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The date of meeting is  
Monday, May 24, 2010  
Growing Herbs and Herbal Folk Lore  
By Myra Bottoms

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One, two, three. GO!

We're about to kick off another year of club summer events. Sunday, June 13, Noon - 3 PM, marks the first of our five FARMER'S MARKETS for this year. The chairpersons of this event have been working for several months to ensure not only numerous quality vendors but a large attendance.

Several times last year I sat and observed those attending the markets. And yes, many were there to purchase items but as many, if not more, were there not only to shop but also to socialize with their friends and neighbors. Like all of our undertakings we can be proud of the fact that our markets have become an Irvington institution and lend significantly to our sense of community.

Sunday, June 27, will mark the 10th anniversary of our annual GARDEN TOUR. This year's beautiful poster highlights the watercolor artistry of one of our members Laura Hildreth.

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As of this writing, I believe we've secured all the gardens to be visited and all can look forward to another leisurely Sunday afternoon stroll in our neighborhoods.

As for those reading this, I would hope that you spread the "good word" by encouraging your friends and family to attend our markets. Hopefully, you'll have time to attend several of them yourself. Finally, our garden tour is not only a source of inspiration and a community service but also a club fund raiser; consider selling tickets and be sure to attend the event. \*\*\*

Later, Ed

\*\*\* to obtain tickets to sell contact Melany Bellucci at 356-5717.

If you would be happy for a day, cook a pot of rice.  
If you would be happy for a week,  
buy a bottle of wine.  
If you would be happy for a month, kill a pig.  
If you would be happy for a year, get married.  
If you would be happy for the rest of your life,  
be a gardener.

Old Chinese proverb

**Saturday, May 22, 9 to Noon.** Washington and Shadeland Cloverleaf Workday.

Join our good friends from Irvington Terrace as they continue their plantings at this site.

Last year our club contributed over 500 native prairie wildflowers and native grasses to the project. Aside from donating additional plants again this year, the club has facilitated the groups's wholesale purchase of three 38-plug trays of butterfly weed (*Asclepias tuberosa*), Queen of the Prairie (*Filipendula rubra*), and Tall Ironweed (*Vernonia altissima*).



### Daylily Enthusiasts

As in the past years, the club will be selling plants \*\*\* at the Farmer's markets

The second Sunday of each month June thru October. This year's offering includes the following daylilies at \$7.00 each compared to their typical retail prices of 12 - 14 dollars.

**Country Uncle:** 6" bloom, 30" tall, mid late. Petals are a medium peach pink and sepals are a paler peach with a gold tint.

**Eye Yi Yi:** 5 1/2" bloom, 30" tall, early re-bloomer. Big orange blossoms have a deep red eye zone around a gold throat.

**Mauna Loa:** 5" bloom, 22" tall, early middle. Calling Mauna Loa "very bright" is an

understatement. Vivid bright orange blooms shine in the landscape. Stunning!

**Prairie Blue Eyes:** 1976 Award of Merit. 5 1/4" bloom, 28" tall, mid season.

A reliable grower and bloomer. Lavender purple blooms with a yellow throat.

**Royal Place Prince:** 4 3/8" blooms, 24" tall. Mid season. A blend of rose, lavender and mauve with cream midribs around a yellow throat.

**Siloam Pink Petite:** 3 1/8" bloom, 22" tall, Mid season re-bloomer. Pale pink, ruffled blooms with a faint rose halo around a deep green and yellow throat. Good bud count and branching.

**Wayside King Royal:** 6" bloom, 36" tall, early mid season. Produces abundant deep purple blooms. Fragrant.

Other daylily cultivars for sale include: Carefree Peach, Chicago Apache, Mary Todd, Corryton Pink, Happy Returns, Hyperion, Orange Vols, Pardon Me, Ruffled Apricot, Siloam June Bug, Stella De Oro, and Strawberry Candy. \*\*\* Proceeds from the sale of these and other plants offset the club's annual beautification budget.



### Recycle Flower Pots

Club member, Rosemary Spalding, recently donated numerous flower pots for reuse at the club's nursery. Should you have some, please drop them off at the nursery site, Laura's Garden, 156 South Downey Avenue or call 503-6139.



## HORTICULTURAL MANIA QUIZ

During this spring season, toss in the trowel, sip a lemonade, and try this quiz. Are you a horticultural high-achiever or one of the gardening-impaired? Check off the following statements that are true for you. Give yourself three bonus points if you had to remove your gardening gloves before starting.

You know you are a hard-core gardener if:

Your bumper sticker reads "I brake for worms", "I'd rather be weeding", or "Have you hugged your cactus today?"

You photograph your flowers more often than your family or friends.

You'd rather cut the grass than vacuum the carpet.

You draw more garden plans than floor plans.

You're disappointed to learn that you can order vegetable seeds from I. L. Bean.

After a *terrific* out of town vacation, you still regret missing the peonies in bloom.

You would turn down a job transfer to a city with a shorter growing season.

You rank *The Secret Garden* above *Citizen Kane*.

You'd choose a fish pond over a swimming pool.

You'd prefer a leaf shredder to a food processor.

You'd rather water your garden than wash your car.

Your hedge-clipper blades are *sharper* than your kitchen knives.

You say "garden soil", never "dirt".

You deadhead flowers in other people's gardens.

When playing soccer, you check for crab grass.

You enjoy rain, but go ballistic over hail.

You garden in the rain and only stop when it thunders.

After a thunderstorm, you check for tree damage before basement flooding.

After a snowstorm, you brush off ornamental trees before shoveling the walk.

You can state your Hardiness Zone faster than your zip code.

A greenhouse is higher on your wish list than a hot tub.

You sport trowel earrings or a wheelbarrow belt buckle.

You actually appreciate cow manure as a birthday present.

You dream of compost.

You buy beer for slugs.



How you scored:

Under 5: No headaches for you if there's a frost.

5 - 10: You spend more time in the hammock than in the humus.

11 - 20: You know which end of a corm is up.

Over 20: You need some horticultural withdrawal. Time to close the garden gate.

- Sue Careless digs up dirt as a journalist in Toronto, Ontario

Several of last year's members have yet to pay their 2010 Club dues. Should you be one of them, please contact our Treasurer, Mike Lewis, at [Makeajoyfulnoise50@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Makeajoyfulnoise50@sbcglobal.net) or call 356-9123

### SAVE THE DATES

**The Garden Tour, Sunday, June 27, 1-5** is coming along pretty good with getting gardens for the tour, may only need one more. WE sent out a plea to have people help with putting up posters. Melany

### **Farmers Market..., Sunday, June 13**

Sue has the music lined up and Marcia is doing the rest. Laura Hildreth niece is planning on doing the signage and planned on doing the design. Melany

### **Meeting, Sunday, July 10, Trip to Daylily Garden**

More Information next month



### **Stay off the Bottle (of water, that is!)**

Tap water is provided by government utilities and is tested regularly. Bottled water is not as well regulated and studies have shown that it is not even particularly pure. A four-year study of bottled water in the U.S. found that one-fifth of the 103 water products tested contained chemicals. Much bottled water doesn't come from "natural springs" and is, in fact, just tap water. Not only is it more expensive per gallon than gasoline, bottled water incurs a huge carbon footprint from its transportation, and the discarded bottles last as long as 500 years in a landfill. If you want to carry your water with you, get a bottle and re-fill it.

As Butch Cassidy said to the Sundance Kid in an old western movie, "I've got vision and the rest of the world wears bifocals. Sundance meet the future." We can be like Chicken Little and hide our heads, or we can emulate Butch Cassidy and **forge the future** by taking steps that will conserve water so vital for our existence.

## HOSTAS THAT LIKE MORE SUN THAN MOST

Guacamole  
Fragrant Bouquet  
Fried Bannanas  
Fried Green Tomatoes  
Fragrant Gold  
Invincible  
Royal Standard  
Honeybells  
Summer Fragrance  
Flower Power  
Plantaginea  
August Moon  
Francee  
Krossa Regal  
Lancifalia  
Nigrescens  
Regal Splendor  
Royal Standard  
So Sweet  
Ventricosa  
Venusta

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