



September 2023 Newsletter

2022-2023 Executive Board

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September Meeting

When: Thursday Sept 14, @ 6:30 pm for social 1/2 hour, 7:00 pm meeting

Where: Milford Senior Center
1050 Atlantic, Milford, MI

Speaker: Allen Chartier

Program: Hummingbirds

President's Report

Susan Absher



I'm sure many of you headed Up North or even to the Upper Peninsula for a relaxing getaway in August while the Milford Garden Club took a short hiatus. I, on the other hand, will be heading out West to Colorado and Utah in mid September.

Unfortunately, when I arranged this long-awaited vacation, MGC was not in my mindset. Consequently, I will not be present at our September meeting. Gail Cooper will be filling in for me, and I thank her ahead of time. This article will be a bit longer than usual to alleviate some of the burden on Gail.

Most of the committee chairpersons remain the same with a few small changes. Sue Grifor will head the Community Outreach but would appreciate assistance in recruiting teens and others to aid us with the digs for our Plant Sale. Linda Becker will join Lisa Hill in planning field trips. Janet Kinney will join Kathy Blackburn in heading up the garden maintenance crew. Don Caley and Carol Hilf will be the creative force spearheading the Holiday Party while Mike and Cindy Bauman will be our hospitality coordinators. Lisa Hill has willingly offered to chair our Plant Sale fundraiser. **What you probably have noticed is that there is no person(s) who has offered to chair the Garden Walk.**

The Board has increased the number of people on the Garden Walk Committee along with their job descriptions. This is to relieve certain responsibilities from the shoulders of those who decide to chair. The primary responsibilities of the chairperson(s) is to act as the liaison between the homeowners and the MGC and to oversee the activities of the committee. This is the list of jobs and the members who have taken on those roles:

Promotions/Graphics/Brochures/Maps: Brook Qualman

Vendors: Barbara Amey

Hosts & Volunteers: Nancy Kay

Publicity: Lee Doyle

Baskets & Plaques: Bobbi Krushel & Shelly Dale

Picket Fence Signs: Pat & Al Coppersmith

Direction and Site Signs: Sue Grifor

Merchandise Advertising: Nancy Nordin

Photographer for Website (Day of the Event only): Susan Absher

Preview Party Host/Hostes: Vacant

Preview Party Coordinator: Vacant

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Milford Garden Club Established 1948

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

Presidents Report Continued

Road Construction/Hazards: Board
Potential Garden Sites: Membership
Finalize Garden Sites: Chairperson(s)/Committee
Artists & Musicians (optional): Vacant
Preview Party Host/Hostess: Vacant
Preview Party Coordination: Vacant
Chairperson(s): Vacant

The Board has been on a road trip of sorts and have 3 homeowners who are willing to be on the Garden Walk 2024. They need to be okayed by the committee, but I am hopeful they will meet with their approval. These are the potential sites for the walk:

- Karen Hill & Michael Counts (new owner; previously on walk with former home owner and garden club member)
641 Canal, Millford Village
Features: Hostas & Fountain
- Ron Kueger (new member & retired Landscaper)
4603 New Croft Ct., Commerce Twp.
Features: Unusual tree species, pond, waterfall, Perennials
- Linda Slotnick (potential new member in October)
125 Franklin, Milford, Village
Features: Perennial beds, flowering shrubs, hand made décor including arbor & fencing

There are 2 more homeowners who are considering but have not yet committed themselves to the Garden Walk. There will be an additional site, but it will not officially be part of the gardens on the walk. Nancy Nordin, VP of Programs & Meetings, will open up her yard as a "garden in progress." She will have photos of her home that she and her husband Nate purchased 2 years ago that was barren of plants, flowers and foliage. This should be an inspiration for novice gardeners. Furthermore, her front yard will be the site of a Plant Sale and Garden Market to sell items that were not purchased at our official Plant Sale on June 1 of 2024. The best of what remains will be included at this sale. This idea was implemented at the Plymouth Garden Walk and is thought to be a solution to our "leftovers" since the Highland Garden Club is no longer an option.

The Division Council Meeting for the fall of 2023 is being hosted by the Bloomfield Hills Garden Club. Watch for an email with the details. The actual meeting only takes up a small portion of the time. It is a wonderful opportunity to meet people from other Branches and mingle with our own members. It really is a lot of fun.

The Milford Garden Club will be hosting the Division

Council Meeting for fall of 2024.

So far, we have a couple of potential speakers. Cheryl English of Black Cat Pottery spoke at the Milford Library recently but has not spoken at a Regional Meeting. The other possibility is Michelle Serreyn. She is a Professor of Biological Sciences at Wayne State University and an Interpretive Naturalist at the Huron-Clinton Parks. She is described as a "Green Warrior." Please check out their websites. If you have any other suggestions, please inform a Board Member. It would be wise for the membership to decide on a speaker at the October meeting. We are also looking for the perfect venue that will accommodate about 125 people, 5-6 vendors, tables for registration and advertisements from the Branches, and a great brunch menu. If you have any suggestions, again, let a Board Member know. Let us know, too if you are willing to serve on a committee to make this event a success. If you have served on a committee that previously hosted a Division Council Meeting, please provide us with good advice.

Here are the potential speakers websites:

cenglish@blackcatpottery.com

Michelle.serreyn@att.net

Remember to submit 2 to 3 paragraphs about yourself to Jackie Swenson, the Newsletter Editor. The membership "Spotlight" article is to highlight both established and new members. This allows members to know a bit about each other and commonalities they may share other than gardening. For example, both Diane Pearson and Lee Doyle share a passion for painting while Jackie Swenson and Diane DeVincent are avid quilters.

I will see you at the October 10th meeting. I am hoping by the next General Meeting there will be good news that all the vacant positions have been filled.

Thanks for all you do!

Greeters

The friendly people greeting us at the September meeting will be Jackie Seitz and Teresa

Smith. Greeters need to be at the Senior Center at 6:30 to greet members and guests as they arrive.





Herb Group

Hello Herb Group and all MGC members (everyone welcome).....

Next meeting: Monday September 11, 2023 at 1:pm at the

Milford Public Library in the Community Room (Food allowed, bring your own drink).

Topic (and study): Lavender.

Bring anything related to Lavender: plant, plant info. Show and tell projects (gift or craft ideas), fun stories (gardening with Lavender), and of course... any Lavender recipes to share (or to try).

Come with a suggestion to name our Herb Group and let's plan our October meeting. Looking forward to seeing you all.

Herbally yours,

Shelly Dale

September Membership Meeting

In 2000 Mr. Chartier started the Great Lakes Hummernet research project which among other things bands hummingbirds in our region. He will present information on his humming bird project and other interesting bird related projects he has contributed to, and worked on including co-authoring books and research projects with National Geographic.

Welcome New Member

Ron Kruger

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

Thank You

The outpouring of kindness and sympathy that I received from so many of my garden club friends after the death of my grandson was truly heartwarming. All those calls, messages cards and baked goods and other gestures really do help in a terrible time.

Thank you,

Karol LaHaie



Dates to Remember

2023

Sept. 11, 1 pm Herb Group

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

September 15, Registration Deadline / Fall Division Council Meeting

September 18, Board Meeting

September 21, Newsletter Deadline

September 27, Michigan Division Fall Council Meeting

September 28, Tea Time

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

The Great thing is not to be timid in your gardening, whether it's colors, shapes, juxtaposition, or the contents themselves. Splash around and enjoy yourself.

Christopher Lloyd (1921-2006)

Tea Time

Tea time is at Martha Klemmer's on September 28, at 12:00

Please RVP to Martha at _____



Member Spotlight

I was born in Germany, my family came to the US in 1957. I attended Oakland University to be a math teacher and baseball coach. There I met my cheerleader and we married in 1976. I have been a Commerce Township resident since 1977. In 1971 I started working in landscaping to pay for college. Instead of finishing college, I started my own company in 1974. Since then I have worked in all phases of the landscape industry. In the mid seventies I became a Master Gardener but I was not able to maintain the requirements. Other things that I have done include: Sitting on the board of the Michigan Nursery and Landscape Association. Organized Garden Shows at Meadowbrook Hall and Cobo Hall. Taught a landscaping class for Novi Community Education.



Ron Krueger

I recently designed and implemented the Village of Wolverine Lake Veteran's Memoril. Currently I am a member of the Parks and Recreation Committee for Commerce Township. I work and play in the landscape industry. I am looking forward to being a member of the Milford Garden Club.

Milford Garden Club Garden Walk & Market Place

Winners of the Gift Baskets were:

Bench - Alisha Kelly

Rain Guage - Nancy Kay

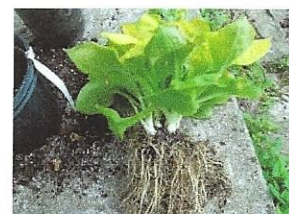
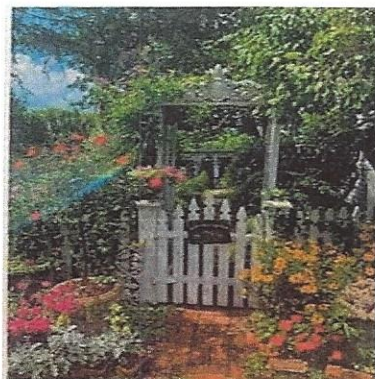
Bird House - Kristy Lucas

Tea Time - Laura DeSantis

Whiskey Barrel - Carol Richards

Co-chairs,

Barb and Linda



Dividing Perennials

When to divide

Spring and fall are the best times to divide. The process of splitting them up and replanting them can be stressful for plants. Cool, moist conditions help them recover from that stress. Rule of thumb: divide spring-blooming plants in the fall and fall blooming plants in the spring.

Steps for success

1. Dig up the entire plant. Try to keep as much of the root ball intact as possible to avoid unnecessary damage to the plant.
2. Shake or brush off any excess soil
3. Pry or cut apart individual plants. Most plants that can be divided will be easy to pull apart, but you may need to do a bit of cutting to separate them.
4. Replant & water. Replant a few plants into the original space and have fun deciding new places to put the rest. Plant as soon as possible so that the roots don't dry out.
5. Enjoy watching your plants grow full and healthy! Repeat in 2-3 years for plants that quickly multiply and in 3-4 years for slower growers.

From the Editor

I will be traveling starting September 28, so am asking that submissions for the October newsletter be sent to me by **September 21.**

Thank you for your contributions to the newsletter. Your input makes these pages more relevant to all MGC members.



Jackie Swenson



2022 - 2023 Committees

Community Outreach: Sue Grifor

Devine Raffle: Sheila Myers

Email Distribution: Lisa Willard

Facebook: Lisa Willard

Field Trip Coordinator: Lisa Hill

Linda Becker

Garden Walk: ??????

Garden Maintenance: Kathy Blackburn

Janes Kinney

Greeter: Barb Brennan

Historian: Anna VanHyfte

Holiday Party: Carol Hilf

Don Caley

Hospitality Coordinator: Mike & Cindy Bauman

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

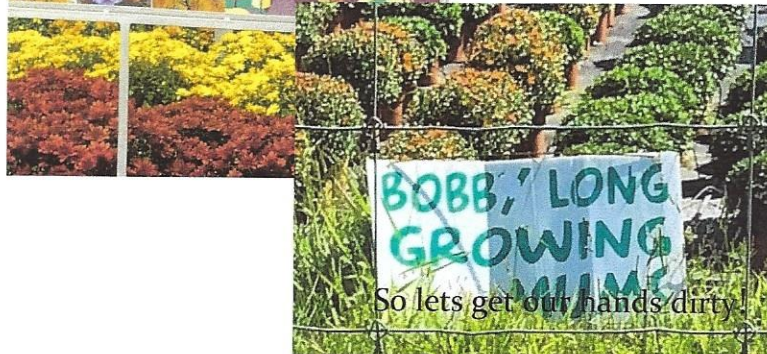
WF&GA (Michigan Division): www.michdivwhfga.org

Do You Know?

This month's question is: When should you divide spring blooming plants? If you know the answer email it to: jacquelyn.swenson@gmail.com All correct answers will be entered in a drawing. The winning name drawn will receive 3 tickets for the next DeVine Raffle.



Since my gardening season is starting late due to family obligations I have been visiting local garden centers to see what is available. All of the local centers seem to have sales—which is good if they have what you are looking for.



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: jacquelyn.swenson@gmail.com

Milford Garden Club
General Membership Meeting Minutes
June 8, 2023

Greeters: Barb Brennan and Barb Amey were thanked for their help.

The General Membership Meeting minutes of the June 8, 2023 were approved.

President's Report: Suan Absher

- Please label clothing with area to have embroidery
- Please submit a 2 – 3 paragraph statement about yourself to be placed in the newsletter to help other members get to know you.

Committee Reports

Lisa Hill / Plant Sale

Final figure not in but approximately \$2,900. Lisa was happy with this amount as it was in a new place, new date and late publicity

Barbara Amey and Linda Becker / Garden Walk

We made \$7,444 with a net profit of \$5,975. One basket was not claimed so will be repurposed

Barb and Linda thanked everyone for their hard work and also stated they are stepping down as chairpersons.

Mary McFarland / Tea Time

Tea Time for July will be at Kickstand Brewing Company at 3500 Union Lake Rd. in Commerce Township.
Please RSVP to Susan Absher for July 27th

Barbara Brennan / Greeters

There is a sign up sheet for 2023-2024 General meetings

Unfinished Business:

- It is our turn and long overdue to host the Division Meeting. We will need volunteers and a place for the September 2024 Meeting
- There were several suggestions for next year's Garden Walk including possibly selling tickets at the Plant Sale along with advertising and possible online sales.
- Don Carley is seeking interest in a Men's Group to meet the same time as Tea Time.

New Business:

Shelly Dale has initiated an Herb Group. The 1st meeting is at 1 PM Monday September 11 at the library with other meetings to be scheduled in October and November.

Committee Chairperson changes:

- Community Outreach: Sue Grifor to work with High School Students
- Garden Maintenance: Janet Kinney to cochair with Kathy Blackburn
- Historian: Anna VanHyfte will be digitizing all available records
- Holiday Party: Hosts Don Caley and Carol Hill
- Hospitality: Mike and Cindy Bauman. We will return to finger foods at meetings
- Plant Sale: Lisa Hill

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 PM, Submitted by Janet Kinney, Secretary

Michigan Division Fall Council Meeting – REGISTRATION FORM

Wednesday, September 27, 2023, at The Village Club

190 E. Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304

HOSTED BY THE BLOOMFIELD HILLS GARDEN CLUB

Meeting Schedule

9:00–9:45 am: Check in, raffle baskets, visit gardens.

9:50 am: Welcome and Invocation

10:00 am: Seated Breakfast

10:30 - 11:45 am: MI DIV Business Mtg

11:45 am: Break

Noon – 12:45 pm: Speaker, Michele Hodges

12:45 pm: Raffle baskets

1:00 pm: Adjourn

Everything You Wanted to Know About Belle Isle

SPEAKER:

Michele Hodges
President & CEO
of Belle Isle
Conservancy



PLEASE NOTE: The registrar will send a registration confirmation to your email address. No email? You may enclose a self-addressed & STAMPED envelope when you send your registration. PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY:

Name _____ Member? ____ or Guest? ____ Phone _____

Street address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email address (print clearly to assure confirmation receipt): _____

Branch Name (and any current branch office, if applicable): _____

PER PERSON: Incl. breakfast & Speaker \$ 35

OPTIONAL DONATION (tax deductible) \$ _____

TOTAL PAYMENT ENCLOSED\$ _____

THIS REGISTRATION FORM WILL SOON BE

AVAILABLE ON THE MICHIGAN DIVISION WEBSITE:

<https://michdivwnfga.weebly.com/>.

Make check payable to: Michigan Division WNF&GA

Please mail with your completed form to:

Julie Beals

4075 Chatfield Lane

Troy, MI 48098

248-321-5099

Registration questions: Julie_beals@hotmail.com

Registration deadline September 15, 2023

Non-members guests are welcome while space remains.

They should send their own registrations and checks.

Suggestion: Photograph or make a copy of your completed registration form and check before mailing.

Valet parking is included & provided at main entrance. If you want to self-park and save time, use the WEST entrance.



**Gardens
at The
Village
Club**

Note: An omission was made on the registration form for dietary restrictions. Note on the form if you are requesting a vegetarian or gluten free breakfast.