



# Charlevoix Area Garden Club

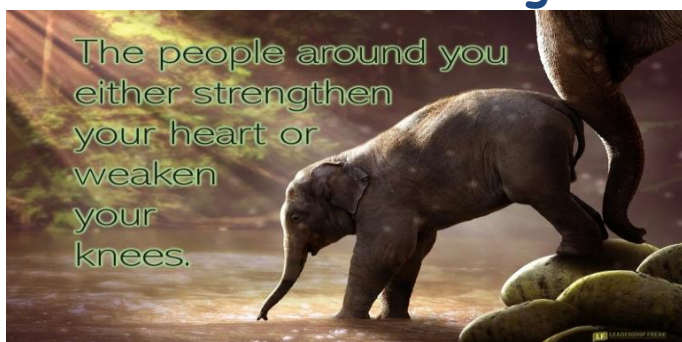
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## President's Message



Our theme this year is "Nurturing Charlevoix" and as I plan my goals for the year, one of them is keeping in touch with those in our club who are experiencing some difficult times. Perhaps they have had a loss of a loved one, or are going through some illness themselves. Or perhaps they are just home bound due to Covid. We can help them by keeping in touch by phone call, an email, or a "thinking of you" note. Many of you are doing this already, but maybe I jog others to do the same. Let's keep all our members in our hearts and minds by keeping in touch.

We had a wonderful Christmas luncheon and initiated Dorothy on her first officer installation. She did a great job and our board is officially installed and ready to jump into January with much enthusiasm. Keep encouraging them with any new ideas that you might have.

Our biannual luncheon plans are already underway so you may be hearing from our co-chairs, Carrie Cuddeback and Maureen Bingham soon. Let's make this one a huge success as our first one.

Stay safe and healthy this winter. See you in January for our annual soup luncheon.

"new" Pres, Martha



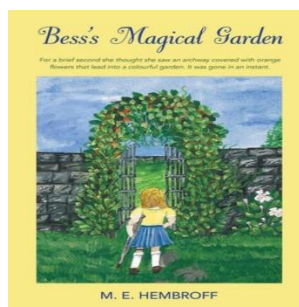
## January Meeting

January 11, 2022 12:00 noon

SOUPS ON!!

Charlevoix Public Library

Bring your spoon and bowl.



## February Meeting

February 8, 2022 1:00 pm

A Magical Garden

Charlevoix Public Library

Enjoy stories of A Magical Garden presented by Beth Strawbridge.

## February Newsletter Deadline

Submission deadline for the February issue of the CAGC newsletter is January 25<sup>th</sup>. Send your information and articles to: [bnds@att.net](mailto:bnds@att.net)

## Welcome New Member



### Josephine Malecek

I first became interested in growing things when I was 5 years old; and grew my first tomato patch with my grandmother's help. I always loved beautiful gardens and have traveled to many. I have visited many landmark garden collections from Williamsburg, VA to Chelsea Flower Show in London.

I completed the Master Gardener's Program many years ago. I was instrumental in founding a Chapter of the Herb Society of America back in 1970 and was elected the first Chapter President.

Places I have served in Grosse Pte. are: Memorial Garden at Bay View, Methodist Church, Children's Herb Garden, Herb Garden Historical Society, Flower Guild at Christ Church, Rose Garden just to name a few gardens.

I graduated with Diane McMahon from Mercy School of Nursing in Ann Arbor and went on to complete my Master's in Nursing. I look forward to learning and serving with all the wonderful people I have met here in the CAGC.



## Installation of Officers



Pictured: Dorothy Sandoval District Director, Rec. Sec., Diane McMahon, Treas., Carolyn Navarre, Pres., Martha Rohr, Corr. Sec., Joyce Herbert

Absent: 1<sup>st</sup> VP, Kathy Kopitz/Peggy Eckhold  
2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Marty Sutton, Rec. Sec., Kris Jones

We honor our Directors as well, Sue Wilson, Chris Heroy, Judy Flanagan, Lois Lewis

## Fun Time Coming....

Join the fun at the Circle of Arts building to help paint and decorate clay pots for our Annual Plant Sale. We had a generous donations of pots and we thought it would be a fun winter project to decorate some pots to place on sale at our Plant Sale. Bring only your Ideas & Talent!!

Come party on:

January 19, from 11a to 3p

February 21, from 11a to 3p





## Christmas Remembered 2021



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## Conservation



### Signs of Good Garden Care

For years, my neighbors were unhappy about my yard: tall native grasses and leaves left on the ground for winter. But last year, I put labels with scientific names in front of plants and everything changed. What was previously perceived as unkempt lawn became a botanical garden.

According to Mary Phillips, head of Garden for Wildlife for the National Wildlife Federation, wildlife gardeners often must take such steps to make their native plant properties acceptable to neighbors. The reason? Traditionally, the ideal suburban yard comprised only meticulously manicured lawns and carefully pruned trees. Plant labels along with other signage such as NWF's Certified Wildlife Habitat signs, let others know your native garden is intentional and has a purpose.

On her blog site, Corner Pollinator Garden, Berit Erickson shares the process she uses to make easy to read durable labels that include a plant's common and scientific name along with its benefits to wildlife. The most critical step is coating the labels with something to protect them from light, water and wear. Beyond labeling, Erickson makes sure to work within conventional garden designs ideas such as planting groups of repeating flower colors. Wildlife gardens do not have to be messy. You can have cues to care such as well-defined edges and sculptural focal points such as birdbaths. Erickson also chooses plants that do not grow so tall they flop over sidewalks. To keep peace with neighbors a native plant gardener needs to meet the public halfway.

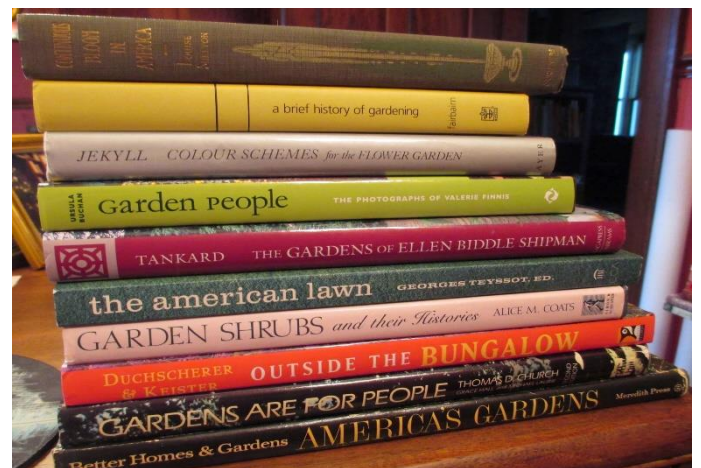
## Book Review/Community Education Committee

### The Pollinator Victory Garden By Kim Elerman

Pollinators are critical to our food supply and responsible for the pollination of the vast majority of all flowering plants on our planet. Pollinators include not just bees, but many different types of animals, including insects and mammals. Beetles, bats, birds, butterflies, moths, flies, and wasps can be pollinators.

But, many pollinators are in trouble, and the reality is that most of our landscapes have little to offer them. Our residential and commercial landscapes are filled with vast green pollinator deserts, better known as lawns. These monotonous green expanses are ecological wastelands for bees and other pollinators.

With *The Pollinator Victory Garden*, you can give pollinators a fighting chance. Learn how to transition your landscape into a pollinator haven by creating a habitat that includes pollinator nutrition, larval host plants for butterflies and moths, and areas for egg laying, nesting, sheltering, overwintering, resting, and warming. Find a wealth of information to support pollinators while improving the environment around you.



## DISTRICT HAPPENINGS

### Friday Morning Meetings

Check the website for 2022 dates

10 am zoom presentations

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### 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.



## Donations



Joan and Paul Nowak made a donation to the Depot Garden in memory of their friends' son, Matthew Turner.

Patricia Nowak made a donation to the Depot Garden honoring her mother, Joan.

CAGC received a donation from Haggard's, Inc in memory of Barbara Clagett.

Kristine and Louis Nelson of Charlottesville, VA made a donation to CAGC in memory of Barb Clagett.

Lynn and Jonathan Friendly made a donation to the Depot Garden in honor of Joan Nowak.

A donation was made by the Stratton Family to the Depot Garden in honor of Mike and Rhea Dow.

A gift was made to the CAGC Community Foundation from Mike and Rhea Dow in memory of Barbara Clagett.