Charlevoix Area Garden Club

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President's Message

Wasn't that a lovely October? As I write this the sun is shining, the wind is busy blowing leaves from the trees, and two young bucks (deer, not boys) have been visiting my yard. Life is interesting!

We had beautiful, sunny, warm weather for the Apple Fest and our Bulb Sale. We have also had plenty of days to plant bulbs and put our gardens to bed for the winter.

Dawne Jordan and I had cut down the Annabelle Hydrangeas at Harsha House, to about 3 inches. It is amazing how much they grow each year! Mentioning Dawne, Congratulations to her for taking on the task of District 5 Director, replacing Dorothy the end of June 2027.

At our November meeting we will have the opportunity to plant Amarillis bulbs in pots for Winter enjoyment. Come prepared with a pot, gloves and trowel. More details can be found in the Membership Meeting section below.

This is my turn to say Thank You for the last two years. I enjoyed being at the helm of this ship. Carolyn and I work well together and I think we pretty much had clear sailing. I for one, especially enjoyed our last meeting. We had a good turnout, voted in an exceptional Board to 2027 and we had lots of time to visit with one another. I went home feeling happy.

All the best to Sue Thurow and Martha Rohr as they take the reins in December.

Mary Lynn

November Membership Meeting



Our November Meeting takes place on Tuesday, November 10 at 1:00 pm in the Charlevoix Public Library Community Room. We will be potting Amaryllis bulbs to force indoors – and hopefully bloom for the holidays! We are asking members to bring $12 (cash or check) to cover the cost of the bulb. You will also need gloves, a pot (6" – 8") and a small scoop or trowel. We will have a few pots available if you don't have one of your own.

These beautiful blooms will make a nice addition to your holiday decor – or could be a great gift for a friend.

National Garden Clubs

The National Gardener, 2026 Fall Issue is out and available to read online. It contains over 80 pages of articles in a wide range of topics – from "The Case for Imperfect Gardens" to "Cool Online Tools for Gardeners". Use the link below to see the full issue:
https://gardenclub.org/sites/default/files/2026-10/tng-2026_fall_issue-v1.1.pdf

Save the Date: The 2027 National Garden Clubs Annual Convention will be held May 13 – 17, 2027, at the Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center in Madison, Wisconsin.

Michigan Garden Clubs

Thru the Garden Gate is the quarterly publication from the Michigan Garden Clubs. The Fall 2026 issue is online and available to read using the following link:
https://migardenclubs.org/thru-the-garden-gate-current/

Save the Date: The 2027 Michigan Garden Clubs Annual Conference will be held in Lansing at the Doubletree Hotel.

Foundations of Gardening

Do you want to learn more about gardening or are interested in becoming an MSU Extension Master Gardener? The winter MSU Extension Foundations of Gardening course. Completing this course is the first step a person takes to become an MSU Extension Master Gardener. Scholarship applications are being accepted through November 11, 2026.
https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/register-now-for-msu-extension-s-online-foundations-of-gardening-course





MSU Extension Grand Ideas Garden

The Grand Ideas Garden in Grand Rapids was designed to inspire and educate gardeners of all ages and backgrounds. Through colorful signage and planting displays, guests can learn about gardening techniques that they can replicate at home. The Grand Ideas Garden has proven to be an excellent platform for education for garden enthusiasts and the public.

With picnic tables, a cascading waterfall, trellis structures, and pathways the garden offers a quiet spot in the City of Grand Rapids. It was created by Master Gardeners to inspire visitors and offer environmentally sound gardening ideas – such as pollinator gardening and native plants.

The Grand Ideas Garden was recently featured on PBS's GardenSMART. You can learn more about the garden and get a virtual tour here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NK1xYYk8OAM

Veterans Day Program at the Blue Star Memorial



Please join us on Wednesday November 11, 2026 at 10 am at the Blue Star Memorial in East Park (near the marina). The Charlevoix Area Garden Club and the Charlevoix Evening Garden Club along with other community members will gather with elementary school students from St. Mary School at the Blue Star Memorial in Charlevoix's East Park to pay tribute to our Veterans.

The Blue Star Memorial was installed in 2018 by the Charlevoix Area Garden Club and the Charlevoix Evening Garden Club as part of the National Garden Clubs' program. The markers pay tribute to all the Armed Forces which defend our country, and they are a visible reminder of our love of gardening and our support for the Armed Forces of the USA.

Local Events



Your Winter Garden,
Saturday, November 14, 10 am – Noon, NCMC Health and Science Building. $40. Led by Master Gardener Kim Seelinger, this engaging class is where you'll discover the secrets to vibrant planters and dynamic landscapes even during the coldest months. Learn how to create stunning winter planters with easy transitions to spring, harness the color and texture of evergreens, and work with broadleaf varieties for lasting impact. Dive into creative ways to incorporate dried and cut plant material for added interest. Explore which plants offer the best winter appeal and find out what to trim or shape now versus what's best saved for spring. Register: https://www.ncmclifelonglearning.com/event-6778429

Flower Workshops
The following workshops will be held on Saturday, November 21 at the Charlevoix Conservation District Community Room, 303 North Street, Boyne City. Both workshops will be led by Monica Gruler Farier, of Gruler Gardens in Petoskey.

- **Pressed Flower Workshop,** 10 am. Participants create hand-crafted art from pressed flowers. $60 includes all materials. Contact grulergardens@grulergardens.com for more information.
- **Dried Flower Workshop,** 1:30 pm. Make a dried flower masterpiece to take home! $60 includes all materials. Contact grulergardens@grulergardens.com for more information.



CAGC Events and Community Calendar

November

4 **Owl Prowl,** 6:00 pm, Little Traverse Conservancy's Seberon "Boo" Litzenburger Nature Preserve, 5285 Five Mile Creek Road, Harbor Springs. Wander through the preserve with LTC's Brad Von Blon to call owls and learn more about these magnificent birds. https://landtrust.org/events-template/owl-prowl-with-brad-von-blon/

5 **CAGC Board Meeting,** 10:00 am, Charlevoix Public Library

10 **CAGC Member Meeting,** 1:00 pm, Charlevoix Public Library

11 **Veterans Day Blue Star Memorial Ceremony,** 10 am, East Park, Charlevoix

11 **Wild Wednesday: Black Bear Ecology,** 6:30 pm, Charlevoix Public Library. Join LTC environmental education staff for an evening with one of northern Michigan's most iconic and least often seen mammals. By November, black bears are moving toward their dens and their bodies are running through a remarkable physiological transformation.

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17 **CAGC Floral Design Study Group,** 1-3 pm, Charlevoix Public Library

19 **ID Naturalist Biodiversity ID Party,** 5:30 pm, Round Lake Nature Preserve. Spend an evening with LTC and other naturalists looking at what people documented and discovered and posted on iNaturalist.org. There will be field guides, pizza, and a main screen for group IDing! Registration required and capped at 15 people. https://landtrust.org/events-template/end-of-the-season-inaturalist-id-pizza-party/

19 **Harvest Celebration of Traditional Crops of the Anishinaabe,** – 8 pm. The Botanic Garden at Historic Barns Park, Traverse City. Celebrate the bountiful harvest of rice and other traditional crops of the Anishinaabe people. https://www.eventbrite.com/e/harvest-celebration-of-traditional-crops-of-the-anishinaabe-tickets-2003316240804?aff=oddtdtcreator

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December

9 **Wild Wednesday: The Boreal Forest,** 6:30 pm, Charlevoix Public Library. Join LTC environmental education staff for an evening at the edge of one of the world's great forests. Northern Michigan sits at the southern boundary of the boreal zone, the vast belt of spruce, fir, tamarack, and bog that stretches across Canada and encircles the northern hemisphere. https://landtrust.org/events-template/wild-wednesday-the-boreal-forest/

10 **CAGC Holiday Luncheon,** Grey Gables Restaurant



The weather couldn't have been better for the 2026 Applefest!

CAGC Newsletter, Website, and Social Media

Submission deadline for the December newsletter is November 25. Email your photos, information, and articles to newsletter editor Beth Cowie at bethcowie@mac.com. You can also send information and photos for our website and social media.

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