



FRIENDLY NEWS

*The Friendly Garden Club
of Traverse City*

June 2017 NEWSLETTER

MEETING INFO....

When: **THURSDAY**, June 22, 2017
9-10:00 Business Meeting - All Members
10-11:30 Flower Show Set-up
11:20-12:30 Lunch & Finalize Set-up
1-4:00 Judging

Where: Bluewater Hall Event Center
13424 S. West Bay Shore Drive (M-22)
Traverse City

What: BLOSSOMS BY THE BAY FLOWER SHOW

Who: The Friendly Garden Club

Program Coordinator: Cathy Hamilton & Jane Weldon

Hostess Chair: Carolyn Hoffmann

Hostesses: Kirsten Ardery, Arlene Beall, Marilyn Burdinie,
Jo Flitton, Janet Hickman, Marilyn Rebant, Jean Spagnuolo





Information from Hostess Chair...

We are asking everyone to bring their own sandwich. Due to the flower show and the time limit, we will be having a mid-morning coffee set-up starting at ten. We are having light snacks to go with your sandwich. Paper plates and plastic ware will be provided.

News bite from our President...

June 2017

No occupation is so delightful to me as the
Culture of the earth...and no culture comparable
To that of a garden...But though as an old man,
I am but a young gardener.

~Thomas Jefferson



Hello Friends,

- MGC Convention attended by Janet Hickman, Sue Soderberg, Terry Harding, Sue M. and Suzi and were we pleasantly surprised, AWARDS! AWARDS! AWARDS! FRIENDLIES WHAT AN AMAZING ACCOMPLISHMENT AND GREAT HONOR FOR OUR FRIENDLY GARDEN CLUB, the “many” awards will be announced on Thursday, June 22, @ 9 AM @ our Membership meeting
- Drop in the Bucket Donations totaled \$5 for May, Thank You

Suzi,

Growing the Future...Love Blossoms & Joy Abounds!

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT news bite...

Sue Mrowczynski
Nothing to report this month.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT news bite...

Beth Mulac
Nothing to report this month.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY news bite...

Dorothy Cain
Nothing to report this month.

HISTORIAN news bite...

Terry Harding
Still collecting items that need to be returned to the archives.



TREASURER news bite...

Arlene Beall
Treasury report sent in separate email.

RECORDING SECRETARY news bite...

Vicki Slawnik
Nothing to report this month.

1) CIVIC BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE news bite...

Sue Mrowczynski, Chair

Thank you to all garden club members who showed up for planting the logo garden. Improvising was a big factor but we winged it. Also a big thank you to the 3 newbies on Civic Beautification. Could not have finished the visitors center without Sara, Susan and JoAnn. 12 flats were planted there and 18 bags of cedar mulch. We finished at 4 that same day. Hugs and kisses, Civic Beautification.



2) ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE news bite...

Dorothy Cain, Chair

If you don't already compost your kitchen and garden waste, please consider giving it a try. It is not as complicated as some of the instructions you have probably read about. You simply find a spot that is convenient to get to. It doesn't need to be a lot of room, but I find it convenient to keep it confined by putting some wire fencing material around a few stakes in a circle so it piles up nicely. I have two of these enclosures



about 3 feet in diameter. When the first one is full, I start the second one. When that one is full the first one is ready to use. Below are some more pointers:

- Line the bottom of the bin with some wood chips or small branches to provide some aeration at the bottom of the pile.
- Put in kitchen vegetable/fruit scraps, coffee grounds, tea bags, garden clippings.
- Add some dried leaves or grass clippings or dirt to cover. Keep a separate pile of this dried material nearby to add as needed.
- I use a pitch fork to give it a stir once in a while.

I have a frame with some hardware cloth that fits over my wheelbarrow. When I am ready to use the compost I put it on the frame over my wheelbarrow and screen the compost to get out any twigs or leaves that haven't decomposed.

Happy Composting
Conservation and Environment
Dorothy Cain

3) FINANCE COMMITTEE news bite...

Susan Kuschell, Chair
Nothing to report this month.

4) HORTICULTURE/FLOWER ARRANGING COMMITTEE news bite...

Cathy Hamilton, Jane Weldon, Co-Chairs

A great big thank you to all of you who have stepped up and entered our flower show!



At this point, all the design classes have been filled except two. The only vacancies left are both in the table section: one in A1 for a tray and one in A3 for a Table for Two. If you are interested in doing either one of these designs, please contact Andi Kramer or Cathy Hamilton as soon as possible.

Again, thanks for stepping up for the flower show. I have been contacted

by some clubs south of here who are carpooling up to see the show on Friday. Some of their members have never seen a flower show and they want to see one before they have their show in July.

Don't forget to bring all the beautiful horticulture from your gardens. Hopefully we will have some roses, peonies and maybe some late iris and clematis. See you on June 22!

5) GARDEN WALK 2017 COMMITTEE news bite...

Cathy Spanski, Candace Petersen Co-Chairs

Thursday, 6/22, from 9-10 a.m. at Bluewater Hall is the last meeting before the Garden Walk. If you haven't done so already, please make sure you purchase your Garden Walk tickets (4 for \$40) and sign up to work in a garden. See Mary Melvin or Marian Coltman for tickets. See Sandy Stockemer or Janet Florence for garden sign-ups . If you haven't selected and signed up for a garden by the end of Thursday's meeting, you will be assigned to one and notified of the location. You can bring your 3 dozen small cookies for the Walk -- in a plastic container with lid please! -- to this meeting or you can make arrangements to deliver them to either Judy Pohl or Sue Mrowczynski for freezing. If you are delivering your cookies the day of the Walk, please get them to the Faith Reformed Church by noon. If you want to make a \$20 contribution in lieu of baking cookies, please let either Letha or Candace know at Thursday's meeting; this money will be used to purchase additional refreshments for the Walk. Thanks in advance for your help in supporting this year's Garden Walk!



COOKIES, COOKIES, COOKIES - GARDEN WALK REFRESHMENTS

Please bring your 3 dozen (small) cookies to the June meeting.

Or we will be accepting your cookies at Faith Reformed Church the morning of the Garden Walk.

We appreciate your baking for the walk, but if you would rather not bake please give one of the Refreshment Committee members \$20 that will go towards cherries.

MANY THANKS!

Vicki Slawnik, Letha Cairns, Kirsten Ardery, Judy Pohl

- 6) JUNIOR GARDENING news bite...**
Susan Kuschell, Chair
Nothing to report this month.
- 7) MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE news bite...**
Letha Cairns, Tracie MacPherson, Co-Chairs
Nothing to report this month.
- 8) NEWSLETTER news bite...**
Anita Scussel, Editor
Send in those bits of information!
- 9) PROGRAM COMMITTEE news bite...**
Sue Mrowczynski, Chair
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
Hope you are keeping your geraniums watered! Nothing new to report.
- 12) WEBSITE news bite...**
Stephanie Nelsen, Tech Specialist
The website has been updated with pictures from our logo garden planting and photos from our May meeting.
- 13) NUTRITION news bite...**
Rebecca Jones, Chair
Nothing to report this month.



HONORS LUNCHEON

SAVE THE DATE

Honors Luncheon at "Top of the Park". Park Place Hotel
Tuesday, September 26, 2017 @ 11:30 AM. We encourage
you to invite prospective FGC members and guests.
Nancy Rhoadarmer/Kay Stehouwer, Co- chairs

GARDENING TIDBITS...

*** **CONDITIONING:** This is information for all plant material being used in the flower show...

1. Always wash your scissors and containers (vases) before beginning...start with clean everything.
2. Cut your flowers early in the morning when they are full of moisture and not stressed by the sun.
3. Do not collect your flowers in a basket but carry a pail of warm water to the garden and immediately put the cut stems in the water.
4. Stems should be recut under water and at a 45 degree angle as to facilitate uptake of water thru the stem to the flower.
5. Remove all leaves and foliage that will be below the water. Add a package of floral preservative to the water and let flowers condition for 2-4 hours (or overnight) in a cool, dark place. If you do not have floral preservative you may use a teaspoon of bleach and a teaspoon of sugar instead. A cup of regular (not diet) 7-Up will also help to make your flowers last longer.
6. When arranging your flowers after conditioning them, recut the stems again (underwater and at a 45 degree angle).
7. Flowers with hollow stems (like delphinium, hollyhocks, lupines, amaryllis, etc) should be turned upside down and the stem filled with water and plugged with a bit of cotton before arranging.
8. Flowers with woody stems (lilacs, dogwood, forsythia, roses, etc) should have the stems split to aid in water absorption.
9. Flowers whose stems ooze a milky liquid when cut need to be plunged into boiling water for 15 seconds or have the cut ends seared with a flame so that the nutrients are retained.
10. Once that flowers are arranged, keep them out of direct sunlight and drafts and maintain the water level in the container. If changing the water and renewing the floral preservative, recut the stems once more.



(This information is from Emeritus member, Nancy Johnson, from a previous flower show.)

*** Remember, baby birds do not eat seeds! Please leave some bugs and caterpillars in the garden so the adult birds can feed their young.

*** Organic Weed Killer:

1 gallon vinegar

1 cup salt (can be table, rock or Epsom Salts. I prefer the Epsom Salts.)

1 tablespoon Dawn

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

Add Dawn and stir.

This will kill vegetation so only use where you want to destroy everything. I use this on my gravel pathways.

*** If you have hummingbird feeders out, remember to change the solution often in this hot weather so it doesn't spoil.

YEARBOOK updates...

New addresses:

Sonja McGettrick
402 Joseph Drive
Midland, MI 48642

Pat Jean
1944 Aldin Lane
Midland, Mi 48640



Emeritus Address update...

Shirley Schneider
600 Cottageview Drive, Unit 313
Traverse City, MI 49684

DATES TO REMEMBER...

June 23	BLOSSOMS BY THE BAY Flower Show
July 1-8	National Cherry Festival
July 4	Fourth of July
July 20	Friendly Garden Club's 35th Garden Walk

MGC & DISTRICT V NEWS...

Sue Soderberg

District V Director

Nothing to report this month.

Birthdays...



06/20	Terry Harding
06/24	Jo Flitton
06/24	Sue Loney
06/26	Jean Spagnuolo
07/17	Tracie MacPherson
07/21	Beth Mulac
07/22	Donna McKenzie
07/30	Nancy Johnson

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	Sue Mrowczynski
Environment	Dorothy Cain
Finance	Susan Kuschell
Horticulture/Flower Arranging	Cathy Hamilton, Jane Weldon
Garden Walk	Cathy Spanski, Candace Petersen
Junior Gardening	Susan Kuschell
Membership	Letha Cairns, Tracie MacPherson
Newsletter	Anita Scussel
Programs	Sue Mrowczynski
Publicity	Sue Soderberg
Ways and Means	Terry Harding, Marellene Morrell
Website	Stephanie Nelsen
Yearbook	Jean Spagnuolo

Ad-Hoc Committees:

Honor's Luncheon	Nancy Rhoadarmer, Kay Stehouwer
Nutrition	Rebecca Jones