

# COUNCIL OF ROCKFORD GARDENERS, INC.

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## The 4 CRG Clubs:

Plantaholics  
Potpourri  
Seedlings  
Wildflowers

## Council Motto:

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

## Council Website:

[councilofrockfordgardeners.org](http://councilofrockfordgardeners.org)

Club calendars are listed  
on our website,  
or please check with your  
garden club on status of  
individual club activities.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

About 14 years ago, Charlie and I decided to give up condo living to buy a house. We looked at dozens of homes which all started to look the same, then we asked our real estate agent for something a bit more unique. She suggested one house, but it was much smaller than what we had been looking at. We went to look at a small home along with my Mother and stepfather, and I still remember my Mother's wise words, "Well, you don't need a house so big that you can do cartwheels in your bedroom." I wanted to reply, "speak for yourself," but I didn't, and we ended up buying that house.

A year or two after we moved in, we noticed a lot of cars coming and going down our street, so we went to investigate. Low and behold, it was the Council of Rockford Gardeners annual free Garden Walk. We toured that garden and officially met our new neighbors, Carol and Bob. We were so impressed with their garden and how nice everyone was to us, and we were motivated to garden even more.

The following year, Charlie and I went on the CRG Garden Walk a second time when we met some greeters, Maryann Miller and Grace Saunders. I know it may be a bit of a shock to all of you, but they too were extremely nice and started up a conversation with us. They asked if we were gardeners and I explained how we started gardening a couple years ago and then even more after going to the previous year's CRG Garden Walk. They asked if they could come and visit our garden sometime. They did come a few days later and asked me if I would ever be interested in joining a garden club. In retrospect, I should have said, "NO!" (just kidding), but I said "yes" and the rest, as they say, is history.

Little did I know years later I'd be in charge of the garden walks. It's funny how a single event can change your life forever. That single "yes" has brought me so much joy, knowledge and many great friendships. Maryann and Grace have become dear friends of ours, and if it wasn't for their friendly persistence, I would have missed out on this great organization.

**PS: A huge thank you goes out to Lynne Franzene Lynde and her Plant Sale committee, Ann Somers for arranging the tennis court sale location, the residents and president of the Parkland HOA for the use of the tennis court, all the tremendous member volunteers, the amazing "spouse" volunteers, Becky Thalsofer for donating the use of an electronic billboard (on Perryville Rd.) It was a highly successful event due to each of you!**

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# COUNCIL OF ROCKFORD GARDENERS FREE GARDEN WALK JULY 6, 2022

## 1. HOELTING GARDEN | 1301 Red Oak Lane | Rockford, IL 61107

Creating our cottage garden began in 1986. This was a newly constructed home, the yard a blank slate. Perennials in primarily purples and pinks which are hardy, easy to maintain with long bloom times were planted. During the last 36 years I have worked my way through the entire yard changing and adding beds. This process of trial and error has been a labor of love. Plants have been divided and moved to create new beds. Sometimes I have moved plants more than once to find just the right spot. Coordinating the colors, shapes and textures of two or more plants continues to

be challenging. Pots of annuals are dispersed in order to bridge the gap between the various bloom times of the perennials. As you peruse through the yard you will see combinations with phlox, bee balm, shasta daisy, cranesbill geranium, astilbe, hosta, ferns, heuchera, clematis, allium, sedum, penstemon, salvia, Russian sage, spiderwort, cushion spurge and others. Trees and shrubs such as hydrangea, peonies, ninebark, baptisia, and spirea provide continuous color throughout the seasons. You will also notice native plants growing throughout the beds.

## GARDEN WALK 2022



COUNCIL OF ROCKFORD GARDENERS

- 1.) 1301 Red Oak Lane Rockford, IL 61107
- 2.) 2627 Point O Woods Dr. Rockford, IL 61114
- 3.) 3345 Alta Vista Road Rockford, IL 61107
- 4.) 1016 Parkwood Ave. Rockford, IL 61107
- 5.) 116 Dawson Ave. Rockford, IL 61107
- 6.) 2418 E State St Rockford, IL 61108

## 2. OWENS GARDEN | 2627 Point O Woods Drive | Rockford, IL 61114

A brick walkway leads to an elevated front door, there is a large pachysandra bed to the left and white pines on both sides. Coral bells, evergreens, annuals, and ground covers flourish nearby. The flagstone walk on the right, leading to the backyard, passes feather reed grasses, various hostas, ground covers, evergreens, and burning bushes. The backyard presents an array of different pine trees and a European beech tree. Here are acid-loving plants including ground covers, azaleas, hydrangeas, and assorted flowers. Our backyard is home to a paved stone patio with seating and a fire pit, as well as a raised porch. A line

of arborvitae along the property's east edge affords privacy. This space features a host of flowers, many in hanging baskets. Included are lamb's ear, roses, impatiens, lilacs, dianthus, rhododendrons, various euonymus, and Twist and Shout hydrangeas. These, along with the birdbath and feeders, attract many birds and butterflies. Walk the path to the north side and view golden Japanese forest grass. Approaching the driveway, visitors will find sedums, boxwoods, a globe blue spruce, a Tina crabapple, Japanese maples, hostas, and more white pines.

# GARDEN WALK 2022, CON'T

## 3. KETCHER GARDEN | 3345 Alta Vista Road | Rockford, IL 61107

Welcome to our garden which began its journey of development in 2004. As visitors enter through the arbor of climbing hydrangea they will experience the butterfly garden, then hear the splashing of the dual waterfall entering a pond with water lilies and various aquatic plants. Follow the winding decomposed granite path through shades of green, different textures, and periodic splashes of color. The challenge: juglone toxicity and what to grow with five black walnut trees spread throughout the yard. Guests will find many ornamental grasses, more than one hundred varieties of hostas, ferns, and woodland plants. Each plant or grouping of plants has been marked with its common name. Enjoy the serenity our garden offers!



## 4. WEBBER GARDEN

1016 Parkwood Ave., Rockford, IL 61107

We are so happy to be welcoming visitors to our backyard garden. We were scheduled a few years ago to show our garden highlighting our 100+ year old oak tree. For all the years we lived here, our oak provided shade to almost our entire back yard. In the 1980's however, it lost its first large branch. After that our stately oak lost other large branches, one by one, following rain storms or strong winds. In the meantime, we continued enlarging our gardens; Carol added shade perennials, and Dan put in a Koi pond off our deck. In 2017, we decided this was the perfect time to show our garden. Then, just 2 weeks before the garden walk and following another storm, a huge limb broke off, damaging plantings large and small, requiring the tree to be removed and, of course, canceling our garden walk. Today, we've replaced the plantings that the oak took out and we use its large shortened trunk as a means to display potted annuals. We welcome you and hope you enjoy your walk through our garden.

## 5. PANEK GARDEN

116 Dawson Ave. Rockford, IL 61107

Our romantic garden is quaint like a French country cottage garden. We built it from scratch. Plants were selected over the last ten years for their color, texture, sustenance, and long bloom period. Our design features an evolving show that begins after each winter nap. A multitude of tulips and other spring goodies emerge and delight. At each stage until late fall, something new comes up to replace what has faded and gone back to sleep. The garden attracts pollinators and other creatures that we enjoy watching from our outdoor kitchen or from our little pool. The front of the garden is planted with cool colors that evoke tranquility. The back of the garden exhibits pops of cheery color. Vegetables and herbs are interspersed. Even the alleyway is incorporated, planted to mimic a country lane; folks walk their dogs and hold hands as they pass through. Many neighbors also have planted their skirts of the alley, and included iris starts from the garden of my dear departed mother. I love that they've loved these; and I get to see Mom all over the place!

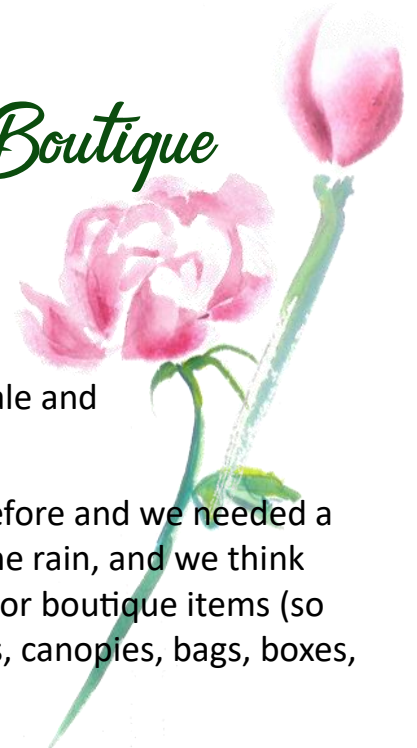


## 6. DRNEK GARDEN | 2418 E State Street | Rockford, IL 61108

The microburst storm of July 5, 2003 left this nearly half-acre yard devastated with a loss of many old shade trees. It required a complete redesign and revamp. Amazingly, two historic trees—a maple and a basswood - survived along with kousa and pagoda dogwoods. Numerous new trees were planted, bringing the total to more than twenty and including hybrid American elms resistant to the Dutch Elm disease, linden, Korean spruce, and hemlocks. Many varieties of hostas were also divided and relocated. Now there is an oasis along a busy street. This has become a backyard retreat for our family; we sit on the patio to grill and watch visiting wildlife drawn to the plantings and the pond. The border areas are appreciated by many neighbors on foot and by folks in cars passing by. We welcome spring with columbines, peonies, lungwort, and bleeding hearts. As the weeks pass into summer, our garden features a bounty of blooms including lilies, phlox, delphiniums, daylilies, coneflowers, bee balm, cup plant, and salvia. There is almost always something in bloom in our garden from spring to fall.

# Spring Plant Sale AND Garden Boutique

## A Huge Success!



THANK YOU everyone for making the Plant Sale and Garden Boutique such a success!

We had never attempted anything like this before and we needed a lot of help! So if you dropped off plants (in the rain, and we think that there were about 1,000 plants donated) or boutique items (so many great items of all kinds), tables, wagons, canopies, bags, boxes, etc., THANK YOU!

Whether you worked a shift or all day, priced plants and boutique items, set up tables and canopies, talked to customers about plants, checked customers out, THANK YOU!

THANK YOU! ...to everyone who helped with taking everything down and cleanup of the tennis courts. It was perfect when we left.

It was really fun and hard work at the same time! All four of the clubs' volunteers worked so well together! New friends were made!

I had no idea if this event would be successful or not. I was worried we were taking on too much, and worried and worried... but I was so amazed that the sale made \$6,055.85 (before expenses). Never in my wildest dreams could I have dreamed this!

**With appreciation and THANKS to everyone!**

- Lynne Franzene



# GARDEN CLUB ACTIVITIES

## Wildflower Club

Wildflowers enjoyed a visit to Blumen Gardens in Sycamore on May 19th. Joel invited us to chat with him for a short while. We then lunched at Egg Haven in Dekalb.



Midway Village Heritage Gardens are looking lovely! This is a photo of the Iris Garden. *Photo by Kathy Crandall.*

## How To: Get Rid of Creeping Charlie

[https://www.bobvila.com/articles/how-to-get-rid-of-creeping-charlie/?fbclid=IwAR2zhRLftDeNuhMHYqFC\\_ykrBGhQj0bw3iPvfCzrpYC5Q0nTdcC0nkzhPUc](https://www.bobvila.com/articles/how-to-get-rid-of-creeping-charlie/?fbclid=IwAR2zhRLftDeNuhMHYqFC_ykrBGhQj0bw3iPvfCzrpYC5Q0nTdcC0nkzhPUc)

## Strawberry Fields Pasta Salad

### Ingredients

- 16 oz bow tie pasta
- 1 pound strawberries hulled, sliced
- 4 cups baby spinach
- 1½ cups red grapes sliced in half
- 1 small red onion sliced thin
- 15 oz mandarin oranges drained
- 8 oz feta crumbled
- 12 oz poppy seed dressing
- ½ cup pecans

### Instructions

Cook pasta according to the package directions. Drain and rinse with cold water; set aside. In a large bowl, combine cooked pasta, strawberries, grapes, red onion, spinach, mandarin oranges, pecans, and feta with the lemon poppy seed dressing. Season with salt & pepper to taste. Toss salad to combine, and cover. Place bowl in the refrigerator to allow the flavors to meld. Enjoy salad chilled!



# VICTORY GARDENING

By Yvette DeWisleare,

University of Illinois Extension Master Gardener, Winnebago County

WWI brought us “War Gardens” as Americans turned front yards, back yards, vacant lots, churchyards and school yards into gardens, the home-front was able to ward off the food shortage and take some of the stress off commercial growers feeding the troops. “Dig in to win,” allowed every American to aide in the war effort. War Gardens turned into Victory Gardens during the second World War and served to boost morale, and express patriotism.

America soon became the number one seed supplier, as the world had cut off supplies of seeds. By 1942 there were approximately 15 million Victory Gardens and by the end of 1944 that number had risen to roughly 20 million, producing roughly 8 million tons of fruits and vegetables to feed approximately 40% of the population in the United States.

“Gardens for Victory” published in newspaper and magazine articles suggesting home gardeners having little space plant their vegetables in existing flower beds tucking plants like Asparagus, Jerusalem artichoke and Rhubarb among perennials planting root vegetables near or in place of flowering bulbs.

My grandma had a Victory Garden with my father while my grandpa was serving during WWII. Other than summers on the Peek Family farm, Dad’s love of gardening really took off tending to the garden. Children love eating the fruits of their labor. Although the government’s promotion of “Victory Gardening” ended with the war, my family of farmers and gardeners continued...

I don’t remember a time Dad didn’t have his hands in the soil. We had a very large garden, growing everything from sweet corn and butternut squash

to Dad’s treasured kohlrabi, which we ate right from the garden; as well as tomatoes for eating and juice. He’d plow with an old tiller...but my favorite part of the garden were the hot boxes where he started seeds during the late winter for the garden, lovingly tending to them and watching them grow to transplant in the spring. I think of him every time I’m in the garden.

Recently there has been somewhat of a “renaissance movement” in sustainable agriculture and organic farming. Today’s “Victory Gardens” are gearing toward Climate Change to draw down carbon. We have the power to change the world by simply planting gardens and trees, composting and using fewer chemicals.

Register your “Victory Garden” here:

<https://www.greenamerica.org/register-garden>

Dad’s trusty tiller



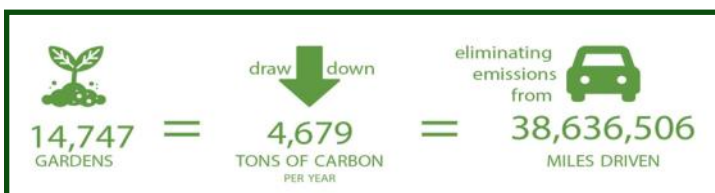
Dad and Grandma’s Victory Garden



Farmer Seed and Nursery Co., Seed catalog

“Prosperity dwells where Farmer brand seeds are sown.”

1914, Faribault, Minnesota



# JUNE 6, 2022 COUNCIL MEETING REPORT

## TREASURER'S REPORT - Submitted by **Maryann Miller**, Treasurer

Balance as of May 1, 2022 ..... \$4,970.59  
Receipts: (Plant Sale) ..... 2,978.00  
Disbursements:  
    Cash for Plant Sale..... 200.00  
Ending Balance as of May 31, 2022 ..... \$7,748.59

Maryann also reported that next month we will have the last 3 deposits from the Plant Sale, and the balance will be over \$10,000.00. She said the Plant Sale brought in around \$6,055.85.

There were very few expenses turned in – most expenses were donated.

**Awards – Elaine Parrovecchio** had no report.

**Civic and Conservation – Diane Donze** reported that in the past each of the 4 clubs donated a pot a Habitat for Humanity home. Diane said that it is very hard to get club members to donate. Habitat had asked if we could do 2 more pots, but Diane declined. Diane Donze questioned whether Council could donate \$200 (\$50 per club) to the Civic and Conservation Committee, and she would purchase planters for the 4 Habitat homes.

**Programs – Arch Smith** reported that the Fall Frolic committee will meet after the Garden Walk.

**Publicity – No report**

**Garden Walk – Arch Smith** reported that there will be 6 gardens on the 2022 Garden Walk. He also has the digital billboard lined up for the Garden Walk. Arch reported that he will do a radio interview, and he will write an article for the *Rock River Times*. They will put it on the front page. He also sent the information to the *Rockford Register Star*.

Arch reported that Lori Walsh did signs for the Garden Walk 3 years ago, and we do have banners, however, because they are faded and tattered, the banners will no longer be used.

Since we won't do printed brochures, each greeter table will have a QR code sign which visitors can scan to their phone to get a map and garden addresses.

Arch reported that in previous years John Carlson made a donation for the printed brochure, and his business card was printed in the brochure. Since we are not having a printed brochure, EJ Rebman will ask for a donation from John Carlson, and we will put up a poster at each garden and an ad on CRG's website under the Garden Walk section.

**Horticulture – No report.**

**Hospitality – Mary Pinter** reported that she will make reservations for our meeting on Monday, July 11th. Mary also verified that we do not have an August

meeting. Mary will also make reservations for our Monday, September 12th meeting.

**Newsletter – Kathy Batzkall** would like articles to her by the Friday after each Council meeting in order to have our newsletter completed and sent out within a week after the meeting.

**Parliamentarian – No report.**

**Sunshine – Arch Smith** reported that Cindy Rittenhouse sent a get well card to Deb Bieschke and a sympathy card to Jan Duncan for the loss of her brother-in-law. Cindy will send a card to Diane Dailing whose husband is now in Hospice Care.

*We should notify Cindy Rittenhouse if a card should be sent to a member.*

**Ways & Means – Lynne Franzene-Lynde** had no report.

**Website – Kathy Batzkall** reported that the CRG website will list the addresses for the garden walk.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

It was reported that Ann Somers sent an email to the Parkland HOA thanking them for allowing us to use the tennis court for the Plant Sale. Council will contribute \$100 to the Parkland HOA to thank them.

Susan Buzzard made a proposal to the Board about having t-shirts made that all CRG members could purchase and wear whenever we were volunteering for an event such as the Garden Walk, Plant Sale, Klehm's Garden Fair, etc. She will get an estimate from Art Deli and Pig Minds. Susan had a sample of the wording that would be put on the front of the t-shirts and asked Kathy Batzkall to help design the t-shirt. The t-shirt color was discussed, and green was the overwhelming choice.

Our next meeting will be held on Monday, July 11, 2022, at 9:30 A.M. at Mary's Market on State Street.

***All garden club members are encouraged to attend.***

# 'TIS THE SEASON FOR FARMERS MARKETS

*I compiled this list of Stateline markets. We have many opportunities to visit vendors selling local produce, organics, baked goods, honey, jams and jellies, bedding plants, fish, meat, eggs and cheese, fresh flowers, artisan crafts, scents and skin care and more.*

## **Edgebrook Farmers Market**

1639 N. Alpine Road, Rockford

Wednesdays: 9am to 1pm

May 4 - October 26, 2022

<https://edgebrookshops.com/events/farmers-market/>

## **Northend City Market**

Southeast corner of Auburn St. and Main St., Rockford

<https://www.facebook.com/northendcitymarket/>

Saturdays, May through October 8:30am-12:30pm

The first Saturday of every month has live music:

- ☐ July 2 - The Magtones
- ☐ August 6 - Trinadora
- ☐ September 3 - Mike Kelly of Mr. Ed

## **Pasqua Mercato - Outdoor Italian Market**

5611 E. State St., Rockford

<https://www.pasquamercato.com/>

SUNDAYS: 11AM- 3PM

## **Rockford City Market**

Water Street at East State Street

Rockford

<http://www.rockfordcitymarket.com/>

Fridays: 4:00PM - 8:30PM

## **Forest City Farmers Market - Colonial Village**

1280 S. Alpine Rd., Rockford

[https://www.facebook.com/](https://www.facebook.com/rfdForestCityFarmersMarket)

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Forest City Church parking lot, every Friday 9am-1pm.

## **Rockford Midtown Market**

502 7th St., Rockford

c/o Katie's Cup

Thursday Mornings: 9AM — 1PM

## **Rockton River Market**

Settlers Park, 200 E. Hawick St., Rockton

<https://www.facebook.com/rocktonrivermarket/>

Wednesdays June-August: 5pm-8pm. Music at 6pm

## **Woodstock Farmers Market**

121 W. Van Buren St., Woodstock, IL

<https://www.facebook.com/woodstockfarmersmarket>

Every Tuesday and Saturday: 8 am — 1 pm

May 3 — September 27, 2022 for the Tuesday market

and April 23 — October 22, 2022 for the Saturday market



## **Belvidere Farmers Market and Crafts**

1940 N State St, Belvidere, IL

[https://www.facebook.com/](https://www.facebook.com/BelvidereFarmersMarketandCrafts/)

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Saturday: 9 am — 12:30 pm

## **WISCONSIN**

### **Beloit Farmers Market**

Corner of State and Grand Avenues, Beloit, WI

<https://downtownbeloit.com/us/farmers-market-2/>

Every Saturday: 9 am — 12 pm

### **Janesville Farmers Market**

15 Dodge St., Janesville, WI

<http://www.janesvillefarmersmarket.com/jfm/>

Every Saturday: 8 am — 1 pm

### **Skelly's Farm Market**

2713 South Hayner Road

Janesville, WI 53548

<https://www.skellysfarmmarket.com/>

## **MADISON**

**Dane County Farmers' Market** is America's largest producers-only farmers' market.

<https://dcfm.org/>

Saturday mornings on the Capitol Square in Madison

Wednesday mornings on Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

From November to December, it is held indoors at the Monona Terrace.

### **Monroe Street Farmers' Market**

<https://www.monroestreetfarmersmarket.org/>

Located at Edgewood College,

2219 Monroe St, Madison, WI 53711

SUNDAYS: 9 A.M. TO 1 P.M.



# MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE GARDEN EVENTS

## KLEHM ABORETUM & BOTANIC GARDEN

2715 S. Main St, Rockford, IL

[www.klehm.org](http://www.klehm.org) | 815-965-8146 | [info@klehm.org](mailto:info@klehm.org)

### Create Your Own Toad Abode

Saturday, June 18 | 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

\$50/person

### Woodsong Summer Concert Series

Sunday, June 19 | Sunday, July 17 | Sunday, August 21

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

\$8/Members, \$12/General Public (paid upon entry)

## NATURE AT THE CONFLUENCE

306 Dickop Street, South Beloit, IL

<https://natureattheconfluence.com/>

### Sun Catcher Class with ArtbyKarla

June 30 @ 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Learn how to make an eye catching Sun Catcher. ArtbyKarla will show you step-by-step. All supplies are included, EXCEPT you need to bring your own needle nose pliers.

### Tuesday Trailblazing

2:00 pm - 6:00 pm on Tuesdays throughout summer.

Nature is healing. Studies show time spent outdoors can improve mood, reduce stress, and support the immune system. Explore our trails on Tuesday afternoons

## MIDWAY VILLAGE

6799 Guilford Road, Rockford IL

[MidwayVillage.com](http://MidwayVillage.com)

### Moonlight Garden Moonlight Walk

June 14th and 15th, 7:30 to 9:30pm.

June's full moon is traditionally called the strawberry moon. Historic garden experts will lead a tour of Midway Village gardens, culminating in the special plantings of the Moonlight Garden with refreshments and light hors d'oeuvres. Free, but suggested donation \$15.

### Free Admission on Wednesdays

Book guided Victorian Village and garden tours online.

## NICHOLAS CONSERVATORY

1354 N. 2nd Street, Rockford, IL

<https://nicholasconservatory.com/>

### DELICATE FORCES

June 25 - November 6, 2022

Delicate Forces, a botanically-inspired, large-scale art exhibition by Skunk Control, a group of engineers, scientists, and educators from Australia.

The exhibition features pieces uniquely created through science. Colorful dichroic materials and subtle mechatronic movements create a kaleidoscope of colors that delight during daylight hours and illuminate in the evening when darkness descends.



### Food Truck Tuesdays

Ongoing, 4-9 pm. Visit website for participating trucks, menus, and weekly truck locations. More Info: <https://nicholasconservatory.com/food-truck-tuesdays>

## SEVERSON DELLS

8786 Montague Road, Rockford IL

<https://www.seversondells.com>

### 2022 Wildflower Walkabout Series

See details here: <https://www.naturalland.org/wildflower-walkabout/>

All walks will begin at 6:00 p.m. Free. **Registration for all of the walks will be required this year through EventBrite.** For more information, please call 815/335-2915 (Severson Dells) or 815/964-6666 (National Land Institute).

## ANDERSON JAPANESE GARDENS

318 Spring Creek Road, Rockford

<https://andersongardens.org/>

### Tuesday Evening in the Gardens Summertime Music Series

June 21—Joshua Ray Walker (Dallas, TX)

Opening: Sarah Shook (Garner, NC)

June 28—Miles Nielsen & the Rusted Hearts (Rockford, IL)

Opening: Brett Newski & the No Tomorrow (Madison, WI)

**Remember to  
check our website:**

[www.councilofrockfordgardeners.org](http://www.councilofrockfordgardeners.org)

# CONNECTING WITH NATURE

## SPRING 2022

To register for the workshops, please visit our website at [go.illinois.edu/jsw](http://go.illinois.edu/jsw) or call our Winnebago County Extension Office at (815)986-4357. 1040 N 2nd Street Rockford 61107

### RAINWATER MANAGEMENT IN THE HOME LANDSCAPE

WEDNESDAY, June 15 / 6-7:00 p.m. - NO COST

Learn about options to put rainwater diverted from the hardscapes in your yard to use instead of lost as runoff. Jay will discuss how rain gardens, bio swales, and other structures can be designed into your landscape to retain this valuable resource.

**Presenter:** Jay Solomon, U of I Extension Natural Resources, Environment, and Energy Educator.

### EXPLORE OUR NATIVE GARDEN

WEDNESDAY, June 22 / 6-7:00 P.M. - NO COST

A native plant garden was established behind our office soon after we moved in, in 2010. Over the years, many challenges have been overcome and the garden continues to flourish under the watchful eye of Master Naturalist Ginnie Watson and others. Join Ginnie in the garden to learn about the plant selection, care and benefits of native plants.

**Presenter:** Ginnie Watson, U of I Extension Master Naturalist



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### The First Rule of Weeding

The way to tell the difference between  
a cultivated plant and a weed is to pull it up.

If it comes back, it was a weed.

- Lee Pollock, Philadelphia

