



Charlevoix Area Garden Club

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President's Message

Dear Members,

National Gardening Week is June 3 thru 10th. While researching some information I came upon a Proclamation from 2017. Here are a few of the highlights from that proclamation:

"Gardeners have a passion for nurturing the beauty and resources of the earth through the planting of seeds, the care of plants and the riches of their efforts.

Gardeners seek to add beauty, splendor, fragrance and nutrition to our lives through the growing of herbs, vegetables, foliage and flowers.

Gardening promotes a healthy lifestyle that lasts a lifetime, helps reduce stress from other areas of our life, teaches that rewards can come from diligent efforts.

Gardening enables members of Garden Clubs across the nation and the world to make a world of difference in the communities where they reside and work."

As all of you are grooming your civic gardens this week, keep these thoughts in mind. We do make a difference in our community.

Sincerely,
Martha Rohr



June Membership Meeting

Our June Meeting takes place on Tuesday, June 11 at 1:00 pm at the Charlevoix Public Library. Our speaker will be Alison Adams from the Charlevoix Conservation District – who will be speaking about native plants.

We look forward to seeing all of you as we head into summer!





Welcome Pam!

At our May Membership Meeting we welcomed new member Pam Beer. Pam was introduced by Richard Brown:

Pam was raised in Petoskey, Michigan and has a degree in Business from Ferris State University. Following college, Pam lived and worked in Northville, Michigan for about 10 years. She moved back up north to be near family in 1990, and began managing The Clothing Company for the Mabee Family. She is now semi-retired, but you can still find her working 3 days each week at The Clothing Company.

Pam developed a love for flowers and gardening alongside her mother, Lois. She had the most beautiful gardens and would

teach Pam the names of the flower species and how to care for them.

She hopes to be able to help create and maintain some of the beautiful gardens that the Club cares for in Charlevoix.



Fundraiser News

Plant Sale: Congratulations to the Plant Sale Chairs and all of the members who worked to make this event a resounding success! We sold \$8,217 and after all expenses our total profit is \$7,217 - an all-time record!

This was the result of a lot of hard physical work, many long hours, and working under rather unusual weather conditions, but you pulled it off. We had \$6,164 in non-member sales which indicates that our community really depends on this sale. People started to line up a little before 8 am (in less than perfect weather).

So, many thanks to everyone who helped with this terrific event - including all the husbands and non-members who helped out. And a very special thanks to Sue and Marie for making this all look so easy!



Garden Luncheon: Our 2024 Garden Luncheon at Castle Farms takes place on Wednesday, July 10, and will include a meal catered by Grey Gables enjoyed at beautifully decorated tables designed by our members. Our speaker will be author Neal Sanders. His presentation 'Gardening is Murder' will give his view of gardening from the perspective of a gardener's spouse.

Tickets are now available online:

<https://buytickets.at/charlevoixareagardenclub/1215347>

If you are planning to have lunch, you will need to purchase a ticket – even if you are volunteering at the event. If you have questions, or would like to volunteer, contact the Chairs: Ruth Augustine, Marge McGoff, and Diane McMahon.

Conservation: Why We Need Moths

Submitted by Carrie Minch

Scientists have discovered that nectar-feeding moths account for a third of all pollination of urban-flowering plants, including crops and trees. People don't generally appreciate moths, so they can be overlooked compared to bees when considering protection and conservation measures.

Scientists have analyzed the pollen attached to moths and found that moths feed on different plant communities – including more night blooming species than bees do. Including herbs such as borage and comfrey in your garden will benefit both moths and native bees.



Source: National Wildlife Federation

<https://www.nwf.org/Home/Magazines/National-Wildlife/2024/Spring/Animals/Urban-Months-Water-Features>

Adopt-a-Highway

On April 14 and 15 we collected 17 bags of litter from our designated 2-miles alongside US 31 north of Charlevoix. Included was a variety of car parts (bumpers, hubcaps, etc.). Our next designated pick-up date is Monday, July 15. Please contact Carrie Minch if you can help.



Michigan Garden Clubs

2024 MGC Flower Shows:

The Tri-Cities Garden Club (Ferrysburg, Grand Haven, Spring Lake) will be having a show "The Garden Olympics" July 18 – 20 at the Spring Lake District Library.

The Lawrence Garden Club's "Bloom Where You Are Planted" Flower Show is to be held at the VBDL Lawrence Branch Library, 212 N. Paw Paw Street, Lawrence, MI. Friday August 2nd and 3rd.

District 5 Fall Meeting: save the date, **September 12, 2024** for the Michigan Garden Clubs District 5 Fall Meeting and Horticulture Flower Show in Mackinaw City. The theme for the flower show will be "Color", and club members are welcome to enter horticulture, display photographs, create educational displays, and serve as judges. For more information, go to the website of the Seedums Garden Club <https://www.seedums.org>



National Garden Clubs

The NGC Flower Show School Symposium will take place August 6 – 7, 2024 in Lansing, MI. For more information go to:

<https://calendar.gardenclub.org/event/flower-show-school-symposium-lansing-mi/>

The National Gardener Magazine is now a **100% online publication** that is made available on a quarterly basis through the NGC website. You can read the spring 2024 issue using the following link:

<https://gardenclub.org/sites/default/files/2024-04/tng-spring-2024.pdf>



News and Notes

Are you looking for native plants? Several native plant sales are coming in June. Gruler Gardens is having their first native plant sale of the season on Saturday, June 15 from 9 am until 1 pm. You can find out more on their website:

<https://www.grulergardens.com/nativeplants>

The Walloon Lake Association and Conservancy is having their 4th annual Native Plant Salon on Saturday, June 22 from 9 until noon in front of their office in Walloon Village.

Wild About Conservation webinar series starts in June – presented by MSU Extension. Learn ways you can help to conserve land and contribute to climate change resiliency and sustainability. Registration is free for the entire series. You can take part in one or all eight presentations from the comfort of your home. Webinars will take place on Tuesdays twice a month beginning on June 11 at 1 p.m. For information or registration:

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=99168BDCBB009FF968FBACBF9A459E68D278AC004EB452B587E8A0F3487B85BE>

Foundations of Gardening (FOG) is a comprehensive 10-week online **MSU Extension course** for those interested in the MSU Extension Master Gardener (EMG) volunteer program **AND** for anyone in the public who wants to learn the scientific principles of gardening. The course is open to all. It explores many aspects of gardening through the use of self-paced learning modules partnered with weekly live lectures from experts in the field. The next course begins in September, and registration opens on July 10.

For more info: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/courses/foundations-of-gardening>



Youth Education

The 2024 Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl poster contest was dedicated to **Smokey Bear's 80th Birthday**. Smokey Bear is recognized both nationally and internationally as the symbol for wildfire prevention, with his motto being "**Only You Can Prevent Wildfires**"! Since 1944, Smokey Bear has taught people how to help prevent wildfires and how to be careful with campfires, barbecues, matches, and more. In 1977, **Woodsy Owl** teamed up with Smokey Bear to help encourage personal responsibility in caring for our environment. Woodsy Owl's motto is "**Lend a Hand, Care for the Land**"!

On Wednesday, May 29 we held a tea for the presentation of the Smokey/Woodsy Poster Awards at St. Mary School. Teachers, parents, and grandparents were in attendance – as well as the students.

Below is a photo of the State winners – who were also our local First Place winners.



*Left to right:
1st place state, 1st grade.
2nd place winner state 3rd grade.
Other 2 were 3rd place winners at state level for 4th and 5th grade.*



*Left:
Garden Club President
Martha Rohr with one of
the local winners.*



*Right:
St. Mary School Teacher
snaps a photo of all of the
winners.*



CAGC Events and Community Calendar

June

- 2-8 National Garden Week**
- 2-5 National Garden Clubs Annual Convention**, Denver Colorado.
- 4 Brave the Wild River**, 6:00 pm, Charlevoix Public Library. Melissa Seigny, the author of the award-winning book *Brave the Wild River: The Untold Story of Two Women Who Mapped the Botany of the Grand Canyon* will talk about the grand adventures of Drs. Elzada Clover and Lois Jotter, two pioneering U-M botanists.
- 6 CAGC Board Meeting**, 10:00 am, Charlevoix Public Library.
- 7-16 Mackinac Island Lilac Festival**, Mackinac Island.
- 7 Wild Orchids and Other Rare Plants**, 10:00am (2 hrs), \$15 per person, must pre-register, Grass River Natural Area. Join Education Director James Dake in an exclusive presentation and off-trail expedition to see rare orchids and other amazing plants, like carnivorous pitcher plants and sundews, in lesser known areas of GRNA. Limited space. <https://www.grassriver.org/classes-and-programs.html>
- 8 Northern Michigan Master Gardeners Plant Sale**, Emmet County Fairgrounds.
- 10-11 Michigan Garden Clubs State Conference**, Bay City, MI. "Smitten with the Mitten"
- 11 CAGC Member Meeting**, 1:00 pm, Charlevoix Public Library. Presentation by Alison Adams, Charlevoix Conservation District Coordinator: Incorporating native plants into your garden.
- 12 Women's Resource Center Luncheon**
- 15 Gruler Gardens Native Plant Sale**, 9 am until 1 pm, 1298 E. Gruler Road, Petoskey.
- 17-23 Pollinator Week**
- 18 Fairy Garden Make & Take**, 6 – 8 pm, Castle Farms <https://castlefarms.com/events/fairy-gnome-garden-make-take/>
- 20 First Day of Summer!**
- 22 Walloon Lake Association Conservancy Native Plant Sale**, 9:00 am – Noon, 4060 M-75 N, Walloon Lake, 49796 (Across from Barrel Back Restaurant).
- 24 Petoskey Area Garden Club 90th Anniversary Celebration**, 5:30 pm, Bay View Country Club, tickets \$75

July

- 10 Biennial Garden Luncheon**, Fundraiser. Castle Farms
- 15 Adopt-a-Highway Pick up**, 9 am, meet at the Lutheran Church parking lot (across from the Charlevoix Pool). Trash bags and reflective vests will be provided.
- 18-20 The Tri-Cities Garden Club** (Ferrysburg, Grand Haven, Spring Lake) will be having a flower show "The Garden Olympics" at the Spring Lake District Library <https://tricitiegardenclub.org/flower-show/>
- 20-27 Charlevoix Venetian Festival**
- 21 University of Michigan Biological Station Open House**, 11:30 am – 2:00 pm, UMBS Campus, Pellston. <https://lsa.umich.edu/umbs/news-events/all-events.detail.html/110232-21824613.html>



CAGC Newsletter, Website, and Social Media

Submission deadline for the July CAGC newsletter is June 25. Email your photos, information, and articles to Beth Cowie at bethcowie@mac.com. You can also send information and photos for our website and social media.



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