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**March/April 2019**

## **Letter from the President, Donna Johnson**

### **Spring Marches In... Lots Going on At Spring Valley!**

Even though the bitter winds are blowing, and the wind chill is below zero, spring is officially here! Once again, we have partnered with Baker Creek Heirloom Seeds from Mansfield Missouri whereupon Nature Club can take orders from our members and the community for unique heirloom seeds. Please take some time to peruse their wonderful site [www.rareseeds.com](http://www.rareseeds.com) and choose the varieties you'd like to grow this year. There is no minimum order, just write out the variety, part number and price of each packet then send your check with order to... **Spring Valley Nature Club, 1111 E. Schaumburg Road, Schaumburg, IL 60194** and mark your envelope; **Seed Order Enclosed**. Nature Club will send in a group order to get the shipment in ASAP for your spring planting. We will continue taking orders through the May Heirloom Vegetable Sale cut off time, please, order early to be assured of getting the varieties you are interested in. Enclosed in this News Leaf is the **2019 Heirloom Vegetable & Herb Sale** order form. Do plan on viewing our revised Heirloom Vegetable & Herb Sale offerings at our website; [www.springvalleynatureclub.org](http://www.springvalleynatureclub.org) to keep abreast of the great new additions to our vast array of sought after veggies and herbs!

### **Spring Valley Nature Club Meeting - Wednesday March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019 7:00 pm**

**Medicinal and Culinary Herbs- From the Pantry to the Medicine Cabinet-** by Erin & Sandy of Platt Hill.

Have you wondered if there are other uses for herbs other than adding zest to spaghetti sauce or jazzing up a roast chicken? Wondered about how did the pioneers deal with lack of prescription drugs? Sandy and Erin the "Herb Ladies" of Platt Hill Nursery will fill us in on the benefits and marvels of readily available herbs! They will have a terrific- hands on demo of various herbs and explain how they have been used throughout the ages. Refreshments will be served. Bring a friend to enjoy this excellent program. You do not need to be a member to attend.

### **Spring Valley Nature Club Meeting – Wednesday April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 7:00 pm.**

**Heirloom Vegetables & Unique and flavorful Herbs-** by Donna Johnson- Master Gardener

What's new at the Heirloom Vegetable & Herb Sale? Plenty! We are introducing a number of new varieties of tomatoes, vegetables and fruits! Donna will have a presentation and discuss the merits of the varieties available at this year's Sale. There will be time for questions and answers, we will have handouts for recipes for various vegetable & herb combos! We will have samplings of many unique and flavorful veggies. There will be packets of Baker Creek seeds available for purchase before and after the meeting. It is sure to be an exciting and rewarding experience for all! Bring a neighbor or friend and come enjoy a colorful evening of anticipating your garden's potential! Refreshments will be served.

## Spring Happenings at Spring Valley – March/April 2019

Spring is a busy and popular season at Spring Valley! See below for a list of upcoming events and family programs! Note that some programs require pre-registration due to limited space. Visit [www.parkfun.com](http://www.parkfun.com) for more information or call (847) 985-2100.

### ***Bison's Bluff Nature Playground Update!!***

Just a reminder that Bison's Bluff opens at 9 a.m. each day and remains closed until noon on Mondays for maintenance. The play area will also experience periodic delayed openings and/or early closings in order to accommodate parking at scheduled special events. These changes will be communicated via the Park District's website and via posted signs near the Nature Center and the play area entrances. NEW this year is the fact that organized youth groups will be asked to pay a modest fee for use of the play area. Fees collected from private daycare facilities, camp and church group, or schools planning to visit the nature playground will help to offset the increased costs of maintenance. Staff will also have increased ability to control the number of visitors in the nature playground by managing organized group scheduling.

### ***Sugar Bush Fair – Saturday & Sunday, March 16 & 17, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.***

Celebrate winter's end at this popular annual event which features a delicious pancake breakfast with real maple syrup, demonstrations of maple sugaring, historic re-enactments, a kid's puppet show, and more. Admission is free; breakfast tickets cost \$6 for a half stack or \$8 for a full stack when purchased at the event. Discounted pre-purchased tickets – \$4.50 for a half stack or \$6.50 for a full stack – are available at the Nature Center until March 15.

### ***Springtime on the Farm – Sunday, April 14, 12-4 p.m.***

Spend a day on a busy working farm at this popular family event. Kids can help with farm chores in the kitchen garden, house cleaning – 19<sup>th</sup> century style, planting oats after the horses have prepared the field, butter churning, and more. In addition, there will be kid's games, crafts, and refreshments for purchase. Fee is \$4/person or \$16/family; kids 3 and under are free. Admission is paid at the gate.

### ***Earth Week Activities – Monday-Saturday, April 22-27 (times vary)***

In celebration of Earth Week, and to help kids and families connect with the Earth, the Nature Center will offer a FREE walk-in activity each day, starting on Earth Day itself. See schedule below:

**Buckthorn Busters Conservation Stewardship** – Monday, April 22, 4-6 p.m.

**Afternoon Bird Hike** – Tuesday, April 23, 4-5 p.m.

**Diggin' in the Kid's Garden** – Wednesday, April 24, 4-5 p.m.

**Evening Bat Hike** – Thursday, April 25, 7:30-9 p.m.

**Plant an Oak Tree** – Friday, April 26, 4-5 p.m.

**Meet the Turtles** – Saturday, April 27, 1-3 p.m.

### ***Earth Day Party – Sunday, April 28, 12-4 p.m.***

This FREE family and kid-centered event will feature a display of live birds of prey, beekeeping demonstration, birdhouse building, craft activities, games, refreshments, and more. Additional parking will be available at the District 54 Administration building with shuttle service for this event.

### ***Walpurgis Night Campfire – Friday, April 26, 6-8 p.m.***

Learn about the unique German custom of Walpurgis while enjoying a bonfire, hot dog and marshmallow roast, and horse-drawn wagon rides. Fee is \$7/person – admission is paid at the gate. A tractor shuttle from the Nature Center parking lot to the Heritage Farm will be available.

## **COMING IN MAY & JUNE!**

***Native Plant & Heirloom Vegetable Sale – Sunday, May 19 10 a.m.-2 p.m.***

This event features an extensive native plant sale sponsored by the Schaumburg Community Garden Club, heirloom herb and vegetable sale sponsored by Spring Valley Nature Club. Admission is free! Note that pre-ordering of plants is recommended – order forms for heirloom vegetables and herbs [www.springvalleynatureclub.org](http://www.springvalleynatureclub.org) and for native plant ordering at [www.schaumburggardenclub.org](http://www.schaumburggardenclub.org).

### **(cont.) Spring Happenings at Spring Valley – March/April 2019**

#### ***Spring Beer Garden – Friday, May 24, 4:30-7:30 p.m.***

Socialize with your neighbors at this re-creation of a traditional German ‘biergarten,’ held at the Heritage Farm. There will be games, live traditional music, pretzels, soda, and of course, good German beer! The entrance fee of \$5 gets you a souvenir glass as well as a pretzel. Beer and soda are available for purchase. Kids welcome at these family events!

#### **Bargain Bulb & Plant Sale – Saturday, June 1, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.**

Sponsored by the Schaumburg Community Garden Club, this event not only offers discounted tulip bulbs of many varieties, but potted perennials, native plants, shrubs, etc.

#### **Spring Valley Country Fair – Saturday & Sunday, June 22 & 23, 12-4 p.m.**

Experience the magic of a community farm fair as this event transports you into the rural Schaumburg of the 1880s. Visit the livestock tent, domestic arts tent, watch the poultry judging, engage in games and contests, enjoy refreshments, and listen to a travelling medicine man hawk his wares. FREE event!

## **NATURE**

So, Spring is arriving with a whisper, timidly softening the earth, gently pushing up daffodils and tulips, reaching into the maples and stirring the sap, tentative, and shy, offering a fickle promise of warm sun, mild winds, and soft rain. Spring is a temperamental lover, with fits of stormy rage and days of cold, icy moods.

Robins are the traditional harbingers of spring and begin to arrive in numbers towards the end of March. They are driven by the need to establish breeding territories and they chance late blizzards and ice storms by arriving early. Those birds that delay may miss more than the bad weather, as prime territories will already be taken and mates will be hard to find. Their trait for tardiness will not be passed to future robin generations.

The males arrive first, followed a week or so later by the females and the adolescent birds. Areas to defend must be staked out first, before courtship and breeding begin, as the males would be hard pressed to do both at once.

Property rights are very important to robins, and the male's territory means more to him than who his mate is. Just as the female's nesting site is more important than her choice of breeding partner. The romanticism of spring robins has been reduced to a real estate transaction.

Another early sign of spring was brought to me by my daughter, Beth, when she was a little girl. Beth had scooped water from the pond at the edge of the woods and brought back beautiful, diaphanous creatures, less than an inch long, that swam on their backs, gills rippling and feet rowing through the water.

They were fairy shrimp, crustaceans, and a common and early dweller in spring ponds and puddles. Even with snow on the ground and ice rimming the water's edge, fairy shrimp can appear by the thousands. They feed on microscopic protozoans and diatoms and their lives are short. As the water begins to warm they die, after laying eggs that settle to the bottom of the pool. There, under the mud and leaf litter, the pond can dry down and still they'll survive. Ten years can pass without water, and then, when melting snows or early spring rains fill the pool, the eggs hatch and once again fairy shrimp appear.

So, spring's message, whispered and softly stated, is heard with a sigh. But soon the murmuring voices will build to a chorus and then resound with a shout, awakening the sleepers, stirring the dreamers, and cloaking the earth with a new mantle of green.

Al Larson

## Planning Your Heirloom Vegetable & Herb Garden!

The snow has been falling and the cold winds are blowing but, in no time at all it will warm up and be spring! Planning ahead can make all the difference in getting the right start on your garden. Ah those organic radishes, fennel, beets and chard, what an incomparable delight! Remind yourself about those luscious tomatoes and the crisp cukes and delish veggies of all types. For the cost of a few dollars' worth of seeds and plants you can reap hundreds of dollars' worth of fabulous organic vegetable and herb treats!

Within this newsletter you will find our Heirloom Vegetable & Herb Sale order form. Take some time to look at all those luscious offerings They will all be available for preorder and pick up at the **Heirloom Vegetable and Herb Sale May 19, 2019**. When picking up your preorder on the day of sale, be sure to take a look at the **surprise** specials that are not on the order form. Just the adventure for the daring gardener!

Reflect on the varieties of veggies and tomatoes you have grown in the past, were they what you expected, do you want to grow them again? Looking for something new? Now is the time to check Baker Creek Heirloom Seed Catalogue or online at [www.rareseeds.com](http://www.rareseeds.com) and see what items interest you; we will place a group order and have your seeds for you at the proper planting time this spring.

We have a unique arrangement with Baker Creek Seeds of Mansfield Missouri whereupon our members and friends can submit their seed order and check made payable to Spring Valley Nature Club! Mail to Spring Valley Nature Center 1111 E Schaumburg Rd Schaumburg IL 60194 and mark the envelope "Seed Order Enclosed". Nature Club will place a group order when we have a qualifying amount. Please note you do not need to be a member of Nature Club to place an order with us. You will be notified as to when you can come to pick-up your seeds. As a courtesy from Baker Seeds we do not pay a handling charge and Nature Club gets a special rate allowing the club to derive a profit from all the seeds that we purchase.

Please continue your loyalty to our cause, it is with support from our members and friends of Spring Valley, that we can assist the Spring Valley Nature Center in its educational and environmental efforts to provide programs for the community. Thank you.



View images and descriptions of all plants at [www.springvalleynatureclub.org](http://www.springvalleynatureclub.org)

Spring Valley Nature Center 1111 E Schaumburg Road (847) 985-2100

Sunday, May 19, 2019 - 10:00AM – 2:00PM -- Order Form 2019

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<u>Tomatoes</u>	Price	Qty	Total
1000-Aunt Ruby's German Green – Heirloom very sweet 1-2lb pale green 85 days	\$4.00	_____	_____
1002-Brad's Atomic Grape – New introduction Very colorful grape tomato 75 days	4.00	_____	_____
1005-Big Rainbow – Heirloom very juicy 1-2lb gold bi-colored fruits 82 days	4.00	_____	_____
1010-Black Cherry – Heirloom sweet robust flavor 65 day burgundy colored 65 days	4.00	_____	_____
1012-Box Car Willie – Heirloom reddish-orange very prolific old fashioned flavor 80 days	4.00	_____	_____
1015-Brandywine - Heirloom connoisseurs favorite 1lb fruit 85 to 90 days	4.00	_____	_____
1022-Carnival – Hybrid impressive early ripening beefsteak type prolific 68 days	4.00	_____	_____
1025-Cherokee Purple - Heirloom dusky purple pink superb flavor very large fruit 80 days	4.00	_____	_____
1030-Great White - Heirloom white very large 1lb unique very sweet taste 83 days	4.00	_____	_____
1035-German Johnson–Heirloom large 1lb pinkish red very few seeds 76 days	4.00	_____	_____
1037-Indigo Apple-Hybrid deep purple highest in antioxidant of any tomato 55 days	4.00	_____	_____
1040-Kellogg's Breakfast - Heirloom very flavorful superbly sweet yellow low acid 80 days	4.00	_____	_____
1042-Lucid Gem – New intro. Vivid orange 5oz. beefsteak juicy marbled flesh 80 days	4.00	_____	_____
1045-Mortgage Lifter-Heirloom sweet rich flavored pink large 1lb crack free 80 days	4.00	_____	_____
1055-Orange Oxheart- Heirloom orange heart shaped delicious 1 lb low acid 90 days	4.00	_____	_____
1060-Patio–Hybrid dwarf 2' tall no staking 4oz fruit great in containers 70 days	4.00	_____	_____
1064-Pinapple-Heirloom yellow /red streaked flesh super sweet 2lb 78 days	4.00	_____	_____
1065-San Marzano-Heirloom Italy's famous best tomato for sauces & cooking 65 days	4.00	_____	_____
1070-Sun Sugar – New Introduction extra sweet yellow cherry good in containers 60 days	4.00	_____	_____
1072-Sugary-Hybrid super sweet grape tomato large yields good for containers 60 days	4.00	_____	_____
1074-Sweet 100-Hybrid very productive bearing long trusses of small sweet cherries 60 days	4.00	_____	_____
1075-Tumbling Tom -Hybrid cherry great in containers & hanging baskets 55 days	4.00	_____	_____
<u>Vegetables Fruits</u>			
2002-Celeriac-Heirloom hardy large root has sweet crisps celery flavor good keeper 80 days	4.00	_____	_____
2003-Cucumber-Hybrid bush type short vines full sized cukes can grow in containers 57 days	4.00	_____	_____
2005-Eggplant – Fairy Tale Japanese type 5" x 1" Striped delicious pale lavender 50 days	4.00	_____	_____
2008-Fennel Heirloom – Florence bulbing type delicious raw or cooked 90 days	4.00	_____	_____
2015-Kale Lacinato – Heirloom Tuscan cold tolerant salads & cooked greens	4.00	_____	_____
2020-Kale Green Curled- Cold tolerant tender & refined attractive in containers	4.00	_____	_____
2025-Lettuce Heirloom – Devils Ear frieze red tinged butter head 75 days	4.00	_____	_____
2030-Leeks – Sweet & mild gourmet onion family for stew, soup, egg dishes 75 days	4.00	_____	_____
2034-Parsley Root-Heirloom tops used as parsley, roots used in soups & stews	4.00	_____	_____
2045-Pepper – Chocolate Beauty sweet bell great color & flavor 70 days	4.00	_____	_____
2055-Pepper- Lady Bell Red Sweet uniform shape very prolific 71 days	4.00	_____	_____
2060-Pepper Heirloom– Sweet Banana mild yellow turn red 6" 72 days	4.00	_____	_____
2062-Pepper–Jalapeno serve stuffed with seafood, meat, poultry or cheese	4.00	_____	_____
2065-Pepper – Thai Hot Very hot Asian pepper	4.00	_____	_____
2070-Pepper – Valencia Orange Sweet bright color intense full flavor 70 days	4.00	_____	_____
2080-Swiss Chard – Bright Lights multicolored stems delicious steamed	4.00	_____	_____
2500-Goji Berry – Orange/Red berries Vitamin & antioxidant rich Gal. Shrub	14.00	_____	_____
2505-Gooseberry – Sweet/Tart delicious fruit Gal. Shrub	14.00	_____	_____
2510-Honeyberry Indigo Gem – Super fruit high antioxidant & vitamin C Gal. Shrub	14.00	_____	_____
2515-Honeyberry Indigo Treat – Blue berries high antioxidant & vitamin C Gal. Shrub	14.00	_____	_____
2520-Lingonberry – Red tart fruit for jam pink flowers Gal. Shrub	14.00	_____	_____
2523-Ground Cherry - The size of a cherry tomato, with a flavor of pineapple and tomato	6.00	_____	_____
2525-Strawberry Rainbow Treasure – Ever bearing w/red flowers	6.00	_____	_____

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**Spring Valley Nature Club's Heirloom & Herb Order Form 2019**

<u>Herbs</u>	Price	Qty	Total
3000-Basil Genovese-Heirloom favorite "sweet basil" bold full flavor Annual	\$4.50	_____	_____
3001-Basil Red Rubin- Intense deep purple leaves holds its color all season Annual	4.50	_____	_____
3003-Basil Perpetuo – Intense basil aroma & flavor decorative variegated leaves Annual	4.50	_____	_____
3005-Basil Thai Siam Queen- Decorative and delicious anise flavor Annual	4.50	_____	_____
3015-Borage- Cucumber flavored leaves blue flowers used as edible garnish Annual	4.50	_____	_____
3020-Chives- Snip leaves for salads & garnish clump forming Perennial	4.50	_____	_____
3022-Chamomile-Soothing aromatic, for tea,potpoutti & spa use Perennial	4.50	_____	_____
3025-Chervil- Licorice flavor great on potatoes, fish & chicken Annual	4.50	_____	_____
3027-Cilantro flavor favorite for salsa & Asian cuisine Annual	4.50	_____	_____
3031-Dill Fern Leaf delightful pickle herb great on fish & cooked beets & potatoes Annuals	4.50	_____	_____
3035-Fennel – Bronze ornamental & delicious anise flavor on fish & vegetables Annual	4.50	_____	_____
3040-Horseradish – Heirloom zesty hot root for condiment young leaves for salad Per.	4.50	_____	_____
3045-Lavender Provence – Use in sachets & potpourri, ingredient in "herbs de Provence"	4.50	_____	_____
3050-Lemon Grass – Lemon flavoring essential in Thai cooking Tender Perennial	4.50	_____	_____
3051-Lemon Verbena-Intense lemon flavor for tea & drinks, fragrance for potpourri Annual	4.50	_____	_____
3055-Lovage- Celery & anise flavored leaves entire plant edible Perennial	4.50	_____	_____
3060-Marjoram Sweet – Delicate oregano like flavor great on fresh tomatoes Annual	4.50	_____	_____
3070-Mint Mojito- Delightful warm mint flavor great for mulling in drinks Perennial	4.50	_____	_____
3074-Oregano Greek-The original flavor for Italian & Mediterranean fare Tender Perennial	4.50	_____	_____
3075-Oregano Hot & Spicy - Intense flavor for pizza & spaghetti sauce Perennial	4.50	_____	_____
3080-Parsley Italian flat leaf - Leaves for garnish & tempura frying Biennial	4.50	_____	_____
3082-Rosemary-Spicy woody herb great for chicken & Mediterranean fare Tender Perennial	4.50	_____	_____
3083-Sage-Savory herb used in stuffing soups & Mediterranean dishes Perennial	4.50	_____	_____
3084-Pineapple Sage- Fruity addition to teas, fruit garnish hummingbird magnet Annual	4.50	_____	_____
3085-Savory Winter- Ingredient in "herbs de Provence" for meat & bean dishes Perennial	4.50	_____	_____
3090-Sorrel- Red Veined tart flavor great accent in soups and salads very ornamental Per.	4.50	_____	_____
3093-Stevia – Sugar plant non caloric sweetener use fresh or dried Annual	4.50	_____	_____
3095-Sweet Annie- Fragrant and attractive used in wreaths, potpourri, and sachets. Annual	4.50	_____	_____
3101-Sweet Woodruff- Fragrant flowers for potpourri and room freshener Perennial	4.50	_____	_____
3102-Thyme English-Most familiar thyme used in soups stews & roasts Perennial	4.50	_____	_____
3105-Thyme Silver Edge- Ornamental use in "Bouquet Garni"& "herbs de Provence" Per.	4.50	_____	_____
3110-Thyme Spicy – Orange flavor great with chicken, fish, salads and tea. Perennial	4.50	_____	_____
3111-Thyme Variegated Lemon-Very decorative rich lemon flavor Perennial	4.50	_____	_____

**Baker Creek Heirloom Seeds - Order Sheet [www.rareseeds.com](http://www.rareseeds.com)**

After completing Baker seed order form "print it" and attached to this form  
 Do not mail to Baker Seed, we place a group order to save handling charges

	TOTAL PAGE 2	\$ _____
	TOTAL PAGE 1	\$ _____
Use this line for your seed order total -----	→ BAKER SEEDS	\$ _____
<b>PAGE 1 + PAGE 2 + BAKER SEEDS ORDER =</b>	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>

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Mail to Spring Valley Nature Center 1111 E. Schaumburg Road Schaumburg, IL 60194  
 Checks payable: Spring Valley Nature Club - Mark Envelope: Nature Club Order Enclosed  
 Preorder cutoff May 11, 2019 ---- Order Pick Up is Sunday May 19, 2019  
 Quantities limited to avoid disappointment order early to assure availability.  
 Questions? Contact Spring Valley Nature Club: [springvalleynatureclub@gmail.com](mailto:springvalleynatureclub@gmail.com)  
Thank you for your support of the Spring Valley Nature Club

## **1974 And Beyond**

**Spring Valley began as a dream by one of the founders of the Village of Schaumburg, Ellsworth Meineke.** Early on he referred to it as “The Spring Valley Dream.” It was he who convinced the Schaumburg Park District and the Village of Schaumburg to work together to acquire and preserve land for Spring Valley. Ellsworth founded the Spring Valley Nature Club in 1974 as a not-for-profit service organization which provides volunteer and financial support for Spring Valley and promotes conservation, nature, and environmental education. The Club sponsors nature programs and teacher field trips, and members volunteer at festivals and fund raisers. We have been working hard since 1974. Won’t you join us?

These words reflect the dedication that the founders felt for the purpose of the Club and the love of the natural world around us. Since the Schaumburg Park District assumed the responsibility of recruiting volunteers, Nature Club’s purpose has evolved to share its love of Spring Valley by offering timely programs that reinforce a more wholesome lifestyle. We have initiated monthly educational programs that instill a comprehension of our ability to lessen our carbon footprint by reducing waste, recycling and reusing our valuable resources. Our monthly programs enlighten us to appreciate our environment and respect its fragile beauty.

We have lessened our impact on landfill waste by eliminating the mailing of our bimonthly News Leaf. We are encouraging members to attend educational programs which teach us the importance of the wildlife around us, the art of using our natural resources wisely and being more self-reliant by advising how to live a more wholesome lifestyle, grow and live more organically and become more self-sufficient.

With the kind donations and assistance from local merchants and organizations, we can exist more ecologically by shopping locally. Some of the wonderful supporters and contributors to the club have been, Roselle Ace Hardware for their support in offering a discount coupon for purchases at their location; Schaumburg Park District for the 1-day Fitness Pass; Platt Hill Nursery for their support and discount coupon at their garden centers; Holistic Art Studio for their discount coupon; Skincare by Carmela for their discount on services.

Our wonderful supporters have given us a way to lessen our footsteps by offering valued products and services at discounted prices while saving our energy dollars by reducing the number of miles we travel. Please support our supporters. With their help, we have been successful in raising additional funds to sponsor educational programming for our Club members, Spring Valley Volunteers, and school children and teachers from our community. We have supplied funds for books for Spring Valley’s Library and have sponsored various free to the public programs and events that the Nature Center has offered.

Thanks to you all, and especially our valued Members and Supporters of Spring Valley Nature Club!

Please take time to review all the wonderful benefits we are offering to our members with their Nature Club membership. Won’t you join us?

Spring Valley Nature Club is a 501(c3) organization and contributions may be tax deductible. Check with your tax advisor.

## Spring Valley Nature Club 2019 Membership Rates

To show our appreciation for our members' loyalty, we have come up with special benefits for all members.

**“Discount Coupon Packet”** This packet will include certificates and coupons for various merchants, i.e. Holistic Health Studio (massage discount), Schaumburg Park District (1-day Fitness Pass), Roselle Ace Hardware (discount on purchase), Platt Hill Nursery (discount on purchase), Chick-Fil-A (Free Sandwich - Schaumburg Stores only), Skincare by Carmela (Discount on Services)

**Special Benefit;** An invitation to the Spring Valley Volunteer/Meineke Award Picnic on the first Friday in August. A postcard will be sent to current members in good standing by mid-July asking for an RSVP.

**Free Entry to the Nature Club Programs:** Allows you to attend any or all ten Spring Valley Nature Club monthly meetings and educational programs from February through November where you can enjoy some refreshments and camaraderie with fellow supporters of the Nature Club and the Spring Valley Volunteers.

**Membership Card & Bi-monthly News Leaf:** Identifies you as a supporter of the Nature Club's efforts.

**Life Membership:** In addition to the above items, this membership includes a Nature Club Commemorative Fleece Throw (\$35.00 value); this fleece throw is for **New Life Memberships Only.**

**Current Life Members** are eligible for the Discount Coupon Packet. Donations appreciated and help our cause.

**Family Fun Membership:** In addition to all the standard items above, this membership category includes a Spring Valley Annual Family Pass (\$120.00 value) to be used for a 15% discount on most Spring Valley Programs; 10% Discount on Summer Camps and Birthday Parties; 15% discount on Honey & Gift Shop purchases at Spring Valley and free admission to all Spring Valley events. **Including the Pancake Breakfast!** (The discounts do not apply to the Solstice Hop & Vine or the Haunting in the Valley.)

Your Membership Packet needs to be picked up in person at the Spring Valley Nature Center 9:00 – 5:00 daily. Any member may have the membership package mailed to them for a handling fee of \$2.00

### Yearly Memberships Begin February 1<sup>st</sup> through January 31<sup>st</sup>

Senior 55 Plus	\$10.00
Individual	\$15.00
Family	\$25.00
Supporting	\$35.00
Family Fun Membership	\$120.00
Life	\$150.00
Sponsor	\$1000.00

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