



Charlevoix Area Garden Club

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President's Message

I wish the New Year began in the spring of the year, which makes more sense to me as a gardener. When you live in a snow state where winter has you buttoned down for the long haul, wishing people a Happy New Year comes off cool if you get my drift. Well Happy New Year anyway!

Since half of you are in warmer climates I wanted to give you a few snippets from what I will be talking about at our January meeting. We are all going to carry the leadership role together this year. I'll show you just wait and see.

We'll draw upon the wisdom of the senior members and the energy and excitement of the new members. We will honor the history and work of our senior members and also be open to new member's ideas as move forward into the future. I will be a constant reminder to you that each person by virtue of your membership has a responsibility to the club.

Gone for the winter? - no problem we have technology.

The meetings will be less about administrative things and more about what you've always wanted to know and never get to hear.

Stay tuned!

Dorothy



January Meeting

Our January meeting will take place on **Tuesday, January 10 in the Charlevoix Public Library**. We will begin at 12:00 Noon with a soup luncheon. **Please bring your own soup bowl and spoon.**

For those joining via Zoom the meeting portion will begin at 1:00 pm. A Zoom meeting invitation will be sent via email. We look forward to seeing everyone – in person or virtually.

The 2023 Charlevoix Area Garden Club Officers

President: Dorothy Sandoval

1st Vice Presidents: Kathy Kopitz, Peggy Echold

2nd Vice President: Marty Sutton

Treasurer: Carolyn Navarre

Recording Secretary: Kris Jones

Corresponding Secretary: Margie Strange

Directors: Sue Thurow, Chris Heroy, Mary Ann Ehinger, Dawn Jordan

On December 13, following a delicious and festive luncheon at Stafford's Weathervane, our new officers were formally installed.

Best wishes to our new Board members and hoping 2023 brings us all a wonderful year of gardening!



New Member – Laura Ford

Laura moved to the Charlevoix area in March 2022. She has property on Adam's Lake and hopes to build a home there in 2023. She has two dogs (Charlie and Oliver). She retired from her clinical practice in Women's Health and left Kalamazoo after living there for over 60 years. Her son still lives in Kalamazoo and she has a recently married daughter in Nevada.

As far as her education, Laura says she is "still learning"! She holds two degrees from Western Michigan University, as well as two degrees and a post-doctorate from the University of Michigan. She has been participating in classes at the Charlevoix Circle of Arts and has been learning mah jongg. She loves to sew, quilt, cook, and travel. Her most recent trip was to Italy – and now she would love to figure out how to grow Jasmine hedges here!

Laura attended the 2022 Garden Club Luncheon at Castle Farms and it got her wanting to get back to playing in the dirt! She is grateful for the warm welcome she has received from the Garden Club community. Laura says she has only "gardened" for the last 10-15 years and prefers perennials and natural landscapes. She is looking forward to learning more from the Garden Club members and appreciates the opportunity to connect with the Charlevoix community.

Michigan Garden Club Zoom Education Sessions

The Michigan Garden Club presents different topics on the first and third Fridays of each month for ALL MEMBERS. Sessions are via Zoom and begin at 10:00 am (EST). The Meeting ID is always 912 729 4983 and the passcode is mgcmeets. Sessions are recorded and are available for viewing after meetings.

January 6 - Carol Brodbeck, former MGC president discusses: *The Comforts of Home-Growing Houseplants*

January 20 - Carol Brodbeck will present: *Winter Birds at your Feeder*

February 3 – Lynn O’Shaughnessy: *Photography – Seeing Things Differently*

February 17 – Mary Jo McElroy: *New Approaches to Flower Shows*



Conservation: Tips for Going Green This Winter

Submitted by Carrie Minch



Here are some easy ways to cut your energy useage during the winter months:

- Change your furnace filters regularly to keep your heating system running efficiently.
- Set your water heater to a lower temperature. You can even put an appropriate insulation blanket around it.
- Bake with glass or ceramic pans – which allows you to set the oven temperature 25 degrees lower than the recipe calls for.
- Cover your air-conditioner to reduce drafts.
- Wear slipper, sweaters, and light jackets in the house so that you can keep your thermostat at a lower setting.

- Make plans to plant deciduous trees around your house to provide summer shade and allow winter sunlight to shine through.

Club Happenings

Past-President, Martha Rohr did a presentation at the Kiwanas Club on December 27, 2022. Joining her were CAGC President, Dorothy Sandoval and Treasurer, Carolyn Navarre.

National Garden Clubs

Membership Monday Zoom – People, Plants, and Programs; a 4-Part Series on NGC Schools. Part 1 - Garden Study - What can you learn. How does it work. Sign up to receive the Zoom link:

<https://calendar.gardenclub.org/event/membership-monday-zoom-people-plants-and-programs-a-4-part-series-on-ngc-schools/>





Newsletter and Digital Communications

Submission deadline for the February issue of the CAGC newsletter is January 25. Email your photos, information, and articles to Beth Cowie - bethcowie@mac.com. You can also send Beth info for our website and social media.

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