



July 2023 Newsletter

2022-2023 Executive Board

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June Meeting

When: Thursday July 13, @ 6:30 pm for social 1/2 hour, 7:00 pm meeting

Where: Milford Senior Center
1050 Atlantic, Milford, MI

Speaker: Amy Vine

Program: Introduction to Promise Land Farm *Continued on page 2*

Milford Garden Club Established 1948

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



President's Report

Susan Absher

Whew! I guess we can all take a breath. Our two major fundraisers are now behind us, and we can look forward to winding down the year with our General Membership meeting in July. Thank you to Lisa Hill for her driving efforts in chairing a suc-

cessful Plant Sale. Her energy and enthusiasm were appreciated by all those who worked under her direction. Thank you to Barbara Amey and Linda Becker and their Garden Walk Committee for a wonderful event. Despite the showers on Friday, there was a good turn-out and those visiting our gardens that day didn't let the rain "dampen" their spirits. Thank you to all the members hosting the homes as well.

There are several clubs in our Division of the WNF&GA that still have garden walks. Look on page 5 for information in case you would like to visit and experience enlightening moments in other people's gardens.

I was honored to be asked to have my garden in this year's Garden Walk. I was unsure it it would be well received. I don't have a waterfront property that lends itself to a garden setting nor do I have acreage for spacious gardens. What I do have is a modest home on a corner lot in the village. Although the event demands time, money and hard work, it does encourage the homeowner to make the best out of what they have. This is not the time to settle. It is the time to show the possibilities of using the space we have. This is the best my yard has ever looked. I'm grateful that the walk prodded me to get into this condition.

When guests ask questions; when guests take pictures; when guests linger and chat with companions, you know you have done your job. My intent for my eclectic garden was to interest children who walk past my hone daily and to stir the memories of the child that remain in all of us "grown-ups." I accomplished my goal when visitors remembered playing in a sandbox or remembered when they were adept at using the Hola Hoop. The fairy garden delighted and the memorial to my parents encouraged reflection. So many thanked me for inviting them in my gardens, and I in turn, thanked them for coming.

Presidents Report Continued

Now, to other business,. If you are attending Tea Time, please let the hostess/host know if you are coming. Please don't just show up. Time is needed to prepare beverages, place settings, seating, and so forth. It is courtesy to let them know if you are coming and also if you have to cancel. I am hoping that for next year that attendees also let the hostess/host know what they are bringing. Pot-luck doesn't always work for small groups. Duplicates don't allow for variety. No one wants to take home most of their offering after they spent time and money preparing the perfect dish if two or three others brought the same item.

If you need to send out a group email, please give Lisa Willard some advance notice. She enjoys spending time at her lake house when the weather and time permits. She does not have the capability of sending out group notifications when she is not at her home in Milford.

Thank you to Kathy Blackburn and Diane DeVincent for planting some of the plant sale leftovers at Arthur's Park and the Senior Center.

Thank you to a wonderful Board. We accomplished a lot this year and we will continue to move our wonderful Milford Garden Club forward.

July Membership Meeting

Our July speaker will be Amy Vine from Promise Land Farm in Clarkston. She will talk on what is produced on her farm, including herbs, and how these items are used to produce products which are offered for sale in many business in and around Clarkston. She will have some products, especially herbal teas, for sale before and after the program

Welcome New Member

Diane Craft

Be sure to say Hi and introduce yourself to our newest member.

*A garden should feel like
a walk in the woods.*

Dan Kiley (1912-2001)



Dates to Remember

2023

July 13, 5:45 Herb Group Meeting

July 13, 6:30/7:00 pm General Membership Meeting

July 27, 12 pm Tea Time

August 21, 5 pm Board Meeting

Sept. 12, 6:30/7:00 General Membership Meeting

September 18, Board Meeting

October 10, 6:30/7:00 General Membership Meeting

October 16, 5 pm Board Meeting

November 9, 6:30/7:00 General Membership Meeting

November 20, Board Meeting

December 14, General Membership Meeting

Tea Time

Susan Absher will be hosting Tea Time on July 27 from 12—2 pm. Please RSVP to Susan at



Greeters

The friendly people greeting us at the July meeting will be Barbara Amey and Barbara Brennan. Greeters need to be at the Senior Center at 6:30 to greet members and guests as they arrive.



Milford Garden Club

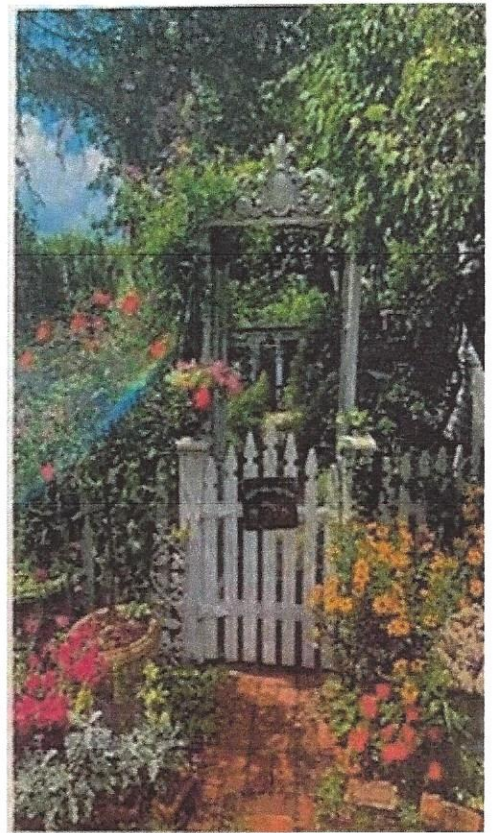
Garden Walk

& Market Place

Congratulations Milford Garden Club! The Garden Walk is the major fundraiser for our club and it takes all of us to make it a success. Whether you were one of the homeowners like Susan Absher and Cindy and Mike Bauman or one of the committee members with a major role, a host or hostess at one of the homes, or contributed to one of the raffle baskets, you did have a part in the Garden Walk. We want to thank everyone for their participation in this project. We had a good turnout both days even with the mist in the air Friday night. Everything should be tallied soon so we can give a financial report at the July meeting. In the meantime, let us all relax and enjoy the rest of the summer knowing that it was a job well done.

Co-chairs,

Barb and Linda



Our Garden Walk Experience

By Mike and Cindy Bauman



It's hard to believe it's over, after preparing for the garden walk consumed the past 10 weeks of our lives! After losing a whole month of garden work in March to snow and icy weather, it was an intense effort to get our garden in shape while both working full time.

In the end, we did the best we could and it all came together! Being on the walk was one of the most rewarding things we've done. Everyone who visited our garden was so nice, and how enjoyable it was to spend hours talking about plants and design. We were surprised how people really took their time to look and ask questions. It was also pleasant to share our stories and hear others' stories as well.

In the last hours, we thought of what we would do for next year's walk and then realized we won't do it every year! That's how much fun we had. So in another 10 years or so we hope to do it all again!





More photos of Mike & Cindy's' Garden



From the Milford Garden Club's Facebook Page

Cheryl Glicker wrote:

"HUGE shout out to all the gardeners at the 2023 Milford Garden Walk! Considering the weeks of drought we've had, they did an AMAZING job. Indeed, I would have to call it a labor of Love! All the gardens I managed to visit were meticulously cared for and presented to their very best advantage. Such gloriously verdant, peaceful and inviting places. I haven't been on Milford's Garden Walk in years, but am so glad I was today. Best \$20. I've spent in a long time? Thank you all who donated their time and energy to this endeavor. So worth it!"

Remaining District Garden Walks

Day	Host Branch	Time	Location	Details/Cost
July 12	Country Garden Club of Northville	9 am - 4 pm	Northville & Novi	\$12-adv & \$15 7/12
July 12	Troy	9:30 am - 3 pm	Troy Historic Village	\$15-adv & \$18 7/12
July 15	Romeo & Juliet	11 am - 5 pm	Romeo	\$16-adv & \$20 7/15
July 15	Moonglow	10 am - 4 pm	Trenton	\$8-adv & \$10 - \$10 7/15
July 19	Clarkston	10 am - 7 pm	Clarkston Independence District Library for tickets on 7/19	\$15 adv & \$18 7/19
July 23	Warren	10 am - 4 pm	Historic Village District Near Mound & Chicago Rds.	\$8-adv & \$12-7/23

Member Spotlight

I was lucky to live the "Beaver Cleaver" life in the Warrendale section of Detroit. I had the most loving parents, and was fortunate to have many of my relatives live in this Polish neighborhood. We played "Red Rover" in the streets and rode our bikes everywhere without fear. We had huge snowball fights and froze our backyards into ice skating ponds.

I enjoyed playing "school" in my basement but only if I could be the teacher; so it seemed inevitable, that after graduating from Riverdale High School, I would attend Western Michigan University and receive my degree in English and Secondary Education. I got married shortly afterwards and moved to St. Louis. From there we moved to Northeastern Pennsylvania where my husband's career flourished in television news and I became a stay-at-home mom.

When my children were grown, I left Pennsylvania and resumed my teaching career. I taught at an alternative education school, a catholic school, a suburban school, and finally ended up in the inner city of Detroit where I retired in 2014. Along the way, I earned a master's degree in English and a certification in Special Education/Emotional Impairment.

I moved to Milford in 2016. A serious auto accident 5 months later curtailed my involvement in the community, but in autumn of 2019, I joined the MGC. I'm also a member of Milford's Historical Society and enjoy working the Home

Tours in September. I enjoy refinishing antiques and repurposing found items. I sew, make beaded jewelry, and play the mountain dulcimer (although it's been a couple of years since I have played). My 2 cockapoos, Kaline and Eddie, are my constant companions. My bachelor son lives in Independence Township and my daughter and her family, including 2 grandchildren, live in Germantown, Wisconsin.



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2022 - 2023 Committees

Community Outreach: Sue Grifor

Devine Raffle: Sheila Myers

Email Distribution: Lisa Willard

Facebook: Lisa Willard

Field Trip Coordinator: Lisa Hill

Garden Walk: Linda Becker

Barbara Amey

Garden Maintenance: Kathy Blackburn

Greeter: Barb Brennan

Historian: Anna VanHyfte

Holiday Party: Janet Kinney

Bonnie Lynch

Hospitality Coordinator: Pat Coopersmith

Membership: Terri Hardick

Mentoring: Diane Pearson

Name Tags: Marion & Dale Benedict

Newsletter: Jackie Swenson

Plant Sale: Lisa Hill

Scholarship: Linda Sturgeon

Sunshine: Kathy Barker

Tea Time Group: Mary McFarland

Website: Sue Tompkins

Yearbook: Brook Qualman

WNF&GA (National): www.wnfga.org

WF&GA (Michigan Division): www.michdivwhfga.org



Julys' primary birth flower is the Larkspur.

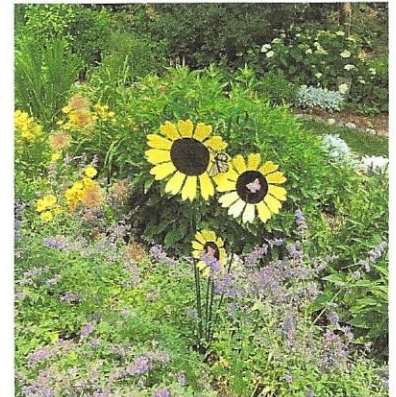
Happy Birthday to all our Members with July birthdays

In The Garden



Susan Absher in front of one of her garden beds.

I drove by Arthur's park a couple of weeks ago and saw a group taking pictures. I decided that I needed to stop and investigate. I was delighted. What a peaceful spot to stop visit!



If you have seen anything in your gardens or when wandering that you think would delight other gardeners please send a picture and description to me at: jacqulyn.swenson@gmail.com

Do You Know?

This Months Question is: What invasive bug is now in Oakland County? If you know the answer email it to: jacqulyn.swenson@gmail.com

The winner of the May drawing is Karol LaHaie. All correct answers will be entered in a drawing. The winning name drawn will receive 3 tickets for the next DeVine Raffle.



New "Herb Group"

There is a new Herb Group forming within Milford Garden Club. The first meeting will be the same day as our next General meeting on Thursday July 13. We will meet at the Senior Center at 5:45 pm (45 minutes before the General Meeting starts to gather).

This will be a planning meeting with such topics as a group name (past groups were 'Herbal Gatherings' and 'Morning Thyme'), planning herbs to study or themes for future discussions, sharing recipes, possible field trip ideas, crafts, plant sharing, and any ideas welcome. Most important will be to decide on a date, time and place to meet.

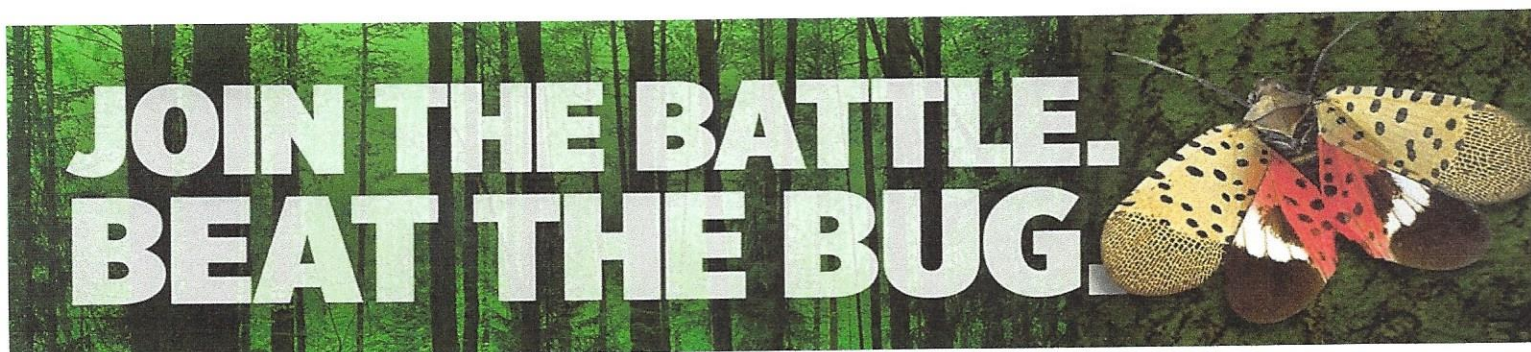
If you will not be able to attend this meeting, please feel free to call me and share your ideas for discussion.

Looking forward to seeing you.....

Shelly Dale _____

Log Cabin Heirloom Garden

The Log Cabin Heirloom Garden Team from the Milford Historical Society has been working with the Garden Club President Susan Absher, Outreach Coordinator Sue Grifor and the Log Cabin team Dianna Kline, Tami Averill, Barbara Hertz and Historical Society President Ron Wilson. The cabin and garden are representative of a homestead at the time of the first white settlers in the area. The garden shows the technique known as the three sisters, (companion planting of corn, beans and squash in the same space). The cabin and garden are located in the park east of the fire station on GM Road. Please come out and take a look this summer.



The spotted lanternfly is an invasive pest, primarily known to feed on tree of heaven, but has many other host plants, including grape, hop, apple, stone fruit, maple, poplar, walnut and willow. The insect changes hosts as it goes through its developmental stages. Nymphs feed on a wide range of plant species, while adults prefer to feed and lay eggs on the tree of heaven. Spotted lanternfly spread rapidly when introduced to new areas. While the insects can walk, jump, or fly short distances its long distance spread is facilitated by people who move infested materials or items containing egg masses. If allowed to spread in the United States, this pest could damage the country's grape, orchard and logging industries. The Spotted lanternfly has been identified in Oakland County, MI

For more information, or if you find an insect that you suspect is the spotted lanternfly please contact your local extension office to have the specimen identified properly.



Key Lime Pie Mousse

From Women's Day Magazine - June/July 2023

Serves 4 people

For Crumble:

4 Gram Crackers

3/4 Cup rolled Oats

1/3 Cup Packed light brown sugar

3 Tbsp all purpose flour

1/4 tsp salt

3 Tbsp cold butter cubed

1. Heat oven to 350F. In food processor, pulse graham crackers into fine crumbs. Add oats, brown sugar, flour and salt. Pulse a few times to mix. Add butter and pulse until pea size crumbs form and mixture holds together when squeezed.
2. Transfer mixture to rimmed baking sheet and squeeze with hands to create small clumps. Spread in even layer and bake, stirring after 10 minutes until golden brown and crisp - about 16 to 20 minutes. Let cool then break into smaller crumbles.

For Mousse:

1 1/2 Cups heavy cream

1/4 Cup confectioner's sugar

1 cup sweetened condensed milk

1/3 cup key lime juice

1 tsp pure vanilla extract

Green food coloring to obtain color desired

1. Using electric mixer on medium, beat cream and confectioners' sugar until stiff peaks form, about 3 minutes. Transfer 1 cup whipped cream to piping bag fitted with star tip; refrigerate until ready to serve
2. In large bowl, whisk together condensed milk, lime juice, vanilla and a small drop of food coloring or enough to reach desired consistency. In 3 increments, add remaining whipped cream to lime mixture and gently fold in until just combined and no streaks remain (I used a whisk to fold in the whipped cream mixture). Cover and refrigerate until ready to assemble.

To Assemble:

Add about 1/4 cup crumble to each of 4 glasses or glass serving dish. Top with heaping 1/3 cup mousse, then repeat with second layer of crumble and mouse. Pipe reserved Whipped cream onto mouse. Top with any remaining crumble then garnish each glass with 1 lime slice and some lime zest if you wish. Refrigerate until ready to serve.



Shared by Nancy Nordin

Thank you Nancy

Milford Garden Club

General Membership Meeting Minutes

June 8, 2023

The meeting was called to order by President Susan Absher at 6:00 pm. Susan thanked Carol Hilf and Don Caley for hosting this meeting at their home.

The meeting minutes of the May 11, 2023 meeting were approved without changes.

President's Report:

Plant sale report: Although the final accounting of proceeds was not available at the meeting, the total in plant sales was estimated to be around \$3,000. The proceeds from the sales at the Garden Market were \$319.00. The remaining plants from the plant sale were taken to Lisa Hill's house where members were welcome to retrieve some plants for use and some were planted at Arthur's Park.

Audit Committee Meeting: The audit committee will consist of Jackie Swenson, Nancy Nordin and Cindy Bauman. They will meet in July (date to be determined) to review the books and records and ensure they are correct to close the business for this fiscal year as we usher in the new treasurer, Diane DeVincent. We thank Cindy Bauman for her four years of service as treasurer to the Milford Garden Club.

Logo Update: Susan and Nancy will be taking clothing items dropped off by members to Quick Silver for embroidery next Tuesday. A reminder was given to members that the area each person wishes their embroidery to go must be marked to identify the placement e.g., left side, right side, center and so forth. Pinning a small piece of paper at the location is most helpful along with your name on the paper so we will know who the garment belongs to when we give it to the printer. The garment will be identified by name on the invoice and also the proof before the final embroidery is done.

Officer's reports:

Publicity: Gail Cooper is circulating through the crowd tonight and taking pictures of members for our website directory which is only accessible by members. If you do not want your photo taken—ever please let us know, but we should all be team players. **Lets put a face to your name so we can recognize you when we are at a garden club meeting or gathering.**

Programs and Meetings Report July program: Nancy Nordin reported that the speaker for July is still unknown, however as these minutes are being written, we know the speaker will be Amy Vine from Promised Land Farm in Clarkston who will give a presentation on growing herbs and their use in different foods and products. Amy will bring some of her products which will be available for sale before and after the meeting.

Treasurer's Report: There is a balance of \$6,874.61 in the Garden Club's bank account currently.

Committees:

Garden Walk: Linda Becker and Barb Amey reminded everyone that the Garden Walk is only two weeks away. There will be 6 baskets for the raffle and one lovely bench. There will be posters of the raffle items placed at each of the 7 homes on the walk along with raffle tickets to sell to garden visitors. Linda and Barb also reminded us of the pre-walk on Wednesday, June 21st. We will be meeting by the UPS store in the parking lot at Kroger's at 4:30 with a potluck dinner at Nancy Kay's house. Nancy Kay has prepared boxes for each of the homes which will be picked up the night of the pre-walk at her house by the members who will be hosting gardens on Friday evening. The boxes will be left with the owner of the garden so the hosts for Saturday will have them on site. June 22nd is the alternate day if we are rained out on the 21st.

Tea Time: Mary McFarland announced that Karol LaHaie will host tea time on June 29th.

Garden Maintenance: Kathy Blackburn reports that some of the left-over plants from the plant sale will be planted in Arthur's Park on Friday June 23rd. Please meet at the Park at 10:00 for all who can help with the planting. We are also pleased to report that Joe, the carpenter who volunteered his time to refurbish the birdhouses at Arthur's Park is recovering after his accident. He has indicated he would like to continue with the project when he is recovered from his injury. The project is currently on hold waiting for an update on Joe's health and prognosis.

Herb Group: Shelley Dale will chair the herb group which will hold its first meeting on July 13th at the Senior Center prior to the Garden Club monthly meeting. The meeting will be to discuss when and where the group should meet and how often the meeting should be scheduled. If you are interested please attend.

Scholarships: Linda Sturgeon presented the clubs' scholarship to each of the winners, Jillian and Gigi. The recipients and their parents attended our June meeting so club members could meet each of the winners. Both ladies are graduating from Milford High School.

Jillian will attend the University of Michigan with a focus on studies in the field of environment and Oceanography.

Gigi will attend the University of Michigan with a focus on environmental science with the possibility of law school and eventually practicing environmental law.

Unfinished Business:

Diane Pearson received her Award of Recognition from the Michigan Division of WNF&G for the work she did on researching, creating, and implementing our Club's Welcome Packet. Diane was abroad and not able to attend the ceremony which was held in May.

Linda Smith installed the new officers for the 2023-2024 year. They are:

President—Susan Absher

Vice President of Publicity—Gail Cooper

Vice President of Meetings and Programs—Nancy Nordin

Treasurer—Diane DeVincent

Secretary—Lee Doyle

Thank you to Cindy Bauman and Janet Kinney for your service as officers of the Milford Garden Club and Executive Board Members.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm