



February 2025 Newsletter

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President's Report

Susan Absher

On January 14, five of our members attended the Saginaw Branch program, a zoom lecture by Doug Tallamy. In addition to the lecture, a wonderful meal was provided including a delicious pie for dessert. Tallamy provided a wealth of information about pollinators and native plants.

He recommended contacting the National Wildlife Federation: Native Plant Habitats and gave a website for great information: homegrownnationalpark.org. This website has a Native Plant Finder. Plug in your zip code and it gives the best natives to grow in your area.

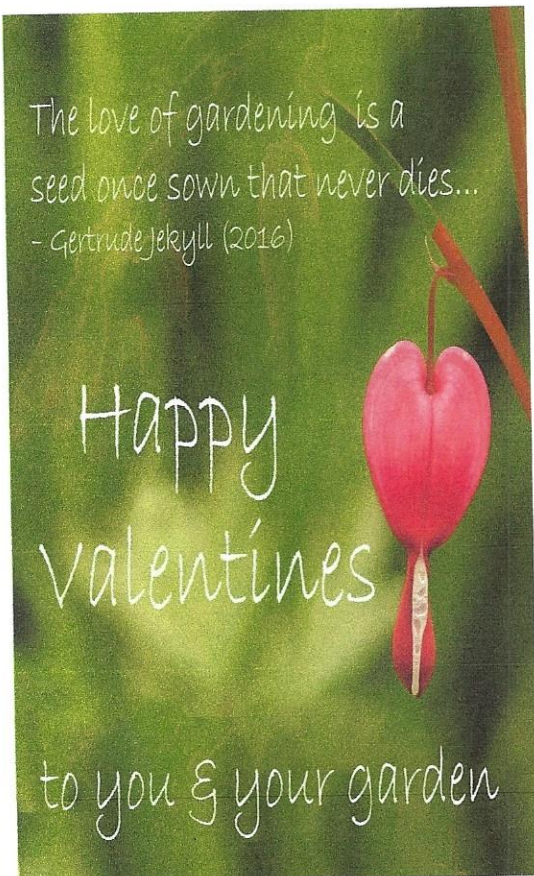
A few more bits of information:

- Wild Ones gives a list of nurseries that sell native plants.
- Have plants that attract caterpillars
- Have a water feature in your garden
- A suggestion to visit Lynn O'Shaughnessy's garden in Howell.
- Visit Mrs. Graye's Greenhouse in Plymouth.
- Put yellow bulbs in your motion sensor or security lights. Use mosquito dunk or a fan to keep the pesky bugs away instead of chemicals.
- Some states pay residents to plant natives.



Thanks to the members who served on the Mini Teacher Grant Committee. Check out Linda Sturgeon's article for the schools that were awarded the grants. It was a very rewarding experience for those of us who served on this committee. It's a great feeling to know you have awarded a dedicated teacher money to finance a project that will benefit her students and others in their school community.

Stay warm and finish those indoor projects on your "To DO" list. Before you know it, we'll be digging in the dirt.



Milford Garden Club Established 1948

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

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2024 - 2025 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

Don't think the garden loses its ecstasy in winter. It's quiet, but the roots are down there riotous.

Rumi (1207-73)

Herbal Thyme

Looking forward to our next meeting coming up on March 10 (time to be set), at Milford Library.

Our topic will be "Peppers....the grinding kind". Not discussing the vegetable ones, although some fresh ground pepper corns could taste nice sprinkled on them. Time will be listed in the next newsletter. See you then.



Shelley Dale



Bobbi Kuschel



Tea Time

Martha Klemmer will host the gathering on February 26 at

noon. The location will be Benstein Grille, 2435 Benstein Rd., Commerce Twp. Please RSVP to:

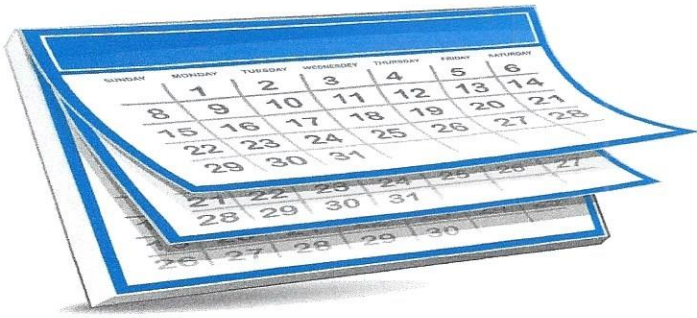


Martha Klemmer

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?





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: _____

Dates to Remember

2025

- February 17 Board Meeting
- February 26, Tea Time
- March 10, Herbal Thyme
- March 13, General Membership Meeting
- March 17, Board Meeting
- March 18, Seed Library Kick off
- April 10, General Membership Meeting
- April 16, Daffodil Day at Belle Isle
- April 21, Board Meeting
- May 8, General Membership Meeting
- May 19, Board Meeting
- June 7, Plant Sale
- June 12, General Membership Meeting
- June 18, Garden Walk Preview & Potluck
- June 19, Rain Date for Garden Walk Preview
- June 16, Board Meeting
- June 20 & 21, Garden Walk
- July 10, General Membership Meeting
- July 21, Board Meeting
- June 20, Garden Walk
- July 10, General Membership Meeting
- July 21, Board Meeting
- September 11, General Membership Meeting
- September 25, Board Meeting



Progress!

Two of the birdhouses at Arthur's Park have now been rebuilt and reinstalled by Joe Gawle. If you happen to be at Iverson Lumber please be sure to thank them for donating the materials for this project.

Milford Library New Service Alert

Seed Library

Our seed library is up and running. Seed libraries promote biodiversity, sustainable growing and local food systems.

You can register for this program at the adult reference desk. Once you have registered, pick up your seeds and log them on the back of your registration form. Participants are welcome, but not required, to return seeds to us at the end of the growing season.



All About Seed Libraries

Tuesday Mar 18, 6:30 - 8pm, Registration begins Feb 18.

Learn all about seed libraries and the importance of saving seeds. Local librarian Pam Quackenbush will be here to explain how seed libraries work and how to harvest and save seeds.

Register at 248-684-0845

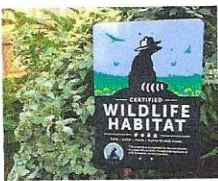
Four Mini Grants have been awarded!

Five members (Susan Absher, Diane DeVincent, Nancy Nordin, Beth Sciberras and Linda Smith), met with Linda Sturgeon to review the grant applications that had been submitted for the Garden Clubs new Mini Grant Program. These five garden club members read the applications, discussed the merits of each submission and chose the following four projects to receive \$500.00:

- Milford Harbor High School Adult Transition Program. Led by Paige Riley, the students enrolled in the Transition Program will make their own container garden. The students will learn what is involved in nurturing and taking care of their plants. This will be related to their own mental techniques and promote overall student well-being.
- Johnson Elementary. Led by Brittany Hamboulin, students will be transforming an unused lot. Their goal is to learn how to plant and maintain a pollinator friendly garden. Also, to educate students about the importance of native plants and sustainable gardening practices.
- Lakeland High School. Led by Shauna James the students will design, plan and transform the school's inner courtyard. This will involve the 52 member school garden club. Their goal is to develop a calming environment where the students can relax and enjoy a natural space during the day.
- Muir Middle School, Michelle Doggett will help the 47 member Student Council members spruce up the schools front entrance. This will include working together to plan, clean, and weed around the school entrance. The students will learn the benefits of gardening, how to grow, plant and take care of plants.



This is one backyard certification program, there is another on page 5



Certify Your Habitat to Help Wildlife!

Wildlife habitat gardens are a haven for local birds, butterflies, and other wildlife. Tell us how your yard provides habitat and the National Wildlife Federation will recognize it as a Certified Wildlife Habitat.

Once certified, you can share your accomplishment and commitment to helping wildlife with your whole neighborhood by purchasing and posting an exclusive Certified Wildlife Habitat sign.

The \$20. application processing fee and sign purchase directly support the National Wildlife Federation's programs to protect wildlife and its habitat.

Creating a wildlife habitat garden to attract birds, butterflies, and other neighborhood wildlife is fun, rewarding, and makes a big difference. It's easier than you might think. Here is what your wildlife garden should include:

Food: Native plants provide food eaten by a variety of wildlife. Feeders can supplement natural sources.

Water: All animals need water to survive, and some need it for bathing or breeding as well.

Cover: Wildlife need places to take shelter from bad weather and places to hide from predators or hunt prey.

Places to Raise Young: Wildlife need resources to reproduce and to protect and nourish their young

Sustainable Practices: Maintain your yard or garden in natural way to ensure soil, air, and water stay healthy and clean. aswp.org/pages/backyard-habitat-program

Around Town And Beyond



February 8 & 9, Orchid Festival
Learn the art of kokedama and
take home an orchid kokedama
\$30.00

Register at: www.englishgardens.com



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Feb 7, Galentine's Night - Floral
Workshop 6-7 pm, \$60.00

Feb 8, 10-11 am Macramé Plant
Hanger Workshop \$35.00

Feb 15, 10a m Tropical Terrarium Building \$35.00

Feb 22, 10-11 am Seed Starting Class \$25.00

Mar 1, 10-11 am Layered Bulb Container Workshop
\$50.00

Register @ 248-332-6430



Feb. 5, 7 pm, Mixed Succulent
Planter Workshop \$35.00

Feb. 7, 2 pm Galentines Day
Candle Paint & Pour \$40.00

Feb. 12, & pm Valentines Day Mixed Succulent
Planter Workshop \$50.00

Feb 14, & pm Valentines Cocktail Crafting Work-
shop \$80.00

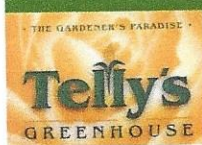
Feb 15, 2 pm Moss Pole Workshop \$45.00

Feb 19, 7 pm, Hanging Basket Workshop \$35.00

Feb 21, 2 pm Composting 101 Class \$10.00

Feb 26, 7 pm Moss Pole Workshop \$45.00

March 1, 2 pm Fairy Garden Planter Workshop
\$35.00



Feb 8, 1 pm Bonsai Workshops \$50.

Feb 8, 10 am Trough Making Work-
shop \$50.00

Feb 15, 10 am Orchids 101 \$10.00

Fed 22. 10 am Growing Plants from Seeds \$10.00

March 1, Miniature Gardening Workshop \$15.00

Register at 248-689-8735



Get out your warm flannels and join in the wintry fun during
Fireworks and Flannels on Saturday, Feb. 15 at Waterford
Oaks County Park. This first-time event will include an out-
and back race through the park, horse drawn wagon rides,
live animals from Bowers School Farm, an illuminated walk-
ing path, The Art Experience, food trucks, face painting, a
clown, beer tent, live entertainment and fireworks. The fun
kicks off at 3:30 pm with the 1K Run by a 5K Fun Run/Walk at
4 pm Free activities will operate until the fireworks light up
the sky at 8 pm Register for the Flannel Fun Run and learn
more about specific events at OaklandCountyParks.com

Join the Oakland County Farmers Market for the 2025 Cook-
ing with *edibleWOW demonstration series from 10 - 11*

Feb 8, Regional Executive Chef Vincent Jones, Story Point
Group

Feb, 22, Hospitality Expert Nina Love, The Love Experience

TREE & SHRUB SALE



Pre-Orders begin today

**Save 20% on
native species**

Use discount code
OAK2025 provided by
Oakland County Parks

oaklandconservationdistrict.org

Backyard Habitat Certification Program

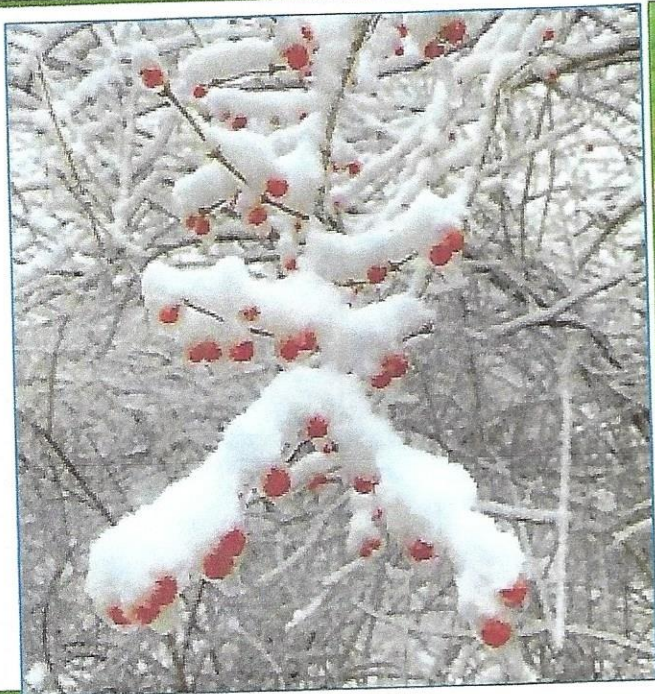
Spring 2025



Waterford Public Library
Four classroom sessions:
Feb. 18, 25, Mar. 3, 10
6 pm - 8 pm



Winter Homeowner Woody Invasive Plant Control Workshop



Learn how to identify and control the worst woody invasive plants with live field demonstrations. Free herbicide applicator for participants & resources on effective products, timing for each species, & where to buy them. No herbicides will be provided. Workshop is FREE & will be outside, dress in layers with insulated waterproof footwear.

Saturday, February 8, 2025, from 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Location: Blue Heron Kimball Preserve Meet in parking lot across from
7260 Perry Lake Rd, Village of Clarkston, MI 48346

Coordinates: 42.743554, -83.410204 Map: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/HxtPV3MfE1DTZzbq9>

Program is **FREE** but online registration is **REQUIRED**

Register at: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/HomeownerWoodyInv/>

For more information contact Cathy Morris at morri735@msu.edu or (248) 858-1639

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2024 Holiday Party

I know this is old news - I forgot to put these in last months newsletter, but wanted everyone to relive the enjoyable evening. (or be encouraged to attend the 2025 event!)



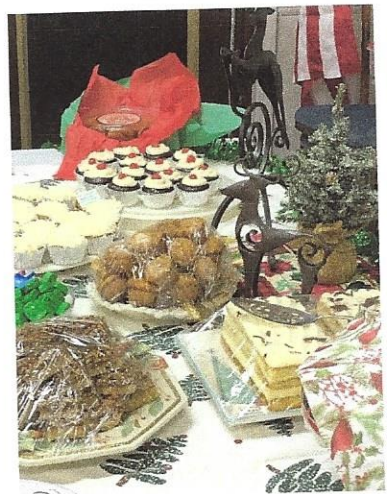
The nostalgia started at the door - remember when?

Music and conversation are always important parts of a celebration

Then each centerpiece was a reminder of the past and a wonderful conversation starter



Of course the dinner was a big part of the celebration

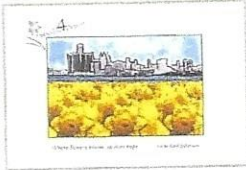


2026 Daffodil Day Luncheon Registration Form

Hosted by the Michigan Division of the Woman's National Farm & Garden Association
Wednesday, April 16, 2025 – Detroit Yacht Club, Belle Isle

- 10 – 11:30 am: Tour the renovated Anna Scripps Whitcomb Conservancy
- 11:00 am: Luncheon check-in begins; pop-up shopping featuring Jewelry by Rebel Nell, The Peacock Room, Laurie Tennent Botanicals, and Megan Swoyer.
- Noon: Lunch is served. MENU: embellished chicken salad, breadbasket, lemon dessert, and Daffodil Delight.
- 1:00 pm: Keynote speaker, Ryan Sullivan, CEO of the Detroit Riverfront Conservancy.

**Register for Daffodil Day online
 or on paper form below.**
 \$55 through March 31
 \$65 – April 1 - 6
Registration deadline: April 6



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

Mail check & registration to:

Pat Brown, 31616 Lexington, Warren, MI 48092

Questions: **Patb501946@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 6 to reserve the full table.

Circle **C** (chicken salad) or **V** (vegetarian) after each name.

_____ C V _____ C V _____ C V _____ C V			
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Name _____	Lunch @ \$55 (till 3/31)	\$ _____	
Address: _____	Lunch @ \$65 (4/1-4/6)	\$ _____	
City, State, Zip _____	Lunch @ \$100 (inclu. Program listing)	\$ _____	
Email _____	Additional Donation (for daffodils)	\$ _____	
Branch name/Title _____	Daffodil tile @ \$50 each	\$ _____	
Check ONE : Chicken salad _____ or Vegetarian _____	Notecards, pack of 12 @ \$20 each	\$ _____	
Additional dietary restrictions _____	(notecards also available for purchase at luncheon)	\$ _____	
Telephone _____	Total Purchase	\$ _____	

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