

BIRDS, BEES & BLOOMS

Quarterly Newsletter

Book Club

All of the 2022 books have been selected! Join us for discussions in the Brookfield Public Library at 6:30pm for each of our 9 selections this month. Next up: Vicki Hurd's *Rebugging the Planet* on March 9th..

Interested in joining?

We are a group of fun loving, energetic residents who enjoy spending time together working on projects aligned with our committee's mission. Please come meet with us the first Wednesday of every month at 6:30pm in the Park View Room

Goats are Coming!

You heard it right! With the help of a Junior Guild, the village forester and village manager have hired a pack of goats to help battle buckthorn at the village park this spring. Stay tuned for more details!



Winter Lecture Series

The Beautification Committee's new program starting this past September has been a huge success. There are only three programs left to round out an amazing line-up of speakers. Join us at 6:30 pm in the O'Neill Room in the basement of village hall. We hope you'll join us for the remainder of our programs—start planning of warmer weather while learning, planning, and dreaming of this year's garden!

February 17th—Danielle Bell

Companion Planting with Native Plants for Year-long Blooms

March 15th—Vicki Piaskowski

Making Your Yard Bird Friendly

April 12th—Melinda Myers

Attracting Bees, Hummingbirds, and Butterflies to the Garden

registration through library required for this lecture



Earth&Arbor Day celebration

April 23rd from 11am-2pm at the village park

- Hoppe Tree Service Kids Climb
- Informational booths/ tables
- Family events
- Farmers market and food truck

Pick-up for our annual shrub sale will be the day of the celebration as well. Please visit the village website to order from your choice of bare root native shrubs. You can choose from serviceberry, elderberry, black chokeberry, gray dogwood, nine bark, and arrow wood viburnum.

Don't know where to start?

The Committee is selling three books to help you learn everything you need to know to create the landscaping of your dreams—for less than the cover price!

Lynn Steiner's *Landscaping with Native Plants of Wisconsin*

Doug Tallamy's *Bringing Nature Home*

Doug Tallamy's *Nature's Best Hope*

In September, we featured Jason Riemer who taught us everything we needed to know about the most common diseases that can plague our local trees. Alec LePoividin gave an insightful lecture on how to easily incorporate edibles into your landscaping in October. November was a full house of participants coming to get all their questions answered about home composting by Ryan Laswell.

Work on next year's lecture series is already underway—won't you join your neighbors in discovering the **free** series we have planned for you? If you can't be outside enjoying your amazing Elm Grove property during the more inclement months, you can be with us learning how to take them to the next level!

Annual Plant Sale

Mark your calendars! Our annual plant sale is scheduled once again for June 4th. We will have a HUGE supply of native plants to help make your yard more alluring to the birds and native pollinators. Prices are lower and selection is more diverse than anywhere else! We plan to double the amount of milkweed varieties for you to choose from as well!

