



Charlevoix Area Garden Club

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President's Message

Another summer has flown by and it will soon be time to start putting our gardens to sleep for another year. The color we have provided to the community in our gardens has been enjoyed by locals and visitors alike and we can be proud of the beauty we bring to the community each year. Thank you for all the hard work our members have put in planting and maintaining them for all to enjoy.

Our September meeting will include a potluck, always good food and wonderful desserts provided by our members. Just a reminder the meeting, is on the third Tuesday (September 16) and will start at 12:00.

This is the meeting where the slate of officers for the coming year is presented with a vote in October. The Nominating

Committee has been working hard to fill the open slots and hopefully have had a positive response from the members that have been contacted.

Happy Gardening,

Carolyn

September Membership Meeting and Potluck

Our next membership meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 16, at Noon in the Community Room at the Charlevoix Public Library.

The meeting begins earlier than usual (noon). And we will not have a guest speaker – instead we will discuss the highs and lows of the 2025 gardening season. **Please bring a potluck dish to share**, as well as your own plate, cup, and cutlery. We will have plenty of time to socialize with our fellow gardeners.





Welcome Marjorie

Marjorie List and her husband John are both retired and have lived in Charlevoix for ten years with their English Setters, Lucy and Sally. Marjorie works as a consultant for the hotel management company she had worked at during the last 15 years of her career. Originally from Cincinnati, Marjorie and John have five grown children and two granddaughters. Marjorie enjoys the outdoors, spending time working in her yard, boating, hiking, canning and volunteering.

She began vegetable and flower gardening at an early age with her Dad – with radishes being the first thing she grew on her own. One of her prized possessions is a Christmas cactus that has been in the family for over 80 years. But most important is spending time with family and friends in beautiful Northern Michigan.

National Garden Clubs

NGC 2026 Convention: Save the date for the annual convention – May 4, 5, and 6, 2026 in St. Louis, Missouri. Registration and tentative schedule will be available after December 1st. www.gardenclub.org

You should be receiving the NGC magazine “The National Gardener” via email, but if you missed it, you can view the latest issue online using the following link:

<https://gardenclub.org/sites/default/files/2025-08/the-national-gardener-summer-2025.pdf>



Michigan Garden Clubs

Day of Sharing, October 23, 2025. MSU Federal Credit Union Farm Lane Branch 4825 Mt. Hope Road East Lansing. A one day educational program for anyone interested in participating in flower shows. Target audience is Student and any level of Accredited flower show judges. Topics are sustainable floristry, manipulation of foliage, what's new in the world of professional florists to name a few. The cost to attend is \$35 – which includes lunch. For more information: https://migardenclubs.org/_trashed-2/

MGC Awards Judging: MGC is looking for volunteers to help judge general club awards, yearbooks, garden walks, and environmental awards. Judging takes place on November 5 from 9:30 am – 3:30 pm at the MSU Federal Credit Union Building in East Lansing. Contact Kathy Wolverton if you are interested kwolverton@migardenclubs.org



Registration is now open for Landscape Design School, Course #4: In-person, September 22 – 23, MSU Federal Credit Union Headquarters Building, 3777 West Road, East Lansing, MI. The registration deadline September 8. This course will cover: History and Development of Community Gardens, Contemporary Landscape Design Trends, Guidelines for Evaluating Landscape Design, Landscaping with Native Trees. The fee for garden club members is \$60.

To register: <https://migardenclubs.org/landscape-design-school-course-4-september-22-23-2025/>

Charlevoix Conservation District

Fall Pollinator and Seed Harvesting Workshop

Saturday, September 13, 10 am – Noon. 303 North Street, Boyne City. Join CAKE CISMA and local pollinator advocate and Monarch butterfly expert, Lauri Juday. Meet in the district's community room to learn ways to prepare your garden for fall and support pollinators, then set out into our Native Plant Educational Garden learn proper seed harvesting methods. To **RSVP**, please call the Conservation District office at **231-582-6193**. *The Native Plant Sale begins immediately after this workshop.*



Native Plant Sale

September 13, Noon – 3 pm, 303 North Street, Boyne City. A variety of quart and gallon sized potted native plants will be available for purchase. You may also pre-order Garden Habitat Flats – which contain 38 plugs and are perfect for starting a new native plant garden. Species lists and order forms will be available online in mid-August:

https://www.charlevoixcounty.org/conservation_district/

Favorites from the 2025 MSU Trial Gardens

Every year, Michigan State University and Michigan's leading young plant producers host a free open house at their trial sites and display gardens for growers, landscapers and retail operators to learn about a wide range of ornamental crops. Industry professionals can see for themselves which new varieties perform the best under various conditions, including in the ground and in containers.

This year, there were seven trial gardens at different locations throughout central lower Michigan: DGI Propagators, Four Star Greenhouses, Mast Young Plants, Michigan State University (MSU) Trial Garden, Pell Greenhouses, Raker-Roberta's Young Plants and Walter's Gardens.

The MSU Horticulture Gardens include 14 acres of beautiful landscapes highlighting annuals, perennials and woody plants. They evaluated over 300 varieties, including annuals and perennials. The top five favorites from this year's trials as chosen by MSU Extension were:

- *Impatiens* Sol Luna Prime 'Peach' – Danziger
- *Panicum virgatum* 'Prairie Dog' – Intrinsic Introductions
- Amaranth Red Spike '25OSI-13 C2'
- *Vinca* Pacifica XP 'Red Halo' – Ball Horticulture
- *Coleus* PartyTime 'Royal Red' – Sakata



To read more about the trials and see the winners from the other growing sites go to:

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/featured-five-2025-favorites-from-the-msu-trial-gardens>

Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup

The final highway cleanup of the year will take place on Monday, September 22. Meet at the Genesis Church parking lot across from the Charlevoix Community Pool at 9am. Bring gloves and wear sturdy boots or shoes. Safety vests and trash bags will be provided. Help us keep our 2 mile stretch of US-31 litter free! In the event of rain, we will meet on Friday, September 26. Hope to see many of you there!



CAGC Fundraiser Updates

Bulb Sale at Applefest: If you haven't yet done so, please sign up to work a shift at our up-coming bulb sale. Contact Dawne Jordan to volunteer. You may see the list of bulbs that will be available for sale, and pre-order, by using the following link to access the 2025 Bulb Sale brochure:

https://www.charlevoixareagardenclub.org/files/ugd/bdb85c_bd4acd0922a0419d8897268560fb997f.pdf

Spring Plant Sale: Our chairs and volunteers have already been hard at work digging and dividing plants for our 2026 Plant Sale. If you have surplus plants in your garden, or in a Civic Garden where you work, please contact Sue Thurow. She will be happy to add them to the plant sale!



CAGC Events and Community Calendar

September

- 6 Gruler Gardens Native Plant Sale**, 9 am – 1 pm, 1298 E. Gruler Road, Petoskey.
<https://www.grulergardens.com/nativeplants>
- 6 Fall Container Update Workshop**, 11 am, Pine Hill Nursery. Learn tips and tricks for updating your summer containers to last through fall. Free but call to register 231-599-2824
- 11 CAGC Board Meeting**, 10:15 am, Charlevoix Public Library.
- 11-13 MGC District 5 Fall Meeting**, Manistee. Meeting will feature a standard flower show.
- 13 Charlevoix Conservation District Fall Pollinator and Seed Harvesting Workshop**, 10 am – Noon. 303 North Street, Boyne City. Join CAKE CISMA and Monarch butterfly expert, Lauri Juday. To RSVP call 231-582-6193.
- 13 Getting Started with Native Plants**, NCMC Lifelong Learning, Petoskey. Curious about native plants, but don't know how to get started? Register for this class online:
<https://www.ncmclifelonglearning.com/event-6185080>
- 13 Charlevoix Conservation District Native Plant Sale**, Noon – 3 pm, 303 North Street, Boyne City.
https://www.charlevoixcounty.org/conservation_district/native_plant_sale/index.php
- 16 CAGC Member Meeting and Potluck**, Noon, Charlevoix Public Library. Potluck lunch and the "State of the Gardens" presentation.
- 20 The Magic of Fall Gardening**, NCMC Lifelong Learning, Petoskey. Autumn is bursting with possibilities, so get your garden ready for its next act! Register online: <https://www.ncmclifelonglearning.com/event-6295673>
- 22 First Day of Fall**
- 22 Adopt-A-Highway Clean Up**, 9:00 am. Meet at the Genesis Church parking lot across from the Charlevoix Community Pool.
- 23 CAGC Design Group**, 1 pm, Charlevoix Public Library. You do not need to be a floral designer to join us. All CAGC Members are invited.
- 25-27 Great Lakes, Great Plants Symposium**, The Botanic Garden at Historic Barns Park, Traverse City. For more information: <https://thebotanicgarden.org/events/>



October

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<https://www.grulergardens.com/nativeplants>
- 9 CAGC Bulb Sale Setup**, Charlevoix East Park
- 14 CAGC Member Meeting**, 1:00 pm, Charlevoix Public Library. Annual Meeting, Election, and Budget presentation.
- 10-12 CAGC Bulb Sale**, fundraiser, Charlevoix Apple Fest. Contact Dawne Jordan to volunteer!
- 21 CAGC Design Group**, 1 pm, Charlevoix Public Library. You do not need to be a floral designer to join us. All CAGC Members are invited.

CAGC Newsletter, Website, and Social Media

Submission deadline for the August CAGC newsletter is August 26. 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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