

Garden Club of Ramsey County (GCRC)

News Notes

15 September 2014 Meeting

AGENDA

6:30 Business Meeting

Membership Renewal

Nominations

Harvest/Bake Sale

Sunshine

Exhibits and Mini-Shows

Announcements

7:00 Refreshments

7:25 Guest Speaker

TONIGHT'S GUEST SPEAKER: - Bonnie Blodgett

Topic: How to Make Fall Your Garden's Peak Season

Bonnie came late to gardening and garden writing, launching a gardening publication after many years working as a magazine editor and freelance writer because it combined her two passions, writing and gardening. Trial and error has been her mantra ever since: learn as you go. For fifteen years *The Garden Letter*, which won a Garden Writers Association award for excellence in its first year, has chronicled Bonnie's climb from ignorant weekend hobbyist to full-fledged amateur gardener. Her garden writing has been published in *Garden Design*, *Fine Gardening*, and *Better Homes and Gardens*. She is the gardening expert for *Midwest Home* and writes a weekly gardening column in the *St. Paul Pioneer Press*. Her books include *Midwest Top Ten* (Sunset Books), an illustrated guide to great plants; *Jewel of Como*, a history of a horticultural landmark; and *Remembering Smell: A Memoir of Losing and Discovering the Primal Sense*.

THANK YOU HOSPITALITY HOSTS:

Joe Baltrukonis, Cecelia Frederick, Ann Hanson, Karen Parenteau, Nancy Scanlan, and Susanne Spitzer

HELP WANTED:

New Harmony Care Center, 135 Geranium Ave, Saint Paul, would like to develop a garden for their residents. They are seeking volunteers to help develop and maintain the garden. Contact Linda Bahnema, Activities Director, at 651.488.6658 or lbahnema@elimcare.org for more information.

CALENDAR:

17 November: Harvest and Bake Sale at the GCRC Meeting

1 December: GCRC Board Meeting. Joint meeting of incoming and outgoing board members and committee chairs at the Minnesota State Horticultural Society office, 2705 Lincoln Road, Roseville.

7 December: GCRC Holiday Party, Pool and Yacht Club, Lilydale