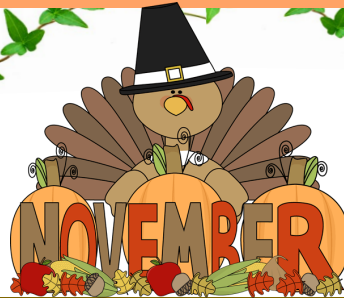


From the Vine

# Milford Garden Club Newsletter



2019

## Mark your Calendar



**Program:** Festive Flowers and Foliage

**Speaker:** Lisa Steinkopf

**Date:** Thursday, November 14

**Time:** 6:30 PM

**Where:** Milford Senior Center

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|--------|-------|--|
| Nov 3  | Sun   | Empty Bowl Event at Bakers of Milford<br>Noon to 3 PM  |
| Nov 14 | Thurs | <b>General Member Membership Meeting</b><br>Hospitality: Kathy Blackburn & Teresa Smith<br>Greeters: Linda Becker & Martha Klemmer                     |
| Nov 13 | Wed   | <b>Tea Time Group</b><br>To join Tea Time contact <b>Mary McFarland</b> at (248) 520-7186 to be  |
| Nov 18 | Mon   | <b>Board Meeting - 6 PM</b> at <b>Cindy Bauman's</b> home<br>128 West Washington St. Milford   |
| Nov 28 | Thurs | <b>Newsletter Deadline - Martha Klemmer</b> 248-685-8204<br>Send articles to: <a href="mailto:MarthaKlemmer@comcast.net">MarthaKlemmer@comcast.net</a> |

**Milford Garden Club  
Est. 1948**

**A Member of the Michigan Division  
Woman's National Farm and Garden Association**

## From the President's Desk.....



Welcome to **Susan Absher** our newest member. Susan has lived in Milford for about 3 years. Joining the garden club was one of the organizations Susan wanted to get involved in. She has an interest in assisting with the May Plant Sale, Garden Walk and hospitality. We are so glad you have joined our group.

It has been a busy month for the club. We had fall clean-up for all the gardens we maintain. Thank you to all the workers that came to the garden clean-up at Arthur's park and the Milford Senior Center. Everything was done within about an hour and a half. Way to go!!!!

**Barb Amey, Linda Becker, Jackie Seitz, Emily Kirshner, Linda Sturgeon, Sue Grifor and Linda Smith** attended the Michigan Division Meeting. I was surprised to learn that 85% of the membership of WNF&G is from Michigan. When I thought about this, it makes sense that our membership should be this high as WNF&G started in Michigan. For those of you that attended our September meeting, Mary Schwark shared some of the early history with us. The program at the fall Mi. Div. meeting was presented by Julia Hofley. She shared a lot of wonderful information about the best places for garden visits, plant purchases, gardening accessories, and great food. We learned about financial issues that occurred during the planning of the last national meeting. There were contracts that were signed without the board's approval which resulted in a \$24,000 deficit. In order to cover these bills, money had to be withdrawn from the investment account. As a result of this situation, the national board has made the necessary changes so that this could never happen again.

Waterford will be hosting the spring Mi Division meeting in 2020. It was Indian Village or Milford's turn to host the fall meeting. I volunteered to host the fall meeting. The spring of 2021 would be hard for us with two major projects at that time of year. We already have several members that have agreed to serve on the committee. They are **Linda Sturgeon, Jackie Seitz, Linda Becker, and Emily Kirshner. We are looking for a chairperson and additional committee members.** If you enjoy event planning, this would be a great committee to get involved in.

Sheila Kneeshaw, Michigan Division President, would love to visit our club. She is willing to come to a meeting or assist with one of our projects. I will be reaching out to her with a couple of possible dates. She will also be receiving a copy of our newsletter.

The list of names for people that wanted to continue to receive the printed version of the Mi. Division newsletter was sent to Cheryl Malin.

As a result of what has occurred regarding finances in our national organization, our board has approved some changes for the Milford branch.

- All checks to scholarship recipients will be made out to both the student and the school.

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In the past, the checks were made out to the student only. By having the school on the check, the student can only use the money for educational purposes and not personal use.

- We will form an internal committee that will audit the books at the end of each fiscal year.
- Forms will be utilized when requesting a check or when making a payment to provide a paper trail of all transactions.

**We are still in need of a chairperson for the May Plant Sale.** Barb Donahue is willing to mentor someone who is new to this role. We have a good committee of experienced members that have already volunteered to help. This is a wonderful way to get involved in the club on an easy project and truly make a difference. Almost half of our scholarship money is raised at this event. Below are the results for the May Plant Sale Survey that ended on 10/5/19.

34 email addresses completed the survey. The number of surveys completed included some couples.

- Would you like to partner with the Highland Garden Club? Yes (4), No (24), (7) comments. Leave it up to chairperson, may lose identity if with Highland, do both weekends, undecided, unsure but maybe a great experience to partner, they have chairpersons, could Highland come to us and change our site from \$400 school to church?
- If we hold our own sale, which date would you prefer? Mother's Day Weekend (25), the weekend after Mother's Day (7), 3 comments. Not sure, either, May 23<sup>rd</sup> plants more mature and wouldn't compete with Highland.
- If we hold our own sale, would you be willing to serve on the committee? Yes (4), No (28), Skipped (2) Note: There are six individuals that have agreed to serve on the committee and two others that will assist with marketing.

Are you willing to assist with set-up or work the day of the sale? Yes, Friday (12), Yes, Saturday (4), Yes, both Friday and Saturday (12), No, (4), Comments (8). We have the past two years, I would help if not on Mother's Day weekend (2), can't commit right now, if I'm in town, either Friday or Saturday not both, maybe more if in town. We are planning to offer evening social/sharing events on January 9th and February 13th. We don't have garden club meetings these months so the evening socials will be held the second Thursday of the month at 7 PM. **Linda Becker** will host the January evening and **Marion Benedict** will host the February evening.

Watch for more details as we get closer to these dates. Please note: If the Huron Valley Schools are closed due to weather, we will automatically cancel these evenings. We want everyone to stay safely at home.

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Thank you to **Karol LaHaie** for coordinating the field trip to Hidden Lake Garden. We had a great turn out and many laughs along the way. Jerry provided information about conifers and Sam took us on a tour of the conservatory and the bonsai display. It was a chilly day and was colder than many of us expected. We were glad when we reached the British Pantry for lunch that we were greeted with steaming pots of tea to accompany our salad luncheon. It was a wonderful opportunity to spend time with members of our club and to get to know people better. Let Karol know if you have any ideas for a spring field trip. We are ready to roll!

Our next board meeting is at the home of **Cindy Bauman**. Please let Cindy and me know if you are planning to attend. You are always welcome.

Warm regards,

**Linda Smith**  
President

## Fall Cleanup in the Gardens

On Friday, Oct 17 thirteen garden clubbers met to do fall cleanup at the Senior Center and Arthur Park gardens. With such a great crew, we made quick work of the job. If you haven't been by Arthur Park recently, stop over and have a look, it's really beautiful. Many thanks to the following hard working members:

**Lisa Willard, Nancy Kay, Sue Griffor, Mary McFarland, Millie Hulewicz, Brook Qualman, Kathy Barker, Kathy Blackburn, Barb Donahue, Janie Cryderman and Karol and Jack LaHaie.**

## BULLETIN BOARD

### Pet Care



Going on vacation and want loving pet care?

Call **Martha Klemmer** at  
248-685-8204  
Your home or mine.

### Home Watch

Going South for the winter?

Have your home checked, water plants, mailbox, heat, basement, etc.



Call **Martha Klemmer** at 248-685-8204

Field trip on Friday, Oct. 25 to

# Hidden Lake Gardens in Tipton Michigan



Jack & Karol LaHaie, Mary McFarland, Martha Klemmer, Linda Smith, Beth Sciberras, Millie Hulewicz, Sue Grifor, Lisa Willard, Carol Hill, Don Daley, Teresa Smith, Nancy Kay, Jerry & Terri Hardwick



Afterwards a delicious lunch at the **British Pantry Tea Shop** in Tecumseh



Thanks to **Karol LaHaie** For planning this wonderful trip



The Community Sharing Empty Bowls Team Community Sharing Outreach Center

Empty Bowl Project



Community Sharing Outreach Center

Empty Bowl Project



*You are invited to help fight hunger...*

***November 3, 2019 – Noon to 3 pm – Bakers of Milford***

Come share in a simple meal of soups and breads, donated by local restaurants, with the proceeds going to Community Sharing's Empty Bowl Project in the fight against hunger in our community. Our "simple meal" will be a reminder that often families in need simply have soup, bread and water as their main meal... we humbly simulate this at our event.

Everyone is invited! Check it out: [www.emptybowlproject.org](http://www.emptybowlproject.org) or call Community Sharing at 248-899-0347.



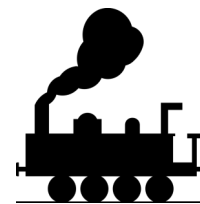
Sunday, November 10th

2-5 pm

All Are Welcome

Jay & Brook Qualman

508 Olivia Drive, Milford



Since our last open house Flint and South Milford have been completed.

## TEA TIME NEWS:

Many of our Tea Time members go away the beginning of each new year and cannot attend our regular gatherings. However, there are some of us who would still like to get together. Barb Brennan will gather all interested and we will go out to lunch instead.

We will meet on the regular 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month and when I know who will be attending, we can select a restaurant. I will figure on January 22, February 26 and

March 25<sup>th</sup>. We can alter these dates slightly when the time comes

Let the friendship, chatting and eating go on!!!

If you know now when/if you would like to join us, let Barb Brennan know – [barbmich1457@aol.com](mailto:barbmich1457@aol.com) or 248-685-9568.

A sign-up sheet will also be presented toward the end of the year.



**Barb Brennan**



Email change:

**Teresa Smith**

changed her email address.

It is: [trsmith5100@gmail.com](mailto:trsmith5100@gmail.com)

Please correct your yearbook.



**Change of address for:**

**Dolores Donnellon**

Wellbridge of Novi  
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Novi, Michigan 48374  
248-807-2981

Please update your yearbook



### NEW MEMBER:

**Susan Absher**

947 Byron Drive Milford, MI 48381  
734-474-2996 (cell)

[medusastare@yahoo.com](mailto:medusastare@yahoo.com)

Susan's interests are: garden walk, hospitality,  
May plant & bake sale

Please update your yearbook

Emily with MGC flag



**WNF&GA annual meeting in New York**

**We Wish We'd Known.....**

Here are some things we wished we'd known before we went to the WNF&GA annual meeting in New York in 2013. We went to our first annual meeting mainly because it was in New York. After four days with fellow garden members, we were hooked. We especially appreciated that the Bus Fee paid for the modern bus transportation to and from the location and its use while there.

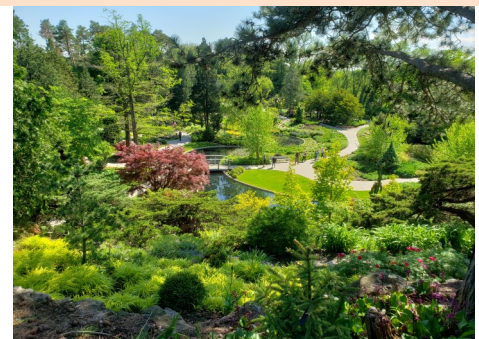
Admission fees, tours, and several meals were included in the Registration Fee. The hotel fee was separate.

Cincinnati from river boat



We expected the business meetings to be dull. We were wrong. We discovered how important WNF&GA is. We had no clue how we all fit together—Milford, Michigan Division, and National. We learned how WNF&GA helps women of the world improve the lives of their families through horticulture, and we learned how WE are an important part of that help.

Royal Botanical Garden, Toronto



The next year was the 100th (1914-2014) anniversary celebration of WNF&GA. Louisa King was the first president, and there were twelve members. We met at Temple University's Ambler College in suburban Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on the grounds of the former Pennsylvania School of Horticulture for Women. Milford's flag was presented along with flags from many other Branches.

The next annual meeting we attended was held in Cincinnati. We learned things we didn't know that we didn't know. We learned about the river, butterflies, and information about the underground railroad. We continued developing friendships that had begun at previous meetings.

Taughannock Falls near Ithaca, NY



The meeting in the Finger Lakes area around Ithaca, New York and Cornell University had natural beauty, and the Cornell University Botanic Gardens were spectacular. (Plus they had great ice cream) We learned how wine is made. Since we were going back home through Canada, we couldn't take back any plants. Bummer!

In Toronto we visited two major botanical gardens and a City Garden Walk with more than twenty homes. There was more than a person could see on just one trip.

We don't have any idea what we will learn next, but we are looking forward to the opportunities. We encourage you to consider joining us for the next annual meeting to be held in Louisville, Kentucky on June 3 - 7, 2020. Feel free to contact one of us if you would like more information.

**Jackie Seitz & Emily Kirshner**



# How to Grow Dahlias



Todd McInturf The Detroit News

A pink dahlia grows big in Detroit Abloom's garden. Dahlias have to be staked up so they won't flop over.

BY MAUREEN FEIGHAN  
The Detroit News

**S**cared to grown your own dahlias? Don't be, says Michael Genovese of Summer Dreams Farms in Oxford.

Yes, dahlia tubers have to be dug up every year and replanted, but Genovese says there's another option: Buy new tubers every year. Genovese sells them on his farm's website ([summerdreamsfarm.com](http://summerdreamsfarm.com)). They range in price from \$5.95 to \$7.95.

Tom Molina of Detroit Abloom, an organic flower farm in Detroit's Jefferson-Chalmers neighborhood, also sells dahlia tubers ([detroitabloom.com](http://detroitabloom.com)). They cost \$6 each.

Both Genovese and Molina say when it comes to growing dahlias, full sun is key. The tubers don't become active until the soil temperature is around 60-65 degrees so Genovese says planting them around Mother's Day "is normally pretty safe" for southeast Michigan.

Here are some other tips:

**Plant them in well-drained soil:**

Genovese says tubers can rot if the soil is too wet, so make sure you plant them in

an area where the soil drains well.

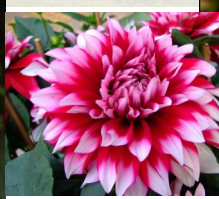
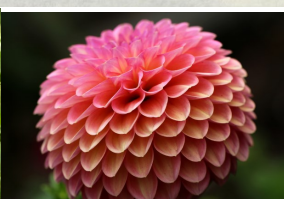
**Plant them 3-4 inches deep:** Lay the tubers flat, horizontally, suggests Genovese. If they're too high, they're "really going to flop on you," he says. "If they're too deep, it's going to delay the time until your flower blooms."

**Water thoughtfully:** Molina says when you plant the tuber, water it once and then don't water again until it emerges from the soil. "Then, as the plant grows, give it a deep watering at least every five to six days, when the weather is dry," said Molina. "One deep watering that saturates its tubers is better than enumerable superficial waterings."

**Put a stake in it:** Prone to flopping, dahlias need to be supported. "They usually need to be staked up and their branches corralled a bit, so that they don't bend and break," said Molina.

**Cut the blooms:** Once they begin to blossom, Molina says you can cut blooms regularly so that the plant keeps on flowering. "A wonderful thing about dahlias is that they bloom until the first hard frost," he said.

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WOMAN'S NATIONAL FARM AND GARDEN ASSOCIATION, INC.

**Julia Hofley**, garden expert extra-ordinaire, is sure to delight. Her presentation *Gardening Girlfriend Road Trips* will feature the best places in Michigan for garden visits, plant purchases, gardening accessories and, of course, great food.



Tuesday October 15 seven Milford Garden Club members attended the Michigan chapter of Farm & Garden Clubs fall meeting.

The day was informative and Fun. Learning more how the chapter and different clubs work and what they do.

We received some of the same info that is included in newsletters but on a more enhanced and personal level A lovely lunch and dessert was prepared by Schoolcraft culinary college.

It was especially nice to put names and faces together.

We met our new president Shelia Kneeshaw. Shelia has requested to visit us in future for a meeting or event.

Our speaker was Julia Hofley who gave an interesting talk on Greenhouse and interesting garden center's to visit by region in Michigan.

Plan to attend the spring meeting hosted by Waterford GC and next fall by Milford GC.

Article submitted by **Linda Becker**



# Milford Garden Club Annual Christmas Party

**When:** Thursday, December 12, 2019 – 6:30 pm

**Amount:** \$25/person

**Attire:** Holiday Ugly

**Entertainment:** Lois & Tom Keel, Storytellers

This year we will be using Two Women and A Tray as our caterer. Vegetarian options will be available upon request.

We will be collecting money at the November meeting.



**Deadline December 5, 2019**

*Janie Cryderman*

**MILFORD GARDEN CLUB MINUTES**  
**10/10/19 Meeting Minutes**

Linda Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

Thanks to hostesses: **Teresa Smith** and **Mary McFarland**, and greeters: **Barb Amey** and **Judy Vincent**.

Welcome to new members, **Bonnie Lynch**, and guests **Susan Absher** and **Linda Krol**.

9/12/19 meeting minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report** – **Cindy Bauman** reported that total in bank account is \$9,517.25.

**President's Report** – **Linda Smith**

May Plant Sale Survey Results – Entire report to be published in the newsletter. In summary, we will not join the Highland Garden club's sale and we will continue to hold our sale on the Saturday of Mother's Day weekend. A chairperson is still needed and **Barb Donahue** has graciously offered to mentor the new chairperson. Thanks Barb!

Electronic Mi Division Newsletter – Beginning with the November edition, all members will received the newsletter electronically unless he/she notifies **Linda Smith**.

Evening Socials – Any members who have ideas or would like to set up an event for January or February 2020, please contact **Linda Smith**.

Yearbooks were distributed. Please contact **Brook Qualman** with any corrections to the Yearbook.

Tea Time is October 23rd at noon at **Terri Hardick's** home. Please contact Terri if you are planning to attend. If you would like to be a regular participant, contact Mary McFarland to be added to the email distribution list.

December Holiday meeting – Theme is "Family Traditions". If you have ideas for entertainment/activity, please contact **Janie Cryderman**. If you're interesting in decorating a table, please contact Brook Qualman.

Thank you from the Milford Senior Center for planting and maintaining their garden.

Michigan Division's Fall Council Meeting will be held on 10/15. **Barb Amey, Linda Becker, Karol LaHaie, Emily Kirschner, Jackie Seitz** and **Linda Smith** are planning to attend.

**Chairperson Reports**

**Garden Walk** – **Kathy Barker** and **Martha Larsh** have 5 gardens secured for June 2020 walk. Thanks to **Gail Cooper** who volunteered to be Publicity chair for the walk.

**November Program** – **Barb Amey** reported that Lisa Steinkopf will speak on Fall Flowers & Foilage. Please contact Linda Becker with suggestions for microphone to purchase for club meetings. **Teresa McCarthy** will bring her karaoke machine to November meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25PM.

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## October Calendar of Events

| Date/Time                                   | Event   | Where   | Other information  |
|---|---|---|--|
| 10/15<br>10 AM to 2 PM                      | Michigan Division<br>Fall Council Meeting – Girlfriends in the Garden of Life | Schoolcraft College, Vista Tech Center, 18600 Haggerty Rd., Livonia | Deadline for registration was 10/4. Barb Amey, Linda Becker, Karol LaHaie, Emily Kirshner, Jackie Seitz and Linda Smith are attending. |
| 10/17, (rain date 10/18)<br>9 AM            | Fall Clean-up   | Start at Senior Center then Arthur's Park                           | Lunch downtown after we are done.  |
| 10/21, 6 PM                                 | Board Meeting   | Linda Becker's home   |  |
| 10/23, noon                                 | Tea Time  | Terri Hardick's home  | RSVP to attend   |
| 10/25, depart 9 AM from Baker's carpool lot | Fall Field Trip   | Hidden Lake Garden in Tipton  | Tour \$8 collected at gate. Lunch at British Pantry, Tecumseh.   |
| 11/14, 6:30 PM                              | General Membership Meeting  | Milford Senior Center   | Festive Flowers and Foliage - Linda Steinkopf  |



Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Collins

### **October Speaker**

**Karen Carducci - English Gardens  
Fall Planting Guide**

# Milford Garden Club Officers & Committees

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