

## CORNER GARDEN CONTRIBUTORS

### Welcome to New Members

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### GRO NIGHT AT THE MOVIES: CHRISTMAS EDITION

The Red Lion Pub,  
4749 N. Rockwell  
Lincoln Square  
Thursday, December 18  
7:00 p.m.

Your friends at GRO and at the Red Lion Pub, Lincoln Square, are pleased to invite you to join us for a showing of Jean Shepherd's X-Mas classic, A Christmas Story.

GRO will even spring for appetizers. Funnier than Dickens; cooler than a Red Ryder rifle.

No presents, just fun!

### NO GRO MEETING IN JANUARY - BUT LOOK AT WHAT'S COMING IN FEBRUARY!

Traditionally, GRO does not hold a meeting in January, so this year we're making the February meeting special!

On Tuesday, February 2, at our monthly meeting (Luther Memorial Church, 7:30 p.m.) GRO will host Bill Savage, writer, lecturer, and raconteur in his presentation of "Chicago by Day and Night: The Pleasure Seeker's Guide to the Paris of America", a very unofficial guide to the world beyond the 1893 World's Fair. Bill and his co-author, Paul Durica, have published a newly annotated version of this guide. Its topics range from the respectable (theater, architecture, parks, churches and synagogues) to the illicit—drink, gambling, and sex.

Join us for this highly informative and highly entertaining presentation. New and renewing members will automatically be entered into a raffle for Bill's book, which he will be sure to autograph for the lucky winner. Don't miss it!

## CORNER GARDENS, part 2 by abbey botkin

*Around fifteen years ago a handful of GRO members decided to volunteer to turn the grubby dead space at each intersection into little garden oases. This is the second in a series of profiles of your neighbors who have stepped up to beautify our daily lives.*

*Nina S. lives on the 2400 west block of Wilson. A 22-year resident of the area, she tends the south-west corner of Artesian and Wilson. She started with the corners because she had a landlord that allowed no yard space for gardening. Her first year with the corner she double dug, improving the soil with torn up Chicago Readers. Her neighbors thought she was planting newspapers. When she dug down deep she found buried below the cement ball of a former stop sign, It took three people to lift it out. These days it is more a matter of pulling weeds and deciding what to plant.*

*If you would like to adopt a corner, or help someone who currently is caring for one, contact Shonagh Merits, our gardening coordinator, at 312-208-3130*

## December/January Calendar

- 17 First Day of Hannukah
  - 21 Winter Solstice (First day of Winter)
  - 25 Christmas
  - 31 New Year's Eve
- 2015**
- 1 New Year's Day
  - 5 Monday, 7:00 p.m. Horner Park Advisory Council Horner Park Fieldhouse, Montrose & California
  - 14 Wednesday, 6:00 p.m. Gross Park Advisory Council, Gross Park Fieldhouse, Lawrence & Washtenaw
  - 19 Monday, 7:30 p.m. Manor Garden Club . Luther Memorial Church, Campbell & Wilson
  - 20 Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. Beat 1911 Meeting, Kindred Hospital, Montrose & Rockwell

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