



DGC Service Projects and Outreach

Activities that reach out to the community, beautify the community and educate the public about the environment, nature and gardening.

DGC Mission Statement

"THE DARIEN GARDEN CLUB WAS FOUNDED TO ENCOURAGE A NURTURING ENVIRONMENT WHERE NEW GARDENERS, EXPERIENCED GARDENERS, NATURE LOVERS, ENVIRONMENTALISTS, AND ANYONE INTERESTED IN HORTICULTURE, CAN MEET TO SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCES AND GET SUPPORT FROM THOSE WHO HAVE SIMILAR INTERESTS."

"OUR PURPOSE IS TO ENCOURAGE AN INTEREST IN GARDENING AND ALL ITS REWARDS; TO INCREASE KNOWLEDGE, PROMOTE RESPECT FOR THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT OFFER ENLIGHTENING IDEAS FOR IMPROVING THE HOME LANDSCAPE (AS WELL AS IMPROVING THE VIEW BEYOND OUR BACKYARD), AND TO CULTIVATE FRIENDSHIPS WITH THOSE THAT SHARE THESE PURSUITS."

Indian Prairie Public Library Partnership:

- Partner for annual community events providing education, children's activities: Seed/Houseplant Exchange, Pollinator Week, and Oaktober
- June National Garden Week DGC General Meeting
- Planting of Library Planters
- Display Case Display

Garden Creation and Maintenance:

- **St. John Lutheran Church:** parking lot Butterfly Garden, Eugenia's Daylily Garden, Sprouts Learning and Community Garden, 2024 Monarch Waystation & cemetery maintenance
- **Darien VFW Post 2838 Veterans Peace Memorial at Darien Community Park:** ongoing maintenance
- **Aspired Living:** Terrace, Pollinator and Bistro Gardens
- **Darien Milkweed Patch:** ongoing maintenance

Horticultural Therapy Group:

- **Monthly Projects/Education for Seniors** at the following facilities: Dimensions Living, Burr Ridge, Aspired Living, Westmont, and King Bruwaert, Burr Ridge

Misc Outreach:

- **Member of Darien Action Committee** working with other local organizations to provide more community sharing and projects for all. "One Darien". Participate in Darien's National Night Out, Tree Lighting Event and other community events.
- **Gift of Carl:** Arbor Day help
- **Darien Park District Events:** Flea Market/Craft Fairs
- **DGC Sprouts Youth Club:** providing education and community gardening for local families

Membership/Support for the following:

- **DuPage Monarch Project** Associate Member, supporting their events and initiatives
- **Rt.66 Monarch Flyway** Supporting Partner, Committee member, actively adding gardens to the flyway
- **Illinois Monarch Project Action Plan:** Pledge annually
- **Chicago Region Tree Initiative (CRTI)** Supporter
- **City Nature Challenge Chicago Metro:** Promote and participate in this annual iNaturalist BioBlitz
- **Garden Clubs of Illinois Inc. Horticulture Scholarships:** Supporter

- **The Conservation Foundation:** Supporter
- **Rotary's Operation Pollination:** signed their Pollinator Pledge
- **Darien Park District:** provide support for ongoing habitat planting and other projects.