

From the Vine

Milford Garden Club Newsletter

2020

June

**Mark your
Calendar**



**Program: MGC Member Only
Plant Exchange**

Date: Thursday, June 25

Time: 6:00 PM



**Where: Milford Senior Center Parking lot
(See page 4 for details)**

May 31	Sun	Dues & Commitment Sheets Deadline—See page 8-9 for more info
Jun 11	Thur	General Member Membership Meeting—Cancelled No Executive Board Meeting Garden Walk Cancelled
Jun 24	Wed	Tea Time Group To join Tea Time contact Mary McFarland at (248) 520-7186 to be included in the email notification list for upcoming meetings.
June 25	Thurs	Member Only Plant Exchange - See page 4 for details
June 28	Sun	Newsletter Deadline - Martha Klemmer 248-685-8204 Send articles to: MarthaKlemmer@comcast.net



**Milford Garden Club
Est. 1948
A Member of the Michigan Division
Woman's National Farm and Garden Association**

**From the
President's Desk**

Linda Smith

We have a busy summer coming up even though we may not be able to meet in person. The board has decided to purchase a monthly subscription to Zoom starting in August. Once we can meet in person, we can cancel the subscription.

The WNFGA National Business Meeting is scheduled for June 6th from 10-1 using Zoom. This is a great opportunity to see what is going on at the national level and for every member to have a voice regarding future plans. Pre-registration is required but there is no charge to participate.

On June 25th, we will be holding a plant exchange for members only. Please see the guidelines on page 4 in this newsletter. It will be fun to see what members have to share and an opportunity to see everyone from afar. The event starts at 6:00. There will be no business meeting in June.

In August, we are planning to do a virtual garden tour of members' gardens following our Zoom business meeting. I hope everyone will submit pictures to be included. **Cindy Bauman** has volunteered to put together the presentation. Please see the photo submission guidelines in this newsletter.

Diane Pearson has been working on entertainment for our holiday dinner in December. We are still in need of someone to take the lead and a couple of committee members. The committee will determine the menu (catered or potluck) and decorations. Let me know if you would like to assist.

Sue Grifor and her committee are starting to plan the design of the gardens at the entrance to cemetery. They have already had one meeting to look at the site. The next step will be determining the design.

Sue Tompkins will help set-up a private members only section on our website. The area will contain our membership list, bylaws, and anything else we would like to add. It will be an online version of our yearbook. The area will be password protected so that only members will have access to the information. This will allow us to add new members and information throughout the year. We will provide a printed version to members that don't have computer access.



Warm regards,
Linda Smith

Geraniums Disease This Spring in Michigan Due to Rare Bacteria

By Diane Pearson



A number of Michigan greenhouses recently destroyed a popular geranium after greenhouse owners and the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture found rare bacteria in geranium cuttings. This bacteria could threaten U.S. food crops if the bacteria spread.

The geranium that had cuttings with the bacteria was 'Fantasia Pink Flare' imported from Guatemala.

The importer sent cuttings to greenhouses across the U.S. but Michigan was the hardest hit according to Elizabeth Dorman, a plant pathology lab manager at the Michigan agriculture department.

In Michigan, 41 facilities imported the geraniums. One Michigan grower notified authorities after he noticed a strange wilt on the flowers. Authorities ordered greenhouses to destroy the Fantasia Pink Flare geranium and growers had to disinfect their facilities to prevent any spread. State inspectors made visits to greenhouses that imported this variety from Guatemala to ensure plants were correctly destroyed. Authorities will continue to monitor these sites during the summer to make sure there are not any more incidents.

As far as officials know only 'Fantasia Pink Flare' variety was affected. You may see signs where you buy geraniums, but they are not selling Fantasia 'Pink Flare' geranium plants.

The importer immediately stopped shipments to the U.S. and voluntarily agreed to destroy any future shipments. According to the importer, it ships to 288 greenhouses in 39 states. Federal and state agriculture officials have been visiting the 288 greenhouse locations to inspect, isolate and destroy all Fantasia 'Pink Flare' geranium plants and any co-mingled and exposed host and non-host plants. They will also check and test other geranium varieties.

The identified bacteria is known as *Ralstonia solanacearum* race 3 biovar 2, more commonly known as *Ralstonia*. According to Elizabeth Dorman, it is very dangerous because it can spread to food crops, like potatoes, peppers, tomatoes and eggplants. There is no effective chemical control to manage the disease. Other countries that have experienced this bacteria can never plant these food crops into the same soil. The last time *Ralstonia* was found in the U.S. was in 2004. The U.S. government considers the bacteria a "select agent" because it can be used in bioterrorism.

Adapted from WNEM digital staff (May 16, 2020) and United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, "USDA Confirms *Ralstonia solanacearum* race 3 biovar 2 in Geranium Plants in Greenhouse," May 13, 2020.



MGC Member Only Plant Exchange 6:00 PM - June 25th

Milford Senior Center



On, Thursday, June 25th, we will be holding a plant exchange for members only in the Senior Center Parking lot.

Cars parked every other parking place.

The plants that you bring should be displayed on the ground next to your trunk.

Plants should be marked with a name, color, sun or shade and any other helpful information for keeping it healthy.

Please wear a **mask** and gardening gloves are encouraged

We will follow social distancing and draw numbers for the order of who will begin.

You will be able to pick the number of plants equal to the amount that you bring. This will be done in rounds, picking one plant each round.

The event will start at 6PM and probably last about an hour or less.



Barb Amey & Linda Becker



Prune Your Clematis – It's Not That Hard!

By Diane Pearson



Importance of Pruning Clematis

If you are like me I have no idea when to prune my clematis, so I usually don't do it, resulting in a spider's web of brown and green vines. Plant tags are no help! However if you don't prune your clematis the vines become decrepit stems with few flowers. And if you own some of the vigorous species and varieties, most of the flowering occurs at the top of the vines, which will cause the weight of the plants to pull down their supports. What a tangled web!

So, you need to take a little time and find out how and when to prune your clematis. Pruning clematis vines provides quite a few benefits to the plants.

It stimulates new growth, which increases the number of flowers of the plant, not just on top.

It reduces the weight so the plant doesn't fall over.



It helps keep clematis vines healthy. Clematis wilt or fungal stem rot may infect the plant, which causes shoots, leaves, or even entire vines to collapse and brown, often in early summer. If this happens you need to prune the wilted shoots to healthy growth. Or, you may even have to prune almost to ground to prevent the disease from spreading. and to stimulate new stem growth from what remains of healthy tissue.

Pruning the tangle of stems opens the remaining shoots to air and light and reduces the number of leaves that hold moisture because moisture causes wilt and other diseases.

Taking the Confusion Out of Pruning Clematis

Clematis varieties belong to one of three groups based on blooming time and characteristics. First determine your variety and then determine to which group it belongs. Once you know the group, you will know when and how to prune (each group has its own set of pruning rules).

The groups are:

- Group 1 (spring bloomers)
- Group 2 (repeat bloomers)
- Group 3 (summer or fall bloomers)



If you still are not sure the type of clematis you have or to which group it belongs, allow the plant to grow freely for a year or two and watch how and when it flowers.

Pruning Rules for Clematis Groups

Group 1 – Spring Bloomers

Vines flower in spring on the previous year's growth. Prune these vines immediately after they finish blooming to allow new stems to have enough time to make flower buds for the next year. Make sure not to cut into very old wood because these parts of the stems don't rejuvenate well. Also, when you prune, the less you shorten stems, the earlier the plant bloom.

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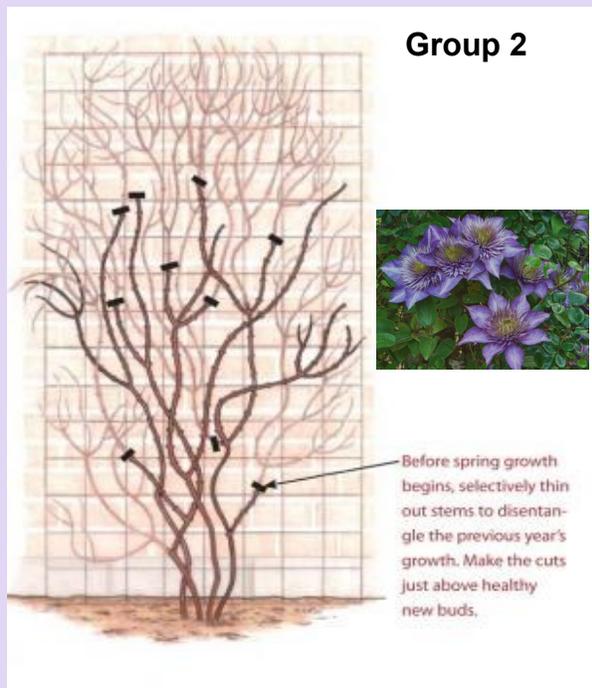
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Group 2 – Repeat Bloomers

Group 2 vines bloom in late spring or early summer, and later on new shoots and old stems. Older stems bloom the most in late spring, but new shoots bloom mostly during late summer. Pruning group 2 clematis is a bit tricky.

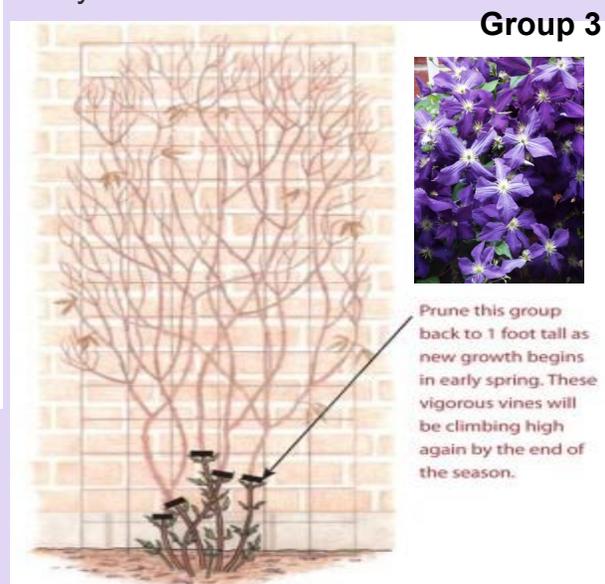
Try one of these approaches:

Lightly thin out and disentangle stems **BEFORE** growth begins in early spring; after the earliest flowers fade in late spring/early summer; severely shorten the stems that bore those flowers. If the plant is a heavy late bloomer prune more when thinning the stems before growth starts in early spring. See photo Group 2.



Another approach is to severely prune the plant back by half every other year.

A third approach is to cut the whole plant back drastically **every few years** just before growth starts. But don't prune in the "off" years.



Group 3 – Summer/Fall Bloomers

Group 3 clematis flower in late summer or fall, on new growth produced earlier in the season.

Group 3 is the easiest to prune. Before the season's growth begins, or when it starts to bloom, cut all stems back to strong buds a foot from the ground. If you want the clematis to go up a tree or want flowers in a higher location, prune much less. Note: Some plants in group 3 bloom earlier and longer if not cut back hard (e.g., *C. orientalis* cultivars and *C. tangutica*). See photo above

Use the following chart to find to which group your clematis belongs. Happy pruning.

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Group 1 clematis (spring bloomers)		
<i>C. alpina</i> 'Burford White' 'Columbine' 'Franci Ravis' 'Frankie' 'Jacqueline du Pré' 'Pamela Jackman' 'Rosy Pagoda' 'Ruby' 'White Columbine' 'Willy' <i>C. alpina</i> subsp. <i>sibirica</i> 'White Moth' <i>C. armandii</i> 'Apple Blossom' 'Snowdrift'	<i>C. chiisanensis</i> <i>C. chrysocoma</i> and cvs. 'Continuity' <i>C. cirrhosa</i> <i>C. cirrhosa</i> var. <i>balearica</i> <i>C. columbiana</i> <i>C. finetiana</i> <i>C. foetida</i> <i>C. forsteri</i> <i>C. gentianoides</i> <i>C. japonica</i> <i>C. macropetala</i> and cvs. 'Blue Bird' 'Maidwell Hall' 'Markham's Pink' 'Snowbird'	<i>C. marata</i> <i>C. marmoraria</i> <i>C. meyeniana</i> <i>C. montana</i> and cvs. f. <i>grandiflora</i> 'Alexander' 'Elizabeth' 'Peveril' 'Picton's Variety' 'Tetrarose' <i>C. napaulensis</i> <i>C. petriei</i> <i>C. phlebantha</i> <i>C. quinquefoliolata</i> <i>C. spooneri</i> <i>C. uncinata</i> <i>C. x vedrariensis</i> and cvs. 'Highdown'
Group 2 clematis (repeat bloomers)		
<i>C. florida</i> <i>C. patens</i> hybrids 'Alice Fisk' 'Andrew' 'Asao' 'Barbara Dibley' 'Barbara Jackman' 'Beauty of Richmond' 'Beauty of Worcester' 'Bees' Jubilee' 'Belle Nantaise' 'Belle of Woking' 'Capitaine Thuilleaux' 'Carnaby' 'Chalcedony' 'Charissima' 'Corona' 'Countess of Lovelace' 'Crimson King' 'C. W. Dowman' 'Daniel Deronda' 'Dawn' 'Dr. Ruppel' 'Duchess of Edinburgh' 'Duchess of Sutherland' 'Edith' 'Édouard Defossé' 'Elsa Späth' (syn. 'Xerxes') 'Empress of India' 'Étoile de Malicorne' 'Étoile de Paris' 'Fair Rosamond' 'Gladys Picard' 'Haku Ookan' 'Henry' 'Horn of Plenty' 'H.F. Young'	'Herbert Johnson' 'Fairy Queen' 'Fireworks' 'General Sikorski' 'Gillian Blades' 'Imperial' 'Ishobel' 'Jackmanii Alba' 'Jackmanii Rubra' 'James Mason' 'Joan Picton' 'John Paul II' 'John Warren' 'Kacpur' 'Karin' 'Kathleen Dunford' 'Kathleen Wheeler' 'Keith Richardson' 'Ken Donson' 'King Edward VII' 'King George V' 'Kiri Te Kawana' 'Lady Caroline Nevill' 'Lady Londesborough' 'Lady Northcliffe' 'Lasurstern' 'Lawsoniana' 'Lincoln Star' 'Lord Nevill' 'Louise Rowe' 'Marie Boisselot' 'Miriam Markham' 'Miss Bateman' 'Miss Crawshay' 'Moonlight' 'Mrs. Bush' 'Mrs. George Jackman'	'Mrs. James Mason' 'Mrs. Hope' 'Mrs. Cholmondeley' 'Mrs. N. Thompson' 'Mrs. P.B. Truax' 'Mrs. Spencer Castle' 'My_j' 'Nelly Moser' 'Niobe' 'Peveril Pearl' 'Princess of Wales' 'Prins Hendrik' 'Proteus' 'Richard Pennell' 'Royalty' 'Saturn' 'Scartho Gem' 'Sealand Gem' 'Serenata' 'Silver Moon' 'Sir Garnet Wolseley' 'Snow Queen' 'Susan Allsop' 'Sylvia Denny' 'The President' 'Titania' 'Twilight' 'Veronica's Choice' 'Violet Charm' 'Violet Elizabeth' 'Vyvyan Pennell' 'Wada's Primrose' 'Walter Pennell' 'W.E. Gladstone' 'Wilhelmina Tull' 'Will Goodwin' 'William Kennett'

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Group 3 clematis (summer or fall bloomers)

<i>C. addisonii</i> 'WEBSITE: www.themilfordgardensclub.org'	<i>C. rehderiana</i> 'C. integrifolia'	'Ascotensis' 'Ascotensis'
<i>C. apiifolia</i> 'C. brachiata' 'C. buchananiana' 'C. campaniflora' 'C. chinensis' 'C. connata'	'C. songarica' 'C. stans C. tangutica' 'C. tangutica' var. <i>obtusiuscula</i> 'C. terniflora' (syn. <i>C. paniculata</i>) 'C. texensis' 'Duchess of Albany'	'Clematis@themilfordgardensclub.org' 'Cylindrica' 'Edward Prichard' 'Ernest Markham' 'Gipsy Queen' 'Guiding Star' 'Hazel Hybrid'

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Group 3 clematis (summer or fall bloomers)		
<i>C. addisonii</i>	<i>C. rehderiana</i>	'Ascotiensis'
<i>C. aethusifolia</i>	<i>C. serratifolia</i>	'Blue Boy' 'Comtesse de Bouchaud'
<i>C. apiifolia</i>	<i>C. songarica</i>	'Cylindrica'
<i>C. brachiata</i>	<i>C. stans</i> <i>C. tangutica</i>	'Edward Prichard'
<i>C. buchananiana</i>	<i>C. tangutica</i> var. <i>obtusiuscula</i>	'Ernest Markham'
<i>C. campaniflora</i>	<i>C. terniflora</i> (syn. <i>C. paniculata</i>)	'Gipsy Queen'
<i>C. chinensis</i>	<i>C. texensis</i>	'Guiding Star'
<i>C. connata</i>	'Duchess of Albany'	'Hagley Hybrid'
<i>C. crispa</i>	'Étoile Rose'	'Huldine'
<i>C. x durandii</i>	'Gravetye Beauty'	'Jackmanii'
<i>C. x eriostemon</i>	'Lady Bird Johnson'	'John Huxtable'
<i>C. flammula</i>	'Sir Trevor Lawrence'	'Kermesina'
<i>C. fruticosa</i>	<i>C. tibetana</i>	'Lady Betty Balfour'
<i>C. fusca</i>	<i>C. versicolor</i>	'Mme. Baron Veillard'
<i>C. heracleifolia</i>	<i>C. viorna</i>	'Mme. Édouard André'
'Campanile'	<i>C. vitalba</i>	'Mme. Grangé'
'Wyevale'	<i>C. viticella</i>	'Mme. Julia Correvon'
<i>C. integrifolia</i>	'Abundance'	'Margaret Hunt'
'Alba'	'Alba Luxurians'	'Maureen'
'Hendersonii'	'Carmencita'	'Mrs. Robert Brydon'
'Pastel Pink'	'Elvan'	'Olgae'
'Tapestry'	'Little Nell'	'Pagoda'
<i>C. x jouiniana</i>	'Margot Koster'	'Perle d'Azur'
<i>C. ladakhiana</i>	'Minuet'	'Pink Fantasy'
<i>C. ochroleuca</i>	'Purpurea Plena Elegans'	'Prince Charles'
<i>C. orientalis</i>	'Royal Velours'	'Rouge Cardinal'
'Bill MacKenzie'	'Tango'	'Star of India'
<i>C. pitcheri</i>	'Venosa Violacea'	'Victoria'
<i>C. potaninii</i> (syn. <i>C. fargesii</i> var. <i>souliei</i>)	Hybrids	'Ville de Lyon'
<i>C. recta</i>	'Allanah'	'Volveau'
'Purpurea'	'Aromatica'	'Warszawska Nike'

Source: "Pruning Clematis - When they bloom determines when to prune," by Lee Reich, Fine Gardening, Issue 90

To All Garden Club Members:



Want to be in the yearbook? — pay your dues NOW!

Please be advised that our 2020/21 Membership dues were due by May 31.

Dues are \$30 per member; \$40 per couple. If you wish to pay by check, please make the check payable to "The Milford Garden Club".

Also, please let me know if you have any changes, i.e. address change, email address change, etc. **Enrollment Form** on next page.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Terri Hardick
Membership Chair

Enrollment Form on next page..



Milford Garden Club
Branch of the Women's National Farm & Garden Association

ENROLLMENT FORM

New member _____
Renewal _____

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Check one (if applicable):

Date _____
Month/Day/Year

Master Gardener _____
Advanced Master Gardener _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

E-mail (please print clearly) _____

Please check your areas of interest. Participation is a great way to be active, meet other members, and have fun. Select committees from the list below. The committee chairperson will contact you at the appropriate time.

Check two or more:

- ___ **Butterfly Garden** – Weeding of garden area
- ___ **Garden Walk** – Committee, work as host/s, shift work, bake, etc. (large club fundraiser)
- ___ **Hospitality** – Provide treat or hors d'oeuvre for one general meeting; help set-up/clean-up at same
- ___ **May Plant & Bake Sale** – Committee and/or work a shift at the sale; bake, pot plants (large club fundraiser)
- ___ **Membership/Yearbook** – Collect name tags, assist with commitment forms and proofreading Yearbook
- ___ **Mentor** – Help new members become acquainted with the activities and workings of our club
- ___ **Scholarships** – Selection committee one day in April; evaluate applicants (many local scholarships given)
- ___ **Senior Center Garden** – Weeding of garden area

(Note: Additional groups/committees exist within the club and are listed in the MGC Yearbook under "Committee-Chairpersons". You are encouraged to contact those chairpersons regarding participation.)

Our website: www.themilfordgardenclub.org
Our email address: Questions@themilfordgardenclub.org

Annual Dues: \$30 single
 \$40 couple
 \$3 per month after February

Make check payable to: **Milford Garden Club**

Return to our Membership Chair: Terri Hardick 5526 Plantation Drive Commerce, MI 48382
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How did you find out about the Milford Garden Club? Check one: ___ a friend ___ another MGC member
___ a notice in the newspaper ___ the Garden Walk ___ other (please specify) _____

OFFICE USE ONLY
Rec'd
___ Name Tag
Dues Paid ___ Cash ___ Check # _____
___ Membership database
___ Yearbook



Flight of the Monarchs

Submitted by **Ellen Collins**



In mid May, the northward edge of the monarch migration line stalled with little northward advance due to cooler temps. In the Midwest, the majority of sightings were still clustered in Kansas, Missouri and southern Illinois. In the eastern US, sightings are still clustered within the Chesapeake Bay region.

A week ago, warmer temperatures and favorable winds recently saw the monarchs surge farther north.

Monarchs continue to move north along the Atlantic Coast and the Midwest laying eggs along the way. Journey North citizen scientists reported first sightings for monarch eggs as far north as New Jersey and Kentucky.

Monarchs have now been reported in several new states including Colorado and Massachusetts as well as the Canadian Province of Ontario. In the Upper Midwest, monarchs have now crossed the 42N parallel with more reports coming in from Illinois, Wisconsin and Michigan.

Sightings from previous years show a pattern with a typical surge occurring during the second half of May.

The milkweed emergence line has crossed the Canadian border. There have been reports of milkweed now in Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec and Nova Scotia.



Source: Journey North

Milford Garden Club
 Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
 September 2019 through August 2020
 Cindy Bauman, Treasurer

	<u>Sep '19 - Aug 20</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
External Income			
Garden Walk	4,396.60	4,367.00	29.60
May Plant/Bake Sale	0.00	2,000.00	-2,000.00
Total External Income	<u>4,396.60</u>	<u>6,367.00</u>	<u>-1,970.40</u>
Internal Income			
Dues Membership	2,346.00	1,660.00	686.00
Devine, 50/50 raffle	325.00	350.00	-25.00
Miscellaneous	447.62		
Total Internal Income	<u>3,118.62</u>	<u>2,010.00</u>	<u>1,108.62</u>
Total Income	<u>7,515.22</u>	<u>8,377.00</u>	<u>-861.78</u>
Gross Profit	7,515.22	8,377.00	-861.78
Expense			
External expense			
Charity donation			
Community Sharing	0.00	250.00	-250.00
Charity donation - Other	429.11		
Total Charity donation	<u>429.11</u>	<u>250.00</u>	<u>179.11</u>
Education, external			
Libraries	0.00	200.00	-200.00
Library, Milford	200.00		
Scholarships	0.00	4,500.00	-4,500.00
Total Education, external	<u>200.00</u>	<u>4,700.00</u>	<u>-4,500.00</u>
Rent	780.00	780.00	0.00
Speakers for meetings	878.00	2,300.00	-1,422.00
Special Projects	0.00	500.00	-500.00
Website-MILFORDGC.ORG	0.00	120.00	-120.00

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Total External expense	2,287.11	8,650.00	-6,362.89
Internal Expenses			
License and application fees	0.00	20.00	-20.00
Bank Service Charges	0.00	25.00	-25.00
Education, internal			
Master Gardener Tuition Reimburse	0.00	100.00	-100.00
Total Education, internal	0.00	100.00	-100.00
Gifts/Memorials	67.84	100.00	-32.16
Insurance	808.00	1,068.00	-260.00
Meeting refreshments	6.99	150.00	-143.01
MI Div. Membership	684.00	660.00	24.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	250.00	-250.00
Printing	0.00	15.00	-15.00
Yearbook	173.50	250.00	-76.50
Total Internal Expenses	1,740.33	2,638.00	-897.67
Total Expense	4,027.44	11,288.00	-7,260.56
Net Ordinary Income	3,487.78	-2,911.00	6,398.78
Net Income	3,487.78	-2,911.00	6,398.78

The Milford Garden Club

FACEBOOK

The Milford Garden Club has a Facebook site.

Ask other gardeners about problems with your plants

Ask for solutions suggestions.

Share garden tips with others

You must be a Facebook user, then search for

The Milford Garden Club

Then Post

Bulletin Board

For Sale - Community News - Services, etc.

Free Ads
For Milford Garden Club
Members Only

GARDEN ITEMS FOR SALE – Email Diane Pearson if interested at dgpear@comcast.net

Mexican Pot \$2.00	Excellent condition; 5 ¾" diameter, 5 ½" tall, 5 ¼" top opening
 <p style="font-size: small;">Design on 1 side</p>	 <p style="font-size: small;">Design on other side</p>

White plastic planter with water tray
\$4.00



Tote Bag
 2 ¾" wide x 11 ½" hgt; very little wear, has stain on inside bottom



Front side has 3 pockets
 Reverse side. Ends have larger pockets, 1 on each end

FREE due to crack- Blue Chinese Fish Bowl Planter
 10" hgt x 11 ¼" diameter, 10 7/8 " opening




Martha's Pet Care Service
Going on vacation? Loving care for your pet while you are away. Call Martha Klemmer t 248-685-8204

MILFORD GARDEN CLUB MINUTES

7 PM 5/14/2020 Remote

Linda Smith called the meeting to order at 7:05PM.

The 3/12/20 general membership meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report – Cindy Bauman reported a total bank balance of \$8,665.15. The treasurer's report will be filed for audit.

President's Report

- **Linda Smith** asked for a volunteer for Hospitality Coordinator so that next yearbook could include this information. This position coordinates hostesses for each meeting starting in August 2020. **Martha Klemmer** will provide a summary of the hospitality coordinator's responsibilities. **Pat Coppersmith** accepts this position, and after much discussion about corona virus concerns, it was determined that the decision whether to have snacks and/or beverages and the appropriate timing cannot be determined as yet. Members will be contacted about hostessing when appropriate.
- **Linda Smith** also asked for volunteers for the Holiday Party Chairperson and committee. No one stepped forward. Diane Pearson is investigating entertainment for the party and has two possibilities in the works.

New Policies – The board voted to add the following two policies after the bylaws in our yearbook. We were required to have the policies in order to be approved for our Nonprofit Management Liability Insurance which was effective on May 11.

- **Non-Discrimination Policy** - The Milford Garden Club does not discriminate on the basis of race, religious creed, national origin, disability, ethnicity, marital status, age, or sex in its membership, operations, or activities. The Milford Garden Club strives to provide a welcoming atmosphere to all its members.
- **Anti-Harassment Policy** - The Milford Garden Club is committed to providing an environment that is free from harassment. Harassment based upon a person's sex, race, ethnicity, age or religion will not be tolerated in the club. Failure to abide by this policy will lead to discipline up to and including expulsion from the club.

Linda Smith called for objections from the general membership, there were none.

Chairperson Reports

- **Membership – Terri Hardick** reported that dues are due this month. Please mail your dues to Terri. Terri will send out an email reminder.
- **Spring Garden Cleanup – Karol LaHaie** reported that cleanup is scheduled for 5/21/20 at Arthur's Park in 2-hour shifts with 3 workers per shift in order to maintain social distancing. Kathy Blackburn reported that 9AM, 11AM, 1PM shifts are filled. The 3PM shift has open spots. Annuals planting is scheduled for 5/28/20 utilizing the same shift/worker plan. Volunteers are needed. Please contact Kathy if you're interested in helping.
- **Community Outreach - Oakgrove Cemetery Garden Design Committee** members are **Linda Sturgeon** and **Brook Qualman**. **Lisa Willard** volunteered to assist.
- **Sunshine** – Please notify **Kathy Barker** if you have any requests.
- **Website** – Please email any pictures or information you would like to see on the website to **Sue Tompkins**.

Unfinished Business

- **Microphone – Liz Goch** has a sound system to donate to the club. Thank you Liz!
- **Michigan Div Fall Meeting – Tentatively Cancelled**. The next Mi Div Meeting will be hosted by Waterford. Our club is no longer committed to hosting a Michigan Division Meeting.

• **Nominating Committee Report- Lynn**

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Burrows has agreed to serve as secretary for 2020-2021.

Motion: Linda Becker moved to approve Lynn Burrows as Secretary for the 2020-2021 year. Motion carried without dissent.

- This bylaw change was presented at our meeting in March and will be voted on tonight.

Article VII – Dues Section III

- Members joining prior to January 1 shall pay full annual dues. **New** members joining after January 1 shall pay dues prorated **of \$2.50 per month** based on the number of meetings **months** remaining **prior to May 1st** in the club fiscal year.

- **Motion: Karol LaHaie moved to approve Article VII-Dues Section III as written. Motion carried without dissent.**

New Business

- Programs – **Barb Amey** and **Linda Becker** proposed a Trunk Plant Exchange for members only on 6/11/20 instead of June meeting. The idea was well accepted. Barb and Linda will email details to members.

- Proposed Bylaw Change to be voted on at our next meeting.

Change Article XI Amendment to Article XII. Insert new Article XI Dissolution. **Please note that there are no plans to dissolve our organization. However, the board thinks that we should have this included in our bylaws should the situation arise in the future.** The board recommends the adoption of the following amendment.

Amendment XI

- The dissolution of the Milford Garden Club (the Club) shall be put to a vote of the membership by the Board of Directors. Upon the dissolution of the Milford Garden Club, all of the business, properties, assets and income of the Milford Garden Club remaining after payment of all debts and liabilities of the Club, shall be distributed to a nonprofit fund, association, or corporation which is organized and operated exclusively for tax exempt purposes, which are reasonably related to the purposes and goals of this Club, as determined by the Board of Directors of the Milford Garden Club in its sole discretion, and which has established its tax exempt status under 501(c)-of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

- The Club will promptly notify the President of the Michigan Division of the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association in writing of the dissolution and a report of the funds distributed. The Michigan Division is responsible for notifying the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association.

- After notifying the Michigan Division of the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association, the Club will file a dissolution report and fee as required by the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs. The corporation ID number required on the report is 800931404 for the Milford Branch of the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association.

Meeting adjourned at 7:38PM.



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