

# The Rootball e-News

NEWSLETTER OF THE MIDWEST CHAPTER ARS

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## Membership

Susan Garland has made great progress getting our membership roster up to date and so far we received renewals from 41 members for 2012.

Susan is in the middle of personally reaching out to members from 2010 and 2011 that have not renewed to see if they will reconsider. Her next challenge is to contact 2009 members.



*Susan Garland*

This is a daunting task and the Chapter greatly appreciates Susan's efforts to increase our membership.



*Delp's Sunsheen*

## New Members

A warm welcome to our newest members, Bernard ("Bern") and Jeanne Bertsche of St. Charles, IL. We all look forward to meeting the Bertsches personally at an upcoming chapter event.

# Holiday Party

Plan to kick off the holiday season with fellow Midwest Chapter members and guests at our annual Christmas Party luncheon.

This year the party will be held at Moretti's in Schaumburg, IL on Saturday, December 3rd at 2:00 PM.

The officers decided to change the location of the party this year so it will be more convenient for our members who live to the north and west of Chicago.

We also plan to hold a short meeting to discuss plans for 2012 as well as other topics.

Contact John Golab at 847-382-1674 or [e.j.golab@gmail.com](mailto:e.j.golab@gmail.com) no later than November 28 if you plan to attend and let him know if you are bringing a guest.



So mark you calendar for what promises to be a fun afternoon and an opportunity to get together with friends.

Details are below including a link to Moretti's Restaurant for driving directions.

## DETAILS

**DATE;** Saturday, December 3, 2011  
**TIME:** 2:00 PM  
**PLACE:** Moretti's Restaurant  
1893 Weldon Office Square  
Schaumburg, IL  
**PHONE:** 847-397- 4200

## DIRECTIONS

**For directions to the restaurant, click on the link below:**  
[morettischicago.com/directions-s.php](http://morettischicago.com/directions-s.php)



*a message from the president . . .*

## Fall Gardening for the Midwest Chapter

Although many of our members will plant Rhododendrons and Azaleas at this time of year, I tend to devote my available time to preparing new beds for spring planting. There is nothing wrong with planting at this time of year with the exception that you might get some considerable frost heave as John Migas, our past president, points out. I still have some work to do in order to finish a new bed as a recent rain slowed me down.



*Scarlet Romance*

We have considerable clay and a pH that naturally ranges from 6.8 to 7.5. I heavily amend our soil and create a raised berm so I must bring in a large volume of material to amend the soil but it is worth the effort. A final note our "Lemon Lights" are still blooming. Who says that Rhododendrons and Azaleas are only for the Spring. A final farewell before we see blooms next May.

Good news on membership, we now have forty one membership renewals up from twenty eight when I last reported with a number of individuals yet to be heard from. A good start for the New Year. Thanks everyone!

Our Holiday Party on December 3rd is set with considerable thanks to John Golab for making the arrangements. A more detailed description of the event is found elsewhere in this newsletter.

I still would like to include articles about our members and their gardens in this Newsletter. Please send me a note about yourself and your activities. Other members would like to hear your experiences! Many of you have a lot to share.

Warmest Regards,

**Ted Nyquist**

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### Holiday Party

Saturday, December 3, 2011  
PLACE: Moretti's Restaurant  
Schaumburg, IL  
TIME: 2:00 PM

#### Michigan Garden Visits

May 19, 20, 21, 2012  
PLACE: Saugatuck/Holland, MI

#### Chapter Plant Sale and Truss Show

May 12 and 13, 2012  
PLACE: Chicago Botanic Garden

#### Midwest Chapter 50th Anniversary Party

Date and Place: TBD

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