

*FLORETS*  
*Twin City Garden Club*  
*March 2023*



**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Meeting:** 1 pm Tuesday Mar 21 2023 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 2101 S. Prospect, Champaign

**Program:** Hendrick House Farm: Learn the connection between sustainable farming and agriculture education

**Presenter:** Ann Swanson and Kelly Hill

Ann Swanson, Fowler Farm Director and Kelly Hill, Executive Director at CU Schools Foundation will tell us about Hendrick House Farm, part of Hendrick House, which is dedicated to producing quality products for customers using organic practices within Champaign County. The farming operations includes a 10-acre farm and a garden on the rooftop of Hendrick House.

**Refreshment break**

**Hostesses:** Linda Conway and Lynda Brunton

**Floral Arrangement:** Cheryl Weber

Penny Pines jar will be present

**Business meeting will follow the program:**

Call to Order

President's Opening Remarks

Recording Secretary Minutes/Approval

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Voting on the officer slate as proposed by the Nominating Committee:

Vice-President: Martha Tinsley

Old Business

New Business

Adjourn

**Birthdays:** Meridee Dornhoff, 3/11 and Martha Tinsley, 3/26

**Reminder: if not yet paid, please pay dues by April 1<sup>st</sup>**

## FLORAL DESIGN CLASS

**Class:** “Rain Showers”

A 4-inch hanging design. Fresh and/or dried plant material. Staged in a frame with hook at eye level (mantel height) approximately 55” from the floor.

## TCGC Plant Sale Saturday May 6

From Nicole Miller and Martha Tinsley: “Our annual plant sale will be Saturday May 6 from 8:00 to noon at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Like last year, we will have shifts that you can sign up for, either 8:00 to 10:00, 10:00 to noon, or the whole morning. We will have a sign-up sheet at the next meeting. If you need help digging plants, please let Nicole know well in advance. We would like to get that done the weekend before the sale. We noticed many people asking for edible plants last year, so if you have starts of anything edible, such as perennial fruits, vegetables or herbs, that is great. If you can start vegetables or herbs from seeds for us to sell, that's also great

Plants can be dropped off at the church next to the front covered walkway on May 4th and 5th. Please do NOT drop off plants at the last minute on the day of the plant sale. If you have extra pots others can use, please bring them to the next meeting and give them to Tori who can store them.

For the yard sale portion of our garden sale collect tools, pots, or other garden related items. Depending on the size of the item, these can likely be dropped off ahead of time as well.”

## Upcoming local plant sales – mark your calendar

**UIUC Horticulture Club Spring Plant Fair:** On Mom's Weekend, Saturday April 15, 10a-6p

Plant Sciences Lab 1201 S. Dormer, Urbana, Room 1125

Billed as a remake of the traditional Annual Sale: will include plant displays plus a plant sale.

More details may be forthcoming, check <https://hortclubuiuc.wixsite.com/club>

**CU Plant People Spring Plant Swap** co-hosted by Common Ground Food Co-op Saturday April 22, 11a-1p

Held at the Common Ground Food Co-op, 300 S. Broadway, Urbana

“Bring one, take one”: plants, seeds, tools, etc.

**Common Ground Food Co-op Plant Sale Fundraiser** Thursday May 3 – Tuesday May 9, listed as “all day” details for both of these events at <https://www.commonground.coop/news-and-events/calendar>

(Scroll down, select date and event)

**Grand Prairie Friends Native Plant Sale** online ordering April 30 – May 13

View plant list at <https://www.grandprairiefriends.org/plant-sale-coming-soon>

**C-U Herb Society 2023 Herb Sale:** Saturday, May 13, 8a – 1p, inside Lincoln Square Mall, Urbana

Plant list available at <https://cuherbsociety.org/plantsale/plantsale.html>

## SIGNS OF SPRING IN OUR LATE WINTER GARDENS

**From Mike Skreiner:**

The following shoots have been observed in my garden: black raspberry, columbine, compass plant, cup plant, foxglove, penstemon (basal leaves green all winter), golden alexanders, meadow anemone, spider wort, various rudbeckia, yellow cone flowers AND just found rattlesnake master.

### *Spring*

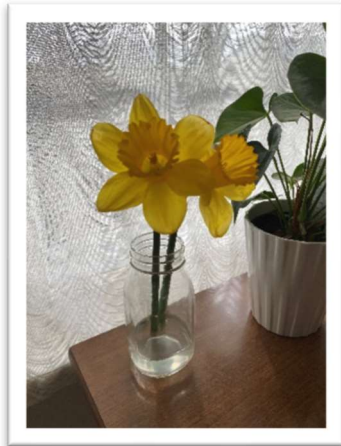
*"The Spring is sprung, the grass is ris,*

*I wonder where the birdie is!*

*I look up to the sky,*

**From Martha Tinsley:**

I've been blessed with early daffodils to bring some color back into my house.



Also, experimenting with a winter salad garden: So far the seeds germinated and are growing with no problems so I think it will be a success!



**From Patty Stoffel:**

The hellebores are all green and blooming.



Daffs are up all over the garden about 6 inches with burgeoning buds. Iris turning green with new shoots. Small mounds of sedum pretty little green rosettes smiling up. Dainty red leaf buds on the peonies. Catkins grace the pussywillow bushes

Life is good and the garden is calling



Daylillies are popping up

**From Mary Jane Tuttle:** Currently dividing and potting cannas for the plant sale PLUS succulents.

**From Alice Dilts:**

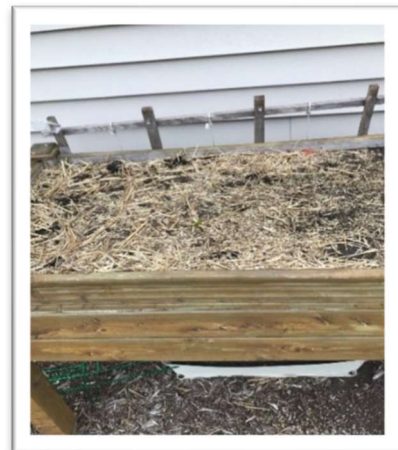


Snowdrops are still blooming

**From Patti Lipton:**



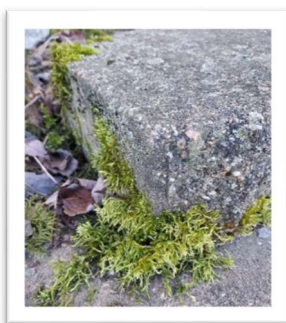
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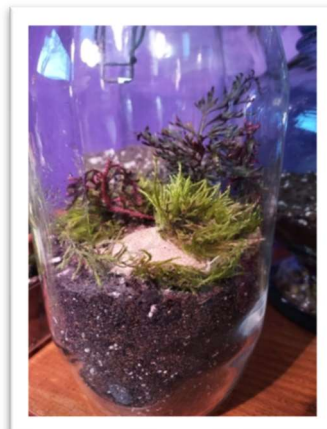
garlic in a raised bed

**From Lisa Sur:**

Gathering moss from outside for growing in terrariums. There are two types: one which likes cooler, damp temperatures and hard surfaces such as bricks and rock.; the second type does okay in soil. growi



moss on stone



Moss growing well in terrarium