

From the Vine

Milford Garden Club Newsletter

June

**Mark your
Calendar**



Program: Tour of Members Gardens

Date: Thursday, June 10

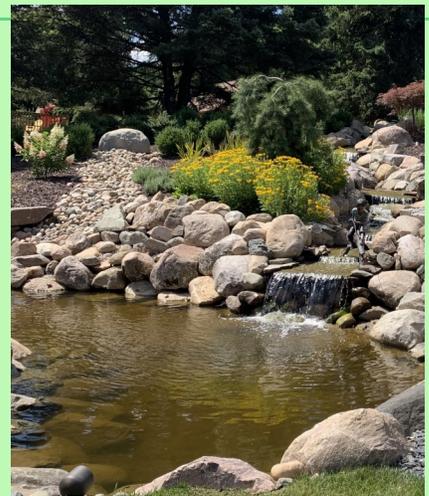
Time: 5:50 PM

Where: Meet at Milford Senior Center

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June 5	Sat	WNF&GA Annual Meeting—Virtual
June 10	Thurs	General Membership meeting will be a member's only tour of three gardens. Meet at Milford Senior Center to car pool at 5:50 PM Map & details on page 5.
June 21	Mon	5 PM— Executive Board Meeting—Zoom meeting
June 28	Mon	Newsletter Deadline - Martha Klemmer



**Milford Garden Club
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Woman's National Farm and Garden Association**



President Report

Linda Smith

Wow! You blew my socks off! A spectacular plant sale was held on May 8th. It was a new location, with a new chairperson, and held at an outdoor venue which required a lot of new processes to be implemented. Thank you to Susan Absher, who chaired the project, and everyone that assisted. With a net profit of \$3, 674.17, the sale was the most successful we have had since 2013. I don't have any records that go back further than that so it may be an all time high! We had great support from our members by donating plants and cash, helping with the digs, and getting information out to the community through flyers, signs, and postings on social media. The set-up went very smoothly as the plants were dropped off early on Saturday and were already labeled regarding name and light requirements. We had lots of members available to price the plants and assist the customers during the sale. At the end of the sale, everyone pitched in to clean up the area and loaded up one pickup truck of unsold plants to take to the Highland Garden Club for their plant sale. Speaking of Highland, The Highland Activity Center still has soil available if you want to dig and store some for potting plants next year. The area with the dirt will probably be available until around the first of August. After early August, the beds will be destroyed and a construction project will be in full swing.

The nominating committee has a nominee to fill the role of Secretary for 2021-22. Yahoo!!! Her name is Janet Kinney. Janet has been a member since June of 2019. She attended the board meeting in May to learn more about the role. We are so excited to have her as a part of our executive team. We will vote on her nomination in June and install her after the vote.

Thank you Kathy Blackburn and the members that assisted on the garden cleanup and planting in May. Everything looks wonderful!

I need a member that would like to serve on the audit committee. It will be one in person meeting in June or July to review the treasurer's books. Cindy has done an outstanding job with her record keeping so it should be a simple process. Please call or email me if you are interested in assisting.

Barbara Brennan has agreed to serve as chairperson of our meeting greeters. We like to have two members assigned to greet people when they arrive at the meeting. If someone is a new attendee or new member, the greeter will welcome them, introduce them to some of our members, and find a place for them to sit at the meeting. It will also be part of their role to learn a little about the person so that they can introduce them at the beginning of the business meeting. Please contact Barbara to let her know what month you would like to assist.

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We have recently discovered a Milford Garden Club shirt and 3 Milford Garden Club sweatshirt jackets. The shirt is L, the yellow jackets are S and XL, and the blue jacket is S. Please let me know if you would like to see them and I can bring them to the June or July meeting for you to try on. The yellow jacket is a brighter yellow than the picture shows. We are asking for a \$5 donation per item.

Warm regards,

Linda Smith



Plant Sale: Chairperson's Final Report

I am happy to report that although I was a novice chairing the Milford Garden Club's 2021 Plant Sale, we had a very financially successful event. Thanks to two generous donations, \$200 from **Marion and Dale Benedict** and \$500 from **Sandy and Tom Riss**, the total profit from the sale was \$3,674.17.

The sale was a success for other reasons too. Plenty of plants were donated and almost all of them sold. Many members volunteered their time and greeted customers who had lined up an hour before the event. The outdoor location was a big hit and the cooperative weather made for a pleasant and enjoyable experience for all gardeners.

I want to thank all the members who helped make this event possible: those who advertised the event, provided locations for digs, participated in the digs, donated plants, worked the Plant Sale, and transported plants. A special thank you goes out to Linda Smith for keeping me abreast of the fundamental aspects of the sale and to **Karol LaHaie** for acting as my adviser. I can't forget **Martha Klemmer** who reminded me to get my emails to the general membership in a timely fashion.

The following is a list of suggestions by members of our organization to consider for next year's Plant Sale:

- Continue to have the location at the YMCA outdoor pavilions
- Discontinue the Bake Sale

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Plant Sale: Chairperson's Final Report

Keep the Garden Boutique. If the item(s) does not sell, the member who donated the unsold item would be responsible for its removal.

Ask customers how they learned about the sale to have a better understanding what methods of communication are best to advertise the Plant Sale

No ½ price sales to general public. When sale has ended, ½ price offering on remaining plants will be offered to members. Leftover plants will be donated to organizations of our choosing

Recruit students from local high schools to help with digs and various activities that require lifting

Sell seed packets for \$1

Have a committee who will collectively make decisions about the Plant Sale and act as leaders of the various teams that are needed to ensure a successful sale

Have a designated photographer to take pictures of the event

Keep a list of persons who ask for an application to our organization and follow-up with a phone call to see if they have questions about Milford's Garden Club

On a side note: I still remember the first time (and I have only attended two) I attended a meeting with Milford's Garden Club. I was impressed that someone greeted me upon my arrival. I immediately felt welcomed and knew I wanted to be part of the organization. Covid put a halt to making friends with these wonderful people I had been introduced to at these two meetings. Chairing the Plant Sale allowed me to become better acquainted with members and put names with faces. I am grateful to have made new friends in this wonderful community. I really enjoyed chairing the event and would be willing to do it again. Thanks to all of you for making it a satisfying experience in many ways.

Susan Absher

Milford Garden Club's Plant Sale Chairperson

See Photos of Plant Sale on next page

PLANT SALE



Photos from Lisa Hill



JUNE MEETING

Our June meeting will be in person!
We will be touring 3 members gardens.

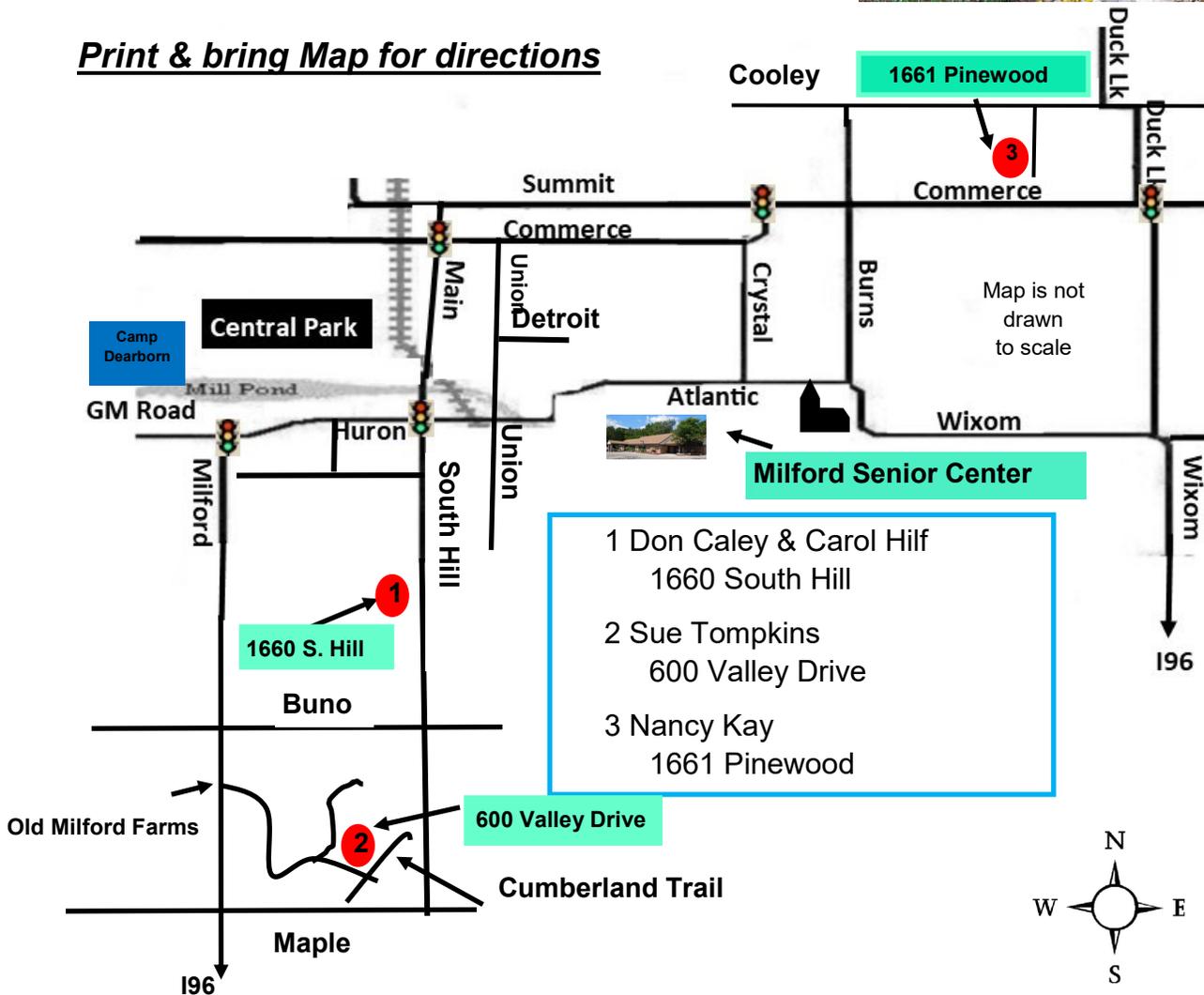
Meet at **Milford Senior Center**
(1050 Atlantic St)
parking lot to car pool.

Time 5:50 pm
We leave at 6 pm.



At 3rd garden Nancy Kay's
we will have finger food & light beverages.
Bring your finger food appetizer or dessert.

Print & bring Map for directions





Article Submitted by:
Martha Klemmer

HUMMINGBIRDS

This is a hummingbird unable to retract her tongue, which is a sign of fungal spores that have germinated on her tongue or in her gullet caused by folks mixing honey or anything other than plain white sugar with water. She will die because she can no longer feed. Please please PLEASE USE ONLY PLAIN WHITE SUGAR in your mixture of 1 part sugar to 4 parts water. No organic, no raw, no brown sugar, no powdered sugar, no honey, no artificial sugar. Plain white sugar/water mixture is more similar to actual flower nectar. And no toxic red color!

Change the sugar water mixture every couple days, as it will start to ferment sitting out for days on end. If you can't or won't do this, just don't put out a feeder at all.



Get rid of Grubs & Slugs



Are grubs and slugs ruining your planting beds?

Place a few slices of cucumbers in a small pie tin and your garden will be free of pests all season long. The chemicals in the cucumber react with the aluminum to give off a scent undetectable to humans but drive garden pests crazy and make them flee the area.

Pollen & Catkins ... from oak trees in spring



Oak trees every spring ... First the POLLEN.

Do you get pollen covering everything at this time of the year?

Both my cars are chartreuse from pollen!
The pollen comes from these catkins (male flowers).

It blows in the wind to the female flowers ... ah, yes, oak tree sex.

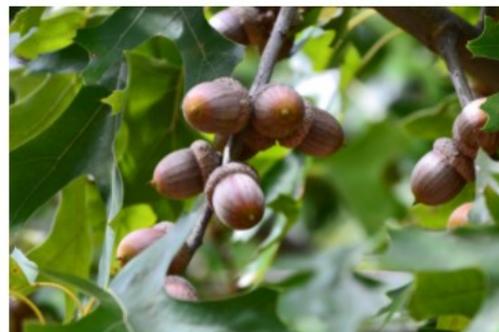


The female flowers develop into the acorns and voila another oak tree when they fall to the ground and are buried by a squirrel.

Female Flower ... weird little thing high in the tree.



Acorns that develop from the fertilized female flower. *after the pollen is dispersed ...*



Then the CATKINS (spent male flowers) fall and I get piles of them ... EVERYWHERE!



Do you get the catkins covering everything? Ah, spring!

Article submitted by **Kathy Mikuska**

Bogie Lake Greenhouse

1525 Bogie Lake Rd, White Lake

A must stop or stops each year for basics or special perennials Great new product for perennials are the pots with special stickers that give added info on plant sun/shade. attracts butterflies, hummingbirds Deer resistant etc. Great tool in helping plant selection. Be sure to tell them you like this addition. I love it.



← coleus called stained glass

Sunshine plants

1240 Bogie Lake Rd, White Lake, MI 48383

Under new ownership this 3rd year and they are getting it all together. Great trees and bushes for foundation planting. New this year plantings of mixed annuals already planted together. A once and done for planters and some of the best coleus colors I've seen ever.

Zoners Greenhouse

2355 E Commerce Rd. Commerce Twp

Expanded to raise and sell more plants. Walk through greenhouses and pick up great annuals. Or perennials in front don't forget other items like Plant stakes or garden decor and new area of prepotted planters.



Heavenly Scent Herb Farm

13730 White Lake Rd, Fenton, MI 48430



Love going there different times of year for special plants can't find other places. Great gift shop that changes with seasons. The greenhouse is around side and back and definitely worth the trip. Great ferns and plants for fairy gardens plus much more.

So grab a gardening friend and visit one or 2 of these places. Maybe stop for ice tea and lunch now that things are open again. I'll be going next week to find finishing plants for my planters. Maybe see you in a greenhouse my favorite place to be.

Enjoy, *Linda Becker*

MILFORD GARDEN CLUB MINUTES

General Membership Meeting Minutes

5/13/2021 Zoom

- **Linda Smith** called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.
- The 4/8/21 General Membership Meeting Minutes were approved.
- Treasurer's Report – **Cindy Bauman** reported bank balance of \$8330.12.

The Treasurer's Report will be filed for audit.

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

o Michigan Division Dues – The Michigan Division Dues will not be reduced for 2022. If any branch is in financial hardship, a reduction of \$3.00 per member shall be paid for 2022 only. Rational: Because what we pay to district comes directly from the dues paid by each member, the fiscal health of our club is not a consideration. If any member is unable to pay the full \$6, they can submit individual dues of \$24 for 2022. No explanation for the request is needed.

Motion: Lisa Willard made a motion that the Milford Garden Club submits to Michigan Division \$6.00 for each member unless an individual member asks for a reduction of \$3.00. Motion carried without dissent.

o The Milford Senior Center anticipates opening in July. Nothing is confirmed as yet.

o The WNF&GA Annual National Meeting will be Saturday, June 5, from 10-1. It will be a virtual meeting this year. All members are invited to attend.

- Chairperson Reports

o Plant Sale – Congrats to **Susan Absher** for chairing a successful sale! The sale netted \$3474.17 with no price reductions given as in past years. Susan questioned the benefit of printing & distributing flyers as there were few visible on Main St. businesses. **Lisa Willard** suggested polling the customers waiting in line where they heard about the sale. Susan recommended sticking to advertised sale hours, baskets (if made) for kids only, and recruiting high school seniors to help with digs. **Jackie Seitz** reminded us the Boy Scouts helped in the past on sale day. Please email Susan with any comments/ideas for future plant sales.

o Spring Garden Cleanup & May Planting – **Kathy Blackburn** reported clean-up on May 19 and May 20 is rain date. Planting on May 26 and May 27 is rain date. Contact **Kathy** to volunteer for planting.

o Scholarship – **Linda Sturgeon** reported the sole winner of \$1500 is Griffin Bristow from Lakeland High School. He plans to study environmental engineering at Michigan Tech. An announcement will be made at a school event on 5/25.

o Community Outreach – **Sue Grifor** reported that the entrance area of the cemetery has been cleared out. She's looking for volunteers to help with designing and planting the area.

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o Membership – **Terri Hardick** emailed members to submit dues of \$27 for individuals and \$37 for couples. If you have a hardship, dues will be reduced by \$3. No need to complete a new membership form unless your contact information or interests have changed.

o June Meeting – **Kathy Barker** reported we'll have a Member Only Garden Walk - 6:00 PM start time. Members will visit the gardens of **Susan Tompkins, Carol Hilf & Don Caley, and Nancy Kay**. **Martha** will send an email with the route prior to the meeting. Walk will be held if light rain occurs. TBD on potluck at **Nancy Kay's** home.

• The Meeting was adjourned at 7:43pm.

Submitted by *Ellen Collins*,

MGC Scholarship Recipient



FYI: Our scholarship recipient will be at our June 10 activity. Griffin Bristow, Lakeland High School, will be coming to the last house on the Garden Walk. He was very thankful and excited about being chosen! Griffin will be attending Michigan Technological University and majoring in Environmental Engineering. Come and meet him!!

Linda Sturgeon



Arthur Park

Brook and I want to thank our volunteers for the clean up and planting of the senior center and Arthur Park.

They are **Karol LaHaie, Beth Sciberras, Susan Absher, Jan Kinney, Barb Amey, Kathy Barker, Sue Grifor, Pat Coppersmith.**

Brook and Barb also hauled and spread mulch at the senior center!

Thanks to all

Kathy Blackburn