two years. It was heartening to witness the dedication of the Board during Covid, doing their best to continue our community activities, Garden Walk, and monthly meetings during the ever-changing lockdowns and restrictions. We all found new ways to reach out and communicate with each other and with other clubs when we couldn't be together. We wish much success to Gayle Hedlund and Gina Sennello, our new co-Presidents.
- Our **Garden Walk** will be Sunday, June 26. Tickets are now available for purchase, both at the May Luncheon and at our [website](#). They are \$15 for members, and \$18 for non-members, until June 18. Member discount password is on the third page of this newsletter. Please consider volunteering for the Garden Walk. Contact [Sue Milojevic](#), the Garden Walk volunteer coordinator.
- There may be one more **Garden Therapy** session for this Club year, on June 15, at Oak Park Arms, depending on the level of interest and availability of volunteers. Please contact [Sue Milojevic](#) or [Gina Sennello](#) if you are interested in helping.
- A summer **Members' Tea** is in the works for this summer. More details to come soon.
- We have awarded two \$3000 college **scholarships** to high school seniors this year. Our report from Cherie Fedota, Scholarship Chair:

Our Scholarship recipients are both very actively involved with environmental issues.

Jelena Collins has worked with Seven Generations Ahead and attended the UN Climate Conference. She will be attending McGill University in Montreal.

Luke Gilfillan served on the River Forest sustainability commission as a student commissioner and then became president of the Environmental Club T OPRF. He will be attending Catholic University of America in Washington DC.

These students are very grateful to the Garden Club for these scholarships. We are able to do this because of the money we raise from the Garden Walk. So please buy your Garden Walk tickets and encourage your friends to support the Walk and our scholarship program.

IN THE COMMUNITY & BEYOND

- 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.
- Did you know that Illinois has a state climatologist? Several members of the board attended the **GCI convention** in April and enjoyed a talk by **Dr. Trent Ford**. His presentation is not yet available on the state website, but you'll find some interesting information by clicking on "Climate Change in Illinois" at [Illinois State Climatologist](#). A cryptic summary of some of his conclusions, which are worth further study: Illinois is getting a bit warmer, with the most notable seasonal changes in the temperature of winters, and with additional heat and humidity at night during the summers.
- Our fellow Garden Clubs will soon be hosting their own garden walks. Keep informed through GCI's Garden Glories available to all members by mail, and on the GCI members only webpage. www.gardenclubsofillinois.org
- On March 22 the National Garden Club held a 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.
- We have been contacted by a group that promotes Roundup alternatives for the home gardener. For normal home lawn and garden use, consider these alternatives: [Safe Roundup Alternatives | Killing Weeds Without Glyphosate \(consumernotice.org\)](#)

