



**Geneva Township
Center**

400 Wheeler Drive
Geneva, IL 60134
630/232-3602
Hours: 8:30-4:30 M-F

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Cantigny Gardens

Important Dates

Koto Concert	8/2
Movies	8/3, 10, 17, 24, 31
AARP Driver Safety	8/13, & 8/14
Garden Trip	8/16
Ladies Tea	8/17
Book Club	8/28
Plant Swap	8/30
Yellow Dot Program	9/13



The Center Newsletter

Teahouse of the August Moon

What a perfect theme for this monthly ladies get-together! Our August Ladies Tea committee is busy with plans for this month's tea to be held on **Friday, August 17 at 11:00**. Tea, treats, and new friends make this event very special. If you haven't attended a tea, why not call the Center at 630/232-3602 and add your name to the list. Register early for this **"must do"** activity. Tea is limited to the first 32 Center members who call and make reservations.



Openings Still Available for AARP Driver Safety Class

Don't wait too long to register for this popular class scheduled for **Monday, August 13 and Tuesday, August 14 from 9:00am – 1:00pm** both days. A few openings are still available. The participation fee is \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for non-members. Completion of the 8 hour class may qualify you for a discount on your auto insurance. In 2011, over 560,000 participants in all 50 states took advantage of this class. Registration is limited to 25. Call the Center at 630/232-3602 to reserve your spot.

Musical Notes from Japan

On Thursday, August 2nd at 3:00pm, the Center will host a short Koto concert and demonstration by **Curtis Patterson**, (Karla Lynch's brother), who is visiting from Tokyo. Curt is a master musician who has lived in Japan for thirty years, teaching and performing on traditional Japanese instruments. Having studied Japanese at Waseda University and Koto at the Sawai School in Tokyo, Curtis now teaches music full time at the International School of Yokohama. He has performed at the Japanese Consulate in Chicago, Fermi Lab Concert series in Batavia and at the Lincoln Auditorium, in New York City in addition to hundreds of performances all over Japan. To learn more about Curt and hear this unusual music visit his website at www.curtkoto.com

Mission Statement

The mission of the Geneva Township Center shall be to act as the primary community resource to serve all citizens of Geneva Township by enriching the social and intellectual life of our older adults; helping our older adults contribute to the well being of our community as effective and useful citizens of the township; helping those approaching or in retirement to plan appropriately; organizing community interest in improving the overall climate of living for our older residents; decreasing the sense of isolation and dependence that often accompanies old age; and, helping our older adults meet practical problems attendant with aging.

Wheeler Senior Investment Club (WSIC) Seeks New Members

The **Wheeler Senior Investment Club (WSIC)** meets at the Center the 1st Monday of the month at 10:00 a.m. The Club is seeking to add to its membership and invites members of the Center to consider joining their ranks. Investment and education go hand in hand with this group. The **WSIC** has sponsored educational seminars open to the Center membership on several occasions. The Center is not however a sponsor of the Club or the Club's activities. If you're interested in more information or have questions, please call the Center and we'll put you in touch with one of the WSIC members.

Plant Swap and Perennial Care on the Patio

Garden Club member, **Walt Spangler**, is organizing this effort. Center members may bring plants to give away or trade on **Thursday, August 30 at 1:00 pm**. What a great way to share your favorite plant with someone else and/or take home a new garden addition! Call the Center if you have questions at 630/232-3602.

Rummikub, Anyone?

Would you be interested in playing the game, **Rummikub**? If we have enough interest, we'll schedule a time for regular play. The game is a tile-based game for 2-4 players. It combines elements of rummy, *Mah Jongg*, dominoes, and chess. A Center member has said it's fun and easy to learn. If you'd like to join a group and play Rummikub, call the Center at 630/232-3602.

August Lunch Sign-ups are Under Way

If you joined us at the Center in July on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday for one, or several lunches, you may have noticed a full dining room. On average, 30-35 diners joined us each lunch offered last month with main courses like **roast turkey, cheeseburgers, crab meat salad, and lasagna** among others. Some of the menu favorites brought out 40-45 diners. Please take the time to peruse the menu inserted in this newsletter and choose your favorite meal(s) for August. Extra copies of the menu are located on the table just inside the dining room, or you can also download the menu at www.genevatownship.com under "Senior Activities". We are taking reservations right now for every meal in August. Call the Center at 630/232-3602 and we'll reserve your lunch(es). We need at least a two day notice to reserve your place at a meal... walk-ins may only be accommodated after diners holding reservations are served. Don't be disappointed; call early to sign up for your favorite, special meal. Make your reservations today!

Have You "Got the Dot"?

Mark your calendar for **Thursday, September 13**. **TRIAD** members will be at the Center on that date to help you sign up for the **Illinois Yellow Dot Program**. The program, sponsored by the **Illinois Department of Transportation**, is an initiative designed to make sure vital medical information on vehicle drivers and passengers is available to first responders in the event of an automobile accident or medical emergency. Watch the September newsletter for more details on this program.

August Book Club Selection is *Howards End*

Howards End is a novel by **E. M. Forster**, first published in 1910, which tells a story of social and familial relations in turn-of-the-century England. The difficulties and benefits of relationships between people of divergent outlooks, gender, or class is explored. On **Tuesday, August 28 at 10:00** the Club will meet to discuss *Howards End*, why not join them.

Contact the Center at 630/232-3602

August's Pet of the Month

Center member, **Carmen Anderson**, introduces her grand-dog, **Addy**. Addy is a nine-year-old Yellow Labrador Retriever. Carmen says she's a really great, friendly dog. She dislikes thunder, fireworks, bicycles riding past her house, and the vacuum cleaner. On the other hand, Addy is fond of people, other dogs, long walks, and swimming in the river. She can be found sitting on her favorite footstool. Most importantly, she jumps for joy whenever Grandma (Carmen) comes to visit.



Gardens and Shortbread Follow-up

Thirty-five people attended last month's entertaining program on "**Southern England, A Legacy of Gardens and Country Life**". Many of you have asked for the recipe for the shortbread enjoyed with your tea after the presentation. To see the presentation again (or, for the first time if you missed it), go to www.gardensforpeople.net and click on Garden Travel. Then click on the link to the Power Point presentation. The shortbread cookie recipe is:

Cousin Margaret's Shortbread

3 cups flour, 1 tablespoon of baking powder, (if you use self rising flour, omit the baking powder), 1.5 cups sugar, 1.5 cups butter, softened.

Mix ingredients to form soft dough. Push into an ungreased 13" x 9" pan. Prick several times with a fork. Bake for 20-25 minutes at 350 degrees. The shortbread is done when it is a golden brown. Let it cool before slicing and serving this delicious treat.

Garden Club Trip to Cantigny Gardens and Ball Seed

The Garden Club will be sponsoring a day trip to **Cantigny Gardens** in Wheaton and **Ball Horticultural Company** in West Chicago on **Thursday, August 16th**. **Karla Lynch** and participants will leave the Center via coach bus at approximately **8:30 a.m.** and return around **2:00 p.m.** Lunch will be available for you to purchase at Cantigny or you may bring a sack lunch. Annual and perennial flowers, ground covers, and a variety of shrubs and trees from the Midwest can be found at Cantigny's beautiful formal gardens in Wheaton. **The Ball Gardens** in West Chicago have been the evaluation and testing grounds for horticultural introductions and improvements for more than 75 years. What began as a row trial garden for seed varieties in 1933 has grown to encompass over 9 acres of display beds for annuals and perennials. If you'd like to register for this garden trip, please call the Center at 630/232-3602. This trip is open to all. You do not need to be a member of the Garden Club to sign up for this fun and educational activity. The cost to cover transportation is \$15. Please call no later than **Thursday, August 9** to secure your reservation for a day of garden fun!

Daily Drop-In Activities

The following activities are available whenever the Center is open, Monday through Friday, 8:30-4:30. It's all free; no need to sign up!

- **Billiards:** 8-ball and 9-ball, on the porch when the porch is not scheduled for other activities. The players tend to be there Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. Also, you can always practice alone.
- **Bocce Ball:** The court is outdoors, along the Southeast side of the building, (seasonal).
- **Refreshments, free anytime:** hot coffee, sweet rolls, granola bars.
- **Magazines:** the latest are in the lounge area.
- **Newspapers:** Daily Herald, Chronicle, Tribune, Wall Street Journal. New every day.
- **Jigsaw Puzzles:** One is always underway and anyone can help solve it.
- **Games:** Bridge, card bingo, pinochle, poker, cribbage, train dominoes, chess, *Mah Jongg* and other board games.
- **55" Big Screen TV:** When the TV room is not otherwise in use, you can watch our movies or bring in one of your own.



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smcmurray@genevatownship.com

August 2012

FRIDAY MOVIES @ 1:00 PM ON THE BIG SCREEN!



August 3rd

The Pianist (2002)

Rated R

Winner of 3 Academy Awards...this true-life story of a brilliant pianist and composer follows his journey of survival after the onset of World War II.

August 10th

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, Part II (2011)

Rated PG-13

The final chapter of the Harry Potter stories...

August 17th

My Life (1993)

Rated PG-13

Michael Keaton and Nicole Kidman. Keaton films a home movie for his unborn son after being diagnosed with terminal cancer.

August 24th

March of the Penguins (2005)

Rated G

A fascinating look at the annual migration of Emperor penguins as they march -- single file -- to their traditional breeding grounds.

DON'T FORGET OUR FREE SERVICES

Services are free of charge to Geneva Township residents age 55+!

- Hearing Screening (2nd Monday)
- RTA Senior Citizen Fare I.D. Photos & Cards. (Age 65+ only!) One stop. (\$5.00 charge for non-residents)
- Personal Document Shredding
- File of Life
- Yellow Dot
- Notary Service (No Cook County real estate docs.)
- Well-Being Check
- Senior Services Associates, Inc. Caseworker (every Wednesday)
- Central Kane County TRIAD
- Computer class (every Tuesday morning)
- Daily Refreshments and Snacks
- Free Flu Shot Clinic

August 31st

A Separation (2011)

Rated PG-13

Winner of the Academy Award for Best Foreign Language Film. A married couple is faced with a difficult decision - to improve the life of their child by moving to another country or to stay in Iran and look after a deteriorating parent who has Alzheimer's disease. **Note: this film has subtitles.**