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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

President's Letter

Summertime was a Great Time In Bowmanville!

We had a busy summer, both at the BCO and in Bowmanville. The season kicked off with a great neighborhood-wide BCO Street Sale. This year the community sale area, where neighbors who didn't have enough to sell on their own could donate things for BCO to sell, was in front of the Half Acre Beer Company. Items that neighbors dropped off included a push mower and coffee mugs from Snappy Photo over-runs, which were a big hit. We also asked for donations of books, and boy did you all come through! We were able to donate lots of them to Open Books, a nonprofit based in Chicago that sells donated books to fund literacy programs for kids. For more information, check out their website: <https://www.open-books.org/>.



Our 21st Annual Garden Walk was on Saturday July 13. It was one for the record books — 26 gardens, including 11 new ones! Even though it was steamy hot, that didn't stop scores of visitors and neighbors from coming to the event. We also had great photos submitted for the photography contest that's part of the Walk.

You can learn who got the most votes by reading the Garden Walk article on page 9.

Now, for some exciting news: We have a new logo and website! With all the changes we've experienced over the past couple of years, the BCO Board felt it was time to update a few things. So we created a small logo committee to find a designer to help with creating our new image, which you'll start seeing on our newsletter, event materials and new website. Hope you like it as much as we do.

Speaking of the website, we've received a lot of requests to update it, along with our payment methods. I'm proud to say that a Bowmanville neighbor, Tom Bock of Thomas Bock Creative, took on the task of revamping our website and payment methods. So, you can now not only see the website better on your smart phone, you can also join the BCO, pay for your membership or renewal, see the community calendar, and sign up for events much easier. All BCO news and information is on a sleeker home page, too, giving you the "what's happening" right up front.



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Public Art

Bowmanville's community newsletter, The Bowmanville Bee, is published quarterly with the goal of sharing the neighborhood buzz and promoting local business. Managing Editor Tim Noworyta, Layout Editor Claire Shingler and Ad Manager Ann Scholhamer work closely with BCO members and neighbors to gather and present the local stories that help make Bowmanville the unique and proud community it's become. The Bee urges the submission of relevant content to news@bcochicago.org. **If you are good with layout and would like to get involved, we could use an extra set of hands. Current layout is done using MAC's PAGES software OR Microsoft Publisher.**

The Communications Committee provides many ways for the BCO to connect to the community and for the community to make its voice heard through the BCO. These include our website, Facebook page, quarterly newsletter (the Bowmanville Bee), online and email eBlasts for timely or urgent announcements. We also manage our BCO hotline (773) 349-2268 and have joined twitter! Contact: comm@bcochicago.org.

The Events Committee is one of the best ways to meet neighbors throughout the community, and have a lot of fun while you're at it! Each year we continue our **Annual Street Sale in early June, Bowmanville Garden Walk in early July, and Summer Social Mid-August. If you can help let us know! We need help to make it happen.** We are always looking for new twists for annual events and new event ideas. Following our informal Bee Social concept, we also have a First Friday's happy hour series underway—check the calendar on the last page for information. **Contact** events@bcochicago.org with an idea for a next Bee Social or to pitch in on any event.

The BCO Gardening Committee continues to enhance and maintain our community garden spaces. We are thankful for our volunteers and still need the help of the whole community as we endeavor to improve our natural surroundings. We look to the entire community to join our efforts in implementing a sensible and enduring stewardship plan for all of our open spaces. **For more details and to pitch in contact the garden committee at** gardening@bcochicago.org **or on our phone line (773) 349-2268. Please join any workdays when you see volunteers in the gardens.** The scheduled work dates are posted online and included in the Bee's calendar (back page). Join the gardening email list on the BCO website.

The Membership Committee focuses on ways to continually engage and support our community and grow our membership base. We reach out to new neighbors and new and renewing members to help match their interests with needs in the community. **Our next Community Meeting is October 16 2019. In the meantime please join in to the great events the BCO organizes and help where you can.** Reach out via email at membership@bcochicago.org. **Get involved, you won't regret it!**

Like public radio, all of our neighbors can freely enjoy the benefits of the hard work of the BCO. But in the end, "Membership makes it happen"! Join or renew today, we'd love to have you! Over 200 community members recognize the value of what the BCO does for this community, and know that it doesn't happen without financial and volunteer support. BCO membership fees are low at \$20 annually.

The Planning & Development (P&D) committee gathers periodically to discuss issues of change, development and improvement of our fine community. P&D interacts with local residents, businesses, and the Alderman's office to influence the evolution of our community. The P&D committee meets as issues arise. **Reach out to the chair of P&D with ideas and feedback or to join the committee's email list** planning@bcochicago.org.

The BCO acts as a steward for the green space at 5384 N. Bowmanville Avenue and our community gardens along Bowmanville and Ravenswood Avenues. We also continue to look for opportunities to expand and improve on green space in our community. We need your help as we continue to move forward with our goal of ensuring Bowmanville is one of the greenest, most livable communities in Chicago. **We are currently working on the expanded Gateway Garden at Ravenswood. Please contact** green-space@bcochicago.org **to get involved.**

The Public Art committee was formed in 2010 to explore the idea of a mural in the Berwyn pedestrian tunnel at Ravenswood. That idea became reality very quickly! A restoration of the painted interior took place Summer 2016. If you see graffiti in that mural contact berwynmural@gmail.com. You can also contact publicart@bcochicago.org to get involved or with new ideas.

COMMUNITY NEWS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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At our BCO Board meeting last month, the Membership Committee started talking about why people should be members of the BCO. I know that joining the BCO can be for a variety of personal reasons — gardening, socializing, working to improve the neighborhood, etc. But I want all of you to know, especially those new to Bowmanville, that joining the BCO is about being a part of a community.

When my husband and I moved here five years ago, I realized that I wanted to be a part of something. Chicago is a great city, but it can also be lonely. Some neighborhoods are better than others when it comes to creating community. In Bowmanville, having a community organization like the BCO is a luxury that many other Chicago neighborhoods don't have. With all the turmoil in our country right now, being a part of a supportive community is important to me, and I hope it is to you, too. So, thank you if you are a member. And if you haven't yet joined or renewed, think about doing that right now. I hope you'll continue to help us create the kind of community in Bowmanville you'll love to be part of.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

The BCO Summer Social – Our Neighborhood Street Fest

Summer Social Chair Sean Mullin really knows how to create a great event! The Annual BCO Summer Social was held on Saturday August 10, from 1:00 pm until 8:00 pm. Neighbors from across our community showed up to enjoy the great activities.

This event has grown and changed over the past five years, bringing out the young, the less-young, new families, and long-standing neighbors. Like last year, the day started out with yoga in the GreenSpace, led by Coconut Yoga. This is the second year that this yoga studio participated in our event. We love having them kick off the day, and it's a fun experience to be one with nature while doing yoga.

We are so thankful to the local sponsors who partnered with us to present the day's activities. Thank you to Rogers Park Montessori for sponsoring the super-fun waterslide / bouncy house. This feature of the party is always a huge hit with the kids. Another highlight of the social is the ice cream, provided by Pauline's! We love having them in the neighborhood and helping us keep cool on a hot day. Other sponsors included, Scooter Works Chicago, Jeff Graves: North Edge Group Real Estate, Chef Martin Sausages, Urban Pooch, Northside Comic Artists, Spiteful and Half Acre.

For the adults, we wanted to make sure there was plenty to do, so just like last year we continued the water balloon toss, egg toss and music from until 8:00 pm, with adult beverages.

As always, this event would not have been as successful if it weren't for Sean and his crew, members of the BCO Board, and the other neighbors who gave their time for set up, tear down, scooping ice cream and helping with the games. To all of you who worked at, sponsored or simply attended the Summer Social, a big THANK YOU!



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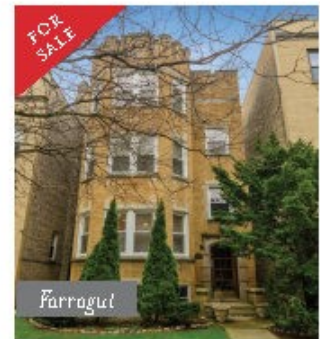
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The BCO Summer Social – Photos!



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BCO Street Sale Kicks off Summer in Bowmanville

On Saturday, June 1, the Annual BCO Street Sale took place, with over 100 participating homes. This event kicks off our summer by turning Bowmanville into the best one-day “outdoor market” of the season. Our streets were filled with bargain-hunting shoppers and residents eager to unload their once-treasures for cold hard cash!

One of the great things about the sale is you can find all sorts of wonderful things, from furniture, clothing and children’s toys to glassware, artwork, tools and more! This year, the BCO community sales area was on Balmoral by the Half Acre Beer Company. Neighbors who didn’t have a space where they lived to sell things — or enough things to hold a sale — could bring them to the community area to have the BCO sell them. We also had a book drive. All book donations went to Open Books, a Chicago non-profit organization that sells gently used books to raise money for literacy programs in underserved populations throughout the city.

After our crazy cold winter, the Street Sale also gave everyone a reason to be out and about chatting with fellow neighbors, greeting new residents and enjoying what makes Bowmanville such a great community.

At the end of the day, many participants gathered for the Street Sale after-party at Leadway Bay & Grill, generously hosted by Frank Ciucur. Everyone enjoyed drink specials (thanks, BCO!) and Frank cooked up a ton of food on the grill — all donated. Many thanks to Frank and his team for the lavish hospitality.

Thank you to our great Street Sale volunteers Mike and Barbara Kraetsch, Bill and Laura Schmidt, Amy Gawura, and the rest of the BCO board. We literally couldn’t do this without you!

Whether or not you participated in this year’s sale, plan to take part in next year’s, scheduled for Saturday, June 6, 2020. So start putting aside those things you no longer need or want, and watch for more information about the sale in future issues of the *Bee*.



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Come Garden — and Chat — with Us!

Despite the crazy summer weather we've been having, the BCO gardens are in full swing this summer. We've had multiple successful workdays and want to shout a big "Thank you!" to all the awesome volunteers who came out to help. We're currently in the process of weed mitigation at both Gateway and Bowmanville Veggie Gardens — come join our efforts and spread some mulch!

This summer we also started **Social Sundays** at the Gateway Garden (Ravenswood and Balmoral), under the Pergola. The Gardeners brought snacks and beverages to share and enjoyed fun conversation and a chance to get to know one another.

Also, plan to help us maintain the gardens on our upcoming scheduled workdays: Thursday Oct 8 6-8 pm at Gateway Garden (5346 N. Ravenswood) and Saturday Oct 26 9:30-11a at the Bowmanville Gardens (5386 N Bowmanville)

Gateway Garden Lead and Garden Committee member Patrick Dahl has begun planting some plants on right of way at Gateway that were donated by Chicago Plant Rescue. Also, we have a new Garden Committee member, Barb Chaklos, who will serve as Garden Lead for the Bowmanville Garden and the BCO GreenSpace, working with Craig Hanenburg, a very seasoned lead of those areas. Barb is a new resident of Bowmanville and an active gardener who has a veggie plot at Gateway.

As always, if you are interested in volunteering to work at the gardens or have questions about the BCO gardening program, please email us at gardening@bco.chicago.org. We'll look forward to gardening with you!

Catherine McCulloch and Stephanie Cisneros
BCO Garden Committee Co-Chairs



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Urban Pooch Champion Corner

Canine Corner



Some of you may already know Foster, a black-and-white Shih Tzu who has been a Bowmanville resident for over seven years. He regularly walks the neighborhood with his good buddy, Dave Johnson, to visit his favorite trees, bollards, fire hydrants, and places, especially the Gateway Garden on Ravenswood, the WANT garden and the Berwyn pedestrian tunnel. Foster has been

spotted enjoying brunch outside Pauline's, visiting the patio at the Leadway Bar, hanging out at Half Acre's beer garden, picking up a treat at Urban Pooch, cooling down at Spiteful on Balmoral, and living a Dog's Life on Damen.

For the most part, Foster is very "chill." But he does get happy first thing in the morning and anytime it's time to "go for a ride." Though he usually seems reluctant to "go for a walk," he warms up once he gets going. Foster walks with a "spring" in his step such that someone has called him "Bouncy." Seeing Foster coming often generates a smile on the faces of people he passes. He welcomes "You are so cute!" comments, "May I pet you?" requests and "There's Foster!" shout-outs from friends.

If Foster's walk would be set to music, imagine The Smurf's "La La Song" to set the pace and attitude: "La la la la la, La la la la la ..."

Life has not always been that carefree for Foster. He came to us as a stray wandering the streets of Bowmanville early one spring morning in 2012. With no collar/tags/ID chip, he was disheveled, unkempt, and in need of medical care. Won

derful Bowmanville and Andersonville neighbors and businesses helped supply his basic needs and helped search for his lost connections. We provided foster care and ultimately welcomed him to our home. "Lucky" and "Winchester" were considered as names, but "Foster" seemed most appropriate.

Getting to know and spending time with Foster has been rewarding. He has been a great traveler and travel companion. An open suitcase on the floor gets claimed as a bed and some assurance of not being left behind. Along the way, we learned that he loves bananas and apples, gets very excited when he sees horses or cows, and has no problem enduring the petting from the hands of many young admirers.

Since arriving, he has somehow photo-bombed his way his way into most every picture we've taken, without spoiling one of them. A compilation of these were published in the book "Foster Finds a Family." Shared with family and friends, his adventures and exploits remind us of the joy he brought to those no longer with us and the joy he continues to bring to us.



Of course, a little mischief along the way is inevitable. "Foster, are you going to repaint Grandma's bathroom door?" We got the message, we won't let you do that again, we love you, let's go for a walk and sing the La La Song.

If you would like to have your dog, cat, bird or other pet featured in our next "Pet Profile," please submit a short article (500 words or less) about your pet and yourself, including some things you like most about Bowmanville and two or three pictures of you and your pet, to news@bcochicago.org by January 19, 2020.



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WEST RIDGE NATURE PRESERVE



This photo was taken by Bowmanville neighbor Frank Murphy, who saw this doe hanging around with a fawn all summer in the West Ridge Nature Center.

Thanks, Frank! It's great to have so much nature right next door.



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2019 Garden Walk Sets Record for Participation

The weather on Saturday, July 13, was hot, sunny and humid. But that didn't keep more than 300 neighbors and visitors from participating in the 21st Annual Bowmanville Garden Walk, which set a record for the number of homes exhibiting their gardens: 26, including 11 new ones. From 9:00 am until 4:30 pm, groups of garden lovers, armed with copies of the Walk's Official Guide and paper fans to keep cool, roamed Bowmanville, taking in the beauty of our neighborhood and its wonderful gardens.

In addition to touring the featured gardens, the three BCO Community Gardens, and the BCO GreenSpace, participants were able to get answers to gardening-related questions from nine Master Gardeners provided by the University of Illinois Extension Program. Three of them, Sean Gardner, Pat Morin and Pierre Poinsett, evaluated the 13 gardens entered for a Ribbon Review, while LaManda Joy and Bridget Walsh from the City Grange Garden Center consulted with eight participating gardeners. (There are three types of garden entries: Ribbon Review and consultation, Consultation only, and Viewing only.)

Besides the gardens, the Walk featured the 13th Annual BCO Garden Photography Contest, for which 12 photographers submitted 21 beautiful photos. Garden Walk participants were able to vote for their favorites, and the winner will be used on next year's promotional materials for the Walk. (See below for the top three photos.)

After the Walk ended, sponsors, volunteers, garden review teams, and participating gardeners and photographers gathered for an awards party in the backyard of BCO Treasurer Craig Hanenburg that featured food from Baobab BBQ and Calo Ristorante, with beer from Half Acre.

"We're delighted by both the great turnout, which was up from last year, and the increase in participating gardens," says Craig, who worked hard with the Garden Walk Committee to plan and prepare for the Walk. "I am thrilled to see such great interest in our Garden Walk and extremely grateful for all the sponsors and volunteers who helped make it happen. This is truly a community event — Bowmanville at its finest!"

A Rainbow of Ribbons

At the awards party, gardeners participating in the Ribbon Review were recognized for their achievements, based on a 4-Hstyle scoring system with a maximum of 100 points. The



Best in Show Garden – Emanuel Lopez

gardens are not compared to each other but rather evaluated for design, creativity, effort, and neighborhood enhancement, whether they are a home, condo or rental building. A Best-in-Show Ribbon, Special Recognition Ribbons for noteworthy gardening achievements or features, and the 2019 Photo Contest Winner Ribbon were also presented. Here's the rundown of who got what:

Garden Blue Ribbons (90 to

100 points): Patrick Brandell; Juliet and Chuck Blumenthal; Teresa Gale, Stew Weiss and Eden Weiss; Tom Kennedy and Leavett Wofford; Mike and Barbara Kraetsch; Emanuel Lopez; Kurt Mergen and Ryan Rockaitas; Suzanne Tenney; Maria R. Velasquez; Sean Whalen and Alex Schleider; Josh Yates and Scott Smith.

Garden Red Ribbons

(80-89 points): Lacy Marlow and Caleb Reinhold; James Nee and Ninos David.

Special Recognition Garden Ribbons

(Judges' Discretionary Awards):



Sean & Alex's hanging garden

Teal — Garden Design: Sean Whalen and Alex Schleider. Their garden featured clean lines, an abundance of red dragon-wing begonias and wall-hanging pots by their carport.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

2019 Garden Walk

Gold — Best Educational Garden: Teresa Gale, Stewart Weiss and Eden Weiss (daughter). Eden Weiss gave a presentation on growing milkweed plants for Monarch butterfly cultivation and on how the family uses composting for plant health and conservation.



Photo Contest 1st Runner Up: Josh Yates, for "Peak Fall at Berwyn & Oakley"



Maroon — Best Adaptation and Use of Space: Suzanne Tenney. Suzanne has a shade garden in front and an ornamental and vegetable garden in back with raised plots and sweet corn.



Photo Contest 2nd Runner Up: Sophia Michael (just eight years old!), for "Lucky"



Best-in-Show Garden Purple

Ribbon: Emanuel Lopez. The Master Gardener review team commended him for further developing and maintaining a garden at a rental home with attention to detail in border design and plant health. This is his second Best-in-Show Ribbon.



Photo Contest

Winner – Purple Ribbon: Emanuel Lopez, for "Summer in Summerdale." His photo (below) will be used in signage and promos for the next BCO Garden Walk on July 11, 2020.



Craig awarding ribbon to Emanuel

Plan to Take Part Next Year!

The 22nd Annual BCO Garden Walk is scheduled for Saturday, July 11, 2020. If you like gardening, would like to learn how to improve your garden, or would simply like to be part of this hallmark BCO event next year, consider entering your garden for the Walk or volunteering to help. Just send an email to events@bcochicago.org and let us know how you'd like to get involved. We'd love to add your name to those winning a ribbon!

2019 Garden Walk Volunteers

Many to Applaud!

Successful events like the Garden Walk don't just happen. They are the result of hours and hours of work by the Garden Walk Committee and other volunteers, as well as the contributions of wonderful sponsors. Everyone on the BCO Board shouts out a hearty "Thank-you!" to the following:

Garden Walk Sponsors: Jeff Graves of North Edge Group, City Grange Garden Center, Barbara and Hilary O'Connor of Dreamtown, Gethsemane Garden Center, JC Licht (formerly Thybony Paint), Lincoln Square Printing, Calo Ristorante, and Bao-bab BBQ.

Master Gardener Teams: Barbara Clark, Karen Dorff, Donna Forsberg, Anna Kong, Patricia Pinianski, and Jackie Tanaka were at the Ask A Master Gardener table, and Sean Gardner, Patricia Morin and Pierre Poinsett were the Garden Ribbon Review team. LaManda Joy and Bridget Walsh from City Grange were the Garden Consultation team. (See sidebar for bios of the review teams.) The University of Illinois Extension Master Gardener program has been a Garden Walk partner for the past thirteen years and is an important resource

in Illinois for promoting gardening and sustainable food sources.

Garden Walk Hosts and Volunteers: Jeff Graves, Robert Nicklas and Linda Blair for guiding the Review teams around the neighborhood, and Barbara and Mike Kraetsch for hosting a lunch for the Master Gardeners. Special thanks from Craig Hanenburg to Robert Nicklas, Billy Kuczek, David Michael and Kate Connor for working behind the scenes to keep everything running smoothly, and to Tom Kennedy for the large-format posters and last-minute "new gardens" stickers.

Garden Walk Committee: Craig Hanenburg, Barbara and Mike Kraetsch, B.A. Church, Tom Kennedy, Leavett Wofford, Jean Swoboda, Wendy Fairchild, Jim Kriegsman, Mona Yaeger, Ann Scholhamer, Scott Smith, and Mike Ferraro. Their many hours of work made the Walk happen.

BCO Garden Committee: Stephanie Cisneros, Catherine McCulloch and the many volunteers who cleaned and groomed the three BCO Community Gardens.

Photographers: Adrienne Lessard, Tom Bock and Greg Yaeger.

Welcome Table Workers: In the BCO GreenSpace at Bowmanville and Bell: Ann Scholhamer, Holly Hoyer, Joan Frausto-Majer, B.A. Church, Judy Anderson, and Mike Ferraro. By the Gateway Garden at Ravenswood and Balmoral: Alli Lindsey, Ellen Jurczak, Sarah Johnson, Nick Faison, Shelly Fane and Marty White.


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2019 Master Gardener Review Team

We thought you might be interested in knowing more about the gardening professionals who serve as reviewers and consultants for the BCO Garden Walk. So here are their bios and photos.

Sean Gardner. Obviously well-named, Sean is a 2015 graduate of the Cook County Master of Gardner program, where he focused on native plants and shrubs. This is his first year as a reviewer for the Bowmanville Garden Walk, and he is thrilled to part of this event, which encourages beautification of the city he loves.



Sean cultivated a love for gardening as a young boy growing up in northern Colorado, where he would plant flowers and vegetables in the summer with his grandmother. Each year, his passion for horticulture turns his West Ridge neighborhood into a sprawling and almost magical garden. It's

lush with native plants, prairie grasses, cone flowers and milk weed, which monarchs and other pollinators simply can't resist. In gardening, Sean focuses on soil health, because he knows a plant is only as healthy as the soil that nurtures it.

Patricia Morin is a 2012 graduate of the Chicago Master Gardener program and earned a certificate in Horticultural Therapy in 2014. Pat started as a flower gardener who followed her mother's garden design philosophy: If there's an empty space, put a plant in it. Her newest passion is "food-scaping," which incorporates vegetables with flowers.



Pat is most proud of collaborating with her husband Greg to develop and refine a wheelchair-accessible raised garden bed. Together they have built beds for several organizations and individuals in Chicago, and the Chicago Botanic Garden now owns the copyright to their design. Pat is donating a wheelchair-accessible bed to BCO's Gateway Garden. If you are in need of one, or know someone who is, you can reach her at pmorin26@gmail.com.

Pat also continues to maintain the Garden of Eatin' at Edgebrook Lutheran Church. All produce raised in this garden is donated to local food pantries. This is her fifth year as a reviewer, and she looks forward to seeing how our gardens have changed and improved over the years.

Pierre Poinsett is returning for his 12th year as a reviewer for the Bowmanville Garden Walk, which he says is always a high point of his summer. "I get to see people who have become good friends over all these years. With the purchase of



a house last year, I am attempting to have a garden that meets the standards of the wonderful gardeners of Bowmanville. And of course, it is a never-ending process."

Pierre became a University of Illinois Extension Master Gardener in 2004 and a Master Composter in 2005. He has served as a board member of the Friends of Oak Park Conservatory, worked in the garden at the Museum of Science and Industry's Smart Home Exhibit, and been a tour guide at the Macy's Flower Show and the Chicago Flower & Garden Show – Navy Pier. Currently, Pierre owns a Farmers Insurance and Financial Services agency in Oak Park.

2019 Garden Consultation Review Service

LaManda Joy believes the world would be a better place with more gardeners in it. She is an Illinois Extension Master Gardener, author of *Start a Community Food Garden: The Essential Handbook* (Timber Press), and *Fearless Food Gardening in Chicagoland* co-authored with Teresa Gale, a Bowmanville resident.



LaManda is a national speaker, blogger, founder of the award-winning nonprofit Peterson Garden Project and owner of City Grange, the country's first education-based garden center, whose mission is "To remove every barrier to your gardening success". For the BCO Garden Walk, LaManda provided personalized garden consultations with Bridget Walsh from City Grange.

Bridget Walsh is a landscape designer with a degree in Landscape Architecture from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. She loves working with the City Grange team to make clients' gardening dreams come true, from inception to installation. She values environmental stewardship and loves learning about Chicago's diverse plant communities, complex hydrology, and historic architecture. When she's not getting her hands dirty in a garden, she's getting her hands dirty in a ceramics studio.



BCO Fall Meeting Oct 17-7pm

**Spiteful Brewery
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Congratulations to These Awesome Amundsen Students!

The BCO board is delighted to announce the winners of our Second Annual Bowmanville Community Organization Scholarship Award.

Each spring, high school seniors who live in the Bowmanville neighborhood boundaries, as well as any Amundsen High School senior, can apply for one of two \$500 scholarships sponsored by the BCO. The Scholarship Committee received over 65 entries this year, and we are pleased to announce that Andrea Blacio and Alondra Velazquez, both Amundsen High School seniors, are the 2019 scholarships recipients.

The BCO is proud to play a part in each student's academic success and wish these Amundsen stars well in their future endeavors!



Andrea Blacio, who lives close to Bowmanville, will attend the University of Illinois and aspires to be a Neonatal Intensive Care Nurse. She has spent much time volunteering in our community to help those who are homeless and through school activities.



Alondra Velazquez, a Bowmanville resident, will attend Loyola University and aspires to attend medical school afterwards. Her goal is help everyone receive good healthcare, as well as to open an organization for those with disabilities.



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COMMUNITY NEWS

Amazing Monarchs and How You Can Help Them

By Eden Weiss

A few years ago my mom and I planted some milkweed to attract monarch butterflies and caterpillars. She said it was the right thing to do, because the only plant that monarch caterpillars eat is milkweed. We were hopeful, but had low expectations of success. It turns out we were wrong. By our second year (we didn't have any monarchs yet), our milkweed was fully established, and that's when it happened: a monarch butterfly somehow discovered our 3x8 foot patch of milkweed and laid some eggs.

We should not have been surprised, because after mating, female monarch butterflies search nonstop for milkweed plants to lay their eggs on. Milkweed used to be a plentiful and undisturbed food source (it tastes bad to other animals). But due to conventional farming practices and pesticide use, milkweed — and the monarch populations that need it to survive — are declining. Planting milkweed helps restore the monarchs' natural food source. Planting milkweed in Chicago is especially important because our region is a major waystation on the butterflies' migratory path to Mexico — yes, all the way to Mexico!

5 Amazing Things about Monarchs

Here's some more information about monarch butterflies that make them even more interesting and lovable:

- They are under review for protection by the Endangered Species Act (so this means you can help save an endangered species right in your backyard!)
- They tell predators that they taste bad by sporting bright and unnatural colors throughout the different stages of their lives, including beautiful gold flecks on their chrysalides (the hard layer that protects the pupa in the cocoon).
- They can migrate as far as 3,000 miles from Canada to Mexico.
- They are respected among the insect community. Some butterflies, like the viceroy, mimic monarchs to avoid getting eaten by predators.
- They are very sociable creatures. When the caterpillars get big, you can hold and pet them.



A few of our caterpillars munching on milkweed



Newly emerged butterflies feeding on giant zinnias

You Can Help Them Thrive!

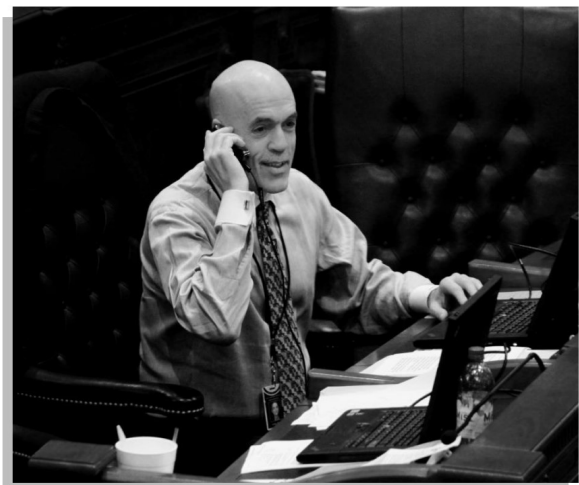
Perhaps the best way to help monarchs is to plant some milkweed. That's all we did, with seeds we bought from LiveMonarch.com for just a few dollars. Planting zinnias helps, too, because they like to feed on these flowers, which also attract other pollinators. You can learn more about monarchs, their amazing migration and how to rear them at MonarchWatch.org.

Our milkweed patch is now a safe haven for monarchs, a place where they will return for years to come. If you're lucky, yours will be, too!

Editor's note: Eden, who lives on Balmoral with her mother, Teresa Gale, and father, Stew Weiss, attends Rogers Park Montessori School and will be entering fifth grade in the fall. She loves butterflies, writing and reptiles.

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Oct 8 6-8p	Gardening Day 5346 N Ravenswood	Nov 23 9:30-11a	Gardening Day 5346 N Ravenswood and 5386 N Bowmanville
Oct 9 7p	CAPS Meeting @ St. Gregory's Church/Gym	Dec 6 5-8p	First Friday! Check bcochicago.org for details!
Oct 17 6-8p	BCO Fall Meeting @Spiteful 2024 W Balmoral	Dec 11 7p	CAPS Meeting @ St. Gregory's
Oct 29	Gardening Day 5386 N Bowmanville		

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