

Garden City Garden Club

September 2018



Meeting: Tuesday September 18, 7 p.m.

Maplewood Community Center

31735 Maplewood, Garden City

Pinecone Flower Craft Night

We will prepare the pinecones and paint them in various colors for you to use to decorate a wreath or other item. Prep work is necessary for the craft to be completed in one meeting. You will be able to add details as you like.

Garden Club meetings are open to the general public. There may be charges for non-members (for crafts and take-home projects only). Please bring a guest.

Please bring a snack to share —
but your presence is more important than a snack.



Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc. --

District 1 2018 Fall Conference

Wednesday, October 10, 2018

Glen Oaks Country Club

30500 W. Thirteen Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, MI 48334

Cost: \$30 (no refunds after September 28)

9:15 am to 2:30 pm

If you plan on attending, please bring a check to our meeting on September 18. Make check payable to Garden City Garden Club. The registrar for this program wants one check from each club.

More information about the conference is in the newsletter.

Garden Club Agenda September 19, 2018

1. Meet and greet 7:00 to 7:10 pm (refreshments)
2. Call to order and introduction of guests/members
3. Secretaries Report (in the newsletter)
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Chili Cook-off Bake Sale (We will have sign-up sheets for bakers and sales persons)
6. Fall conference—pay treasurer tonight if you are going.
7. Discuss birdbath project
8. Pinecone zinnia craft project
9. Round table
10. Meeting adjourned



Thank you to Kathy Ward for helping me update the bulletin board at Maplewood Center. It contains club news and gardening information. Stop by and see it before our meeting.



Final Summer Meeting

Thank you to Cheryl Partin for hosting the August meeting at her lovely home and garden. The weather held out and there was a great turn-out for evening.

Minutes of August 19, 2018

The Garden Club presented a \$1,000 check to this year's Garden City High School Garden Club Scholarship recipient, Cassandra Spohr. Thanks to all members who worked hard during our fundraisers. You made this possible.

Club members discussed the partnership with the Historical Museum for the 2019 Garden Walk.

Discussion on fall craft projects. Members would like to do pinecone zinnia's and make birdbaths.

Bake sale at the Chili Cook-off was discussed. Sign-up sheets will be at the September meeting.



MICHIGAN GARDEN CLUBS, INC.

Member of Central Region Garden Clubs and National Garden Club

Since our club has so many new members (hooray!) I thought I would take some time to remind everyone that as a dues paying member of the Garden City Garden Club you are also a member of the Michigan Garden Club, Central Region Garden Clubs and National Garden Club. It is sometimes confusing, several of our members are also members of the Master Gardener Association. That is a separate organization.

As a member of Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc., you have access to the members portions of the MGC, CR, and NGC website information. There is a members section of the website that you can access. Please do not share the following password information.

MGC---User ID: member Password: mgcgrow

CR----User ID: member Password: 7states

NGC—User ID: member Password: pumpkin



So in the user ID square you just need to type the word, member.

MEETINGS, CONFERENCES, SCHOOLS, CONVENTIONS: On the last page I have put dates for future meetings, conferences, schools and conventions. Detailed information will be on the Michigan Garden Club website.



Gardenville

Stacy Karafotis is continuing to harvest vegetables from Gardenville. Thank you to any of our members who have helped this summer. It has been such a hot and dry summer, gardening has been a challenge. Stacy has been delivering the food to area food banks. She also used produce from Gardenville to make a meal at the Ronald McDonald House at Children's Hospital. This helps family members who need to be near the hospital when their child is there.

Butterfly Garden

My biggest disappointment this year has been the Butterfly Garden. At City Park. Basically we have to start from scratch. It has been too hot and dry to do anything but wait until the weather breaks. We will cover the garden this fall and smother the weeds so we can reestablish the bed next year. Stacy purchased a tarp that we will put down over the garden. Some of the deep rooted plants may survive but we can dig or use herbicides to kill them.



Integrated Pest Management (IPM)

Biotic pests



Powdery mildew



Potato beetle



Squash virus



Weeds

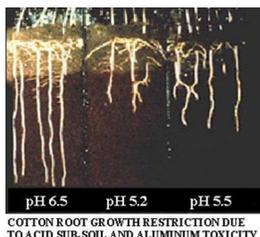
Abiotic Pests



Chemical burn



Weather extremes



COTTON ROOT GROWTH RESTRICTION DUE TO ACID SUB-SOIL AND ALUMINUM TOXICITY

Soil chemistry

Something's wrong with a plant, what now? To make an educated decision on what to do, you first need to know some basics. There are two broad categories that “pests” can be divided into. First, biotic pests. These are problems that are caused by living agents, such as insects, microorganisms, vertebrates and weeds. *It is good to know that numerous natural factors and management practices typically limit the populations of most species to levels below our concern.* The second category is abiotic. These are caused by nutrient deficiencies, temperature extremes, moisture fluctuations or chemical injuries. **Such disorders account for 70 to 90 percent of all plant problems in urban areas.**

Sounds easy but it isn't. Some of the symptoms are similar for both biotic (living) and abiotic (non living) reasons. When trying to diagnose plant problems keep these points in mind:

1. Many insects and diseases are plant specific. You need to accurately identify the plant you are trying to help. Take time to learn about your plants. Some plants are extremely vulnerable to powdery mildew. If you have zinnias or lilac bushes and you see a white film on them by knowing these plants are more likely to get powdery mildew— you have your answer.
2. Look for pattern of abnormality. Non-uniform damage patterns may indicate insects or diseases. Uniform damage over a large area (perhaps over a large area and several plant species) usually indicates disorders caused by such factors as physical injury, poor drainage, chemical injury or weather.
3. Carefully examine the landscape. The history of the property may reveal many problems (like soil compaction issues). Most living organisms (biotic pests) take a relatively long time to spread throughout an area, so if a large percentage of plants become diseased virtually overnight, a pathogen is probably not involved.
4. Examine the roots. Note their color: healthy roots are whitish or tan; brown or black roots may signal problems. Brown: often indicate dry soil conditions or presence of toxic chemicals. Black: usually reflect overly wet soil or the presence of root-rotting organisms.

Signs and Symptoms

You have to be a sleuth! Look for clues on the plant and figure out what they mean. Look for signs. **Signs** are visible part of the cause of the problem, such as insects, insect eggs or part of a fungus. **Symptoms** are abnormal changes in the plant, which can result from disease or insect problems, an unsuitable growing environment, accidental herbicide exposure or other condition. Some symptoms of insect damage are discoloration or distortion of leaves, blossoms or twigs; chewing damage; cracked bark; and dieback of plant parts. Some symptoms of plant diseases are spots or dead areas on leaves or stems, abnormal growth or coloration, and sudden wilting.



**Information edited from Master Gardener Core Manual

This information was sent to
all GC Club members in
August, via email.

YOU ARE INVITED

Michigan Garden Clubs

District I Fall Conference

Host: Farmington Garden Club

Wednesday, October 10, 2018 9:15 am – 2:30 pm

Glen Oaks Country Club

30500 W. 13 Mile Road Farmington Hills 48334

Deadline for registration: September 28, 2018

Cost: \$30.00 per person

AM Speaker: Ashlee Decker

The Oak Openings: Globally Rare in Your Backyard

Designated as “One of 200 Last Great Places on Earth”, the Oak Openings Region of Southeast Michigan and Northwest Ohio contains some of the rarest natural communities on the planet. The Green Ribbon Initiative is a partnership of conservation groups, landowners and individuals that are working to preserve, enhance and restore the globally distinct ecosystem of the Oak Openings Region. Join Ashlee Decker from The Nature Conservancy for a virtual tour of the natural gems that are hiding just outside your door and to learn what you can do to ensure the survival of the species that call it home.

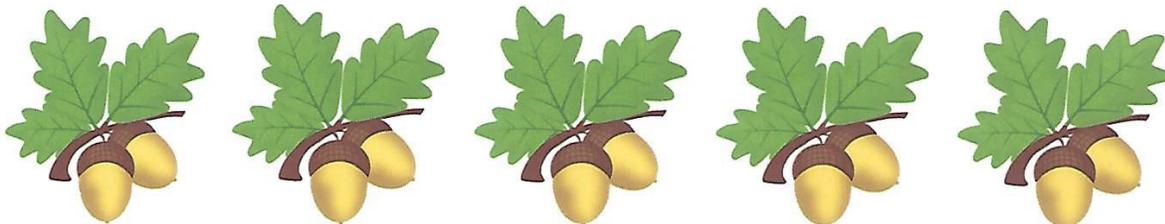
“By working together to protect natural areas we can create a hopeful vision of the future.”

PM Speaker: Lisa Eldred Steinkopf

The Facts of Light

There is a plant for every spot in your home. One of Lisa’s new presentation will help you learn about plants for different light levels and trouble spots in your home. Lisa will be selling and autographing her first book – *Houseplants, The Complete Guide to Choosing, Growing and Caring for Indoor Plants*.

“Everyone needs a little Green in their lives.”





Calendar of Events

- **September 18, Garden City Garden Club meeting at 7:00 p.m.**
- September 22 — Lucky Squirrel Event downtown GC
- October 10, 2018, Michigan Garden Club District I Annual Fall Conference – Glen Oaks Country Club, Farmington Hills. Flyer is in this newsletter.
- **October 13, Garden City Chili Cook-off
(We will have a bake sale at this event.)**
- **October 16, Garden City Garden Club meeting at 7:00 p.m.**
- October 16-17, 2018, Monroe - Gardening School Course II Series 19 Plant Diseases and Garden Pests, Growing Fruits and Vegetables. 2nd day: Irrigation and water, lawn alternatives, growing grass and Invasive plants. Cost: \$80 for two days, \$40 for one day. (Check the MGC website for complete information.)
- October 22-23, 2018 Central Region Garden Clubs Convention, Bavarian Inn, Frankenmuth. Check the MGC website Home Page. michiangardenclubs.org
- **November 20, Garden City Garden Club meeting at 7:00 p.m.**
- November 24—58th Annual Santaland Parade
- November 24—Small Business Saturday
- **December (Date to be announced) Garden Club Holiday Dinner**
- March 9-10, 2019, Environmental School – Midland. Check the MGC website for information.
- April 30-May 5, 2019. NGC Convention – Biloxi, MS. Check the NGC website for information.
- Gardening School – May 7-8, 2019, Monroe Check the MGC website.
- May 22-23, 2019 Landscape Design School, information pending
- June 5-6, 2019, MGC Conference – Traverse City. All the info will be on the MGC website and in the Spring issue of the MGC Thru the Garden Gate.

Garden City Garden Club

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