

# South St. Paul Garden Club—2021—Still Battling the Pandemic

## COVID DAYS

Greetings Gardeners! It is February 2021 and for many of us that marks eleven months since we've been living with the restrictions of the pandemic. Our club gathered for our banquet in October 2019 and then were not together until a masked and socially distanced meeting at Carol Biermeier's in September 2020. Membership renewal forms were distributed and it is great that almost all of our members faithfully rejoined despite not meeting in person.

***Our officers have done a great job of keeping us together. They are:***

**Brenda Elias**—Co-Chair—9175 Old Concord Blvd., IGH 55076—651-347-7367/brendagreenthumb@yahoo.com

**Carol Bidwell**—Treasurer—433 9th Avenue S., SSP 55075—651-455-3441/cabbid@msn.com—*Term is up April 2021. Please think, about serving the club by taking this office. Carol will help you with everything.*

**Carol Hall**—Secretary—1175 Kruse Street, WSP 55118—651-552-8348/hall.carol@outlook.com



## 2021 Schedule

**Monday, February 22, 2021**—6:30 p.m. We will meet online using ZOOM. Robert Hatlevig will share information about the Dakota County Master Gardeners Seed Trial Program which is held at the First Presbyterian Church in SSP.

**Monday, March 29, 2021**—6:30 p.m. David Schmidt will provide a presentation on ZOOM about the Bluebird recovery program in Minnesota.

**Monday, April 26, 2021**—6:30 p.m. Robert Hatlevig will present a program on English Gardens.

***Meetings are held online on the online platform called ZOOM. You will be sent a live link to join the meeting. It is free for you.***

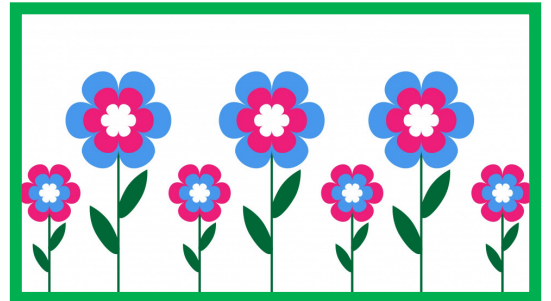


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If you have a tablet, laptop or PC with a microphone and camera, you will be able to see all participants and they will see you. You can also just phone in and be part of the conversation and hear everyone, including the presenter. Afraid? Go to <https://explore.zoom.us> and you can view introduction videos and learn more. Or contact our ZOOM Master, Robert Hatlevig, at 651-447-6050/rhatlevig@gmail.com. He will be happy to explain the system and will also be available a half hour before each meeting to help anyone who is having trouble getting onto the site. We had great fun last week viewing the video of Carol Hall's chickens and it was great to see everyone after so many months. Please give it a try!

## *Plant Sale*

**Thursday, May 13, 2021**—starting around 4 p.m.—  
Plant Sale Delivery and Set-up. We will gather once again at Tom and Dar Alleva's beautiful gardens, 2124 Third Street N., SSP. We will be bringing our donated, potted and labeled plants for the sale. Masks and social distancing will be observed.



**Friday, May 14 (8 a.m. to 4 p.m.) and Saturday, May 15 (8 a.m. to Noon)** Plant Sale at Alleva's. Volunteers will be needed to staff the sales tables and assist shoppers. Barb Stevens and Jayne Simser are co-hosting this year's sale and will be recruiting YOU to sign up for a time to help. All volunteers and shoppers will be masked and will observe social distancing during the sale hours.

## *Community Garden Tours*

**Thursdays, June 17, June 24 and July 15, 2021, 6-8 p.m.**—We will be presenting 2-4 gardens each evening, hopefully in an area near each other. There will be no ticket sales or reservations—donation baskets will be available at each garden. Brenda Elias and Carol Hall are co-chairing and recruiting gardens for each night of the tours. If you'd like to have your garden included, please contact them (info on front side of this flyer). We expect that we will still be observing masking and social distancing for the tours.

***Thank You! Be sure to direct friends and family to our website:  
[www.sspgardenclub.org](http://www.sspgardenclub.org) and our Facebook page,  
South Saint Paul Garden Club.***