



# FRIENDLY NEWS

The Friendly Garden Club  
of Traverse City

## April 2016 NEWSLETTER

### MEETING INFO....

(Board meeting April 19 At Unitarian Church)

When: April 26, 2016  
11:30 Lunch provided at World Class Cafe'  
12:15 Program  
1:15 Business Meeting  
2:15 NGC Snippet

Where: Career Tech Center (see directions on page 2)  
880 Parsons Road, Traverse City

Who: Students at Career Tech Center  
Program coordinator: Jill Burleson

What: Culinary students will prepare and serve soup and salad buffet.  
Tour of the horticulture green house where Logo Garden flowers are raised.

Hostesses: Students at Career Tech Center



## Directions for Career Tech Center...

880 Parsons Road

South off Parsons Road, between Three Mile and Garfield (closer to Three Mile). GUEST PARKING at main entrance, on Right Near Flag Pole.

STOP AT OFFICE WINDOW to be "beeped" in.

First corridor on right to "WORLD CLASS CAFE".

## News bite from our President...

March 22, 2016

S. Snyder, President



Now the earth with many flowers

puts on her spring embroidery.

-Sappho

Hello Spring!

- Food item donations will go to Women's Resource Center for April
- Arbor Day Planting, May 11<sup>th</sup> @ 2PM, Central Elementary
- Pennies for Pines will be happening for 2016-2017
- 50/50 Raffles discontinued, due to change in State policy
- Car Pool for Kay Charter, May Program will be organized
- Look for the FGC Suggestion Box at Welcome Table, new ideas are always exciting to ponder
- See everyone at The Career Tech Center, April 26<sup>th</sup> @ 11:30

Suzi

**FIRST VICE PRESIDENT news bite...**

Nothing to report this month.

**TREASURER news bite...**

I will be collecting dues and passing out yearbooks at the April meeting.

Arlene



**1) CIVIC BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE news bite...**

Janet Florence, Sandy Stockemer, Co-Chairs

Nothing to report this week.

**2) CONSERVATION/ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE news bite...**

Connie Brown, Chair

Nothing to report this month.

**3) FINANCE COMMITTEE news bite...**

Pat Jean, Chair

Nothing to report this month.

**4) FLOWER ARRANGING/HORTICULTURE & NUTRITION COMMITTEE news bite...**

Cathy Hamilton, Jane Weldon, Co-Chairs

*Under Horticulture:*

**Organic Weed Killer**

1 gallon vinegar

1 cup salt (can use table, rock or Epsom salts)

1 Tbs. Dawn

Mix salt and vinegar and let set for 5 minutes to dissolve salt

Add Dawn and stir.

This will kill vegetation so only use where you want to destroy everything. This is a good time to do this as the weeds have not gotten a foothold. You may have to do this again as those pesky weeds have a life of their own and are persistent. I use this on my gravel pathway.

Jane



**5) GARDEN WALK COMMITTEE news bite...**

Cathy Spanski, Chair  
Nothing to report this month.

**6) JUNIOR GARDENING news bite...**

Susan Kuschell, Chair



**Children's Garden Annual Plant Sale**

Mark the date May 14th 8:30-4:00 on the front lawn of the TADL.

Buy a plant or Donate Plants. All proceeds go directly to the gardens.

If you would like to volunteer call Jeremy at 935-1469. Donations can be left by the Pavilion at the garden.

Thank you, the kids need your help this year.

Junior Gardening Committee, We have a meeting scheduled for May 10th at 4:00 p.m. Jeremy teaches and wants to be there so I hope you can make it. Please try and come up with a project for the kids. Remember there are 40-50 kids once a week all summer. Bring your ideas on that day and we will come up with a schedule.

Meetings are one hour on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. arrive 9:45.

Thanks, Susan Kuschell

**7) MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE news bite...**

Letha Cairns, Chair  
Nothing to report this month.

**8) NEWSLETTER news bite...**

Anita Scussel, Editor  
Nothing to report this month.

**9) PROGRAM COMMITTEE news bite...**

Suzi Snyder, Sue Mrowczynski, Co-Chairs  
Nothing to report this month.

**10) PUBLICITY COMMITTEE news bite...**

Sue Soderberg, Chair  
Nothing to report this month.

**11) WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE news bite...**

Terry Harding, Marellene Morrell, Co-Chairs

Orders are turned in, geraniums are growing, thank you cards typed, signs for sorting plants by color are ready . . . Sounds like things are in good order. Plants will be delivered Tuesday, May 17th. The Ways and Means committee members will need to report Tuesday to prepare orders for pick-up.



Consider this a REMINDER TO THOSE WHO PLACED ORDERS TO PICK UP PLANTS MARCH 18th Wednesday from 10am to 6pm, same fire station #2 on Old Mission Peninsula as last year.  
Marellene and Terry

**12) WEBSITE news bite...**



Remember if you are a committee chair and would like to have your committee meetings posted on the website, just send me an email with the information.

Stephanie Nelsen, Tech Specialist

**13) BLUE STAR MEMORIAL news bite...**

Pat Huxtable, Chair  
Nothing to report this month.

*Requested recipe from our first meeting in March, from Peg Jonkhoff.*

Fruit Bars

Preheat oven to 350 degrees

½ cup soft butter (1 stick) 1 cup of sugar, 2 eggs, 1 tsp vanilla, 2/3 cup flour, 1 tsp baking powder, ¼ tsp salt, 1 cup chopped walnuts, ½ cup (I use the entire container) red candied cherries



and 1 cup chopped dates. Mix butter and sugar together first then add all other ingredients. Pour into square, greased pan and bake for 45 minutes. Once cool, cut in squares, roll in sugar, and enjoy!

### **YEARBOOK UPDATES...**

None noted at this time.

### **DATES TO REMEMBER...**



April 22	Earth Day
April 29	Arbor Day
May 2-9	National Convention, Grand Rapids
May 11	Arbor Day planting, Central Elementary, 2 pm
May 14	Children's Plant Sale, Library, 9-4 pm
May 18	Geranium Pick-up, Peninsula Fire Station

### **BIRD ALERT...**



Early hummingbirds should be arriving around May 9th. Get those feeders cleaned and filled and placed outside. Male scout birds arrive first to establish territories. A simple solution is 4 parts water to 1 part sugar. Just mix well, no need to boil. Dorry Price

### **BOTANIC GARDEN...**

#### **BOTANIC GARDEN CONTAINER PLANTINGS:**



If you haven't been to the garden yet this year, be sure to check out the container plantings scheduled to be planted the end of May or June 1st. Committee members met over the winter and decided on plants to be used. They are being ordered and paid by the Botanic Garden. Kale seeds are being planted by Cathy Hamilton. Other plants being used are Lantana, Tradescantia, Japanese Forest Grass, Joe Pye Weed, Liatris, and Artemesia for a purple/yellow color combination.

### Other Botanic Garden news:

The sugar Maple allee should be planted sometime in May and 2000 Tulips have been planted in the Walled Garden. Yoga for gardeners is scheduled for May 10th, 17, 24, and 31 at the Garden from 10 to 11:30. All four classes will cost \$50 or just \$15 for one. Check the website for additional classes/events. Also check out the new items for sale at the Visitor Center gift shop. Members receive a 10% discount on purchases.

Terry Harding

### Special note...

I really appreciated the warmth and kindness of the FGC members shown toward me at the recent passing of my brother Patrick on March 22. Thank you so very much.



Laura Swire

## Birthdays...



### MARCH

Janet Florence

Janet Hickman

Caroline Hoffman

Marge Scott

### APRIL

Marellene Morrell

### MAY

Elaine Armstrong

Connie Brown

Pat Jean

Susan Kuschell

Laura Swire

Candace Petersen



Friendlies who completed the four sections of Garden Studies School on April 12th.





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