



Charlevoix Area Garden Club

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Note From The Pres



Spring is here but guess Mother Nature has a few more cold days and a little snow before we get to actually enjoy spring. We are really anxious to get outside. I promised myself I would not buy so many flowers this year, but I just ordered some railing containers that are going to need planting. I'm trying to make a splash of color for my sister's reunion with her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren in July. Hopefully I will get some ideas on our trip to Bridge Street Blooms warehouse in April.

Many of our members will start drifting back to Charlevoix. We look forward to seeing all of you. I hope you have safe travels.

Plans for our luncheon in July are coming along nicely as well as the plant sale. Both committees will be needing lots of help.

We were honored this month to be included in the youth art display at the Circle of Arts. If you get a chance, stop by and see our Smokey Bear, Woodsy Owl poster winners. We will be able to have our tea for presentation of awards on May 9th.

Please continue to keep our shut-in members in your prayers.

I sincerely wish you a Happy Easter.

Sincerely Martha



April Meeting

April 12, 2022 1:00pm

Charlevoix Library for short meeting then to:

Barnard Road

Chris & Mary Helstrom will give us a tour of their 30,000 ft. greenhouse



May Meeting

May 10, 2022 1:00pm

Charlevoix Library

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

Newsletter Deadline

Submission deadline for the May issue of the CAGC newsletter is

April 25th. Send your information and articles to:

bnds@att.net

Conservation

Smart Plants for Pollinators



Native bees will widely feed on many different types of flowering plants in your landscape and garden.

Providing a wide range of bloom sizes and shapes will encourage these insects regardless of the insect's size. Tubular-shaped flowers with an extended petal, like foxglove or Salvia, allow bees to perch and then enter the bloom. Open flowers with flat umbels like our native ironweed provide resources to many kinds of beneficial insects.

Bees will forage on hundreds of different flowering plants, but they especially love purple, blue, white, yellow, mauve or violet flowers. Using UV light, bees see things in flowers our eyes cannot, including patterns, colors and markings, which enables them to pilot directly to a "landing pad" leading to the pollen source.

Flowers bred to have dense petals such as roses or peonies may not accommodate pollinators since the nectar glands and pollen laden stamens are more difficult to locate. A plant that was bred to be sterile or does not contain nectar does not benefit pollinators.

Single peonies reveal their pollen-laden anthers and start receiving attention from bees. New hybrids of coral bells re-bloom spikes emerging every couple of weeks. Summer bulbs like Allium add to the palette and are bee magnets.

Mid-season, perennial border plants including sneezeweed, globe thistle and blazing star offer unlimited opportunities for pollinators to forage. Native and non-native coneflowers are favorite of bees. Herbs like borage are irresistible for many species of bees and hover flies.

Tithonia starts blooming in early August and continues until frost. Butterflies, bees, and hover flies covet these flaming-orange blooms. The tall purple orbs of

Verbena and fragrant annual Heliotrope are heavily used by bees of different sizes. Several zinnia cultivars are rarely visited by bees.

From low-growing, colorful ground covers to the upright stately Autumn Joy sedum, their blooms are intoxicating for many bees and flies. These late season bloomers help extend available pollen and nectar.

Native and non-native trees and flowering shrubs play a huge role in supporting pollinators. In early summer, Lindens burst into bloom with sweetly scented panicles of yellow blooms tucked beneath their foliage. Button bush, a favorite for moist soil or wetland edge, bloom in mid-summer, and panicle hydrangeas, with their stately towers of blooms are visited later by bees and flies.

Taken from Michigan State University

Submitted by Carrie Minch

April Showers bring the 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
- Your stakes

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

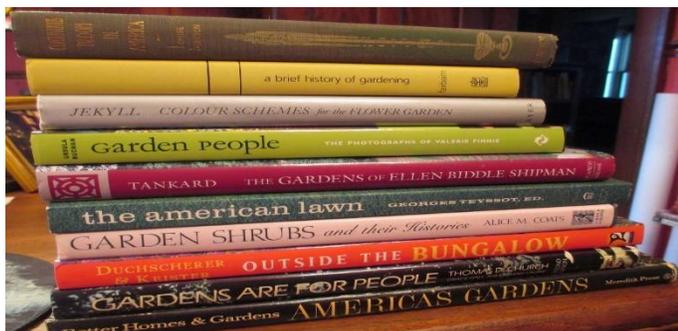
Adopt a Hwy Volunteers Needed

Monday April 25 (if rain) Friday April 29
Bring your gloves, wear your boots and bring the vest you may have at home from last years pick up.

We meet at 9:00am at the Lutheran Church across from the Community Pool.

Spring clean up is always heavy so please come join us!

Book Review/Community Education Committee



Your Edible Yard by Crystal Stevens

Journey into the good food movement by unleashing the potential of your yard, transforming it into a beautiful and vibrant space that offers a continuous supply of food.

Using dozens of beautiful color photographs and watercolor planting charts, infographics, and landscaping designs, *Your Edible Yard* is the comprehensive how-to guide you need to turn your yard into a bountiful feast.

Survey Results

The survey results from those who replied were landscape design, native plants, birds, bees and butterflies followed by cooking with herbs and trash to treasure.

Some interest was expressed in a wine and/or beer event. The search continues.



Last pot painting day we had Bob, Nancy Hofmanns husband.

DISTRICT HAPPENINGS

Friday Morning Meetings

Check the website for 2022 dates

10 am zoom presentations

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April 1, 2022 Planning a Visit to Loda Lake
Wildflower Sanctuary-Karen Motawi

April 15, 2022 Youth Awards, Sharing
Successes-Kathleen Sauber, and Martha Rohr-
Youth Award co-chairs

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.

