

Garden City Garden Club November 2015

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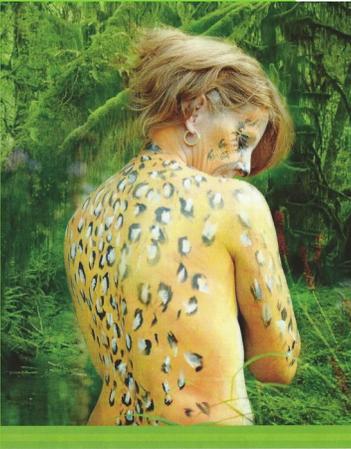
Meeting Information

Where: First United Methodist Church
6443 Merriman Road

Enter through glass doors, elevator to basement
is on the left side of the foyer.

When: Tuesday, November 20, 2015 at 7:00 pm

Bring a small dish to pass/share.



Ms. December Debbie Grochowski

**"For flowers that
bloom about our feet;
For tender grass, so
fresh, so sweet;
For song of bird, and
hum of bee;
For all things fair we
hear or see,
Father in heaven, we
thank Thee!"**

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

*I am thankful for all of the caring
people in our club and in our
community. Wishing all a safe
and wonderful holiday.*

Pat McKarge



Garden City Garden Club Christmas Party

Tuesday, December 8, 2015 at 6 pm

DeLuca's Restaurant 27424 Warren Road (near Inkster Road)

Westland, Michigan

Cost: \$13.00 includes meal, tax and gratuity

Please plan on paying for the party at the November meeting.

If you cannot attend the meeting or you cannot pay at this time, please contact Barb Hernandez at (313) 582-6720 or email her at cake-lady444@yahoo.com. She needs to let DeLuca's know how many to expect. It is easier if Barb gets the money in advance. Also, Barb will be bringing a Christmas Cake for dessert.



Keeps them in your thoughts

Garden Club member Pam King broke her foot and had to have surgery. She is recuperating and getting about on her scooter.

Jaylee Lynch is scheduled for knee surgery on Monday, November 19.

Congratulations Garden Club member Richard LeBlanc. Richard was elected to the office of City Clerk for the City of Westland.

Garden City Garden Club

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

Garden City Garden Club

Minutes of October 20, 2015 Meeting

Meeting called to order by President Stacy Karofotis at 7:10 p.m.

Treasurer's report: \$3,901.04 in our account. We made \$394.00 on the bake sale at the Chili Cook-off.

We welcomed our guest Denise, from Dearborn Heights.

Stacy reported that a storage shed was purchased with \$100 our club donated plus funds from Gardenville fundraisers. The shed was put up and is ready for use.

Stacy requested that if we see any yards that have nice fall displays we let her know so they can be given a Garden Club Beautification Certificate.

Barb Hernandez will be making final arrangements for the Club's Annual Christmas Dinner. It will be held at DeLuca's on either December 1st or 8th beginning at 6 p.m.

A motion was made by Cheryl Partin and 2nd by Tina Wing to donate \$100.00 to the Garden City Goodfellow's. Motion passed.

Butterfly Garden: Thank you to all the volunteers who planted new butterfly friendly plants in the Butterfly Garden in Garden City Park. Special thanks to Debbie Grochowski for taking buckets of water to the site to water the plants. There is still some ornamental grass at the site which we will remove in the spring.

Serenity Garden: Unfortunately the thistle is coming back. Stacy Karofotis mentioned the statuary that she has been looking at for the Serenity Garden and possibility as a fund raiser for the Club.

Community News:

The first Trunk or Treat will be held in downtown Garden City on October 29.

The Festival of Trees will be held in Dearborn from November 22 through 29.

Stacy is having a Pet Food Drive. Please donate if you can.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:15, refreshments served.

Pat McKarge, Secretary



The last harvest from Gardenville.



Pat McKarge removes Canna bulbs from the Common's to use next year.

November Horticulture Report by Pat McKarge

Mushrooms and Toadstools

Tina Wing asked about some mushrooms in her lawn and I did a little research on the subject. I believe the mushroom that Tina had in her grass was a Stinkhorn because it is described as finger shaped or phallus shaped. We had a good laugh about that. Sorry Ken! (See what you miss when you don't go to a meeting.)

“Mushrooms, sometimes called toadstools, are the visible reproductive (fruiting) structures of some types of fungi. Although the umbrella-shaped fruiting body is the most common and well known, mushrooms display a great variety of shapes, sizes, and colors. Some other fruiting bodies encountered in lawns include puffballs, stinkhorns, and bird's nests, descriptive names that reveal the diversity of forms among mushrooms. But regardless of shape, the purpose of all fruiting bodies is to house and then disseminate spores, the reproductive units of fungi.

Many fungi, including most that cause lawn diseases, have very small fruiting bodies that are hardly noticeable, and they don't produce typical mushrooms or obvious fruiting structures. Most fungi in lawns are beneficial, because they decompose organic matter, thereby releasing nutrients that are then available for plant growth.

LIFE CYCLE:

Fungal fruiting structures release tiny spores that are easily carried on air currents to new sites. When spores reach a favorable place to grow, they germinate and send out long thin filaments called hyphae. Hyphae of some fungi decompose wood, fallen leaves, and other organic matter, absorbing a portion as food. Other fungi live in a beneficial association with plants, while others parasitize and cause diseases of plants. A single hypha is too small to be seen without magnification; however, in soil or beneath bark, groups of hyphae sometimes are visible as a mass of white or dark threadlike growth known as mycelium.

When mycelium has developed sufficiently, fruiting bodies such as mushrooms can be produced. Fungi generally survive in soil for years and produce fruiting structures only when conditions are favorable, such as after periods of prolonged wet weather.

IDENTIFICATION AND MANAGEMENT

Because mushrooms are merely the fruiting bodies of fungi, removing them doesn't kill the underground mycelia from which they are growing. Picking mushrooms, puffballs, stinkhorns, or other reproductive structures soon after they appear might prevent their spores from spreading to new sites. However, because most spores are windblown long distances, they can easily come into a lawn from neighboring areas. The primary reasons for removing mushrooms from lawns are to keep them away from children and pets and to improve a lawn's appearance.

Mushrooms found in lawns often develop from buried scraps of construction lumber, dead tree roots, or other organic matter. The fungi that produce these mushrooms are beneficial, because they decompose organic matter in the soil, making nutrients available to other plants. These mushrooms are usually harmless to grasses, but some people consider them unsightly or want to get rid of them because young children play in the area. Remove mushrooms growing from buried wood or roots by picking the mushrooms as they appear or by digging out the wood.

Sometimes you can eliminate mushrooms growing from organic matter or hasten decomposition of organic matter by applying nitrogen fertilizer at a rate of 1 pound of actual nitrogen per 1,000 square feet of lawn. The nitrogen should be readily available and not a slow-release or water-insoluble formulation. Examples include 5 pounds of ammonium sulfate (21-0-0) or special lawn fertilizers such as 6 pounds of 16-6-8 or 4 pounds of 27-3-4 per 1,000 square feet of lawn. Fertilization hastens decomposition of organic matter.

Mushrooms in lawns are also commonly associated with overirrigation or poor drainage. Removing excess thatch and aerating the soil to improve water penetration in the lawn can help in some cases.

Inky caps

Inky caps, *Coprinus* species, are a common yet distinctive group of lawn mushrooms. They are so named because the cap of the mushroom decomposes into dark liquid resembling ink shortly after its appearance in the lawn.



Other Fungal Reproductive Structures in the Lawn The following fungi don't cause real damage to a lawn but can be unsightly, foul-smelling, a concern for children and pets, or merely a curiosity. They aren't infectious or parasitic on lawns but live on decaying plant material.

Stinkhorns: Stinkhorn fungi produce a fruiting body that sticks up through the lawn; when mature, they resemble a giant finger or phallus. The tip of the stalk is covered by spores in a gooey slime that stinks. The terrible odor attracts flies and other insects, which pick up and spread the spores. Dig out or handpick the stinkhorns.

Puffballs: The fruiting body of puffball fungi is an enclosed ball that opens, or ruptures, to release thousands of spores when mature. In lawns, puffballs usually are an inch or less in size but can be larger. Most puffballs are creamy white on the inside and outside when young. At maturity the inside of the puffball is filled with dark-colored spores. This fungus doesn't require any management but may be removed to prevent children or pets from ingesting it.

Slime molds aren't true fungi but primitive organisms that grow in similar environments. Although they sometimes occur in lawns, they are more common on mulch in landscaped areas. They form a gooey mass (plasmodium) that can look like vomit on the lawn surface. This substance can be various colors, but the common species, *Fuligo septica*, produces a yellow plasmodium that slowly moves across the lawn, especially at night. The mold eventually dries on the lawn surface and produces dusty masses of spores. Undisturbed slime molds usually disappear in a week or so, but damage to the lawn underneath might result from shading and suffocation. Remove slime molds by raking, mowing, or spraying with a stream of water from a hose." (from University of California Agriculture site)



The poster is framed by a decorative green border with white ribbon-like flourishes at the corners. At the top, several Christmas ornaments (green, red, and white) are hanging from the top edge. The text is centered and reads:

Holiday Crafts & Business Expo

Join Garden City Businesses, Crafters & Home-based businesses at the
FIRST EVER

CRAFT SHOW & BUSINESS EXPO!

Following the GC Santaland Parade.
Saturday, November 28, 2015
12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

It is also **SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY!**
Shop YOUR community!

Get your Holiday Shopping off to a fun and enjoyable afternoon with
local businesses, crafters and home based businesses helping you with
one-stop shopping!
Lunch available, too!

Garden City Moose Lodge
29137 Ford Road
Garden City, MI 48135

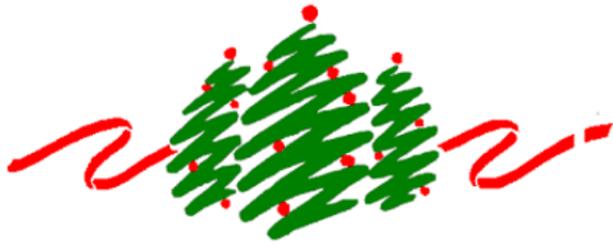
Table space: \$10.00
(BYO table)

Sponsored by Garden City Business Alliance & DDA

Contact: Kelly (734)266-0565

- **Fall Clean-up**

- Don't forget, do not cut your Butterfly Bush down until spring.
- Mow over leaves and save them in your compost pile. I spread them on my vegetable garden so the weeds don't grow in the spring.
- Leaves in the flower border — leave them!
- Please clean-up leaves and maple seeds from your street. That will help reduce the debris in our sewer system.
- Don't store your bulbs in the garage, they will freeze. Put them in your basement.
- The more clean-up you do in the Fall, the less you have to do in the Spring!



FESTIVAL OF TREES



A Benefit for Children's Hospital of Michigan Foundation
Celebrating over 30 years of Continuous Generosity and Dedication

Festival of Trees 2015

**Festival of Trees Preview Party Gala, Saturday- November 21
6:30 PM-11:00 PM**

Ford Community & Performing Arts Center (FCPAC)

Tickets for the November 21 preview party can now be ordered on line.

Holiday Hearts (for Palliative Care families of CHM)- Sun. Nov. 22, 10:00 am to 1:30 pm

Sunday November 22, 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Monday November 23, 10:00 am to 7:00 pm

Tuesday November 24, 10:00 am to 7:00 pm

Wednesday November 25, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

CLOSED THANKSGIVING

Friday November 27, 10:00 am to 8:00 pm

Saturday November 28, 10:00 am to 8:00 pm

Sunday November 29, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

General Admission Tickets

\$5 adults,

\$3 children – free for children under 2 years old.



55th Annual Santaland Parade, Saturday, November 28, 2015

The Garden City Downtown Development has once again agreed to be the title sponsor the parade and have committed to next year's parade as well. The DDA again will host their post-parade event at the end of the parade route in area south of Kroger at the corner of Ford and Middlebelt.

Santaland Parade hoodies and t-shirts are on sale, to order them go to www.santalandparade.com.

Party Animal Presents:



**Not too late
too get your
ticket!**

**When the ladies need to make a few dollars for their charity,
selling candy just won't work!
Sunday April 3, 2016 Only \$49**

You read the book and seen the movie, now Party Animal has the live production on stage at the Meadowbrook Theatre! Bring your girl groups and join us on our motorcoach for a full night of fun.

The bus will depart Garden City Kmart at 4:30 pm and will travel to the beautiful Meadowbrook Theatre. Each customer will have a main floor seat for this great production. Please be aware that there are some adult themes and slight nudity may be seen! Show time is 6:30 pm and ends about 8:30 pm. Full payment is due at the time of booking. Cash, checks and credit cards accepted. Hurry, tickets will go fast! Party Animal Travel 6543 Middlebelt, Garden City MI

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www.facebook.com./gcgemi

Garden City Recycling Center: Self-service recycling drop off center is located at 31800 Beechwood. You can drop off cardboard, paper, glass, aluminum and metal cans. The facility is open Monday through Saturday from 8:30 am to 5 pm. (Thanks Ken, for supplying info)

Save your plastic bags for Lucky Dog. We are also asking members to save their plastic store bags for Lucky Dog Daycare. They use them to clean up after the dogs. Bring them to meetings or drop them off at Lucky Dog .

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Get an answer from the experts. Visit MSU Extension's **Be a Smart Gardener** Web page and submit your question, along with any photos, via the **Ask an Expert** link or call 888-MSUE4MI (888-673-3464.) Someone will get back to quickly with advice on how to answer your gardening questions.

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