



# FRIENDLY NEWS

*The Friendly Garden Club  
of Traverse City*

## June 2016 NEWSLETTER

### MEETING INFO....

(Board meeting June 21st At Unitarian Church)

When: June 28, 2016  
11:30 Lunch  
12:15 Program  
1:15 Business Meeting  
2:15 NGC Snippet



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

Who: Brian Zimmerman, owner Four Season Nursery  
Program coordinator: Barb Stein

What: A presentation on native plants in the landscape.

Hostess Chair: Laura Swire

Hostesses: Marilyn Burdinie, Kay Goodall, Terry Harding, Mary Melvin, Stephanie Nelsen, Ann Nichols, Jill Stiltner

## News bite from our President...

June 2016

Hello Friendlies,



The earth laughs in flowers.

- Ralph Waldo Emerson
- What's your thought.....T-Shirts for the FGC???
- Think.....Have you explored finding a new Non-Profit Grant???
- Think.....Chairing a Committee for 2017???

Sophia Bradley is in Hospice. The family is requesting cards only, no visitors.

Contact information for our two recent members:

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Think Mentoring – The Children's Garden is off to an amazing start with mentoring "52" children from the Civic Center Summer Program. Just think what a difference the Friendly Garden Club can/is making in our community.

Never give up listening to the sounds of birds.

- John James Audubon

Joy,

Suzi

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



Please remind everyone about their 4 dozen cookies for the Garden Walk. My freezer is empty and awaiting their arrival. I will try to not eat them as they fill it up. Thanks, Sue M.

**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



**A Giant Thank You!!**

Many thanks to all Friendlies who came to help plant the Logo Garden. This is a big task, but what an amazing accomplishment!! You all deserve many pats on the back for all this work.

We've had so many compliments about the design and how many look forward to our planting. The garden seems to be a very cheerful spot for all the folks who come to Clinch Park.

Thanks again for being "all in together" on this project.  
Janet and Sandy

**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

**Horticulture: Plant Swap**

We will be having a "hosta exchange" at our meeting, June 28. If you would like to be a part of this exchange, please bring a potted hosta - labeled. Hopefully, you will go home with a NEW hosta variety to plant in your garden. It might be nice to also include your name on the plant so the receiver can know "from whence it came." It makes it kind of extra special knowing it came from a "Friendly."



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

Cathy Spanski, Chair

**Hello friendlies!**



All is well with the planning of our garden walk! You are welcome to bring your 4 dozen cookies, properly packaged for freezing, to the general meeting this month.

If you have not yet signed up to work a shift please call or email Letha Cairns to do so.

Also, at the meeting, you can purchase your 5 tickets if you have not done so.

Lastly, a couple of important requests for next year's walk:

A chairperson is needed for the 2017 walk. Please consider doing this very important, rewarding job!

And I need you all to put on your thinking caps to help find an area of town for next year's walk! Please canvas your neighborhoods for possible gardens to be featured.

Thank you!  
Cathy Spanski

- 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

Geranium Sale is done for 2016 and here is how we fared: We had a total of 130 pre-orders. Our gross income from those orders and extras sold the day of the sale was \$12,590. Our expenses for geraniums and floral picks amounted to \$8,304.48 which netted the club \$4285.52. Twelve members signed on to this committee and we actually had 13 of us who worked both Tuesday and Wednesday including Jean Spagnuolo's husband Dan. There were a few glitches in filling orders, but we hope to remedy that with some changes made to the order form. Sue Mrowczynski delivered 7 large orders and Marilyn Rebant delivered 9 orders. Pick up went smoothly, but many needed a phone call reminder. All in all, we had a very successful sale and Marellene and I thank each and everyone who helped make this a success. We could not have done it without everyone's help. New order forms will be made available in September should the club decide to do this again.

Terry Harding



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

Stephanie Nelsen, Tech Specialist  
Nothing to report this month.

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

Pat Huxtable, Chair



The Blue Star Memorial Dedication will be held, Sunday, July 31st, at 2:00 p.m. at the Botanic Gardens. The committee is well underway with the planning of this Memorial Dedication. We are working with The Veterans Coalition to be sure that we include and invite the many Military Organizations in our area. We do need your help in advertising and promoting this event. We will have

post card invitations at the June meeting for you to give or send to interested people. I know that this is just a few days after our Garden Walk and everyone will be tired but we hope many club members and their families can join us for this Memorial Dedication to honor our Veterans. Thank you, Sue Soderberg & Pat Huxtable

(Blue star image compliments of Goggle.)

**YEARBOOK news bite...**

Dear Friendlies,

Unfortunately FGC has experienced many yearbooks coming apart, and originally we were having you stop in to Kwick Print to have them re-bound. There was quite a few, and because this problem could be ongoing through the year, Kwick Print offered to re-print the yearbooks and bind them with a spiral at no additional cost.



For those members who have yearbooks that have come apart, please do not stop at Kwick Print because Arlene Beall has the new yearbooks and will have them at the next meeting.

We are so sorry for the inconvenience! The Yearbook Committee.



## YEARBOOK updates...



Email update for Michele Dillion - should be [koolerdog1@gmail.com](mailto:koolerdog1@gmail.com) (just adding the “1” to her email)

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## DATES TO REMEMBER...

July 2-9

National Cherry Festival

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 *Botanic Garden at Historic Barns Park*

## BOTANIC GARDEN...

Container plantings at the Botanic Garden are in place after our June 6<sup>th</sup> planting date. Eight members were present for this activity and were able to plant 11 containers with plants that came from Garden Goods and Four Season Nursery. Plants used were Japanese Forest Grass, Artemesia, Tradescantia pallida, Joe Pye Weed, Liatris, Lantana and Yarrow. Some of the plants were saved and reused from the planters as they fit in nicely as fillers. Look for a purple, lemon yellow and gold color combination. Most of the plants were perennials and will be transplanted



and used elsewhere on the grounds when containers change for late fall and winter. Plants and potting mix were provided by the Botanic Garden and did not cost the club any money. Activity began at 9 a.m. and finished around 12:30 under the direction of Cathy Hamilton with a break for lemonade, fruit, cheese and crackers and brownie bites. Be sure to check out our handiwork when you visit the garden. And . . . don't forget to mark your calendars for CELEBRATING GARDEN CLUBS at the GARDEN day July 31<sup>st</sup> when there will be tours, and special BLUE STAR MEMORIAL DEDICATION at the garden, Bonsai Exhibit and Master Gardener display. Watch for more information in the July newsletter and plan to attend. My thanks to the hardworking gardeners who either helped with design or planting. It was a wonderful team effort and could become a way for Friendlies to actively participate at the Botanic Garden.  
Terry Harding

## **DISTRICT V NEWS...**



Sixteen of The 23 Garden Clubs in District V attended The Michigan Garden Club Convention in Frankenmuth. Many of these clubs went home with several awards and cash. Suzi will give you information on The Friendly Garden Clubs honors.

Just to let you know of a few of the Garden Club activities in District V:

July 13, 2016 Charlevoix Garden Walk and Flower Show

July 13, 2016 Edelweiss Garden Walk

July 23, 2016 East Jordan Flow Show

July 26, 2016 Elk Rapids Garden Walk

For more information on any of these or other MGC events please see the MGC Web site calendar.

Sue Soderberg  
District V Director



