



Charlevoix Area Garden Club

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Note From The Pres



Just as fields slow down and quiet themselves, so we embrace fall's changes, and the blooming season comes to an end.

Fruitful gardens do not stay neat and tidy. They explode and expand. Growth looks messy. Growth stretches all the resources. Growth takes work. And growth makes weariness worth it.

A fruitful garden that yields a bounty is often the most spent and unsightly at the end of the season. When fall arrives and all the overgrown vegetables and flowers have been harvested, what remains are unwieldy vines and withered foliage. In the same way a garden explodes and then must recoup after being spent, fall is a season of the heart that reestablishes and reminds us that our perseverance was well worth all the effort.

I sincerely hope that all of you have had a very fruitful summer and now can sit back and relax a little and know that you did it all for love of others.

Martha



Sept. Meeting

September 13, 2022

1:00 pm

Charlevoix Public Library

Kathy Ackerman presents:

Work Your Worms: Intro to Home Vermiculture



Oct. Meeting

October 11, 2022

12:00 Noon

Charlevoix Public Library

Pot Luck and Annual Meeting

Bring a dish to share

Bring your own table service

Newsletter Deadline

Submission deadline for the October issue of the CAGC newsletter is September 25th. Send your information and articles to: bnds@att.net

Welcome New Members Times 3!!!

1.



Mary Ann Ehinger introduces....

Pam Oshaben grew up near Ironton on a small farm. She went into the Air force shortly after graduation and spent four years serving our country. She attended nursing school and became a Registered Nurse. She spent 27 years at Charlevoix Area Hospital, now known as Munson Medical Charlevoix. She worked as a Nursing Instructor at North Central Michigan College for the past ten years.

She is married to Dave for 31 years and is the proud mom of three sons. She has always loved to grow things. She had the great advantage of living next door to her Grandma Betty, who passed her love of gardening on to her. Currently she has an organic vegetable garden and too many flower gardens. "I am looking forward to being a member of the garden club."



2.



Mary Lynn Heid introduces....

Marie Eckstein worked for Dow Corning in Midland for 30 years. After leaving Dow Corning, she founded a non-profit called Red Dirt Road which works with women in a remote village in Cambodia. These women sew beautiful silk handbags and fashion accessories which Marie continues to design, market and sell here in the US.

She also worked at EJ for three years, which is why she moved to Charlevoix ten years ago.

Her mother loved to garden, and was able to instill that love in five of her six daughters, including Marie.

Marie came to our Plant Sale in May where she expressed an interest in joining CAGC. In June she went with us to Mackinaw Island. She is friendly, enthusiastic and ready to contribute to the club.



2.

Sept 2022



Kris Jones introduces...

Mical Miller lives in Crouter. She has already been a part of the club's work, helping judge the gardens for the Beautification Committee and delivering publicity posters for the luncheon. Mical was born in Texas and has lived all over the country and in Europe. She is ready to be an active part of the garden club.

Her professional training is in the field of technical writing. She and her husband ran restaurants and now she is working for the Clothing Company.

The former owner of her new home had a mature tree cut down leaving Mical an unexpected empty space with sunshine for garden plantings. There are always challenges and Mical hopes to be a big part of our garden club.

Farewell

It is with sadness to let members know that Nancy Fowler has died. Nancy was a member since 1961 and was a Lifetime Member and Past President.

Notes may be sent to her husband, David and family (Meg, Susan, Tom, and Jim) at 409 E. Dixon Ave., Charlevoix.

Conservation

The Clean Water Act

The Clean Water Act is primarily responsible for the fact that we can enjoy boating and fishing in most waters of the US without having to worry about our health. Each year, the law keeps 700 billion pounds of pollutants out of our waters, the rate of wetlands loss has slowed and the number of water bodies that are safe for fishing and swimming has doubled since the law's passage. Today, you can even safely eat fish caught in the Cuyahoga River.

Wildlife have benefited was well. As water quality improved, fish species such as largemouth bass, walleye and bluegill rebounded in damaged systems across the country. As fish recovered, so did many other species that rely on fish and healthy aquatic habitats , from waterfowl to river otters.

Although major waters such as the Great Lakes, Mississippi River and Puget Sund have unequivocally been provided federal Clen Water Act protections, coverage for wetlands and smaller headwaters and streas has become politicized.

The Trump administration redefined waters protected by law so now more than half of our nation's wetlands and millions of miles of streams are left vulnerable to development and pollution. Anything harmful that happens in these upstream waters affects drinking water downstream and can increase the risk of floods and threaten wildlife.

October 2022 marks the 50th anniversary of the Clean Water Act. On this historic milestone, we have an opportunity to continue progress made during the past half century and strenthen the act's protections for all waters, from the largest lakes, rivers to the smallest streams.

From National Wildlife June-July 2022
Submitted by Carrie Minch

Adopt a Hwy Pick Up

September 26th

9:00am

Lutheran Church across from the POOL

Rainy day option is Friday Sept. 30th.

We need 16 people to do it right!!!!

Charlevoix Evening Garden Club



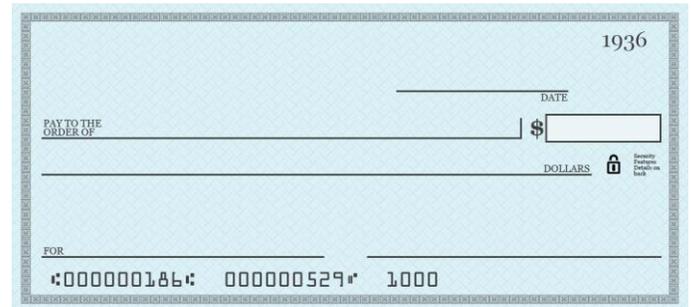
Plant Sale Saturday Sept. 3 at Ferry Beach 9-3p
They are looking for **potted plants** that you may need to reduce in your gardens. Please bring them to Ferry Beach on Sat Sept. 3, 2022

BOOKS

Natures Best Hope: A New Approach to conservation That Starts in Your Yard by Doug Tallamy

Douglas W. Tallamy's first book, *Bringing Nature Home*, awakened thousands of readers to an urgent situation: wildlife populations are in decline because the native plants they depend on are fast disappearing. His solution? Plant more natives. In this new book, Tallamy takes the next step and outlines his vision for a grassroots approach to conservation. *Nature's Best Hope* shows how homeowners everywhere can turn their yards into conservation corridors that provide wildlife habitats. Because this approach relies on the initiatives of private individuals, it is immune from the whims of government policy. Even more important, it's practical, effective, and easy—you will walk away with specific suggestions you can incorporate into your own yard.

A Funny Thing Happened to Me at the Garden.



Today I "almost" had a life changing experience. After over 12 years helping to maintain the Post Office Garden, I was handed a check by a departing post office patron. Don't get me wrong, we always get lots of compliments because the Post Office is such a high traffic location. This was the first time I received a check personally handed to me with a "thank you" attached! By the way, I had stayed after all the team members had left to complete the trimming of the wonderful weeping birch which graces this garden, so I was alone.

I looked at the check and immediately focused on the \$50 space. Surely this must be my lucky day! Then I realized that the check was made out to the Charlevoix Garden Club! I laughed at my presumptiveness. That being said, I really want to thank John Haggard for his kind and generous gift!

Submitted by Vivian Cohen

Cutting Back Perennials

If you are in doubt about cutting back your perennials, here is a list that are happy to grow in Charlevoix, and they should be CUT-BACK in the Fall. They prefer to be cleaned up for a variety of reasons (getting rid of diseased leaves, etc.) If you get a chance of a late fall day, you will be happy (and so the plants) to see the results in the 2019 SPRING! -

submitted by Mary Watson Chavez

Achillea (Yarrow)
Adenophora (Ladybells)
Anemone (Japanese)
Anthemis (Marguerite Daisy)
Aquilegia (Columbine)
Asclepias (Butterfly Weed)
Astrantia (Masterwort)
Baptisia (False Indigo)
Bearded Iris
Brunnera (Siberian Bugloss)
Centaurea (Mountain Bluets)
Corydalis
Crocosmia
Echinacea (Coneflower)
Helenium (Sneezeweed)
Helianthus (Perennial sunflowers)
Hemerocallis (Daylily)
Heuchera (Coral Bells)
Ligularia (all varieties)
Macleaya (Plume Poppy)
Malva (Hollyhock -mallow)
Monarda (Bee Balm)
Nepeta (Catmint)
Paeonia (Peony)
Penstemon
Phlox
Polygonatum (Solomon's Seal)
Rudbeckia(Blackeyed Susan)
Salvia
Sedum
Tanacetum (Painted Daisies)
Thalictrum (Meadow Rue)
Veronica (Speedwell)

Retiring Art Teachers we honor you!



Lori Bolt



Caroline Smith



**Fall District Meeting
Play Outdoors
Thursday
October 6, 2022**

9-4p

**The Hagerty Center
715 E Front St
Traverse City, MI**

**Hosting by
The Friendly Garden Club of
Traverse City**

DISTRICT HAPPENINGS

Friday Morning Meetings

Check the website for 2022 dates

10 am zoom presentations

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September 2, 2022 Tour Dahlia Hill, Midland-
Peggy Kernstock, Dahlia Hill Society

September 16, 2022 Floral Design Basics &
Beyond with Mary Pulick, NGC Master Flower
Show Judge

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.