

From the Vine

# Milford Garden Club Newsletter



**JULY**  
**2022**

**Mark your  
Calendar**



**Speaker: Julia Hofley**  
**Program: Plants not on the menu for  
browsing Deer & Rabbits**  
**Date: July 14**  
**Time: 6:30 PM Social**  
**7:00 PM Meeting**  
**Where: Milford Senior Center**

July 5	Mon	Board Meeting 5:30 at Linda Becker - Garden Walk & Dinner on deck
July 14	Thurs	General Membership Meeting
July 19	Tues	Lunch & Hosta Tour Contact Lisa Hill
July 28	Thurs	Tea Time - Noon Diane DeVincent Contact Mary McFarland
AUGUST		No General Membership Meeting
Sept 8	Thurs	General Membership Meeting
Sept 12	Mon	Board Meeting - 5:30 PM Contact Linda Smith
Sept 22	Thurs	Tea Time - Noon Martha Klemmer Contact Mary McFarland
Sept 28	Sun	Newsletter Deadline

**Milford Garden Club**  
**Est. 1948**

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

# President's Report

**Linda Smith**



What wonderful weather for our Garden Walk and what beautiful gardens to view! Thank you to **Kathy Barker** and **Martha Larsh** for chairing the event and their hardworking committee. I was at the fifth house and heard nothing but great comments about the diversity of the gardens on the walk and the delightful weather. Thank you to everyone that helped to make the event a success.

Thank you to the outgoing board and all the committee chairpersons. You have been a joy to work with over the last three years. It was a challenging time for us to figure out how to navigate Covid. Thank you to all of you that remained as members through it all. We learned how to use Zoom and even taught some of our speakers how to present using Zoom. We were unable to hold the plant sale in the school so we moved it outside to the YMCA. The move to an outside venue allowed us to hold the plant sale the last two years which resulted in raising funds for our scholarships. July is the last meeting for our current board and Julia Hofley will be the speaker. Remember, we don't meet in August and we will reconvene in September.

Congratulations to the incoming board that was installed at our June meeting. The officers are: President-**Susan Absher**; Vice President of Publicity-**Gail Cooper**; Vice President of Meetings and Programs-**Nancy Nordin**; Treasurer-**Cindy Bauman**; and Secretary-**Janet Kinney**.

Now is the time for every member to think about how you will support the club in the next year. Susan will need your help in filling the various chairmanships for the standing committees. Please let her know if you are willing to serve in a new role or if you would like to continue in your current role. We have several areas that need new leadership. They are the Plant Sale, Garden Walk, and Newsletter. Susan has a detailed written report for the plant sale and Martha and Kathy will offer information and guidance for the garden walk. It is very important that we secure the chairpersons for the garden walk soon so that the gardens can be selected this summer while things are in bloom. The plant sale and garden walk are the projects that provide the funding to offer our scholarships and pay speakers for our meetings. These positions are crucial for the success of our club. Please contact the current chairpersons for more information about these opportunities.

Warm regards,

*Linda Smith*



Photos from **Brook Qualman**

# New Officers installed at June Meeting



**Susan Absher, Nancy Nordin, Janet Kinney & Gail Cooper**

President, **Susan Absher**;  
Vice President of Publicity,  
**Gail Cooper**;  
Vice President of Meetings  
and Programs,  
**Nancy Nordin**;  
Treasurer, **Cindy Bauman**;  
Secretary, **Janet Kinney**



Certificate of Membership  
for 30 years presented to  
presented to **Jane Follmer**

Recognition & gifts  
presented to  
**Martha Klemmer** for  
14 years as Email  
Coordinator &  
Newsletter Editor  
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## **2022 MILFORD** **GARDEN WALK RESULTS**

It takes a village to host a Garden Walk! This year's 25<sup>th</sup> Milford Garden Club Garden Walk was a huge success due to the help of so many of our Garden Club members and friends. The net profit from this walk was \$6,170, which is \$1,803 more than our previous walk. Of course, the beautiful weather helped a great deal!

There are so many folks who worked extremely hard helping to get everything ready. **Martha Klemmer** spent hours setting and perfecting the booklet and any other paper-work needed; **Gail Cooper** was instrumental in getting the advertising to the media, including a personal interview with the Kays on the front page of the Milford Times and Livingston County Daily as well as taking photos for the raffle posters; **Lisa Willard** for making sure the Facebook page was updated; Sue Tompkins for updating the MGC website; **Al and Pat Coppersmith** for correcting and posting the Garden Walk signs throughout the area; **Nancy Kay** for scheduling the hostesses and making sure they had all the necessary information; **Barb Amey** and **Lyle & Denise Tyler** for arranging and hosting the Preview Walk Party; **Mark and Janie Cryderman** for advertising sales and billing; **Mike Barker** and **Jerry Larsh** for posting the site signs. Finally, the hosts/hostesses for ensuring the guests were welcomed.

The fundraiser raffle prizes were outstanding and included a plant donated by Bogie Lake Greenhouses. The winners are:

Jim Welton (Milford) won the bench built and donated by **Mark Cryderman**

Cheryl Fletcher (Novi) won the chair painted and donated by **Lisa Willard**

Kathy Wolyniak (South Lyon) won the basket donated by **Lisa Willard** and Milford businesses

Judy Paul (Milford) won the scooter donated by **Susan Absher**

Linda Sturgeon (Milford) won the basket donated by the **Coppersmiths**

Sheila Myers (Milford) won the basket donated by the MGC Board members

We heard numerous compliments of this Garden Walk and past ones and that so many folks look forward to our walk. It was appreciated that the gardens were beautiful and diverse so there was something for everyone. Kudos to our Club!

*Martha Larsh & Kathy Barker, Co-Chairs*



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# Scholarship

This year our Milford Garden Club was able to give two \$1,500.00 scholarships. The selected recipients are required to have a 2.5 (or higher) GPA. They are also asked to answer the following questions.

1. How do you plan to finance your education?
2. Person interest: school activities, hobbies, volunteer service.
3. Work experience.

Then they write an essay, of at least 1 page, telling why we should select them to receive our scholarship. The following were chosen from twelve applicants.

**Daniel Haskell** graduated from Lakeland High School with a 4.5 GPA. He wishes to pursue a degree in Environmental Engineering and attend University of Michigan. Daniel has actively participated in many areas, and been involved in volunteer work. He likes photography and art, as well. For the past five summers, he has worked for a landscaper.

**Elizabeth McDonald** graduated from the International Academy, West with a 3.8 GPA. She wishes to pursue a degree in Biology either at Michigan State University or University of Michigan. Elizabeth is also active in several different groups. She has had jobs that will help her finance her college education. Her life circumstances have not hindered her from becoming who and what she wants to become. Her positive attitude is uplifting!!

Come!! Learn more about Daniel and Elizabeth. Meet our 2022 scholarship recipients at the July 9th meeting!

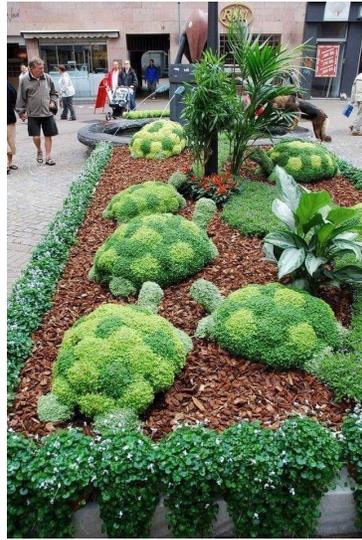
Thanks,

*Linda Sturgeon*





# GREAT GARDEN SCULPTURES



# THE MILFORD Times

**Nancy & Eddie Kay's**  
home made the front  
page of the  
Milford Times.  
Article below:

## *Find paradise*



A view of the backyard gardens at the home of Nancy and Eddie Kay. SUSAN BROMLEY/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Ideas for your own Eden on Milford Garden Walk

**Susan Bromley**

Hometownlife.com

USA TODAY NETWORK – MICHIGAN

Nancy and Eddie Kay enjoy their own paradise on Pinewood in Milford with gardens that are a glory to behold.

Now they are ready to open them up to the public to also enjoy, as the first Milford Garden Walk since 2019 returns June 17-18, after a pandemic hia-

tus.

It's hard for Nancy Kay to just relax on a recent sunny morning in one of the many scenic sitting areas overlooking the three-acre property and hundreds of meticulously cared for plants, flowers, bushes, and trees.

"I'd much rather play in the dirt than work in the house," she said as she carries a garden trowel and examines a spot in her front garden where

she had earlier seen turkeys digging in the mulch. "I just enjoy seeing (the gardens) and when you see an area that needs attention and you fixed it up, it feels good."

Sunpatiens in an array of colors are abundant throughout the many gardens, and while the turkeys are currently missing, wildlife are frequent

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visitors and also include deer, squirrels and ducks. Today, a frog suns itself on one of the many large decorative landscape boulders that frame the Kays' backyard centerpiece: a pond, complete with goldfish and a stunning waterfall.

Nearby, a plaque with a frog motif notes, "Very little is needed to make a happy life."

The waterfall was one of the things the Kays needed after seeing it on a previous Milford Garden Walk. The couple, married for 60 years, had Landscape Magic install the waterfall, pond, and all the gardens after their home in the northwest corner of the township was built in 2019. Previously, they had lived in another Milford home for 40 years.

It continues to help maintain the gardens, which feature hydrangeas, rose-bushes, Japanese maples, Roxanne geraniums and weeping pines, but Nancy Kay does a fair amount of the work herself, about 10 hours a week, and also has assistance from a friend and her grandchildren.

It is early in the season for some of the blooms, but they are looking for-

ward to the explosion of color yet to come in reds, yellows, purples, blues and more.

"It's relaxing," Eddie Kay said. "We've been here three years and it's not something we get tired of and it changes through the seasons."

After a few seasons of pandemic, they are looking forward to the big reveal and invite you to see it during the 25th Milford Garden Walk.

Besides the Kay gardens, five other homes with beautiful gardens chosen by the Milford Garden Club are featured on the walk, which is set for 4-8 p.m. June 17 and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 18. Tickets are \$12 if purchased in advance or \$15 the day of at the Milford United Methodist Church. Proceeds benefit college scholarships for Huron Valley Schools seniors.

"It's a peaceful feeling, when you walk through these gardens," Gail Cooper, Milford Garden Club member, said. "Not only do you get clever ideas and see something totally unexpected, but it's fun."

For more information, visit [www.themilfordgardenclub.org](http://www.themilfordgardenclub.org)

Contact reporter Susan Bromley at [sbromley@hometownlife.com](mailto:sbromley@hometownlife.com) or 517-281-2412. Follow her on Twitter @SusanBromley10.



An expansive garden in the front yard of 1661 Pinewood, the home of Nancy and Eddie Kay. Their gardens are featured in the Milford Garden Walk. SUSAN

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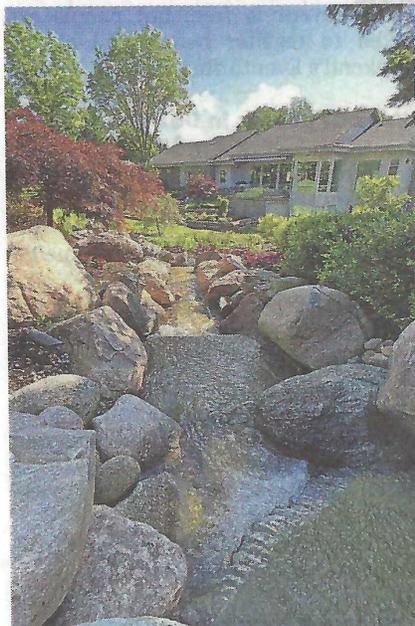


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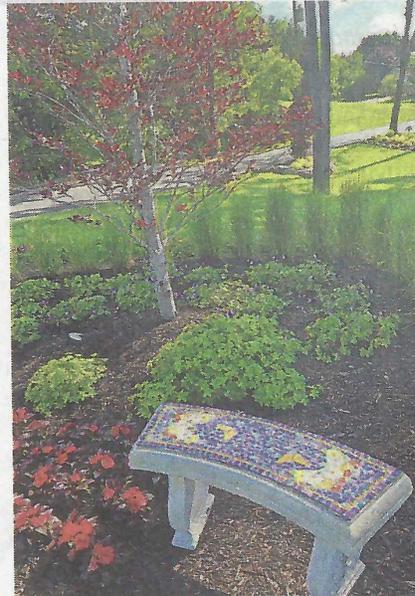


**Nancy and Eddie Kay next to their pond with waterfall, inspired by a previous Milford Garden Walk. The couple's extensive, beautiful gardens are featured in the 25th garden walk, the first since 2019.**

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**A view from the top of the waterfall in the Milford yard of Nancy and Eddie Kay.** SUSAN BROMLEY/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



**A mosaic bench catches the sun in the front garden at Nancy and Eddie Kay's Milford home.** SUSAN BROMLEY/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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# Ideas for your Backyard

## Tea Cup Bird Feeders

Before filling the new teacup with bird seeds, let the outdoor-safe glue dry up so that the teacup and saucer are well-attached. Then, hang them and wait for the beautiful birds and squirrels to come over and have a tea party!



## Paint the patio

Patios are a great outdoor fixture, but picking the right design for your yard can be difficult and expensive. If you've been hiding your concrete patio under a rug, try this hack for a design you can be proud of.

Here's what you can do. Give it a few hours of your time with a stencil brush, a concrete stain, a paint roller, and a plastic stencil. Voila! You can now transform your patio, porch, or sidewalk with ease. This picture above is a fantastic inspiration, but you can always customize things!





## Pest-FREE Yards

We know that pests are the last thing you'd want in your garden because they could feed on all the hard-earned money and time you put into your garden. Your garden may be healthy for them, but it's not true the other way around. They're unhealthy for you!

Pests and slugs are dangers to your garden. You can keep them away from your enticing plants with a penny ball. It's easy to make, so there's no need to stress about getting one. Copper's natural properties keep pests and slugs away from eating up your garden.

## Planter Idea

Trees are the best, and they look gorgeous in any yard. But sometimes, they get sick and become a danger to the surrounding homes, meaning that they need to be chopped down. But, when you do that, don't let that lonely stump get you down because it can still hold life with potted flowers!

Use some hairpin legs and transform the whole thing into something from the '50s. This repurposing will greatly help you, your home, and our planet. So, give the broken and lonely tree stump a new life and watch the magic happen!





## Plastic Flamingo

If you want to add a creative twist to your yard, topiaries are the best. They're eye-catching, but the major downside is that it takes an artist's touch to shape and maintain it. But, you can have a topiary with zero maintenance.

You only need a little DIY magic. Whenever someone talks about yard decor, the pink lawn flamingo is the first thing that crosses our minds. This decor is so simple because you only need a plastic lawn flamingo and astroturf to make things look amazing!

## Pinecones Bird feeder

Birds love pinecones, big time. So, if you want them to hang around your garden, include some tasty pinecones. A gorgeously crafted garland of pinecones will make your garden look more aesthetic while also bringing in birds. Mother Nature will thank you as well!

It's simple to prepare the pinecone feast for birds. For that, you'd need pinecones, some wire, and pantry supplies. Next, hang them near a window to get a better peek at the birds. Making these is also a great family activity!

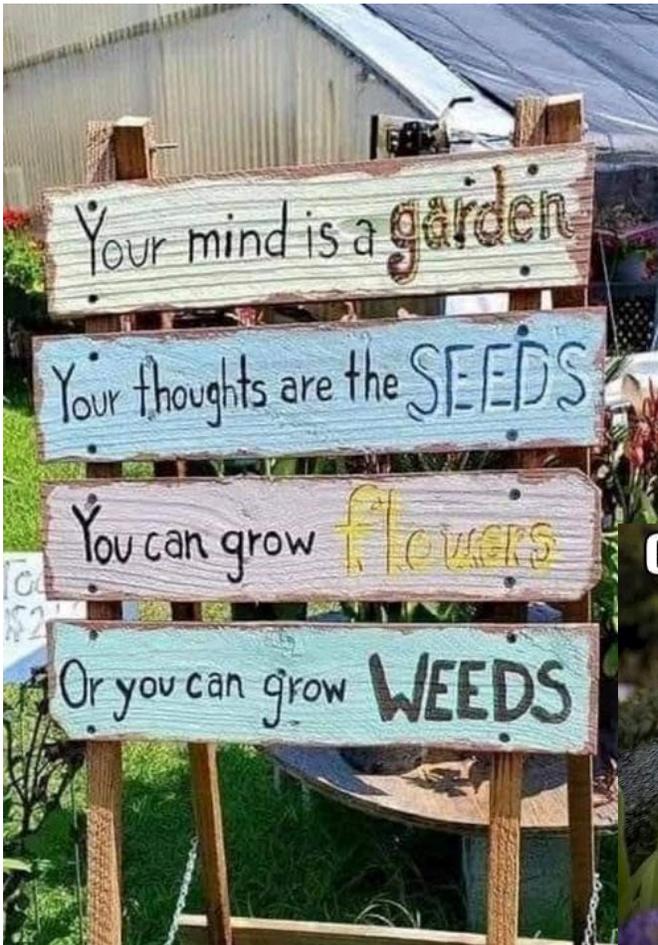




# Sandbox |Garden

If you're a parent with grown kids or teens, the chances are that you must have at least a dozen things laying around that belonged to your kids that they have since outgrown. If you don't have a place to donate it to, you can repurpose them for your own needs.

You can make a cute garden out of an old sandbox. Toys like these are built to last, so there won't be too much wear and tear from your kids' many hours of playing. Just poke some holes in the bottom to let the water pass through, and you're done!



**COMMON SENSE IS A FLOWER**



**THAT DOES NOT GROW IN  
EVERYONE'S GARDEN**

## MILFORD GARDEN CLUB MINUTES

General Membership Meeting  
6/9/22 Nancy Kay's Home

Call to Order Time: \_\_7:55 PM

Agenda was approved

Introduction of Guests & New Members –

Thank you to **Nancy Kay** for hosting our meeting.

General Membership Meeting Minutes 5/12/22 approved

Treasurer's Report – **Cindy Bauman**

Total in Bank Account is \_\$5809.28 Activity since last report. 2 Scholarships at \$1858 per recipient and \$640 for Garden Walk Tiles.

The Treasurer's Report will be filed for audit

President's Report – **Linda Smith**

Michigan Division Certificates – For 30 years are **Pam Carter** and **Jane Follmer**.

The audit committee has been appointed to review the books. The members of the committee are **Janet Kinney, Susan Absher, & Linda Smith**. We will meet in August for the review.

We need a new editor for our newsletter starting in September. There are 9 issues per year. The editor may determine submission deadlines and what the newsletter will contain. It could be a simple format with only information submitted by membership compiled and distributed or it could be like it is now with additional informational articles, seasonal graphics, and photos of activities.

**Lisa Willard** will be in charge of the email blasts starting in September. All information for the membership must be sent to her for distribution.

Chairperson Reports

Garden Walk June 17 and 18 – **Kathy Barker and Martha Larsh**

Membership – **Terri Hardick** Dues were due by May 31st. \$30 per person or \$40 per couple.

Tea Time – June 23 at noon. Contact **Mary McFarland** to attend. You must RSVP if you are attending so she will know how many places to set.

July 14<sup>th</sup> Program – Presenter will be be Julia Hofley on Deer in the Garden

Unfinished Business

Nominating Committee Report – **Linda Becker**

President –**Susan Absher**, VP of Meetings and Programs – **Nancy Nordin**. I move to approve the slate of officers as presented by the nominating committee. Vote carried

New Business

Adjournment Time: \_\_8:10 PM

Submitted by **Janet Kinney** Secretary

