

Garden City Garden Club

August 2018 Garden Club Meeting

Tuesday, August 21, at 7:00 p.m.

Where: Cheryl Partin's home and garden, 31960 Kathryn

Please bring a snack, to pass, a chair and a friend!

Our guest will be Cassandra Spohr, recipient of our 2018 Garden Club Scholarship

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Meeting Agenda

Introduction of visitors and our Garden Club Scholarship winner

Socialize and have refreshments

Treasurer's Report

Secretaries Report—in newsletter

Review of Garden Walk and Prettiest Porch Contest

GC Historical Commission Proposal

Inside the newsletter

Well they say a picture says a thousand words! The pictures in the newsletter are a glimpse of the very busy (sizzling) month we had.

We want to continue the energy that we have built up over the last year and continue the growth of our club. Please let me know what subjects you would like covered this year. Also, I am making plans so I can bring Powerpoint presentations to the club. If you have a subject you are well versed in, I will help you put together a presentation.

Beginning this month, I will be including information on pest management. Pests include mildew, bugs, bacteria and other things that can adversely affect your plants. It is my weakest area of knowledge so I am using this task to broaden my own information base and hopefully help you. If you have questions, please send them to me and I will try to research answers for you. This month I just define Integrated Pest Management and list some very basic things you can do to grow healthy plants. I will get a little more in depth in the next several months.



Do I have to look at the garden? I just want to swing!



We received the following note from Kim Marquette in regards to the Garden Walk:

Dear Garden City Garden Club,

Wow! #24 was a great Garden Walk! Jerry and I so enjoy ALL the gardens! Once again I fell in love with something at each Home!

I go on other cities Garden Walks all over as I love to see the gardens of others who enjoy the beauty of the plants, flowers and wildlife they bring into the yards! Garden City always makes me so very proud of our city's gardens. To all the members thank you for all you do to make this event a true pleasure and joy for GC!! Bravo -Bravo—Bravo

Kim Marquette

Minutes—July 17, 2018 Meeting

Held at Julie Slabaugh's home (Pictures inside newsletter)

Stacy Karafotis reported there were 55 homes in the Prettiest Front Porch Contest. The judges were Stacy Karafotis, Pat McKarge, Cheryl Partin, Paula Relich and Jackie McCormick. The judges were meeting after the Garden Club meeting to make final decisions.

Garden Walk was discussed, Preview Walk will be Friday, July 20 beginning at 6 p.m.. Stacy was able to get the list of hostesses straightened out.

Treasurer's Report: \$4, 203 in the bank. We will be giving \$1,000 scholarship in September .

Announcements: Saturday evening, July 21 from 6 –8 is Evening With the Butterflies at Barson's Greenhouse. This is a fundraiser for Monarch Watch. (Note: due to rain this took place on Sunday, July 22.)

Members discussed the Pete Oudorf Garden on Belle Isle and voted unanimously to donate \$300 towards it.

Next meeting will be held at Cheryl Partin's home.

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.

Oudolf Garden Detroit—August 2018 Update

These are exciting days for Oudolf Garden Detroit and our collective effort to bring a Piet Oudolf Garden to life on Belle Isle.

Garden Party: The aforementioned renovation is being supported by the upcoming annual Belle Isle Garden Party benefiting the Anna Scripps Whitcomb Conservatory on Tuesday, **September 11**. This fun and worthwhile event will also feature blown up imagery of Piet's work. You can learn more and get tickets at <https://www.belleisleconservancy.org/garden-party-on-belle-isle>.

Mark Your Calendars: Piet is coming to visit and work on his garden here the first week of October. We are planning an evening community presentation with Piet on **Friday, October 5**. We will send a special email blast when we nail down the time and location for this event. He will also be meeting with funders, the DNR and Belle Isle Conservancy, and work with our landscape architect Shannan Gibb-Randall and her team at InSite Design Studios understanding more about the site and planning for next year's installation. Additional information about the soil and other conditions at the proposed garden have inspired Piet to put together a new master garden design. His new vision more fully leverages the variability on the site and takes advantage of the planned renovation of the Conservatory's back entrance, stairway and connection planned between Conservatory grounds and our garden.

Funding Update: We are happy to report that we are very close to receiving two substantial donations from major Detroit foundations.

Integrated Pest Management

“Integrated pest management (IPM) is a philosophy of pest management that combines monitoring and decision making with all available methods of pest control.” This was an area in the Master Gardener Course that I had a love/hate relationship with. There are many “pests” that cause problems in our gardens; bugs, bacteria, mildew, etc.. Effective and environmentally safe pest management isn't always easy. In the next several newsletters I will try to point out key ideas about IPM.

Plant health care starts with a well-planned garden and plant selection (right plant, right place).

1. Consider the light conditions on your property.
2. Determine the plants soil preference.
3. Determine the plant's moisture requirements. “Proper watering would probably save 75% of the plants that are lost in landscapes each year.”
4. Consider the effect of drainage, sun and wind exposure, irrigation, and even slope of the land.
5. Select resistant varieties of plants.
6. Select high-quality plant material.
7. There are many resources that can help you make plant choices such as migarden.msu.edu, and msue.msu.edu or other university websites.

July Garden Club Meeting

Thank you, Julie Slabaugh for hosting the July meeting at your lovely home and garden. It was a wonderful evening.



Paula Relich and Julie Slabaugh



Connie Gibbs and Jackie McCormick



Ellen Rothfelder and Cheryl Partin



Debbie Barson and Roxanna Mueller



Pat Krueger and Pat McKarge



Ken Polzin and Barb Hernandez



Prettiest Front Porch Contest 2018

First, thank you to our judges who spent several hours visiting the 55 homes in the contest: Cheryl Partin, Paula Relich, Jackie McCormick, Pat McKarge and Stacy Karafotis. The judges had a list of addresses, no names. I loved this, some of our Garden Club members were in the contest but the majority of the judges did not know where they lived. We had eight winning porches, two first place porches (small and large), two 2nd place porches (small and large) and 4 porches that won for “Best Use of Flowers”. Eleven homes received Honorable Mention Certificates. All homes will receive a thank you note for their participation. Stacy has been delivering the certificates and getting some pictures with homeowners.

We learned a lot about running a contest like this and will make some changes to future contests. We will be putting pictures of all of the homes that received recognition on our Facebook page and I will be sending the information to Dan York who handles the city’s information.



Large Porch



Small Porch



Large Porch

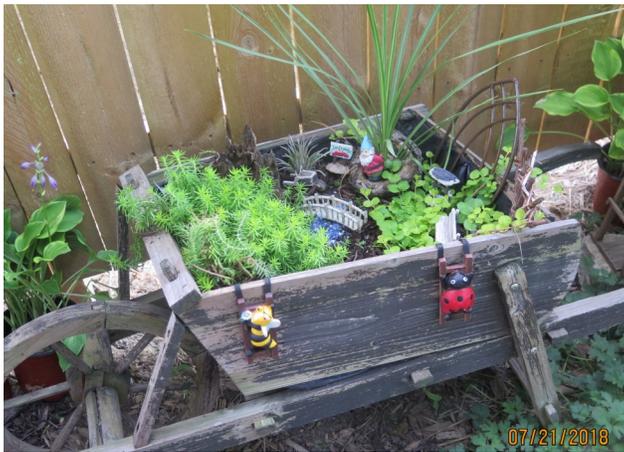


Small Porch



Garden Walk 2018

Well it was a little rainy but it didn't stop the walk. I received many compliments on the event. Thank you to all of the homeowners who invited us into their yards! The walk help showcase our beautiful community and raise funds for the scholarship, community garden projects and, this year, the Oudorf Garden on Belle Isle..



Garden Club Field Trip to Alpaca Gardens—Cheryl Guck's Home

Club members had the opportunity to visit Cheryl Guck's wonderful home in Stockbridge, Michigan. It was a marvelous afternoon feeding the Alpaca's, walking through the lovely gardens, playing with members children and grandchildren and enjoying a relaxing, carefree few hours with fellow garden members.

Tineka Oliver was like the Pied Piper, marching the kids through the gardens! It was fun watching the kids enjoy the Alpaca's and the beautiful yard.



Stacy Karafotis, Cheryl Guck and Roxanna Mueller



Sue Orzel, Stacy, Dino, and Lucy Karafotis, Cheryl Guck and Tineka Oliver's grandchildren



Dottie Vega, Sue Orzel and Cheryl Partin



Tineka Oliver, Paula Relich playing cards with the kids.



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You don't have to be a Master Gardener to attend. Friday schedule includes numerous Garden Tours, Saturday has excellent seminars planned. For more information visit the following website:

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/mgcollege2018/>

- **September 18—Garden Club meets at Maplewood Center at 7 pm**
- September 22—Lucky Squirrel Event
- **October 13 — Annual Chili Cook-off — Garden Club usually has a bake sale at the event** and Afterburn
- November 24—58th Annual Santaland Parade
- November 24—Small Business Saturday
- Garden Club Christmas Dinner—date to be determined
- Holiday Christmas Tree Lighting

"Seek to understand what draws you to the garden. You may discover greater rewards than the blue ribbons awarded for the biggest pumpkin or the best preserves. You may find the garden becomes a teacher and crop "failures" become lessons learned. However big or small your garden is, if you allow nature to touch your spirit, gardening will bring returns of peace, satisfaction, and well-being for as long as you continue to wander the garden path."

- Norman H. Hansen, *The Worth of Gardening*