



# September 2024 Newsletter

## 2023-2024 Executive Board

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## September Meeting

**When:** September 12, @ 6:30 PM Social time & Treats, 7:00 Business Meeting/  
Program follows

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

**Speaker:** Jennifer Ott

**Program:** Garden Design

**Milford Garden Club Established 1948**

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



## President's Report

### Susan Absher

Hope everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing summer. I'm still recouping from an exhausting road trip to Yellowstone with my two grandchildren. Be prepared for a busy September. The Fall Council Meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> will be here before we know it.

If you are planning on attending the event and haven't registered, please do so as soon as possible. This Newsletter includes the information on our speaker and the registration form.

There has been a wonderful response for volunteering for this event. We still, however, could use a couple of more members on the centerpieces:

September 5 : Assembling the gourds

September 6 : Painting the gourds

September 24 : Flowering arranging

Note that all three sessions needed to create the centerpieces will take place at the home of Isabel Davis. Each session starts at 9 am. Please use SignUpGenius so I know how many people to expect.

If you have anything that has been donated as part of our drawing at the event, please give it to either Nancy Nordin or me. In this way, we can keep track of what we have. If you have received anything from a business, make sure to get a business card so we can display it alongside the donated item.

Kathy Yeloushan, from the Clarkston Branch joined us at our last Board Meeting. She has been chairing their club's Teacher Mini Grant Committee for the past 11 years. She has provided us with much information to get our program off the ground. The Board approved \$2,000 in our budget to support this program. The budget for the 2024-2025 is also included in this Newsletter so you can be familiar with it before the September's meeting vote. If you are interested in being part of this committee who will be an invaluable asset to teachers and the like, please contact Linda Sturgeon who is our Chairperson for Scholarships and Mini Grants.

If you have any photo that you have taken at any of our events and think it will be helpful for publicity, please send them via text to Gail Cooper. You can send them to Sue Tompkins, our Website coordinator, and to Lisa Willard who oversees our Facebook page and general communication by email.

## VP of Meetings & Programs

Our September speaker is Jenifer Ott who is a garden coach in SE Michigan, Jen designs thoughtfully planned gardens and brings out the gardener in all of us. Jen will discuss garden design and will provide practical tips for organic, low-maintenance gardening.



Nancy Nordin

Jens garden designs are intuitive and intentional designs that demonstrate care for the environment and pollinators. She works with communities to create strong ecosystems through resilient habitats which provide food sources for birds and pollinators.

Since this is the last season I will be working as te VP of Meetings and Programs, I am hoping someone will be interested in taking on this very interesting and rewarding position. If anyone is interested, please contact me so you can work with me as we work through this season of speakers so I can pass along as much of what I have learned from many contacts I have made through people I have been put in touch with that, although did not speak, provided names and contact information of potential speakers—networking. It has been fun and rewarding experience.

I hope you enjoy the speakers this season,

## From the Editor

This newsletter is a bit late because of last weeks storm and the holiday weekend. Thank you to everyone who sent pictures and articles. The deadline for the October newsletter is September 27. Please send your contributions to: jacquelyn.swenson@gmail.com



Jackie Swenson



We are so glad you have joined the Garden Club

Sharon Sarkisian

Sue Woelfel

Melisa Abood

## Herbal Thyme

Happy September everyone. Herbal Thyme is back and for something different let's change from herb to spice for September and let's do a study of 'Everything Cinnamon'.



Sounds so nice for Fall and all the holidays within So bring any information on Cinnamon to share and some great recipes or bring a food item to share.

Sounds so good!

Meeting info: Milford Library Community room on Monday, September 9, 2024. At 1:00pm. Any questions please call me or Bobbi (in yearbook).

Herbally Yours...with a little spice on the side!

Shelly Dale



## Tea Time

The regular Tea Time date is September 25th, the same day as the fall council meeting. It has been suggested that we meet on Thursday the 26th at Pettibone Restaurant (formerly Gravity) for anyone who would like to attend. We could check for interest in this alternative date ad place at the September Membership Meeting.



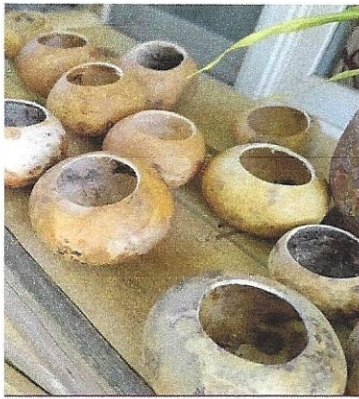
Barb Amy

## Guy Time

We meet at the New Hudson Inn on Grand River just east of Milford Road, the fourth Wednesday 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?



# Arts & Crafts Club



PROJECT #3  
Gourd Assembly  
September 5th. 9:30am

PROJET #4  
Gourd Painting  
September 6th. 9:30am

PROJECT #5  
Gourd flower arranging  
September 24th. 9.30am

### WHAT TO BRING:

If you happen to have a silicon cookie mold with nice designs, bring it over.

### COST:

The cost will be absorbed by the MGC  
440 Rowe Rd. Milford, MI

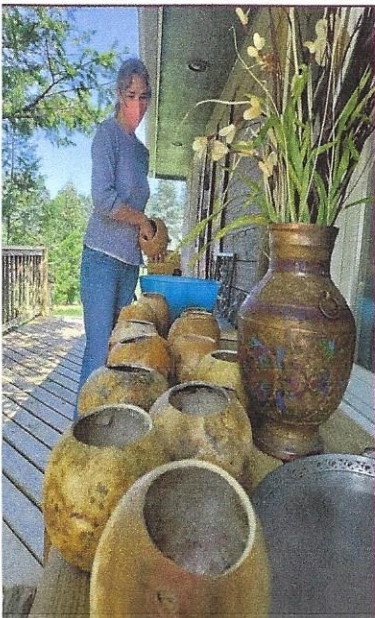


## Dates to Remember

- September 5, Arts & Crafts Club - Gourd Assembly
  - September 6, Arts & Crafts Club - Gourd Painting
  - September 9, Herbal Thyme
  - September 12, General Membership Meeting
  - September 16, Board Meeting
  - September 24, Arts & Craft Club - Flower Arranging
  - September 25, Fall Division Council Meeting
  - September 26, Tea Time
  - September 27, Deadline for October Newsletter
  - October 10, General Membership Meeting
  - October 21, Board Meeting
  - November 14, General Membership Meeting
  - November 18, Board Meeting
  - December 5, Holiday Party
- 2025**
- February 17 Board Meeting
  - March 13, General Membership Meeting
  - March 17, Board Meeting
  - April 10, General Membership Meeting
  - April 21, Board Meeting
  - May 8, General Membership Meeting
  - May 19, Board Meeting
  - June 7, Plant Sale
  - June 12, General Membership Meeting
  - June 16, Board Meeting
  - July 10, General Membership Meeting
  - July 21, Board Meeting
  - June 20, Garden Walk
  - August 14, General Membership Meeting



Thank you to each and everyone who came over to do the cement leaves! Still a work in progress!



BIG THANK YOU TO MELISSA FOR COMING OVER AND HELP CLEAN & PREPARE THE GOURDS FOR THE NEXT STEP.

IT WAS WONDERFUL TO WORK WITH YOU!!

# grow

## 2023 - 2024 Committees

- Arts & Craft Club: Isabel Davis
- Community Outreach: Sue Grifor
- Devine Raffle: Sheila Myers
- Email Distribution: Lisa Willard
- Facebook: Lisa Willard
- Field Trip Coordinator: General Membership
- Garden Walk: Diane DeVincent & Karol LaHaie
- Garden Maintenance: Kathy Blackburn  
Janet Kinney

- Greeter: Millie Hulewicz
- Historian: Anna VanHyfte
- Holiday Party: Susan Absher & Nancy Nordin
- Hospitality Coordinator: Beki Franchock
- Membership: Terri Hardick
- Mentoring: Diane Pearson
- Name Tags: Diane Craft
- Newsletter: Jackie Swenson
- Plant Sale: Lisa Hill
- Scholarship : Linda Sturgeon
- Sunshine: Kathy Barker
- Teacher Mini Grants: Linda Sturgeon
- Tea Time Group: Barb Amey
- 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)

## New Home for Arthur's Park Birds

**Clarification:** The article and pictures of the bird houses which appeared in the August newsletter was written by Joe Gawle. He continues his generous efforts as he works on the second of three planned birdhouses.



Kathy Blackburn

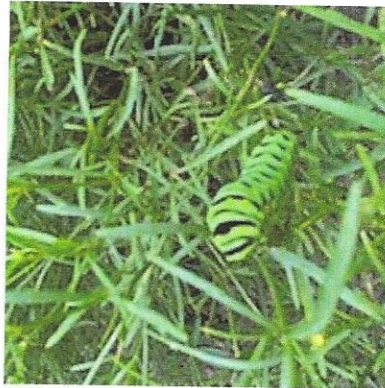
# Along the Vine

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)



Where am I - does anyone know where this lovely wire garden lady is located? It's very cleverly done and so adorable.

Thank you Shelly Dale for this clever brain teaser!



Thank you Melissa Abood for sharing these amazing photos of pollinators with us.

## Around Town And Beyond



Washtenaw County  
Conservation District

2024 Fall Tree and Native Plant Sale: Pre-sale period:  
Monday, August 5, Paper Forms Deadline: September  
2, 2024, Online Store Deadline: September 8, 2025

Shop on line at: [www.washtenawcd.org](http://www.washtenawcd.org)

Pick-up dates: Friday, September 20, 1 - 6 PM

Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds 5055 Ann Arbor-  
Saline Rd, Ann Arbor MI

### Come Shop at Native Restoration Nursery

September 4, 10:00-1:00 19185 Bush Road, Chelsea, MI  
[www.nativerestorations.com](http://www.nativerestorations.com). Shop for Trees, Shrubs &  
Perennials for your rain garden. A rare local source of  
native shrubs and trees - normally not open to the pub-  
lic. They sell wholesale, which means they have a huge  
inventory. Great species - wonderful for home land-  
scapes.



Sept 21, 10: - 11 am Semi-  
nar - Plant Fall Bulbs  
for Spring.

all locations RSVP/Free For more information:  
[www.englishgardens.com](http://www.englishgardens.com)



September 13, Soap Making 6 - 7  
pm \$42.

September 17, 6 - 10 pm Harvest

Moon Festival Immerse yourself in the (full) moon as  
you shop exclusive discounts available for only one  
night! The Harvest Moon signifies gratitude and cele-  
bration of abundance in our lives. Free

September 17, 6- 9 pm Flower Crown Workshop \$20.

September 22nd Discover the Healing Power of Plants  
3 - 5 pm Free

For more information: [goldnerwalsh.com](http://goldnerwalsh.com)

## MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY | Extension

September 20, Tree Identification Workshop 10 am - 12:45 pm  
online Contact Diane Brady at [bradydi@msu.edu](mailto:bradydi@msu.edu)

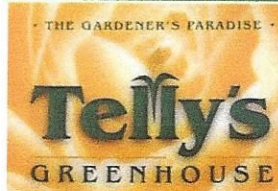
September 21, Tollgate Fall Plant Sale 9:00 am - 12:00 pm 28115  
Meadowbrook Road Novi. MSU Tollgate's Fall Plant Sale offers a  
wide variety of perennials. All proceeds benefit the MSU Tollgate  
Horticulture Gardens Need to know more? Ro Pren-  
tice: [prentic1@msu.edu](mailto:prentic1@msu.edu)



### Native Plant Sale

[BLUEHERONHEADWATERS.ORG](http://BLUEHERONHEADWATERS.ORG)

September 14, 10 am - 2 pm Fund  
raiser for the Blue Heron Headwa-  
ters Conservancy. Neiman's Family  
Market Parking Lot, Clarkston, MI



September 5 & 6 7:30- pm 19th Annual  
Flashlight Sale The Fall season ushers in  
our Biggest Sale of the Year! Bring a  
flashlight and see why this two-night  
event is a customer favorite. Amazing  
bargains change each night. Troy location only.



September 18, 6:30 - 9:00 pm **What's the  
big deal with grasses and sedges?** John-  
son Nature Center, 3325 Franklin Rd.,  
North Oakland Bloomfield Hills, MI



East Michigan  
Native Plants  
LLC

September 7, 10:30 - 2:30 pm.  
Fall Native Plant Sale Stage Na-  
ture Center, 6685 Coolidge Hwy,  
Troy, MI

In setting a garden we are painting -  
a picture of hundreds of feet or yards  
instead of so many inches, painted  
with living flowers and seen by open  
daylight - so that to paint it rightly is  
a debt that we owe to the beauty of  
flowers and to the light of the sun.

*William Robinson (1838-1935)*

**Milford Garden Club**  
**General Membership Meeting Minutes**  
**July 11, 2024**

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm.

Board members in attendance: Susan Absher, Gail Cooper, Nancy Nordin, Diane DeVincent, Linda Smith; Lee Doyle absent

Cindy and Mike Bauman were thanked for not only the hospitality display this evening but for them chairing hospitality for the 2023-2024 year.

Two new members were introduced: Melissa Abood and Noreen Koslowski and three guests were recognized: Sue, Sharon and Lorena (a former member).

Minutes from the June 13, 2024 general meeting were approved.

A planning meeting is taking place on Monday morning at 9:30 at the Senior Center. Members are to check their email for info on the gourds and flower arranging to be used as centerpieces for the council meeting.

Clothing to be embroidered by Quicksilver Printing is to be brought to the September and April meetings to take advantage of group pricing. Safety pin your name to the area of the garment you wish to be embroidered.

Check out Arthur's Park. One of the tree birdhouses to be restored or rebuilt has been installed. Joe Gawle is working on number two.

Nancy Nordin is looking for speakers for the 2024-2025 year. Possible speakers: the nursery planting native plants in Central Park and an expert on bats. Nancy announced the guest speaker for the evening would be Erin Hamilton, a mushroom expert. She can be reached at: [themushroomconservatory.com](http://themushroomconservatory.com)

The treasurer's financial report is \$16,796.00.

The net income for the 2024 Garden Walk is \$5,788.23. Advertising brought in \$1,900; Presale tickets brought in \$885; residual plants and garden market items from our annual Plant Sale brought \$153; vendors \$175; basket raffle \$265; and general ticket sales \$3,300. Total expenses amounted to \$1,350. Directional signs cost \$400 but are being charged to the club's general expenditures and not to the 2024 Garden Walk. The co-chairpersons thanked Nancy Nordin for her great effort in procuring the ads for the Garden Walk book. The co-chairpersons, Karol LaHaie and Diane DeVincent also recognized the following members for their contribution to a successful Garden Walk: Sue Grifor, Sue Tomkins, Barb Amey, Susan Absher, Linda Becker, Nancy Kay, Al & Pat Coppersmith, Shelley Dale, Bobbi Kuschel, Brook Qualman, and Linda Smith.

Members Isabel Davis, Amy Sonk and Ron Krueger were thanked for opening up their gardens to the public.

Sue Grifor gave an update on the seed library at the Milford Library. She has explored other seed libraries in the area and prefers the binder style used by Wixom and Walled Lake. Her ideal manner of housing seeds at the library is using an old card catalog and asked members to watch out for one. The librarian for Adult Services is using a kiosk and hasn't been convinced to use another alternative. She has acquired seeds from libraries and other sources. Sue is waiting for her to complete her kiosk with holders before the MGC helps organize the seeds. She also mentioned the librarian who heads children's services was receptive to our help.

Isabel Davis is holding two craft club meetings: the wood transfer on July 18 and the cement leaf on August 8. Watch for her emails about materials needed for both projects.

The vintage MGC flag that was presented at the Spring Division Meeting in Saginaw will be on display in the reception area of Beacon Hill when we host the fall meeting.

Lisa Willard made a motion to offer a one-year complimentary membership to those people who opened up their gardens on our 2024 Garden Walk. Beth Sciberras seconded the motion. All members approved.

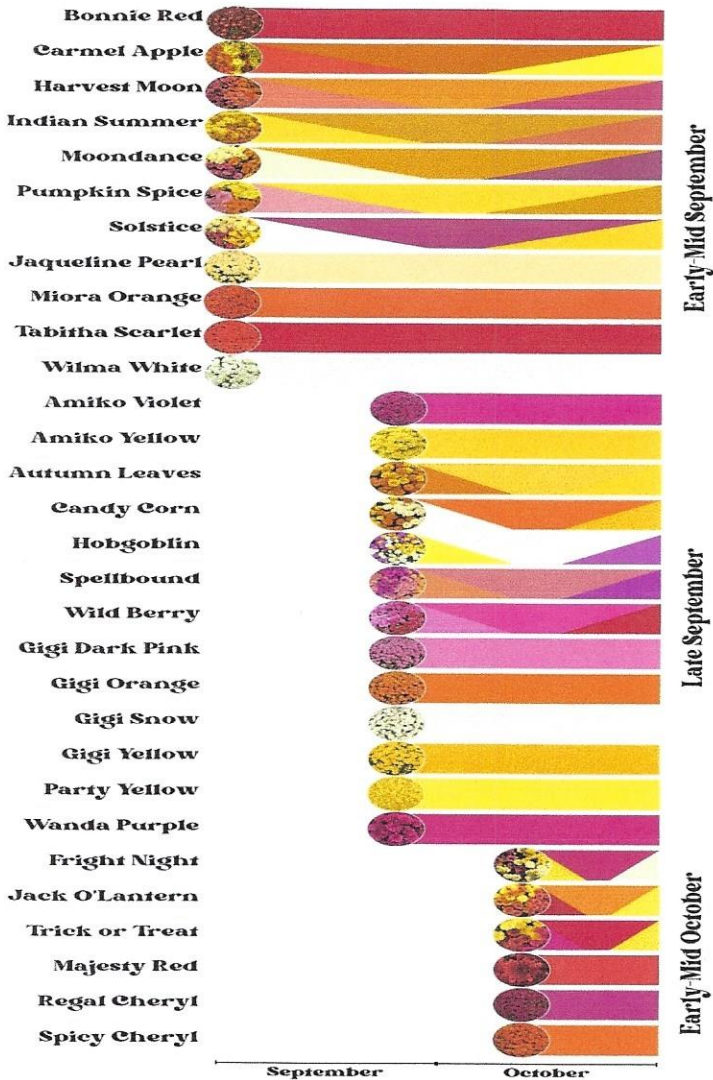
Karol LaHaie is hosting Regular Tea Time at her home at noon on July 24, and Beki Franchock is hosting the afternoon Tea time at her home on August 28 at 2 pm.

Bobbi Kuschel, Martha Klemmer, and Jan Niebauer were recognized for a 25-year longevity award.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 pm.

## Mum Bloom Calendar

Use this handy chart to see when each of our varieties typically begins blooming. All varieties will bloom until the first frost!



## Mum Sizes

Use this chart to see what sizes your favorite mum colors are available in this year!

	Flower Bag	6.5" Pot	8" Pot	10" Pot	12" Pot	10" Hanging Basket	12" Hanging Basket
Bonnie Red				x			
Amiko Violet				x			
Amiko Yellow				x			
Autumn Leaves				x	x		x
Candy Corn				x	x		x
Carmel Apple				x	x		
Fright Night				x	x		
Gigi Dark Pink	x	x	x			x	
Gigi Orange	x	x	x			x	
Gigi Snow	x	x	x			x	
Gigi Yellow	x	x	x			x	
Harvest Moon				x	x		
Hobgoblin				x	x		x
Indian Summer				x	x		
Jack O'Lantern				x	x		
Jaqueline Pearl				x			
Majesty Red				x	x		
Miora Orange				x	x		
Moondance				x	x		
Party Yellow				x	x		
Pumpkin Spice				x	x		
Regal Cheryl				x			
Solstice				x	x		
Spellbound				x	x		x
Spicy Cheryl				x			
Tabitha Scarlet				x	x		
Trick or Treat				x	x		
Wanda Purple				x	x		
Wild Berry				x	x		
Wilma White				x			



	FY2025		
	Proposed Budget	Actual	Notes
<b>INCOME</b>			
<b>External Income</b>			
Garden Walk	5000		
Plant Sale and Market sale	3000		
<b>Total External Income</b>	8000		
<b>Internal Income</b>			
Donations	250		
Pennies for Friendship	200		
Membership Dues	2000		
Devine 50/50 raffle	350		
Holiday Party	0		
Grant	0		
<b>Total Internal Income</b>	2800		
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	10800		
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
<b>External Expense</b>			
Teacher Grants	2000		New program
Charity Donation - Lee Home	250		
Library Donation	0		
Scholarships	4000		
Pennies for Friendship	100		
Speakers for Meetings	1800		
Special Projects	450		
Website-MILFORDGC.ORG	150		
<b>Total External Expense</b>	8750		
<b>Internal Expenses</b>			
License and Application Fees	20		
Bank Service Charges	300		
Division Meeting	0		
Master Gardener Tuition Reimbur	300		
Gifts/Memorials	900		
Insurance	1000		
Holiday Party	250		
Meeting Refreshments/Entertainment	200		
MI Div. Membership Dues	1000		
Garden Walk	100		
Plant Sale & Boutique	150		
Sound System	400		One time purchase
Printing	300		
Herb Group	0		
Repairs	0		
Subscriptions	0		
Arthurs Park Butterfly garden	250		
Yearbook	200		
<b>Total Internal Expenses</b>	5370		
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	14120		
<b>NET INCOME</b>	10800		
<b>EXPENSES</b>	14120		
<b>Net Profit</b>	-3320		



## MICHIGAN DIVISION 2024 FALL AND WINTER EVENT CALENDAR

**Clarkston Garden Club, annual online Holiday Greens Sale** of wreaths, roping, cemetery blankets, and pillows. Order online by early November at <https://clarkstongardenclub.org/wreaths-roping-and-cemetery-blankets>

**December 5, 6, and 7 – Gift and Greens Market**, by the Rochester Garden Club. opening Gala Event on Thursday, December 5 from 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm, admission is \$5. Sales continue Friday, December 6, from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm, and Saturday, December 7, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. The event will take place at Abiding Presence Lutheran Church, 1550 Walton Blvd., Rochester Hills, MI. 48309



### Michigan Division Fall Council Meeting

Wednesday, September 25, 2024  
Beacon Hill Golf Club and Banquet Center  
6011 Majestic Oaks Dr., Commerce Twp.



#### Meeting Agenda

8:45 am - 9:30 am	Check-in
9:45 am - 10:30 am	Brunch
10:30 am - 11:30 am	Business Meeting
11:30 am - 11:45 am	Break
11:45 am - 12:45 pm	Jennifer Wohletz – The Gardens of Mackinac Island
12:45 pm - 1:00 pm	Sale of Speaker's Books

#### Books

*The Gardens of Mackinac Island*

*Four Seasons of Mackinac*

*Lilacs*

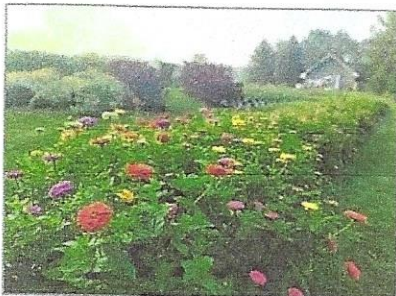
*Timeless*

*Mindful Mackinac* coloring book

(For each book sold a donation is made to support art and environmental initiatives.)

#### Acknowledgments

- 3rd place in 2020 & 2018 Mackinac Island Contemporary Art Exhibit, Manoojian Mackinac Art Museum
- 2023 Benjamin Franklin Silver Award in Coffee Table Category for *Four Seasons of Mackinac*

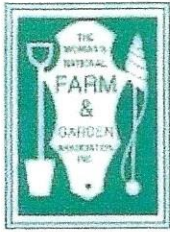


**Speaker, Jennifer Wohletz**

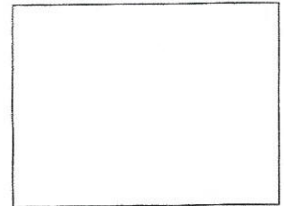
Noted artist, photographer, and author.

**And there is more.** Three Milford Garden Club members are opening their gardens for you to tour. Maps will be available at the meeting.

**The registration form is on page 16.**



WNF&GA Michigan Division  
707 McDougal  
Waterford, MI 48327



## REGISTRATION FORM MICHIGAN DIVISION FALL COUNCIL MEETING

*Wednesday, September 25, 2024*

*Beacon Hill Golf Club & Banquet Center, 6011 Majestic Dr., Commerce Twp*

*8:45 am – 12:45 pm*

### DIRECTIONS: PLEASE PRINT

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: (print clearly to ensure receipt of your confirmation)

**Note:** No email address? Enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope when you mail your registration form and check. Your confirmation will be mailed to you.

Branch Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Branch Office: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies: (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

### PAYMENT

Cost per person: **\$35**

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

Mail registration form & check to: Diane DeVincent, 3932 Lakes Edge Drive, Commerce Twp, MI, 48382

### IMPORTANT

- Make a copy of your registration form before mailing it.
- **Deadline: Registration form with check must be received no later than Tuesday, September 10, 2024**
- Seating is limited to 130 persons.