



# SAYBROOK GARDEN CLUB

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## GARDEN CONNECTIONS NEWSLETTER

**LOOKING TO GET INVOLVED IN YOUR COMMUNITY?  
JOIN A SAYBROOK GARDEN CLUB COMMITTEE!**

October 2018

### President's Message

As I write this it still feels like summer outside, but I am sure the weather will change soon! The weather was our friend for both the Adult Float and for the Salad Supper this year, which meant that they were well attended events. Thank you to everyone that came out to the Salad Supper; we had such a wonderful turnout with a lot of new faces! Most importantly we had a lot of people sign up to volunteer for our different committees. Volunteers are the backbone of the Garden Club and there are many ways to get involved—both big and small. This year we held the Salad Supper a little earlier, which helped to ensure that the weather was good and that it stayed light longer. We also had great feedback about not being “required” to bring a salad ; ) The Garden Club is about community and friendship, so always know that you are welcome to join an event without the stress of cooking. There are a lot of events coming up for both adults (Christmas Tea) and kids (hayride) so be on the lookout for information. If you want to get involved in SGC, are looking for information about upcoming events, or want to know if your dues are paid please visit our website [www.saybrookgardenclub.com](http://www.saybrookgardenclub.com) and like us on Facebook.

SGC Co-Presidents  
Maura Hoff and Jennifer Riordan

### Annual Saybrook Hayride!

Join us for the annual Saybrook Hayride **October 21st from 4:30-6:30 pm at Seager Park!** (1163 Plank Road, Naperville). The hayrides will start shortly after 4:30 pm and will continue as many times as your family is interested in riding. S'mores and hotdogs will be available starting around 5:00 pm until the end of the event. Don't forget to bring your roasting sticks! \$11 per person, includes hayride and food. Kids under four are free. Drop off checks with Amanda Solomon at 113 Tanglewood Ln. Email [maurahoff@hotmail.com](mailto:maurahoff@hotmail.com) or [amanda.cinalli@gmail.com](mailto:amanda.cinalli@gmail.com) with any questions.



### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**HAYRIDE  
October 21<sup>st</sup>**

**POINSETTIA FUNDRAISER  
November 16<sup>th</sup>**

**CHRISTMAS TEA  
December 7<sup>th</sup>**

**TRIVIA NIGHT FUNDRAISER  
January 25, 2019**

**EASTER EGG HUNT  
April 20, 2019**

**PROGRESSIVE DINNER  
June 8, 2019**

**GARDEN WALK  
June date TBD**

If you would like to volunteer and help out with any of these events, please email [saybrookgardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:saybrookgardenclub@gmail.com)

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# Winning Salad Supper Recipes

Thank you to everyone who attended the salad supper. It was a beautiful evening with so many delicious salads. Congratulations to Kristen Locy, Hillary Andrlik, and Diane Ritzmann on winning the top 3 best salads. Each lady brought home a mum. Below are the winning salad recipes.



If you were unable to attend the salad supper and still need to pay your dues, please fill out the included membership form and submit to Christina Papa (112 Barley Avenue). Thank you.

## **Asian Cashew Pasta Salad**

From Diane Ritzmann

### **Ingredients**

- 1 lb box mini farfalle pasta
- 2 cups chopped broccoli
- 3/4 cup chopped cashews
- 1 chopped yellow pepper
- 1 chopped orange pepper
- 8 chopped green onions
- 1/2 cup chopped cilantro
- 3/4ish of a 16 oz bottle of Ken's Steakhouse lite Asian Sesame salad dressing – more or less to your liking

### **Instructions**

Cook pasta according to directions. Combine all ingredients together and refrigerate.

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## **Fritos Corn Salad**

From Kristen Locy

### **Ingredients**

- 3 can (15 oz) sweet yellow corn, drained well
- 5-6 green onions, finely chopped
- 1 orange bell pepper, chopped
- 1 yellow bell pepper, chopped
- 4 roma/plum tomatoes, seeded and chopped
- 1/2 cup chopped cilantro
- 1 1/2 cups shredded cheddar cheese
- 1 cup mayonnaise (full-fat is best)
- juice of 1 lime
- 1/2 teaspoon chili powder
- 1/2 teaspoon cumin
- 1 bag (14.25 oz) Fritos Chili Cheese OR Fritos Corn chips

### **Instructions**

Combine corn, green onions, bell peppers, tomatoes, cilantro, and cheddar cheese in a mixing bowl. In a separate small bowl, stir together the mayo, lime juice, chili powder, and cumin. Stir together with a fork and add into the larger mixing bowl of vegetables. Stir everything together in the large mixing bowl. Refrigerate for 2-4 hours and then add the chips OR add chips and serve right away.

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## **Cilantro Lime Chicken Taco Salad with Creamy Baja Catalina Dressing**

From Hillary Andrlik

### **Ingredients**

- 1 Recipe Cilantro Lime Chicken (<https://carlsbadcravings.com/cilantro-lime-chicken/>)
- 1 large head romaine lettuce, chopped
- 1 cup cherry tomatoes, halved or quartered (or 2 roma tomatoes, chopped)
- 1 cup black beans drained and rinsed
- corn from 2 ears sweet corn (raw)
- 1/2 cup finely grated sharp cheddar cheese or more to taste
- 2 avocados, chopped
- Tortilla Chips, slightly crushed or tortilla strips to taste (the more the better!)

### **Creamy Baja Catalina Dressing**

- 1/4 cup ketchup
- 1/4 cup red wine vinegar
- 3 tablespoons sugar more or less to taste (start with less)
- 1/4 cup mayonnaise
- 1/4 cup sour cream (may sub yogurt)
- 1 tablespoons reserved Cilantro Lime Marinade (in directions)

### **Instructions**

Prepare Cilantro Lime Chicken according to directions, reserving 1 tablespoon marinade for dressing. Slice or chop cooked chicken. Meanwhile, whisk together all of the Dressing ingredients in a medium bowl, including the 1 tablespoon reserved Cilantro Lime Marinade. Store in the refrigerator. Best if chilled at least 30 minutes. May keep in an airtight container up to 7 days. To assemble, add the Salad Ingredients to a large bowl and toss with dressing. Drizzle individual servings with desired amount of dressing. Season with additional salt, pepper, hot sauce and/or lime juice to taste.

## SGC Scholarship Summary

As the school year begins—and some start a new college adventure!—the Saybrook Garden Club has some exciting news to share. Last spring, we had the pleasure of meeting with some deserving graduating seniors at Naperville North. Twelve seniors were selected by their counselors to write an essay describing their life's dream and how they plan to accomplish it. These young people were selected based on financial need as well as hard work and leadership shown in the classroom. Their essays were read anonymously by the counselor selection team and three winners were selected to receive the Saybrook Garden Club Scholarship award. These three students each received \$1,000 to go toward college expenses as they work to make their dreams a reality.

The pure joy and excitement on these students' faces as they were given the news was priceless, making all of our club efforts in fundraising and giving even more meaningful. As explained by their counselors, this scholarship will significantly impact these students' abilities to buy books, cover other expenses, and help alleviate some of their college financial worries.

Thank you to all that have given and supported this endeavor. We hope to continue this program for years to come. We are making a difference in these students' lives and in return they will make this world a better place. Below are some excerpts from the winning essays.

*"I believe that a peaceful future starts with compassion: the value I hold truest to my heart. When choosing a college major, I grappled back and forth between how I could best serve others with my career path. I hope that by choosing nursing, I'll use my educational skills to fulfill my dream of saving lives and making an impact of compassion. I want to help people remember their worth as well as find their strength in their most vulnerable moments."*

*"I plan on achieving contentment through hard work, being organized and never forgetting to be kind. I want to be able to look back on the past with pride that I made the right decisions. My dream is simultaneously simple and complex. Happiness is easy to achieve under the correct circumstances. The difficulty of sustaining the satisfaction of oneself as a whole is difficult and is a project that will last an entire lifetime in order to sustain it. My life as an adult will begin with higher education. After college, I hope to love my career as well as create a financially stable life for myself."*

*"My admiration for the staff on the floor grew. They had the ability to melt away a patient's worry in an instant with their warm smile and empathetic eyes. Just their presence made the patients feel safe and taken care of. This is when I discovered my dream of practicing medicine. A new opportunity to make a difference in the people's lives and help lift them up when they are down would be presented to me daily. I want to be the reason that people walk out of the building smiling."*

If you are interested in supporting scholarships like these, please donate to Saybrook Garden Club and note "scholarships" in the memo.



### Saybrook's Butterfly Habitats

In the last 20 years the monarch butterfly population has decreased by 90%. You may be saying "but I saw them in my backyard this summer." You are right! That is due in large part to our very own monarch habitat in the flower beds in the middle of the street on 12th and in front of the Saybrook signs. This habitat was created by our very own Hannah Graver. Many neighborhood kids reported finding caterpillars on the milkweed and raising them to become butterflies at home. Thank you to Hannah for making Saybrook more beautiful and butterfly friendly!



## Poinsettia Fundraiser

The Saybrook Garden Club Beautification fund is holding its annual Poinsettia fundraiser this year. The order form is included in this newsletter. Or you can go to our website ([saybrookgardenclub.com](http://saybrookgardenclub.com)) and print out an order form. Order forms will also be available at the Hayride in October. **You can drop off your order form and money to Melissa Lavigne at 5 E. 14th by November 16th.** Remember all orders must be paid for in advance and please make checks payable to Saybrook Beautification. All the funds raised through the poinsettia sale go to the maintenance of our common neighborhood spaces on 12th and 14th. Orders will be available for pickup at the Christmas Tea in December. Poinsettias are a beautiful way to decorate for the holidays and they make great teacher and office gifts.



## BOUQUET OF CHEER!

Please welcome our new neighbors:

Jeff & Bethany Voyt  
408 E. 11th Ave.

Tim & Meghan Staebler  
516 E. Bauer Rd.

Emily and Devin Kowal &  
Daughter Lorelai (2)  
204 Barley Ave

Gavin and Helen Bowyer &  
Jessica (5) & Olivia (1)  
505 E 12th Ave

## Christmas Tea

Ladies, mark your calendar for our annual **Christmas Tea on December 7th!** Remember this is a members-only event so make sure your dues are paid up. If you aren't sure if you have paid your dues yet, you can go to our website under Membership. This year the Christmas Tea will include a cookie exchange, so start combing through Pinterest for the perfect cookie recipe! Anyone who wants to is encouraged to bring at least 2-3 dozen cookies to share and the Garden Club will provide take-home boxes. Also, the Christmas Tea is one of SGC's two fundraisers. We ask that anyone who attends bring a gift card to Jewel, Walmart, or Target to donate to Jefferson Jr. High. There will also be a giving tree to support local Beebe families. Look for the invitation in your mailbox in November!



## GOLDEN CURB AWARD

Our Golden Curb Award went to Santa Stackevicius (212 E Bauer). Santa is an enthusiastic gardener and has invested her time and talent toward lovely landscaping. Congratulations, Santa!

## Help Keep Saybrook Beautiful

Our annual Beautification appeal, in lieu of association dues, is Saybrook's main funding for entrance and island maintenance. Your voluntary contribution goes 100% toward maintaining our common areas which not only make our neighborhood attractive and inviting but adds to our property values as well. We can only continue to do this work through your help. Keep an eye open for a Beautification postcard that will be dropped off at your house in the upcoming weeks. Please drop off your completed Beautification postcard along with your contribution to Melissa Lavigne at 5 E 14th Ave.





## Annual Fundraiser Event

This is the winter event you don't want to miss. Bring your extended family and friends from near and far to the Saybrook Garden Club Annual Fundraiser! A professional host will facilitate an exciting trivia competition. In addition there will be appetizers, cash bar, pool, foosball, raffles and more! **Join us Friday, January 25 at Mullen's Bar & Grill**, located at 3080 Warrenville Road in Lisle. Proceeds will support the students of Beebe Elementary, Jefferson Junior High and Naperville North High Schools. Keep an eye on your inbox for an official Evite to Trivia Night and make sure to RSVP. Cost per person is \$40. Checks made payable to Saybrook Garden Club can be dropped off at Tricia Hutton's home at 1505 Maple Knoll Court. Tickets at the door will cost \$50 per person. Don't wait get your tickets now!

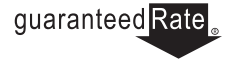
Remember this is open to non-SGC members as well, so please invite friends!

We are looking for donations. Do you have extra tickets, a service or product that you would be interested in donating to support to the Adult Fundraiser Event? Contact Tricia Hutton at [tricia.hutton@gmail.com](mailto:tricia.hutton@gmail.com).

### Fall in love with your new home!

Looking to buy, sell, or refinance this fall?  
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## SEPTEMBER 2018- AUGUST 2019 SAYBROOK GARDEN CLUB MEMBERSHIP

RETURN PAYMENT AND FORM TO 112 BARLEY AVENUE

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL 1: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL 2: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

### MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS:

MEMBERSHIPS ARE VALID FROM SEPT 2018 - AUG 2019

CHECKS PAYABLE TO SAYBROOK GARDEN CLUB

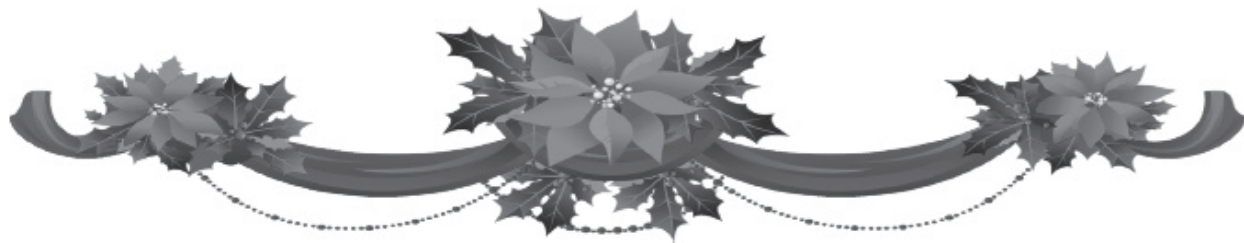
- \$25 STANDARD MEMBERSHIP RATE
- \$15 SENIOR RATE (65 AND BETTER)

### HOW CAN YOU HELP?

BEING A MEMBER MEANS BEING ACTIVE, OUR CLUB DEPENDS ON IT SO SIGN UP NOW!

- SALAD SUPPER
- HAYRIDE
- FUNDRAISING
- CHRISTMAS TEA
- EASTER EGG HUNT
- GIRLS NIGHT OUT
- BOOK SALE
- BEEBE GARDEN
- PREPARE FOOD
- PROGRESSIVE DINNER
- HELPING HANDS  
(ONE-OFF OPPORTUNITIES TO LEND A HAND)

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## Saybrook Beautification Poinsettia Fundraiser

Plant Description	Cost/Plant	Number of Plants	Total
3+ Flower Red Poinsettia	\$ 8.00		
4+ Flower Red Poinsettia	\$ 16.00		
7+ Flower Red Poinsettia	\$ 30.00		
6" Red Azalea	\$ 30.00		
6" Red Cyclamen	\$ 20.00		
<b>Total Order</b>			

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to the Saybrook Beautification Fund. All order must be payed for in advance, and orders will be available for pickup at the Christmas Tea. Please drop off order forms and checks by **November 16th to 5 E. 14th Avenue.**