

# Council of Rockford Gardeners, Inc.

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## CRG Clubs:

No. IL Daffodil Society  
Plantaholics  
Potpourri  
Seedlings  
Wildflowers

## Council Motto:

"Enjoy nature's bounty and  
beauty through work and  
creativity."

## Council Website:

<http://councilofrockfordgardeners.org/>

## Upcoming Meetings:

### Plantaholics

5/1/18  
Farm Museum Tour  
3822 Stone Quarry Rd.  
Belvidere

### Potpourri

5/22/18  
Plant Exchange/Raffle  
6622 Old Hunters Run

### Seedlings

5/21/18  
Garden Sale including  
plants, books, art, tool, etc.

### Wildflowers

5/24/18  
Hornbaker Gardens  
Princeton, IL  
Lunch at:  
Alexander Park Tavern



April 2018

INSTALLING SPRING

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## From the President's Pen

### Co-Presidents: Ann Somers & Sarah Britton

April 25 is the date of our Spring Luncheon and Scholarship Fundraiser. Get your reservation in by April 20 and you pay \$40, after that date, \$45. You will find the luncheon flyer in this newsletter or on our website: [councilofrockfordgardeners.org](http://councilofrockfordgardeners.org). We hope to see you there!

Earth Day is Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Let's be good stewards of our planet. Reuse Reduce Recycle!

Arbor Day is Friday, 27<sup>th</sup>.

*Arbor Day is for you see*

*The planting of trees for you and me*

*And for the squirrels who live in the(se) trees*

*Who always sit and stare at me.*

*And for the birds whose nests are*

*In the trees up so far.*

*Arbor Day occurs on a late April date*

*And originated in Nebraska, the Cornhusker state.*

-Rick Larson 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, 1963

Keep playing in the dirt,  
Sarah & Ann



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CRGnews4u@gmail.com

REMEMBER to keep your  
e-mail address current  
with your individual club  
and the Council.



### *Council of Rockford Gardeners Spring Luncheon & Scholarship Fundraiser*

Wednesday, April 25, 2018  
Mauh-Nau-Tee-See Country Club  
5151 Guilford Rd,  
Rockford, IL 61107



Social Hour: 11:00 a.m.  
Lunch: 12:00 p.m.  
Program: 1:00 p.m.

**Speaker: Robb Firch, owner at Meridian Nursery**  
*"Garden Gab with Robb"*

#### Menu Selections:

##### **Honey Roasted Pecan Chicken Salad**

Mixed greens tossed with honey-roasted pecans, grilled chicken, mandarin oranges, cucumbers, tomatoes, feta cheese, with a berry vinaigrette dressing

##### **Ginger Teriyaki Salmon**

Atlantic salmon grilled and served with a ginger teriyaki glaze

##### **Chicken Monterey**

Breast of chicken stuffed with Monterey cheese and prosciutto ham wrapped in a pastry and topped with sage sauce

##### **Roasted Vegetable Lasagna**

Layers of pasta, cheese & roasted vegetables baked in a white garlic cream sauce & served with a meatless marinara

All entrées include house salad, rolls, coffee & tea, apple pie

Early bird price before April 20: \$40; after: \$45

**Proceeds Benefit Council of Rockford Gardeners Scholarship Fund**

Please return completed form with check payable to CRG:

Ann Somers 5412 Gingeridge Ln, Rockford, IL 61114

Questions... annsomers@comcast.net

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Menu Choice \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

*Seating for this luncheon is on a first come basis. There is no assigned seating.*

### **SEEDLINGS GARDEN CLUB welcomes all Garden Clubs to a garden sale on**

**Monday, May 21 from 5:30 - 7:00  
at Anita Johnson's ~ 715 Wood Road.**

**We will have a variety of plants, garden books,  
garden art, pots, and garden tools.**

**HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**

## City of Gardens Hanging Baskets through the Rockford Park District

Are you looking for a way to  
help beautify Rockford?

Visit  
<https://www.rockfordparkdistrict.org/cityofgardens>  
for additional information.



## Garden Gab

The question for March 2018 was...  
**What annuals are recommended for an  
aroma in the garden?**

### One option for a fragrant plant:

Name: *Paeonia lactiflora* 'Sorcerer'  
Zones: 3 to 8

Size: 3 feet tall and 2 feet wide

Conditions: Full sun; well-drained soil

Requiring little or no effort on the part of the gardener, peonies consistently provide an abundance of blooms every summer. 'Sorcerer' peony is one of the best varieties. A vigorous grower, its dark red petals surround a rich golden center. Although its sweet fragrance is not as brash as many double-blossomed peonies, it is bold enough to have perfect strangers stop and comment on the scent as they walk past my garden. More important, when other multipetaled peonies are bowing over from early-summer storms, 'Sorcerer' stays erect on strong stems, and it seldom (if ever) requires any support.



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to be included in the next E-News.

Jolly Troll Smörgåsbord



Ray A. Anderson, a former Rockford resident, founded the chain in 1965 and was president of Jolly Troll Incorporated of Minneapolis. Two men, David Fyelman of Madison, Wisconsin and David Sauer of Milwaukee who own a Jolly Troll in each city respectively would open the Rockford Jolly Troll. Since opened in July 1987 at 4800 East State Street. The restaurant was originally planned for the Fairview Shopping Center but it failed to materialize so a new building was constructed. The 6,500 square foot restaurant could seat 300 customers and featured a Scandinavian theme, with authentic scale model buildings. There were also animated trolls throughout the dining room. Jolly Troll would close its Rockford location and in 1971 it became a Sir Richards Restaurant and in 1973 the Anchor Inn.

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The Ice Cream & Pie Place

## Rockford Relics

Remember when..?

How often do you drive past a location  
and think to yourself

"I remember when that was...."?

The iconic ClockTower is being  
demolished this week.

Arch Smith shared memories of the  
Jolly Troll

Send photos/memories to  
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# Horticulture Happenings

## Spring Flowering Bulbs

**Gina Ross, University of Illinois Extension Master Gardener, Winnebago County**

It's April, and there are signs of spring everywhere. Among of the most intriguing and beautiful signs of spring is the emergence of bulbs in their many varieties. They pop up so quickly!

Flower bulbs, which grow underground, store and protect the plant throughout the cooler seasons. In late winter or early spring, flower bulbs send up shoots of leaves and flowers for all to enjoy. The bulb has layers of leaves called scales that contain nutrients. Lateral buds around the base of the bulb develop into offsets called bulblets which can produce new plants.

The difference between bulbs and seeds is that a seed is an embryonic plant with a protective covering that stores food for the new plant until it can produce food on its own. A bulb is a mature plant structure, which is made of modified leaves, swollen at the base. The bulbs also store food until it goes through a period of dormancy.

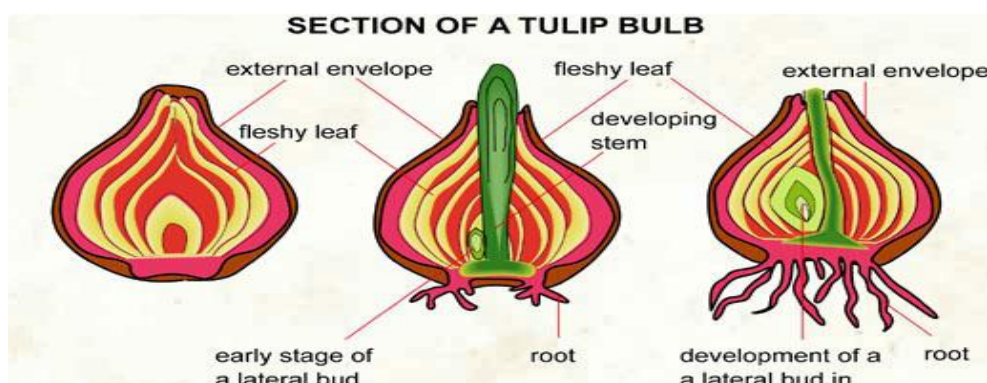
Bulbs can be produced either from seeds or from offsets. When they are cultivated from seeds, it can take several years for a plant to form. This is because the bulb must develop first. Bulbs that are created from offsets often develop much more quickly.

This is accomplished by digging up older bulbs that have flowered already and splitting the offsets from the original bulb. The offsets are then planted, and once in the ground, develop into full flowering bulbs. Spring blooming bulbs, like tulips, daffodils and hyacinths are examples of bulbs that need to be planted in fall. These spring flowering bulbs must go through a chilling out period or experience winter temperatures so the following spring, they can send up shoots and blossom.

The flowers of tulips and daffodils will last several weeks and make good cut flowers. Once the flowers are spent they can be deadheaded, but the leaves need to stay put until they die back.

*Here are some interesting facts and folklore about tulips and daffodils;*

- At one point in history, tulips were the most expensive flower. In the 1600s the flowers were more valuable than most people's homes, and cost almost 10 times what an average working-class man earned in a year.
- Tulips are edible! During World War II, tulips and tulip breads were often eaten by those who couldn't afford other foods. The flowers can be used to replace onions in many recipes and are even used to make wine.
- The Netherlands is the largest producer and exporter of tulips worldwide, growing and exporting nearly three billion bulbs each year.
- A bunch of daffodils offered as a gift ensures happiness and represents good fortune, while a single daffodil predicts misfortune.
- Daffodils were a symbol of chivalry during Victorian times. Today, they are a symbol of hope.
- Ancient Romans cultivated daffodils and believed that sap extracted from the flowers possessed healing properties.





## Impatiens – to plant or not to plant?

Impatiens are a staple plant found in many shady back yards and flower pots. If you have had a problem keeping your impatiens healthy the past couple of years, it most likely was due to a disease called Downy Mildew.

Downy Mildew tends to attack plants when the leaves remain wet and evening temps are cool. Impatiens leaves may turn yellow and drop from their stems. A white mold may develop on the underside of the leaves.

Watering Impatiens late in the day, especially by overhead watering poses a greater threat for development of Downy Mildew.

Have you talked to your favorite nursery professional regarding Impatiens? If so, please share your findings.



**Mowing the yard  
Spring 2018**

# REPORTS FROM 4/2/18 COUNCIL MEETING

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance as of February 28, 2018.....	\$4,202.18
Receipts.....	<u>0.00</u>
Balance.....	4,202.18
Total disbursements.....	<u>100.00</u>
Ending Balance as of March 31, 2018.....	<b>\$4,102.18</b>
Submitted by <b>Becki Dennis</b> , Treasurer	

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Programs** – **Sherry Seaver** reported that she is using succulent table centerpieces made by Robb Firch. The centerpieces will be for sale for around \$20. Sherry said that all is under control for the luncheon.

**Publicity** – **Arch Smith** reported that he has contacted many people from the Rockford Register Star, and he has had only one response. He is still working on it.

**Awards** – **Elaine Parrovecchio** requested that if anybody has anyone they would like to nominate to please let Elaine or Kathy Batzkall know.

**Civic and Conservation** – **Sarah Britton** will get the Habitat information to **Diane Donze**. We need to supply planters in August or September. The clubs will make the planters, and the clubs can also deliver the planters.

**Garden Walk** – **Lorraine White** reported that one of the garden owners left a voice mail message saying that they were having trouble with their yard and couldn't be on the garden walk. We have not been able to make any contact with them.

Another garden owner sent an email saying that they are not sure they can be on the garden walk and will get back to us in a week or so.

Lori Walsh has volunteered to work with the garden owners to provide a list of "signature plants" in their yards. The list would be available at each garden in the garden walk.

Also, we are looking for representatives and greeters for several of the gardens.

**Horticulture** – **Ann** reported that **Gina Ross** will continue to write an article for the newsletter. If we have an idea for an article, contact Gina.

**Hospitality** – **Mary Pinter** reported that she has reserved Mary's Café for our May meeting.

**Newsletter** – **Ann Somers** reported that we should get information to **Shirley Wiklund** by Friday. Everybody is welcome to put something in the newsletter. The luncheon reservation form will be in the newsletter again. And the luncheon reservation form is also going out to District 1 and other clubs.

Also, Ann said that if you have any "weird or funky things" happening in your yard, send that information to Shirley. It is always fun to read about other gardening adventures.

## REPORTS FROM 4/2/18 COUNCIL MEETING CONTINUED

**Parliamentarian** – **Mary Pinter** reported that everything is fine – we are doing a good job.

**Sunshine** – **Peg Goral** reported that Alice Moczynski's husband died, and she sent a card. Mary Pinter reported that his memorial service is on April 10<sup>th</sup> at Fitzgerald's on Rockton.

A discussion was held regarding changing the Potpourri meeting from Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, to the next day or an alternate date, since that is the date of the memorial service. Karin will check to see if she can change the date or cancel the outing.

**Ways & Means** – **Karin Emery** is waiting for responses regarding raffle prizes from the clubs. Each club will also provide 4 members to sell raffle tickets at the luncheon. There will be a 50-50 raffle again this year.

**Website** – **Kathy Batzkall** reported that she is still exploring options for photo sharing. If anybody comes up with an idea of how to share photos on our website, let Kathy know. We now use Photo Bucket, but she cannot delete or add any pictures or change them. However, Kathy said that she is still experimenting. Ann reported several compliments on our website. Excellent job, Kathy! Thank you!

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