

Milford Garden Club Newsletter



May 2023

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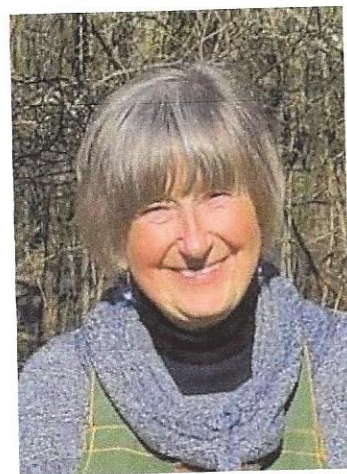
May Meeting

When: Thursday May 11, @ 6:30
pm for social 1/2 hour, 7:00
pm meeting

Where: Milford Senior Center
1050 Atlantic, Milford, MI

Speaker: Carol Brodbeck

Program: Attracting birds to our
garden.



President's Report

Susan Absher

The Wheelbarrow design has been overwhelmingly adopted by the Milford Garden Club as their permanent logo. This design will be used for printing all matter related to the club such as flyers, brochures, welcome packet along with our Facebook page and Website. It will be the first design for embroidery. However you cast your vote, the Board is asking you to embrace the design. Members will no longer have to search for clipart and this constant representation of our Club will

become familiar to our community. The symbolism of the elements of the design is explained in an article on page 3.

I will be going to Quicksilver, the embroidery and screen-printing company to have a test run on my personal belongings. After this is completed, I will send out an email suggesting places to purchase items along with helpful hints on what to look for when purchasing apparel and accessories.

Many of our members attended Daffodil Days at the Detroit Yacht Club. It was a beautiful sunny day to enjoy the surroundings. John Gallagher, the guest speaker, gave a lecture entitled *The Return of Detroit*. His slide presentation truly demonstrated how the city of Detroit has become revitalized. The Spring Division Meeting is being held on May 11 in Birmingham and is hosted by the Troy Garden Club. These meetings are informative and a lot of fun. Again, we will be gathering at the Senior Center to carpool to the event.

On Saturday April 22, several members gathered at Heavenly Scent Herb Farm in Fenton to make an art glass tree for our gardens. Members from the Highland Garden Club and others joined us in this project. Karol LaHaie's tree is pictured "In The Garden" section of this newsletter.

The birdhouses in Arthur's Park are in the process of being restored or replicated. We are told that the project will be completed before the Garden Walk.

Milford Garden Club Established 1948

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

Garden Maintenance

Spring clean up of Arthur's Park and Senior Center will be Tuesday May 9th at 9 am with May 10th as the rain date.

Thanks to everyone who signed up at the March and April meetings. Please bring your gardening tools including rakes and edging tools.

We have trash bags. I do need two or three of you to volunteer at the senior center. If anyone else would like to help, that would be great.

Thank you!

Kathy Blackburn



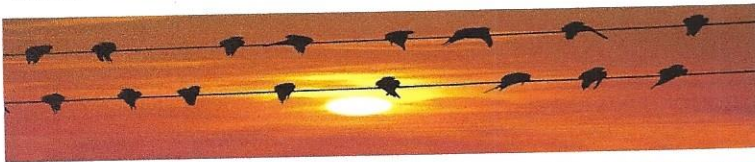
Tea Time

Denise Tyler will be hosting Tea Time on May 25th from 12 to 2 pm. Please RSVP to Denise by text or phone to _____



May Membership Meeting

The speaker at the May meeting will be Carol Brodbeck, a degreed biologist. The topic is "Attracting Birds to Your Garden". Not only are birds attractive and interesting, they also help control garden pests. The Presentation will cover what makes birds unique, habitat requirements, and information on 25+ common backyard birds.



Greeters

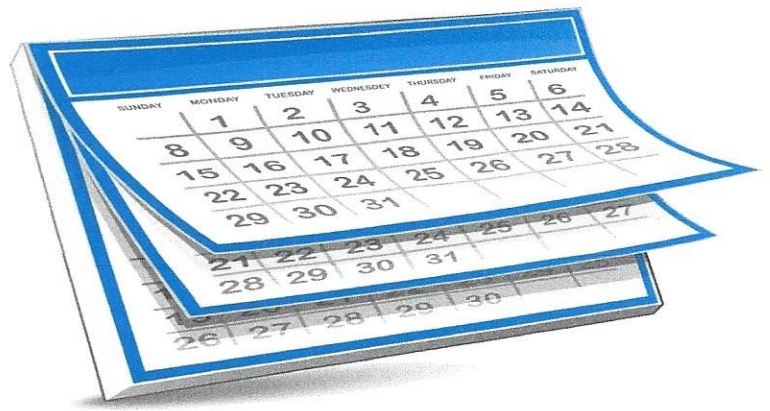
The friendly people greeting us at the May meeting will be Judy Vincent and Tina Schave. Greeters need to be at the Senior Center at 6:30 to greet people as they arrive.



In The Spring, at the end of the day,

You should smell like dirt.

Margaret Atwood (1939—)



Dates to Remember

2023

May 9, 9 am Arthur's Park Spring Clean Up

May 10, Rain Day for Arthur Park's Spring Clean UP

May 11, Michigan Division Spring Council Meeting

May 11, 6:30/7:00 pm General Membership Meeting -
Carol Brodbeck - Attracting Birds to Your Garden

May 15, 5 pm Board Meeting

May 23, the club will plant the annuals at Arthur's Park

May 24, Deadline for June Newsletter

May 25, Tea Time

June 3, Garden Market 10 am - 12 pm

June 8, 6:30/7:00 pm General Membership Meeting

June 11 & 12 Indian Village Home & Garden Tour

June 19, 5 pm Board Meeting

June 21, 5 pm Preview Party for homeowners and garden hosts and hostesses

June 23, 4 pm - 8 pm & 24 10:00 am - 4:00 pm Garden Walk

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

July 17, 5 pm Board Meeting

August 10, 6:30/7:00 pm General Membership Meeting

August 21, 5 pm Board Meeting

Field Trips

Some of the Club members have expressed interest in going to the 2023 Indian Village Home and Garden Tour. The Tour dates are Saturday June 10th from 10:00 to 5:30 pm or June 11th from 12:30 pm to 5:30 pm. If club members want to go, please get your tickets and then let me know if you want to carpool. Nancy Nordin



Milford Garden Club Logo

The logo was a well thought out decision by the Board to represent the Milford Garden Club. It is a melding of the past and the present. We did not want to abandon the roots of the Club established in 1948. Hence, the use of the old wooden wheelbarrow. The wheelbarrow is a symbol to many people. To one long-standing member it signifies that gardening is hard work, a labor of love. To a more recent member the wheelbarrow is a "beast of burden". It carries our heavy load of hand tools, soil, mulch and flowers to be planted. Many members were pleased to see the vine incorporated. It was used as a masthead for our Newsletter in the past and continues to be represented by our monthly DeVine raffle. The three flowers signify our eagerness to maintain our garden throughout the entire growing season.



Today, as robust gardeners, we are no longer satisfied with a just summer garden. We pot pansies when winter is still hiding in the shadows. We watch our hyacinth, tulips, daffodils and the like welcome spring. While many run to the big box stores in May to purchase flats of annuals, we prune and nurture our clematis, daylilies, hydrangea and more to ensure a bountiful garden of color in summer. Like others we look forward to apple picking and carving pumpkins in the autumn. Yet, we are still tending to our coneflowers, and helenium while planting bulbs for an abundant spring. Although we have halted our planting for the winter, we leave the remnants of our garden to provide winter interest and a safe haven for our pollinators. So, even when the cold wind blows, we are still tending to our garden.

The logo may not satisfy everyone, but we hope you find something about it that you can embrace.

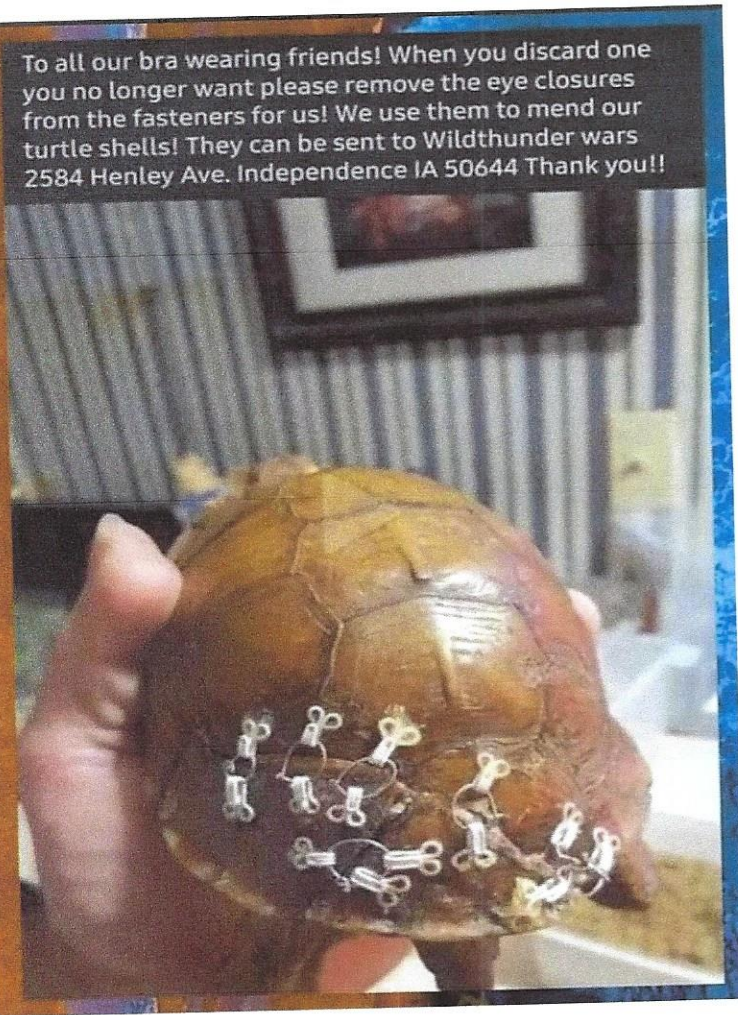
Club News

Due to road construction in front of my house, the pots have been moved to Karol LaHaie's house. She is located at 685 East Street in Milford. The black bag of pots is on the right side of her driveway near the garage. Linda Smith

Michigan Division

Women's National Farm and Garden Association, Inc.

Mark your Calendar: The Spring Division Meeting will be hosted by the Troy Garden Club and held at The Community House in Birmingham. The speaker at the Spring meeting (May 11) will be Kerry Ann Mendez of Kennebunk Maine. Ms. Mendez's presentation will be "Power UP Garden Beauty and Power DOWN Garden Maintenance".



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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

From the Editor

Please send you June newsletter items by May 24 With the holiday and my June travel plans I **MUST** have the newsletter completed by 26. Thank you to all who get me articles in a timely manner.



Jackie Swenson

In The Garden



Karol LaHaie has already planted her glass art tree in her yard. Isn't it beautiful next to the forsythia?



Here are some of our club members working on glass trees for their yards.



These tulips are from Susan Absher's yard. She is showing a common tulip as a contrast to the Parrot tulip which measures 9" wide.



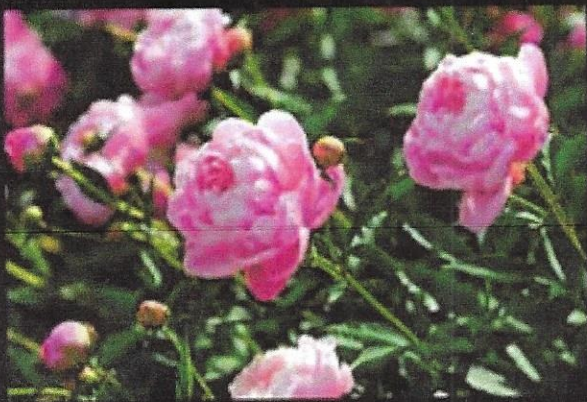
This lovely spring flowering bush is in my side yard. Like most of what is growing in my yard I have no idea what it is!

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: Can you identify the flower on the first page of this issue of the newsletter? Questions for this contest come from the newsletter content. If you know the answer email it to: _____

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



*** NEEDED ***

Plant Sale Dig Teams

Hi All! This year, I would like to coordinate an assembly line dig. Don't worry if digging isn't for you, we also need people to pot and tag, as well as folks with trucks.

Dig dates have not been finalized, but there are several gardens who've requested help. Given the cool and wet weather, we're probable looking at the second week in May. I will reach out with more info when dates are finalized.

Please contact **Lisa Hill** to sign up!

Thanks a bunch!





We need
your

Garden Related donations for the Garden Market

taking place during

our upcoming

Plant Sale
please bring these

items to our

May

Garden Club Meeting

no books please



Saturday,
June 3rd

Questions? _____

Daffodil Day
Detroit Yacht Club
April 19, 2023



Milford Garden Club
General Membership Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2023

Call to Order: 7:00 pm

Approval of Agenda - approved

New Member and Guest Introduction - Kathy Jones, Bobbi Kuschel and Clara O'Reilly

Thank you to Greeters - Brooke Qualman and Janet Kinney

General Membership Meeting Minutes from March 9, 2023 - Approved

President's Report : Susan Absher

Division Meeting in Birmingham sponsored by the Troy Garden Club (9:15 - 1)

Officers Retort

- **VP of Publicity Report: Gail Cooper**

Members are continuing to be photographed for an updated website with pictorial directory.

- **VP of Programs Report: Nancy Nordin:**

Shelly Dale has initiated the return of the Herb Club. She has requested member input for when and where.

- **Treasurer' Report: Cindy Bauman:**

Balance is \$11,256.17

- **Secretary's Report: Janet Kinney**

- **Nominating Committee Report: Linda Smith, Gail Cooper, Diane Pearson and Terri Hardick**

All positions have been filled for next year. Diane DeVincent as Treasurer and Lee Doyle as Secretary. There will be a vote at the May meeting at which time there would be an opportunity for any other candidates to volunteer.

Committees:

- **Field Trips and 2023 Plant Sale: Lisa Hill**

Sent out Email requesting table arrangements for Daffodil Days April 19th

- **2023 Garden Walk: Barbara Amey and Linda Becker**

Nancy Kay is in charge of Hosts and Hostesses. Please sign up. Requesting member gardens for show casing at June Meeting/Potluck.

Baskets for Garden walk—Kathy Barker is asking for members to donate baskets.

- **Tea Time: Mary McFarland**
Will be at Mary's April 27th
- **Garden Maintenance: Kathy Blackburn**
Clean up scheduled for May 9th, rain date May 10th. Birdhouses need restoration and repair. There is money donated by Delores Donelson.

New Business

- Mrs. Tebben's Tea is a scholarship fundraiser for the Lapeer Garden Club.
- Milford Garden Club Logo—Proposing a new design including the trademark. Details to be presented in email along with a vote request.
- Membership dues by May 31 st

Adjournment 7:39 PM

Submitted by Janet Kinney, Secretary