



Charlevoix Area Garden Club

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Note From The Pres

As I write this note I am hopeful that all the bulbs that we planted are pushing through the earth and are now about to bloom. The splendor of spring is always so refreshing.

As the weather warms our members are all busy getting ready for all our summer projects!

I want to thank Mary and Chris Helstrom for the tour of their greenhouses in April. It was so interesting and enjoyable. We had a great turnout. We got great ideas for all our summer planting.

As all our members return to Charlevoix, I hope they are gearing up for the Plant Sale on Memorial Day weekend. We will also be selling tickets to the public for our luncheon in July at the sale. Please reserve your tickets before May 15th to assure you have a seat.

I have been so excited about our field trip to Mackinac Island Lilac festival, but sadly I must attend the MGC state convention on that date. The bus is almost full so if you need to make your reservation, get in touch with Diane McMahon immediately. It sounds as if it is going to be a wonderful trip. Thanks to Diane McMahon and Susan Thurow for all your efforts in making this happen after 3 years. I hope you all enjoy your excursion.

We will not be having a formal membership meeting in June, but we will have one in July to make sure we are ready for the Luncheon.

Sincerely Martha



May Meeting

May 10, 2022 1:00pm

Charlevoix Library

Safe Gardening Tips with Susan Roache on suggestions for ergonomic gardening.

No June Meeting Field Trip to Mackinaw!!!



Newsletter Deadline

Submission deadline for the June issue of the CAGC newsletter is

May 25th. Send your information and articles to:
bnds@att.net

Welcome New Members



Nancy Hofmann originally from Grosse Pte. Park, Romeo and of late Algonac joins our club. Her love of gardening started at an early age with her family working in flower and vegetable beds. Nancy and husband Bob are building a home in Ellsworth where they will put to good use all of their love of nature and planting.



Kathy Ackerman grew up in Saginaw and now divides her time between her homes in E. Lansing and Charlevoix with her partner JD Friley. She came from a family of avid gardeners. She has a 1940's home in East Lansing that came with a 30 foot greenhouse which is as she says, "a real piece of work."

Welcome Ladies!!!

Poster Contest Recognition Tea

Finally, it's back! After two years we are happy to say we are able to formally celebrate our poster contest winners on May 9, 2022. The recognition tea will be held at Charlevoix Elementary School, 108 E. Garfield Ave., and will begin at 2:00 p.m. You are invited to attend and if anyone is also willing to help set up and/or bring cookies, it would be greatly appreciated. If you are able to bring cookies, please bring 2-3 dozen (no peanut products) on nice serving trays. We begin setting up at 12:30 p.m. If you are able to attend, bring cookies or help set up, please let Ruth know. We are looking forward to this wonderful event.

Submitted by Ruth Augustine

Annual Plant Sale

May 28, 2022 Ferry Beach Pavilion from 8:30-12

We will need:

- Plants potted from your own gardens
- Plants potted from your friends gardens
- Your volunteer labor
- Your wagons

The sign-up sheet will be at both the April and May meetings. You will also be receiving an email/ phone call if you signed up on your annual membership form to confirm your commitment.

An Enchanted Garden Luncheon

If you plan to attend the 2022 garden club luncheon hosted at the Castle on July 13, you will need to purchase your tickets by **May 15** before tickets are open to the public. Contact Joanne Hawkins to secure your seat or entire table before tickets sell out.



**Suggested Qualification for Life Member
Nominees**

When nominating a worthy candidate for Life Member recognition, please consider the following information:

- ❖ How many years have they been a member?
- ❖ What committees have they volunteered for?
- ❖ Do they assist with fund raisers?
- ❖ Do they regularly attend meetings?
- ❖ Have they had a position on the board?
- ❖ Are they active in other civic organizations?

A candidate does not necessarily have to meet all these criteria, but it gives you a brief idea of what this honor means. This award costs the club \$105.00, \$100 of which goes toward the MGC scholarship fund.

**Book Review/Community
Education Committee**

**My House Plant Changed MY Life
by David Domoney**

Use the power of houseplants to protect you from the pollution and stresses of modern life.

Everyday products pollute the air in our homes, and our mental well-being is threatened like never before--but help is on hand from the humble houseplant!

Drawing on groundbreaking scientific research, this book reveals the 50 most life-enhancing houseplants and shows how they can actively purify the air and improve your mental well-being through their color, scent, habit, and nurturing needs.

Build a thriving collection of houseplants to create a detoxifying, reenergizing environment in the home, full of opportunities for mindfulness.



Smart Gardening for Monarchs

You can make monarch-friendly choices in plant selections, garden design, and pest management practices that will help make a difference for the future of monarchs, one garden at a time. Gardeners who want to help can add more flowers, including milkweed in landscape beds, garden or even container plantings. Monarch adults and caterpillars are susceptible to several commonly used pesticides, so be careful with your pest management practices to protect monarchs.

Common milkweed is the most important for supporting monarch populations. For some gardeners, common milkweed can become a problem because it produces long, underground rhizomes that produce more plants in unwanted places.

Butterfly milkweed and swamp milkweed can be important hosts, and may be better choices for most garden settings as they do not spread from rhizomes and are easier to manage. Common, butterfly and swamp milkweed are very cold-hardy perennials when grown in suitable locations. The female monarch is rather picky about what plants she will lay eggs on, almost always choosing plants in the genus *Asclepias*. However, eggs are sometimes laid on black swallow-wort which are unable to support caterpillars. An invasive species that should be removed so monarchs do not lay eggs on "dead end" host where the resulting caterpillars will not thrive.

Adult monarchs feed on the nectar of wild cherry, lilac, Labrador tea, blazing star, red clover, dogbane, goldenrods, ironweeds, joe-pye weed, marigolds, asters, rattlesnake-master, sunflowers, thistles, vetches, and milkweed. You should always have something blooming throughout the season from May-October. A series of blooming plants will also benefit many species of pollinating bees and natural enemies' pests.

Michigan State University Extension Submitted by Carrie Minch

Field Trip to Bridge Street Blooms Greenhouses



Thank you Mary and Chris Helstrom for an enlightening time. You work very hard caring for over 150,000 plants!

Depot Heritage Garden

The Depot Heritage Garden invites you to join our gardening committee. Two of our long-time gardeners are leaving us and so, perhaps, there is a new member, or a long-time member, who would like to join our group. We meet at the Garden on Wednesday mornings throughout the summer months. Contact Joan Nowak at 231-547-1388 or 231-313-1339.

Submitted by Joan Nowak, Depot Garden.

Garden A to Z

Most Saturday mornings, I join other gardeners on Zoom for down to earth garden advice from Janet Macunovich and Steven Nilokila. Check out their website "Garden AtoZ" and learn how you too can join and improve your gardens.

Rhea Dow

May paid schedule

5/7/22	107	Design a New Landscape to Fix the Old
5/14/22	108	In Our Gardens session*
5/21/22	109	In Our Gardens session
5/28/22	110	In Our Gardens session

View our free webinars as well. Check out the website. Gardenatoz.org

DISTRICT HAPPENINGS

Friday Morning Meetings

Check the website for 2022 dates

10 am zoom presentations

ID 912 729 4983

Passcode mgc meets

May 6, 2022 TBD

May 20, 2022 Explore the Botanical Art of Jewelry-Jolanta Piecuch

NGC HAPPENINGS

Monday Morning Meetings

2pm zoom presentations

Go to the NGC website

Click on Member Resources

Scroll down to Membership Mondays

And register

A zoom invitation will be sent to you.



Here is our wonderful display at Circle of Arts "Young Artists on Innovation Spotlight" thought you would like to highlight our youth committee and community involvement.



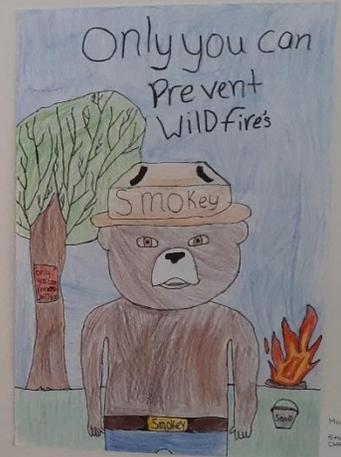
Oliver Gonzalez
2nd Grade
St. Mary's Elementary



Nicole DTG
Mrs. Garret
Carmelville ELEM



Devin Pearson
2nd Grade
Carmelville Elementary



Mia Martelloni
5th Grade
Carmelville Elementary



Michael Gonzalez
2nd Grade
St. Mary's Elementary

Arlevois Area Garden Club

THE SMOKEY BEAR & WOODY OWL POSTER CONTEST

SINCE 1941, THE U.S. FOREST SERVICE and National Garden Clubs have joined forces to sponsor an annual poster contest that reaches elementary children throughout the United States. The contest helps promote Smokey Bear and his prevention message "Only you can prevent wildfires" and Woody Owl and his conservation message "Lend a Hand - Care for the Land."

By participating in this contest, children demonstrate through original drawings of Smokey Bear or Woody Owl their understanding of fire prevention and basic environmental conservation principles.

