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## March Meeting

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

**Where:** Milford Senior Center  
1050 Atlantic, Milford, MI

**Speaker:** Gail Montgomery

**Program:** Interesting tidbits

**Milford Garden Club Established 1948**

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

# March 2024 Newsletter



## President's Report

**Susan Absher**

There's a familiar quote by poet, John Lydgate, and it reads: "You can please some of the people all of the time, you can please all of the people some of the time, but you can't please all of the people all of the time." I'm referencing Mr. Lydgate to address "Tea Time." Some members like going to homes for a potluck lunch. They enjoy the intimacy and the ability to converse with all the attendees. Others like attending the potlucks but can't host because they have limited space for people to sit and enjoy their meal. Some like going to restaurants so any number of members can attend and there is no preparation or clean-up for the hostess. Yet, there are members who feel this configuration does not allow them to talk to everyone in a public setting and the intimacy is lost. So, what is a possible solution? Adding another choice for the hostess.

I spoke to Linda Sturgeon, our longest running member, going on 36 years, and asked her to tell me about the original "Tea Time" and how it was conducted. Well, here it is. The hostess of the *Afternoon Tea* was responsible for 3 things other than providing the venue: a various assortment of teas, small plates, and napkins. As you can see, food preparation and extensive set-up and clean-up has been lifted from the hostess. Members who attend are asked to bring their own tea cup and saucer. One will be provided if needed. A few members will be asked to bring a sweet such as biscuits, crackers, cookies,

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Scones, pastries, and the like. The *Afternoon Tea Time* will be at 2 o'clock and will last approximately 1 1/2 hours.

This is another choice for whomever decides to host Tea Time. Now there will be 3 choices: potluck lunch, restaurant dining and afternoon tea. Despite the Yearbook stating Tea Time is held the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month, the hostess can make changes according to her schedule. The March gathering will be an Afternoon Tea at the home of Diane Pearson on Thursday, the 28<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. Follow the guidelines written above. In time, the Afternoon Tea's guidelines may be tweaked, but for now, we will follow the old tradition.

If you are planning on going to Daffodil Days, please let me know so I can send out an email so members will know who is attending and arrangements for carpooling can be made. I will not be attending, but I will help in any way I can to arrange a ride for you if needed. I do, however, plan on attending the Spring Division Meeting in May which is being hosted by the Saginaw Branch.

## Hospitality



Calling all cooks and bakers!

We are looking for members to bring treats to the meeting on March 14th.

Please let Mike and Cindy Bauman know if you can bring something to share, and if you would like to make a sweet or savory. Thank you!



Jackie Swenson

## From the Editor

Thank you everyone who sent me regular content and interesting contributions in a timely manner. Please send anything other members would find interesting. Your input makes these pages more relevant to all MGC

members. The deadline for the April newsletter is March 26. Please send your contributions to: jacquelyn.swenson@gmail.com

## Herbal Thyme

We're back and our next meeting is Monday, March 11 at 1: pm at the Milford Library (Community Room).

Our herb of the month is Chamomile. Bring any information or food/drink to share. We always love to hear a good story or two of your experience with chamomile. Anyone sleepy yet?

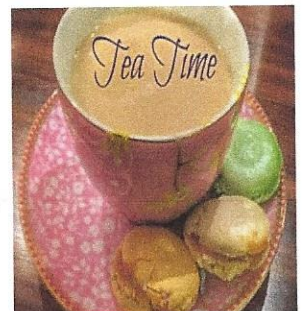
Everyone is always welcome to come to the meetings.

Herbally yours, Shelley Dale



## Tea Time

Tea Time will be March 28th @ 2 pm. If you plan to attend please let Diane Pearson know.



## Guy Time

We meet at the New Hudson Inn on Grand River just east of Milford Road, the fourth Thursday of every month at noon. We cordially invite you to join us for a drink, a sandwich, and to help solve all the world's problems. Gardening? Sometimes. Questions?





## Around Town and Beyond



Bogie Lake Greenhouse opens  
March 1



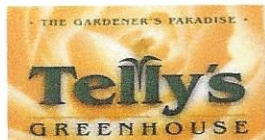
Zoner's is hoping to open March  
16, for sure by March 30

MICHIGAN STATE  
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MSU Extension

Pruning Webinar and Workshops offered in Novi March  
28, 2024 - April 13 Registration Deadline 3/21/2024 Contact  
Lindsey Kerr, Extension Educator 734-419-9123 MSU Toll-  
gate

Maple Fest March 9 & 10 Pre-registration required



March 9, Miniature Garden \$5.00  
March 23, Macramé Planter \$25.00  
Multiple dates, Bonsai Workshop

See Telly's website for more information



Webinar March 9 @ 11 am  
(ET) Time-Saving, Mighty-  
Mite Shrubs that Outshine  
Perennials Cost \$13.95 go

to: pyours@gmail.com Kerry was the speaker at a prior  
district meeting.



March 13, 5-7 PM Make a  
Terrarium \$35.00  
March 30, Lawn & Soil Care  
RSVP Free

For more information go to [www.englishgardens.com](http://www.englishgardens.com)



March 16, Propagation 101 \$15.00  
March 23, Succulent Garden Building  
\$30.  
March 30, All about Hummingbirds

with Luann \$15.

For more details and to register go to: [goldnerwalsh.com](http://goldnerwalsh.com)



### BLACK CAT POTTERY

If you enjoy Listening to Cheryl English you might  
like to check out her web page as she has several  
events planned in March and beyond.  
[blackcatpottery.com](http://blackcatpottery.com)



## Dates to Remember

March 11, Herbal Thyme  
March 14, General Membership Meeting  
March 18, Board Meeting  
March 26, April Newsletter Deadline  
March 28, Tea Time  
March 28. Guy Time  
April 11, General Membership Meeting  
April 15, Board Meeting  
April 17, Daffodil Luncheon  
May 9, General Membership Meeting  
May 16 - 19, WNFGA National Meeting, Hershey, PA  
May 20, Board Meeting  
May 22, Spring Council Meeting @ the Saginaw Art Muse-  
um  
June 1, Annual Plant Sale  
June 13, General Membership Meeting  
June 21 & 22, Annual Garden Walk  
September 25, Fall Division Council Meeting

## This Months Program

Gail Montgomery is a Master  
Gardner at Willow Nursery. Gail  
will provide information on both  
practical gardening, repurposing  
and other interesting tidbits to  
help in our gardening and deco-  
rating activities.







## 2023 - 2024 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: Diane DeVincent & Karol LaHaie

Garden Maintenance: Kathy Blackburn

Janet 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](http://www.wnfga.org)

WF&GA (Michigan Division): [www.michdivwhfga.org](http://www.michdivwhfga.org)

*There can be no other occupation like gardening in which, if you were to creep up behind someone at their work, you would find them smiling.*

*Mirabel Oster (1925-2016)*



## Along the Vine

If you have seen anything in your garden or when wandering that you think would delight other gardeners please send pictures and description to me at: [Jacquelyn.swenson@gmail.com](mailto:Jacquelyn.swenson@gmail.com)

### Grow Veggies in the Winter?



Are you itching to grow something at this time of year but outdoor gardening is 6 weeks, or more, away? I've had fun recently taking the root end of vegetables, like the white part on green onions with the roots

attached, and watching them sprout in a little bit of water. I also cut the end of a romaine lettuce, placed it in a shallow bowl of water, barely covering the end with water and placed it in a sunny window. The photo shows the plants emerging after just one week! Once the "rescued" greens have developed roots, pot up in small containers of potting soil. Club member Barb Amey has had success using this method to create green onion plants that she adds to her outdoor gardens in the summer.



Lisa Willard



### Getting Dirty at Telly's

Susan Absher and Jackie Swenson made Hypertufa planters at Telly's. The process is really quite easy. This photo is us going

back the next week to pick up our dry/cured creations. I have the directions if anyone would like to give it a try on their own. I am considering using this method to make other garden objects. If you are interested I can send you the directions, or maybe work together to create who knows what?



## Member Spotlight

Debbie and I, Rick, live in Highland, Michigan and have since 1995. We live on Clyde Road between Hickory Ridge Road and Milford Road, just west of Fish Lake Road. I have lived in Michigan all of my life and Debbie has lived in both California (Huntington Beach) and Michigan. We met at church in 1979 and have been together ever since we met.



Debbie has a Master's Degree in Healthcare Administration and is the Radiology Manager at the University of Michigan, Mott Children's and Women's Hospital in Ann Arbor. I am an Electrical Project Manager for Gallagher Kaiser Corporation. We build Paint Shops for General Motors and other automobile manufacturers. I am currently working on the GM Orion Assembly Plant overseeing the Facilities HVAC Air Supply Houses and Exhaust Fan projects.

Debbie began her own business, The Flower Mill shortly after we got married in 1980 while I was going to school for Broadcasting. She designed and created beautiful floral arrangements for weddings and other Holidays. After I graduated, I worked at WMUZ, FM 103.5 in Detroit, helping a couple of men with their program, Windstorm broadcast at 11:00PM on Saturday evenings where we played Christian Rock and Roll music ... at high volume. I did this while wiring electrical control panels for Commerce Controls.

Debbie and I have two beautiful children; Kyle will be 42 the end of May and Miranda will be 40 a week later at the beginning of June. Kyle and Natasha have an eight-year-old daughter, Payton, Miranda and Anthony have three children, Lillyan is fifteen, Derrick is nine and Madison is eight. Our grandchildren are our lives! They love spending time with us on Soft Pine Acres (we named our property) where we play various sports, drive the John Deere Gator outside and play music inside. Debbie plays piano, I play guitar, bass, harmonica and anything I can use as a percussion instrument.

Debbie and I started our married life in Acapulco, Mexico the day after we got married is where we spent our honeymoon. As a family, we have travelled to the east coast, South Carolina and Georgia spending time at the Atlantic Ocean, but our favorite trip was when the children were in their late teens and we let them choose the location. They chose Jamaica. It was a great trip. We also take our boat up to Torch Lake at least once a year for weeklong vacations.

Debbie and I have vacationed in Hawaii and have named it Paradise. What absolute perfect weather.

I do a bit of travelling for my job. I have spent time in China, Hong Kong, Egypt, South Korea, with a few jaunts in Canada and Mexico. I look forward to the end of 2024 since this is my target date for retirement. I plan on getting all of the "projects" done around the house and doing them in my timeline.

We look forward to learning more about the beautification of Soft Pine Acres and spending time with those of you that share the same love for gardening as we do.

Rick and Debbie Kollar

## White Vinegar in the Garden?

- Kills Ants
- Feed acid-loving plants
- Deter cats & rabbits
- Get rid of weeds
- Get rid of snails and slugs
- Clean clay pots
- Help flowers last longer indoors
- Remove Fungus
- Keeps snakes away



With the exception of a handful of plants that really love acid, most plants will be harmed by vinegar's acetic qualities. Take care when spraying a solution that contains vinegar directly onto your plants, as it can strip their protective coating.



# Proposed Amendment of the Milford Garden Club Bylaws

Terri Hardick

Milford Garden Club Members:

I am requesting an amendment to the Article VII Dues, Section III because, as they currently read, the membership dues are prorated to reflect payment of \$2.50 for each month from January through May. The Milford Garden Club does not have meetings in January and February. At the prorated rate, the dues would be a maximum of \$7.50 if a new member joined January through May. I always receive payments from new members for the full \$30/\$40 membership fee. I have been calling and telling them that they paid too much and have to request a new check. This feels petty and requires extra paperwork for the membership chair and the treasurer. I have included the bylaws as they currently read and the proposed amendment below.

Please review the proposed amendment. The Milford Garden will vote on this amendment at the April meeting.

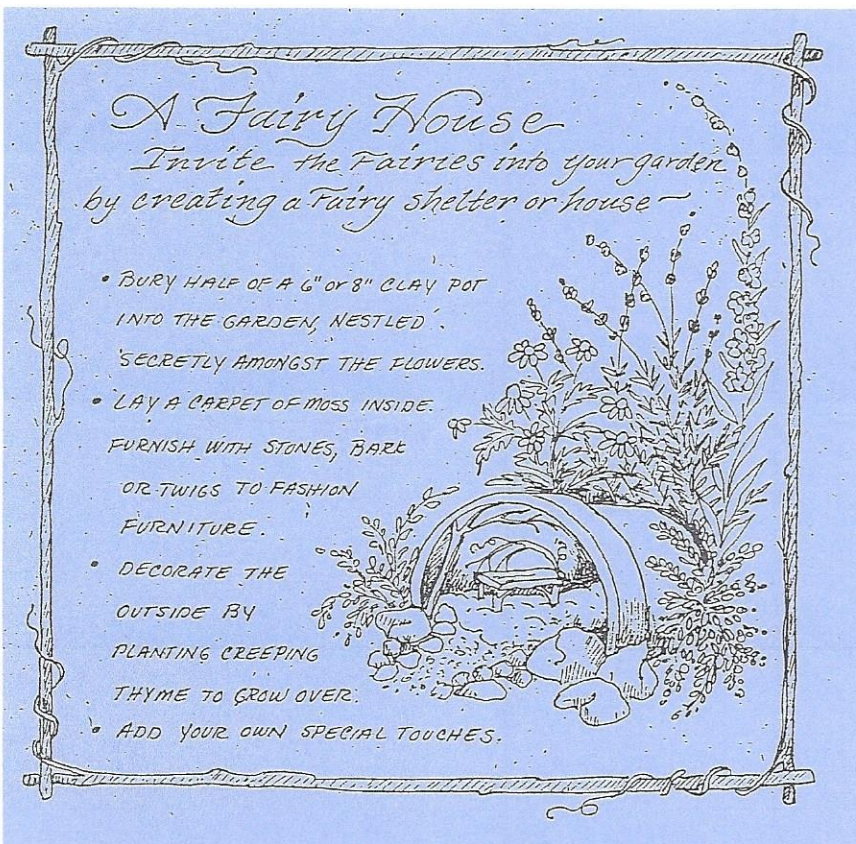
## MILFORD GARDEN CLUB BYLAWS

### ARTICLE VII – DUES SECTION III

Members joining prior to January 1 shall pay full annual dues. Members joining after January 1 shall pay dues prorated of \$2.50 per month based on the number of meetings remaining prior to May 1.

### AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE VII – DUES SECTION III

Members joining prior to January 1 shall pay full annual dues. Members joining January through May shall pay full annual dues for the fiscal year which begins September 1 and ends August 31.



This was in some old papers that Susan Absher gave me. It might be a fun project to tuck into your garden.

#### Tiny Plants for Small Gardens

Alchemilla alpina / Lady's Mantle 6"  
Ocimum minimum purpurascens / Purple basil 2"  
Campanula trachelium / Canterbury Bells 3"  
Erinus alpinus / Fairy Foxglove 3"  
Erodium cicutarium / Ground Geranium 2"  
Fuchsia papoua / Fuchsia 6"  
Hyssopus officinalis ? Dwarf Hyssop 10"  
Origanum microphyllum / Oregano 6"  
Miniature Impatiens 6"  
Coral Bells 6"  
Thymus pulegioides / Doon Valley 2"  
Rosea / Baby Ci 6"  
Salvia muirii / Dwarf Sage 4"  
Phlox procumbens / Tiny Phlox 4"

# Milford Garden Club

## General Membership Meeting Minutes

*November 9, 2023*

President Absher called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

New members were greeted, including:

Sue Woelfel

Julie Race

Janie Kriegerman

The greeters and hospitality coordinators were thanked.

The meeting minutes dated October 12, 2023, were approved as submitted.

### **The President's Report:**

- The club has a new Epson projector, costing \$481 with our non-profit discount.
- Thank you to Lisa Hill for initiating the "Sign-up Genius method of signing up to support the Division Meeting next year.
- If jobs to be signed up for need explanation, ask.
- 2 people will be needed to insert printed name tags into holders.
- It was suggested that we include a listing of Milford businesses to put on tables at the place settings to help guest enjoy their visit to our town. Alternatively, the Chamber of Commerce may already print a directory that we could provide.
- Volunteers will be needed to do set up.
- Volunteers will be needed to make centerpieces from gourds and pumpkins.
- Isabel Davis is developing a "pick your own" annual farm. Hopefully she will help us with the centerpieces.

### **V.P. of Publicity:**

Gail Cooper is finishing an article for the Farm and Garden newsletter.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Diane De Vincent was absent, but our fund balance is \$13,434.52.

**Garden Maintenance:** A great turn out on Tuesday October 24<sup>th</sup> at Arthur Park and the Senior Center. They did fall cleanup and planted daffodil bulbs.



## Garden Club Events in Our District

(A good way to show our support of other Garden Clubs)

**May 11, Saturday, Waterford Garden Club Spring Plant Sale** from 9 am - 2pm at the Waterford Senior Center, 3621 Pontiac Lake Rd., Waterford.

**May 16-19, National Meeting of the WNF& GA**

**May 18, Saturday, Perennial Plant Exchange, Warren Garden Club**, 10 am - Noon, RAIN OR SHINE, First United Methodist Church, 5005 Chicago Road, Warren, 48092 (between Ryan and Mound Roads)

**May 18, Saturday, Perennial Plant Exchange, Troy Garden Club** from 10 am – noon, at City of Troy Aquatic Center parking lot.

**May 22, Wednesday, Spring Council Meeting**, at the Saginaw Art Museum, hosted by Saginaw Garden Club.

**May 30, Thursday, Mrs. Tebben's Tea** hosted by **Lapeer Wildflowers** at The Huntsman Hunt Club, 3166 Havens Road, Dryden, MI. Tickets available by phone beginning at 9:00 am on Monday, April 1, 2024, \_\_\_\_\_.

**June 1, Saturday, Milford Garden Club Plant Sale** will be held at the United Methodist Church 1200 Atlantic Street, Milford, from 10 a.m. – noon.

**June 1, Saturday, Clarkston Garden Club Perennial Plant Exchange** at 8:30 a.m. at the parking lot in downtown Clarkston.

**June 19, Wednesday, Franklin Garden Walk and Artisan Market**, 10am - 4pm & 6pm - 9pm. Artisan Market: 9am - 5pm. Location: Franklin Community Park & Gazebo. Tickets: \$12-Adv./\$15-6/19

**June 21 & 22, Friday and Saturday, Milford Garden Walk.** June 21 from 4-8 pm and June 22 from 10 am – 4 pm. See the website for details. [www.themilfordgardenclub.com](http://www.themilfordgardenclub.com).

**June 25, Tuesday, "Flowers Are Forever" Garden Walk and Plant Sale** hosted by **Trailwood Garden Club**,

Plymouth Area, from 11am – 7 pm. Tickets \$12 in advance and \$15 day of walk. [TrailwoodGardenClub.com](http://TrailwoodGardenClub.com)

Georgia Randinitis, President, \_\_\_\_\_

**July 10, Wednesday, 49<sup>th</sup> Troy Garden Walk "Garden Stories";** 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM and 5:00 PM – 8:30 PM Rain or Shine. Location: Troy – View 6 private gardens + bonus venue. Garden Walk Activities at Troy Historic Village: Midsummer Arts & Crafts Boutique and Plant Sale from 9 AM – 6 PM. FREE Admission on July 10<sup>th</sup>

**July 17, Wednesday, 18th Annual Clarkston Garden Walk starts at 11 am** starting at the Clarkston Independence District Library.



## 2024 Daffodil Day Luncheon Registration Form

Hosted by the Michigan Division of the Woman's National Farm & Garden Association

Wednesday, April 17, 2024 – Detroit Yacht Club, Belle Isle

**10 – 11:30 am:** Tour the renovated Belle Isle Nature Center.

**11:00 am:** Luncheon check-in begins; pop-up shopping featuring Jewelry by Rebel Nell, Little Cottage Designs, The Peacock Room, Laurie Tennent Botanicals, and Megan Swoyer.

**Noon:** Lunch is served. MENU: Greek salad with chicken, rolls, a lemony dessert, and **Daffodil Delight** beverage.

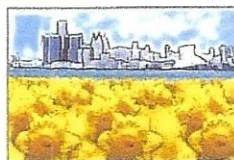
**1:00 pm:** Keynote speaker, **Dr. Meagan Elliott**, is the Deputy Chief Financial Officer for the City of Detroit and Detroit's former Chief Parks Planner.

**Register for Daffodil Day  
online or on paper form  
below.**

\$55 through March 31

\$65 – April 1 – 7

**Registration deadline:**



Make check payable to: **Michigan Division WNF&GA**

Mail check & registration to:

Pat Brown, 31616 Lexington, Warren, MI 48092

Questions: [Patb50194@gmail.com](mailto:Patb50194@gmail.com) or 586-530-7922

Registration and payment using PayPal or with a credit card will be available online. Purchase online at:

<https://www.michiganwnfga.org/daffodils4detroit.html>

The Michigan Farm & Garden Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization

Maximum of **8** people per table. Please check **ONE** OPTION below:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ I am reserving an entire table of 8. A check is enclosed, **all 8 names are listed below, and meals selected.**
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Please seat me with other members of my branch.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ **NO SEATING PREFERENCE.** Seat me at any open table.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ **\*I would like to sit with the 7 attendees listed below. They will register separately.**

**\*NOTE:** All 7 additional registrations & payments must arrive by April 7 to reserve the full table.

Circle **G** (Greek salad with chicken) or **V** (vegetarian) after each name.

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Name _____	Lunch @ \$55 (till 3/31/24)	\$ _____
Address _____	Lunch @ \$65 (4/1-4/7/24)	\$ _____
City, State, Zip _____	Lunch @ \$100 (inclu. Program listing)	\$ _____
Email _____	Additional Donation (for daffodils)	\$ _____
Branch name/Title _____	Daffodil tile @ \$50 each	\$ _____
Check <b>ONE</b> : Greek chicken salad _____ or Vegetarian _____	Notecards, pack of 12 @ \$20 each	\$ _____
Additional dietary restrictions _____	(notecards also available for purchase at luncheon)	
Telephone _____	<b>Total Purchase</b>	\$ _____

**- No Confirmation will be sent. Please make a copy of your registration form and check. -**