

North Aurora Garden Club Newsletter Fall -Early Winter 2009

Monthly Meeting Information

Tuesday, September 8, 2009 6:00 p.m. - We will meet at Penny Newkirk's Country Garden Cuisine Cooking School at 3N369 La Fox Road in St. Charles. The program will be "The Liberty Garden". Dinner will be prepared by Penny. Call Marilyn Clever before August 26, at 630-896-6813 to reserve your spot. Members cost is \$19.00, the club will underwrite the remaining \$10.00. Please mail your check as soon as possible to: Brenda Clever 1919 Kingsway Drive South - Aurora, IL 60506

*Space is limited- reserve your spot at your earliest convenience!

(Country Garden Cuisine is located on the east side of La Fox Road. Four miles west of Randall Road between Route 38 and Route 64.)

Monday, October 5, 2009 Messenger Public Library 6:30 p.m.

"Seven Months Of Bulbs" will be presented by Joanie Rocchi from The Growing Place. Enjoy the blooms of many different bulbs throughout the growing season.

Monday, November 2, 2009 Messenger Public Library 6:30 p.m.

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Monday, December 7, 2009 Messenger Public Library 6:00 p.m.

Welcome the holiday season at our annual Christmas potluck dinner. This year the club will provide the main course, beverages and the table settings. Members are asked to bring their favorite dish to pass. Enjoy a wonderful evening of friends and holiday cheer.



Garden Club News

The North Aurora Garden Club would like to welcome our newest members. Sharon Bennett, Denise Blank, Martha Davis, Linda Gates, Laura McCoy, Joan Thacker and Bill Wulff. Thanks for joining!

For those who loved reading Shirley Remes gardening column, many loved and miss her calendar. You may now go to her newly designed website where on the home page is a calendar which she will try to keep updated with all the latest local gardening events. Just scroll over the days of the calendar with your mouse and events will magically appear. Click on any events that you are interested in to get more information. Depending on the feedback, she may then publish her own newsletter as soon as this fall if the demand is there. The website address is: www.shirleyremes.com



A special "Thank You" to Brenda Clever for hosting a wonderful picnic-garden walk. It was a great turn out. Everyone enjoyed tasty food, conversation, beautiful flowers and perfect weather. Thanks again for inviting us to your home!

The club would also like to thank everyone that went to the library to go on "Japanese Beetle Patrol". The roses that were planted last spring look great. An update will be given at the October meeting.

Upcoming Gardening Events

Spring Bluff Nursery 41 W 130 Norris Road Sugar Grove 630-466-4278
October 3- Fall Fling 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. No charge. Free pumpkin, hayrides,
light snacks.

October 24- Trimming & Pruning talk. Bring in your tools to be sharpened and
cleaned so they are ready for spring. Call for times and information.

November 27-28-29 and December 5,6 ,12,13- Holiday sales & Christmas tree
cutting. Take a ride out to Christmas Tree Hill and cut the perfect tree.
Bring your own saw or one can be provided. Enjoy complimentary hot
chocolate by the warming fire. Trees available for cutting are Scotch Pine,
White Pine and Austrian Pine.

The Growing Place 2000 Montgomery Road Aurora 630-820-8088

September 19-20- Fall Fest & Hoedown All Day. Live music, refreshments, fifty
types of pumpkins, gourds and squash.

September 26- Fall Color Plants. Leaves, flowers, berries and branches add color to
fall landscapes. Learn which ones would add rich colors to your yard.

October 10- Fall Fun at the Farm. 10:00- noon. Create a beautiful fall decoration-
choose from a fall-winter container, a harvest swag, or an arrangement of
squash, pumpkins and plants. Call for more information.

The Fox Valley Park District has many interesting programs this fall into winter.

Such events include a tour of Devil's Cave and Fall Bird Hike at Red Oak
Nature Center. Also is a tour group called Gardeners on the Go, that will be
traveling to Brammel's Pumpkin Farm and to Winding Creek for a wreath
demonstration. These are just a small sampling of what the Park District has
to offer. You may get this information for all events in the Fox Valley Park

District Activity Guide Fall-Winter 2009.

You may obtain this guide at the Vaughn Athletic Center
2121 W. Indian Trail Aurora or visit them at foxvalleyparkdistrict.org
Call 630-859-FVPD for information.

Dilled Green Beans

- 3 cups fresh green beans
- 3 cloves garlic, peeled and minced
- 1 teaspoon kosher or sea salt (optional)
- ½ cup white vinegar
- ½ cup water
- 1 bunch fresh dill

Bring a large pan of water to a boil and place beans into the pan. Cook for about 45 seconds or just until beans turn bright green. Remove from the pan immediately and rinse in a steady stream of cold water until the beans are cool. Drain.

Combine the remaining ingredients in a large bowl. Mix in the blanched beans; cover the bowl and refrigerate at least four hours before serving. This will keep in the refrigerator up to one week. Makes four salad servings or twelve relish servings.

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