



# Kewaunee County Garden Club Newsletter

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## Special points of interest:

- Community Celebrations
- Growing Pumpkins for Heritage Days
- May Plant Sale
- Container Gardening

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## Garden Renovation

I don't know how you spent the last couple months; much of my free time was spent poring over nursery catalogs. After several years with the same old stuff, I'm ready to start digging out the old and bringing in new plants and elements.

This translates to 'pre-garden' rearranging as opposed to 'spring cleaning' your home. It isn't as physical but it sure takes time and can become expensive. Not to mention that it is exhausting!

After all, there is so much to consider ... perennial, annual, flower color, sun, part sun, shade, part shade, wet, dry, soil, height, invasive or not, does it spread, or how much room is required?

What design in the garden will the flowers be planted? Do the flowers blossom in spring, summer, or fall? Do the flower buds need to be pinched back? What are the watering requirements? I'm exhausted already!

Once I decided what to order it was very easy; however, now I need to start planning for planting once the order arrives. But, before anything, I will need to dig out some of the old plants, divide some and transplant to another area in the landscape.

To my husband's surprise, I actually ordered hollyhocks! As a child on the farm, one of my jobs was to mow the lawn. We had a bank of hollyhocks up against the south side of

our farmhouse. The bees were always after me because I was invading their space. However, the ones that I ordered are miniature hollyhocks. They definitely will not be planted near any grass! The other flower that I refuse to plant is a tiger lily. I would be covered in brown from rubbing up against the flowers just mowing past them. Miniature or not, I will not be ordering them any time soon.

Container gardening is very appealing to me not only for flowers but for fruit such as raspberries, strawberries, or blueberries. Blueberries are fussier as they require a more acidic soil but I'm going to give them a try.

Happy Gardening!

## Spuds and Honey

Max Martin will present a program on 'Potatoes' for the Tuesday, March 27 Garden Club in conjunction with the HCE. All are welcome to attend this meeting.

Max and his wife Dee will be at the Bird City celebration

in Algoma on April 7 as a vendor: Max and Dee's Honey Bees.

Who knew there were so many products provided by the bees. Honey is their #1 product; however, there is bee lip balm, soaps, beeswax candles, lotions, and shampoo. That is another reason

to keep the bees humming!

Bees are the main pollinators for fruits and vegetables. With that said, we need to plant flowers that are attractive to the bees.



# Spring ...



Has Sprung

Flowers



Clean-up

Break

Training

Rain



Planting

Fling

Forward



Water

Time



## 2018 Programs and Events

**Tuesday, March 27**  
 'Potatoes' - Max Martin  
 Algoma Youth Club  
 6:30 p.m.

**Saturday, April 7**  
**Bird City Algoma Celebration**  
 Algoma Youth Club  
 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, April 24**  
 Kewaunee HS Ag Center  
 7:00 p.m. (Needs Confirmation)

**Saturday, May 5**  
 Lake Haven Garden and  
 Outdoor Living Expo  
 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.  
 96 Ellis Street  
 Kewaunee

**Tuesday, May 22**  
 'Garden Math' - Sue Hepp  
 Algoma Youth Club  
 7:00 p.m..

**Saturday, May 26**  
 Plant Sale  
 Harbor Park, Kewaunee  
 9:00 a.m.—Noon

**Garden Club Programs:**  
**June—November** are  
 open

**September 22 and 23**  
 Agricultural Heritage Days  
 KC Fairgrounds  
 Luxemburg

## Community Gardens

*Enjoy nature  
 and the  
 environment*

If you do not have space in your landscape for vegetable gardening, why not take advantage of a community garden? Some of the gardens have raised beds which are easier to plant and harvest.

The health benefits of gardening include:

1. You know where your food comes from

2. No pesticides; can use natural means to eliminate pests.
3. Meet new people with the same interests.
4. Enjoy nature and the environment.
5. Have fresh produce all summer long!

6. Community pride

**New Vegetables to try:**

- Valentine Tomatoes
- Cocktail Tomatoes
- Mashed potato squash
- Fresh Start Beets (*leaves only*)

## Pumpkins for Heritage Farm



Provided  
 Pumpkin Seeds



Future Pumpkins



Pumpkin ready for harvest

# Bird City Celebration



Attract Bluebirds to your Property

## International Migratory Bird Day

Algoma Youth Club

620 Lake Street, Algoma, WI

**Saturday, April 7, 2018**

Bird Bistro  
Garden  
Information

Photo  
Contest  
for  
Youth

Door Prizes

**Doors open at 9:00 a.m.**

**9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.** Vendors, Children's Area with crafts, Story Time, Origami  
**Janet-Tlachac Toonen, Author/Illustrator of Children's Books**  
Story Times: 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

### Seminars:

**10:00 a.m. – Getting the Picture:** Song Birds, Shore Birds, Waterfowl by local photographer  
Robert Kuhn

**11:00 a.m. – Saving the Bluebirds** - Don Pritzl, Bluebird Restoration Association of Wisconsin

**12:00 p.m. – Lunch Break** – Food prepared by the **United Methodist Men**

**12:30 p.m. – Kim Diedrich, Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary ...** Meet a Great Horned Owl, a Fox Snake, and an American Kestrel ... **Kid Friendly!**

## Edibles Worth Planting

### Edible Flowers

- Nasturtiums
- Calendulas
- Pansies
- Violas

### Vegetable Flowers

- Zucchini
- Squash

### Perennial Flowers

- Roses
- Daylilies

### Herbs Flowers

- Chives
- Sage
- Lavender
- Mint

The flowers are great in salads, sandwiches, or tea. If you grow your own you should not have to worry about pesticides or other chemicals sprayed on your edibles.

*A world without pollinators would be a world without apples, blueberries, strawberries, chocolate, almonds, melons, peaches, or pumpkins.*

## Container Gardening

Not enough space for a garden ... no worries. There are as many containers as your imagination can hold. Succulents can be grown quite nicely in a tea cup. Containers can be that small or as large as a vacant car. Use your imagination to come up with a suitable

container for what you want to grown.

### Ideas for a container:

1. Edible plants
2. Butterfly or Hummingbird magnets
3. Sun Garden
4. Shade Garden
5. Succulents

6. Monochromatic
7. Moonlight
8. Fruits
9. Other

There are some unique containers on the market that glow in the dark. They are right up there with 'moonlight' gardening!

## May Plant Sale

It is time to start thinking about dividing plants for the upcoming plant sale in May.

When I ordered flowers from one of the nurseries, the following flowers were a gift:

1. Mixed Tigrida
2. Carina Hardy Gladiolus

3. Mixed Glory of the Sun

These will be included with hostas and other plants that need dividing. .



**Kewaunee County  
Garden Club**



Annual  
**Plant Sale**

**Saturday, May 26**  
**9:00 a.m. - Noon**



*Harbor Park*  
*Kewaunee, WI*

[www.kcgardenclub.com/](http://www.kcgardenclub.com/)





## **Mission Statement**

It is the mission of the Kewaunee County Garden Club to support the horticulture efforts of the people and communities of the county with volunteer work, education, and example.

## **Membership Information**

Single Membership .....	\$10.00
Couple Membership .....	\$15.00

**Your membership dues are due in January. If you have not paid Ann please do so before the end of March. Thank you!**

### **Send Membership Dues to:**

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