



2024-2025 Executive Board

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When: April 10, @ 6:30PM Social time & Treats, 7:00 Business Meeting/ Program follows

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

Speaker: Emily Duthinh

Program: Emily will speak on the important work being done by Blue Heron Headwaters for our environment.

"More, more, more" is my gardening motto. If growing a single kind of daylily is one of life's good things, then growing thirty, forty, or even a hundred of them is one of life's even better things. Allen Lacy (1935-2015)

Milford Garden Club Established 1948

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

April 2025 Newsletter



President's Report

Susan Absher

There are two events coming up this spring. Daffodils 4 Detroit will be held at the Yacht Club on Belle Isle on April 16. On May 21, Michigan Division will be hosting the Spring Council Meeting in Ann Arbor.

The Board agreed to have a dedication of the restored birdhouses in Arthur's Park. The idea was brought up at the General Meeting in March and those members who attended agreed to the event. Brook had suggested we have a boulder placed near the birdhouses with a plaque engraving the names of Delores Donellon, Iverson's Lumber, and Joe Gawle. Delores initiated the restoration with her posthumous gift, Mr. Iverson donated lumber for the construction, and Joe Gawle did the actual building. If you have an idea or opinion on the engraving, please let me know.

Nancy Nordin and I met with Christian Wuerth, Milford's Village Manager. He agreed to the birdhouse dedication and marker. He also said the Village will cut down a couple of trees that are leaning and are potential hazards. He promised to clean up a lot of the plant debris and poison ivy. He also indicated that we can plant flowers and such over 3 feet tall as long as it is done on the other side of the walkway behind the main garden.

Our main fundraising events will be upon us soon. Keep in mind your time is very valuable to ensure the Plant Sale, June 7, and the Garden Walk, June 20 & 21, are a success. Thank you for your effort in advance. In case I don't see you at the next General Meeting, have a wonderful holiday with your family and friends.



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

Money Saving Tip:

DTE customers who are 65 or older and are the head of household are eligible for a \$3.75 monthly credit on their electric bill. I just read about this and was not aware. Apparently, it's up to you to read about it and ask for it. I called DTE at 800-477-4747 prompt #5-other. You'll need the last 4 digits of the account holders SS#. Thanks for sharing this Linda Smith

Herbal Thyme

Per request, we are going to repeat the topic of "Pepper" (ground or whole peppercorns). It's amazing the different kinds there are. Who knew? So, updated info: we are back in the Community Room at the Milford Library. Time will be 12:00-1:30 pm on April 14th (the second Monday). We are back to being able to bring food and drinks (only room allowed to do this). Sorry for an occasional room or time change. We are sharing this room with others request for it. While doing my research on peppers I was amazed at all the recipes available besides the info on history, health benefits, uses etc. You'll be amazed at all the info and may not look at pepper the same again. I am so happy to let you know that Beth Sciberrie will be heading up this months herbal Thyme. Thank you so much Beth, Herbally yours, Shelly & Bobbi



Shelley Dale



Bobbi Kuschel



Tea Time

Diane Pearson will be hosting the April Tea Time. She has chosen Thursday, April 24th at noon The place is Stella's Table in White Lake.

It is located off M59 near the JC Penney store. Everyone is welcome, just let Diane know so she can make reservations. You may text her at _____



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

April 10, General Membership Meeting

April 14, Herbal Thyme

April 16, Daffodil Day at Belle Isle

April 21, Board Meeting

April 24, Tea Time

April 26, May Newsletter Deadline

May 6, Spring Clean Up

May 7, Spring Clean Up Rain Day

May 8, General Membership Meeting

May 19, Board Meeting

May 21, Spring Council 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

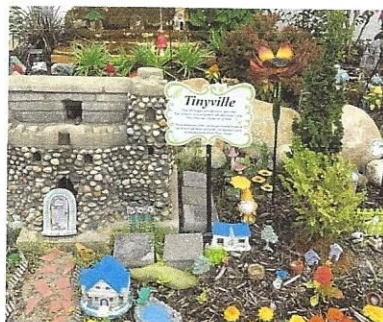
June 20, Garden Walk

July 10, General Membership Meeting

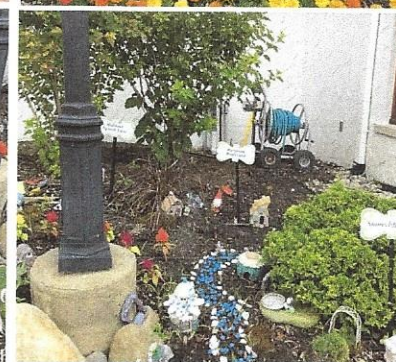
July 21, Board Meeting

September 11, General Membership Meeting

September 25, Board Meeting



Late last summer I found these wonderful gardens nestled against the wall by the Glockenspiel at the Bavarian Inn in Frankenmuth. I thought they might give a bit of inspiration as we start gardening this spring.



We are so glad you joined us

Sheryl Schroeder

2025 Garden Walk



Please mark your calendars for this years Garden Walk: Friday June 20 from 4 pm to 8 pm and Saturday, June 21 from 10 am to 4 pm. We will have 5 lovely feature gardens and one "garden in progress" to share with our customers. This is the club's largest fundraiser and we need lots of helping hands to carry it off. Nancy Kay is setting up the host/hostesses for the gardens. This is where we need the most people; with 6 gardens and 3 shifts we need 18 hosts. What could be more pleasant than sitting in a lovely garden for a few hours, greeting and visiting with other gardeners? We would also like a few more volunteers for the organizing committee. Call Diane or me with your questions or to volunteer.

Karol LaHaie



Diane DeVincent

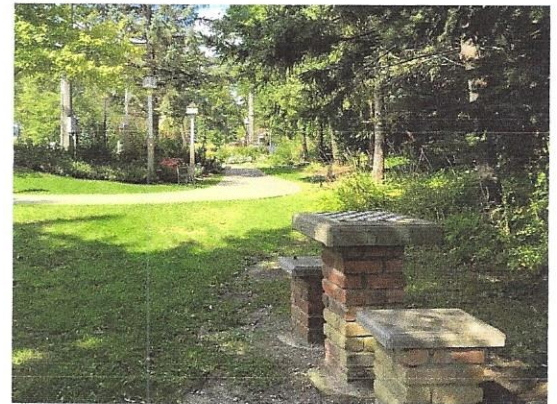


Spring Clean Up of Arthur's Park and the Senior Center

Tuesday May 6th at 9 am with the rain date May 7th at 9 am.
Thank you to the members who signed up at the March meeting.
Please contact me if you can help to get the gardens ready and looking beautiful for this season.



Thank you,
Kathy Backburn





BLUE HERON HEADWATERS PRESENTS ~

NATIVE ROOTS

Plant Sale & Community Market

Celebrate nature and community—shop native, shop local!

Neiman's Family Market
Saturday, May 31
10am - 3pm

The native plant sale you love—now bigger and better
Save the date! More details coming soon!



Plant Sale News



Spring is fast approaching! The ground is thawing, birds are returning, early spring beauties are peeking through the soil, days are getting longer, warmer weather is on the way, and that means it's time to begin planning for the 2025 plant sale!

Our friends at the Milford Methodist Church have once again granted us permission to use their parking lot for this year's sale which will be held on Saturday June 7th from 10:00 - 12:00.

As we are cleaning and prepping our gardens please keep an eye out for plants that need dividing. Early spring is the perfect time to thin overgrown garden areas before the plants grow too large. It also helps to dig them early so they have plenty of time to be ready for the sale in perky condition. If you have plants to donate but cannot dig them yourself, or know someone who needs some garden thinning, please let me know and we can schedule a time for a dig. This year, I want to complete all digs no later than the third week in May. This gives the plants time to recover from shock before the sale. Just to remind everyone, plants must be tagged with the name, light requirements, and bloom time.

This year will be my last as Plant Sale Chair. I've had so much fun being part of this wonderful event. It's given me an opportunity to get involved in the club and the community. I've gotten to know so many incredible people, had many laughs, and learned a lot!

As this is my final year, I am looking for a co-chair willing to take over when I step down. Newer members reading this article, please consider getting involved in this great event. It's a fun way to get to know other members. It's also one of our biggest fundraisers - proceeds go to local student scholarships and grants for teachers who promote gardening, ecology, conservation, and positive environmental practices. Those interested in co-chairing or have questions about anything Plant Sale related, please get in touch via email:

If you need pots or tags, let me know. If you have extra pots you don't need, feel free to drop them at my house anytime, just place them next to the garage.

Thanks!

Lisa Hill



Caring for Daffodils After Blooming

Once daffodils finish blooming, don't rush to cut back the leaves. The foliage needs to stay up for at least six weeks so the plant can store energy for next years blooms. If you don't love the look of fading leaves, plant daffodils among perennials like daylilies or Hostas to help disguise them. If your daffodils seem to bloom less over time, they may be overcrowded. Dig up and divide the large clumps in late summer, then replant the extra bulbs in a new spot. With just a little care, daffodils will reward you with a beautiful show year after year. Their resilience, adaptability, and cheerfulness make them a must have in any garden. Whether you're planting them for their easy care, bright spring color, or deeper meaning, daffodils are the gift that keeps giving.



Around Town And Beyond

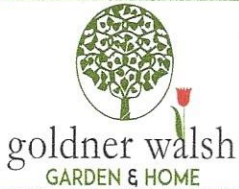


April 5 - 6, Garden Party Week-end. Free, RSVP

April 5, 10: - 10:30 am Easter Bulb Garden \$24.00

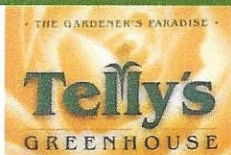
April 17, 5: - 6:pm Foliage Dish Garden \$40.00

Register at: www.englishgardens.com



April 26, Mothers Day Makers Market 10 am Free

Get more information/register at 248-970-1916



April 5, Salad School 10: am \$10.00

April 5, Juniper Bonsai Workshop 1: pm \$250.

April 12, Dahlia Tuber Potting, 10: am, \$20.

Plan Your Vegetable Garden, 1: pm \$10.

April 19, Fire Fly Petunias 10: am Free

April 24, Planting an Herbal Container Garden 6:30 pm \$40.

April 26, Creating Captivating Containers 10: am \$10.

May 1, Shade Gardening 6:30 pm \$10.

Register at: 248-689-8735 or www.tellys.com



April 5, All About Bromeliads with Paul

Wingert, @ 11: am

April 26, Container Gardening Workshop @ 11: am

April 27, Container Gardening Workshop @ 7: pm

No registration of fees



Black Sheep Weavers Fiber Guild Spring Fiber Sale

Saturday April 12th 9-5 pm

Sunday April 13th 11-03 pm

@ Bogie Lake Greenhouse, 1525 Bogie Lake Road, White Lake Enjoy all the handcrafted art, wearables, and gifts including rugs, baskets, wall art, purses, scarves, jewelry, quilts and more.



@schoolfarm.org

April 5, Gardening Workshop, Intro to Gardening with Patty 10: - 11:30 am \$25.

April 28, 8: am - Friday May 2, 10:55 pm Native Plant Sale Preorders Pick up May 7 10: am - 2: pm Online Preorders



FORD HOUSE

EDSEL & ELEANOR

Grounds Admission \$7.00

April 8, Rose Care 101 1: pm - 3 pm Cost \$12.

April 12, Drop-In Studio: Earth Day

Go Green: Build a Terrarium! 10: am- 3: pm Free

April 26, Native Plant Talk 10: am - 12 pm \$12.

Information: www.fordhouse.org

Introductory Backyard Fruit Online Course

Visit our website for more information and to register:

<https://www.cornell.edu/courses/backyard-fruit-101>





Backyard Fruit 101

MSU Extension now has a completely online, self-paced, introductory course on Backyard Fruit 101. Learn how you can contribute to the Smart Gardening principles of creating healthy soils and plants, while enjoying the health benefits of growing and eating fresh fruit.

In this course, Consumer Horticulture Educators, Brent Crain, Rebecca Krans, David Lowenstein, and Nate Walton cover all the basics of growing backyard fruit.

It consists of six different units focusing on the following:

- Introduction to growing fruit
- Apples & pome fruits
- Strawberries and blueberries
- Brambles

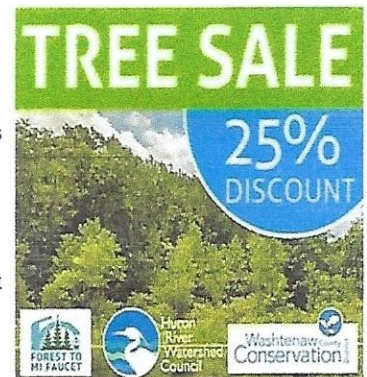
TREE SALE DISCOUNTS FOR YOU!

HRWC is partnering with the Washtenaw County Conservation District to offer our friends special discounts on their 2025 Spring Tree Sale!

Get 25% off each select riparian species with discount code: HRWC2025

Tree pick up date: April 18-19, 2025

Go here to shop for trees and shrubs from Washtenaw Conservation District (discount applies to all species on this page): <https://store.washtenawcd.org/collections/riparian-species-hrwc>



Plant trees, protect clean water!

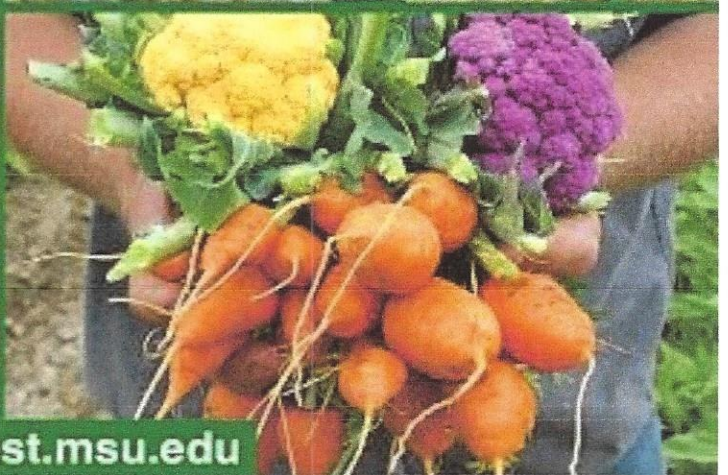
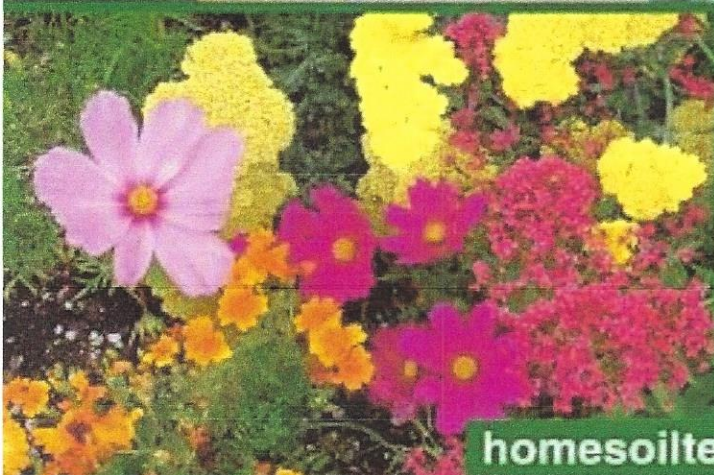
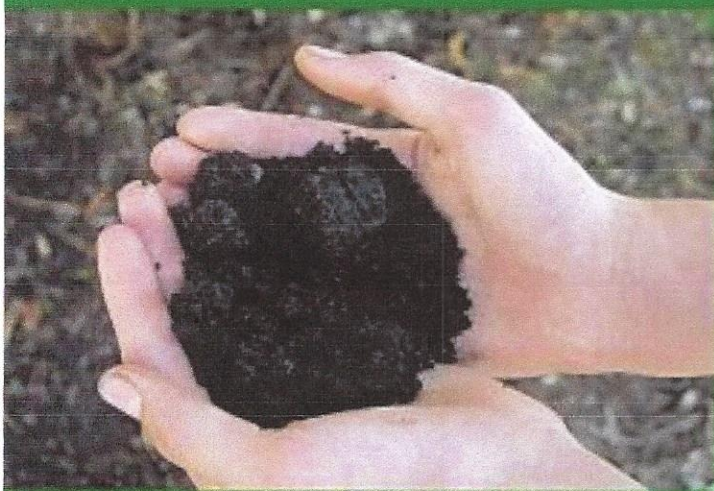
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Home Lawn and Garden Soil Test Mailer

All materials and instructions included — no postage necessary!

This kit includes everything you need to send a soil sample from your lawn or garden for testing. You'll receive an *electronic* response with personalized fertilizer recommendations from Michigan State University that will help you grow beautiful, healthy plants and *protect the environment*.



homesoiltest.msu.edu

MINUTES
MILFORD GARDEN CLUB MEMBERS MEETING

March 13, 2025

President Susan Absher:

- One change to minutes for the last meeting: there is no grant for beautification.
- On March 18 from 6:30-8:00 in the Milford library, there will be a lecture on collecting seeds for the new seed library. If you want to attend, sign up in advance on library website under events.
- There has been some disbanding of garden clubs. One in New York, one in Ohio and Romeo and Juliet in Michigan have disbanded. Michigan has by far the most branches in the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association,
- Daffodil Days will be held at the Detroit Yacht club on April 16. There can be 8 people at a table. Highland may have room at a table too, Susan will find out. Let Susan know if you are going and want to sit together. Online reservation allows you to check if you want to sit with your group.
- We will plan a dedication of the new bird houses to be placed in Arthur's Park after we meet with the Village to approve the locations. Two houses are completed now and one will be done by June. We are thinking of having the dedication when we have the members' tour for our Garden Walk in June.
- Susan encouraged all to get any submissions the newsletter to Jackie on or before her deadline.

Treasurer. On behalf of Diane DeVincent, absent from the meeting, it was reported that the current balance is \$14,002.44 balance. Three out of the four mini grant checks have been cashed.

Programs. Nancy Nordin reported that this month we will learn the importance of tree canopy. Coming up, we will hear about the Blue Heron Watershed, and in May the benefit of opossums. In July, Erin Hamilton will come back with mushroom kits for a hands-on experience. If anyone has a mushroom kit with problems, she will replace it.

It was noted that the 990n postcard form was filed on time and proof of filing is in our record file.

Garden Maintenance. Kathy Blackburn invited all to help with spring garden clean-up on May 6th at 9 A.M. The rain date will be on May 7.

Garden Walk. Karol LaHaie reported that two households in the village have dropped out. We are down to three committed, and without additional gardens, we may not be able to have a viable garden walk. If we do have a walk, we will need hostesses. The Garden Walk is scheduled for June 20-21.

Plant Sale. Lisa Hill. It will be held on Saturday June 7th. This will be Lisa's last year to chair the Plant Sale. She is looking for a co-chair this year willing to take over next year. Plant digs in members' gardens will be in early May. If needed, members can ask for help digging.

We will be particular about the types of plants we want to sell, as shoppers are looking for special things. For example, we won't sell Japanese knotweed or Russian sage (too difficult to dig).

Herbal Thyme. the Herb Club meets on the second Monday each month. The next topic will be _____

Women's Tea Time will meet on March 19th at Billy's Tippin' Inn. The men will meet at New Hudson Inn.

Officer Election. Brook Qualman, past president, reported on behalf of the Nominating Committee that the following people are nominated for positions in the next election:

President: Nancy Nordin

Vice President for Programs: Beki Franchock

Vice President for Publicity: Lisa Hill

Vice President and Treasurer: Diane DeVincent

Secretary: Lee Doyle

Past President: Susan Absher

If there are other nominations, we will accept them in the May meeting.

PRESENTATION: BENEFITS OF AN URBAN TREE CANOPY

Presented by Bill Lawrence, President of ReLeaf Michigan

Bill is a certified arborist – and owns Urban Forestry Consultants, LLC of Ann Arbor and has 45 years of experience in the field.

ReLeaf plants trees to rebuild Michigan's urban and rural canopies, educates the public on the value of trees, and partners with community groups on tree-related projects and plantings.

They share their knowledge with communities and since 1988 they have planted 33,500 trees in 709 Michigan communities.

Michigan is losing 4,000 acres of tree cover each year and less 25% are being replaced.

This is causing runoff problems, loss of infrastructure and health benefits costing \$96 million per year.

Urban tree canopy is the footprint of the land covered by combined branches and leaves of the standing trees in the area. Individual tree canopy is the spread of the crown of each tree. The urban tree canopy is important in solving several problems: purification of the air, energy savings, increased home values, clean water, community health and the safety of neighborhoods.

Economic Benefits: 100 trees equal 1000 air conditioners, reducing cooling costs. A tree-lined street could be worth 25% higher value. Trees are the only part of a city's infrastructure that appreciates over time. (vs utilities, streets, sidewalks). Trees boost economy of a *downtown as people stay and shop longer and spend 9-12% more.*

Social Benefits:

- Increases a sense of community and togetherness.
- Crime is lower, people walk more. Reduces skin cancer and respiratory diseases.
- Acts as a de-stresser.

Environmental Benefits:

- Reduces noise pollution by 37%
- Reduces heat by 10%
- Improves air quality by absorbing nitrogen dioxide, carbon monoxide and ozone.
- Filters water before it reaches our rivers, lakes and groundwater.

Considerations in Planning:

Diversity important. Follow the 10-20-30 rule: 10% of any species, 20% of any genus, and 30% of any family. If homogeneously planted and a species is impacted it's destructive. Examples: Dutch Elm Disease or Emerald Ash Borer. There often are too many maples.

Choose right tree for right place. Get a soil test. Don't plant under wires or close to a house.

Don't pave over a root zone (the width of the tree's canopy).

Reduce the Urban Heat Island Effect (heat, air quality, water impairment in urban areas)

Understand the value of trees. Go to www.Treebenefits.com/calculator. Plug in zip code.

An urban tree canopy assessment is a good idea. The desired canopy in cities is an average of 40% - 50% in suburbs.

Tree provided more than half million dollars in benefits.

Root zone is as wide as the top branches. Don't allow digging.

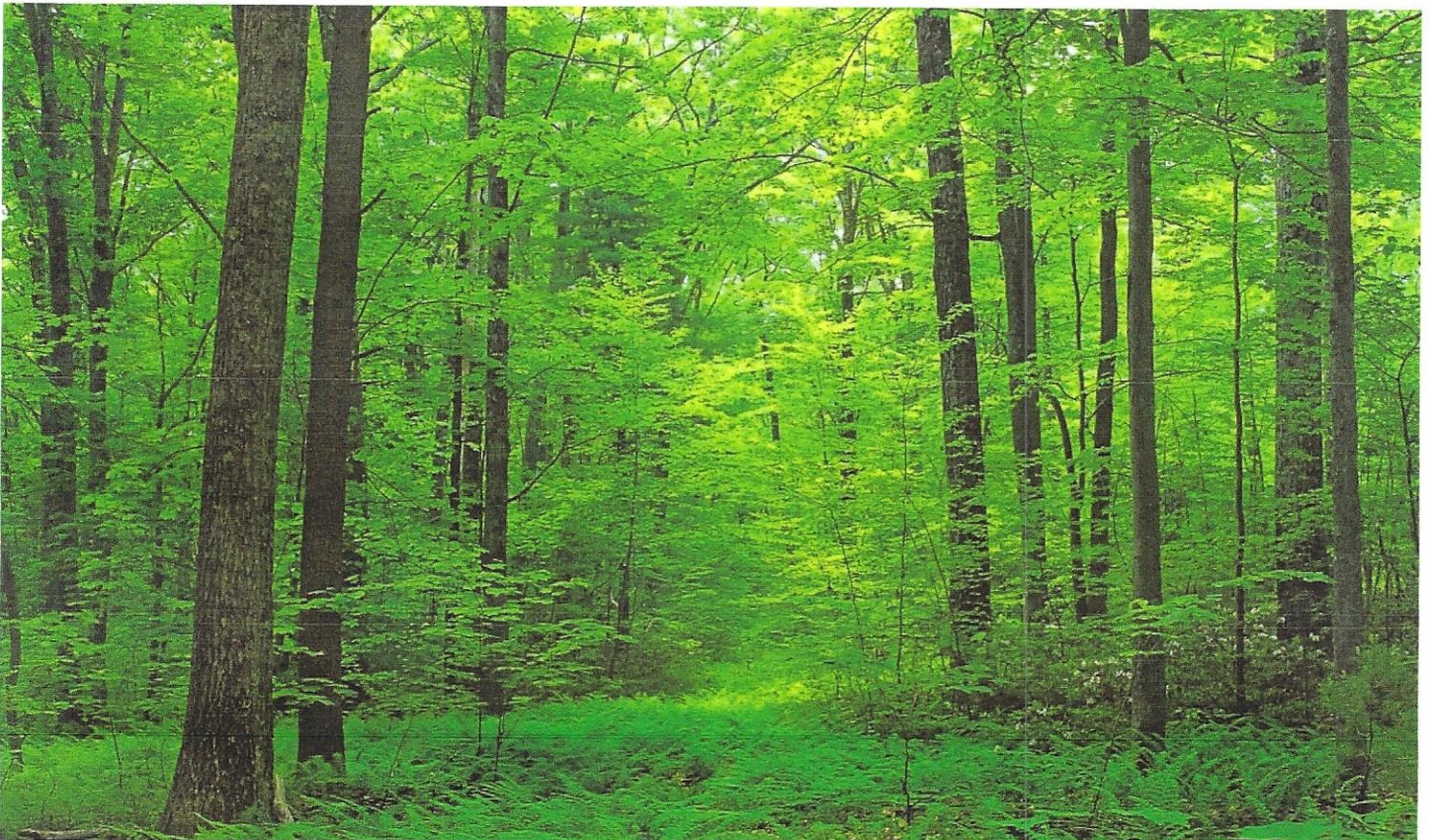
Don't pave over a root zone.

Suggested Trees that do well in Michigan:

- Sweetgum (Southern Lower Peninsula)
- Native, such as Red Oak, White Oak, Burr Oak, Pin Oak.
- Sugar Maple, Silver Maple. Be aware that the Red Maple is softer and can suffer storm damage. The Autumn Blaze Maple is the toughest of the maples.
- Basswood
- Linden
- Dogwood
- Sycamore
- Ash
- Ann Arbor Planted Honey Locusts. Their small leaves go down drains without damage.
- Swamp White Oak tolerates compacted soils or wet soils
- Planted too many Bradford Pear trees. They are experiencing a serious fungus right now.
- Black Walnut can't do well with other trees or gardens. Excretes something

We could host a community tree planting event. ReLeaf hosts 29-30 per year: they supply and deliver the trees for the group to plant.

ReLeaf sponsors something called the Michigan Big Tree Hunt, now running through August 22, 2025. People look for the largest tree of a species. You can take a picture, enter it and a staff member will inspect and measure the trunk to qualify it. The biggest of a species reported by anyone 16 or older, 15 or younger receives a prize and celebration in Lansing.



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. -



Michigan Division WNF&GA

Spring Council Meeting

Wednesday, May 21, 2025

9 am – 12:30 pm

Michigan League, University of Michigan

911 North University Avenue, Ann Arbor, MI 48104



Doors Open 8:30 am

Welcome 9 am

Brunch 9:15 am

Call to Order

Committee Reports

Awards & Recognitions

Elections

Speaker

Drawing

Adjournment

Matthaei Gardens Tour 2 pm

Liz Glynn, Education Lead at Matthaei Botanical Gardens and Nichols Arboretum, will share insights into the history of MBGNA and will highlight some of the innovative collaborations and the truly unique mission that make MBGNA extraordinary. Liz joined MBGNA as a K-12 Environmental Education specialist in 2007 and now leads the Education department which includes Early Childhood Nature Play, K-12 immersive field trips and program, and University Outreach and Education.



Drawing tickets will be available at the door and prior to the program to support the Matthaei Botanical Gardens and the Nichols Arboretum educational programs. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Baskets are donated by the MI DIV Branches.

Please print clearly and make a copy of this form for your records. Thank you.

Name _____ Member _____ or Guest _____

Guests are welcome and should send their own separate registrations and checks.

Branch Name _____

(If any current branch office the registrant holds)

Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email address (for confirmation) _____ Phone _____

Enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope if you do not have an email for confirmation

Make Checks Payable to Michigan Division WNF&G

Fee Per Person

Hot breakfast, Speaker & Tour: \$ 40.00

Optional Donation (tax-deductible): \$ _____

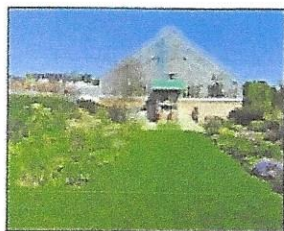
Total Payment Enclosed: \$ _____

MATTHAEI BOTANICAL GARDENS Tour

At 2:00 pm. Complementary parking will be granted when you register your vehicle there.



Check here if you plan to join us on the tour.



**Registration Due
May 5, 2025**

Mail your registration to

Peggy Pavlik

21611 Ederer Road

Merrill MI 48637

piecemaker52@hotmail.com

2025 MICHIGAN DIVISION SPRING AND SUMMER EVENT CALENDAR

April 16, Wednesday, Daffodil Day, hosted by Michigan Division, at the **Detroit Yacht Club** on Belle Isle Park. Registration opens at 11 am with lunch served at noon. Tickets \$55 by March 31 and \$65 afterwards. Online registration at: <https://www.michiganwnfga.org/>

May 17, Saturday, Perennial Plant Exchange: Warren Garden Club, 10 M-Noon, RAIN OR SHINE. First United Methodist Church, 5005 Chicago Rd, Warren 48092 (between Ryan & Mound)

May 17, Saturday, Perennial Plant Exchange, Troy Garden Club from 10 AM-Noon, at City of Troy Aquatic Center parking lot, 3425 Civic Center Dr, Troy. **Activities:** FREE Plant Swap, Prize Drawings. FREE Compost-must bring containers. Information: www.TroyGardenClubMI.com or phone JoAnn 248- 840-1369

May 22, Thursday, Waterford Garden Club Spring Plant Sale from 9 am – 2 pm at the Waterford Parks & Recreation, Leggett Campus, 3631 Pontiac Lake Road, Waterford. Perennials, house plants, herbs, and succulents will be sold.

May 21, Wednesday, Spring Council Meeting, at the Michigan League, University of Michigan, 911 North Avenue, Ann Arbor. See information on page 1 and registration on page 11 of this newsletter.

May 29, Thursday, Mrs. Tebben's Tea hosted by Lapeer Wildflowers at The Huntsman Hunt Club, 3166 Havens Road, Dryden, MI. Tickets will be available by phone beginning at 9:00 am on Tuesday, April 1, 2024. Call Cecelia Montgomery at (810) 664-6733. \$50/ticket.

June 7, Saturday, Milford Garden Club Annual Plant Sale and Garden Market will be held at the United Methodist Church 1200 Atlantic Street, Milford, from 10 a.m. – noon.

June 7, Saturday, Clarkston Garden Club Perennial Plant Exchange at 8:30 a.m. at the parking lot in downtown Clarkston.

June 18, Wednesday, Franklin Garden Walk and Artisan Market, 10 am - 4 pm & 6 pm - 9 pm. Tickets will be available after May 1 at Eventbrite.com; The Village Boutique, 6457 Inkster Rd.; and Bloomfield Hills and Franklin Public Library, 32455 Franklin Rd. Pre-sales are \$15, day of the event \$18. Tickets are exchanged on June 18 at the Franklin Park & Gazebo for your map to the fabulous gardens.

June 19, Thursday, Rochester Garden Walk begins at the Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm. Includes a native plant sale, "fleatique" resale, talk on pollinators and tours of lovely area gardens. From 10 am to 5 pm. Visit www.RochesterGardenClub.com for details.

June 20 & 21, Friday and Saturday, Milford Garden Walk. June 20 from 4-8 pm and June 21 from 10 am – 4 pm. See the website for details. www.themilfordgardenclub.com.

June 20 & 21, Friday and Saturday, Grosse Pointe Garden Center Garden Tour. from 10 am – 4 pm. **Pollinators Make Your Garden Grow.** Explore seven beautiful private gardens. There is so much to see and do, Visit the website for details and where to purchase tickets at: www.gpgardencentre.org. Advanced online tickets available April 21.

June 24, Tuesday, "Flowers Are Forever" Garden Walk and Plant Sale, Trailwood Garden Club, Plymouth area, from 11 am – 7 pm. Tickets: \$12 in advance and \$15 the day of walk. <https://www.trailwoodgardenclub.com/>

July 9, Wednesday, 50th Troy Garden Walk "Garden Stories", from 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM and 5:00 PM – 8:30 PM. Rain or shine. View 5 private gardens + bonus venue. Purchase tickets in advance at Telly's Greenhouse, Auburn Oaks Garden Center, Uncle Luke's, Troy Historic Village, and Bordines (Rochester Hills). **Day of Event:** \$18 at Troy Historic Village ONLY. Garden Walk Activities at Troy Historic Village: Midsummer Arts & Crafts Boutique and Plant Sale from 9 AM – 6 PM. FREE Admission to the THV on July 9th. **Information:** www.TroyGardenClubMI.com or call 248- 321-8291

July 9, Wednesday, 30th Annual Garden Walk, Country Garden Club of Northville, from 9 am – 4 pm. Tickets \$12 in advance and \$15 day of event. Tickets are available through Eventbrite one month prior at <http://cgcnv.org/>

July 16, Wednesday, 19th Annual Clarkston Garden Walk, 11 am – 7 pm. Tickets \$20 available online at ClarkstonGardenClub.org beginning May 1 or purchase in Clarkston locations beginning June 17. Six gorgeous gardens with water features, unique plantings, and garden art. The tour starts at the Clarkston Independence District Library.

July 19, Saturday, Garden Walk in the Warren Village: Warren Garden Club, 10 AM - 4 PM. More details to follow.

September 22, Monday, 10 am. Saginaw Branch hosts the 4th annual Books in Bloom, featuring The Gardens of Mackinac Island, by Jack Barnwell, certified landscape architect, author, and award-winning garden designer. The venue is Zehnder's of Frankenmuth, includes the author's presentation, lunch, vendors, basket drawings. \$60.00/ticket.

October 2, Thursday, Michigan Division Fall Council Meeting, at the County Club of Detroit hosted by Grosse Pointe Farm & Garden Club. More details will be available in the fall newsletter.