



Charlevoix Area Garden Club

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President's Message

We are almost at the end of another year of meetings, programs, civic garden planting and maintenance and fundraising events. We had a very successful Plant Sale, Garden Walk and Applefest Bulb and Ways and Means sales. As always, our membership met the challenges of stepping up to volunteer for these events. A big Thank You to all who supported our Club with your time, effort and participation. It is a rewarding experience to be part of an organization that does so much for our community, the beauty of the gardens, the donation of food to the local food pantry grown at our garden plot and the acknowledgment to the local business of their beautification efforts.

A reminder that our November meeting will be a combination of gathering at the site of the Blue Star Memorial in the park at 9:00 am then moving on to the library for a business meeting. We will be voting on approving the 2026 Budget. There will also be information about the December luncheon which will be held at the Weathervane Restaurant.

Happy Gardening,
Carolyn



November Membership Meeting

Our next membership meeting will take place on Veteran's Day, Tuesday, November 11. We will begin at the Blue Star Memorial at 9 am. The memorial is in East Park near marina (at the end of Clinton Street). We will be joined by students from St. Mary School for a ceremony honoring veterans. Following the Blue Star Memorial ceremonies, you are welcome to join the Veterans Day event as it moves down Bridge Street to Veteran's Park. **At 10 am we will convene in the Library's Community room** for refreshments and our monthly business meeting.

National Garden Clubs

The Fall 2025 Issue of the **National Gardener** is now available online.

For those of you who winter in Florida, page 16 gives details about the Naples Garden Club House and Garden Tour on January 31, 2026.

An article on “Cool Tools” features an adjustable metal rake – an item that our own Ways and Means currently sells. You may want to pick one up as a gift for yourself or your favorite gardening friend!

<https://gardenclub.org/sites/default/files/2025-10/tng-fall-2025.pdf>



Michigan Garden Clubs

Cadillac Holiday Home Tour, December 6, 10 am, 3 pm, Cadillac, MI. The Cadillac Garden Club will decorate four homes outside and inside with greens and fresh flowers for the holidays. The tour is self-guided. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 on the day of the tour. Tickets are available starting November 1 at Brink’s Art and Frame Shop, 112 S. Mitchell St., Cadillac, MI and Horizon Books, 115 S. Mitchell St., Cadillac, MI. Horizon Books will have tickets on the day of the tour. No credit cards accepted (cash or check made out to the Cadillac Garden Club).



Can I Harvest Vegetables After a Frost?

From MSU Extension



Temperatures below 55 degrees Fahrenheit can damage tender crops and a light frost will often kill them, leading to rapid decay of any produce left on the plant. Some “cool season” crops like leaf lettuces and spinach are damaged or killed by frost. Although they prefer the cooler overall temperatures of spring and fall, they turn to mush when frosted or frozen. Lettuce and spinach should be covered when temperatures drop below 36 F. While commercial row covers are ideal, in a pinch blankets, bed sheets and old towels will protect plants. Plastic sheeting or tarps are not effective at protecting tender plants and should be avoided.

However, some late-season vegetables not only survive a light frost but actually taste better afterward. Root vegetables growing beneath the soil surface are naturally insulated from light frosts, but they are damaged by hard low temperatures that cause the ground to freeze. As long as the soil is damp—not soggy and not dry—they will keep in the ground. Dry soil freezes faster. If the soil is too wet, vegetables quickly rot. Root crops like **carrots, turnips, beets, rutabagas** and **parsnips** store well in the garden until just before the ground freezes. Harvest them before the ground freezes to preserve their quality.

The flavor of some leafy greens becomes a bit sweeter after a light frost. **Kale, collards** and **Swiss chard** develop a sweeter taste as cold temperatures convert starches to sugars. If leaves become too tough to enjoy, strip the leaves from the stem and enjoy the stems steamed or sauteed. The tougher leaves and stems can still add flavor, color and texture to soups and stews, or blend them into smoothies to boost nutrients.

To read the full article:

https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/can_i_harvest_garden_vegetables_after_a_frost

News and Notes



Scholarship Applications open for MSU Extension’s Winter Foundations of Gardening Course. Foundations of Gardening is a 10-week online course designed for the gardening enthusiast who wants to understand how to create beautiful, productive and sustainable gardens for personal use, a business or a community. It is also the first step needed to apply to become a MSU Extension Master Gardener. The scholarship application deadline is November 11.

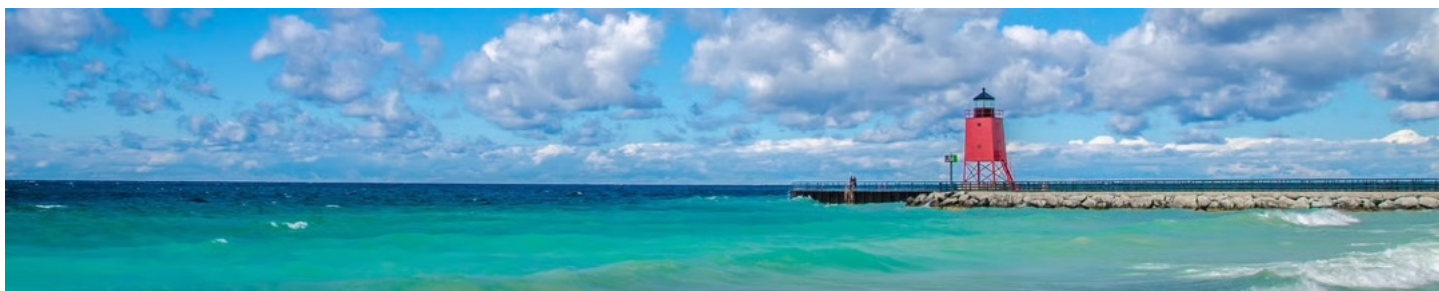
<https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/register-now-for-msu-extension-s-online-foundations-of-gardening-course>



Charlevoix Conservation District Workshops: Two workshops will be held at the Charlevoix Conservation District Office on November 22 – lead by Monica Farrier of Gruler Gardens.

A pressed flower workshop will run from 10 am – noon, and a dried flower workshop from 1:30 – 3:30. Each course is \$55 and all materials to create a finished project will be provided.

For more information and to register go to: <https://www.grulergardens.com/workshops>



CAGC Events and Community Calendar

November

- 5 The League of Women Voters of Northern Michigan Environment Committee Public Forum**, 5:30 PM, LTBB Government Center, 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs. Speaker, Juliette McAvooy, is the VP of Sales and Marketing for King Orchards.
- 6 CAGC Board Meeting**, 10:15 am, Charlevoix Public Library.
- 7 Garlic Mustard Papermaking**, 6 pm, Charlevoix Conservation District Community Room, 303 North Street, Boyne City. Join the folks at CAKE CISMA as they guide you through the process of making paper from the leaves of the Invasive Garlic Mustard plant. Learn all about the benefits of removing this pesky invasive. Registration is required. <https://www.cakecisma.org/event-details/garlic-mustard-papermaking>
- 7 Fall Floral Workshop**, 6:30 pm, The Botanic Garden at Historic Barns Park, Traverse City. This **hands-on class** invites you to create your very own autumn-inspired masterpiece using both fresh and dried florals harvested from The Botanic Garden. \$50, to register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/byoc-fall-floral-workshop-tickets-1696087676899?aff=oddtcreator>
- 11 CAGC Member Meeting and Veterans Day Ceremony at the Blue Star Memorial**, 9:00 am. Ceremony at Charlevoix East Park with meeting to follow at the Charlevoix Public Library.
- 22 Pressed Flower Workshop**, 10 am - Noon, Charlevoix Conservation District Community Room, 303 North Street, Boyne City. Registration required (use link below to register).
- 22 Dried Flower Workshop**, 1 – 3 pm, Charlevoix Conservation District Community Room, 303 North Street, Boyne City. Registration required. https://www.grulergardens.com/service-page/dried-flower-projects-using-bundles?referral=service_list_widget

December

- 6 **Cadillac Holiday Home Tour**, 10 am, 3 pm, Cadillac, MI. The Cadillac Garden Club will decorate four homes outside and inside with greens and fresh flowers for the holidays. The tour is self-guided. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 on the day of the tour. Tickets are available starting November 1 at Brink’s Art and Frame Shop, 112 S. Mitchell St., Cadillac, MI and Horizon Books, 115 S. Mitchell St., Cadillac, MI. Horizon Books will have tickets on the day of the tour. No credit cards accepted (cash or check made out to the Cadillac Garden Club).
- 7 **Wreath Workshop**, 10 am 4 pm sessions, Botanic Garden at Historic Barns Park, Traverse City. Everything you need will be provided, and you’ll head home with a one-of-a-kind wreath to hang. Fee: \$55. To register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/make-your-own-fresh-wreath-workshop-morning-session-tickets-1696159180769?aff=oddtcreator>
- 9 **CAGC Holiday Luncheon**, 11:30 am. Weathervane Restaurant. Join us for food, fellowship, and the installation of our 2025 officers. More details coming soon.
- 21 **First Day of Winter**

Floral Design Group

The CAGC Floral Design Group created beautiful arrangements at their October meeting using an Irish theme.



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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