



Charlevoix Area Garden Club

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Note From The Pres

Wow, the Enchanted Garden Luncheon was quite a success. At this writing we do not have an exact total, but we will by our membership meeting. Kudos go out to Carey and Maureen for their diligence all year long. Everyone who pitched in should feel good about all their efforts. All our guests had really good remarks about the event.

I read a short poem as an invocation and several people asked me for a copy. They also suggested I put it in the newsletter, So Here it is:

MY GARDEN PRAYER BY Keith Wilson

I love my little garden lord
Which you have given me.
I thank you for this heaven
Where I can feel so free.

I pray each night to give me strength
To sow more wondrous seeds
And for you to bless the birds
Who fly right in to feed.

I bless you for my sight and smell
To enjoy the flowers so
And all the bees and butterflies
Who gently come and go.

So bless my little garden Lord.

Continue to have a good summer.
Martha



August Meeting

August 9, 2022

1:00 pm.

Depot Gardens

Natural Plantings

Jennifer Buchanan will talk about Natural Plantings that help the environment.



Sept. Meeting

Inspector Kathy Johnson will lead us to the scene of a crime where one of our members is found dead. Come find out who done it!

Newsletter Deadline

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

Welcome New Member



Margie Strange's love of gardening began in her youth. Her mother loved planting flowers and vegetables. She delegated weeding to her 5 daughters. Margie learned quickly which green things were plants and which were weeds. It gave her a sense of accomplishment and joy to see a freshly weeded garden. She lived in Colorado for 46 years until she reconnected with and old friend from Ann Arbor and married him. She is thrilled to be involved in a club that honors our creator and creation.

BOOKS

How to Read Nature by Tristan Gooley

When most of us go for a walk, a single sense—sight—tends to dominate our experience. But when *New York Times*-bestselling author and expert navigator Tristan Gooley goes for a walk, he uses all five senses to “read” everything nature has to offer. A single lowly weed can serve as his compass, calendar, clock, and even pharmacist.

In *How to Read Nature*, Gooley introduces readers to his world—where the sky, sea, and land teem with marvels. Plus, he shares 15 exercises to sharpen all of your senses. Soon you'll be making your own discoveries, every time you step outside.

Conservation



Silent Sparks

Why do fireflies flash? Today, every firefly juvenile retains that light-producing ability, even in species where the adults do not create light.

Researchers believe that bioluminescence first evolved to help larvae ward off predators. Bitter-tasting, these beetles are repellent, even toxic to insect-eating birds and small mammals. Firefly larvae that inhabit dark or dimly lit habitats have turned to light as a warding sign. In “flashing fireflies”, more than 110 species, employ quick bright flashes to attract mates. Like all insects, fireflies also are threatened by pesticides used on lawns, gardens and agricultural fields, particularly the neonicotinoids that persist in soils where firefly larvae and their prey live. Aerial insecticides targeting adult mosquitoes can be harmful as well, specially when these products are sprayed at dusk when fireflies are most active.

Light pollution from streetlights, security lights, landscape lighting and other sources is known to harm many nocturnal creatures. It poses a special threat to fireflies that rely on detecting one another's luminous signals in the dark. In the US, field and lab experiment with several species have found that artificial light can suppress male's advertising flashes by more than 80 % and prevent females from responding to these male signals, thus disrupting firefly courtship and reproduction.

It's exciting to see how quickly people's enthusiasm for firefly conservation is growing.

National Wildlife April May 2022

Submitted by Carrie Minch

An Enchanted Garden Luncheon





Adopt a Hwy Report

8 Hours
8 Bags
9 Helpers

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

ID 912 729 4983

Passcode mgc meets

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.