

Florets
Twin City Garden Club
November 2025



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Meeting: 1 pm Tuesday November 18 2025
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 2101 S. Prospect, Champaign

From Heather Munro and Jeff Matlack, Twin City Garden Club Membership Committee, co-chairs



Hello all members!

Here's a reminder to bring a friend to our next meeting and **help our club grow!**

Tell friends if they join **now** the membership costs only \$15 and they get a cute t-shirt along with all the other great benefits of membership!

Tell your friend they're welcome to come to a meeting for free and check us out and if they decide to join they can do so at the meeting or they can mail the form and dues payment at their convenience.

We will have membership forms at the meeting or you can print out the form from our website twincitygardenclub.org and follow the link for Membership information.

Participate

University of Illinois Extension is sponsoring a **SNAP-Ed Food Drive** to support Champaign County families.

Bring your donations to our meeting this coming Tuesday and fill Cheryl's vehicle with all sorts of shelf-stable food items: canned goods, rice, pasta, cereal, etc.

Donations will also be accepted at the Extension Office located at 801 North Country Fair Drive in Champaign from 8 am – 4 pm, through Wednesday November 26th.

Program: Calling All Butterflies

Presenters: Gary Russell and Diane Wilhite

Program: Gary and Diane are members of Grand Prairie Friends. Their presentation will focus on native plants and other things an individual can do in their back yard to help the butterflies.

Horticulture Tip of the Month

Refreshment break

Hostesses: Nicole Miller and Tori Corkery

Floral arrangement by: Tori Corkery

Plant-a-Tree

Plant/Seed Exchange

Business Meeting

Agenda

Call to Order

President's Opening Remarks

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Birthdays: Alison Macku 11/6; Marie Caldwell 11/8; Regina Lee 11/10

Membership:

Welcome our three newest members and their contact info to your yearbook:

Charissa Lansing
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217-418-8524
Birthday: 1/27

Alison Macku
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Birthday: 11/6

From Penny Pines to Plant-a-Tree -- 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.

The Forest Service has continued the management of the over 150 national forests throughout the U.S. as part of the Dept. of Agriculture. Faced with many budgetary shortfalls over the years the Forest Service does accept private gifts of funds and land, including monies from individuals and small groups allowing for personal investment in the expanding need for reforestation for areas affected by severe storms and wildfires. Pine seedlings are no longer a penny, and trees selected for planting vary from pines to oaks to aspens to birch, depending on the species native to the region in need.



Reforestation in the Lolo National Forest (USDA Forest Service photo)

Twin City Garden Club as part of the National Garden Clubs, Inc. has a long history of donating to Penny Pines and will continue to gather monies at our times of gathering: regular meetings, luncheons and our annual plant sale in support of the **Plant-A-Tree** project.