



Sylvan Lake Shoreline

"I remember when they cut the grass at the beach with a sickle" ~ Rene Goldammer

Sylvan Lake Environmental Updates

Thinkin' bout adding more native plants to your garden . . . ?

Visit the **NATIVE PLANT SALE** at Independence Grove **May 10th & 11th**. It's Saturday 9am-3pm and Sunday 10am-3pm. They will also be offering Compost Bins for sale those days. Visit: www.LCFD.org/plantsale for a complete plant list for shade, sun, wet, dry, size etc.

I know you're concerned about Garlic Mustard . . .

It's that time of year, please look at the edges of your properties, and also in our parks, trails when you're out for a walk. This is where it typically takes hold, undisturbed, no lawn mower threat....

It is **NON-NATIVE**, very invasive and hard to control. The best way is to pull it or weed wack it, and now comes the critical part: **BEFORE IT FLOWERS AND SPREADS**



MORE SEEDS. So, that means it needs to be taken care of long before it's 24" tall and very noticeable. Around the 1st of May is a good time as it's rather short 3-4" and therefore less debris to haul away. We expect Maple Park to be burned by a licensed firm (Integrated Lakes Mgt) before too long, so Maple should be taken care of.

Ravinia could be another story, however as the soil was disturbed there for renovation last year. Also, upon inspection last year, we noticed quite a bit on the fringes of private properties. All it takes is a few seeds to blow around in June and **BINGO**, a whole new crop pops up somewhere else, usually an easement because they don't get mowed and manicured like your lawns and landscapes do. Herbicides work, but also will take out whatever is next to it.

If you want to see a color picture of it, go to our website, www.slia.net then to the Environmental section, click on "plants and trees" and then "Invasive Plants" where a "lovely color picture" of this onion smelling critter is. Now picture a shorter version, with no white seed head. Pull, cut and put in a bag, throw away in your own garbage.

Do not worry that the garbage man will harass you that you are disposing of yard waste, as this is a **BAD THING**, and should never be composted (or burnt) by you or the landfill people. Your oaks and native ground covers will thank you for giving them more breathing room. And so will I !

Plants in the lake . . .

Our lake committee person, John Hynds spent a lot of time installing a variety of aquatic plants along the shorelines last year. **PLEASE** do not disturb or steal them ! It's a lot of work, and all for the benefit of better water clarity and fish habitat.

~Jeri Swanson

Someone you should know...

Few of us have had such a hands-on opportunity to bring hope and peace to developing countries as one of our longtime neighbors.

Stephen Mongelluzzo has lived almost 30 years at 164 North Sylvan in the blue grey house with wisteria growing up to the balcony. But 4 to 5 times a year he travels to developing nations for weeks at a time to counsel them in the ways of the democracy that we take for granted. His work as consultant for the US Treasury Department Office of Technical Assistance brings him to places most of us have only seen in the news.

At any given time he may be in Eastern Europe in war-torn Bosnia, Bulgaria, Azerbaijan or somewhere in the Ukraine. Or these weeks he might be in Africa in Botswana, Ethiopia, Ghana, Niger or little São Tomé Island off the northeast coast. Or maybe it's Latin America this time to visit Haiti, Nicaragua or Honduras. Whatever country he is in he is there to help bring stability to the country and its economy.

His specialty is with the taxing departments, working with the governing bodies on communication skills, public relations, dealing with the news media and internal communications. All these areas will help developing countries to succeed as a democracy. The poorest country Steve has visited is the sub-Saharan Niger where in some areas the people have only a shack made of tree branches. In Lalibella, Ethiopia Steve visited several 14th century churches hewn from the top down **into** a mountain affording the priests complete and total privacy and safety.

For a country to qualify for the Treasury department to send Steve they must be a democracy and practice international human-rights. *"...recognition of the inherent dignity and of the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world"*

On several occasions he has paid for his wife, **Lucya** to accompany him and together they can often take side trips to even more countries...Portugal, Zimbabwe or perhaps take in an African safari.

Unfortunately, for the past seven months Lucya has not been able to accompany Steve. She has been in and out of the hospital numerous times, heroically winning the battle with bladder cancer and through it all maintaining her usual optimism and good humor. She is an inspiration to us all.

Steve graduated from the University of Illinois at Chicago in 1967. The first 2 years he attended the school it was still located on Navy Pier. He worked on the school newspaper, which later evolved into a permanent position as sports information director. Steve says "It was the perfect job...I actually got paid for watching sports." He used to run the press box at Soldier Field when the U of I had home football games.

Steve was a Public Relations Officer for the IRS for 23 years, which led into his current position as expert consultant for the US Treasury.

In 1997 he started his own firm, **FIRST Communications** and has shared his expertise with individuals and organizations in both the private and public sector. For this he often travels giving lectures and seminars. Steve has written a book called

"Winning Media Interviews - Sure-Fire Tactics to Get Your Message Out"

Check out his website for helpful tips and perhaps to buy his informative book.

www.WinningMediaInterviews.com



Steve is wearing a safari hat and holding an Ethiopian shepherd's cap. Lucya is holding a "talking stick" from Zimbabwe. Whoever holds it gets to do the talking.



A few of the treasures Steve and Lucya have brought home. A tooled mortar shell from Bosnia, a beautifully decorated mace from Ukraine, a handwoven basket from Botswana filled with huge Porcupine quills, a vase and a black coral necklace from Nicaragua and a St. George

Garden Club Pottery Party



The Garden Club ladies had a fun and creative evening on April 11 when they each created a beautiful work of art at **Clay Monet**.

Now here's the challenge...

MATCH THE NUMBERS WITH THE ARTIST.

KELLY DICKINSON # _____

KATHY FORD # _____

MELISSA GRAHAM # _____

MARY GRANDT # _____

WENDY KJELDBERG # _____

NANCY LOVE # _____

LAURIE MAC KAY # _____

SANDY PAKLEDINAZ # _____

JEANNE PETERSON # _____

DEBBIE POMAZAL # _____

RITA RAK &
JAN HANWRIGHT # _____

KAREN SUO # _____

PATSY SWEENEY # _____

TAMMIE TRAHAN # _____

PAT ZENNER # _____



To see these beautiful creations in full color and find the answers... go to our **website** and click on the **This n' That** section.

And now to beautify outside...

Last year Mary Harroun and Warren Young bought and planted twelve whiskey barrels at the beach. This year how about Sylvan Lake families adopting a barrel? Plant it and water it and be part of the judging contest to be held in July. Theme will be "Pretty Barrel Garden".

Please contact Mary Harroun- 970-9741 to sign up for a barrel of your choice.

Let's make Sylvan Lake beach area beautiful again this summer.



not the last word... 

New Neighbors 

Don & Wendy Kjeldberg
21224 S. Sylvan Drive
949-8042

...and New Old Neighbor...

Adam Washburn
117 N. Sylvan Dr.
847-271-4131
(renovating Earl Pearson's old place)

*Our condolences to the family of
Bruno Pfenning*

HOUSEHOLD CHEMICAL WASTE

location nearest us is on:
Saturday May 3 from 8:00 a.m.
in the Village of Vernon Hills
at the **Vernon Hills, Metra Station,**
75 E. Route 45 .
(Highway 45 and Ranney Ave.)



Ahhh... the last of the snowmen and snowbunnies...thanks
to Jenna Brashear and the Tatevosians.

NOTICE: Our streets are narrow and there have
been a few times when cars are parked on both
side of the street that an emergency vehicle would
not be able to get through. Please be aware of this
when you park and tell your guests too.

Love Candles?

Votives, Pillars, Tarts, container and bakery style candles are all
handmade with natural waxes! I prefer to use Soy and Palm
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