



Charlevoix Area Garden Club

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Note From The Pres



"*Summertime and the livin is easy*" and Charlevoix is bustling. Charlevoix at this time of year is so picturesque and something is always blooming. It is the perfect time to **Grow, Share, and Connect** with each other, families, our gardens and nature.

I heard that the trip to Mackinac Island was quite a success and the food and tour were wonderful. In addition, I was informed "we didn't lose anyone! Sorry I had to miss it. Thanks to our talented committee, Susan Thurow and Diane McMahon for all their hard work to make it a success.

Remember as you are out and about to notice any garden that you think should be considered for our Garden Walk next year. I have received 2 suggestions so far. Send this information to me and I will forward to next year's chair.

Our membership keeps increasing with new members which is so exciting. We planted seeds at the Rotary Club this past month and also at Monica's wonderful informative presentation at the library. However, Barb Kopitz has informed us that she is moving to Florida permanently soon. We wish her well, but will miss her. Enjoy your summer and have some fun in the sunshine.

See you all in July at the luncheon.

Martha



July Meeting

July 7, 2022 (Note Date)

1:00 pm.

Depot Gardens

Preparations for our Biennial Luncheon



August Meeting

August 9, 2022

1:00 pm.

Depot Gardens

Natural Plantings

Jennifer Buchanan will talk about Natural Plantings that help the environment

Newsletter Deadline

Submission deadline for the August issue of the CAGC newsletter is

July 25th. Send your information and articles to:

bnds@att.net

An Enchanted Garden Luncheon

Tickets have SOLD OUT!!!

Servers be sure to wear black slacks/shirt and white shirt with comfortable shoes. Please wear your name tags. You must wear a mask when serving. We meet at the castle at 10am.

Adopt a Hwy July 18 9am

We NEED HELP; one of our volunteers is 80 + yrs young & uses a cane, please give us an hour of your morning to pick up trash on our 2 mile stretch of US 31. Meet at the Lutheran Church parking lot. (Rain day option is Friday, July 22.)

BOOKS

Mushrooming With Confidence by Alexander Schwab



There are thousands of different species of fungi, so it can be hard to tell which are edible and which are poisonous when you are picking them for yourself in the wild. Safe and unsafe species often closely resemble each other, and worrying about which mushrooms are safe and which might be deadly can take all the fun out of mushrooming. Enter *Mushrooming with Confidence!*

Improving on the usual overwhelming and exhaustive wild plant guidebook, *Mushrooming with Confidence* is a slim, handy manual that focuses on the tastiest and most common mushrooms, so that you can easily spot those that are not only safe to eat, but also a delight to cook and share!

Conservation



A Splash of Color using Annual Flowers

Beauty is only the beginning. Once the blooms of graceful cosmos, cheerful sunflowers, dramatic dark-leaved amaranths, bold zinnias and other easy to grow annuals start to fade, the real fun begins. That's when they bring in the birds. Even the best feeder foods often take a backseat to flower seeds. Watching a flock of goldfinches forage naturally among your plants is even more entertaining than seeing them on a tube feeder. That's true for the dozen of bird species that avidly eat the seeds of annuals, where it's northern cardinals snapping up gomphrena, towhees carefully taking tithonia, or native sarrows and juncos energetically scratching beneath the marigolds. Annuals typically begin to attract songbirds in late summer. Annual flowers for birds include: Rainbow Quinoa, Calendula, Celosia, Cosmos, Scarlet Salvia, Tall Verben, and Zinnia to name a few. Since annuals put out new blossoms, the bird banquet lasts for months. For gardeners who may be tempted to pull out the dead plants, "simply resist the impulse to create a tidy garden". Let the plants remain standing if you want to add a new facet to bird feeding. You will be providing a great source of food.

Containers bring wildlife closer to the window. A bigger annual garden will attract more birds, and more kinds of birds. Not only does it offer more seeds, it also provides the sheltering cover that makes birds feel at home. Plant annuals around your birdbath, feeder area, garden gnome or other outdoor ornaments and add containers of them to your garden beds.

Try a variety of bird-flavored annuals and grow some of them in dense patches or rows of the same kind. A concentrated swath of color looks great in bloom and when seeds ripen, the patch provides the cover that songbirds seek. Be sure to plant some of your annuals a few feet from a favorite window or near an outdoor sitting area, so you can watch birds seek out the seeds as long as they last.

Submitted by Carrie Minch From Birds and Blooms May 2022

DISTRICT HAPPENINGS

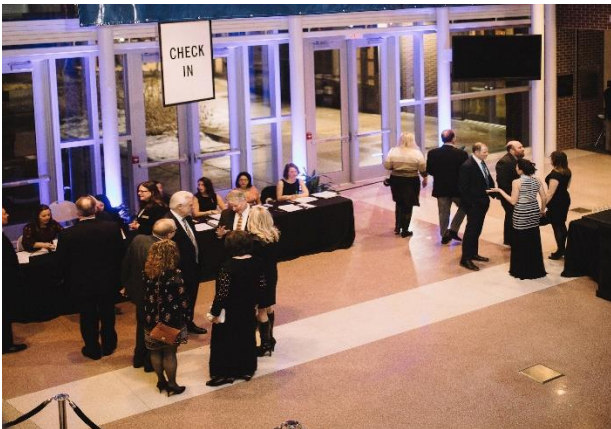
Lost and Found

Green jacket size L was left at the Plant Sale. Please advise Dorothy Sandoval if you left behind a forest green rain jacket. I will bring it to the July 7 Club Meeting.



Fall District Meeting

Hagerty Center in Traverse City October 6, 2022



Friday Morning Meetings
Check the website for 2022 dates

10 am zoom presentations

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On Vacation until September

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.