



# FRIENDLY NEWS

*The Friendly Garden Club  
of Traverse City*

## August 2016 NEWSLETTER

### MEETING INFO....

(Board meeting August 23rd At Unitarian Church)

When: August 23, 2016  
11:30 Lunch  
12:15 Program  
1:15 Business Meeting  
2:15 Committee Snippets



Where: First Congregational Church  
6105 Center Road (M37), Traverse City, Fellowship Hall

What: Floral Designs through Ikebana Principles

Who: The local Ikebana International chapter, Mizuwmi, will present and demonstrate this Japanese art form.

Program

Co-Chairs: Cathy Hamilton & Laura Swire

Hostess Chair: Jean Spagnuolo

Hostesses: Kirsten Ardery, Linda Burkey, Donna McKenzie, Tracie McPherson, Marellene Morrell

## News bite from our President...

August 2016

Hello Friends,

To pick a flower is so much more satisfying than

Just observing it, or photographing it ..... So in

Later years, I have grown in my garden as many

Flowers as possible for children to pick.

\_ Anne Scott James



- Bring your ideas for 2017 Grants to our next meeting.
- Let's go Green ! (hard for a maize/blue girl to say) but honestly ,we need to recycle our plastics, and paper products at our meetings; Look for the containers labeled at our next meeting ☺
- All Standing Committee Chairs should be working on the budget for that committee for 2017. It's easy to stay in budget if we have the correct figures to work with at our Finance Committee Meetings. Please email to Suzi by September 9, so I will have this information for our Finance Committee Meeting on September 16.
- Petoskey Garden Club hosting District V Meeting, Tuesday, September 20, 8:30- 3:00, at the Perry Hotel. Both breakfast and lunch will be served, \$37.00. I will be collecting your money and registration forms and do a group mailing at our August meeting.
- DON' T FORGET! Bring your pennies to the August meeting ☺

Thank you for your kind words, emails, and positive feedback on our July Garden Party. It was very much appreciated ... In Friendship, Suzi

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



Many 2017 Committee Chairs/Co-Chairs Opportunities. Committee sign-up sheets will be at the August meeting. Please keep in mind that most all committees will be needing new chairpersons. Thanks friendlies! Sue M.

### **SECOND VICE PRESIDENT news bite...**

*Since we didn't have the 2017 hostess signup sheets out in July, please take time to sign up at our August meeting so you will have first choice of your favored month.*

Beth M.



### **CORRESPONDING SECRETARY news bite...**



Arlene Weitz passed away on August 6. Arlene was an emeritus member who attended many of our Honor's luncheons and most recently the 90th anniversary celebration. I will leave a copy of the obituary that appeared in the Record Eagle on the information table at the August meeting.

Dorothy Cain, Corresponding Secretary

### **HISTORIAN news bite...**

Sadly, we report that long time member and past President Arlene Weitz passed away recently. She will be remembered by the Friendly Garden Club with \$100 donated to the MGC scholarship fund unless some other recognition is deemed more appropriate.

### **TREASURER news bite...**

Treasury report sent in a separate email.

**RECORDING SECRETARY news bite...**

Nothing to report this month.

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

Janet Florence, Sandy Stockemer, Co-Chairs

Nothing to report this month.

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

Connie Brown, Chair

Nothing to report this month.

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

Pat Jean, Chair

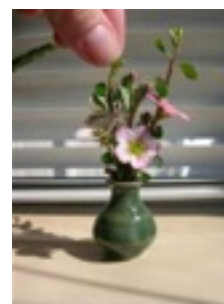
Nothing to report this month.

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

Cathy Hamilton, Jane Weldon, Co-Chairs

The committee finished up a brief study of traditional design with a challenging design from a book by Betty Belcher. There will be two more meetings this year with the possibility of meeting in Nov. or Dec. if the group wants to work on Holiday arrangements for their home.

The next meeting will be on Sept. 13 at 1:00 PM. Committee members are to bring two arrangements of any traditional or creative design from the Flower Show Handbook. One design should be a total of no more than 5" in height, width or depth. The other no more than 8 inches. Dimensions include the container if one is used. Call Cathy if you have any questions.



We will be having an "Iris Exchange" at our August meeting. Many of us have been buying irises at the Iris Farm over the years and have accumulated many varieties. Pick out one (or more) of your favorites to exchange. Please try to label your iris. You can write right on the leaf blade with a permanent marker or, if you prefer, just write the name on a card.

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

Cathy Spanski, Chair



Thank you ALL for a very successful garden walk!! Even with the thunderstorm and rain many guests thought it was one the best and we grossed over \$10,000! Thank you to my wonderful, hard working committee! You are the best!!

Already the search is on for gardens for next year's walk! The team of Vicki Slawnik, Terry Harding, Candace Petersen and myself have been hard at work and have narrowed it to the Eastern Elementary/Traverse City Central neighborhood. We have received some good leads from some of the members so if you know of any wonderful gardens around that area please let one of us know as soon as possible. Hopefully by the general meeting we will have 6 or 7 gardens in place.

Lastly, the garden walk committee thought it would be fun to have a contest between members to highlight your photography skills! We would like all interested members to submit, through email to me at [cspanski@gmail.com](mailto:cspanski@gmail.com), any single flower photos you have taken that could be considered to be used on the poster and the save the date cards for Garden Walk 2017! Please submit photos by October 1st. We are hoping this could be an annual event!

Happy Gardening to all,  
Cathy Spanski  
2016 Garden Walk Chairwoman

P.S.

A CHAIRWOMAN IS NEEDED FOR NEXT YEAR'S WALK ! I am willing to stay on as a co chair to help but it is vital that someone step up to help out if we are to have a walk next year!



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

Susan Kuschell, Chair

Nothing to report this month.

**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

Kudos to all of our previous Publicity Chairs.

I'm finding it more difficult than I thought to get articles published in the Record Eagle than I thought it would be. If anyone has a good contact at The Record Eagle please let me know. We did not get any coverage on our Blue Star Memorial so I have sent them a short article and a picture so hopefully it will be published soon. It is easy to get dates and notices on Social Media but I know



everyone does not look at that. Please keep any articles that you see so they can be included in the Press Book. If you find something I not only need the article but give me the entire page so I have the date and the Publication name. I try to put activities and pictures on Facebook and Stephanie does a fantastic job with our web site. If you have not looked at the web site or the Facebook postings please do so on a regular basis. There are many, many pictures on the web site and a great calendar. Also if you have not registered as a member on the web site please do so. It is very easy. Also please "like" us on Facebook and invite your friends to also "like us". This is a great way to advertise all the great projects The Friendly Garden Club is involved in.

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

Terry Harding, Marellene Morrell, Co-Chairs



Look for new geranium order forms in September. Once again, when the order form is submitted, payment will be required. If you want the same as your 2016 order, please sign on our clipboard list and an email notice of your 2016 order will be sent to you to use in placing your 2017 order.

Also for Ways and Means, we will be disposing old signs we used to identify the geranium colors. If anyone would like one, let me know. The old signs are too cumbersome and present a problem in storage. Newer ones will be constructed that will be much more compact and more easily stored. There may be a nominal fee if you would like one of the old signs to help recover costs of new signs. More on this later.

Still have 2 2017 calendars available for \$5 each.

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

Stephanie Nelsen, Tech Specialist  
Nothing to report this month.

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

Pat Huxtable, Chair

A big thank you to all of you who helped with The Blue Star Memorial Dedication. Thank you also, to everyone who attended and supported this project. We could not have done this without the help of The Veterans Coalition and The Botanic Garden. A thank you note has been sent to everyone involved. It was a big success. If you were not able to attend please stop over and see this beautiful marker.

Pat Huxtable



THANK YOU  
FOR YOUR  
SUPPORT!

### **BOTANIC GARDENS Update...**



What's new at the Botanic Garden?

Many of our members attended the Blue Star Memorial Dedication at the Botanic Garden July 31st. It was a lovely ceremony and the memorial now stands by the walled garden. A brochure listing garden clubs contributions to the Garden was/is available with heartfelt thanks from the Botanic Garden Board Members. Celebrating Garden Clubs Day at the Garden saw many taking the wagon tours, enjoying refreshments and Bonsai and artist of the month exhibits. Also, the Master Gardeners had a table set up with information about the next round of classes and events sponsored by the Northwest Michigan Master Gardener Association. MGC President Marilyn McIntosh and Blue Star State Chairman, Jean Goetz were both present and participated in the dedication ceremony.

## **FRIENDLY BUCKS Update...**

At our July meeting, we collected \$37.00. Out of our collected totals, Arlene wrote a check for \$50 to STEP, a youth program of TCAPS. For the month of August, we will be collecting with the *Archangel Ancient Tree Archives* organization in mind. *Archangel* promotes the use of the right trees for the right application for a balanced, sustainable environment. They are creating living libraries of old-growth tree genetics by cloning these old growth trees through traditional and advanced horticultural propagation for the purpose of future research and functional reforestation.



Each month there will be a box at the entrance table for any voluntary contributions. Additionally, we are always looking for suggestions for 501c-3 local organizations that we can support.

Thank you. Anita Scussel

## **YEARBOOK updates...**

No updates for this month.

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

September 5	Labor Day
September 7	MGC Finance Mtg.
September 8	MGC Board Mtg.
September 13-15	Flower Show School Course III, Midland
September 15	Dist. V Design Guild Flower Arranging
September 20	Dist. V Fall Mtg., Petoskey



## DISTRICT V NEWS...



Please be sure that you register for The District V Fall meeting. It is being held on September 20th at the Perry Hotel in Petoskey. It promises to be a great meeting with delicious food, great speakers and vendors. Please bring your check made out to The Friendly Garden Club for \$37.00. Arlene will send in one check for the people who are registered. I hope that many of you will be able to attend my District Meeting.

Sweetwater Garden Club will be holding a Blue Star Memorial Dedication on October 22nd at The Acme Township Park. Directions and exact time will be given. Several members of their club came to our dedication so I hope that some of us will be able to attend their dedication.

Sue Soderberg                  District V Director

*Here are our new 20 year members presented at the July Garden Party.  
Ann Nichols, Nancy Johnson and Terry Harding.*



# Birthdays...

AUGUST Kirsten Ardery

Sonja McGettrick

Barbara Stein

SEPTEMBER

Arlene Beall

Peg Jonkhoff

Suzi Snyder

Sandy Stockemer



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## Executive Board:

President	Suzi Snyder
1st VP & Program Chair	Susan Mrowczynski
2nd VP & Hostess Chair	Beth Mulac
Recording Secretary	Vicki Slawnik
Corresponding Secretary	Dorothy Cain
Treasurer	Arlene Beall
Historian/Librarian	Terry Harding
Parliamentarian	Cathy Hamilton

## Committees:

Civic Beautification	Janet Florence, Sandy Stockemer
Conservation/Environment	Connie Brown
Finance	Pat Jean
Flower Arranging and Horticulture & Nutrition	Cathy Hamilton, Jane Weldon
Garden Walk	Cathy Spanski
Junior Gardening	Susan Kuschell
Membership	Letha Cairns
Programs	Suzi Snyder, Sue Mrowczynski
Publicity	Sue Soderberg
Ways and Means	Terry Harding, Marellene Morrell
Yearbook	Jean Spagnuolo, Stephanie Nelsen, Terry Harding

## AD HOC Committees

Blue Star Memorial	Pat Huxtable
Website	Stephanie Nelsen
Newsletter	Anita Scussel