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The 4 CRG Clubs:

Plantaholics

Potpourri

Seedlings

Wildflowers



Council Motto:

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



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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

Fall is in the air! I know this to be true, because I was walking our dogs the other day and noticed the first sign of Fall. Beth, our neighbor down the street has her traditional pumpkins out, several dozen lined across the front of her house. A few minutes later this was confirmed when Charlie walked in the house from his morning jog saying "Beth has her pumpkins out!"

I always have mixed emotions when it comes to Fall. I like the all the beautiful colors, I enjoy setting up our Halloween display in our yard, even though it takes me about a week to complete. Yet, the problem for me is I really don't like what comes next! WINTER. The days get shorter and colder which brings an end to many things Charlie and I enjoy. Gardening, our Pickleball practice sessions on our makeshift driveway court, our daily dog walks become less and our nightly bike ride with our 37-year-old Citron Cockatoo ends. (see picture below)

However, Fall does bring us CRG's gathering of club's annual event, The FALL FROLIC. This year's event to be held on Tuesday, September 24th, is hosted by Plantaholics and will be held back at the iconic Grangette Barn owned by Jim & Donna. The barn itself is truly a sight to behold, so don't miss this special gathering!



This Fall brings us an all new and very exciting event, Klehm Arboretum and Botanic Garden's EERIE AUTUMN LIGHTS. Due to our extremely close kinship with Klehm, I thought that CRG should definitely be a part of all the excitement. EERIE AUTUMN LIGHTS will be held over the month of October during the evenings. I think it would be fun for CRG to volunteer as "greeters" for 4 Fridays from 5pm to 7:30pm to help Alex Millis, the Director of Klehm, operate this family friendly event. Please look for volunteering information that will be sent out shortly.

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GARDEN WALK 2024



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**MANY THANKS
TO EVERYONE
FOR YOUR
DEDICATION,
SUPPORT AND
TIME TO MAKE
OUR 2024
GARDEN WALK
A SUCCESS!!!**



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**Wildflowers visited
Rotary Gardens
Janesville, WI**



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SEEDLINGS TOURED
CAROLE HUNTER'S
GARDEN TO LEARN
ABOUT THE PROCESS
OF HYBRIDIZING
DAYLILLIES



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POTPOURRI VISITED SHELLY'S MARKET FOR THEIR SUNFLOWER FIELD. A VERY COLD, WINDY AND WET DAY BUT AS YOU SEE WE'RE NOT ALWAYS SERIOUS. WE DO ADD PLAY, SIL-LINESS, FOOD AND DRINKS INTO MOST EVERYTHING WE DO!!!



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MANY OF OUR MEMBERS VOLUNTEERED AT THE ROCK RIVER VALLEY FOOD PANTRY- THIS SUMMER.



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PLANTAHOLICS TOURED THE GARDEN OF JENNIFER & MIKE'S FOR A GARDEN PLANNING AND TO SEE MIKE'S BEAUTIFUL GARDEN.

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