

Award #: 23 **Award Name:** Civic Concern

Award Submitted by: Arlington Heights Garden Club **Number of members:** 123

Date: 11/1/22

1. New Project: Yes No X **Beginning Date:** 3/21/22 **Ending Date:** ongoing

2. Brief summary and objectives of project:

The Arlington Heights Garden Club is committed to beautifying and maintaining the flower pots and garden beds surrounding the Arlington Heights Post Office. The Club shows pride in the community by volunteering their time and talents to this project.

In March the Club did an early spring cleanup of the entire grounds by weeding, cutting down perennials as needed and raking up leaves and twigs to improve the appearance of the grounds. Dee Schurman and Jim Spannagel planted Panolas, Stock and Coleus into the pots and around the garden beds and flag pole. After the Memorial Day parade we received 27 flats of red, white and purple petunias that were planted by the Arlington Heights Post Office sign on the grounds by Marty Landwehr, Dee Schurman, Lew and Sheila Coffin and Claudette Nowell-Philipp.

3. Involvement of club members, other organizations, etc.:

During the 2022 growing season the Garden Club had over 108 hours of time donated to beautify and maintain the grounds.

Dale Strum, June Miller, Mike Relaz, Dilyanka Chardaklieva, Lew and Sheila Coffin, Jim Spannagel, Eileen Owens, Kathy Wolan and Dee Schurman assisted with Spring Cleanup (30 hours).

Thirty-two Club members took weekly turns watering and weeding the many beds around the Post Office (52 hours).

Jim Spannagel and Dee Schurman planted the donated Panolas, Stock and Coleus (5 hours).

Once the Panolas faded, they were replaced by Petunias which Marty Landwehr, Lew and Sheila Coffin and Dee Schurman planted (8 hours).

Nine members helped with the Fall cleanup of the ground, Mike Philip, Claudette Nowell-Philip, Jim Spannagel, Lew and Sheila Coffin, Mike Relaz, June Miller, Kathy Wolan and Dee Schurman (13.5 hours).

4. Project expenses and means of funding:

Club member Lew Coffin arranged for a donation of a Knaack box to the club from the Knaack Corporation. This combination locked tool box is on the Post Office property to store hoses and tools for the garden club's use. Fourteen flats of flowers were donated by the Arlington Heights Public Works Department in the spring. After the Memorial Day Parade,

twenty-seven flats of Petunias that had been on a float were donated by the Arlington Heights Public Works Department.

\$270 in expenses were provided by the club:

- \$120 for locks and supplies for Knaack tool box
- \$75 for petunias to replace faded panolas
- \$75 for weed killer, yard waste bags and stickers

5. Continuing involvement, follow-up maintenance:

The Arlington Heights Garden Club is proud of their involvement with the Post Office and with the cooperation of the Postmaster we plan to continue with the project. As the club members are working around the Post Office, many patrons of the Post Office have thanked us and stated the grounds looked beautiful.

6. Attach or insert photos.



Planting red, white and purple petunias in front of the Arl. Hts. Post Office and maintaining hostas (Pictured are club members Marty Landwehr, Lew & Shelia Coffin and Claudette Nowell-Phillipp).



Kathy Wolan and Sheila Coffin taking weeds out from the lawn. They are joined by Lew Coffin and Dale Strum to weed in another lawn area.



Mike Phillip, Claudette Newell-Philipp, Jim Spannagel, Shelia Coffin, Dee Schurman, Mike Relaz and Lew Coffin at one of the Post Office clean up days.