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## JANUARY MEMBER MEETING SOUP WITH A BOOK



*Our speakers Betty Henne and Dianne DuPont, owner of the Round Lake Bookstore ("See it here, buy it here, keep us here!")*



*All members enjoyed the time to visit during the soup lunch.*

## LOGO DESIGN

Although our club was formed over 70 years ago, we do not have a club logo. We have a club flower - the *Cypripedium Reginae* Pink Showy Lady Slipper. A flower and a logo are totally separate entities.

As we will be ordering all new banners for the club this spring, now is the perfect time to establish a club logo. **We are asking for designs from our members.** While one design may meet with everyone's approval as the best, it is also possible that we may incorporate elements from several designs into one. The designer and/or designers will be recognized for their efforts.

To understand what a logo is meant to do, you must first know what a logo is. A logo's design is for immediate recognition to identify the organization, and to inspire trust, admiration, and loyalty.

Criteria for great log design includes:  
**SIMPLICITY**

1. Flexibility: It should easy to read and interpret in various sizes: small for stationary and yearbook, large for our banners.
2. Recognizable: Have few elements making it easy to remember.
3. Memorable: The most successful logos are very simple and easy to remember.
4. Color: It should look as good in black and white as it does in color and vice versa. Use color to provoke feeling, not attract attention.
5. Font: Use one font, in one size, in one color.
6. Connection: Logo must have a connection with what it is representing.
7. Mirrored: Should be recognizable when looking in a mirror.
8. Wording: Should include **Charlevoix Area Garden Club** (not CAGC).
9. Shape: A round or oval design is the most pleasing to the eye.
10. Outline: May be single or double line, plain or fancy (should relate to icon).

Check out the soup recipes on page 5!

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## MGC LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARDED TO LYN JENKS



Lyn joined CAGC in 2006. In her first full year as a member she chaired the Garden Walk Luncheon, Co-chaired the Meditation Garden, worked on the Plant and Bulb Sales, sat on the *Contributions, Special Projects Committee* and began to craft, annually, artful books for Garden Walk garden owners and Garden Walk & Flower Show judges. The next year, 2008, Lyn chaired the *Garden Walk* and worked on *Contributions/Special Projects*. In 2009 she tackled the printing of *Garden Walk Publications*, co-managed *Publicity* and created marvelous *Garden Walk Luncheon Table Designs*.

In 2010 and 2011 Lyn stepped into a Leadership role serving as First Vice-President. In each of those years she also served as Hostess or Co-hostess for multiple meetings and the *Garden Walk*, created designs for the *Flower Show* and Table Designs for the *Garden Walk Luncheon*, and Co-Chaired *Programs, Workshops and Field Trips* and *Club Program/Year Book & Publication*, which included organizing reams of member's choices, designing the book and publishing it. But, behind the scenes there was even more action. Lyn assured outcomes for major activities, i.e., Bylaws Revision and the U.S. 31 South Enhancement Project Start-up.

In 1996 Lyn was awarded the *Athena Award*, an International Award, given by the Petoskey Chamber of Commerce for making a significant difference through her professional work in *Leadership Little Traverse* and for the *Northern Michigan Hospital Foundation*. Many of the young women she mentored are now in management positions across Charlevoix and Emmet County.

Following a trip to Africa in 2005, Lyn's desire to help led her back to Kenya and added a new place in her heart for the widows and orphans in that community. It also provided an opportunity to offer entrepreneurial training sessions for poverty level individuals in Kenya where she taught, with warmth and compassion, the why and the how of starting a business.

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Each day Lyn overcomes challenges by setting and reaching new goals. Using her talents she generated funds for special programs at the heart of Charlevoix. Always with an edge of innovation, Lyn produced publications, paintings, programs and, primarily, funds for: *Holly Daze*, *Symphony on the Green* (sometimes "on the Blue"), *Fit Kids*, the *Employee Assistance Fund*, a *Community Education Liaison*, and the unique concept of creating a cross-generational puzzle book as a fundraiser/raffle for solving a mystery. In the greater Michigan community she offered training and consulting for the *Michigan Hospital Association* and was instrumental in providing Leadership training and value-defining for the *Westshore Medical Manistee Project*.

Sister, friend, mother, mentor, facilitator, manager, innovator, creator, artist, open heart, warm hand and friendly laugh are all bundled into a talented and greatly regarded—Lyn Jenks.

Because of her accomplishments, the Charlevoix Area Garden Club is pleased to present Lyn with a MGC State Life Membership.

Congratulations!!

*Submitted by your friends at CAGC.*

## LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD

In an effort to shorten the length of the December Membership Meeting, the Executive Board voted at the January meeting to move the date of the awarding of the Life Memberships. Starting this year the awards will be presented at the September Membership Meeting. September was chosen as it is a month when the meeting is well attended and the busy summer months are done. If a member receiving the award is a snowbird they will be here to receive it in person. Lastly, they will have their moment in the sun without having to share it with the installation of new officers. This is a prestigious award and should be given its own special ceremony. The 2013 Yearbook will list those honored as the 2012 recipients. Chairpersons will be advised of the change of date. They will inform the membership of the new dates to submit their recommendations.

*Submitted by Peggy Brennan*

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## LOGO DESIGN

A logo should be a positive and logical image that is easy to remember.

Some things not to do:

1. Color: Do not use more than **three** colors, or bright, neon, dark and dull colors.
2. Background color: No color in background. Logo should be against a white background.
3. Special effects: Do not use shadows, reflections, light bursts, etc.
4. Details: Avoid intricate details, no swoosh or globe symbols.
5. Trends: Do not follow trends; a good logo is timeless.
6. Story: It should not tell the entire story.
7. Font: Do not match font too closely to icon; it will compete. If it is the complete opposite; the viewer will not know where to focus. The key is finding the right balance.
8. Clutter: Get rid of everything that is not absolutely necessary.
9. Landscape photographs: These are much too busy, too many colors, and indistinguishable.
10. Same as: If it looks like another club or like the MGC or NGC there is no point in having our own, we can just use theirs.
11. Complex: It should not be complex. Highly detailed looks good close up but details are lost as you move away. This will be used on our banners, seen at a distance and in a moving vehicle.

Logos may be submitted in person to me at a membership meeting, my home, mailed to 503 Sherman St., or emailed to [terrypeggy@charter.net](mailto:terrypeggy@charter.net).

**Deadline for submission is February 29.** I have formed a three person committee, as directed by the executive board, to review and make the final selections. We will present the designs to you at the March meeting and via email. A vote of all members will be held in March.

This is your club, your logo, so get out your sketch pads and computers. I encourage all of you to participate.

*Submitted by Peggy Brennan, President*

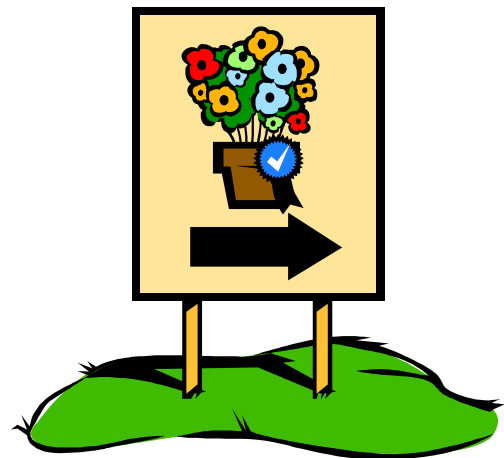
## WORKSHOPS & FIELD TRIPS



The February field trip is to Kilwin's Chocolate Factory in Petoskey on February 23 at 1 pm. This will be a behind-the-scenes tour of the kitchens, candy and ice cream making operation and the best part--samples. Email [suekenmacgregor@yahoo.com](mailto:suekenmacgregor@yahoo.com). Deadline for sign up is February 8 (2 week advance notice).

We hope you will join us!

*Submitted by Nancy Cleland & Peggy Brennan, co-chairs*



## *IT'S A GARDEN PARTY! GARDEN WALK UPDATE*

At this time we have all six gardens confirmed! They are all along the Boyne City Charlevoix road. Timelines for various tasks have been established. Chairs for the subcommittees are on board.

We are in gear and moving along thanks to all the help we received. We will keep the membership posted.

*Submitted by Joyce Herbert & Carole Vial*

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### MEMBERSHIP BOOK UPDATE

Keep your 2012 Membership Book accurate all year!

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Add email address for Susan Flanders - [fbflanders@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fbflanders@sbcglobal.net)

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New address for Sylvia Haselhuhn: 210 West Garfield #209, Charlevoix, MI 49720, 231-547-6792, email - [syhaselhuhn@core.com](mailto:syhaselhuhn@core.com)

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New phone number for Patti McCreadie - 231-547-7879

**Page 61** - add these two members - paid dues, unfortunately omitted from books (sorry!)

Adams, Mary (A) (Charles) 1996  
429 Michigan Avenue 547-0348  
[mary.adams.cvx@gmail.com](mailto:mary.adams.cvx@gmail.com)

and

Haynes, Shari (Jack) 2007  
815 Montrose Dr. #203 941-882-3073  
Venice, Florida 34293  
[JHSH3940@aol.com](mailto:JHSH3940@aol.com)

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### MARCH NEWSLETTER DEADLINE



Submission deadline for the next issue is February 27. Send your information and articles to: [jennifer-nash@hotmail.com](mailto:jennifer-nash@hotmail.com).

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

#### CAGC NEXT MEETING

#### WATER, WATER EVERYWHERE...

Landscape Design (relates to NCG & MCG goals)



March 13, 2012 -- 1:00 p.m.  
CHARLEVOIX PUBLIC LIBRARY

Local landscape "wizard", Bob Drost, will share his thoughts and ideas on water features - all things wet and wild in our gardens.

Hostesses: Mary Bailey-Hengesh, Kathy Briggs, Nancy Kline, Amy Lalewicz, Kathleen Schmidtke, and Kathy Snow.



### A THANK YOU FROM SHARI!

I would like to thank everyone in the Garden Club for planting trees at the Pere Charlevoix Garden in My Honor. I was a member of this fantastic Club from 2007-2012. Even though that was not a long time, I learned that there are many terrific people who were, and still are, members of this organization. A special Thank You to my sponsor, Rhea Dow. She was, and is, an inspiration that will always be cherished by me. If I went on with names, I would fill up this column and there would be no room for CAGC news.

I want to wish all of you a very prosperous future for the CAGC. I cannot thank all of you personally; however, I will extend my thanks to all members---new and not so new.

Thank you very much for making the few years as a member of CAGC a very rewarding time.

*Submitted by: Shari Haynes, Past Recording Secretary and Past Corresponding Secretary*

## OUR NEW BOARD - COMPLETE (& CORRECTED) LIST! (SORRY FOR THE OMISSION MARY!)

Peggy Brennan	President	Carolyn Navarre	Treasurer
Nancy Cleland	First Vice President	Lyn Jenks	At-large Member
<b>Mary Kengle</b>	<b>Second Vice President</b>	Ellen Kendall	At-large Member
Diane McMahon	Recording Secretary	Carole Vial	At-large Member
Linda Weston	Corresponding Secretary		

## THE HOT SOUPS SERVED AT OUR JANUARY MEETING WERE DELICIOUS! HERE ARE THE RECIPES!

### **Brunswick Stew**

2  $\frac{1}{2}$  c. onion chopped  
3 chicked breasts  
1 can diced tomatoes  
1 can cream corn  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  jar chili sauce  
1 Tbsp worchestershire sauce  
1 Tbsp cider vinegar  
1 tsp dry mustard  
Pepper  
1 can chicken broth (small)  
Crock pot 6-8 hours, shred the chicken.

*Recipe by KathyBriggs, made by Barb Clagett*

### **Vegetable Soup**

1 lb. ground beef  
1 chopped onion  
S & P to taste  
4 c. water  
1 can beef broth or tomato juice  
 $\frac{1}{3}$  c. barley  
1 No. 2 can stewed tomatoes  
1 sm. can tomato sauce  
2 stalks celery  
3 carrots, sliced  
3 medium potatoes cut into cubes  
 $\frac{1}{4}$  tsp. worchestershire sauce  
1 bay leaf  
1 can vegetarian beans (Bush's - large or original style)

Saute onion and hamburger, add S & P. Add water, broth, barley, tomatoes, bay leaf, and beans. Simmer 1 hour. Add carrots, celery, potatoes, and worchestershire sauce. Simmer another 30-40 minutes. Serve with hot rolls, corn bread, and salad.

*Submitted by Patti Bishop*

### **Cream of Tomato Soup**

3 tablespoons good olive oil  
1 1/2 cups chopped red onions (2 onions)  
2 carrots, unpeeled and finely chopped  
1 tablespoon minced garlic (3 cloves)  
4 pounds vine-ripened tomatoes, coarsely chopped (5 large)  
1 1/2 teaspoons sugar  
1 tablespoon tomato paste  
1/4 cup packed chopped fresh basil leaves, plus julienned basil leaves, for garnish  
3 cups chicken stock, preferably homemade  
1 tablespoon kosher salt  
2 teaspoons freshly ground black pepper  
3/4 cup heavy cream  
Croutons, for garnish

Heat the olive oil in a large, heavy-bottomed pot over medium-low heat. Add the onions and carrots and sauté for about 10 minutes, until very tender. Add the garlic and cook for 1 minute.

Add the tomatoes, sugar, tomato paste, basil, chicken stock, salt, and pepper and stir well. Bring the soup to a boil, lower the heat, and simmer, uncovered, for 30 to 40 minutes, until the tomatoes are very tender.

Add the cream to the soup and process it through a food mill into a bowl, discarding only the dry pulp that's left. Reheat the soup over low heat just until hot and serve with julienned basil leaves and/or croutons.

*Submitted by Joan Nowak. Joan's Comments: Use some whole canned tomatoes and some fresh tomatoes. Instead of a "food mill" use an immersible blender before adding the cream and after the soup cools. Use less chicken stock than called for in the recipe.*



## Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc. 81st Annual Convention Invitation "Honoring Mother Earth"

with a **Small Standard Flower Show - *Walking in a Good Way***  
*June 3-5, 2012 Grand Traverse Resort and Spa, 100 Grand Traverse Blvd., Acme, Michigan*



DISCOVER AND GET INSPIRED as District V cordially invites all Members north to the **Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc. 81st State Convention**. Please join us as we gather in Governors' Hall at the beautiful **Grand Traverse Resort and Spa June 4th and 5th**. Our theme, "**Honoring Mother Earth**" is a Native American concept of sustaining our environment for the next seven generations. The Speakers, Workshops and Tours were chosen with this in mind along with our Mission "*to provide education, resources and networking opportunities for our Members to pro-mote love of gardening, floral and landscape design, and civic and environmental responsibility.*"

BE GREETED by the **Invitational** on public display in the Lobby. Talented Floral Designers representing each of our Districts will interpret the *Teachings of the Seven Grandfathers: Wisdom, Love, Respect, Bravery, Honesty, Humility and Truth*. Meet our special guests: State President, Nancy Stark and Central Region Director, Florence Smith. Shop our unique boutique of twenty one Vendors from our Region!

GROW AND LEARN with **The Small Standard Flower Show "Walking in a Good Way"**. Three Divisions: Horticulture (*The Circle of Life*), Design (*Living by the Sweetwater Seas*), and Special Exhibits (*Sharing Our Club's Pride with Mother Nature*) will be judged by standards established by National Garden Clubs, Inc. All Members (and Clubs in Division III) are welcome to participate by following the guidelines of the Flower Show Schedule on the MGC website ([www.michigangardenclubs.org](http://www.michigangardenclubs.org)).

CHARITY to special Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc. projects will be featured in the **Gift Baskets "Silent Auction"**. Titled baskets which represent our diverse towns and cities will be provided by District V Clubs.

STAY AWHILE! Traverse City is known as the Cherry Capitol of the World. Ancient glaciers carved out the deep lakes and dramatic hills. The Old Mission and Leelanau Peninsulas are prime wine making regions. Over a million visitors come each year to tour the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore voted as the #1 Most Beautiful Place in America by the viewers of ABC's "Good Morning America."

Register now! We are looking forward to seeing you!

### **Sunday, June 3rd, *Pre-Convention Activities***

**Elk Rapids' Blue Star By-Way Dedication, 1 p.m. Rotary Park, Elk Rapids.** (10 Minutes north of the Resort.) After searching unsuccessfully for more than a year for a missing Blue Star Memorial Marker that was placed on US-31 after World War II, Elk Rapids Garden Club is planning to dedicate a Memorial By-Way Marker in the Garden at Rotary Park in front of the Chamber of Commerce (305 US Highway 31). **On the Elk River and Lake Michigan, explore this charming village's downtown, beaches and marinas. A Self-guided Tour Map of Elk Rapids Garden Club's 10 beautiful gardens will be available at the Ceremony and [www.elkrapidsgardenclub.com](http://www.elkrapidsgardenclub.com).**

**Monday, June 4th - Botanical Gardens of Northwest Michigan Site and Historic Barns Tour (Historic Preservation)** Free Tour and shuttle service from the Grand Traverse Resort Lobby 9 a.m., return at 11:15 a.m. (*Sponsored by the Botanical Garden Society of Northwest Michigan.*)

The former home of the Traverse City State Hospital also known as the Northern Michigan Asylum is now being redeveloped into a 25 acre botanical garden site and a "village" of shops, restaurants, apartments and galleries in what may be the country's largest historic reuse project. Developers are preserving both the castle-like 19th century buildings that once housed staff and patients, as well as the 480-acre wooded campus that surrounds them - now a favorite place for hikers and cyclists. The Gardens will be located in the Historic Barns Park which the tour will visit along with Building 50. The barns once stored grain and cattle which fed the complex. The Speakers will discuss the master plan designed by the leading architectural firm of Nelson Byrd Woltz. Casual clothing and comfortable shoes are recommended. For those wishing to explore the grounds themselves, information will be in the Registration packet. See [www.northwestmichiganarden.org](http://www.northwestmichiganarden.org).

**For events and workshops ... see pages 7-9, for a registration form, go to the MGC web site.**

Our Convention will begin with a special opening presentation from the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa (Odawa) and Chippewa (Ojibwa) peoples of Northern Michigan sponsored by the Ma-Me-Ne Sewong Garden Club. A Traditional Prayer Blessing will be given before the “Boozhoo” lunch is served. Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc. President, Nancy Stark, will preside over the Annual Meeting immediately following the Opening Luncheon. The afternoon seminar/workshops will offer several interesting options for you to choose.

## AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS/SEMINARS

**Jim Walker** is a certified landscape designer, graduated with honors from Michigan State University in 1994. Previously he was on-staff in the



Department of Horticulture at Michigan State University for eight years. For 13 years, Jim worked as the leading landscape designer at Pine Hill Nursery and Landscaping, Kewadin, Michigan. Since 1999, he has served as the landscape design instructor for the Michigan State University Nursery and Design program extension in Traverse City, Michigan. He currently offers his design services as J.K. Walker Landscape Consulting LLC and is Co-Owner of the “Bellaire Bed & Breakfast”.

**Session #1 (2:30-3:15pm)** Jim will present, **“Going Native: Using Native Plants in the Landscape”**.

You will find this an interesting and educational workshop with the emphasis on using our native plants in your landscape design. Be prepared to take plenty of notes!

**Session #2 (3:30– 4:15pm)** **“A View from a Hammock!”** Jim will present strategies for designing a low maintenance garden that, when finished, will provide much more time for enjoying your garden rather than being the garden’s slave!



**Angela Macke** is a Registered Nurse from Leelanau County. She founded “Light of Day Organics Tea Company” in 2003. Angela, her husband, Vince, and their two sons own and care for 25 acres of Michigan’s only Demeter certified biodynamic land. Angela is a “Specialty Tea Institute” graduate, a Co-op America Green Partner, an Advanced Master Gardener mentor, a member of the U.S. Tea Association, an instructor with the Great Lakes Culinary Institute, a Healing Touch Practitioner, and a licensed importer of Fair trade certified agricultural commodities. *Awards:* “2008-09 State of Michigan Small Business of the Year”, “2007 Environmentalist of the Year” presented by the Northern Michigan Environmental Action Council.

Bronson School of Nursing – R.N., B.S Health Studies Western Michigan University, CCU, ICU, E.R, PACU, CTU

**Session #1 (2:30-3:15pm)** **“Tea for Life in the Fast Lane”** may answer some of the following questions you may have: Are you getting the feeling that you need to make some changes so that your soul can fully utilize that physical body in which it resides? Are you interested in learning how to decrease inflammation with the use of teas and a healthy lifestyle? This is THE session to take if you have been wondering how to incorporate tea into your day, or expand your current knowledge of tea and all of its amazing health attributes. Included in this presentation is the revered “Matcha Green Tea” powder used in the historical Tea ceremony.

**Session #2 (3:30– 4:15pm)** **“Healing the Earth – An Introduction to Biodynamics”**. This is an introductory presentation on Biodynamic Agricultural practices. You will hear about: Biodynamic agriculture and how it seeks to heal the Earth and her people. How the biodynamic agriculture views the farm as a self-contained, self-sustaining ecosystem responsible for creating and maintaining its individual health and vitality without any external or unnatural additions.



**Yvonne Stephens** has a degree in Botany from Michigan State University. She is the Events Coordinator for the Institute for Sustainable Living, Art, and Natural Design (ISLAND) in Bellaire. **Jason Stephens** has a degree in Forestry from Michigan Technological University, and is a professional Forester. Together they have been growing shiitake mushrooms for the last 5 seasons and have developed a 250 log mushroom garden.

**Session #1 (2:30-3:15pm)** **“Growing Your Own Shiitake Mushrooms”**. Jason & Yvonne Stephens will cover the basics of getting started growing shiitake mushrooms. They will show the tools, materials, supplies, log harvest, inoculation, fruiting, and long term care of shiitake logs.

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Monday evening kicks off with a cash bar starting at 5:30 pm in the *Governors' Prefunction* area, across from "A Small Standard Flower Show" location. We will proceed to Governors' Hall for "The Leelanau Dinner", beginning at 6:30 pm, featuring many of Northern Michigan's favorite delights! Floral Designer, Derek Woodruff, will be the Keynote Speaker for the evening. Derek's energy and enthusiasm is infectious. His consummate floral skills will dazzle you in the most artistic way!



**Derek Woodruff, AIFD CFD CF**

Owner of "The Floral Underground" & "The Green Room", both are located in Traverse City, MI. CF, Certified Florist (Michigan), earned 2002 Associates Degree, Northwestern Michigan College, earned 2009 CFD, Certified Floral Designer, American Institute of Floral Designers, earned 2009 AIFD, Accredited in Floral Design, American Institute of Floral Designers, earned 2010 Published nationally for floral designs: Florist Review, OK, Professional Florist, Florist Shopper(Magazines) 2010 Young Person of the Year, Michigan Floral Association Contestant on "The Arrangement", the world's first floral design reality competition show on LOGO network. 2011 MFA "Designer of the Year" Award, 2011 Chuck Bannow "Best of Show" Award (Best Overall),

2011 Professional Division – "Fresh Design" – 1<sup>st</sup> Place Award

TUESDAY, JUNE 5, 2012

"The Mackinaw Breakfast" begins the day with the delightful duo of **Brian Zimmerman and Tom Ford**. They will present, "**Birds and Plants in the Modern Landscape**", using plants, shrubs and trees that will attract birds to your yard for many years of bird watching enjoyment.



**Tom Ford** is an award winning naturalist on staff at "Wild Birds Unlimited", in Traverse City. He is also a member of the Michigan Bluebird Society, a non-profit organization dedicated to helping the nesting success of the Eastern Bluebird.



**Brian Zimmerman** is owner of "Four Season Nursery" as well as "Zimmerman & Associates". His businesses are located on 40 acres of rolling farmland in Leelanau County just three miles west of Traverse City. His nursery is laid out in a garden setting to help customers visualize the potential of their own gardens. "**Four Season Nursery**", **Traverse City, MI.**

MORNING WORKSHOPS/SEMINARS



**Fred Laughlin**, Director of Culinary Arts at Northwestern Michigan College, Traverse City, from January 1992 to the Present (20 years). He is a graduate of the Rochester Institute of Technology with a MS Degree in Food Systems Management. The Culinary Institute is located on the main campus of NWMC. It is comprised of four culinary labs including a bakery, introductory and food skills kitchen, an advanced cooking kitchen, a garde manger kitchen, a beverage management outlet and "Lobdell's", a 90-seat training restaurant. As a result of Fred's direction and guidance at the Great Lakes Culinary Institute, the students receive an unbeatable combination of knowledge, skills and work experience.

**Session #1 (10:00-10:45am)** Fred will guide us in the organization and preparation of several delectable delights. You will enjoy watching him as he demonstrates the fine art of culinary science and food preparation. The recipes will be using locally grown ingredients from the Northern Michigan region. Enjoy!

**Session #2 (11:00-11:45am)** Fred will present a repeat of Session #1



are encroaching upon the Park will be discussed as well as plans to prevent and eradicate them. Slide Presentation.

**Session #2 (11:00-11:45am)** A U.S. Park Service Staff Representative will repeat from Session #1.

**Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore - U.S. National Park Service Ranger Representative.**  
"The Most Beautiful Place in America!" Good Morning America viewers chose 10 finalists from viewer suggestions. Over 100,000 votes were cast on the program website. August 17, 2011 "Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore Park" was chosen the winner! Dr. Stephen Leatherman, aka "Dr. Beach", has opined what many of us already knew; the Great Lakes beaches of the U.S. and Canada are hidden gems, and *the ones at Sleeping Bear Dunes and Pictured Rocks National Lakeshores are grown jewels!* If you haven't been fortunate to visit Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore Park, the pictures will show you why it has been chosen as....  
"The Most Beautiful Place in America!"

**Session #1 (10:00-10:45am)** A U.S. National Park Service Staff representative will discuss ecological issues and conservation practices used in the Park today. Invasive species that



**Pat Putney**, Grand Traverse Elders and Culture Department VI Manager. Her department serves GTB Tribal Members living in Grand Traverse, Charlevoix, Leelanau, Benzie, Manistee, and Antrim counties providing meal service, on-site activities, and off-site activities for all Elders in the six county service areas. **Jack Swanson**, Elder Member of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa & Chippewa Tribe and brother of Pat Putney.

**Session #1 (10:00-10:45 am)** Pat and Jack will share "The Culture & Customs of the Ottawa & Chippewa Native People" including the oral teachings passed down about "Mother Earth." We all must protect the land of our ancestors. The concept of "Walking in a Good Way" teaches us to leave the smallest footprint possible to protect our land and waters for the next seven generations. Listen to their wisdom.

**Session #2 (11:00-11:45 am)** Pat and Jack will repeat the information from Session #1.



The Convention will continue with "The Miigwetch Luncheon" (Thank You, in Native American language) beginning at 12:00 pm, in the Governors' Hall. You will enjoy the tasty meal provided by the Grand Traverse Resort Culinary Team! Keynote Speaker will be Brad Morgan of "Morgan's Composting". The winners of the beautiful "District V" baskets will be announced at this time.



**Brad Morgan**, Owner and President of "Morgan's Composting" in Sears, Michigan  
"Building Healthy Soil"

Brad has developed a family business dedicated to providing healthy alternatives for soil correction, including worm castings, fish fertilizer, and custom blended compost for individual garden needs. Morgan Composting produces the "Dairy Doo" line of products, sold throughout Michigan. Please enjoy the cute, floral gift Brad has brought for your planting enjoyment!

Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc. President, Nancy Stark, will conclude our convention with a few announcements. District V Garden Clubs of MGC, Inc. are honored to host the MGCs, Inc. 81<sup>st</sup> Convention on June 4 and 5, 2012.

Please make your accommodations directly with the Grand Traverse Resort, 1-800-236-1577 or [www.grandtraverseresort.com](http://www.grandtraverseresort.com) Promo Code MGC0612. The Registration Form can be found either in the 2012 MGC March, April, May Newsletter or on the website [www.michigangardenclubs.com](http://www.michigangardenclubs.com). Questions? Contact: Bee Capper, Registrar, 231-889-7212, [beenoel@charter.net](mailto:beenoel@charter.net).