Garden City Garden Club

May 21, 2019 Meeting

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

Maplewood Community Center,

31735 Maplewood, Garden City

Daylilies

Everyone knows the Stella d' oro Daylilies (they line the flower beds in downtown Garden City), but did you know there are thousands of daylily cultivars available. Join us as Garden City Garden Club member Ken Polzin talks about the many daylilies he has grown and how to plant and grow them in your garden.

If you would like, bring a snack to share. Please bring your own beverage.

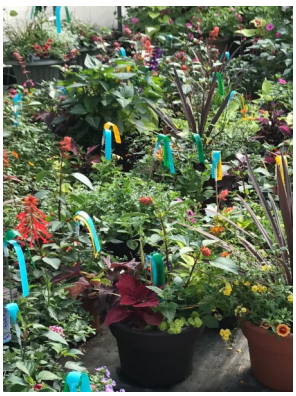
What we need to discuss

1. Location of Annual Club Pot Luck scheduled for June 18.
2. Locations for our July and August meetings (we meet at members homes)
3. Field trips?
4. Oudorf Garden, volunteer opportunities

Container Gardens

Did You Pick Up Yours?

During Barson's Open House I visited the greenhouse where the containers Garden Club members and guests made up several weeks ago were being growing. If you haven't picked your container, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you again, Debbie Barson, for letting our group meet and complete the container project. I'll be visiting them soon, to pick out plants for my containers!



Garden City Garden Walk Update

Stacy Karafotis and Pat McKarge met with Kim Marquette at the Historical Museum/Farmhouse to go over set up for the Garden Walk. We are very excited about the event! Stacy reports that we are close to finalizing the homes for the walk. Also, for members and nonmembers we will have a "Backyard Floral Arrangement Contest". Entries will be numbered and judges will not know who the entry belongs to. Judges will not be club members. There will be prizes for the winners.

Please think about what plants you can divide and pot up for our plant sale. I have a lot of hens and chicks that I would like to put in cute little containers to donate for the sale. If you have any containers you would like to donate for the project, please let me know. Also, if anyone would like some hens and chicks for your garden, let me know. You can text me at 734 620-0720, or email me at Patmck973@comcast.net.

Garden Club Project for City Park

A year ago club members agreed to purchase trees for City Park. We ended up getting Dwarf Red-Leaf Sand Cherry trees, They are moderately growing plants that will reach 6 to 10 feet tall and 6 to 8 feet wide. They will make a beautiful hedge along Log Cabin Drive. We are making arrangements for assistance from the DPS and Parks Department to dig the holes so members and volunteers can plant them. I will keep members posted on the details. Next year we will all be able to enjoy their wonderful spring blooms.

Happenings in the Gardening Community

Southfield Parks & Garden Club presents

Southfield Garden Walk 2019

Sunday, June 23 ~ 2-5pm

Southfield Gardens Neighborhood

Between Ten Mile & Lincoln/West of Southfield Road

Check in at Adler School, 19100 Filmore

Our annual Southfield Garden Walk is a showcase of some of Southfield's most beautiful and unique home gardens and garden art. Gather tips and ideas to beautify your yard and receive information on annuals, perennials, shrubs and trees.

Free shuttle service provided to various stops in the neighborhood.

Tickets are $10 ~ Available from Garden Club Members
Or, Southfield Mayor's Office, 26000 Evergreen Road

Make checks payable to the Southfield Parks & Garden Club

For further information, contact 2019 Garden Walk Co-Chairs:
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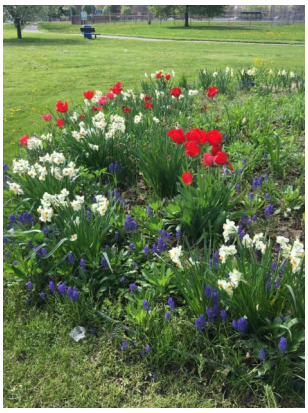
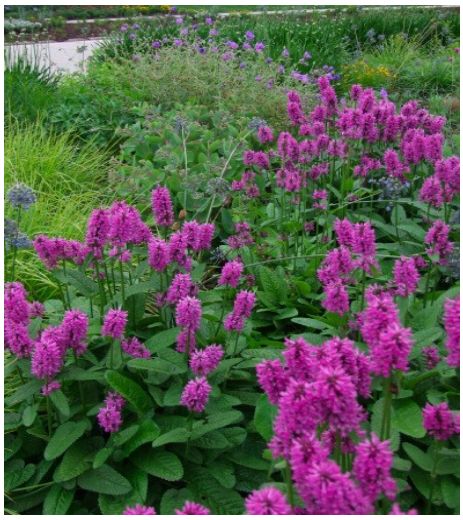


Butterfly Garden at City Park

The daffodils and tulips are presenting a wonderful spring show. Even the Grape Hyacinth looked pretty, even though they are very invasive and I will try to dig them out each year!

We are making plans for planting appropriate pollinator plants that are not too aggressive for the area.

Pollinators are abuzz for the 2019 Perennial of the Year



Stachys 'Hummulo' Perennial of the Year for 2019
Photo credit: Perennial Plant Association

'Hummelo' is a compact, clump-forming perennial, reaching 1.5 to 2 feet tall and wide. Over time, the plants will form a dense mat, spreading slowly from creeping underground stems. Showy magenta flower spikes rise well above the foliage in midsummer and are quite attractive to butterflies and other pollinators. Plants are hardy in USDA Hardiness zones 4-8 and appear to be trouble-free. Plants perform best in full sun and well-drained soil. 'Hummelo' was the highest rated *Stachys* in the Chicago Botanic Garden Evaluation Trials for its strong flower production, vigor, habit, quality and winter hardiness.

The Perennial Plant Association selects a different perennial plant each year to promote throughout the nursery and gardening industry. PPA members nominate plants based on several criteria, including low maintenance needs, adaptability to a wide range of climates, pest and disease resistance, wide availability, multiple seasons of interest, and ease of propagation. A selection committee narrows the field to three or four choices, and then members cast votes.

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Calendar of Events

- May 18 Lucky Squirrel Flea Market, Craft & Vendor Event—Downtown GC
- May 18 from 9 am to 2 pm **Public Plant Sale** at St. John Lutheran Church Parking Lot SE corner of Telegraph and Northline Roads in Taylor.
- **May 21, 7 pm Garden Club meeting - Ken Polzin on Daylillies**
- May 22-23, 2019 Landscape Design School — Check the MGC website
- May 31th, Kiss My Glass- Nightlight Making Workshop/Fundraiser at Garden City Historical Museum (you must pre-register).
- June 5-6, 2019, MGC Conference – Traverse City. All the info is on the MGC website
- June 15 Lucky Squirrel Flea Market, Craft & Vendor Event—Downtown GC
- **June 18—Annual Garden Club Pot Luck Picnic**
- **July 16—Garden Club Meeting (at a members home)**
- June 23 Southfield Parks & Garden Club—Garden Walk/Tour
- July 13: St. Claire GC Garden Walk/Tour
- **July 19, Members only Garden Walk Preview**
- **July 20, Garden City Garden Walk**
- **August 20—Garden Club Meeting at members home**
- **September: Volunteers needed to help plant the Oudorf Gardens on Belle Isle**
- September: District 1 Presidents Meeting
- September 17 Lucky Squirrel Flea Market, Craft & Vendor Event—Downtown GC
- October 24: District 1 Fall Conference & Annual Meeting at DeCarlo's Banquet Center