



Quail's Tales

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President's Preface

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First a big thank you to Angela Paul for conducting the June installation with such thoughtful and insightful individual messages to each of the officers. I hope to conform to her mandate and know you all will help me to do so.

The August 13th meeting at Gretchen Pugsley's home and garden will be a beautiful start to our 2015-2016 Hill and Dale Garden Club year. Touring of Tollgate Farm before the 5:30 potluck arrival time and the meeting end is optional to the individual.

How is everyone's garden this year? Our cooler weather (up until present) really helped most plants in my gardens to grow. Some perennials outdid themselves and spread a lot, requiring thinning out. And as always, some plants did not make a return appearance. Such is the gardening game. Of course the weeds are thriving.

Has anyone else's hostas expanded significantly? I've especially noted this in several gardens including my own.

In the upcoming "dog days of summer" (sorry, Chowder), perhaps we can revel in our spring gardening endeavors including the planting, weeding, repositioning/dividing of plants (gosh, would this almost be designing?) to achieve a more pleasing visual arrangement to our eyes and perhaps our neighbors'. So maybe August is a month to read in the shade, perhaps including garden related books or even books with some aspect of gardening in the title. Earlier in the spring I got a book from the library "A Weed by Any Other Name." The author describes "The Virtues of a Messy Lawn." This philosophy is certainly consistent with my approach to lawn care. Has anyone come across any garden books or articles all of us would enjoy and could apply to our fall efforts outside? How about any books with a title related to gardening? if not to the subject matter. I have a library book now, "The Greenhouse" by an Icelandic writer that is fiction and promises to be good, but it is an inter library loan book that I requested in February--patience is a virtue--good to have when gardening.

Hope to see all of you at the August meeting!

~ Sandy



Upcoming Programs

August 13, 2015 Program

Hill and Dale members can take a Self Tour of the Michigan State Toll Gate Farm, located in Novi, prior to or after our meeting. At 5:30 PM a Pot Luck Supper will be hosted at Gretchen's Home. Our meeting will begin after the meal is completed.

September 10, 2015 Program

Mari Thomas-Beals will present a program entitled "The World of Tillandsias" (Guess what these are?). Mari was the speaker at the recent District 1 meeting and we are fortunate to have her come to us. You will enjoy learning about "Air Plants" and have an opportunity to purchase some. Join us at Heritage Park, Spicer House, 7:00 PM.

Hospitality Assignments

August 2015

- Gretchen and Flo
- All Members are asked to bring an appetizer or dessert to share
(Pot Luck at Gretchen's Home)



2015 – 2016 Meeting Schedule

Board Meetings

August 3, 2015
 August 31, 2015
 September 28, 2015
 November 2, 2015
 November 30, 2015
 **January 2016
 February 1, 2016
 February 29, 2016
 April 4, 2016
 May 2, 2016
 June 6, 2016
 **July 2016

General Meetings

August 13, 2015
 September 10, 2015
 October 8, 2015
 November 12, 2015
 December 10, 2015
 **January 2016
 February 11, 2016
 March 10, 2016
 April 14, 2016
 May 12, 2016
 June 9, 2016
 **July 2016

** No Meetings are conducted in January and July

Happy Birthday!!

August

21 - Angela

September

2 - David

6 - Eleanore

27 - Lisa S.

28 - Jeannine



Hill and Dale - Installation of Officers



Left to right: Angela (Treasurer), Flo (Co VP), Sandy (President), Gretchen (Co VP), Ann & Katie (Co Secretary's)

Past President Recognition



During the June 2015 meeting our outgoing President Nancy was presented with a beautiful bird feeder and lots of bird seed.

New President Receives Pin



Our newly elected President (Sandy) is pinned by outgoing President (Nancy).

Horticulture—Tips for Late Summer

August

- ◇ Plant lily bulbs as soon as received and mulch over winter.
- ◇ Lift tender bulbs such as gladiolas and tuberous begonias.
- ◇ Pot up garden plants to be used in house and bring house plants inside.
- ◇ Order rose bushes for late planting.
- ◇ Hill up earth around some bushes for winter protection.
- ◇ Divide lilies, bleeding heart, Japanese iris, and phlox.
- ◇ Watch for early frost warning . Protect annuals and cover.
- ◇ Harvest and store vegetables; trees and shrubs can be planted.
- ◇ Water evergreens to go through winter.

September

- ◇ Plant new peonies.
- ◇ I bring in some begonias for kitchen window.
- ◇ I bring in some geraniums and plant for western window. Some geraniums I bring in, shake off dirt and put in paper bag and seal and store in closet. Check in February or March for green - can be planted and watered and placed in window.
- ◇ Prune carefully clemites and astilbe after blooms.
- ◇ Dahlias are sensitive to the cold, cut off stalks to 6-inches leave in ground 7 to 10 days, then dig and prepare for storage. Expose to sun to dry. Put in box and cover with peat moss or sand store in cellar.
- ◇ Some herbs can be grown in sunny windows in winter; basil, mint, rosemary in pots south or southeast window.
- ◇ Yews, hemlocks and arbor vitae need periodic shearing, prune hedges. Mums and asters to be pinched back.
- ◇ Start new lawns. Transplant evergreen and mulch flowering shrubs showing fruit.
- ◇ Clean out vegetable garden.

Happy Gardening! ~ Amy



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Thank You

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