



Charlevoix Area Garden Club

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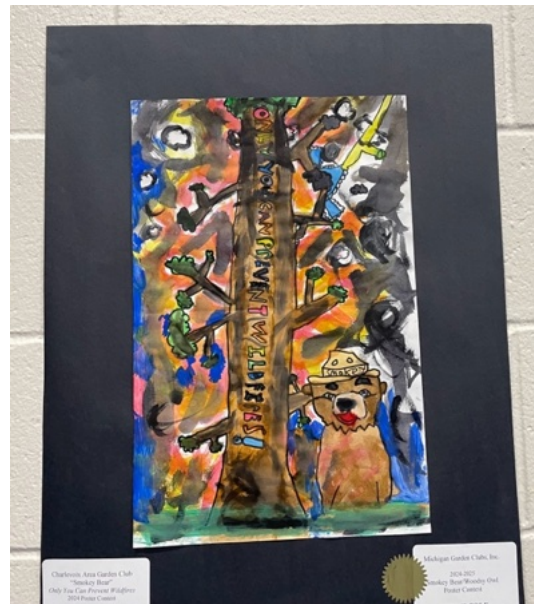
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President's Message

June is here and so is the nicer weather. It is great to be back outside working in the gardens. Carolyn and I hope that everyone who is able is working at least once a week in one of our nine gardens. It takes a village to keep Charlevoix Beautiful!

In May both Carolyn and I attended the Youth Poster Contest Tea. It was held at St. Mary's School. The students were excited and charming. Congratulations to Ruth Augustine and her committee of Cathy Paklaian, Joanne Pittman, Beth Rosenthal and Martha Rohr for pulling off another successful year of Woodsy Owl and Smoky the Bear poster making and competition.

We ended May with another successful Plant Sale. Thanks to Sue Thurow, Marie Eckstein, and Maureen Bingham for their leadership and HARD work!! It was fun working at the Sale with our enthusiastic membership.



Now we enter the final preparations for Garden Walk. Come to the June meeting prepared to sign-up to help where you can.

Happy Gardening,

Mary Lynn

June Membership Meeting

Our next membership meeting will take place on Tuesday, June 10, at 1:00 pm in the Community Room at the Charlevoix Public Library.

Our guest speakers will be Erica and Craig Boss of Charlevoix Lavender. In 2016 they began their lavender journey with the planting of 600 lavender plants on their fourth-generation family farm. Since then, they have expanded to four thousand plants on approximately 2 acres.



Garden Walk Update

Our Biennial Garden Walk will take place on Wednesday, July 16, from 10 am – 4 pm. We will feature four Lake and Country Havens of Charlevoix – all north of the Charlevoix drawbridge. These include lakeside gardens, a woodland setting, and sprawling acreage complete with horses and chickens.

We are looking for all of our members to help out with this fundraiser. Please plan to sign up for a role at our June membership meeting or contact Dawne Jordan and let her know how you can help.

Tickets are \$15 (\$20 on walk day). Our hope is that each member will sell 5 tickets to friends and family. Tickets are also available to purchase online (the cost is \$16 online to cover credit card and processing fees). To purchase online, use the following link: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/charlevoixareagardenclub/1708071>



National Garden Clubs

The NGC Path of Success is a planned walking path on the NGC grounds in St. Louis, Missouri. Roughly 1/4 mile long, the Path of Success will link NGC's headquarters to the Missouri Botanical Gardens, spreading more awareness of NGC than ever before. This project will also serve as an educational platform, showing the rich history and mission of NGC. For more information, including how you can donate a paver to the path go to: <https://gardenclub.org/ngc-path-success>



National Garden Week: NGC clubs across the country are celebrating National Garden Week, June 1-7, 2025. This is the perfect time to invite your friends and neighbors to visit our club's nine Civic Gardens in Charlevoix – and maybe get them to lend a hand working to beautify these spaces!

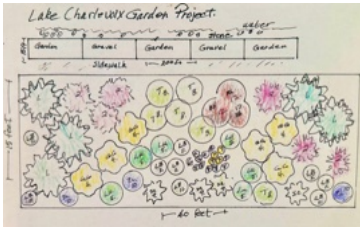
Michigan Garden Clubs

MGC District 5 Fall Meeting – September 11-13, 2025 at the Manistee Senior Center. The meeting, hosted by Spirit of the Woods Garden Club, Portage Lake Garden Club, and the Periwinkle Garden Club will feature a Standard Flower Show. Flower show submissions will be accepted on September 11, the meeting held on the 12th, and on the 13th the Flower Show will be open to the public. If you wish to stay, book your hotel now. For more information: <https://www.portagelakegardenclub.org/mifloraandfauna>



The MGC is committed to recycling for a Better Tomorrow! This includes the NGC Conservation Pledge: *"I pledge to protect and conserve the natural resources of the planet earth and promise to promote education so we may become caretakers of our air, water, forest, land and wildlife"*

Local and Virtual Happenings



Demonstration Garden Dedication, Friday, June 6, 3:30 pm, Lake Charlevoix Association, Sunset Park: Corner of Lake & Water Streets, Boyne City. The Lake Charlevoix Association is excited to announce the renewal of our Shoreline Greenbelt Demonstration Gardens. This initiative aims to rejuvenate the gardens with new plantings of native species that will continue to stabilize the soil, filter runoff, and provide habitats for local wildlife. For more information about the garden:

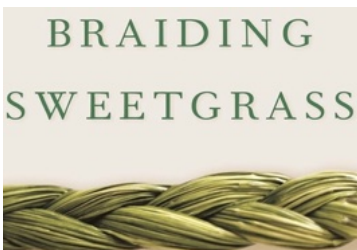
<https://www.lakecharlevoix.org/demonstration-garden.html>



Art in the Garden Festival, Saturday June 28, 10 am – 4 pm, Otsego Conservation District Demonstration Garden, 459 Livingston Blvd, Gaylord, MI. Enjoy live music, explore the gardens, and admire the artwork on display. There will be free workshops throughout the day, and you can enjoy lunch from Tilly's Grill. This event is free to attend for the whole family!



Registration for the Fall 2025 Session of Foundations of Garden, opens on July 2. Foundations of Gardening (FOG) is a comprehensive 10-week online course offered by MSU Extension. Designed for adults interested in the science behind successful gardening, this course also serves as the first step toward becoming an MSU Extension Master Gardener (EMG) volunteer. Participants who wish to apply to the MSU EMG volunteer program can proceed with the application process after earning their FOG certificate (see the link below). Those not interested in becoming an EMG have no further obligations. <https://www.canr.msu.edu/courses/foundations-of-gardening>



Robin Wall Kimmerer, August 7, 7:00 pm, Bay View Association, Robin Wall Kimmerer is a mother, scientist, decorated professor, and enrolled member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. She is the author of *Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants*, which has earned Kimmerer wide acclaim. Tickets \$15.

<https://www.onthestage.tickets/show/bay-view-association/67d9db22b0f2890f584b5a01>

Common Flower Visitors in Michigan

Many species of bees and butterflies visit flowers for pollen and nectar. For detailed information about these garden friends, the following link will take you to an article from MSU Extension. It describes features and behaviors unique to 5 groups of bees and 5 butterfly species.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/common-flower-visitors-in-michigan>



Adopt A Highway Clean-up

The next scheduled Adopt-a-Highway clean-up is July 14. Please add this date to your calendar and plan to join us. We meet at the church parking lot across from the Charlevoix Community Pool (US 31 north of the intersection of Boyne City Road). A minimum of 8 volunteers are needed to work on our stretch of US 31. Bring gloves and wear sturdy boots or shoes.





CAGC Events and Community Calendar

June

- 1-7 National Garden Week**
- 5 CAGC Board Meeting**, 10:15 am, Charlevoix Public Library.
- 6 Demonstration Garden Dedication**, 3:30 pm, Lake Charlevoix Association, Sunset Park: Corner of Lake & Water Streets, Boyne City,
- 6-15 Mackinac Island Lilac Festival**, Mackinac Island.
- 7 Northern Michigan Master Gardener Association Plant Sale**, 8:30am – Noon, Emmet County Fairgrounds.
- 8-10 Michigan Garden Clubs State Conference**, Holland, MI for more information and to register:
<https://migardenclubs.org/2025-michigan-garden-clubs-annual-conference-june-8-9-10/>
- 10 CAGC Member Meeting**, 1:00 pm, Charlevoix Public Library. Presentation by Erica and Craig Boss of Charlevoix Lavender.
- 12 Preserving MI Harvest – Veggies from Garden to Freezer**, 1-2 pm and 6-7 pm, Zoom. Learn how to freeze your fresh vegetables by blanching and freezing. We'll discuss what blanching is, what to blanch, and tips for freezing.
<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/preserving-mi-harvest-veggies-from-garden-to-freezers-june-12>
- 17 CAGC Floral Design Group**, 1 pm, Charlevoix Public Library. You do not need to be a floral designer to join us. We learn principles of design with instruction from Marge McGoff. We meet from 1-3 in community room B. All CAGC Members are invited.
- 18 Regenerative Agriculture Supports Soil Biodiversity**, 7 pm, University of Michigan Biological Station, Pellston. Dr. Christine Sprunger will outline the case for integrating free-living nematodes into the soil health framework to better understand sustainability goals and climate resiliency within agroecosystems. Free and open to the public. <https://lsa.umich.edu/umbs/news-events/all-events.detail.html/132665-21871535.html>
- 20 First Day of Summer!**
- 28 Art in the Garden Festival**, 10 am – 4 pm, Otsego Conservation District Demonstration Garden, 459 Livingston Blvd, Gaylord, MI. Enjoy live music, explore the gardens, and admire the artwork on display.

July

- 8 CAGC Member Meeting/Garden Walk Preview**, 10:00 am, meet at the Charlevoix Public Library for a brief business meeting. Following the meeting we will preview the gardens to be featured on our July Garden Walk.
- 14 Adopt-a-Highway Clean-up**, 9 am, meet at the church parking lot across from the Charlevoix Community Pool.
- 16 CAGC Biennial Garden Walk**, Fundraiser. <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/charlevoixareagardenclub/1708071>
- 17 National Conservation District Day**. Celebrate with the Charlevoix Conservation District, 303 North Street, Boyne City. **Volunteer at the Beach Grass Nursery**, 9am-Noon (Charlevoix, lunch provided) - or - stop by our **Open House**, 4-6pm to meet with district staff and board, and other local conservationists (Boyne City, refreshments provided). To volunteer, please call 231-582-6193
- 19-26 Charlevoix Venetian Festival**

August

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- 12 CAGC Member Meeting**, 1:00 pm, Charlevoix Public Library. Presentation by Ben Owens on the Charlevoix County Jail Garden.
- 14 Charlevoix Conservation District Garden Party**, 5-7 pm, 303 North Street, Boyne City. Learn the benefits of native plants. Light refreshments provided.
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Some recent creative designs from our Floral Design Group are shown above. These are Multi-Rhythmic designs – a creative design with emphasis on two or more rhythms. The theme is “Paris”.

CAGC Newsletter, Website, and Social Media

Submission deadline for the July CAGC newsletter is June 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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