

Florets
Twin City Garden Club
November 2023



ANNOUNCEMENT

Meeting: 1 pm Tuesday November 21 2023

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 2101 S. Prospect, Champaign

Program: Pruning

Presenter: Ryan Pankau

Ryan Pankau, an Extension Educator in Horticulture at the University of Illinois Extension, will discuss how to properly prune trees and shrubs.

Hort 101

At our November meeting we will do an overview of a show schedule and highlight some of the key roles necessary for a successful flower show. If you have not already done so, please return your completed "what's growing in my garden" plant list.

Refreshment break

Hostess: Nicole Miller

Floral arrangement by: Martha Tinsley

Business Meeting

Agenda

Call to Order

President's Opening Remarks

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Event of Interest: Annual Poinsettia Sale at Parkland College Greenhouse

December 4-8, 10a-2p

Poinsettias, Christmas Cacti, Succulents and more (Entrance on north side of building)

Penny Pines Jar will be present – what does that mean?

(the following is revised from Dec 2019 and updated with input from Tori Corkery)

It started with buckets of pennies.

Conservation and sustainability are not just ideas of the 21st century. Founded in 1905, the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) was created to manage the harvesting of timber in a healthy way that would allow forested areas to regrow. During the troubled times of the 1930's the National Forests were in bad shape: fires and over-harvesting had decimated the trees. President Franklin D. Roosevelt proposed a great replanting under the direction of the USFS with assistance from the Civilian Conservation Corp. A great many of the trees planted were white pines. Public involvement was also encouraged and promoted by the Children's Conservation Crusade. Pine seedlings could be produced for the token sum of one penny and small buckets were used to collect the pennies that would be used to purchase the seedlings. A variety of local and national organizations also pledged their support, including the National Garden Clubs, Inc. of which Penny Pines is an ongoing project.

Subsequently In the 1940's, prices increased to 10 cents/seedling. At that time, it was estimated that 680 pine seedlings could be planted per acre. Groups could donate \$68 which would cover a ten-acre area and was termed a "Plantation". In current times, again, costs have increased; though the current working agreement of the Forest Service with NGC maintains the symbolic \$68 amount which will contribute to the planting of seedlings on approximately one acre of land. The number of seedlings vary depending on the type of trees that are planted. Species native to the particular region are used, not just pine. For example, aspen and birch in the Northeast, oaks and pine in the South.

How are the monies distributed? Donors may be specific and request a particular location. There are over 154 national forests in the U.S. primarily in the western states, with just one in Illinois, the Shawnee National Forest. A very good complete listing of all these forests can be found at the Wikipedia website, by entering the phrase: [List of national forests of the United States](#). There are ten states with no national forests, including Hawaii, upper Great Plains states (North Dakota, Iowa, Kansas) and mid-northeastern states such as Maryland and Massachusetts. The majority of the national forests are located in the western states of Colorado, California, Washington and Oregon. Note that there are many forested areas, such as those in Dept of Interior National Park System, that are not part of the U.S. Forest Service management. Donations can also be made as "unspecified" or "areas with most need", such those ravaged by wildfires, hurricanes and droughts.

Contributing \$68.00 to the Penny Pines program provides part of the costs of replanting replacement trees indigenous to a particular damaged area caused by fire or other natural catastrophes. The forest service does the planting, using club donations together with federal funds, and provides to the plantation the same protection from fires, insects, and disease given other forested areas. The plantations are a part of the regular national forest reforestation program planted on burned-over and brush-covered areas which are potentially productive timberlands. Planting sites are selected by the supervisor of each national forest. These plantations provide soil protection, watershed protection, soil stabilization, future harvestable timber, as well as beauty and shade for recreation.

Twin City Garden Club has contributed regularly to Penny Pines: recent contributions (2018-2021) have totaled \$408. Please consider donating at each meeting by bringing in your loose change and putting it in the Penny Pines jar.