



Co-chairs Kari Frankenberg and Daria Sapp

Elve's Workshop

THE GARDEN CLUB OF BARRINGTON'S WHIMSICAL WONDERLAND!

ELVES WERE SPOTTED SCURRYING throughout Barrington Hills Country Club as the scene was set for The Garden Club of Barrington's benefit luncheon, "The Elve's Workshop", filled with "Whimsical Gifts and Phenomenal Delights" for guests.

The elegant luncheon welcomed over 160 guests with wine while they shopped and socialized. As the main fundraiser for the year, proceeds of close to \$25,000 from this event will help support a wide variety of local organizations and projects.

Co-chairs Kari Frankenberg and Daria Sapp were busy with teams of members for months before the event, preparing nine holiday-themed boutique tables honoring favorite holiday songs such as "City Sidewalks", "Comfort and Joy", "Bring Me Some Figgy Pudding" and "Baby It's Cold Outside". Many local companies generously supported this effort, including The Catlow Theater, Long & Company Jewelers, Rick's Pet Shop,

Barrington Animal Hospital, Avant-Gardenscapes, Comedy Sportz, Meeske's Market, The Elgin Symphony, Worth (Alexandra Noon), Barrington's White House, and Treetime Christmas Creations. In addition to the nine themed tables featuring creative and whimsical items for guests to purchase, three vendors also displayed their unique wares: Bird Dog Bay, English Daisy, and ANUYU Boutique.

The festive boutique spanned two large rooms and featured hundreds of unique items for the home, garden, and the holidays. A highlight was the ability to be photographed next to three amazing lifesize elves created by Dede Wamberg in a vignette with a boxwood backdrop and a bench for pictures. A delectable luncheon followed, where the tables sparkled with snow white tablecloths featuring 31 whimsical tall holiday centerpiece towers fashioned creatively out of stacked red, green, silver, and gold holiday ornaments, designed by Dede Wamberg, and assembled by members.

The luncheon also featured a fun impact raffle where guests purchased boxes with colored raffia and a paper-white narcissus. The prize for the winning guest was a quartz and topaz necklace generously donated by Long Jewelers of Barrington.

Founded in 1925, The Garden Club of Barrington, a member of the Garden Club of America, celebrates it's 93rd year of supporting conservation, education, civic projects, and philanthropy in Barrington and its surrounding areas. Visit www.thegardenclubofbarrington.org to learn more. U

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Peg Olsen, Sally Douglas, Priscilla McIntosh, and Vanita Lampkey



Jane Heidkamp and PattiAnn Miles

Dede Wamberg



Kathy Tabak and Jean Maddrell



Marilyn Roselli, Karen Roemer, Kate Mitten, and Amy Wickstrom



Kelcey Roberts, Jane Hoffman, and Joan Wolfram



Linda Hovde, Pat Ballot, and Dana Bellows



Garden Club President Ginger Glantz, with Priscilla McIntosh, former president.



Marianne Bestler, Carole Sandner (Lake Geneva Garden Club) and Gail O'Gorman and Amanda van marwijk Kooij



Robin Hamlin, Cindy Seibert, Jenny Welsh, and Cheryl Tanaka