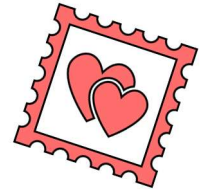


Florets
Twin City Garden Club
February 2026



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Meeting: 1 pm Tuesday February 17 2026

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 2101 S. Prospect, Champaign

Program: Succulent Plants

Presenter: Mary Dickinson

Mary Dickinson has been a Master Gardener with the Ford-Iroquois Unit for 20 years. She is a self-professed plant geek and has a collection of over one hundred succulent plants of various species. Come learn more about succulents and their care requirements.

Refreshment break

Hostesses: Martha Tinsley and Tori Corkery

Floral arrangement by: Martha Tinsley

Horticulture Tip of the Month

Donate to Plant-a-Tree

Business Meeting

Call to Order

President's Opening Remarks

Recording Secretary Minutes/Approval

Treasurer's Report

Corresponding Secretary Report

Standing Committee Reports

Membership

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Membership: Annual Club dues are \$30 and are payable now. You can pay with cash or check (made payable to Twin City Garden Club). Bring your payment to a club meeting or mail directly to Tori Corkery, 1104 N Cottonwood Rd, Urbana, IL 61802.

Deadline for paying dues is April 1.

Birthdays: Charissa Lansing 2/18

UPCOMING EVENTS

Illinois-Indiana Rose Society Biannual meeting March 20-21 2026 Effingham IL

A full day of educational speakers. All gardeners are invited, membership in IIRS not required. Check website for full details: <https://illinoisindianadistrict.org> There is a registration fee of \$45 that does include lunch.

Garden Clubs of Illinois 2026 State NGC Standard Flower Show
“On the Road Again”
Lincoln Square Mall, Urbana, IL
July 23-25, 2026

Please join us at this year’s GCI State Flower Show “On the Road Again” being held at Lincoln Square Mall in Urbana. The show will be held in the mall’s south corridor, known as the High Court. Its two-story height and skylight stretching the full length provides a unique space for the flower show.

There will be innovative staging utilizing vintage cars, design types for beginner to experienced designers, a club competition design class, unusual artistic crafts, and a horticulture division where all gardeners can exhibit cut specimens and container-grown plants.

The show schedule is available on the homepage of GCI’s website www.gardenclubsofillinois.org

Additional volunteers are still needed to help with

- Setup (Thursday July 23, 10 am to 4 pm)
- Horticulture placement (Thursday July 23, 4-6 pm and Friday July 24, 8 am-noon)
- Hostesses to guide visitors during public hours (Friday July 24, 4-8 pm and Saturday July 25, 8 am-noon)
- Cleanup (Saturday July 24, noon-4 pm)

To volunteer for any of these positions, contact Show Chairman, Tori Corkery (corkery@illinois.edu, 217-377-2024)

All exhibits will be accepted from 4–6 pm Thursday July 23, 2026 and 8 am–Noon Friday, July 24, 2026. Exhibitors should enter the South Mall Entrance. Judging will begin at 1 pm on Friday July 24, 2026. All exhibits must be removed between noon-2 pm on Saturday, July 25, 2026. The mall and the free parking are wheelchair accessible.

Humor for February (from Mike Skreiner)

Driving Rule: Statistics prove many accidents occur at intersections. Also, the probability of avoiding an accident is enhanced if you spend less time in an intersection. Therefore, if you approach an intersection showing a yellow traffic light, even more so a yellow light close to turning red, instead of braking, you must accelerate to speed through the intersection as rapidly as possible.

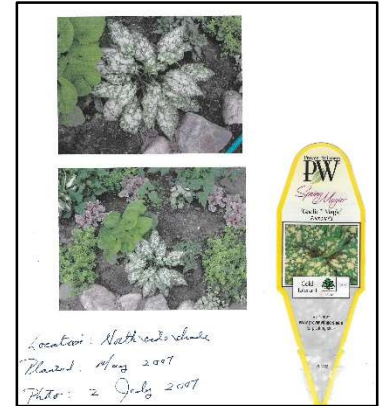
IN THE GARDEN got a minute or more?

During these still too cold days, take some time to catch up.

For those who are very organized and are diligent about garden journaling, go to the head of the class. But for those who need a bit of a push, this is a gentle reminder that keeping notes and pictures of our gardens is useful for remembering and planning. Especially helpful for perennial gardens that progress from the spring ephemerals through the summer bee balms to the fall asters and mums.

There are several ways to tackle this task: Over the years my approach had been taking pen and paper for note taking and gathering those notes in file folders and ring binders. This does work but now need an office file cabinet to hold all of that info.

Another pen and paper approach are commercial garden journal booklets one of which I was gifted. I have never used it, since it seemed a bit simple for my note keeping. A variety of many types of garden notebooks can be browsed at garden stores and stationary supply stores such as Staples or purchased online.



Note taking is never enough, especially for our beautiful gardens. Getting snapshots of the individual plants as well as panoramic views help complete the record. Since my flower garden started during the digital age, have been able to get good images from a small digital camera, which have been organized on my home computer by creating directory folders according to year and month. For example, My Garden\2026\February. For those who use Microsoft Office products, these can be backed up to the cloud by One Drive. My preference is to use memory sticks (formerly called thumb drives) for backups.

Currently learning how to use my cell phone for more than just mere texting. Modern technology has turned our cell phones into quite versatile tools and image quality is decent. This photo displays an insect that was pestering daisy mums. Using the app, Google lens, was able to get a possible identification as a crane fly.

Then doing an independent internet search for crane flies somewhat confirmed that ID: certainty may rely on a trained entomologist. The simple case is that this most possibly is just sipping on the nectar of the mum acting as a pollinator and is not a pest, although there is mention that their larvae will feed on roots of grass and may be detrimental if present in large numbers.

