

# Garden City Garden Club

## August Garden Club Meeting

Tuesday, August 16, 2016 at 7:00 pm

Where: Paula Relich's home and garden, 32501 Alvin, Garden City

Please bring a dish to pass and a friend!!

It certainly has been a hot, dry summer. My garden hasn't suffered too much but my water bill is not going to be pretty! The August meeting will be a social gathering with little business. Your club officers have been working on a speaker schedule, new tri-fold Garden Club brochure and trying to get volunteers in charge of areas they are excited and comfortable with. I will start putting the Garden Club booklet together to pass out at the September meeting.

Due to the high heat and dry weather we made a decision to postpone work in the Butterfly Garden until the weather breaks. We have not planted plants at the Fire Department or at City Park for the same reason. Once the weather is cooler, we will set up some work days.

As I am writing this, the following people have contacted me about committees:

**Speakers**—Val Templeton, as Vice President, is heading this task.

**Membership** (tri-fold brochure and logo) Pat McKarge & Stacy Karafotis

**2017 Garden Walk**—Valerie Templeton

**Butterfly Garden**—design Stacy Karafotis, work dates Pat McKarge

**Christmas Party**—Barb Hernandez

**Website**—Kerry Partin will update the Garden Club Website. I will start sending him information on a regular basis.

**Craft & Field Trips**—Cheryl Partin has agreed to research possibilities.

## Happy August Birthdays



*Barb Hernandez 8/18*

*Florine Klatt 8/13*

*David Knezek 8/13*

## 2016-2018 Officers

**President:**  
Pat McKarge

**1st Vice President**  
Val Templeton

**Treasurer**  
Stacy Karafotis

**Secretary**  
Sue Orzel

**Motion Secretary**  
Della Haydon

**GCGC website:**

<http://gcgc.weebly.com>

**GCGC Facebook:**

[www.facebook.com/gcgcmi](http://www.facebook.com/gcgcmi)

## Garden City Garden Club

Our goals and focus are in sharing knowledge, learning about the environment and horticulture, flower arranging, community service, scholarships and social activities.



## Minutes July 19, 2016 meeting held at Barb Hernandez house

Meeting called to order at 7:06 pm

Treasurer's Report: \$3,948.70



A new member, Jackie McCormack attended her first meeting. Previous, long time member, Dottie Vega attended the meeting.

**Garden Walk:** Val reported the Garden walk was very successful with 65 tickets sold, positive feedback from walk attendees and fun was had by all. Garden Walk show should be on local cable by the weekend of August 1st. It can also be seen on youtube anytime. Stacy reported the home owners loved the signs the members made as gifts for those who participated on the walk.

Pat discussed maintaining GC park perennial garden, when it is cooler weather. We will be designing a new garden layout and then planting butterfly plants. We will make a template of the plantings so we can keep track of what is where and when we planted it etc. We want it to be a 3 season butterfly garden.

Stacy recommended replacing some of the dead plants at the fire department. Stacy reported on good growth at Gardenville, harvesting has started and we still need weeders, ladies to water and harvesting help.

We decided to hold off on statuary fundraiser until next year when we can start earlier and advertise it with our Garden Walk.

As new President Pat has several great ideas, the most important is building our membership. Pat would like to initiate a GCBC informational trifold we can pass out for events and to perspective new members.

Pat suggested we continue to plan and actually set dates for future field trips.

Pat would like to start a few new helpful committees and will be calling individual members to ask for thier help. Officers will now meet in additional business meetings so monthly member meetings can be more enjoyable with activities, peakers and field trips.

Senator David Knezek gave our club a \$250 donation.

August meeting will be held at Paul Relich's home.

### August Meeting Agenda

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- ◆ 7:00– 7:10 Meet and Greet
  - ◆ 7:10 Pm Meeting Called to order
  - ◆ Secretaries Report (please read minutes prior to meeting)
  - ◆ Treasurer's Report: Stacy Karafotis
  - ◆ Butterfly Garden Update: Pat McKarge & Stacy Karafotis
  - ◆ Community Garden Update: Stacy Karafotis
  - ◆ Fire Department Garden Update - Stacy Karafotis
  - ◆ Committee's: Pat McKarge
  - ◆ Community Events & Round Table

**Thank you Barb Hernandez for hosting the July meeting and sharing your wonderful gardens with us!**



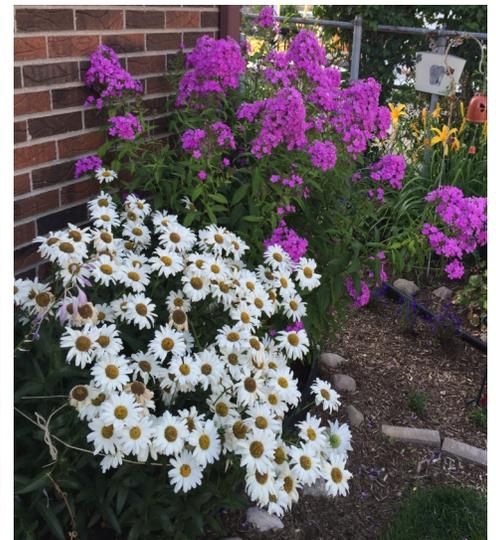
Members thoroughly enjoyed the July meeting held at Barb Hernandez's home in Dearborn. It was like a mini-garden walk, Barb has several mini-gardens on her property. Wow!! A big thank you to Senator Knezek (and Garden Club member) for the cash donation to the club. It was nice to see former member Dottie Vega, and new member xxxxx.



Barb Hernandez and Pam King



Roxanna Mueller, Carolyn Sylvester, Barb Hernandez, Pat McKarge, Jackie McCormack, Dottie Vega, Paula Relich, Val Templeton, David Knezek, Stacy Karafotis, Cheryl Partin



## **GOD & LAWN CARE**

You will chuckle as you read this ..... Because as stupid as it may sound, this is exactly what we do!

**GOD** to **ST. FRANCIS**:

Frank , You know all about gardens and nature. What in the world is going on down there on the planet? What happened to the dandelions, violets, milkweeds and stuff I started eons ago? I had a perfect no-maintenance garden plan. Those plants grow in any type of soil, withstand drought and multiply with abandon. The nectar from the long-lasting blossoms attracts butterflies, honey bees and flocks of songbirds. I expected to see a vast garden of colors by now. But, all I see are these green rectangles.

**ST. FRANCIS**: It's the tribes that settled there, Lord. The Suburbanites. They started calling your flowers 'weeds' and went to Great lengths to kill them and replace them with grass.

**GOD**: Grass? But, it's so boring. It's not colorful. It doesn't attract butterflies, birds and bees; only grubs and sod worms. It's sensitive to temperatures. Do these Suburbanites really want all that grass growing there?

**ST. FRANCIS**: Apparently so, Lord. They go to great pains to grow it and keep it green. They begin each spring by fertilizing grass and poisoning any other plant that crops up in the lawn.

**GOD**: The spring rains and warm weather probably make grass grow really fast. That must make the Suburbanites happy.

**ST. FRANCIS**: Apparently not, Lord. As soon as it grows a little, they cut it-sometimes twice a week.

**GOD**: They cut it? Do they then bale it like hay?

**ST. FRANCIS**: Not exactly, Lord. Most of them rake it up and put it in bags.

**GOD**: They bag it? Why? Is it a cash crop? Do they sell it?

**ST. FRANCIS**: No, Sir, just the opposite. They pay to throw it away.

**GOD**: Now, let me get this straight. They fertilize grass so it will grow. And, when it does grow, they cut it off and pay to throw it away?

**ST. FRANCIS**: Yes, Sir.

**GOD**: These Suburbanites must be relieved in the summer when we cut back on the rain and turn up the heat. That surely slows the growth and saves them a lot of work.

**ST. FRANCIS**: You aren't going to believe this, Lord. When the grass stops growing so fast, they drag out hoses and pay more money to water it, so they can continue to mow it and pay to get rid of it.

**GOD**: What nonsense. At least they kept some of the trees. That was a sheer stroke of genius, if I do say so myself. The trees grow leaves in the spring to provide beauty and shade in the summer. In the autumn, they fall to the ground and form a natural blanket to keep moisture in the soil and protect the trees and bushes. It's a natural cycle of life.

**ST. FRANCIS**: You better sit down, Lord. The Suburbanites have drawn a new circle. As soon as the leaves fall, they rake them into great piles and pay to have them hauled away.

**GOD**: No!?! What do they do to protect the shrub and tree roots in the winter to keep the soil moist and loose?

**ST. FRANCIS**: After throwing away the leaves, they go out and buy something which they call mulch. They haul it home and spread it around in place of the leaves.

**GOD**: And where do they get this mulch?

**ST. FRANCIS**: They cut down trees and grind them up to make the mulch.

**GOD**: Enough! I don't want to think about this anymore. St. Catherine, you're in charge of the arts. What movie have you scheduled for us tonight?

**ST. CATHERINE**: 'Dumb and Dumber', Lord. It's a story about....

**GOD**: Never mind, I think I just heard the whole story from St. Francis.

Submitted by Jaylee Lynch

