



FRIENDLY NEWS

*The Friendly Garden Club
of Traverse City*

July 2016 NEWSLETTER

MEETING INFO....

(Board meeting July 19th At Unitarian Church)

When:	July 26, 2016	
	11:30	Social Gathering
	12:00	Lunch Provided
	12:45	Silent Auction
	1:15	Darla's Demonstration
	1:45	Honorees, Awards, Silent Auction & Announcements



Where: Botanic Gardens - Upstairs at the Visitor's Center
1490 Red Drive, Traverse City

Who: Darla Selander, anvil artist and blacksmith
Program coordinator: Suzi Snyder



What: FGC Honors Garden Party
Silent Auction featuring treasures from Erie Heermann

Hostesses: Nancy Collard, Cathy Hamilton, Susan Mrowczynski, Beth Mulac, Vicki Slawnik, Suzi Snyder

News bite from our President...

July 2016

Happy Summer Friendlies,



Fame is the scentless sunflower, with a
gaudy crown of gold;
But friendship is the breathing rose,
with sweets in every fold.

-Oliver Wendell Holmes

- July 26, Garden Party at Botanic Gardens, put on your friendly smiles, wear your pretty hats, no need to bring your plates, check your yearbook for details
- Attendance at the Garden Party, please initial sign in sheet at welcome table
- Bring your pennies for pines, and dollars for the Silent Auction
- Bring your ideas for new grants
- Business Meeting will be important announcements only
- Bring your “happy fingers” 2017 Committee Signup Sheets
- ***GOOD LUCK GARDEN WALK, THE GARDENS ARE GORGEOUS!***

Let's Make Joyful Memories,

Suzi

EXECUTIVE BOARD news bite...

*****SUGGESTION BOX*****

Did you know we have one? It's been pretty empty of late so we need to hear from you. The best way for the club to grow is to hear from it's members. Please consider sharing your thoughtful ideas, suggestions, critiques, whatever is on your mind. All comments are anonymous. More information at our next meeting.
Executive Board



FIRST VICE PRESIDENT news bite...

Many 2017 Committee Chairs/Co-Chairs Opportunities. Committee sign-up sheets will be at the July meeting. Please keep in mind that most all committees will be needing new chairpersons. Signing up for any committee means a commitment to do your share and perhaps a little more for our club. It is very much appreciated. Thanks friendlies! Sue M.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT news bite...

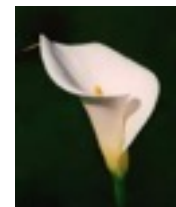


The 2017 Hostess Committees signup sheets will be available at the July general meeting. Please be thinking about your preferred month and sign up early. Beth M.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY news bite...

Sonja McGettrick is recovering from surgery. Cards are welcome, but no visits yet. She hopes to transfer to Orchard Creek when she is released from Munson.

Sophia Bradley passed away July 15 at Munson Hospice House. At this time, services for family only are planned.



TREASURER news bite...

Treasury report sent in a separate email.

RECORDING SECRETARY news bite...

Nothing to report this month.

HISTORIAN news bite...



They say a picture is worth a thousand words! With that in mind, I am asking for pix taken at any FGC event for our 2016 history book. Just email them to me at wsharding@chartermi.net. They should be sent in jpeg format. Thanks. Terry

1) CIVIC BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE news bite...

Janet Florence, Sandy Stockemer, Co-Chairs

Community Garden Awards

Many thanks to the ladies who came out for the award presentations to our two community gardens. Munson Manor Hospitality House and Kitchen Choreography were both very appreciative of our recognition. They were both flattered that somebody had noticed their efforts with landscaping and flowers. We all had a chance to talk with representative of both gardens and many pictures were taken. We hope you'll all drive by to have a look at both places. If you go to Kitchen Choreography, please drive around in back to see everything from a different perspective. Please keep a look out for pictures to show up in a Munson Newsletter, or in the Business News, or possibly the Record Eagle. Munson Medical Center Facebook page already has a posting about their award at Munson Manor. See our photos on page 9 of this newsletter.



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 Flower Arranging Comm. met on July 12 to start their study on traditional flower arrangement beginning with a line mass design from a text by Barbara Belcher. The group will meet on August 9 to do another traditional line design from the book that has elements of abstraction in the design. They are also producing individual designs to be on display during the garden walk on July 21. Anyone who wishes to may come to Cathy's house on Wed. July 20 to collect plant material and/or work on their arrangements for garden walk.

The Flower Arranging Comm. is also reminded of the invitation from the local Ikebana Chapter to join them on Aug. 3 at the Elmwood Township Office in the meeting room at 2:00 PM for their Ginza. They will have a chance to purchase flower containers, tools, kenzans and other related items.

Anyone wishing to join the group at a regular meeting to learn a particular design can do so by calling Cathy Hamilton or Jane Weldon.

5) GARDEN WALK COMMITTEE news bite...

Cathy Spanski, Chair

Hi ladies!

All the final details for the garden walk are coming together! Our garden walk committee is so excited for the big day! Just a few things to remember :

*Please drop off your 4 dozen cookies the morning of the walk, at Immaculate Conception Church, if you didn't make them earlier.

*Please be prompt for your shift, wear your pretty garden hat and your name tag!

*Also, please park a few houses away from the garden you are working at to free up parking for our guests.



Bring your smiles and see you at the Walk!

Cathy

If you have or take any pictures at the garden walk can you share them with me. I need them for the book of evidence that Candace and I will be doing.
Sue Soderberg

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
Nothing to report this month.

11) WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE news bite...

Terry Harding, Marellene Morrell, Co-Chairs

Your geranium committee will have a new form to use for ordering geraniums as early as September. We will again have a deadline for ordering and payment, so be sure to tell family and friends about this. Once again, we will be meeting with Mischels in August regarding our order and prices. More info regarding that will be available in our next newsletter.



A huge thank you to this years committee for their most excellent help in making this fund raiser successful.

Marellene and I could not have done it without them. A special thank you to Jean Spagnuolo for her help and guidance. She certainly kept us on the straight and narrow.
Marellene and Terry

Further note on Ways and Means--only two 2017 calendars left to sell at the bargain price of \$5. First come, first served.

12) WEBSITE news bite...

Stephanie Nelsen, Tech Specialist

Information about the Garden Walk and new information about the Blue Star Memorial and garden clubs' celebration at the Botanic Gardens has been added on the Home page.



13) BLUE STAR MEMORIAL news bite...

Pat Huxtable, Chair



The Blue Star Memorial dedication will be at the Botanic Gardens on July 31st at 2 p.m. Join us for this patriotic ceremony.

FRIENDLY BUCKS Update...

At our June meeting, we began our voluntary cash donations to be used to benefit a community organization. Our first collection amounted to \$26.80. It was decided to wait until we had a minimum of \$50.00 before we wrote a check. Each month there will be a box at the entrance table for any voluntary contributions. The first organization that is being considered for our check is STEP - Students in Transition Empowerment Program. It is a program administered by Traverse City Area Public Schools that provides free supportive, education related services to students, ages 3-20, who lack fixed, regular and adequate housing. The goal of the program is to ensure school stability, remove barriers to full participation in their education, and support academic achievement while children are in residential transition.



Additionally, we are always looking for suggestions for 501c-3 local organizations that we can support.

Thank you. Anita Scussel

YEARBOOK updates...



Judy Pohl has moved to **6391 Cedarmere, TC 49686**, so please make that correction in your yearbooks.

DATES TO REMEMBER...

July 21	34th Annual Garden Walk , 11-6
July 26-30	T.C. Film Festival
July 31	Blue Star Memorial Ceremony , 2:00 p.m. Celebration of Michigan Garden Clubs, 10-4 at <i>Botanic Garden at Historic Barns Park</i>
August 3-4	MGC Finance & Exec. Committee Mtg.
August 11	Dist. V Design Guild Flower Arranging

DISTRICT V NEWS...



Please make a note on your calendar. The District V meeting will be held 9/20/16 at the Perry Hotel in Petoskey. I hope that many of you can support me and attend this meeting. Registration forms should be out this week. Hope to see many members from The Friendly Garden Club. The Sweetwater Garden Club will be holding a Blue Star Memorial on Saturday Oct 22 at The Acme Roadside Park.

I attended a Flower Show and 2 Garden Walks on the same day last week. (I do not recommend this). The flower show in Charlevoix was wonderful. They have many talented flower arrangers. Both garden walks were very nice. The one in Charlevoix had very large gardens and 3 were on Round Lake. I had to do a lot of walking and it was very hot and no water was offered!! The Edelweiss Garden Walk in Gaylord had a lovely larger garden in town and 4 others out of town. I only saw 2 of them as I was exhausted. I'm happy to say that all hostesses at all the gardens were very helpful and friendly.

Sue Soderberg

District V Director

Birthdays...

AUGUST Kirsten Ardery

Sonja McGettrick

Barbara Stein

SEPTEMBER

Arlene Beall

Peg Jonkhoff

Suzi Snyder

Sandy Stockemer



Garden Awards



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